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Most of my poetry is spiritual in nature. When I became a Christian I suddenly realized an ability to put in writing what I was feeling spiritually. I asked God to be my Editor In Chief by impressing it on my heart what to write, change, edit, delete, whatever. S. I. Rednow is my pen name because I was always known as a quick witted wise cracker with salty language to boot. S. I. Rednow stands for 'Somtimes I Wonder' (Rednow is 'wonder' backwards). When I started writing spiritual poetry, I didn't think anyone that knew me would take it serious with MY name attached. Even now when old friends figure it out, they're surprised. They simply thought I was posting someone's poems that I liked. Eventually I started experimenting with different styles, cadence, and flow. My hope is in someday getting my poems published and that they can touch someone.
Adrenaline

Oh the pleasure man tries to embrace
Offers money to travel through space
But rejects the grace that would open the place
That would put us in front of God's face

At the thought of adventure we cleave
But with heaven we seem so naive
No mind can conceive if we only believe
There's no sadness or reason to grieve

It's the thrill that we all can afford
There's a universe needing explored
So lay down your sword because peace is restored
We'll be living within one accord

S. I. Rednow
Afraid To

You flee the ridge
Afraid to dream
Won't build the bridge
To cross the stream

You doubt yourself
Afraid to breach
Where no one else
Is meant to reach

You hide but yearn
Afraid to sing
We all could learn
By what you bring

Your courage blind
Afraid to stand
You hope to find
Somewhere to land

You fear too much
Afraid to dare
Faith cannot touch
Who isn't there

S. I. Rednow
After Three

Easter for some is their day for the Lord
Gathered with time set aside
Bedazzled in clothes they can barely afford
It's vanity nourishing pride

Worshiping Jesus is more than one day
And what of His life do we tell
Events that we know and so therefore we say
He is risen, alive, and well

As He was, He is, and He's still to come
To take us away His reward
He died to forgive you whatever was done
Salvation He points you toward

He suffered three days, then sealed in a tomb
Can He return like he said
He appeared to disciples locked in a room
He died but He didn't stay dead

S. I. Rednow
All Over Again

You were the dart that was shot in my heart
The woman that's meant for me
You had me at hello, I'm one lucky fellow
I knew it would end on one knee

It's always been said, we make our own bed
And live with the choices we make
In becoming my wife, you corrected my life
We sleep so the sooner we wake

Only a mother shows love like no other
Inner beauty by all accounts
Your morals and humor started the rumor
Of character in vast amounts

Like aging of wine, getting better with time
No matter how long that it's been
I believed from the start, 'til death do us part
So I'd do it all over again

S. I. Rednow
Ambivolent Thanks

We made Christmas and Easter marketing days
Now Thanksgiving too because these are our ways
The day after Thanksgiving we pray even more
We pray we're up front when they open the store

There's a Spirit of Christmas but when does it start
This Black Friday term seems to reference the heart
I prosper by chance as some people insist
Though a god of coincidence doesn't exist

We claim that we're thankful but we don't say to who
Meaning thankful I'm lucky I have more than you
Giving thanks to the Lord may to some appear odd
But this day was meant as a thank you to God

S. I. Rednow
An Identical Difference

If saving is to spending
What working is to playing
Then selfish is to lending
What violence is to praying

If shrinking is to growing
What leaving is to knocking
Then hiding is to showing
What bashful is to talking

If paying is to stealing
What loving is to hating
Then sickness is to healing
What marriage is to dating

If wanting is to needing
What laughing is to crying
Then hunger is to feeding
What living is to dying

S. I. Rednow
As For Me And Mine

I thank You for family that sought You
And thank You for family with grit
Thank You for my family that found You
And I'm praying for those that quit

I thank You for family that live You
And thank you for family that try
Thank You for family that know You
And I'm praying for those that deny

I thank You for family that trust You
And thank You for family that don't
Thank you for my family that praise You
And I'm praying for those that won't

S. I. Rednow
When families fight and will not speak
Or lasting peace they will not seek
Upon a death they'll fight no more
And then they'll ask what was it for
More bitterness must not be sown
It serves no good as time has shown
To mend your soul and bind the beast
Bless the one who earns it least
Forgiveness then becomes the host
For those you know that need it most
Set free the slave if you so choose
So angry chains you start to lose

S. I. Rednow
Broken Egg

So many see God as this tough egg to crack
Judgment and anger and things such as that
But a Lord striking vengeance just isn't true
Now who spoke this message of fear into you
Is someone so lost that they cannot be found
This deadly perception is keeping you down
A simple "I'm Sorry" cracks open the shell
Then heartfelt repentance will start to compel
The egg oozing forgiveness just as it broke
Releasing the grace that's encased in the yoke
As God sets you free from your cycle of sin
He quickly forgets of the sin you were in
It cannot be earned and it's needless to beg
You simply must ask to unscramble this egg

S. I. Rednow
Bully For You

You bullied me, heckled me, misused my name
Made fun of me, lied on me, put me to shame

Slandering, abusive, and often profane
What you thought was funny was silly and lame

I never got bitter or joined in your game
I never did anything fanning the flame

You spreading the rumors in hopes to defame
With prejudice, malice, and all without aim

Not judging you, hating you, casting no blame
If seeking revenge then I'm just as inane

I'm simply confessing how I overcame
I saw how your father would do you the same

S. I. Rednow
By Its Cover

It's funny how some, were the best that could be
But were harboring secrets, we just couldn't see
And then there are some, seems no good within
They prove to be better, than anyone's been
There's no one so bad, that no love can reside
And no one so righteous, all laws they abide
So whichever extreme, we think we are seen
If truth be known, we're somewhere between

S. I. Rednow
Chance By God

Who created all creation, with only voice commands
Did Chance count the stars, and blow them from His hands
Who said unto the mountain, this high and then no more
Did Chance fill up the ocean, say where to etch the shore
Who painted the heavens blue, then added in the cloud
Did Chance make the lightning, or thunder be so loud
Who gave you all the smells, that follow every rain
Did Chance give you hope, or take away your pain
Who sent the summer breeze, makes every flower dance
Did Chance pick the creature, what flies or what will prance
Who sends the winter snow, on a cold chilly day
Did Chance make the sun to shine, to melt it all away
Who put you on this earth, so many now in number
Did Chance give you food to eat, sparing you from hunger
Who blessed the happy couple, and sent them both a child
Did Chance give the gender, excited kid or mild
Who then is this Chance, what's he done this season
Did Chance get all the credit, when surely I'm the reason

S. I. Rednow
Color Me Bad

When I seek God's kingdom in all that I do
The Comforter comes to carry me through

And I'll give no excuse for conviction of heart
If wrong in the end it was wrong from the start

Can punishment hinge on the color of skin
With a process so flawed then how can I win

Our scales of wickedness starting to rust
So weighted with bias, forever unjust

When money determines the counsel received
The systems perverted, the verdict deceived

Travesty born to bring injustice to light
With God on my side I continue the fight

The scales of God justice are polished with truth
His judgment is fair and His Son is our proof

S. I. Rednow
Consider The Birds

Though long before my time of birth
My needs we're known just for this day
That's odd
Today indeed confirms my worth
Debts were settled I couldn't pay
That's God

S. I. Rednow
Finals

Each day is like school and this life an exam
All of us given admission
God so loved the world that He gave us His lamb
Lord Jesus covered tuition

While eating, drinking, and giving in marriage
Like in Noah's day long before
We mock the Lord and the Bible disparage
Competing for who can sin more

Some promise to change but then never do start
We trample God's grace in the ground
There's no make up test if there's no change of heart
When commanded with "all pencils down"

S. I. Rednow
Fine Counsel

Two can be one
But both will fall
If one gives some
And one gives all

Respect is key
Let love be bold
You before me
The bond will hold

Let no one pray
Would if I could
Your faith today
Turns bad to good

Though life's not fair
Time can't be late
Your pain won't care
And death won't wait

S. I. Rednow
Five Uncommon Senses

I listened for smells of dew
Nourishing grasses that grew
With barefoot strolls in the yard
Fragrance to lower my guard

And smell the taste of peaches
A fuzziness like speeches
To lie with a spirit mean
Your folly with soon convene

Taste the feel of bitterness
Exiles you in wilderness
Give forgiveness its debut
Find peace in this power true

You feel the sight of the poor
Ironic in its grandeur
Can compassion hide their fears
The answer revealed in tears

So see the sound of breezes
The pile of leaves it tease's
Views of Gods glory abound
Nature declares it profound

S. I. Rednow
Forget Alzheimer's

Good morning my dear, now please don't despair
I've kept to myself something now I must share

Cursed with this issue completing a thought
This chasm between what I wanted and got

All of my yesterdays will soon disappear
And image of family has faded each year

History the armor that's shielding your name
Yet somewhere within a fire burning the same

Remember the joy, forgive me this sorrow
I love you today but who knows tomorrow

After I'm gone I hope to leave you with pride
To sense that I'm near when I come along side

I want to express to you thoughts in my head
Before I'm repeating things already said

Good morning my dear, now please don't despair
I've kept to myself something now I must share

S. I. Rednow
God Alive

Some worship wood, some worship stone
No trust in the God that gives
They put faith in a god made by a man
Christians serve the God that lives

We have a God you can't put on a shelf
A God made by no man's hands
Some have a god that if it fell to the floor
It stays wherever it lands

We don't pray to Mary or confess to flesh
Our prayers go straight to the Lord
This pleases the Lord who's a jealous God
And keeps us in one accord

Though He was and He is and He's still to come
We're sheep that desire to be led
If you paid for your god, seek a return
Your receipt will prove he was dead

S. I. Rednow
Heaven On Earth

The beginning gave land on the earth
But which day Colorado
An awesome child did the Rockies birth
Expanse with such bravado

Hiking or skiing a mountain high
Anticipating the crest
Majestic peaks pressed into the sky
Views of a valley at rest

Many a creature living below
What a heaven on earthly scent
‘Til heaven comes down, where can I go
Colorado is where I’m meant

S. I. Rednow
Heroes

Lord protect policemen, bad people they may seek
And God bless the nurses, that tend to those too weak
Give protection for the soldiers, that bravely go to fight
Let angels crew with pilots, that carry us in flight
Honor's not reserved to them, who wear a uniform
For image sake they dress this way, don't let it misinform
The single parent toils alone, heroic task indeed
And what about the neighbor, that helps a friend in need
Give the lonely one kind word, from them you get a smile
Compassion that they rarely get, it's often been a while
Regardless of the day you had, your kids ask you to play
Because you're the only hero, they've waited for all day

S. I. Rednow
Imaginary Friend

Since writing is so therapeutic to me
There's plenty to get off my chest
Unless I make sense of this thing that I see
It may put my writing to rest

How many parents are ignoring a child
Won't set aside time for an heir
So why the surprise when the children go wild
If nobody shows that they care

It does little good bringing paper to pen
If writer and reader are one
While you say that you'll play you never say when
It's always 'just wait 'til I'm done'

Excuse is the compass pointing day to night
For a family losing its way
I said without change I would no longer write
But whoever means what they say

S. I. Rednow
Imagine

Oh the pleasure man tries to embrace
Offers money to travel through space
But rejects the grace that would open the place
That would put us in front of Gods face

At the thought of adventure we cleave
But with heaven we seem so naive
No mind can conceive if we only believe
There's no sadness or reason to grieve

It's the thrill that we all can afford
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So lay down your sword because peace is restored
We'll be living within one accord

S. I. Rednow
In The Beginning

Can evolution be promoting a lie
God gave us us the how and the why
A question debates how we still have the apes
If evolved why didn't they die

Even the heavens declare of His glory
Despite some bones in a quarry
There's been a delusion sent for confusion
All to discredit His story

And when did evolving become such a curse
We aren't getting better but worse
With evil and war so much more than before
Compassion is what we lost first

So if evolution is simply a spin
How did seas design us with limb
If you believe and swear of mass always there
Meet the God that has always been

S. I. Rednow
Invisible Walls

To walk away hurts, even cuts to the heart
Gloom hung like a fog after dawn
Our invisible walls did tear us apart
When we're not being heard we move on

It's clear to me now how it's always unfair
When feelings are kept in a vault
Compelled to be cold and pretend not to care
While we're looking for where to put fault

Though likely I paid for what others did you
There was reason to give it my best
But we no longer talked, what else could we do
It was time that we put it to rest

We were water and oil, seems we just wouldn't mix
So what did our time really mean
Your friendship is vital, I do much to fix
It's important that I can come clean

S. I. Rednow
Just Trippin

All these cops without cause keep bustin' my jaws
Whenever I'm showing my butt
Does it break any laws displaying my draws
Then stop me from doing my strut

You think this is fun but I'm not even done
Cops look for me all over town
They're quick with a stun so I normally run
It's tough with your pants falling down

Seems this started in jail as a way you can tell
A manhood may be unstable
You're trapped in a cell with a dude raising hell
Who's ready, willing, and able

By sagging this way doesn't mean that I'm gay
And I don't have a load in my pants
But if cops stay away, then starting today
Suspenders leave nothing to chance

S. I. Rednow
There's room at the table, a loved one once sat
A veteran who served a nation that called
The ultimate sacrifice, what's greater than that
Turning back evil where tyranny was stalled

We all owe a debt to these soldiers so proud
They fought for ideals that were pushed to the edge
Their own dreams aside, they conduct what they vowed
One nation under God, as said in our pledge

Some served but were spared and continued with life
But took the same risk for this USA way
Not just husbands returned, but often a wife
Remembering the debt a comrade did pay

To not defend God's gift with all of my might
He may give it to one more grateful than me
When faced with the question, to fight or take flight
I always remember this freedom's not free

S. I. Rednow
Life Rocks

I'm dancing with life and I'm having some fun
When cancer decides to cut in
Life gives up the floor but isn't quite done
It's wearing my jacket and pin

Forced to dance until weak, I really did tire
Being twirled with hair falling out
It's dancing with me as though feet set afire
This cancer is trouble no doubt

There came a commotion towards the front door
We all turned to see who was there
This man waltzes in and took over the floor
Took cancer and gave it a dare

You'll pay if you stay unless greater than me
So cancer slipped out like a mouse
But looked over its shoulder only to see
Me and Jesus rockin the house

S. I. Rednow
Lipstick On A Pig

Republican or Democrat
How's a person to decide
And after my selection
Which one leaves me with some pride
My confidence now laggin
Seems like neither keeps their word
We're just hitchin up our wagon
To the best end of a turd

S. I. Rednow
Maestro

If Jesus was the melody
Then Apostle Paul gave harmony
It's God's desire, we're a righteous choir
Performing like a symphony

S. I. Rednow
Max Friends

Its chilly outdoors
The kids wanting s'mores
I'm so restless
I don't take the car

I jog to the mall
In hoodie and all
While a cruiser
Moves in from afar

It follows so long
I fear something's wrong
Then it blocks me
I can't even walk

This cop yelling freeze
And get on your knees
Since you're running
We just need to talk

He fears my attack
I'm cuffed in the back
Then he tests me
With wheres and what fors

'Just out getting snacks
For my Nate and your Max
I'm your neighbor
Just over two doors'

S. I. Rednow
My Bad

Sometimes I choose a given word
It's not what's said but how it's heard
For those who know the way I am
With two more words they understand

S. I. Rednow
Neighbors All

To be marked by God with His seal
Repentance is part of the deal
Heaven is true so what will you do
The eternity promised is real

There's no wish to condemn but forgive
He wants to improve where you live
There's judgment to come but it won't be for some
As declared by Him pierced in the rib

First a rapture of ancestors' bones
Then a glorious parade of homes
This long celebration won't temper elation
Where no Christians are threatened by stones

Make tomorrow your destiny new
There's an address in heaven when through
With earth recreated and evil negated
I hope that my neighbor is you

S. I. Rednow
No Excuses

If you're not being heard, shout out
When you hate where you live, move out
You see what life brings, you may want better things
So when needing a hand, reach out

If you're under a cloud, step out
When you're sick of the rain, dry out
There comes a new dawn, if you want to move on
When sin beckons you in, keep out

If your friends aren't your friends, trade out
When some offer their help, watch out
Look in the mirror, you'll see yourself clearer
When you're happy with life, sing out

When you hate what you hear, tune out
If you want in the game, try out
When troubled within, or there's no way to win
To the Lord up above, cry out

S. I. Rednow
Nothing Against Santa

The meaning of Christmas suffers forever
With 'Happy Holidays' no spirit comes forth
Passing out gifts when we all come together
God isn't in boots and He's not from the north

But God gave a gift that has given us much
That 1st Christmas day when born in a manger
In accepting His gift we're branded as such
Recognizing now where once was a stranger

Can this Spirit of Christmas last us all year
With O Holy Night in our hearts from above
Principles in life we should hold to be dear
Why can't all the religions practice such love

Nothing against Santa as its fun for the child
Just simply explain so true meaning they see
As they tear into gifts and begin to run wild
The Spirit of Christmas isn't under the tree

S. I. Rednow
We want God out of Christmas, out of research
And can share Him at work no more
Then look for a way we can ban Him from church
We see what a hand basket's for

We banned Him from public and all that pertains
And took away all of His tools
Then blame Him for chaos and all of our pains
We won't let Him into our schools

We mock His creation, glorify science
And whispering things that He hears
Then demand a sign, we curse in defiance
We beg Him when tragedy nears

We stifle His Word and all He's about
And voted and longed for these days
Then pray for the nation that wanted Him out
We think we can have it both ways

S. I. Rednow
Passing Shadow

Engravers carve a date of birth
Including when we leave this earth
So much the wiser had I seen
How little time there is between

S. I. Rednow
Pearls Before Swine

When will you learn there are those who will spurn
Everything righteous you do
And with hardness of heart their work is to part
The bond I've created with you

They see you as meek, then perceive it as weak
Unaware of your strength within
To argue with them and the time that you spend
Won't turn them away from their sin

But I share the news there are some I will choose
Just pray you are spiritually wise
Yet don't be dismayed when despite that you prayed
What I offer so many despise

Regardless their plight they want only to fight
To spar with believers they meet
I tell you once more to just turn from their door
While shaking the dust from your feet

S. I. Rednow
Political Party (Pooper)

I'm called a political whiz
I 'promise the world' then I fizz
I cheat on my spouse and I lie like a louse
What a remarkable biz

Now I'm taking it on the chin
And even embarrassed my kin
Though others were burned, I still never learned
I did it all over again

It's rumored I haven't come clean
That my greed's the worst ever seen
To disclose all I owe, I lose half my dough
Hey, what does unscrupulous mean

I said I would clean up our hoods
So trust I'll deliver the goods
Would I give you my word, then flip you the bird
Are the bears still pooping in woods

Opponents are starting to bawl
I'm running again in the fall
We're concealing my acts, distorting the facts
You've seen some of my tricks but not all

S. I. Rednow
Prayer Grease

Since the devil keeps coming and seldom will cease
Stay devoted to God as the Lord is our peace
Satan's the friction when our prayers decrease
So pray even more because prayer is our grease

S. I. Rednow
Resolute Me

Another year down and another year up
The Lord is still blessing me more
Fulfillment and joy overflowing the cup
The New Year has something in store

It's been a tough year, I was under attack
My faith taught me not to fear it
'Cause all that I have is still more than I lack
Grown in the fruit of the spirit

I hope I'm so blessed I can have an effect
May have neighbors troubled at home
Like family in need I can write them a check
And know that it wasn't a loan

To whom much is given then much is required
My hope is in passing it on
This heart's being molded to what God desired
Now how can the New Year go wrong

S. I. Rednow
Righteous Sin

Jesus bullied his wife and He cheated
He did drugs and it kept Him defeated
Was drunk all the time and it wasn't just wine
Then most of these things He repeated

He was a thief and a liar with flaws
He was immoral and disobeyed laws
Like a true atheist, no God can exist
And yet all of this done for a cause

He's the Lamb that was sent for the lost
Our forgiveness was bought at a cost
To reject any sins then none of us wins
So He became every sin at the cross

S. I. Rednow
Roger That

If you're told that you can't, ask why
And if told that you won't, you try
When I doubted myself, I gave it my all
So just look at me now, I fly

When it's hot on the ground, you fry
If you want to cool off, go high
And if weather is bad, then go somewhere else
Planes always do better when dry

If it's light with power, it's spry
If you fly too heavy, you die
When trying to land, strong wind from the side
This isn't the time to be shy

If you find the right plane, you buy
So where do you take it, the sky
You soar above Earth, thank God for the gift
Remember those lost and you cry

S. I. Rednow
Roomie

Was a knock at the door, I opened my heart
It's the Lord so I asked Him in
But He wouldn't come in, He said look around
Seems everything's covered in sin

The devil's my roomie, that's why it looks bad
Not allowed to bring my own stuff
God said I can remodel, give Me a chance
'Cause your roomie isn't that tough

The motif was anger, the color was fear
A décor that made it look dark
I said he won't allow things he didn't approve
God said fine, I know where to start

I'll repaint the anger, I'll take out the fear
And this carpet so stained with doubt
I said thank you for that, I almost forgot
Those were tears, they wouldn't come out

There's a bookcase of lies, holds nothing that's true
I'll need help to carry each shelf
It's old and it's heavy, it's loaded with sin
Satan loved it, built it himself

If not for You Lord I'd be stuck in this place
Frustration I just couldn't quell
It appears all the things to make my life easy
They were leading me straight into hell

God disposed of the envy, tossed out the greed
We each took an end of the hate
Now there's light in my heart, my future looks bright
No carpets left needing to shake

So now that we're finished, there's no more to do
The Lord threw out everything marred
When Satan came home now what did he find
His possessions all over the yard

I asked God to move in and gave Him a key
Thankful my heart was convicted
Now locks have been changed and the devil left mad
This wasn't his first time evicted

S. I. Rednow
Root Of All Evil

Not all TV pastors are led by the heart
Knowing people and money are easy to part
So blessed by the Lord that their greed became lust
They're wolves on the hunt so they say what they must

Fleecing the sheep to maintain how they live
They're marketing God so new converts will give
Already in mansions yet want even more
Come walking on water but swim back to shore

If all that you have won't provide for your need
They say give what you've got, we'll call it your seed
Peddling guilt with no conviction or shame
Not following God but just using His name

Raising our hope with prosperity the draw
We're landed like fish with a hook in our jaw
Ignoring the words that the bible did say
We'll all give account before God judgment day

S. I. Rednow
Save My Place

Whether flesh of my flesh, and bone of my bone
Or simply my friend, God's called you on home
Your companionship gone, absent this season
Not sure why you're called, but God has a reason
The Lord made a promise, and He is no liar
I'll see you in heaven, cause that's my desire
We'll greet one another, and soon we will see
How long can we laugh, how long will it be
To hug and to hold you, and hug you again
If this goes on forever, it's only began
Until then remember, we'll meet again soon
Won't be any sorrow, no sadness or gloom
You made us so proud, you gave us your best
And now with the Lord, for passing this test
Rewarded a body, glorified in grace
I ask you a favor, just save me a place

S. I. Rednow
Say Again

Men often listen like a rock skips a lake
Seems only we hear where the rock leaves a wake
When we vow to do better and listen much more
Really we're praying for the wake to make shore

S. I. Rednow
Something In The Air

You Christians, you believe in a God, but can't see God
You say you know there's a God, cause you feel God
You want Him always around, you say you need Him like food
See how long can you go without God

You atheists, you believe that there's air, but can't see air
You say you know that there's air, cause you feel air
You want it always around, you say you need it like food
See how long you can go without air

S. I. Rednow
Straight The Gate

You're a good person, a ticket to heaven
The bible disputes this belief
Days of creation completed in seven
To you evolution is chief

You're a good person, you believe this will save
Hearts on this topic seem frozen
There is to be judgment for how we behave
Why many are called, not chosen

You're a good person, but the bible you shelf
Applauding yourself with ovation
You're your own idol, only listen to self
A substitute plan of salvation

You're a good person, yet resent those that preach
Then attempt to justify sin
With conviction in hand you look for a breach
In search of another way in

You're a good person, or so you've been told
But scripture will surely rebuff
Salvation is key so I have to be bold
Our goodness just isn't enough

You're a good person, but then Jesus was too
So tally the good that you've done
God turned from His Lamb so why wouldn't He you
The only way in is His Son

S. I. Rednow
Strong Weakness

Awards
Work paid off
I'm good
Now
New goals
Ban awards?
Low self-esteem?
In nature
Only the strong survive
School
Get an A,
I'm good
An F, I'm bad
B, not as good
D, not as bad
Lacking effort
Cue participation award
Now I can pass too

S. I. Rednow
Sum Of Some

To some it's wealth and wealth alone
Some majesty but minus throne
It's all their stuff how some are known
This sense of worth is all some own

Who cares the status some may bring
Who gives a rip some diamond ring
Some have children that view us king
This throne to some means everything

S. I. Rednow
Ten-Hut

Who are the ones that will fight for your right
Who answers a country in need
Who are the ones that keep watch overnight
Who are these soldiers indeed

Who jumps at the chance to defend how we live
Who's first to charge into the fray
Who gives their all until no more to give
Who's risking their life for a way

Who cares for those that return without limb
Who wins when the budget reverts
Who's bills go unpaid when benefits trim
Who's getting what Congress diverts

Who marches on when it could be the end
Who's families sustain them with love
Who throws themselves in the way for a friend
Who's God saw it all from above

S. I. Rednow
The Guardian

There's no guarantee of tomorrow in place
Regardless how much we endeavor
We wake up each day by His patience and grace
We're one breath away from forever

It's beyond our control when called to appear
If today and your life part ways
But when prayers rise into the atmosphere
There are angels assigned to your days

S. I. Rednow
They Say

Surely I passed you but I know not who
Opposites attract or so 'they' say
A negative me for a positive you
Will make pleasant the gloomiest day

'They' say shorten the span between east and west
While searching a like-minded spirit
So shoot up a flare or describe how you're dressed
I'm naïve and often don't get it

'They' say study this math where two can be one
Advantage of sorrows divided
Celebrate each year the first day we begun
Two fools so happily misguided

So who are these experts with so much advice
Don't 'they' too push divorces so high
This isn't much different than rolling the dice
I'm beginning to think 'they' just lie

This note in a bottle I now set adrift
Desperation replacing desire
I'm holding out hope that the seas send a gift
'They' say you're out there, simply inquire

'They' speak the importance of finding first love
The reflection that two shadows cast
If love is the end-all 'they' often speak of
How more precious if you be my last

S. I. Rednow
Well Read

Since writing takes a certain art
Then poetry sells it to the heart

Good writing has a point to serve
A poem directs it to the nerve

If written waves attack the beach
Poetry calms the tide to teach

Poetic manner so profound
The 3 Rs' equal pound for pound

The mind is free when in a book
So find a poem and bite the hook

S. I. Rednow