

**Welcome to the Poetry of
Rev. C. L. Hammonds, Jr.
Preacher, Poet & World War II Veteran**

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Rev C. L. Hammonds, Jr. is the son of a Pentecostal preacher and raised in a family of 7 siblings. His experience was shaped by his being raised in the Depression Era and his experience in World War II as a teenager.

He has been in ministry for 62 years and pastored churches in Newark, and Wilmington, DE and in San Jose, CA. He has been one of the preeminent Bible teachers in the Pentecostal ministry and particularly the Church of God in Christ. He has been the Dean of C.H. Mason Bible College, and over his life time has organized four Bible schools. His first one being in India right after being called to the ministry in February 1944.

The major emphasis in his teaching is to get the student into realization of who God is in their lives and what the Holy Spirit's job is to them in today's challenging times. His favorite Bible verse Psalm 51:10, *Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

He is an award winning poet and author. His books include: *Daniel Man and Prophet; Inspiration in General; Spending God; My Decades of Endurance and Survival.* (An autobiography of the formative years of his life. It is now prepared for publishing in 2007.) He also has written several story fiction books.

You will find that Rev. Hammonds, like most World War II veterans, is a strong patriot. This will be evident in his patriot poems. For that group of individuals (and there are only a few left) fighting for freedom of this country in that war was the greatest act of sacrifice they could every do for our freedom. The world would certainly look very different today without their sacrifice and for many, they and their families paid the ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

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WRITE THE AUTHOR: Rev. C. L. Hammonds loves to hear from people and loves interacting with them. If you enjoy these poems, please send Dad a note. I know he would appreciate that very much. Even if you just read one or two, Dad would want to hear from you. If you are a young poet, perhaps you would like some advice as to how he has published his poetry. Check out the Bio for more information about award etc. His email is

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I. *Elevated Poems* -

Repetition 1, 2, 3, 4

CLH Poem #1

SONNET - Twenty
Rev. C. L. Hammonds, Jr.
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I don't wait for you to get better, later, you are for now,
You are always bearing a cross,
You don't have to do that, but you do it anyhow,
It's like Paradise gain and you are the boss:
You are good by yourself, right now not tomorrow
It has many many woes of its own;
But, today is a healthy day and not one of sorrow,
So everywhere, your love you have sown.
Ah! come on let your love be like a tremendous blast,
You are true in all kinds of weather in spite;
Because, you are always up front and never last
Proving one thing you're at your best day or night.
You excel at all times whether for friend or foe,
And you never stop, you are better as onward you go.

CLH Poem #2

SONNET - Anguish of War?
Rev. C. L. Hammonds, Jr.
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The anguish of war brings out the strong and bold
For many people it is not so bold but, only gloom,
I know the truth of it all it can be controlled,
So, I dare not make war seem like a day of doom.
Many days I thought, for me, it was really the end,
But, there were many pages ahead of the last page;
So I lifted my head high and did not break or bend,
There was an end I remained like a bird in a cage.
I was rescued from the anguish of war and its sound
Then returned to my home and there abide,
I will tell others the great story and I am still around;
What I did how I fought to help turn the tide:

Do not be afraid I say we win anguish or not
I came out on top to tell you, JOY is what I've got.

STEADFAST?

1

Are you firm in purpose, in faith; are you steadfast?
Being this way sometimes you're the end or the last.
Being steadfast could be conforming, believe it or not,
Your fixed direction and pace could be cool not hot.
Everyone is not steadfast and is very easily persuaded,
You should strive to be steadfast not easily swayed.

2

In all that you say and do, be orderly and deliberate,
That comes along with being steadfast, you must wait.
If you want to conquer a problem be smart and steady,
Don't rush into any thing but always, plan to be ready.
You'll find out this will help you in your steadfastness,
So, try being patient, and tolerant you're in for greatness.

3

Do you have anyone that you consider a steady friend?
If you're seemingly torn apart, will they help you mend?
A steadfast friend may be very difficult to hold or find,
You're in for a real treat when that friend is also refined.
Hold on to that person, who is refined and also peaceable,
Now! that's a **Steadfast** friend who is nice and sociable.

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A PANTOUM

THE TIME IS NOW

By Clarence L. Hammonds

The time is now, to advance in your endeavor
Whatever your aim in life, go ahead don't stop
Waiting for a better time, might be too late
Get busy; utilize your time, you will be happy

Whatever your aim in life, go ahead don't stop
Push forward with all of your might, do it now
Get busy; utilize your time, you will be happy
The time is now, for you to act, so be clever

Push forward with all of your might, do it now
Try not to wait; you really should be going
The time is now for you to act, so be clever
You'll never regret a positive action you take

Try not to wait; you really should be going
The time is now, and let no one say it is not
You'll never regret a positive action you take
Make ready for any venture, now is the time

The time is now, and let no one say it is not
So, when you think about anything, be calm
Make ready for any venture, now is the time
However, always remember, **the time is now**

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II. *Poems of Poetic Pleasing
Qualities –*

Artistic 5, 6, 7, 8

CLH Poem #5

Clarence L. Hammonds

AFTER THE DREAM

1

After the dream comes an action,
After the action there is the motion.
After the motion comes willingness,
After willingness comes the business.

2

After the dream many questions to ask,
After that comes a real lifetime task.
After the task comes the reaction,
After the dream there's redemption

3

From the dream there's a strong reply,
A reply to conquer anything, on it rely.
With faith, in God it's never wrong,
With **HIM** dreams are better and strong.

**REMAINING IN LOVE ©
By Clarence L. Hammonds
(Free Verse)**

Remaining in love, is accountability,
and is also great.
Don't be in and out of love,
that's not good, be steady,
look for the best.
There is love for a spouse, and family,
which is the greatest and everything,
in life, revolves around,
LOVE!

However, here is the clincher,
Remaining in Love, that's it.
There is much to be desired when love,
Is a top priority?
Throughout my army life, I loved,
The United States, I still do,
and I put my life on the line, defending
The Red White and Blue.
I am 81 years of age, now in 2006, but
I recall those days overseas, traveling there
by ship, on my way to India.
All I could think of was the homeland,
I LOVE so much.

I remain in LOVE with my country,
although I was not treated like a first class
citizen then.
As I write, you may know by my words,
I am African American, and
Remaining in Love, is important to me.
I was born here in the United States,
of America
It is the faithfulness to our country,
that should cause all of us, to say:
I AM REMAINING IN LOVE WITH MY
COUNTRY

THERE IS "NONE" OTHER LIKE IT

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AN EKPHARSIS

HER PAINTINGS, DO SHOW? ©

By Clarence L. Hammonds

HER PAINTING SHOWS an Ekphrasis

Water color:
One California city,
of Evelyn,

so, look at the paintings,
vivid, bright colors
striking red and yellow;

her paintings, would sell
she says No!
she loves them very much.

Out of seven paintings,
no two are the same size,
variety in size and color;

The colors prove
who she is and how
she functions IN LIFE.

The idea behind the Ekphrasis is for the reader to get mental picture of the character that is behind the poem. The colors here say Evelyn is a happy woman full of life and excitement. She is a role model to others.

*The last three lines tell you the kind of lady she is,
a bright colorful lady in all that she does)*

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ANOTHER EKPHRASIS

EVELYN'S VISUAL ART ©

By Clarence L. Hammonds
(free verse)

Evelyn is more than a water-colorist.

Evelyn's love is for colors,

goes back at least 50 YEARS!

I have known her for a plus 50 years.

even then she knew about COLORS,

And COLORS that match with other

COLORS.

An expert in her own rights;

you don't believe it? Ask her.

It's Evelyn's love for the

beauty of the right COLORS.

COLORS that blend, it makes,

everyone happy – I am sure.

April 2, 2005

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III. *Poems with Feelings* –

Imaginative, Descriptive 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

APPREHENSIVE

1

Why be so apprehensive, When you are loved?
Why be so apprehensive, why not be unhurried?
Make up your mind, from now on you'll be excited
Walk with your head up high and be delighted
When you're apprehensive it's only a state of mind
Let your thoughts be positive, then joy you'll find

2

If you find yourself being apprehensive, be obliging
You will go through a day singing and unflinching
Many people you know may also be apprehensive
However, you don't have to be, you can be aggressive
You may be apprehensive not knowing what's ahead
You can be sure that believing God, you have it made

3

Being apprehensive, some say being uneasy or fearful
You're not an example to those, restless and tearful
Look on the bright side of life, you'll be full of cheer
As you journey along every month and year by year
Why be so apprehensive, look upward and say, Wow!
You'll discover apprehensiveness can be conquered, Now

ISOLATION

1

I've heard it said, many years ago isolation is good
Today isolation is considered no more and it should
When you isolate you're saying, don't bother me
Don't think isolation means you're not bound but free

2

If you would be free you must show it, act like it
Don't chose isolation you'll lose freedom, bit by bit
Isolation may be good to a point, don't stay there
Find a happy medium 'cause isolation you can't share

3

You can't share it perhaps nobody wants it, right?
So leave the dark side, get on the side that's, bright
Your isolation will come to naught just you wait
You're not isolated, people know that's not your fate

JANUARY TO DECEMBER- ANY- YEAR

1

It matters not the year so long as it's January
It's Happy New Year, before the 1st of February
This is two thousand ??? hoping it will be a thrill
A positive look at this year in, March and April.

2

We have May it's really Spring now, pre-Summer
We happy so happy, Summer-time we get slimmer
June it's warmer than the months of January to May
July promises to be hotter than June, the people say.

3

August is a real "cooker" it may be hot day and night
September could be as hot, Indian summer, at any site
Next is October the weather, cooler by many degrees
Welcome November and be Thankful if you please.

4

So, it's November we're getting closer to Winter-time
It's December so now we're hearing the bells chime
So the curtain of time comes down on another year
From January to December with or without fear

AT EVERY END THERE IS A BEGINNING ©

1

All through life at the end of that certain age
When you end being single you begin marriage
Going further, at the end of a season of raining
Look for the clouds to go and the sun shining
When the end is in sight, for anything don't bow
It's a beginning so make a brand new start now

2

I heard someone say this is the last straw, the end
Look ahead don't give up or in, find a new friend
When you find that new friend begin feeling glad
Increase in knowledge and purpose, never be sad
Look on the bright side of, a beginning, tomorrow
Or look today, for that opportunity with no sorrow

3

Think about going on with your project not ending
If you think positive you'll find that true beginning
Be sure to classify yourself as a real winner indeed
Don't stop at the end and stay there; on to your need
Remember at the end of our lives lived here below
There's a beginning yonder waiting for us when go

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Love, a Process?

Love is a process, one of give and take,
A process of do or die, to leave or make.
Love is a great thing to many, you know.
It's a complete process, you say yes or no.
Love is a process, a process of great love,
A process that only comes from above.

You can love, just give it time to work.
It can work and it will, just let it perk.
This process of love hits young and old.
Many times, you're not timid, but bold.
In this land it should be number one.
The process of love--it's for everyone.

Love is a process, a process of showing,
The process of showing results in doing.
The process of love demands your time,
A time to think saying, I can ring a chime.
Love is a process, it's a process of what?
A process of saying, either I am or I'm not.

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Never! Never!

People everywhere use Never!
At times we hear never, ever,
for emphasis.
Never is used positively and
it can be used Negatively, I know

"I will never say things
to hurt you."
That is a positive saying. Right?

"I will never succeed like you,
what is wrong with me?
That is a negative declaration.
Never is used in other ways,
also, like,
"I will never see you again?"
A question.
"I will not speak to you again, never."
This is a negative declaration.

Many times you will hear this,
Never! Never! It is an answer,
and could be positive or negative.

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On Being In Good Condition

Anything worth doing, be in good condition
To be in good condition, may require action
Someone would like to win a marathon, a game
Get in shape get conditioned it leads to fame
Being in good condition, calls for a workout
Daily, and weekly make progress by going about
Take basic steps improve the state of health
Good condition, does not require any wealth
However, it does require discipline of heart
The will is intact discipline will not depart
Once, good condition is achieved, keep it
Being in good condition is sought bit by bit
If, one is not satisfied, with their body
One, can change it, do not stay looking shoddy
Being in good condition is absolutely good
Get in good condition, stay in as one should

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To Be Happy is a Choice

I want to be happy; I make it my choice, to do so
I would never be happy, if I tried to be in the know
My life is worth living, because of my happiness
I made it my choice; in my heart I had joyfulness
I was told a choice is what may become a right
It is a right to be happy; I do it with all of my might

I have selected to be happy, now how about you?
Just begin the day on a happy note you can too
When I tell someone I am happy, I really mean it
The things I confront daily, I overpower every bit
Whatever happens I try to be happy, no worrying
If I worry it is wrong, I will be cheerful and sing

Happy people are around me too, and full of life
I chose to be happy I love happiness to be rife
To be happy is a choice, and it I choose to make
Because, my being happy is like a piece of cake
I chose to be happy not unhappy. I want to be nice
I love being happy; being any other way is like ice.

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Y2K-Bug-Gone?

I went to my writing class, I do say,
Y2K, the bug, wasn't here to stay.
Folk spent lots of dollars and cents,
Worrying about Y2K, its offence.

People were wrong about their story,
Y2K was another thing to bury.
I listened to so many predictions,
Some sounded true, no afflictions.

Was there affections on that day?
You worried about it on yesterday.
Y2K is only a century of years,
What happened at Y1K, any fears?

No computers to play that game,
Now computers, are they the same?
Computers are made by people, see,
Celebrate the millennium with glee.

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IV. *Religious Poetry* –

Attitudes 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

CLH Poem #18

LIVE TO BE JOYFUL

Live to be joyful do it especially now
It's about that baby that makes us bow
He is the King of Glory, the Christ child
The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, but mild
They praised and adored Him that night
Today, we do likewise, that's our plight
Lest we forget, His purpose in this land
To make us citizens of heaven, that's grand
Live joyfully. That, is a must for everyone
Here on earth our tenure has only begun
Jesus is working things out for you and me
"Jesus, joyfully we find that true joy in Thee."

CLH Poem #19

LET JESUS ENTER, NOW!

1

Let Jesus enter into your will, soul, and your mind
He can change your will to His, then joy you'll find
Each minute, each hour of every day, call His name
Let Jesus enter, now! and you'll never be the same

2

You will walk in a different direction you really will
Why not try Him, let Him enter, your joy He will fill
Once He enters your being, invite Him to stay forever
It's the right thing to do, and leaving, He will never

3

Let Jesus enter, now! and listen, today for His call
You'll find Him, in winter; spring; summer; or fall
Consider, letting this Jesus enter, now! right now
If you want to be strong in Him, He'll show you how

CHORUS

Let Jesus enter, now! Let Him enter, now! but Why?
Because He's the only one, that will always stand by
Let Jesus enter, now! He's here through thick and thin
Let Jesus enter, now! Open your heart; let Him come in

GOD'S LOVE IS PARAMOUNT

1

Whether we think so or not, God's love is Paramount
None can match His wisdom, no matter how we count
When we are facing a crises, He takes control there
He's over everything, and, everyone gets a fair share
Paramount it is, for thousands of years, it's been that
Generations come and go; His love has never gone flat

2

Disasters come our way, we say "Where is God Now?
He has been, in heaven, He's taking charge and how
He sees the conflicts, but He wants us to love Him also
His love is paramount so, He'll protect us, you know
He wants our love to be like that of Daniel the prophet
He knew God's love was paramount. He doesn't forget

3

So if we respectfully love God back, He'll love us more
We give more love to God, it's Him we should all adore
God Love is Paramount so, don't doubt Him, no never
Where He is now we should all want to be there forever
It matters not your color, creed or the Faith you pursue
The God we're talking about should be paramount to you

I AM DETERMINED TO LOVE GOD

1

I am determined to love God come what will or may
I'll love Him every minute, hour and any time of day
He will never let me fall, I am determined to love God
Even when He chasten me with His correction rod
My life is in His Hands I couldn't breathe without Him
I praise and adore Him, to God I'm ready to sing a hymn

2

I'm determined to love God, He's my greatest source
I'll continue to praise Him because in Him is remorse
My determination goes back to my childhood years ago
It was at that time, in history, I learned to love Him so
I'm determined to love God; He sent Jesus to bring peace
The Father, The Son wants strife between nations to cease

3

I am determined to love God He's my life and my friend
He has promise to be my keeper and helper to the end
So, Why do I love God? it is because He first loved me
I am determined to love God, it's Him I worship with glee
Everyday is a special day with my God who is above
I say Thanks! Thanks to Him I am determined to love

WHOLEHEARTEDLY CONVINCED

1

I am wholeheartedly convinced that Jesus is God's Son
Look at the things He has done, the victory He has won
He told everyone who He was and where He came from
Some didn't believe Him they took it with just a ho-hum
I wasn't there when Jesus walked the shores of Galilee
However, I am wholeheartedly convinced He is in me

2

There's nothing apprehensive about faith in who He is
It's a one hundred percent belief. It's not a hit or miss
I am wholeheartedly convinced, He heals body and soul
So, that's why I know He is definitely tops in my poll
I have conformed to everything that God the Father does
'cause He certainly is a right now God and never a was

3

Now I'm Wholeheartedly Convinced of His superb power
How He comes to my rescue when I need Him, any hour
He is my tower of strength, joy, happiness, peace and love
I know, He is the cause of Jesus descending from above
I am **Wholeheartedly Convinced**, He is Lord and king
You will be convinced too, my Lord will keep you singing

MY JOURNEY (FAST FORWARD) 1939-1970

CLARENCE L. HAMMONDS, JR. BETHEL CHURCH SAN JOSE, CA

(From my memoirs: MY DECADES OF ENDURANCE AND SURVIVAL, 20s thru 50s)

- Stage 1 My pre-teen and teen years were in Baltimore, the city of my salvation
The year, 1939, I am second one born to this very conservative union
I am a third generation Pentecostal, minister, on my mother's side
Second generation on my father's side, so from preaching couldn't hide
My father pastored a store-front church, I was there, I dare not say no
Our bishop asked my dad to go to York PA to pastor. So here I go
- Stage 2 Last Friday in January, 1940, I received the Holy Spirit, I said Ghost
Next year was Pearl Harbor attack, never heard of it I began to boast
These years were true learning experiences, I shall never forget it
My concern, church and more church. I wanted to escape Satan's pit
In York hospital I reached the ripe age 18, recuperating from an injury
Leaving the hospital 3 days later, I went to the Draft Board in a hurry
- Stage 3 Wilmington, Delaware, 1943. I left here to be inducted into the army
The place, Harrisburg, PA, I am now a product of my Uncle Sammy
Next I was sent to Mississippi then to Orlando, FL the year, 1944
On Feb. 6, 1944, I was called into the ministry, never preached before
I was sent to California, the same year, it was Riverside, for overseas
Was I ready for all of this so soon? The answer is no, if you please
- Stage 4 April 1, 1944 I arrived in India, While there I worked at chapel building
I worked with a Baptist Mission, from here, I was preaching singing
Then a group of soldiers and I went through the streets of Khragapur
We taught children to sing "Yes Jesus Loves Me" to every him and her
My friend, helped me to organize my 1st Bible School of the Word
We were able to help soldiers, who had lost their touch with the Lord
- Stage 5 I left India for the Island of Tinian, I'm still preaching Jesus God's Son
My last days of being a teenager was coming to an end, but I'll keep on
1945, 46 Tinian, the war is over we were getting ready to go home
Eleven men didn't make it home. a sad day it's the falling of my Rome
- Stage 6 April 17 1948 married Evelyn, in New York, settled in Wilmington
One week later I was ordained in the Nation's Capital, Washington
Traveled as an evangelist in states preaching, not just saying, how are ya
I carried the good news of Jesus and His blood bought church, alleluia
- Stage 7 50s and the 60s we pastored two small churches, to one we were sent
1960 to 1970 I was known as State President of the Youth Department
Moving to CA, the year was nineteen seventy, in August it was hot
I thought, this doesn't look like CA in the forties, when it rained a lot
Later on, in 1974, I was appointed dean of C. H. Mason Bible College
The beginning, was rough after 17 years of teaching, it was a privilege
- Stage 8 I am now at Bethel Church of San Jose to do whatever is right
So to my Bethel family Listen! I'm here to work with all my might

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

ONE OF A KIND

1

Are you considered to be one of a kind, what kind?
If you are, so is everyone else, if you don't mind
Someone has said, everybody is different and unique
One Nicky doesn't look like any others named Nicky
We are suppose to be as different as the snow flakes
That being so, we are one of a kind for goodness sakes

2

Have you seen another person who looks like you?
Follow that person home, he or she acted like you too
However, if you would follow that person each day
You would find something different in some way
You are one of a kind it's because of your heritage
Looking at like colors, you see beige but it isn't beige

3

Did you ever see someone who has your kind of walk?
Begin speaking to that person the difference is in the talk
Walking, talking, thinking is not the same with everyone
If it were then **one of a kind** would turn out to be none
Think of yourself as **one of a kind** and there's no other
In your immediate clan none is alike, not sister nor brother

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A SONNET

I AM A "BLESSED" MAN #1 ©
By Rev. Clarence L. Hammonds

"Looking at places I have been, without a plan
And, at things I have done, I am a blessed man
I did go places that I never dreamed of as a kid
I wanted to be grown, is what I said, later I did

I am a blessed man that is without any doubt
Therefore, in all I do, I never leave God out
I've been to other lands, none is like this land
And, I saw people, asking for a helping hand

I could say then, I am a blessed man, I know
I am a blessed man, in several ways, I show
Looking at my health and my age, good I see
I have no nagging worries, I shout with glee

***I am a blessed man, married to a blessed woman
So, a combination like this, I am a blessed man.***

October 18, 2004

A SONNET

I AM A "BLESSED" MAN #2 ©
By Rev. Clarence L. Hammonds

I will continue to tell you I am a blessed man
Because, my parents were blessed with a plan
The plan was a belief in God, a strong one, too
And I am a blessed man, with a belief, true

I am a blessed man; there is no doubt about it
I am able to think, and be at peace when I sit
A blessed man, I pray for blessings upon others
I am a blessed man; I had sisters and brothers
I am blessed; I serve God, who has blessed me
My God is the reason I am blessed, that, I see
He has blessed me for many years; He has, yes
I am a blessed man; I know that, it's no guess

***When I am blessed, I try it with many others, also
A BLESSED man, senior years? I keep on the go***

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A SHAKESPEARIAN SONNET

GIVING OUR VERY BEST ©
(Based on Ephesians 2:4-10)

By Rev. Clarence L. Hammonds

Salvation is free. We give the Lord our very best
God's Love and Grace, they are rich and Divine
There is no tedious work to do, be filled with zest
We are giving our very best; He's a friend of mine

And giving our very best in everything, regardless
Not asking questions to avoid giving, but going on
Our very best is required, the way of freshness
So, we are glad in our hearts. Him we do look upon

By His Grace and Grace alone, we love. Right?
Our success is in knowing our Deliverer, just now
The riches of God's Grace is seen day and night
Giving our very best, this means to Him we do bow

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CLH Poem #28

Part 1 - September 11, 2001, Why?

1

Anguish or sorrow, anxiety or pain whatever you call it
September 11, 2001 was an act of Satan from the pit
People just doing their jobs were suddenly taken away
They were not harming anyone, that was an awful day
We are still asking WHY? in this land that we cherish
No one has the correct answer WHY thousands did perish

2

The United States reaches out its arms of relief worldwide
WHY would anyone do this kind of attack then try to hide?
Lest we forget the anguish and pain of World War Two
It took quite a few years of suffering, but we saw it through
Those evil twisted minded people wherever they may be
It will take months even years to find them, you wait and see

3

We salute the brave firemen and others who gave their lives
They were helping children, singles, husbands and wives
All of us watched this live unbelievable deadly event unfold
Things like this was never heard of by our founders of old
We will never forget the suffering caused by those few
WHY? but we will remain loyal to the red white and blue

PART 2 - SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, WHY?

4

Our beloved President George Bush took charge right away
He called this country to immediate prayer and didn't sway
He was direct when he said, "This is a different kind of war?"
It took from forty-one to forty-five to end another war before
Take courage America we are on the winning side, O, YES!
No yielding to threats, we'll get the enemy cleaning up the mess

5

Slamming into the World Trade Center did not break our spirit
Thousands were victims but in our way of life, this doesn't fit
Millions of prayers went up to God, then and everywhere
On Capitol Hill the cry was made to God who answers prayer
Our forces became more united as we dealt with the pain
We are still sending messages to the culprits, never again

6

Now! we can not and will not relax until justice is done
We will keep on fighting the enemy until victory is won
The WHY answer given by our adversaries, is not true
The U.S.A. with our very strong government says so too
Our prayers go out again and always to the families, now
Have courage, D.C. is with you, we'll stand and never bow

*THE QUESTION IS STILL "WHY" AS WE SIGH
THE ANSWER, WE REALLY DON'T KNOW "WHY!"*

OUR NATION

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1

In our nation, today, some people are living in fear
If you are one then you need to lend me your ear
This country's beginners Washington/Jefferson
The United States of America stands now, they won
From a confederation of states, which were small
To a powerful nation and we don't intend to fall

2

The Declaration says we're not dependent any more
Not dependent, we'll fight to stay free as never before
Our nation has a various amount of differences within
We are to be the same, born here or becoming a citizen
Anyone trying to destroy what the Revolution has done
Better think again, other encounters, we have won

3

Our Nation two hundred plus years later, that's now
George Bush is our president and leads us, and how
He's a strong, determined, aggressive leader, we know
Look at how he takes no shoveling around by any foe
Our Nation is as strong as we the people make it. Right?
So our nation stands tall and ready, if attacked, to fight

DID YOUR KNOW THAT?

1

Did you know that the USA is the best place to live?
With its versatility, know how and its freedom to give
Did you know that we the people make the decisions?
This country, with its resources can handle oppositions
No matter what happens, in war in peace, if you please
Did you know this country will help you be at ease?

2

Through hard times, for many people, are you listening?
Did you know that this USA will come through glisten?
These States have the poor, the ups and downs and rich
Did you know that it tries not leaving anyone in a ditch
Many here have lots of money it's not the only happy way
There are those who have little money, happy everyday

3

Did you know that Our president, who is chief executive
Is the man of the hour has an attitude that's positive?
Did you know that all my life I love the effort I put forth?
An effort that we all learn how to appreciate July fourth
Since our country is independent, let's keep it like that
Did you know that those fighting this war, off goes my hat?

Poetry Definitions

PANTOUM (Poem #4)

Pantoum is a poetic formation that unfolds memories of a past time. It uses dreamy and enchanting repetitions.

The Pantoum originated in France. The Pantoum became popular in Europe and later North America in the nineteenth and especially the twentieth century. It is a form made popular by Victor Hugo.

The lines of a Pantoum are grouped into 4 line stanzas and they may be of any length. A other feature of the Pantoum is that it says everything twice. The form at this web site is the shorter form of Pantoum.

FREE VERSE (Poem #6)

In Free Verse poetry lines don't rhyme, like unto the Pantoum. The difference from a Pantoum is that a line could be one word or more than one word. The idea here is to read and feel the story that the poet is telling.

SONNET (Poems #1, 2, 26)

A sonnet is a poem of (14 lines only). It has 12 lines to tell the story and two line at the end called couplets in poetry language, it should summarize the poem. The sonnet is a regular rhyming poem.

SHAKESPEAREAN SONNET (Poem #26)

The Shakespearean sonnet lines rhyme with (every other line) not line after line. A sonnet called **Twenty** was a non-titled poem. It was written so that the author could express himself any way without sticking to a title. This is what was popular with writer of the Shakespearean era. They just name the poem Twenty and said what they wanted to say. We are not quite sure why they called it, Twenty.

EKPHRASIS (Poems #7, 8)

Writing and is an interesting experience. To write an Ekphrasis you select a piece of art (here it is the artwork of Evelyn, my mother). You then to study it observing its rich colors, forms and materials and how it makes you feel. Add a bit of background about the artist and finally let the poem sit and revise it at a later time. The poet is inspired by the artist's work and expresses it in the poem.