



One  
troy ounce  
of  
wisdom

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**When offering honey,  
provide a spoon.**

**Even oysters  
have enemies.**

**You don't catch flies  
with vinegar.**

**Don't put a parrot  
in the care  
of a cat.**

**Fierce was the storm  
with deafening thunder.**

**Now a timid ray  
of the setting sun.**

**How young is the mother,  
how tiny the baby.**

**How did she comfort  
her little son?**

**The mother is showing,  
the little hand is catching**

**A beautiful rainbow  
in the stormy sky.**

**The universal trend  
for happiness  
Dominates our idea  
of goodness.**

**As if the world  
was created  
with the aim to please.**

**Hell, no!**

**Looking from outer space  
you will see  
The world is created  
with the aim  
of progress.**

**He who has money  
Complains of not having enough;  
He who has no money  
Applies to welfare.**

**He who has no meat to eat  
Goes hungry;  
He who has plenty of meat to eat  
Is a vegetarian.**

**He who manages to avoid taxation  
Fulminates about Government  
spending.**

**There is no penalty  
for having no brains  
But it's funny.**

**Tomorrow  
is another day  
But are you sure  
to be present?**

**An afterthought  
is most obvious  
But not at once.**

**Your life is how you make it.**

**Oh really?**

**You can make your life at will?**

**Are you omnipotent?**

**My life is how I live it.**

**That's easy**

**and pleasant.**

**Believe me. Just try it.**



**A promise  
    makes a fool happy.  
And so does  
    a lottery ticket.**

**I like fresh air.  
    I love my cosy corner  
by the fireplace.**

**I like hiking.  
    I love my comfort.  
I like my wife.  
    I love my mistress.**

**To win a Million dollars  
in a sweepstake,  
when you are a teenager,  
is dangerous.**

**To win a Million at the age  
of twenty five  
is great!  
but what will you do  
with the rest of your life?**

**To win at the age of thirty five  
is a good investment,  
but beware of crooks.**

**At the age of forty five and later  
you may become  
a genuine Millionaire.**

**At the age of sixty five  
a splendid retirement.**

**But if you are eighty five  
and you sit in a wheelchair  
all day long  
and you win the Million,  
it's a nasty joke.**

Somebody wanted the river to flow,  
And the ice to melt, and the grass  
to grow.

Somebody wanted the world to be,  
And me to live and watch and see.  
Somebody designed the beaver and  
the fly.

My complicated brain and the star  
in the sky.

Somebody knows how nature works,  
And how I could be happy, and why  
I'm not.

Someone knew that I'm on a wrong  
way.

He ruined my plans, and sent me  
far away.

Somebody guided me to that foreign  
land.

Where I found fulfillment for body  
and mind.

Somebody knows, much better than I,  
What's good for me and how and why.

## TS OF VIEW

Nobody told the river to flow,  
And the ice to melt, and the grass  
to grow.

No one desired the world to be.  
I want to live, I watch, I see.

No one could make a beaver and a fly.  
No one made my brain or the star  
in the sky.

We know pretty well how nature  
works.

We all should be happy, but so many  
are nuts.

No one told me I'm on a wrong way.  
I met the impossible, and I walked  
away.

It's pure hazard that in this new land  
I encountered conditions which fit my  
own brand.

Nobody knows better than I,  
What is good for me, and how and  
why.

## **SAINTS**

**Many Christians fear Hell  
and afraid of damnation  
They obey God's command  
to subdue holy wrath.**

**Other faithful have hope  
they are sure of salvation  
They take God for his word  
Virtue pays in reward.**

**But some few have no fear  
expect no compensation  
They love goodness for the  
virtue of goodness alone.**

**And what happens to them  
be it joy or frustration  
They are sure that God's will  
is a favour to them.**

**To be or not to be  
That is the question.**

**But anyone  
who has fainted  
knows**

**that to pass out  
is not painful.**

**We stubbornly want  
to be  
after death.**

**That is frightening.**

**Alcohol can be used  
to build up  
the power of the will.**

**You should be able  
to stop drinking  
anytime.**

**Even before starting.**

**I have never understood  
rapists.**

**Why should I spend  
so much energy  
and risk trouble  
for a woman  
who doesn't appreciate  
my efforts.**



**Some people  
live in a hostile world  
and act accordingly.**

**Some people live  
in a friendly world  
and don't worry.**

**The first are successful;  
The second live happily.**

**A prejudice is a firm belief  
in a doubtful truth.**

**For instance,  
What does not happen  
cannot happen,  
or**

**What cannot be measured  
does not exist,  
or**

**Human brains,  
although limited in size,  
have an unlimited ability  
for understanding.**

**The one  
who can give,  
expecting no thanks  
and**

**The one  
who can receive,  
without feeling dwarfed,**

**Are Christians.**

**The first one  
does it for Christ's sake.**

**The second one  
does it to provide  
opportunity  
to the first.**

**Even the most unpleasant person  
happens to be in pain  
and deserves  
compassion.**

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