

TWIN PEANUTS

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This book is dedicated to Keith (my twin), who passed away from covid pneumonia on April 15, 2021.

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Railroad Song

Amongst the rope burning
Poppy seeds and all–
Hobo Jim
Ridin' a thin dime
Gotta' get to Nashville
Got a song on his mind

Blowin' harmonica
Thinking of Dylan
Grease and tires a squealin'
Jim wrote the Railroad Song
A life all wrong

Conductor up till dawn
Engineer in the wind
Blue skies ahead
Hohner harmonica
His butter and bread

Amongst the rope burning
Poppy seeds and all-
Hobo Jim
Ridin' a thin dime
Gotta' get to Nashville
Got a song on his mind

Homeless Freddy
His clothes dirty
Hasn't brushed his teeth in years
Divorced from Bloody Mary
Mary Jane killed his pain
In his darkest years

Railroad Song
Dirty dandelions
This time
Better study the Book of Daniel
In the den of lions

(by Kevin Rogers)

Jesus and the Scarecrow

Pumpkins lining up
Thunder comin' in
It's late November
Scarecrow gonna' have
Some snow on his shoulder

The trees jerked
Thought they felt something
Pea green sky
Like a tornado a rumblin'

Jesus through the clouds
Rubbing elbows with
An ole' scarecrow
And the Devil's embargo

Caterpillar sewing a garment
As Jesus put the sun up
Holy Spirit prancin'
The scarecrow's soul
A dancin'

Jesus is the only thing
The scarecrow
Wants to know
Hallelujah in the snow
Amen

(by Kevin Rogers)

The Ladybug

Sweet ladybug
Give me a hug
Orange and yellow
Very mellow

Find a raft when
It rains
Playing all day
In the shade

Grass blades
Your emerald rhinestone
Avoiding outsiders
And dog bones

Do your piano solo
Orange and yellow
Very mellow
Your epiphany
Is Nature's symphony

(by Kevin Rogers)

When the Lamb Calls

When the Lamb calls
I shall walk in glory
And I will praise His name
Jesus my Lord will reign

When the Lamb calls
He shall wipe my tears clean
White as snow
Pure as the spring rain

And we will walk
And talk on the Heavenly plane
Do what's right
In eternal gain

When the lamb calls
I shall not fear
It's my time to serve
In the brand new year

When the lamb calls
I will be ready to go
The stairway to Heaven
Is marked by jewels

And we will sing
And praise on Heaven's shore
Do what's right
Just knock on His door

(by Keith Rogers)

The Cherry Tart Moon

Oh where bat wings go
Where white doves sail
I'm gonna meet you
Under the cherry tart moon

And we'll go rompin rollin
Through the streets of Cheyenne
With a coffee glow
A neon show

The cherry tart moon
With a frown
Sweet as cane on a Seattle morn
Hear the bluesy saxophone

Oh where the willows stroll
By seashells of ego
I'm gonna love you
Under the cherry tart moon

And we go kissin
Baby pucker up
Like sweet wine
My butter cup

The cherry tart moon
That bitter carousel
Round and round we go
On the boardwalk we do stroll

And smell the rain
June bugs on the window pane
Heat lightning heart's aflame
Under the cherry tart moon

(by Keith Rogers)

Mother

Sitting in her rocking chair but not old
Raising 30 kitty cats
A poet, cook, secretary, mother, friend and wife
Helped her sons with college, getting them off
To a good start, was kind & loving
Did good things

Dad "drank" a part of his life away
Mother was patient
And he stopped later on
He talked of the catholic church
When he was a child & cleaned
Up his act
He was too old to fight
anymore

Mother took the bus downtown to
Work
She never missed a day
She worked hard
She did the best she
Could do for the family

She later died of flu-pneumonia
At 90 years old
With her loving sons at her side
We said, "We will meet you in Heaven Mother,"
And she said, "O.K."

She loved the nursing home
And the staff loved her
It was a good place & hard to find
People that loving & caring

We loved watching the birds with her
Her favorite activity
They had a "finch" terrarium

My brother Keith loved birds too
He was fond of "Boris" the finch

He wrote poems, drew pictures of Boris
Keith died of covid pneumonia
His brother Kevin survived it
Keith went to same funeral home
As mother

I know their spirits connected there
They were together in a way
She went before him
Kind of watched over him
We still love you mother
Keith & Kevin & father

(by Kevin Rogers)

The Peanut Anatomy Poem

Inside the peanut shell
Lived two peanuts
That nested side by side

There was the big scary peanut
Because it was larger and aggressive
And there was the smaller passive baby peanut

They were as twins
But one peaceful
The other loud

But they were best friends
And though they fought like cats and dogs
They were as family and loved each other

Big scary peanut fell and hurt itself
Baby peanut was a caregiver for big peanut

When the snowstorm came
They hid in their
shell until spring
(by Keith Rogers)

Live by Faith and Sing

Lord, from this day on I'm gonna live by faith and sing
Cause I've done wrong and I'm gonna change my ways
You are the answer to my heart pains

Lord from this day on I'm gonna live by faith and sing
For only you can break these chains
You are the truth, the light of my days

Holy, holy let's step into the light
Leave behind the darkness clouds and plight
We're gonna shout with the trumpet
And let His angel's in
Hallelujah we do praise
So we live by faith and sing

Holy, holy let's all sing and praise
And let His loving heart shine His rays
For He is the lighthouse shining bright—
And He shall mend our sins, souls and strife

Lord from this day on I'm gonna pray and meditate
Learn the Good Book and walk in His light
So nothing to fear, our spirits shall congregate

I'm gonna live by faith and sing
We're gonna live by faith and sing in

(by Keith Rogers)

The Twin Peanuts

My carcass is your carcass
My feet are your feet
My hands, ears & nose the same
Teeth discolored when young
By antibiotics, both are the same

I am Dumpling
You are Darling
Both love pizza & egg rolls

Both went to the same colleges
Were roommates but
Different majors
Both play harmonicas since age 10
Keith plays guitar, bass & piano
Kevin plays drums, penny whistle & bongos
Both did Bible doctorate degrees
For Ministry

(by Kevin Rogers)

Robin Sunday

The strangest thing
God and my brother sent me robin birds
Dozens and dozens
Big red bellies on them
Playing in a late March & Midwest snow
In between patches of green grass
Right after church
At the school parking lot
Where we used to walk
During the Pandemic
(by Kevin Rogers)

Morning

Dear darling twin
The first thing I say
Each morning is
"I love you darling"
Just like when you were here—
And when I come home
To Heaven
I will say
The same thing
We will be together forever
Darling
Just as we talked about
When we got covid
We promised each other
If anything went wrong
We would meet in
Heaven
We will have a new start
And be just like
The days we sat in our high chairs
And later as college roommates
Morning
"I love you darling"

(by Kevin Rogers)

Stallions of Fire

The stallions of fire are roaming wild
Eyes of silver manes of gold
And the angels are coming
Ten-thousand fold

And the beasts are lovely
Compared to man's groan
His howl is of greed, wars and spoon
Stallions of fire

Stallions of fire
My desire
Mandolin dreams
And waterfall Messiah
Stallions of fire burning bright
Neon rainbows in the heat of the night

So kiss the dawn on lemon horizon
Shoot the sky with frog dosage papaya
The salt of the earth
Is a mountain of liars

The stallions of fire are roaming wild
Coats of rubies
Hoofs bloody for sleet cold
And the Barbie dolls float naked—

Under the purple sun
Under the velvet moon
Under the cherry tart mars
Under the saturn green jars

(by Keith Rogers)

The Seashore of Youth

Long ago
We smoked pot along the seashore
Muscular horses and chariots
Came to the rescue

Young and stupid
We knew of no God
But who made the stars?
Who made the geese?
Where was the sun & moon?

Long ago
We drank wine along the seashore
Muscular sheep
Came to our rescue

A bearded cool guy–
Said, “Your sins are forgiven”
And were given a new start

JESUS
Came to free us–
Removed our dirty sins
And cleaned up our act

Church bells and music
Angels in colorful attire
Peace, love & joy
Awoke us...

(by Kevin Rogers)

Closer to Heaven Each Day

I know you are up there
The Bible says Heaven is
On the northern side

And the animals were
Sacrificed on the northern
Side of the altar
Towards the Lord

Astronomers believe
There is a clear spot
On the northern sky

Where 200 Milky Ways
Could easily hide
And that is where
Heaven lies

(by Kevin Rogers)

Labrador Rain

O' Labrador, you were found in the rain
Kind of lost hiding your pain
But I came to rescue you
Have not eaten' in days
Want to return to normal ways

Paws, with broken glass
Scars from a life so brash
Tattered and abused
Feel so used
This is no excuse

His eyes were of sadness
But reaching
His tail swung in gladness
And transported to the pound
Didn't make a barking sound

It is scary at the facility
Without a true dog family
They even put them to sleep
And even God begins to weep

But someone came in
To help you out
You scream and shout
I have a new friend
And now my heart won't bend

O' Labrador in the rain
You finally lost
Your outward pain
Threw away your homeless shame
Come to my arms sweet Labrador
A dog driving in the car

(by Kevin Rogers)

The Golden Pony Trot

Babe if it wasn't for you I'd be not
I follow your heart on the golden pony trot
Through the forest we go, stallions on a path woah!
Rockin' and reelin' with Steel guitar feeling
Doing the golden pony trot

And when I'm lonely it's all I got
Doin' the golden pony trot
So ride ride ride to the other side
The valleys and mountains see our trot
Dancin' to the golden pony trot

So clear the night wind air
Stars and comets and Saturn glares
A pineapple, a coconut, the tides of the sea at our foot
Singing in harmony to the golden pony trot

And I love you yes I do
Respect the nature in all we do
Love the flowers and the trees and the sweet magnolias
Tan ourselves by the dragonflies and petunias
As a Pegasus I am your unicorn
Dancin' and rompin' to the golden pony trot

Yes I love you in the sun
In the springtime we melt under the sun
With a cool wash of minty rain
And make sweet love
Hear the distant freight train
(by Keith Rogers)

Sometimes I Get Scared

Dear Twin Brother
Sometimes I get scared
You texted me from the ICU
Covid all around you
In my lungs in your lungs
I don't know what's going to happen

I told you to hold my hand Darling
And you did
Just like in the car
After pizza
Drunk on carbohydrates
Laughing as children

Sometimes I get scared
At 3AM
When it's dark outside
And you were in the hospital
I cried
And later you died

But Darling
I go outside
Which I just did at 5AM
And stood in your prayer spot
Looking up at God's creation Darling
And I know it is OK

I know you await for me Darling
When I come home to you
We will all be safe again
With Mother & Father
And Jesus

(by Kevin Rogers)

College & Education

We were both so good at it
Algebra, Creative Writing, Microbiology
Several community colleges
Several Universities
Several Bible colleges

Living at home
Living away
On campus
Dorms & student apartments
Pizzas and many cups of coffee
Mother & Father
Came to visit

Snowstorms, rain & puddles
Keith had a bicycle on campus
He got around good
Art Professor, Accounting Professor
Hard times & easy times
Student loans

(by Kevin Rogers)

Lord Please Lead Our Sons And Daughters (Church Hymn # 5)

Lord Please Lead Our Sons And Daughters
For we live in perilous days
And they'll need a father, a shepherd
To change their ways

And give them strength
'Cause we may succumb
Lead them victorious
In praise and song

Lord Please Lead Our Sons And Daughters
When we're gone
There's no guarantee
So make them strong

And give them faith
Trust to believe
For you have the power
Of eternal grace

Lord Please Lead Our Sons And Daughters
To the narrow path
Away from the world
That's sinful and harsh

And save their souls
With angelic wings
To rise above
For Holy things

Lord Please Lead Our Sons And Daughters
To a better place
A mansion of gold
With our Jesus awaits

(by Keith Rogers)

Fat Squirrel

Outside my love
Friendly and obese
Climbing all the trees
Without fleas

My nice friend
With love to lend
An acrobat
As big as a cat

Bread, nuts and seeds
Honest eyes
Eternal blue skies
And apple pies

My big fat squirrel
A life without peril
Rain or shine
Never a quarrel
(by Kevin Rogers)

Banjo Melody

I got a new banjo
A great sounding fellow
Finger-picking &
Allocating
GDGBD

5-strings that sing
And I broke a string
But getting better
It's great in good weather

Sitting in the sun
Banjo is the one
A great sounding fellow
The harmony is mellow
(by Kevin Rogers)

The Dandelion Rain

Lord baptize me in the dandelion rain
Your perfume of the flowers
Lilacs, mother's favorite
Roses also with grandmother
But all are sweet as Mother Nature

Lord baptize me in the dandelion rain
Your majesty I seek
Diamonds last forever
But Heaven is even longer
Ducks, birds & beaks

Lord baptize me in the dandelion rain
Deliver me from sorrow
Extinguish my sins
So I receive a better tomorrow
Squirrels, flowers & trees

Lord baptize me in the dandelion rain
I really need your help
Please offer mercy
My soul has blisters
My spirit like broken splinters
Elephants, lions & alligators

Lord baptize me in the dandelion rain
The lord has removed my pain
I now have sunny days
A soul at ease with Christian ways
Ducks, chipmunks & woodchucks

Lord baptize me in the dandelion rain
The lord has removed all my pain
It's all because I surrendered
& I prayed
The lord is good
Mice, frogs & algae covered logs
That's what they say
(by Kevin Rogers)

His Soul is Alive Within Me

His soul is alive within me
In my heart, from the start
When Jesus took control
His soul is alive within me

And he changed me
Broke the chains
Of sin, darkness and strife
His soul is alive within me

His soul loves me
My spirit adores thee
I'm living spiritually
His soul is alive within me

And life someday shall end
And when I die
Heaven will be my friend
His soul's is alive within me

(by Keith Rogers)

A New Day

A NEW DAY
BETTER PRAY
A NEW DAY
A NEW WAY
BETTER PRAY
THE BEST DAY

(by Kevin Rogers)

Icy Hot Sun (5 haiku poems)

1.

Icy hot sun
The scarecrow shivers
Blackbirds dribble sleet

2.

Green John Deere
Covered with mud and snow
Ice flow fetish

3.

White cornfield grins
Thirty-two degrees
Corn is popping

4.

Chimpanzee dungeon
Ice on her dribbles
Monkey see, monkey do

5.

The frosty moon
Arctic chilled eyebrows
The moon's ego is frigid

Solid Ground

God thanks for solid ground
Cause' I couldn't sleep
I couldn't eat
Sometimes I weep
My nerves, anxious bound

Worried about today
Tomorrow
Living in yesterday
I need your crown
You're just a prayer away

We've made it this far
And we go on
The journey is love
Life is a song-solid ground

And you are the healer
The solid rock
And you're back in town
Your spirit is all around

So release my soul
From stormy weather
Baptize me in your living water
You are my faith and hope

So lift me up to sunny places
Above the clouds
And murky places
Shine in my heart
Like golden halos

I shall believe
You came to relieve
I did receive
Your love, healing and faith

Solid ground
Solid ground
Lift me up with angelic sound
Harps, guitars, piano bound

Solid ground
Solid ground
You're a prayer away
I am Heaven bound

(by Keith Rogers)

Keith of the Universe

From God's purse
Is Keith of the Universe
Gone to Heaven
He just loved Kevin

Upstairs
On the Northern Shores
Brand new robins, ducks & shoes
Fly, fly, fly
With tears in my eyes

From God's purse
Is Keith of the Universe
Gone to Heaven
He just loved Kevin
(by Kevin Rogers)

A Car They Shared

Washing the Ford Fusion
Mostly an illusion
Coffee stains and urine
On the silver doors

Waxed once a year
Sun, moon and tears
Hardship and faith
Made it to work
Another day

Pizza boxes to the ceiling
Fast food bags
And a new banjo
The only way to go

Slept inside during insomnia
Outside the library sanctuary
A Ford Fusion
Hardcore machine
Best running car
You've ever seen

Full of junk
But cleaned out once
A year
Hard times and cheer
The Ford Fusion
A better year

(by Kevin Rogers)

The Manufacturing Plant

Keith & I both worked there
But I had arthritis bad
Just could not stand there
In one place
A bad back
But Keith was there 3 years

Robots interesting
Tiny plastic parts
An oil drip & a "Hisssssss....."
The part hot
Like coming from an oven

Boxing the parts for
Shipping
Men and women in blue jeans

Going into fantasy
Daydreaming
Tired, bored some say
Not many stay
In & out of human resources
The manufacturing plant
Made it through
Another day

(by Kevin Rogers)

Highchairs

Sitting in the highchair
Staring at a cookie
There was a green bug
Or something on your tabletop
Where was mother?
Not far away but you cried
Darling

Don't be afraid
I am right here
Salty tears
And the day you died
Darling
I was right there
Holding your
Warm hands

(by Kevin Rogers)

Fat Squirrel # 2

I saw you today
Shiny eye buttons
Acting shy outside
You don't really hide
Your love from me

I got your bread
So you don't have to dread
Being without food
Now you're in a good mood

(by Kevin Rogers)

Song Poem # 700 (rehab)

Star shine
Gold boots
Champagne on glass pebbles

Sharks are demons
For the shore stallions

And the glue guns
Paste mars to the ceiling

Freud is coming back like Jesus
On valium, haldol and medical cannibas

(by Keith Rogers)

5 Outdoor Poems (fun)

1.

Rainy day
I will stay
Focused on God

2.

Squirrels playing dumb
It's almost Saturday
But only Friday

3.

Robins like the Midwest
Always have a good friend
With bread, nuts & seeds
To lend

4.

Tired rainbow
Let me help you
Stand up

5.

O.K. God
You are in control
I will follow your
Divine Love
As the trees smile

(by Kevin Rogers)

Butterfly of Faith

Butterfly of faith you have opened my eyes
My heart mended I can stop crying now
And you showed me Heaven is real
I found peace like the dove sails

Butterfly of faith you are my salvation
'Cause God is here and he is real
So Jesus take my trembling hand
And lead me to your mansion

Butterfly of faith I heard your song
Angelic halos all around
And you fly gentle into the wind
You're so kind my friend

Butterfly of faith
You are the message I must believe
You soothed my heart
Lord I am saved

Butterfly of faith
I need you now
In my weary times
You've renewed my soul

So fly, fly, fly
I hope to see you again
You sent me a message
From God's holy land

Butterfly of faith
You keep me strong
Butterfly of faith
I can't go wrong

(by Keith Rogers)

It is 4 AM & Not Afraid

Dear Keith
You told me
"It is anxiety"
Over a year ago
Insomnia
Very scary
Could not sleep with
A heart that weeps

Sleeping in the car
Not very far from home
No more night terrors
Due to covid
A more solid road
Sleeping

Fragmented
In the library parking lot
Sucking down black coffee
Going to bed at 3

Sleeping in the car
I am not afraid
"It is anxiety"
Keith said

(by Kevin Rogers)

Take Me to the Ark

Calling Jesus, Moses or Noah
Please take me to the ark
I want to see to believe
I am your faithful star

Take me to the ark
The rain is okay
I can swim in the flood
Your faith has done me good

And we will row, row, row
To Heaven's shore
So baptize me once more
I'll knock on Messiah's door

And let me greet each one
With feather, tail or hum
A pair is good, and the Lord's done good

Got some nails and a hammer jack
Gonna' help you without any slack
And we'll carry the gopher wood
Meet him in His blood

Take me to the ark
My rainbow is calling
My tears are falling
Take me to the ark

(by Keith Rogers)

A New Day is Near

A rainbow is coming, I see a new day—
Caterpillars taking off woven blankets
It is finally spring
You can sleep with the windows open
All night long
Only the mildews are the predators
A new day is near

The smell of lilacs
Mother's favorite scent—
Like apple pies on the window
Even cats like the taste of fruit
Pineapple, lemon, apple, raisin
A new day is near

A new day is coming
Astronauts landed on the moon
There are fast computers
There are vaccinations
A new way is coming
Is it Jesus?
Is it Superman?
Who knows anything?

Dogs smile and the crickets chirp
It is the Law of Mother Nature
Keith (my twin brother) said, "One Sun, One Moon," in a poem
He is right
A new day is near

(by Kevin Rogers)

The University

Wonderful long years
To cherish
My second University
I commuted two hours each way
Driving in the rain
Driving in the slush
Driving in the sun
Coffee cups, dark roast
Beginning Algebra, I loved...
American Literature
Bookstore says, "Fifteen books required,"
Loved reading them all
My brother got accepted to English Major
Already a published poet...
Professors jealous of him
Even though Keith got rejected
For a Ph.D in Poetry
He got a Bible Doctorate Degree
Instead
With a smile
On both of our faces

(by Kevin Rogers)

Ocean to Ocean

Standing by the seaside
I know you wait for me
Part of every tragedy
Like a dog waiting
For its master
Life can't go any faster

Ocean to Ocean
We talked about it
And it is real
It has always been
The way we feel

So we wait for each other
Not complete
Until the reunion
Of Twin brothers
Father & Mother
Ocean to Ocean
Is complete
As we see Jesus' feet

Ocean to Ocean
Waiting on Heaven's shores
The tree of Life
Forever more

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