

Poems in the form of Haiku by Paul Curry Steele

Recidivism
Means returning to crime and
Often to prison.

A chipped figurine
Has no worth, no matter how
Much it may have cost.

Angels in art have
Wings too small and flimsy for
Flying through the air.

Marilyn Monroe
Did not succeed in bearing
A child, which grieved her.

Grandpa Curry read
With eyeglasses he bought at
Woolworth's ten-cent store.

Movie heroes don't
Die, no matter how many
Missiles come their way.

The ancient palace
Complex of Knossos in Crete
Had 1200 rooms.

"These are my jewels,"
Cornelia said, loosely
Holding her children.

A student swallowed
Forty-three live goldfish in
1939.

John Wayne Bobbitt's wife
Cut off his penis. It was
Found and reattached.

Fräulein Unbekannt
(Miss Unknown) was Grand Duchess
Anastasia?

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The Siamese twins,
Chang and Eng: married sisters,
Had nineteen children.

I do not laugh in
Movie theaters. I am
Too reserved for that.

The cave of Lascaux
With its wall paintings is now
Closed to the public.

Nijinsky suffered
From schizophrenia for
His last thirty years.

Since Strawberry wore
A cowbell, you could hear it
Faintly as she grazed.

A purebred dog out
On a leash is unlikely
To bark at people.

It used to be that
Cows were driven terrified,
Wild-eyed, to a bull.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek,
A gallant lady, lived to
Be 105.

Popsicles (orange
Or grape) and Cracker Jack were
Treats of my childhood.

A pink triangle
Marked homosexuals in
Concentration camps.

She married to have
Children. She pressed her husband
For sex twice a day.

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Mother would wake up
And holding a flashlight search
The house for burglars.

In small towns, they talk
About you if you don't put
Up lights for Christmas.

Rebecca, told by
A wife not named, turns on her
Dead predecessor.

At seventy-three
Goethe wanted to marry
A girl of nineteen.

In movies clouds don't
Move. If you observe them, they
Are stationary.

The woman who claimed
To be Anastasia
Would not speak Russian.

Vernon and Irene
Castle danced their way to fame.
A plane he flew crashed.

In Mayerling, Crown
Prince Rudolf and his mistress
Were found shot to death.

Edward VIII and
Mrs. Simpson: love story
Of the century.

The Prince of Wales (who
Would become Edward VIII)
Took other men's wives.

Wallis Warfield, known
Then as Mrs. Simpson, bagged
The King of England.

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Edward, Prince of Wales
And then King, was besotted
With love of Wallis.

Edward VIII gave
Up his reign and England to
Wed Wallis Warfield.

Duke of Windsor was
The title created for
The king in exile.

The Duke and Duchess
Of Windsor could radiate
Much personal charm.

Wallis, Duchess of
Windsor, said this: "You can't be
Too thin or too rich."

The Windsors once set
Sail with 120
Pieces of luggage.

Wallis received much
Fine jewelry from David –
His intimate name.

The Duke of Windsor
Spoke German fluently. He
Was watched by Hitler.

Said Hitler to Paul
Schmidt, just left Wallis, "She would
Have made a good queen."

Wallis and Edward
Both suffered, each unhappy
For different reasons.

Hitler's English plan:
Restore Edward to the throne
With Wallis as queen.