

Poems in the form of Haiku by Paul Curry Steele

African natives
Ate chimpanzees (apes) which had
Eaten monkeys: AIDS

Dogs enjoy riding
In automobiles; cats go
Wild when held in one.

Fanny's children soon
Disappeared. She burned them up
In a hot wood stove.

The best of a man
And the best of a woman
Combined in Jesus.

You can tell a lot
About a man from the way
He eats fried chicken.

Tipsy, smelled of beer:
An opportunity missed
To know a woman.

Men are imprisoned
For the mere possession of
Child pornography.

My sister's perfume
Was *Toujours Moi*, "always me."
The French sounds richer.

We get pineapples
Now not from Hawaii but
From the Philippines.

I think it was clear
To others (but not to me)
That I was insane.

The front doors of some
Churches are bright red, much like
A hooker's lipstick.

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Among those things I
Would least like to do would be
Trying to catch fish.

Queen Nefertiti:
Lovely neck, beautiful face,
Superb artistry.

Rock lilies in bloom
In the moonlight stand pale white
Like angels or ghosts.

My Hush Puppy brand
Shoes, which sound American,
Were made in China.

Robert Redford got
Too much sun. It wrinkled his
Face prematurely.

Should I keep the dress
My mother was wearing when
She suffered a stroke?

Because I would not
Give them money, they harassed
Me day after day.

Oncologists are
Doctors who specialize in
Combating cancers.

My father never
Said of me indulgently,
Grinning, "He's *all boy!*"

John Paul II
Apparently does not wear
The same miter twice.

A hotel maid stole
A two-karat diamond
Ring, a white brilliant.

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A depressed student
Plunged into the Charles River
From a stone footbridge.

My carpet needed
Sweeping eight months ago. I
Still have not swept it.

A wife beater must
Have seemed good and kind to her
In earlier times.

He drowned while trying
To save the life of one near
Death, who would survive.

Canada geese are
Large, handsome birds which excrete
Much bothersome waste.

Some women posed as
Garbo in retirement for
The sheer thrill of it.

He read the Bible
Through six times, my grandfather
James Lewis Curry.

Pyramids: grand sights
That I shall never gaze at
From the Giza plain.

A dog's bark roughly
Tells its size. Little dogs are
Squeaky, big dogs gruff.

A "pound party" for
The new minister: pounds of
Butter, sugar, flour.

Seized by two strange men,
A hand pressed over my mouth
To prevent screaming.

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A glass-bottom boat
On clear lake water lets you
See the underworld.

"I" in poetry
Is often *not* the poet
But a persona.

Learning to tie my
Shoes so that they stayed tied was
A big achievement.

Travelers abroad
Risk getting diseases for
Which there is no cure.

Five, I tore open
Everybody's wrapped Christmas
Presents seeking mine.

Mrs. Flynn next-door
Kept a rock garden with moss,
Low flowers, and pools.

The Sheik of Bahrain
Has sex with many women,
His penis naked.

Grandpa Curry liked
Western adventure stories
In pulp magazines.

He was drunk, he snored,
But when I saw his legs spread
Wide I wanted him.

Nuns in modern dress
Can hardly conceal their pride
In being "with it."

An old man likely
Has lost old hair. New hair grows
In his ears and nose.

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Francis Ferdinand
Cried out when he and his wife
Were shot in their car.

A thief will find what
Was hidden and pocket it
Without compunction.

I am so aroused
Sexually by the sight
Of good-looking men!

Winning much money
Changed his behavior, for it
Discomposed his mind.

I wear a gold ring
Set with green jade from Taiwan—
Oval, cabochon.

Mother could not learn
To play even a ditty
On the piano.

My city has gained
A memorial park for
Those who died of AIDS.

The grossly obese
Offend me while they also
Move me to pity.

I am too old for
Life to hold any meaning
For me still. I leave.

Peter and willy
Are common slang terms for the
Membrum virile.

When I do it, I
Think that every man does it
With *his* male organ.

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I love the sight and
Feel of handsome men's naked
Bodies shared with mine.

The aloof mastiff
Which sat on the stoop for years
Is no longer there.

An airline pilot
Spread the AIDS virus through sex
In many gay baths.

If I bought *People*
Magazine, most of those shown
I would not have known.

In summer many
Men wear shorts. I admire legs
Both hairy and smooth.

HIV? Not me!
Celibacy has its points.
I still adore sex.

Six medications
By mouth every day keep me
Reasonably well.

I use a quadcane
And an ankle brace to help
Keep me from falling.

I have read that one
Out of every four persons
On Earth is Chinese.

As insubstantial
As cotton candy are most
Gay relationships.

One Thousand Poems
In Haiku Form: the working
Title of my book.