

LET THE C.H.I.P.S.* THRALL
WHERE THEY'LL PLAY

*(Challenging Histrionic Intuitive Psychic Sensibilities)

Poetry by Al Beck

Toothless honesty and
ruthless greed have
seized the hour.
Those left with
ethical integrity
have lost all power.
Abusing the milk
of human kindness
has turned it sour.

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For Sam

A five year old and his
79 year old grandfather
briefly share a toast of Time.

As he now looks back,
it's kindred spirit has been,
by golly, brilliant to bear;
believing every moment
was especially precious.

Not just the tugging, mugging
and the delicious laughter;
but smiles of warm reflection after.

The taste of Past and Future
in combination are a culinary delight.
The confrontation faced will be sad
when they must finally say goodnight.

(much love, Grandpa)

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Valentine Dis-unction

With Cupid's arrow
There's a narrow near-
Invisible graft between
Those who feel the point
And
Those who get the shaft.

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School-rule Sonnet

What adventures rise up new within classroom's walls
Where testing crouches like beasts of prey
Tempting some learners to run away;
When out from behind a mind-rock crawl
New ideas whose mellow fresh voices enthrall
Inspiring a light onto academic gray
As teachers' humanity come into play;
Without delay students answer the call.

Encouraging Curiosity as Education's basic tool
Is fundamental to the process of how we learn.
To blend information with life's precious spices
Provides thinking magic using creative devices.
Rather than consume group-intellectual gruel,
Individuality's fire will continue to burn.

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haiku

Hear the ring of spring?
Time to celebrate. Put on
Some new pants and dance.

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haiku

Whether Time's mattress
Be firm, be soft, thick or thin
Turns on the ticking.

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haiku

Respect and Love both
Perform in the same band – play
Diff'rent instruments.

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Red fox with a dead
bunny in its mouth; there is
quick and there's quicker

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Great Leaps often occur
for frogs, flames and
occasionally for faith

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Dance under a thin
roof with closed eyes. Hear the rain's
generous applause.