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PREFACE

It is a great source of joy to be able to see a goal achieved. I have wrestled with this body of work for years... just like Jacob wrestling with the angel. There were days I felt like giving up... that I couldn't and shouldn't complete this particular undertaking... and the spirit within me would not let it rest. I'm glad my hands were guided to face what my lips promised God years earlier... this would be my first fruits, as a poet, dedicated to Him.

I hope you'll find inspiration in these writings and read with an open mind... reflecting on the altruism's of the spirit... intrinsic to each and every one of us. It is my version of a cornucopia... a palette of many colors and flavors to sample, providing the feast from two fish and a loaf of bread... comfort in a time peace can feel so elusive and yet desperately needed. I would like to thank everyone for their input and patience.

I thank you... from the heart,

Russell D. Holder

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Guest Comment:

"Russell's writing has a vibrant immediacy that truly captures the reader's imagination coupled with the unique ability to activate the reader's own thinking processes to stimulate theory, outlook and idea. He has the true talent of all great artists to paint pictures in your head as he deftly uses words like brushes to cover the canvas of his ideas and beliefs."

Jenifer Whyte

I was waiting for a guest comment... to come from a dear friend of mine in Scotland. As soon as I got the comment above, I was deeply humbled by her graciously kind words... as I respect her as one of my peers, being a poetess, as well as a darn fine photographer... taking most of her shots from around the Isle on which she lives. She reminds me of "a Scottish Ansel Adams." See if you don't agree with me! You can find her work on red bubble (www.redbubble.com)... just enter her name, on the top right, once you get to the Home page for the website... Jenifer Whyte. By the way, you can find me there also, that is how I met my dear friend... whom I owe a deep debt of gratitude to for her kindness shown. Thank you, Jen!

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Chapter 1... A Hand For Faith, Faith builder

"One morning I'll wake up"

Can we believe one day we'll
be in heaven...
of the glory to be seen,
and the story to be heard of
the difference we've made as
we walked upon the earth,
to actually meet someone who'll
remember what we did...
doing things as we should, as we
all should be doing now...
there will be the knowledge
and here we prove our worth.

"Oasis of man"

The torrent of tears
by mankind couldn't feel
more through the ages
than when Jesus wept.

"Always there"

My life
is as a bird
in my Father's hands
when I'm down
He lifts me up
through the strength
of a gentle breeze
when troubles are about
He guides my path
through gift of flight
well within ease
He lets me soar
and fly so high
but when carried away
He brings me down
to stand on earthly feet
with a firm understanding
He's always there

"Light the window eternal"

I have no time
to bother with doubt,
I have no time
to dash after worry,
for I know it's time
to clean my window.

I'll stop no moment
to hesitate on love,
I'll stop no moment
to falter from hope,
for I see it's time
to clean my window.

Remember... light is eternal,
when darkness surrounds you,
but you have the power
to brush it aside forever,
stay cheerful and bright...
from night comes a new day,
from night comes a new day.

Let me so pause
to comfort the lost,
let me so pause
to restore the faith,
for I feel it's time
to clean my window.

"Light the window eternal" cont.

I shall not lull
my time to waste,
I shall not lull
my life undone,
for the time has come
to clean my window.

Remember... light is eternal,
when darkness surrounds you,
but you have the power
to brush it aside forever,
stay cheerful and bright...
from night comes a new day,
from night comes a new day.

"Showing hope"

Love doesn't show itself as a
harsh word from the lip,
and never snaps at people, even
on the worst of days,
love wouldn't think of jumping to quick
off the line of any race,
which just goes to show all involved
that all involved should learn to pace,
love hasn't come into being to deny
certain people over any other,
and the truth of the matter is
that we're family to one another,

"Showing hope" cont.

love has spoke these same words
and shall come to proclaim it again,
which goes to share with all concerned
there is one way for man to win,
love is the way that shows hope

"Gifted by grace"

He who has a gift,
Knowing it is a gift,
Shouldn't ever say that
He has earned it, which
Is exactly the way
We need to approach
The gift of grace,
Provided by Lord Jesus.

"Our little shoulders"

When you give up hope
is when you need not life,
for there's nothing to hold
onto but a constant strife,

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