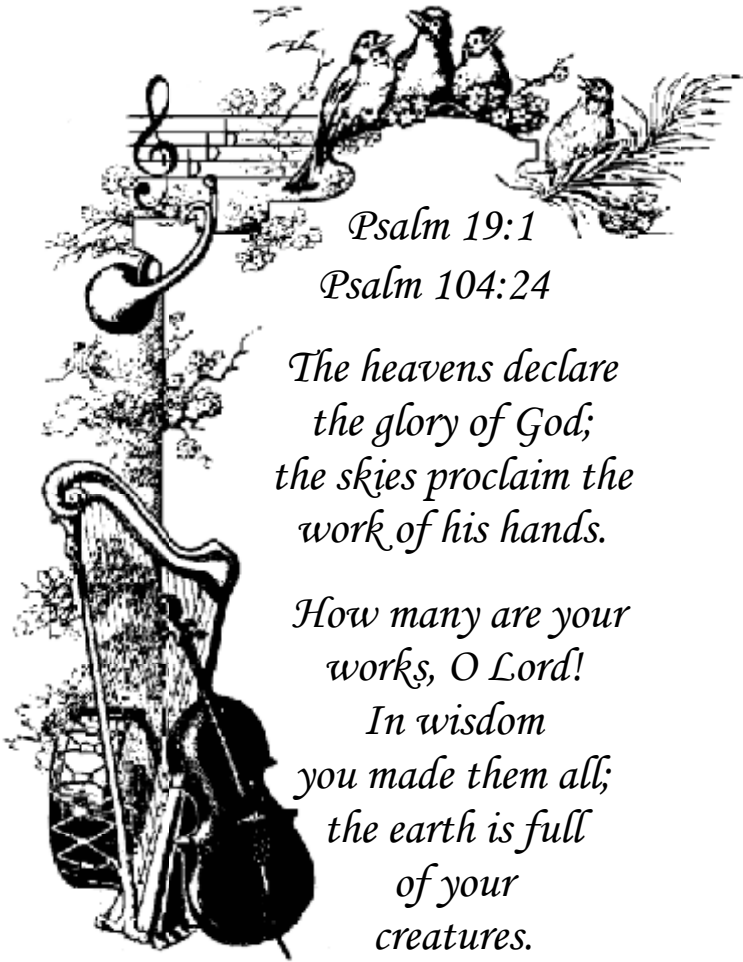


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*God
Did It*





Psalm 19:1

Psalm 104:24

*The heavens declare
the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the
work of his hands.*

*How many are your
works, O Lord!*

*In wisdom
you made them all;
the earth is full
of your
creatures.*

Acts of God



We used to hear of “acts of God”
when big events occurred--
Tornadoes, earthquakes, storms,
and floods
our status quo has stirred.
These things do happen now
and then,
God does display His power,
But there are other “acts of God”
that happen every hour.

Who puts the love in mother’s hearts
to love a wayward child?
Who feeds the birds and animals
that live out in the wild?
Who gives a peace to weary hearts
who struggle through the day?
Who gives our minds the power to think,
and form the word we say?

Who puts a song within the heart,
a smile upon the face?
Who makes a person want to help
someone of different race?
Who doesn’t blame when things go wrong,
and tries to make it right?
My friend, it’s God who does all this--
all day and every night!

*The Lord is faithful to all his promises
and loving to all he has made.*

Psalms 145:13

Seasons

I like the seasons of the year--
Each one is great, and when it's here
I almost like that season best,
For change can bring a kind of rest.

The snow has beauty hard to beat
If you're inside with warmth and heat;
And Spring is welcome as can be
When robins fly from tree to tree.

Then Summer has it's fun times, too,
With picnics, sun, and Mountain Dew.
When tired of heat the Fall looks good
And with it's beauty, well, it should.

Don't frown and gripe when seasons come,
Enjoy yourself, and sing and hum.
When each day comes look up and thrive
For after all, you ARE alive.



Our Awesome God

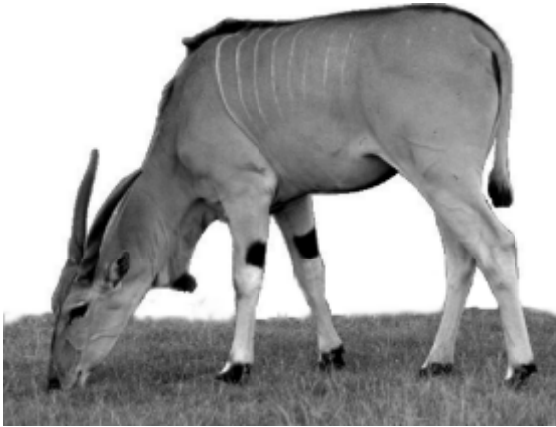
Folks, when I think on it a bit
it kinda' blows my mind
How really awesome was our God
when He made up mankind.
To think there are no lookalikes
no matter where you look
Is quite a marvel in itself
and wasn't from some book.

Not only are our fingerprints
our very, very own,
Our DNA belongs to us
for it is ours alone.
The scientists can tell a lot
from just one single hair
So when our God created man
He did it with much care.

Then there's the brain with all its smarts--
folks still can't figure out
How it can tuck so much inside
so we can move about.
How come we taste, and hear, and talk,
and have emotions, too;
God didn't clone a bunch of folks
and fasten them with glue.

God gave us personalities
and also gave us choice
So we can hack life by ourselves
or listen to His Voice.
He also gave us talents
we can use or we can lose
And some folks make the best of them
because of what they choose.

Some folks become musicians,
others preach, still others write,
God sure gave us variety
and really did things right.
But best of all God gave us love
or we'd be incomplete
And if you love Him in your heart
this life is hard to beat.



*I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made; your works
are wonderful. Psalm 139:14*

Roses and Thorns

There are lots of pretty roses
that we ooh and aah about,
Their colors are magnificent
there's not the slightest doubt.
Sometimes we sorta' wonder why
the thorns are on the stem
As if God kinda' goofed things up
and spoiled a perfect gem.

But when I think on it a tad,
I wonder could it be
That it was no mistake at all--
God wanted us to see
That life has lots of blessings
and our road is smooth and straight,
But at times we hit a speed bump--
then we don't feel so great.

I wonder if the roses
have a lesson for us all:
That life has lots of beauty
if we stand straight and tall,
But then when
disappointments come
like thorns upon the stem
God wants to polish us a bit
so we can shine for Him.



Nest Building



I saw two birds just yesterday
when I looked out the door,
Their beaks were full of grass and stuff;
they knew what it was for.
For spring had sprung, the birds both knew
that they should build a nest
And God had put inside their brains
how they could do it best.

You know, the birds are pretty smart
when they know what to do
For they can build a nest that lasts
without some super glue.
I am amazed they can make nests
to stand both wind and rain
And then they raise their babies there
with seemingly no strain.

I know if I collected stuff
and tried to build a nest
E'en with some string and glue and tape
mine wouldn't stand the test.
When winds would blow my would-be nest
would drop and fall apart,
But God gave birds a joyful sound
and made them really smart.

By Heart

Mom's don't learn to mother babies
by reading from a book
For Mom's have something in their heart
that when they take a look
Immediately they fall in love
and heart will bond to heart
And when that happens you can bet
they're off to a good start.
I know Mom's learn from old wives tales
some steps they oughta' take
If babies seem to cry a lot
and keep the house awake.
Most babies are quite healthy
and if Mom is healthy, too,
They usually can figure out
just what they oughta' do.
And happy are the little ones
whose mother is quite smart
And takes the time to give them love
and mother them by heart.



The Hopalongs

If you'd go to Australia
you'd see the kangaroo;
It's fun to see them in a park,
not just one in a zoo.
Some of the large variety
can leap a nine foot fence,
A twenty five foot leap is theirs
if life gets pretty tense.

Their back legs are a tower of strength,
their tapered tail is strong,
And with a baby in their pouch
they simply hop along.
I'm not sure how a kangaroo
would work out on a farm--
They might leap over fences tall
and do your garden harm.

I think when God created them
He made them to be free
And didn't want them all fenced in
or tied up to a tree.
So if you go down under
you'll enjoy the
kangaroo--
They're in a class all
by themselves,
I know you'll think
so, too.



Australian Teddy Bears



Koala bears are loved by all,
they're like a teddy bear
And with their special hands and feet
just any limb's a chair.
They don't stay on the ground too much,
they'd rather live aloft;
It takes six months before their fur
is thick and cuddly soft.
They're awfully small when they are born--
an inch is far too long,
They weigh much less than half an ounce
but once they're grown they're strong.

They live in mother's pouch awhile
then when they venture out
Their hands and feet grab mother's fur
so they are safe, no doubt.
The eucalyptus leaves are best
to curb their appetite
And when the leaves near by are gone
they choose a different site.
These teddy bears seem unafraid
as folks watch from below;
They simply go on living
like they always do, you know.



Ships of the Desert

Have you sat upon a camel?
It is kinda' fun to do;
I did it once some years ago
and I've seen quite a few.
I like those rugged-looking beasts
that walk the desert sand,
God knew when He created them
they'd cross a lot of land

So He gave them a hump or two
so they could carry stuff
Across a burning desert
where their living would be tough.
All camels have three stomachs
and two of them store fat,
The other is for water
as they need a lot of that.

Some camels that are sturdy
carry up to half a ton
And can walk close to thirty miles
before their day is done.
Don't put off riding one of them,
they're pretty cheap to run,
Besides you'd save a lot of dough
and Wow! Would you have fun!

Giraffes

Some animals have beauty
as they gallop o'er the plain,
The tall giraffe has lots of class
with seemingly no pain.
But if there was a big giraffe
with problems in his neck,
What kind of doctor should he see
to have a spinal check?

But also if his throat was sore
from eating thorny stuff,
I wonder if they swabbed it good
would that be quite enough?
Those creatures stand and gaze around
and look so worldly wise,
Is it because they see a lot with head
up in the skies?



We may be lucky they don't talk
and tell us what they see
For if they gave a full report
'twould worry you and me.
So I'll just stand in awe of them
and watch with
wondering eyes
And try to guess just what
they see
with head up in the skies.

Elephants



I know you've seen
big elephants
when you've gone to a zoo;
Some really are quite teachable
if one knows what to do.
In India they're used a lot
to do a bunch of stuff,
They can move tons and tons around
without a huff or puff.

The elephants in Africa
that we've seen here and there
Have longer tusks and stroll around
with seemingly no care.
If they have sugarcane to eat
along with leaves on trees
It seems that they are satisfied
and life is quite a breeze.

One good thing to remember
is to not get in their way
But watch them from a distance,
also give them right-of-way.
The elephants have mem'ries
that can last until they die;
Alzheimers is unknown to them--
it makes one wonder why.

Buffalo

We've seen two kinds of buffalo
besides the kind out west;
The water buffalo are tame
and we like those the best.
It doesn't bother them a bit
if kids climb up and ride;
They roam the streets in India
and they don't run and hide.
The other buffalo we saw
were of a different breed
And they were called Cape buffalo
and dangerous indeed.
We saw this kind in Kenya
so we gave them due respect
For if they're big and wild and fast
it's what one would expect.



The King of Beasts

The lion is the king of beasts,
at least I've heard it said,
And other animals near by
may live in fear and dread.
If they have had a great big meal
they sleep throughout the day
Then go to water holes at dusk
to sneak up on their prey.

They're not too much on forests,
they prefer tall grass and sand
So they can scratch off really fast
and cover lots of land.
I've watched them lying 'neath a tree
where they lay fast asleep
For we were parked just feet away
and watching from a jeep.
They look so harmless sleeping there,
but don't be fooled, my friend,
If you got out and petted one
this story soon would end.



Giant Pandas

Once I saw a giant panda
inside a Chinese zoo,
I'd never seen one live before
so this was something new.
Its black and white thick furry coat
would surely fill the bill
So they can live where it is cold
and have some comfort still.
Those giant pandas six feet long
must have a lot of clout;
If I would see one in the wild
I'm sure I would watch out.
But I won't have that problem
it is pretty safe to bet
For they're in Szechwan, China,
and they're also in Tibet.
I'll leave that trip for younger folks
whose travel shoes are new
While I stay home in my soft chair
where you might join me, too.



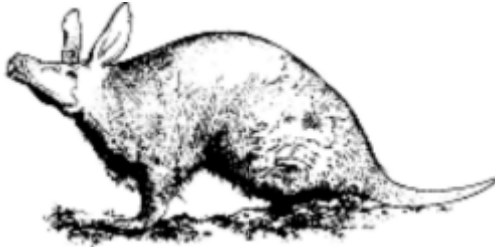
Zebras

If you've been on safari, folks,
or even in a zoo,
You've seen a lot of animals
and watched the things they do.
There's one I like an awful lot
with stripes of black and white,
It looks like someone painted it
and really did it right.

But I have heard from folks who know
no paint job is the same,
I think God liked variety
when He created game.
We've seen the zebras single file
walk in the open plain
Stretched out for almost half a mile
in search of food and rain.

Yes, zebras stand out in a crowd
like they're a painted horse;
I'm glad two got on Noah's Ark
for us to see, of course.





Aardvark

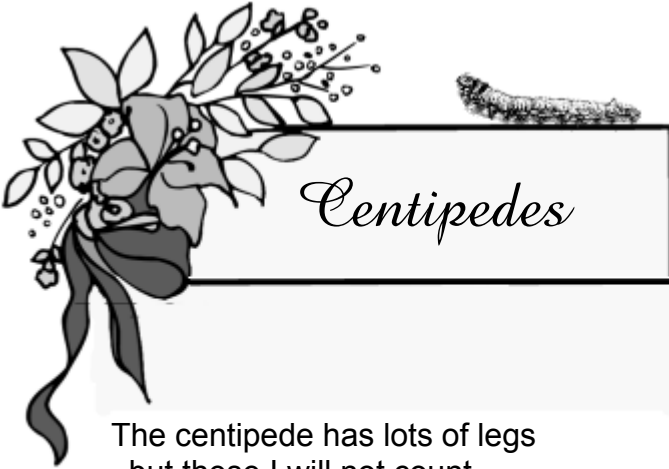
You may have safaried in park after park
And never have seen what is called the aardvark.

It's really quite different from beasts of the field--
An eighteen inch tongue it can easily wield
To lick up the termites in old termite mounds
Just oohing and aahing as he makes his rounds.

With ears like a donkey and snout like a pig,
He also has claws with which he can dig.
Another good thing is his kangaroo tail--
With features like these he's not likely to fail.

One reason may be why you missed the aardvark:
It seldom goes prowling unless it is dark.
It never has said why it so hates the light
And sleeps through the day then works
 through the night.

But if he can see we should not give a care
What schedule he keeps, or just when, even where.
I'm really quite grateful there is an aardvark;
It's name starts with A, was it first off the Ark?



The centipede has lots of legs
but these I will not count,
Yet I suppose that if I did
it'd have the right amount.
And if that wormy centipede
would have to buy some shoes
It sure would take a lot of bucks
if Nike it would choose.
I guess the thing that baffles me
is why is it so slow?
You'd think that with so many legs
a-flying it would go.

Mice

Mice have some traits that are quite good:
They're nimble on their feet,
Their eyes have lots of sparkle,
They think cheese is hard to beat.

And they are smart, though rodents small,
They won't a cat befriend,
They realize that if they did
Their earthly life would end.

I know it sounds like I defend
The quiet little mouse
But they are best when they are in
My next door neighbor's house.





Cats

We've heard it said cats have nine lives,
I wonder what they do
To have so many lives to live,
much more than me or you.

It seems they purr an awful lot,
(I guess that's how they sing),
Do you suppose a happy heart
longevity will bring?
Of course they like a little milk
along with fresh-caught meat;
I'm sure those cheese-adoring mice
for us would be no treat.

I'm sure I'll never figure out
why cats have lives of nine
While most of us have just one life
before we cross the line.
But, I could theorize a bit
and say if life is tough
Nine lives would be too much for us--
just one would be enough.