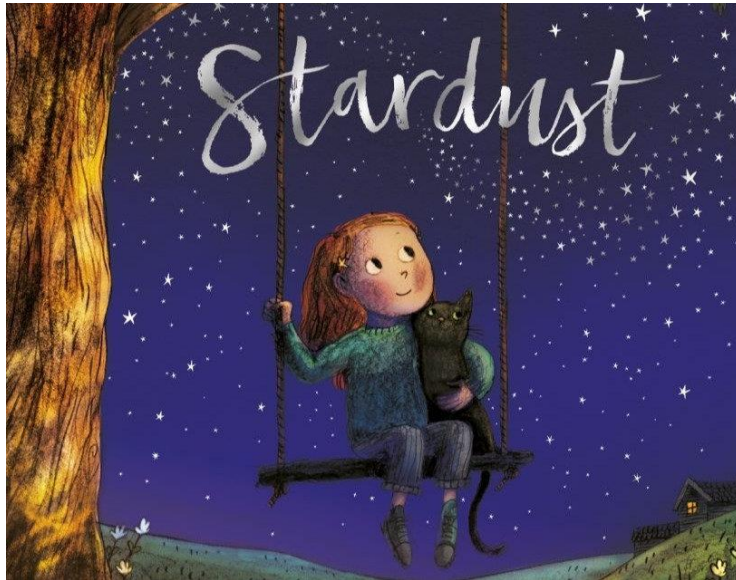


## Thoughts and Smiles – February March 4, 2024

Here's a thoughtful reflection inspired by John 3:16, written by Roddy Hamilton.

### A Story of Love

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...."* John 3:16



gather round  
I have a story to tell  
of one who reached inside himself  
and took a handful of love  
like a pile of stardust  
and said: this is for you  
it is all you need  
it is all you will ever need  
there is enough here  
to change the whole world  
take it

many laughed at him  
mocked him

and ignored the invitation

but some dared to take it  
and those who did  
noticed something about this love

they found they could do what the gift-giver could do  
they could stand with the lost  
welcome the traveler  
eat with the hungry

they found themselves doing what the man first did to them  
give something of themselves to others  
they became like the man  
offering themselves  
and as they offered themselves  
others took the invitation  
and many still do  
and many still trust  
it is enough to change the whole world



**Learn How God's Anger and Love Work Together**

[https://youtu.be/TeQ1nq\\_YJD0?si=78cjVCEsrjAdYJ3C](https://youtu.be/TeQ1nq_YJD0?si=78cjVCEsrjAdYJ3C)



“Art has something to do with the achievement of stillness in the midst of chaos. A stillness which characterizes prayer, too, in the eye of the storm... Art has something to do with an arrest of attention in the midst of distraction.”

--Saul Bellow, 1966

*Photograph of Saul Bellow, from 1984,*

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\*Some lighthearted humour\*



HA!

1. I hate seeing an old person and then realizing we went to high school together.
2. I told my husband he should embrace his mistakes... so he hugged me.
3. My husband says I only have 2 faults. I don't listen and something else....
4. At my funeral, take the bouquet off my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.
5. I thought growing old would take longer.
6. I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing, retraced my steps, got lost on the way back, and now I have no idea what's going on.
7. The officer said, "You drinking?" I said, "You buying?" We just laughed and laughed....and now I need bail money.
8. Day 12 without chocolate... I lost hearing in my left eye.
9. Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons and electrons. They forgot to mention morons.
10. The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone."
11. A dog accepts you as the boss... a cat wants to see your CV.
12. Oops.... did I roll my eyes out loud?
13. Life is too short to waste time matching socks.
14. Wi-fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.
15. If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed and having a staff meeting.
16. I won't be impressed with technology until I can download food.
17. Some people call me crazy. I prefer 'happy with a twist'.
18. My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffers from mental illness.  
I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."
19. I really don't mind getting old, but my body is having a major fit.
20. I told my husband I wanted to be cremated. He made me an appointment for Tuesday.
21. The world's best antidepressant has 4 legs, a wagging tail and comes with unconditional love.
22. I've reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.

24. If you're happy and you know it, it's your meds.

25. I used to be able to do cartwheels - now I tip over, putting on my underwear!

**I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing...**

**If I HAD any loose fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up to begin with.**

Dear God,  
I bet it is  
kery hard  
for you to  
love all of  
every body in the  
whole world  
There are only  
4 people in our  
family and I  
can never do it.  
Nan

One year clean, and  
then I run into my  
dealer in front of the  
grocery store!





Pro tip: If you're tired of boiling water when you make pasta, just boil a few gallons at the beginning of the week and freeze it for later.



*Have a terrific week!*

*Blessings to you all!*

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