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Linger at Summer's End

Linger with me in the corner of
summer's end,
Two silhouettes against the
setting sun
alone amid empty shells at water's
edge,
A late evening breeze still gentle
leaves us a warm wrap,
Linger with me in the corner of
summer's end
and drink with passion
the end of summer's beauty freely
given,
we'll kiss with love once more
in our secret place
retaining a picture of untamed
beauty
before it ceases to flourish,
don't hurry love, leisurely we'll
leave
with regret and joy at summer's
end.

Ruth Perry

All For Love

A rose's splendid crimson blush
May fade away,
In time.

Earth's oceans' voice will one day
hush
Her quiet, screaming, rhythmic
rhyme.

And death,
Life's one consistent law.
That *none* may long resist
All these should be seen as a clear
gem's flaw.
For love will still does still exist.

Edward G. Bohannon

Who Are You

Who are you? I wish I knew. Who
are you?
I see you a different man at different times;
a different road with different
signs.
Sometimes a laugh, sometimes a
cry;
a reason to live and to want
sometimes to die.
The image of man, in all his glory;
unique, but then suddenly the
same old story.
Prize then punishment, happiness
then sorrow;
love today, hate tomorrow.
My will to succeed, my reason to
fall;
everything, then nothing at all!
Calmness, then a bundle of
nerves;
a smooth road then a hill with a
million curves.
You can be life but yet death, if
you want too.
Who are you? I wish I knew. Who
are you?

Millie Segreti

He's a Nice Guy, But—

At times he's unruly, and his
laugh is too loud,
He is overly confident and stands
out in a crowd.
Sometimes he's impatient and
fiery of temper,
followed by solitude, not uttering
a whimper.
He is strong, yet weak, a familiar
blend
Of human emotions, — and he is
my best friend.
He is sometimes a critic, and
lacking in tact,
Rambling aimlessly over some
unknown fact.
Often he is intolerable, more often
he is good,
compassionate and kind with a
strong sense of brotherhood.
A devoted husband and father, he
will always defend
The rights and freedoms of others
— he is my best friend.
I have seen him gently soothe the
fears from a child's face
With softly whispered words and a
fatherly embrace.
Many times I have consoled him
as he has me
In times of troubles, when the end
we couldn't see,
He is far from perfection, So much
is hidden within,
But for the best of all reasons, he
is my best friend.

Charles Dabney Jr.

Yesterday

Yesterday I said, if I had my way.
Yesterday would be a better day.
as I look back upon yesterday.
I reminisce and I wonder where
the time went?
and how the time was spent,
I see no accomplishment,
Why dwell upon a day that is no
more:
Today I'll even the score
make today worthwhile,
That I may look back
Tomorrow, with a smile on
yesterday, because I made it
pay.

Lelia Alston

The Courtiers and the Masses

They come now, courting votes
when it still seems they didn't
care.
The delegates were satisfied
that no real choice was there.

The leadership convinces
that the populace is wise,
While we just sit in awe
and fall to antiquated lies.

At four-year intervals, it happens
—
That is history;
And one will sell his soul to say
how all of us are free.

So now, the time has come again;
They promise — give their
word.
And we will follow endlessly . . .
before the truth is heard.

James Saunders

Untitled

This feeling I have is so different,
It's one that's clean and has no
regrets,
This love we share is so unique,
It's one I feel will never leave,
While most of my friends have a
special man,
I've yet to meet the one that can.

I realize our situations just aren't
the same,
I'm interested in more than a
change in name,
I lost the person, I thought really
cared,
You know the kind, loving, man
that shared,
I may have to wait another year,
To find a special man to be near.

At one time I felt like I was being
kept,
Unaware of my responsibilities, I
often wept,
Oh, but those days are far gone,
For without her — I would still be
alone,
Now I'm twice a woman and twice
as proud,
To say my special love is my child
. . . . .

donna

If I Were

If I were a mouse,
I'd love the taste of cheese.
If I were a scientist,
I'd faint at the sight of bees.
If I were a baby,
I'd cry and holler boo-hoo.
If I were a 4 year old,
I'd hate to tie my shoe.
If I were a mother,
I'd give my family love and care.
If I were a bus driver,
I'd never forget to take the fare.
If I were a pancake,
I'd always be good and hot.
If I were a corner policeman,
I'd tell the traffic to stop.
Can you guess who I want to be?
You guessed it, me!

Linette Thompson

Where Has Love Gone

Where has love gone?
Will somebody tell me please,
Lord, we have enough greed and
hate
So, MORE love is what the whole
world needs.
You can find evil on any corner of
"walk" and "don't walk"
You can find violence up every
street,
But, you have to look so long and
hard
To find love from the people you
meet.
Where has respect for the old
folks gone?
And the care we had for one
another,
Everyone reaching out a hand
To help a less fortunate brother.
Hungry people are dying and
sleeping on the ground
But no one seems to care,
What will your answer be
When Jesus asks, "You had
aplenty, why didn't you
share?"
Getting back to basics
Is what you hear so much of these
days,
But the conditions of the world is
telling us
We should be getting back to our
loving ways.
Those old folks back home meant
that thing

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Health Line

Pampers Linked To Diaper Rash

Disposable, plasticized diapers, particularly Pampers, are a major factor causing diaper rash in small infants, according to a preliminaty study conducted by Dr. Fred Wiener of McGill University in Montreal.

What makes Pampers responsible? They seem to work too well. Diaper rash is produced by continuous contact with wet diapers and the moist heat retained in an airtight covering. Pampers are the snuggest, most air—and watertight of all the brands of disposable diapers. That's why Pampers are so popular and easy to use. However, they don't absorb moisture the way the old-fashioned cloth diapers do. They also don't allow air to circulate and cool the skin.

In Dr. Wiener's study of 146 one-month-old babies, the majority of infants wearing Pampers suffered from diaper rash. The Pampers-babies also accounted for 10 out of 12 of the most severe rashes. Babies wearing cloth diapers with rubber pants—which are also watertight—also had a high incidence of diaper rash, though not as high as the Pampers-babies.

In contrast, very few babies wearing cloth diapers alone suffered from rashes. Dr. Wiener did not single out other brands of disposable diapers because few babies in the study wore them and the diapers varied so much in fit and watertightness.

Dr. Wiener, an Associate Professor of Pediatrics, believes that consumer organizations have been too lax in endorsing disposable diapers. On the basis of his own preliminary study, he suggests that disposable diapers are most appropriate for traveling and other short-term uses. If an infant develops a rash while wearing disposable diapers, parents should switch the child to cloth diapers.

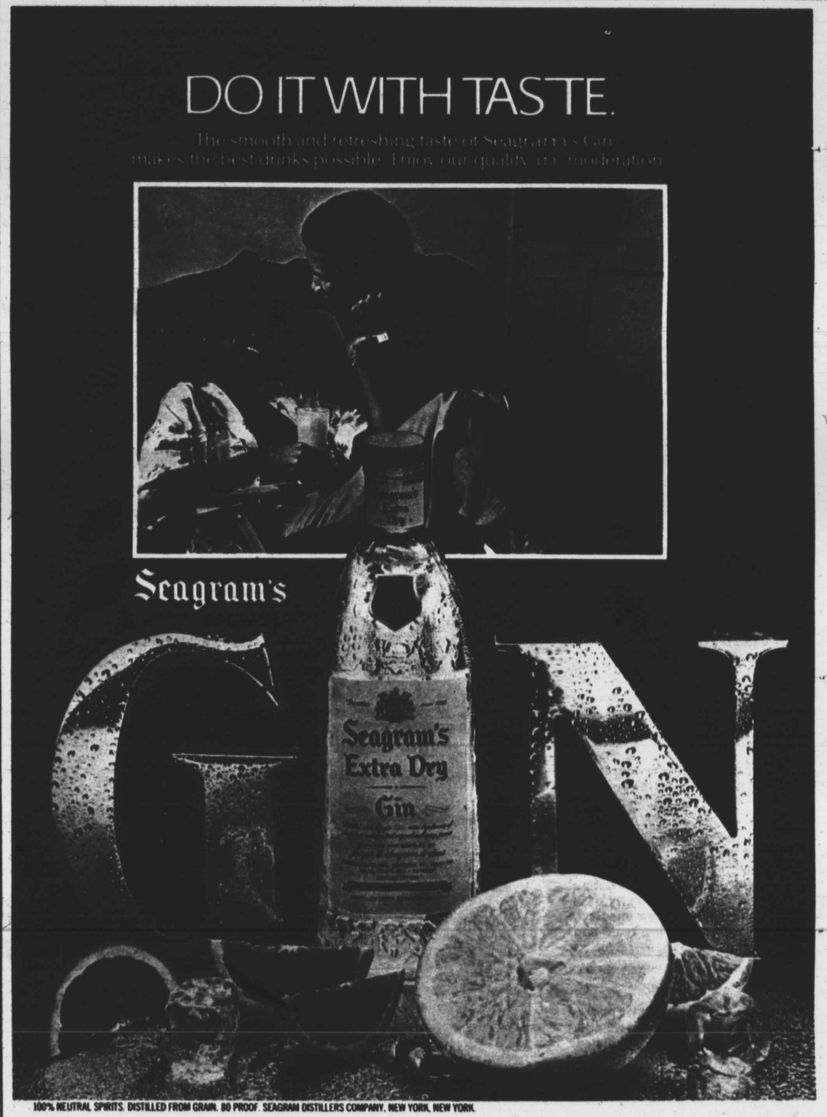
CB Means Help Is Near

Emphasizing the important highway safety role that citizen band radios can play, the U.S. Department of Transportation has a program that communities can use to train CB owners to report roadway emergencies.

The department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration developed the model training course as part of its National Emergency Aid Radio Program (NEAR). The course provides a complete guide for teaching volunteers and public safety personnel how to use their CB radios effectively to report accidents, breakdowns and other emergency situations where help is needed.

Participants are organized into CB monitoring networks which operate 24 hours a day. Each operator covers an assigned area, listening for calls on CB channel 9, the channel set aside for motorist aid services.

"CB radio is the only practical means of monitoring virtually every mile of highway in the country," Claybrook noted. "The NEAR slogan, 'Help is NEAR,' is a constant reminder that CB operators are a vital link between citizens who need help and those who can provide the help."



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