

History Repeats

by Douglas "Wookie" Marcks

They say learn from history
So it doesn't repeat
Especially the mistakes of the past
But do we ever truly listen

The United States is supposed to be
A republic, a democracy, but are we?
We just read a poem that could have been
Rome in the time of Caesar
Or England during Queen Victoria and Elizabeth I
Or now, right here in the United States
All three of those times were known as empires

Today we are in the middle of the American empire
And all of these previous ones fell
So I ask this, when is ours going to fall
And will it be from outside a third world war
Or will it be from inside a second revolution
A class revolt, the 99 percent, poor and middle class
Against the 1 percent of power brokers, the rich

I just know something is going to happen

No Title

by Ron Sanford

America means nothing to me
Making the world safe for democracy?
I see ideologues, empty shells on TV
Mods and yuppies stuck on themselves
Dressed with symbols of easy wealth
I see hoarders and godless drones.

Actors, athletes, mean maggots, oh my!
Was the Industrial Revolution so good?
Is the unemployment rate so low? Sure. Right.
Then why don't we take care of more of our own?
Perhaps because we're slaves to machines?
Or shipped all those jobs overseas?

I have to laugh when I walk outside. I see drugs and crime,
People carrying all that they own
Not LOL (laugh inside)
Some deserve it but the ones that don't make me want to cry
The contrast of rich and poor should make me puke but I'm used
To seeing it every fricking day, so I keep my feelings deep inside

Letter to Self

by Aileen McPherson

Dear Child,
You are only five, the world seems cold
but I know you are bold, and will accomplish
great goals.

While age is grace, at sixteen I know there's
much to face

Loves, losses, the mysteries of knowledge,
finding oneself is a challenge in itself.

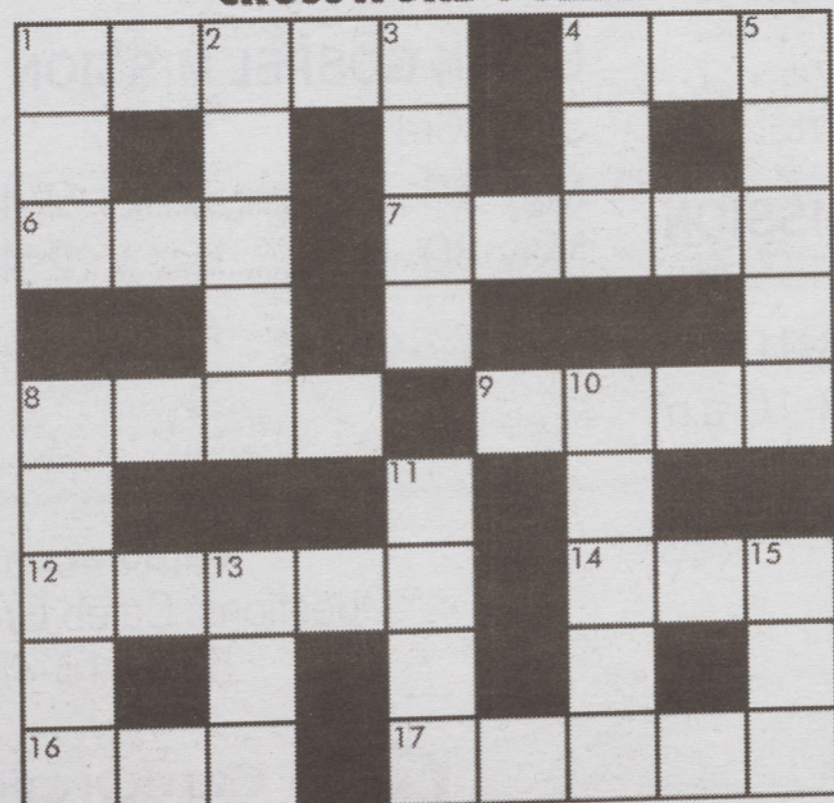
At forty-two it's amazing what you've been
through, ups and downs,

Travels all around, a life described with
artistic lines,

While words flow as rivers to the ocean go.

Though you've lived through fears that
discouraged, it was your strength and resolve
that got you here, and I know my friend that
your smile and love will sustain you till the end.

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ACROSS

1. Fermentation agent
4. Have a bite
6. Tree fluid
7. Cake ingredient
8. Three-ply cookie
9. Hook's henchman
12. Ground grain
14. The gift of ___
16. Tease or ridicule
17. Francis or Kevin?

DOWN

1. Affirmative!
2. Type of fritter
3. Analyze or try
4. Cake ingredient
5. Tres
8. Deal
10. Potter's practice
11. Nosh!
13. Late rapper; abbr.
15. ___ appetit



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