

Little Children
 In the world
 where toys are words
 and play
 is language
 little children
 are wise, old,
 grace filled
 angel-sages
 with wide-open,
 generous minds
 that are as wholehearted,
 far, and deep
 as the ocean
 (with its heaps
 and oodles
 of water)

On Earth
 whose steady
 presence
 is love feeling itself
 so that we may all
 be possible
 for one another.

My mother and father
 were giving parts of themselves
 to each other for eternal care
 when my soul was alerted
 of the possible creation of space
 for another person on Earth,
 which eventually led up
 to my being able to come
 and have life in this world, again.

Light
 There is something
 that has lassoed itself
 around my mind
 like the loop-trapped neck
 of a calf kept grounded
 by a good rope horse.
 It came from a recent conversation
 with a friend of mine
 who I was telling of how,
 after having been turned back around,
 to face the light,
 I saw that my fears were so tall
 because I'd been starting
 at their shadows.

Well, She said, keep laying
 the fears down then...
 and thanking them
 for delivering you to you.

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**From the Sermon Preached
 at Their Wedding**
 The light of God
 is people in love.

Smile, You're Beautiful

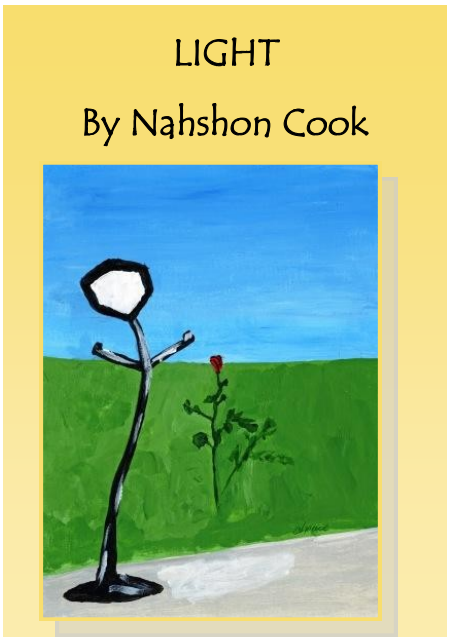
I was coming home
 from the Starz Film Center
 down Speer Boulevard
 yesterday evening,
 when I drove by a traffic light pole
 where there was a barefoot,
 young-looking guy
 dressed in a pair
 of grey, washed out,
 unironed chinos
 and a red, thin cotton,
 sweaty armpit stained T-shirt
 who was standing on the corner
 like a beggar with a cardboard sign
 that had "Smile, you're beautiful!"
 written on it in big black
 permanent marker letters
 for everyone (slowly inching by him
 in the rush hour gridlock) to see.

Dear reader,

These poems are my offerings of
 gratitude for the healing power of love,
 and I hope (with my whole heart)
 that you enjoy them.

Peace and a smile, beautiful people,

Nahshon Cook



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