

20240421.1

PCK

His life was not tintinnabulation

But this was among his favorite words

His life was solitary sadness
and public jocularity

He killed himself slowly
with food and smoke

I love him
He is a large part my life and my soul

I have learned from him

My laments
and my joys
will all be public

no shadows
no unrequited love
no guilt

Because of this
I work happy
and sleep happy

20240421.2

PCK

You are an amazing woman
a beautiful soul
a brilliant mind
a driven passion
a fantastic lover
a natural beauty

I am lucky to hold you
to spend days with you
to share company

I dig you

20240420

PCK

Saturday

April

20

Sunblock

and

Bug spray

All day

in the sun

building a cabin

Bliss

20240419.1

PCK

Friends

Lovers

Explorers

Partners

In Love

FLEPI

20240419.2

PCK

God created Earth
on day three

Jesus rose from the grave
on day three

We walked
on day three

We held hands
and talked for two hours

We chose love
on day three

20240418

PCK

Waves crashing

Mind lashing

All the thoughts of you

Lost in the street

Thinking of you

20240415

PCK

I don't want this to be my space
but it is

Unsettled
pushing chest-first
through feelings
rolling thoughts
like hammers on sheet metal
knowing no woman wants a man
that struggles
inside

Every woman wants
Success
Strength
Confidence
Humor

And I've got that

But I've got the heavy shit too
and I can't pretend it away
I can't deny
or hide
my voice
myself

To hell with the woman that wants
just the best parts of me
and retreats
from the human parts of me

20240414.1

PCK

Love is
Showers
and Kisses
and Goodbye

20240414.2

PCK

The Spirits
that follow you
have departed

The empty
is complete

The story
ends

The vacuum
restores

The next story
queues up

The chess board
resets

a giant pause
to know God

to know
myself

20240414.3

PCK

Love may be
knowing when to be alone

Knowing the beauty in life
is there for the still of heart

Knowing the Spirit walks closest
when we walk alone

Love may be
a single cluster of atoms

In a Universe of atoms

20240414.4

PCK

Goodbye

Again

Goodbye

20240414.5

PCK

I love you

Every one of you

There's still spots
in my heart with
fear
resentment
anger

I'm not whole

I'm working on it

I love you all

20240413
PCK

The moment I was born
light departed
one septillion stars

Swaddled and cradled
when light from the Sun
reached the hospital roof
eight minutes later

Silver cap guns
pleather vest
tin badge
cowboy hat
playing in the Millcreek yard
light from Proxima Centauri
reaches my four-year-old cheeks

Procyon's light arrived
the evening I first held
my naked lover

Gliese 581's light dimly shone
the night we parted

Chara appeared
during college graduation

Earendel followed me
across the Pennsylvania farmlands

Gamma Pavonis twinkled
on the mother of my children
Wolf 1069
GJ 436
AT Microscopii
Arcturus
arrived with my children
as they were swaddled and cradled

Alhaid
saw the ending of the family

WISE 0323-6025
26 Draonis
OU Geminorum
Alpha Cephei
31 Aquilae
51 Pegasi
Chi Herculis
HR 3138
Alpha Circini

Bring me to now
My life is a star
Whose light I have not seen

20240407
PCK

Make a hole in my heart
enter, love, stay

Grow with the daylight
Grow in the nightlight
Grow every loving word
Grow every passionate kiss
Grow every tender touch
Grow every whisper
Grow every smile

Grow your place
in my heart

I beg you stay
fear the day
you go away

If that day comes
take the part
of my heart
that you earned
over the years

Take your due
your part
take with you
when we depart

In my heart
a hole
for you

A hole never to be filled
A hole reserved for you
A hole of mine
A hole for only you
A place in my heart
only for you
A hole where you were

All the Hellos
all the Goodbyes
all the people
coming and going
over a lifetime

Every Love
left
or lost
or taken
every departure
a new hole
in my heart

A new vacancy
never, ever filled
never satisfied by anything
or anyone

At the end of a life
a heart like swiss cheese
holes, and holes, and holes
for every Love had
and every Love lost

A life well lived
a heart filled
with holes

20240405

PCK

I know

But does she know

It all hinges on

Shared vision

Shared pathways

Shared spirits

If she doesn't know

then enjoy the summer wine

enjoy the afternoon delights

enjoy the satiated embrace

Before she turns her gaze

20240401.1

PCK

I need to be okay with now and only now

No future

No past

To be okay with a few moments

or many moments

To love the sun even if it stays in the sky only part of the day

It's hard to imagine that which we cherish may be temporary

when in truth

it is all temporary

I will cherish you now

20240401.2

PCK

Look at your Lover
Then look away
Do not stare at the sun
Do not fly with wax wings
too high
too long
Cover your skin
save for the parts already well tanned
Look at your Lover
Then look away