

## Poems By Richard 11

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These poems are meant to be pondered over.  
There is a message contained in each one.  
There is a riddle to be solved.  
I hope they may contain meanings for your life.

A photograph of two whales swimming in the deep blue ocean. The whales are dark grey with white mottled patterns on their sides. They are swimming towards the right of the frame. The water is clear and blue, with some light reflecting off the surface.

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Fletcher Soul Travelers

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From The Lord God Of My Being

From the Lord god of my being,  
from the Lord god of my soul,  
I am freeing myself,  
freeing myself,  
freeing myself

Don't take life so seriously.

Don't take life so seriously because you will never get out of it alive.

God Is Love. Love Is God.

God is Love. Love is God.

## War Is Worse Than Any Four Letter Word

War is worse than any four letter word.  
We think we are so smart yet we kill our young.  
Let put our politicians in a ring.  
I am right and you are wrong.  
We are both talking about the same thing.  
Yet for centuries we go on.  
War is a dangerous thing.  
Are we truly smart?  
At least a forest fire, in the end, creates flowers.  
While man guns create a cemetery.  
We think we are so smart.  
Let's put an end to war and concentrate on the real issues.  
Because your life is not in order you want the world to be in chaos.

Where Were You Before You Were Born?

Where were you before you were born?

## The Wise Man Just Simply Smiles

The wise man just simply smiles.

He has nothing to prove.

He is absorbed with his creator.

The ignorant man will do battle while the wise man will listen to what you  
have to say.

The wise man will share his joy while the ignorant man wants to feel  
superior.

The wise man may or may not be book earned but his knowledge comes  
from further than the sun.

The ignorant man will quote and say your dumb

The wise man loves this life while the ignorant man judges his fellow man to  
create a self-worth.

The wise man loves the brotherhood of man while the ignorant man just  
can't see.

The Sun Is Always Shinning We Just Fall Asleep

The sun is always shining we just fall asleep

There's No Gravity The World Sucks

There's no gravity the world sucks

## The Wise Man Knows He Doesn't Have All The Answers

The wise man knows he doesn't have all the answers.

Yet the ignorant thinks he is truly wise.

The ignorant man never has a true thought of his own.

What he has been told is the way to salvation.

The wise man is silent while the ignorant man tries to force his convictions  
down your throat.

What Is The Sound Of One Hand Clapping?

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## Power Of Life

There is a power of life that is keeping the whole universe alive.  
Man was built in the image of his creator.  
What is the purpose of this life?  
Only man can answer.  
The innocent shall inherit the earth.  
The proud will think that they know all the answers while the meek shall  
discover.  
The riddle of life is waiting to be solved.

Life Is The Ultimate Wave.

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If Thy Eye Be Single Thy Body Shall Be Filled With Light

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## We Come Into This World Thinking This Is Our Home

We come into this world thinking this is our home.  
But where did you live before you were born and where will you go when  
you leave this planet.  
This life can be either heaven or hell.  
What do you want?  
Let's all join hands and change this world.  
Change our hearts and thereby change this land.

The Miracle Of Life Lies Inside

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Happiness Is A State Of Mind

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God is truth

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Truth is God.

What Is A Mango In Less Than A Word?

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## As A Man Of Forty

As a man of forty does our child still exist.  
Have you forgotten the innocence and the childlike nature of this life.  
Have we become so bored and preoccupied that we have lost the beauty of  
life.  
In the midst of our business negotiations have we ever stopped and said  
"WOW I'm alive"  
We go on in our petty life with so much detail.  
We place such an importance on getting the deal together.  
We have lost all morals.  
Cheat and lie our way to the top.  
Money is God for the people.  
How would our forefathers react if they saw how we lived.  
They would probably cry and pray.  
We had such hopes in our youth.  
The dream will never die but we will.  
We promised our generation we would never be like our parents but look at  
ourselves in the mirror.  
Have we become more clearer.  
We are stuck in our ways and have forgotten our dreams.  
Let wake up. We can make the change.  
Change can come from our generation.  
Pay your bills and also know why we are alive.  
We have already slept in. Now is the time to wake up and change our life.

Meditation Leads To A New Awakening

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Love Is The Power Which Keeps The Whole Universe Alive

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Freedom Is A State Of Mind

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Only The Meek Shall Inherit The Earth

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If Our Mind Is Like A Computer How Do We Program Life?

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## Expectations

We have our expectations and when they don't deliver we can't believe.  
Purely only the child at heart will see.  
He has nothing to prove.

What Is The Purpose Of Life?

What is the purpose of life?

## Life Is A Garland Tying Man Together

Life is a garland tying man together.  
We use the string and create such a tangle.  
We say this is my string and we pull from different angles.  
This is mine or I'm right and you are wrong.  
What is the matter?  
Are we smart when there is simply one string and we create such a mess?  
Each of us has to untangle ourselves from the mess we have created.  
Then and only then will man really become free.  
Then we will see that the needle of life cause no pain but man in his own  
ignorance creates the pain.

Who Were You Before Your Grandfather Was Born?

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If A Person Is Fanatical He Can't See The Forest From The Trees

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Just One Breath Is A Miracle

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## We Say We Are Intelligent But Are We?

We say we are intelligent but are we?  
We are babysitters of the creatures of this world yet we treat them with no respect.

We would be sued in the court of our father with our neglect.  
We talk about criminals but what is the worst crime destroying this planet.

Where will our resources be when there are no trees.

Hungry we will be. Orphans upon this land.

Man has the capability to be true custodians of this land.

Let's open up our hearts before its too late.

## Man Vision Of Paradise

Man vision of paradise is Kmart on the parking lot.  
We buy buy buy hoping that some day we will be complete.  
How can we own land when this earth is such a blessed place.  
God does not collect rent.  
If he does we would have been driven from our homes a long time ago.  
We come and conquer and we think we are so smart.  
We have sent man to the moon so thereby we have all of the answers.  
Yet our life is still incomplete.  
We are so arrogant that the answer can be staring us in the face but we  
refuse to listen.  
Even if God himself would come we would ridicule him.  
How much money do you have dear God?

## Western Man Says I Know All Of The Answers

The Western man says I know all of the answers.  
Hold your breath for 10 minutes and then tell me what is keeping you alive.

The Kingdom Of Heaven Is Within

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## In Our Search For Life, We Make It So Complicated

In our search for life, we make it so complicated.  
We work our life away thinking that money will buy happiness.  
Empty trinkets of life.  
We are so busy that we neglect our very own children.  
And yet when we realize the fact time has slept away.  
Empty trinkets of life.  
We own a nice house and an outrageous car.  
But does harmony or chaos exist !  
We have time for pondering one day a week.  
We put in our five bucks for an offering but do we ever think.  
If Christ would come back would we do the same act as before?  
Years later we hoped that in the next go around we would learn from our  
mistakes.  
Are we so caught up in our daily routine that we miss out in the miracle of  
this life?  
Has the secret been shown to us and we threw the diamond on the ground.  
We say to ourselves a real diamond would never be given like that.  
In the end, we come and we go but do we truly know the beauty of this life.  
Life is precious known why you are alive.

## A Man May Be The Ruler Of This World

A man may be the ruler of this world and may conquer all of the lands.  
He may be rich beyond belief.  
Yet a man who has no material riches but knows the secret of the universe is  
truly the rich man.

## The Modern Day Man Looks For God On The Moon And Beyond

The modern day man looks for God on the moon and beyond.  
He studied the molecular structure of nature.  
Through his telescope, he looks for him in all reaches of the universe.  
He sends out satellites to search for the unknown.  
Yet he doesn't find the answers he is looking for.  
The wise man looks into his heart and finds the hidden treasure.  
He finds his way home.

## Magic Is All Around Just Waiting To Be Seen

Magic is all around just waiting to be seen.

In the midst of our pride, we can not see.

We think we know all of the answers so we don't even pray.

Man is lost but he thinks he is found.

Man is drowning in this world but he says I'm all right.

Well, this cycle goes on forever.

Well, man eventually be set free.

Only man can decide.

Where Did Yesterday Go?

Where did yesterday go?

He Who Says Doesn't Know.

He who says doesn't know.  
He who knows doesn't say.

## How Can A Fish Drown In Water?

How can a fish drown in water?

How can man choke own his own words?

How can pride and ego bring a country to the brink of war?

How can the loss of innocence take away the child inside?

How can man pretend to be so smart when he is sawing off his own limbs.

It's A Wise Man Who Can See The Forest From The Trees

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## The Tao That Can Be Told Is Not The Eternal Tao

The Tao that can be told is not the eternal Tao.  
The name that can be named is not the eternal name.  
The nameless is the beginning of heaven and earth.  
The named is the mother of ten thousand things.  
Ever desireless, one can see the mystery.  
Ever desiring, one can see the manifestations.  
These two spring from the same source but differ in name;  
This appears as darkness.  
Darkness within darkness.  
The gate to all mystery.

## There Is A Guest Inside Of Us All

There is a guest inside of us all.

This guest dwells also inside of a small seed.

Whole planets and universes dwell inside, just waiting to be seen

The guest is always beckoning us to discover the true gift inside.

Let's stop and listen and find out the reason why we are alive.

## Man Climbs The Stairway Of Life And Gets Very Frustrated

Man climbs the stairway of life and gets very frustrated.  
He looks for satisfactions but never quite finds it.  
Man is tired but can't find sleep.  
Alone at night, he prays for answers.  
There is an elevator within that man can take.  
It doesn't stop until man reaches his true home.  
Stop and enjoy the ride.  
The whole universe is spinning right between your eyes.  
The secret of life lies within.  
The mystery of this riddle lies in your heart.  
Be like a child and discover your youth.  
Your true father and mother are keeping you alive.  
Relax and enjoy the sweetness of breath.

## In The Darkness Comes Forth The Seed Of Life

In the darkness comes forth the seed of life.

Light eternal.

Man's fights between good and evil.

Silent is the night.

Eternity lies in the eye of the beholder.

The wise man speaks no words but  
speaks from his heart.

He who know eternity will find his true self.

If You Had Only One Wish What Would You Ask For?

If you had only one wish what would you ask for?

A million dollars or the secret of life.

Your million dollars will someday go away.

The secret of life will show you eternity.

The past and future will vanish and you will be life itself.

Smiling for eternity.

## Where Is Your True Home?

Where is your true home?  
Before you were born where did you sleep?  
After you leave this world where will you go?  
Life is a mystery.  
The wise man has said your home is eternal.  
It is the foundation of life.  
To solve this mystery close your eyes.

## Man Thinks That His Conscious Only Exists In His Brain

Man thinks that his conscious only exists in his brain.

He has created himself distant from life itself.

According to Einstein  $E=MC^2$ .

Show me then where consciousness does not exist.

Inside of a flower or a car.

The whole universe is alive.

Man just thinks he is alone.

What Are Your Goals In Life?

What are your goals in life?  
But first, tell me what is life?

Dreams Are Gentle Reminders To Come Back Home

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## We Breath Such A Sweetness Of Life

We breath such a sweetness of life.  
It doesn't matter if we are a saint or a sinner.  
Life goes on.  
It has such compassion.  
It simply gives itself life to us.  
It doesn't judge or we would never be around to see this planet.  
Life simply is.  
Life goes on.  
Can you imagine the beauty and the ugliness it has witnessed?  
Life has probably at times cried itself to sleep.  
Only man can change its ways.  
We hold the key but in the midst of our pride, we will not open the door.  
Life goes on.  
We may have tainted breath but Life is so sweet.  
Life teaches us to be complete.  
Life the beautiful life we have.

