

# Connecting New

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Once again it is my pleasure to share a basket of short poems. If you have a favorite among these, please let me know which it is.

About

The spiritual life is more  
about how we live  
than how we pray

Bananas

Trading bites off the same banana  
my grandson and I  
I want to give him everything and more  
I want him to have everything and more  
Oh baby, I'm bananas over you!

Dense

May my prayers for others  
be like a patch of Brown Eyed Susans  
completely filling the available space  
with love and beauty

Fearless

Peaceful cows grazing  
consequences unforeseen  
living in the now

Grandchild

An ancient spirit in a fresh body,  
more lessons to learn,  
greater freedom to grow into,  
compassion and kindness to offer.  
Welcome home, precious one, with us.

## Later

A thousand poems later  
and still I am falling in love with you  
boundless, mysterious, comforting, knowing  
being with you always  
living in you always

## Mirror

The most hurtful words I ever heard  
"I have to go to work"  
I repeated countless times to those I love most.  
And to recognize this is to see the face of God.

## Needy

A carpenter's home is in need of repair.  
A counselor has relationship issues.  
A priest is lonely and addicted.  
And a mother is in need of nurture.  
We give to others what we ourselves need.  
Like God, we give to others what we ourselves need.

## One

One mystic among many  
one saint in the communion  
and that is what I'd hoped for  
to find myself  
and lose myself  
in God

## Posture

What I could clench right and just  
I blew apart as a dandelion  
with a posture of mercy

## Radiator

When I kissed his forehead  
I noticed he felt a bit warm  
and perfectly normal  
a radiator of love  
baby Abel

## Retreatful

Retreat-yearning growing,  
the only thing to do is to be,  
with God, in God, of God,  
renewed, refreshed, refocused,  
free, loving, loved,  
alive

#### Too Creative

God is simply too creative  
to limit sexual orientation  
to only one flavor

#### Truly, Truly

Let goodness come  
let goodness go  
love, freedom, beauty  
let us truly know  
we are goodness

#### What a Kick

He kicked when he saw me,  
so much that his bouncy seat bounced,  
and his smile set my heart on fire once more,  
reminds me of when Mary visited Elizabeth,  
reminds me just how blessed I am to be a grandparent.


#### Wrong

Under the sign "All are Welcome"  
it said, "No Trespassing."  
Thought church would be different.

#### Years Later

Years later what had seemed so peculiar now made perfect sense,  
that as he lay next to his wife in her final hours,  
he was talking and laughing out loud.  
Now I can see she needed to hear just once more  
what captured her heart so long ago,  
his love of life and his love of her.

Peace and Blessings,  
Clarence

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