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And Other Poems For Children and Grown-Ups



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Introduction

Dear reader,

Here is my first poetry book for children.

Well... that's how I started writing it, anyway. Somewhere along the way, it turned into something that may just as well be for adults too. So perhaps it's fairest to call it a book of poems for everyone.

Many of these poems carry more meaning than what first appears on the page. Hopefully they grow with you and, over time, quietly reveal themselves in different ways.

I had an incredible time writing this collection. I loved building these poems and weaving fantasy and imagination into them. As I mentioned, I originally set out to create a book of small stories for children, but soon the poems began to take shape instead. So I let go of the original plan and followed what felt right.

The result became a book that touches on many parts of life: from playful and silly poems to quieter, more melancholic ones, for both young and old.

The poems in this book can be read in multiple ways, and that is one of the reasons I'm most pleased with how it turned out. I hope this book can sometimes make you laugh, and at other times maybe even make you cry.

And if it does make you cry... please tell people it was the onion.

Thank you for your support.

Much love, Tom Melsen

