

John Shuck

John Shuck started college in 1963 and graduated with a BS degree in 1993 from Morningside College in Sioux City, IA. He returned to school this year as a nursing student and will graduate with a BSN in two years. He has been married for thirty years and has two grown children. He enjoys golf because he never keeps score, but the thing he enjoys best now is writing, which he came upon late in life. His favorite reading materials are Tolkein, Heller and above all Shakespeare; all masters of chaos and tragedy. Murder mysteries by Martha Grimes and Agatha Christie also rank high on his list.

By Way of Explanation

*"O, reason not the need: our basest beggars
Are in the poorest things superfluous;
Allow not nature more than nature needs,
Man's life 's as cheap as beasts:"*

King Lear

My billion-dollar golden parachute
Surely should provide a comfy landing,
For a noted demigod of my repute;
I'm a boss that passes understanding.
I've a corner office, high above the fray
Sheltered from all daily cares and stress,
An ostentatious palace of display;
How can a man on top survive with less?
Now a billion dollars buys less than before,
Son James has found that love can be in vein;
My former wives expect their checks and more,
And both my girls must have their own airplane.
 Since my efforts don't fill up my larder,
 The rest of you must work a bit harder.