



The Humbling

and other poems

Introducing the Poetry of

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+ DEDICATION +

In loving memory of
my mother, **Jeannette**,
and my father, **Robert**

*Thank you both,
and God,
for everything.*

= WELCOME =

Greetings, friend, to my debut poetry collection. I'm honored and grateful you can join me here.

Unified by the theme of humility, these poems represent various stages of a larger journey toward freedom, compassion, selflessness, understanding, wisdom, bliss, and peace.

While this collection has been arranged in seven parts, its poems can be read in any order, from cover to cover, randomly, or any other way you wish.

Wherever you begin, I hope something in these leaves gives you joy.

After my poems, I provide some optional reading material about me, some of my ideas, and poetry itself.

Thank you for reading my book.

With much appreciation and love,

Robert

== THE POEMS ==

I.

*Past vanity,
I climb to see...*

AN EXERPT FROM

THE HUMBLING

I love the world that humbled me
along my march toward 33,

a time so prime, profuse with pride,
when confidence intensified

and knowledge lead me to exalt
my educations to a fault.

In truth, I had to learn much more
than anything I read before,

experiences still to gain,
mistakes to make, the novel pain

of giving up some foolish dream
then tread the edge of self-esteem

and reckon with the emptiness,
where suppositions evanesce.

I took such pleasure in a fact,
the trivia I could extract,

my theories of the cosmic ways
among those bold, conceited days.

I'm just a student, one who sees
the paradox of Socrates,

to understand I do not know,
and yet enlighten as I go...



The Humbling and Other Poems is the
aspiring and inspired debut poetry collection
of Robert J. Tiess.

Experience over 100 memorable poems on *humility,*
love, truth, peace, time, redemption, and hope.

Includes Obsidian with Sheens of Gold, Interior Kingdom, The
Song of Walt Is Our Song, Amid the Jersey Turnpike Whales,
Love's Special Relativity, Tao, Withstanding, the Phoenix
poems, other fan favorites, and new works.

Also included: three essays, a glossary of poetry terms,
poetry reading suggestions, and more.

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