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JIM PERSON

*The Conversion of the Kingdom of Northumbria, According to The Venerable Bede,  
A History of the English Church and People*

Jarrow  
sparrow  
flies in here  
from winter  
circles hall  
amazes all  
leaves light  
for night  
out door  
what for?  
where goes?  
God knows.

*Beowulf*

Monster fight  
delight  
to hear  
with beer.  
German lore  
mostly bore.  
Later more  
blood & gore :  
Dragon sore  
feels poor  
seeks cup  
roughs up  
our guy.  
Elegy.

*Hamlet*

Bitter cold  
Horatio bold  
Great ghost!  
scares most  
poison given  
unshriven  
in ears  
son hears  
Claudius bad  
Hamlet mad!  
opening night  
cry for light  
king praying  
no slaying  
Polonius gets it  
mother frets it  
Ophelia drowns  
then the clowns  
Big Fight  
Hamlet right  
Queen drinks  
Laertes finks  
Hamlet stuck.  
No luck.

*Paradise Lost*

Satan wakes  
fiery lakes  
feels loss  
Big Boss  
mad as sin  
(huge din!)  
tells lies  
then flies  
through Chaos  
to slay us  
lands in garden

spurns pardon  
tempts Eve  
to believe  
fruit's tasty  
she's hasty  
gives to Adam  
who can't fathom  
life Eve-less  
so deceived less  
he eats  
earth retreats  
from glory.  
Great Story!

*Ode to a Nightingale*

Bird song  
too long  
wine lousy  
Keats drowsy  
all forlorn  
amid corn.  
Wake or sleep?  
Pretty deep.

*Ode to the West Wind*

Big Breeze  
blows leaves  
poet sad  
feels bad  
world dead  
bleeds red  
plays lyre  
winter nigher  
then spring.  
Good thing.

*The Prelude*

Soft wind  
blows in.  
Poet glad  
(city bad  
too dirty  
country pretty)  
takes walk  
lots of talk  
visits France  
(loses pants  
in home  
A. Vallon)  
feels power  
one hour  
no glory  
(sad story)  
sees spots  
bon mots  
memory stuff  
quite enough  
jogged loose.  
What use?  
Unkind.  
Awesome mind.