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This is his third book of poetry – his previous two books of poetry were “*Goodnight Kiss and other poems*” (1986) and “*Poems, Prayers and Promises*” (2002). His poems are compassionate and touch the soul of the readers. The poems are intended to bring new hope and belief in the busy world of today.

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Dedication

Dedicated to my wife and daughters,
Anita, Taryn and Lauren.
With all my love.

What the reviewers said

“These poems are an appeal to the soul and search for an inner truth. The poems enlighten, challenge and inspire the reader.”

Italian Translator

“This collection of 26 short, often introspective and thoughtful but always probing poems explores humanity’s relationship with the divine. Unashamedly based in Christian theology, all of the poems seek to apply that theology to life in a practical way.

Most of the poems are written in free verse, although two of the poems in the collection adopt a more traditional rhyming scheme. Stan Daneman can coin a neat turn of phrase – such as calling a rainbow a ‘heavenly hoop of hope’. He offers insights that can be both comforting and challenging, thoughtful and thought-provoking – such as likening the impressive effect of light shining through a stained glass window with our attempts to allow light to shine through our stained lives.

These poems are an appeal to the soul as much as an appeal to the intellect and they appear to represent a genuine soul-searching quest after inner truth. As such, their insights should enlighten and inspire, as well as challenge and provoke all those who want to develop the spiritual side of their lives.”

Bob Little, writer, author and broadcaster.

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Arise!

How often I had found myself in total despair?

Without direction,

Without vision,

Without drive.

Crossroads of confusion made me hesitate,

Made me tentative and unsure,

Made me back off and retreat.

Made me devoid of faith.

This state of mind is not only mine but shared by countless
souls,

All unsteady and fragile,

Looking downwards and not able to arise.

That first Easter the Dark Cloud rolled in,

Blackness threatened our very core.

The Sun was burning out.

Right at the very end of hope it all changed.

The Sun that had been set to darkness,

Awoke to the Son of God arising to newness.

Glory, hope, love and faith ran forth –

Renewing, refreshing, rekindling and reclaiming.

The crossroads of confusion gave way to the cross of clearness,

Purity and conscience.

Just as Life itself arose, so too, did I arise and unfold my
potential.

Pure vision guided drive and direction.

Sureness took me forward in faith.

Arise! Arise in the glory of God.

Arise!

Arise in the hope and love and faith.

Arise!

Arise as he was raised.

Arise! Arise! Arise!

Follow That Star

A long time ago in a far off country there shone a lonely star.
It illuminated the sky for those that would see it.
The brilliance in the sky reflected from the True Light that was
being born.
Out of the darkness Jesus shone for us.

Today in every country around the world we need that star to
shine brightly.
- To illuminate the sky for us to find our way home.
The brilliance of His Light has never changed – only we have
changed.
We are in darkness and we need Jesus to shine for us.

When we look closely at the stable scene
We cannot help but to think of the glory that came that night.
- Of the gentle true power of grace that enveloped the world.
- Of the opportunity given us to bless and love one another –
as He loved us.

We need to find our way to Bethlehem.
Just follow the Star.
Just follow the Star.