

Tessa

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Thank you for taking the time to write - I'm sorry if it seems a long wait for my response, but I've not fully adapted to the electronic age yet. 😊

I thought the blogging would be quick - but there is still the element of "snail mail" as I send my written response to "Between the Bars" who then post them - I received your comments on Friday the 2nd and it says they were posted 1 week and 2 days from the mailing of their letter to me - so by the time it's all said and done perhaps 3 weeks to a month from your "hi" to my howdy. 😊

If you would like to write directly I'll put my mailing address in here - and you can feel free to drop a line anytime.

If you're not comfortable giving yours it's cool I can always post my response on the blog site - just be patient with the lag time. I will respond to all letters.

I haven't done any tatt work lately, I would love to but they frown on that here and I'm not willing to lose my

guitar as punishment. I do still love to draw though, and whenever I'm not with my guitar I scratch something out.

I'm not much of a Bible guy, my spirituality tends to run more into my connections with the world around me. The influence I have on everything and everything has on me, for me that creates a sense of responsibility that I can't ignore and so I am conscious of everything I do and what kind of ripples I am sending into the pond of life.

My past is full of regret, many negative ripples I caused out of sheer blindness and my only true atonement is in how I live the ~~the~~ rest of my life. I can't erase the pain I've caused, but I can do my best to avoid causing more. And hopefully, whenever I'm able to I can offer comfort, guidance, or simply friendship to someone who needs them.

Flea markets? There's a place fleas can go shopping in Texas? 😊 I guess it's true everything is bigger in Texas.

And yard sales - if you buy the yard do they throw in the house too?

Hey, I just write the jokes I don't actually get paid for 'em. 😊

There's a show I watch on PBS called "Antique roadshow" that spotlights a lot of stuff people have picked up at yard sales and flea markets - it's amazing how many treasures they find.

Learning the history behind some of them is pretty cool too.

I'm not sure if they sent me your entire post - it was one paragraph that ended abruptly - but that in itself made me smile. So I thank you for the spot of sunshine. I'd love to hear from you again - any time.

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Until then keep finding ways to grin,
the enjoyment of life is really what
it's all about.

Peace
