

Poem by Ken Scott

UP LATE WITH THE FORTY NINE

UP LATE, COULDN'T SLEEP, DIDN'T EAT, STILL AWAKE,
EYES TIRED, MIND FUZZ, HALF ASLEEP, HEAD SHAKE.
BODY COLD, FEET SAME, FINGERS TIRED, WRITING PAINS,
LIGHTS BRIGHT, EYES DROOP, AIR COOL, SMALL GAINS.
CRAZY ME, WHAT FOR, UP LATE, WHO CARES
DONE ENOUGH, MAYBE SO, MAYBE NOT, MUSICAL CHAIRS.
STILL AWAKE, DIDN'T EAT, COULDN'T SLEEP, UP LATE.

UP LATE, DARK OUTSIDE, HEAR A JET, HEY-NO WAY!
CAR GOES BY, DOG'S SNORIN', CLOCK BORIN', ANOTHER DAY.
EDIT THIS, READ THAT, COGITATE, MUCH TO GAIN?
STAYIN' BUSY, STAYIN' WIRED, UP THIS LATE, AM I INSANE?
DARN IT ALL, PHONE CALL, AT THIS HOUR, NOT OKAY,
NICE QUIET, NO RIOT, SOON TO BE, A BETTER DAY.
HEY-NO WAY!, HEAR A JET, DARK OUTSIDE, UP LATE.

UP LATE, WHY I SAY, I CAN'T SLEEP, WELL OKAY,
CHIN ON HAND, EYES CLOSED, TEMP TO NOD, NO! I SAY.
TOO MUCH STUFF, TYPING FAST, KEYBOARD BLURRY, I CAN'T LAST,
GETTING TIRED, EYES CLOSED, MIND WANDERS, WHERE'S MY PAST?
OH-A DREAM, MAYBE NOT, AM I AWAKE, OR AM I NOT?
DOG STIRS, FAN WHIRS, CRICKET CHIRPING, OOPS-I'M BURPING.
WELL OKAY, I CAN'T SLEEP, WHY I SAY, UP LATE.

UP LATE, BREAK-THE-FAST, BIRDS SINGING, BRAND NEW DAY,
TIRED NOW, NEED TO REST, DO MORE LATER, S'il Vous Plaît
FUZZ RETURNS, HEAD NOT CLEAR, EYELIDS HEAVY, SUNRISE NEAR,
NEARLY FINISHED, EDIT DONE, FEW MORE LINES, HAVE NO FEAR.
BY THE WAY, EASTER HERE, THANK YOU JESUS, ETERNAL LIFE,
SUNRISE SERVICE, GLORY TO THEE, STILL UP LATE, LOVE MY WIFE.
BRAND NEW DAY, BIRDS SINGING, BREAK-THE-FAST, UP LATE.

UP LATE, SUNLIGHT SEEN, MUST BE MORNING, THIS A DREAM?
GROGGY, FOGGY, FUZZY, SLEEPY, MAKES ME DOPEY, BUT NOT MEANIE.
MORNING PAPER, DRIVEWAY AIMED, OUT TO GET IT, COOL--NO RAIN,
SLUGGISH OUT, SLUGGISH BACK, IN HAND PAPER, NEWS I GAIN.
STARTED READING, NEWS IS BLEEDING, MUCH IS BAD, WORLD IN PAIN,
THINK ON EASTER, GLORIOUS HEALING, WORLD IS REELING, YET ABSTAIN.
THIS A DREAM, MUST BE MORNING, SUNLIGHT SEEN, UP LATE.

UP LATE, HOLY WORD, MIND REFOCUSED, SIN ABSURD,
HATE AND KILLING, ALL THE WORLD, CHRIST APPEALING, SO FEW'VE HEARD.
ON THIS EASTER, SON REMINDS, GOD IS KING, A FACT INDEED,
JESUS SAVES, JESUS LIVES, SIN FORGIVEN, SO MANY IN NEED.
UP LATE, NOT SO BAD, RECALL MY MAKER, I'M HEAVENLY GLAD,
OPEN YOUR HEART, GIVE YOUR LIFE, LET CHRIST IN, AVOID THE SAD.
SIN ABSURD, MIND REFOCUSED, HOLY WORD, UP LATE.