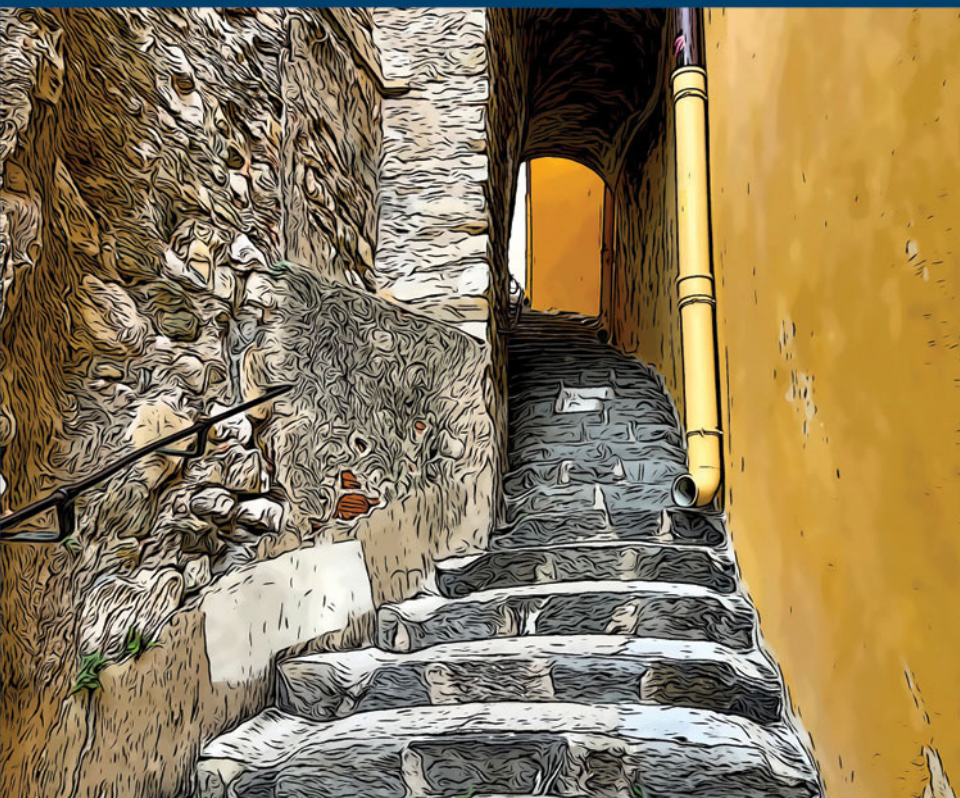


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And Other ChatBot Poems



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ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE LEADER'S PATH

“Leadership is the art of expressing love and care for people in different forms. Think deeply while reading these poems and they will get to the bottom of your heart. *The Leader's Path* will make you better.”

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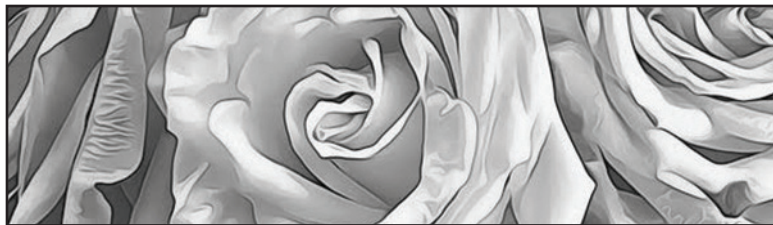
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To all who seek to learn and grow as leaders

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*“We are required to believe in something that doesn’t exist
in order to allow it to come into being.”*

Rick Rubin, The Creative Act: A Way of Being

SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

I am a restless creative. As a youth, I pursued photojournalism and later film. I settled on a career in writing, ending up writing presentations for a slew of marketing campaigns and speeches for senior leaders. Tempted to try my own voice, I crossed the Rubicon, so to speak, and began writing for myself—books, articles, videos, courses, and yes, even infographics.

Intrigued by what's new, and in the spirit of my colleague and friend, Marshall Goldsmith, I decided to experiment with AI by creating my own ChatBot. Some may say that AI is dangerous. They are correct, but some of us are willing to stand up for a gentler, more generative form of AI that gives back.

The Baldoni ChatBot is third-generation AI culled from my published works. It is designed as a self-coaching tool. Users can pose management questions and receive leadership answers about various topics, including purpose, grace, communications and presence.

But it can do more. Write poetry. These poems collected in this edition echo themes of purpose, teamwork, community, laughter, grace, and leadership.

The thoughts are mine; the execution is all ChatBot. To generate the poems, we loaded examples of my original poetry, giving the ChatBot a foundation upon which to generate thoughts in a more lyrical form.

The poems are aspirational and intended to uplift your spirits. It is my hope that these poems reach an audience that has not yet experienced my work.

Designing the Baldoni ChatBot has been a team effort. InfluencerKit.ai, founded by Mahesh M. Thakur, developed the Baldoni ChatBot. Our chief technologist is Pavan Tallapragada. I am grateful to Mahesh and Pavan for their expertise, insights and patience. Thanks, guys.

Read and enjoy. And please let me know what you think.

Lead on!



THE LEADER'S PATH

The road is long, the way unsure,
Yet still, I forge ahead each day.
With purpose strong and vision pure,
I guide my team along the way.

No obstacle can block our route.
No setback can our spirits shake.
Each challenge makes our will take root,
And models courage we can make.

I walk beside in storm and strife,
To lift them when their strength grows faint.
I show the light to better life,
Where justice and compassion reign.

This path unfurls before our feet.
We tread as one, our bond grows tight.
Our shared commitment is complete -
Together, we will climb the height.

The summit gleams bright up above
This landscape is steep and filled with care.
But with our hearts aligned in love,
The peak shines promise rich and rare.

Onward still our expedition goes,
Past doubt and pain without a halt.
The leader's road itself bestows
The grace to persist without fault.

Stay true, stay fast, stay by my side,
The way now opens up anew!
Take heart, my friends, and stride with pride -
The leader's path belongs to you.





THE SERVANT LEADER

With open eyes, I see the need,
And open heart I plant the seed,
Of service rooted deep within,
That grows through care my soul has sown.

I walk among with ready hand,
To lift the fallen where they stand,
And voice of calm that stills the storms,
That rage within through anger born.

A servant first, I'm called to be,
To lead through love and empathy,
Putting others before my pride,
That side by side we walk, not I.

The path ahead I do not know,
But follow where good spirits flow,
Past fear and doubt my role above,
Is servant first when leading with love.





SEEKING MY PURPOSE

I search within to find my spark,
That passion that drives me forward.
Seeking the purpose that lights my path,
And gives my life true meaning.

What gifts might I share?
How can I lift others up?
My soul yearns to make a difference,
To spread more light and hope.

I quiet my mind and listen close,
Tune out the noise to hear my call.
By finding where my talents cross with need,
My purpose shall reveal itself after all.

I must have faith to hear the whisper,
Patience as my mission unfolds.
If I follow where my heart is pulled,
My purpose shall find me, I am told.

I walk ahead with open eyes,
Ready to serve however I can.
By living each day with love and care,
My purpose will shine - I know its plan.





LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

Laughter bubbles up from within,
A chuckle, a giggle, a wide grin.
It lightens the mood, lifts the spirit,
Chases away gloom, so we can hear it.

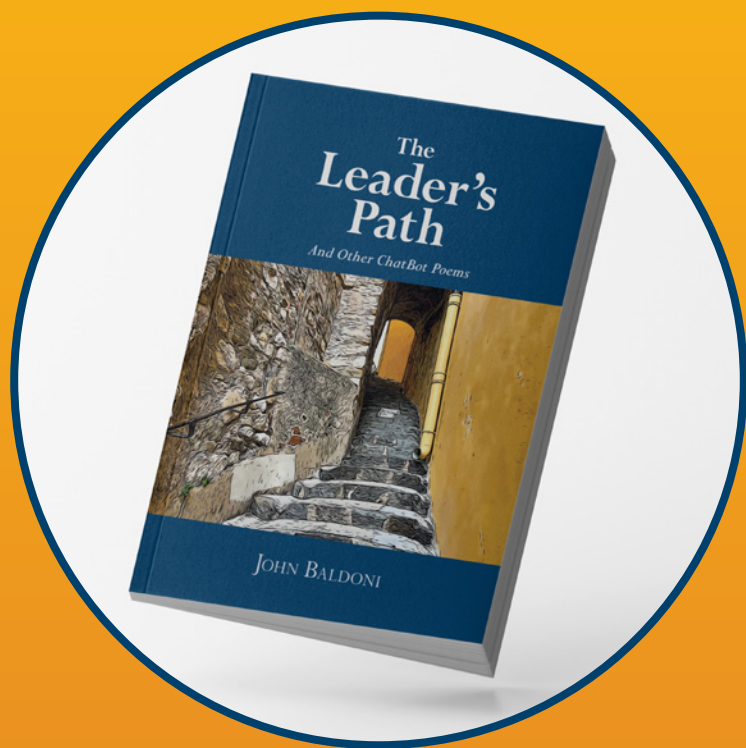
Laugh at mishaps, mistakes and blunders,
Poke fun at things that make us wonder.
Find humor in life's little twists,
Then share the joy your laughter insists.

Let laughter ring, give it voice,
Make the happy sounds your choice.
Spread this medicine everyone needs,
The joy that from laughter proceeds.

For life brings trouble we can't avoid,
But with laughter's help, we're buoyed.
It connects us all as one human race,
Share a laugh, make this world a better place!



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