

Pen of The Poet by Cain Pence

Pen of the poet, soul of the writer
Stronger than the best prize fighter

Endures long after empires crumble
Castigates the strong and uplifts the humble

Mightier than the sword, overthrows many kings
Worth more in the right hand than diamond rings

Outlives the tyrant, brings fear to dictators
Poems for lovers, treatises for haters

Homer, Shakespeare, Dickens, Twain
Describes loves, explains pain

Started a Revolution, Healed a nation
Dreamed of the moon, fires the Pioneer imagination

Wins a woman's heart, starts a Civil War
Brings news to the railroad, advertises the car

Inspires the young man, comforts the old
Aptly Tells The Greatest Story ever told

Paul used his pen to tell the world of Christ's incarnation
Jefferson used his to write a Declaration

Luther used his pen to start a Reformation
Madison used his to defend a Constitution

Marx wrote a Manifesto that inspired Communists
Lincoln wrote an address that inspired Abolitionists

The Grimm brothers gave us Little Red Riding Hood
Mao gave a billion Chinese a Little Red Book

From the capitol of nations and Roman church steeples
Expresses the whims of Pontiffs and the will of the people

Turns the tides of history and the strings of the heart
Transforms politics and religion, shapes drama and art

The writer can change history and overcome any hurdle
He who wields the pen of the poet can transform the world

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