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Here's what you do:

You take every chance to make it

Never say no to anything

If you want it

Take the minute to take that every effort

'cause chances not only come

But they go

Here's where you go

You go that extra mile wherever it takes you

You go where you must

Where only fools tread

You go that extra mile

Especially when no one's watching

You take that very first chance

To admit each and every one of your mistakes

Then still dive right off that next cliff

As if there's a water cup waiting just the way you planned

Especially when you do not believe

That that's true

Here is what I'll do

Look before leaping then leap anyway

Run till I drop but land when I fall

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Then rise from my weeping till I glow like the sun.



mikel weisser

Born in 1959, a native Texan, Mikel Weisser traveled America by thumb as a teen, married well and raised one son and did a great variety of jobs: upholsterer's apprentice, radio DJ, newspaper reporter, construction worker, industrial laundry worker, sandwich maker, ditch digger, dry cleaner, fruit packer, sailor, electrical helper, air conditioning installer, house painter, plumber, carpenter, janitor, apartment maintenance worker, freelance journalist, carnie, griller, food co-op manager, and social worker, before finally finding the jobs he most loves: junior high school teacher. Weisser has an MA from the University of Illinois at Springfield and an M Ed from Northern Arizona. He apprenticed in the robust Springfield Poetry scene for 15 years before moving to Western Arizona in 2001, publish hundreds of freelance magazine and newspaper articles and political commentary columns along with 7 books of poetry and short fiction. Weisser finally became a political writer at 30 and his column, "Current Comedy" has been running since 2004 and frequently features on OpEd News, Dissident Voice, and Daily Kos, as well on the AZ Central website and his local paper, The Kingman Daily Miner. In 2007, weisser and his wife Beth

(recent Dem party state senate candidate) founded the So-Hi Peacesign Themepark, a not actually about profit disorganization that promotes peace, the arts and activism and holds the world largest White Trash Peacesign, as recognized by the World's Largest Things, Incorporated in Lucas, KN. A tireless touring poet and performer, weisser has performed at Chicago's Green Mill and L.A.'s Beyond Baroque and organizes literary, arts, and political events throughout the northwestern corner of the state and one of the organizers/hosts of this year's 5th Annual Treetop Poetry Regional Poetry Festival. A former homeless shelter administrator, contestant on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, and survivor of his first wife's suicide, Weisser teaches middle school US History and Constitution, is a member of the NORAZ poets, a coach for the AZ Arts Commission and organizer of the annual Kingman KABAM, book festival. He and his wife Beth were married at their home in So-Hi, Arizona and live with their daughter Victoria, numerous pets and have turned their property into a theme park for "peace and love and stuff."

