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January 2007

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	New Years Day		
7	8	9	
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	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday observed		
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January 2007

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SUN DOG

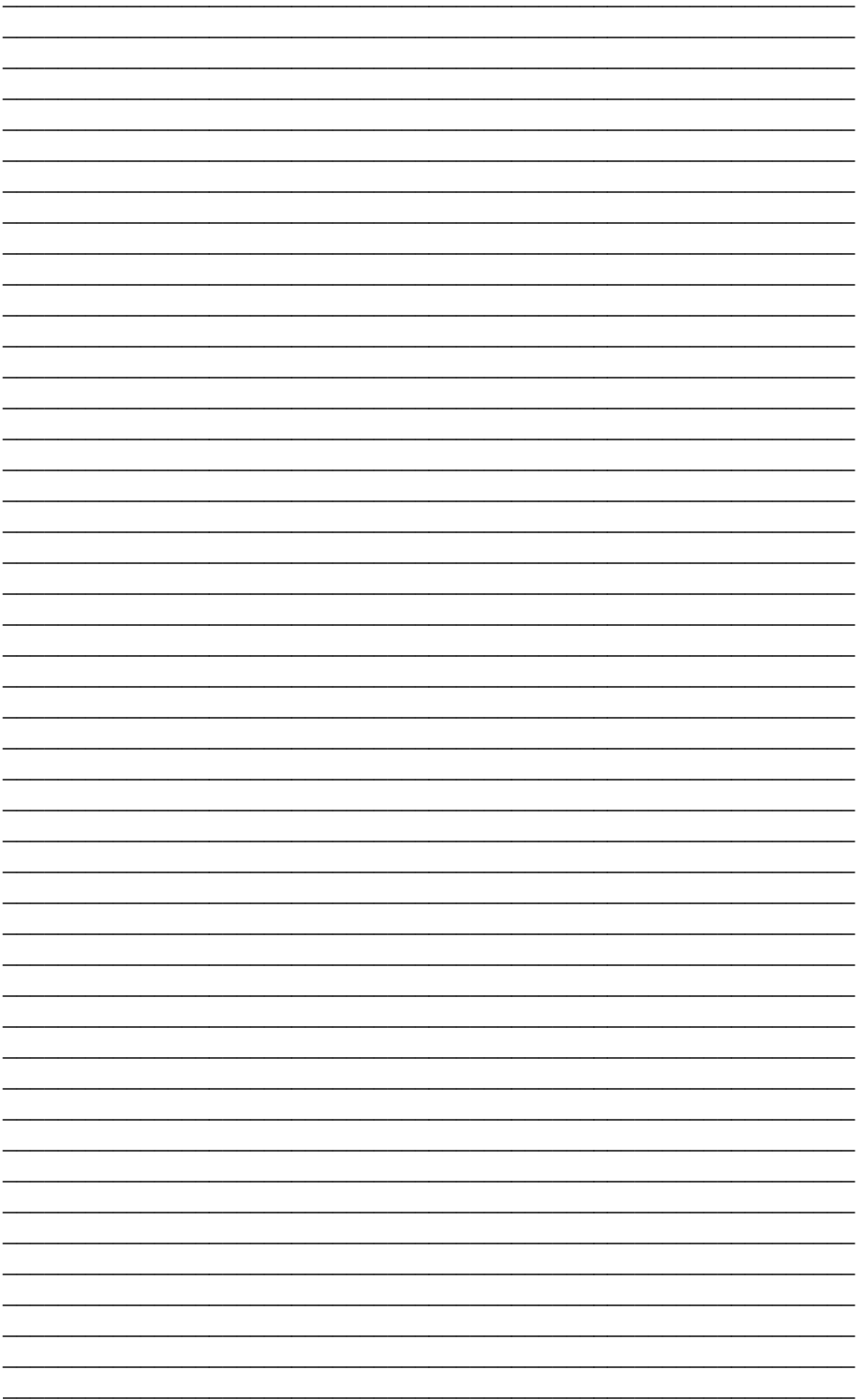
I saw
the colors of promise
in the sky,
a rainbow around the sun,
a parhelion.

There was green,
purple and bright blue,
the color palette of Noah.

Look!
A sun dog has
smiled on me.

My future in God
is multicolored bright.

Shirley A. Mandel



February 2007

4	5	6	
11	12	13	St. Valen
18	19 President's Day	20	Ash
25	26	27	

February 2007

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		Ground Hog Day	
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Valentine's Day			
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I LOVED YOU AT "HELLO"

When we met I was alone
not lonely

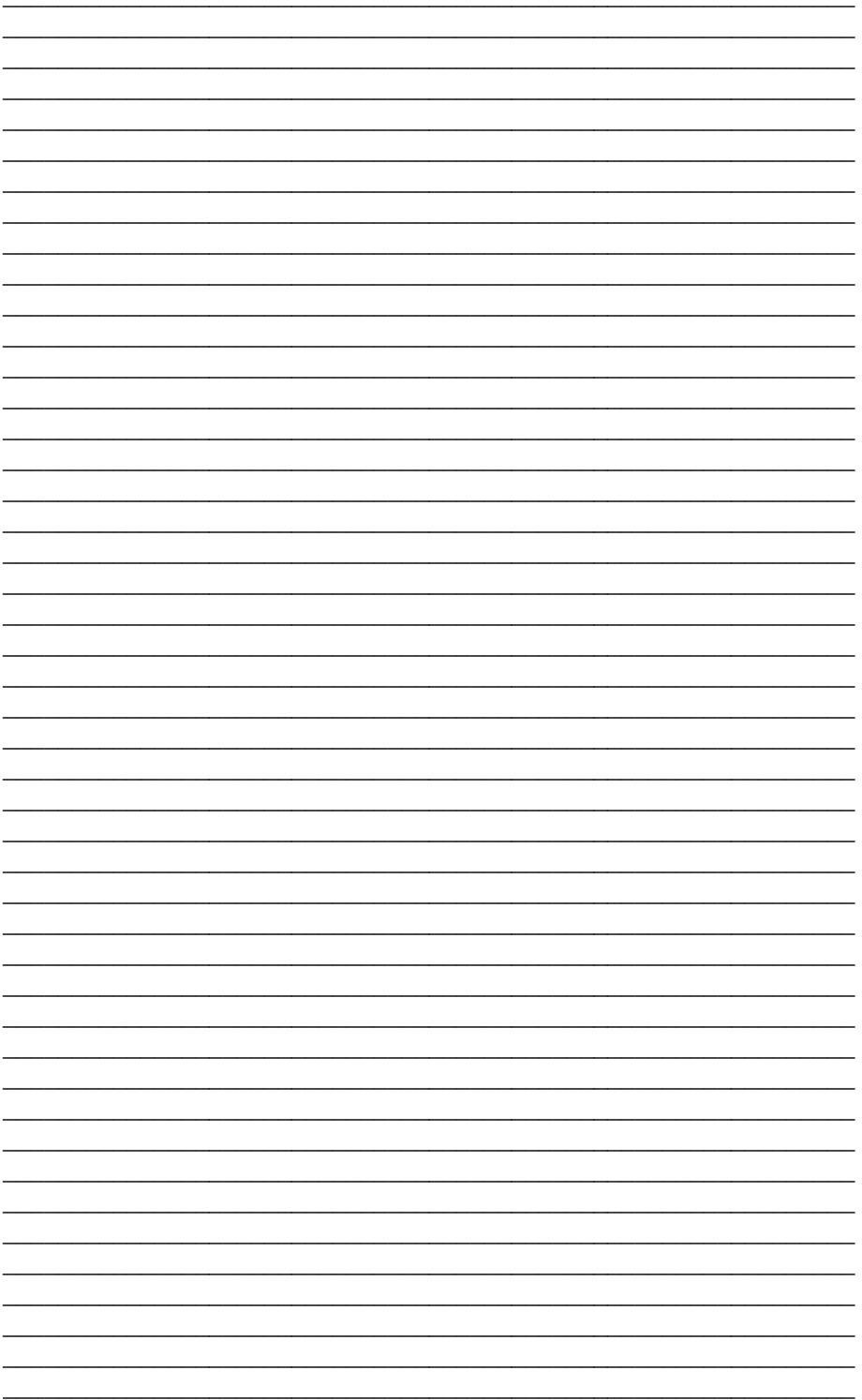
Our eyes met
then danced a flirtation dance
Yours pierced me

We chatted moments of nothingness
Slowly carefully
getting to know each other

Your kiss
was like a warm bayou breeze
You consumed me with your essence

I loved you at "Hello"

Mabel Janet Wood



March 2007

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11 Daylight Saving Time begins	12	13	
18	19	20 Spring Begins	
25	26	27	

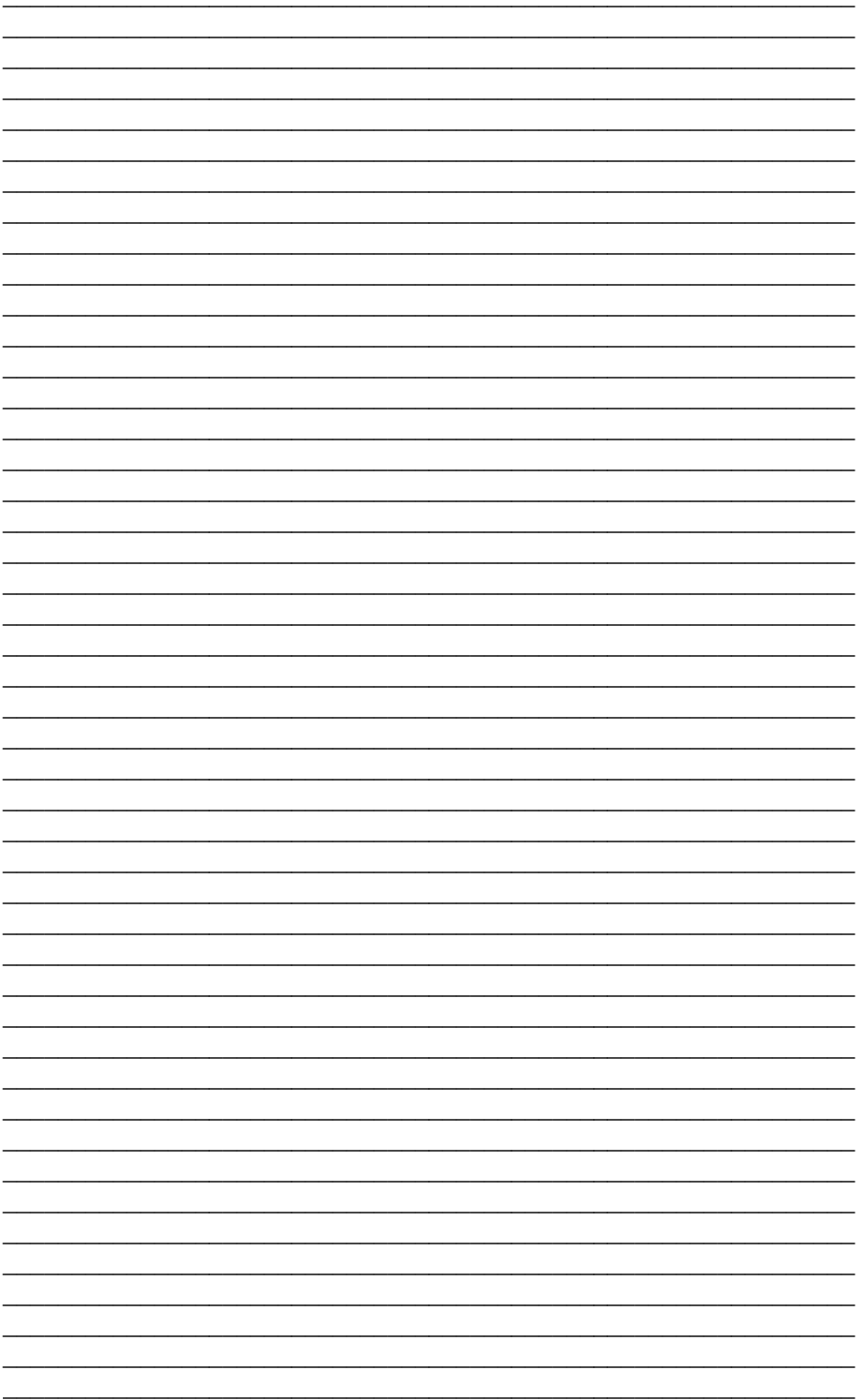
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"Spring Flows"

The Spring flows in as gently as a breeze
And livens all that cross into her path.
She stirs among the flowers, grass, and leaves
And shares with them the new life that she hath.
That which was once bound by cold Winter's grasp
Has tasted freedom-rich, abundant, bold.
Why would it e'er desire to relapse
Into the Winter's ne'er relenting hold?
Such Spring is as the precious love of Christ,
Which longs each sinner's Winter to relieve.
Because of His unselfish sacrifice,
Even the vilest sinner may receive.
So let us then be thankful for this thing
That brings our hearts into Eternal Spring.

Courtney Cissel
1st Place 2006 SACS
Poetry Writing Contest

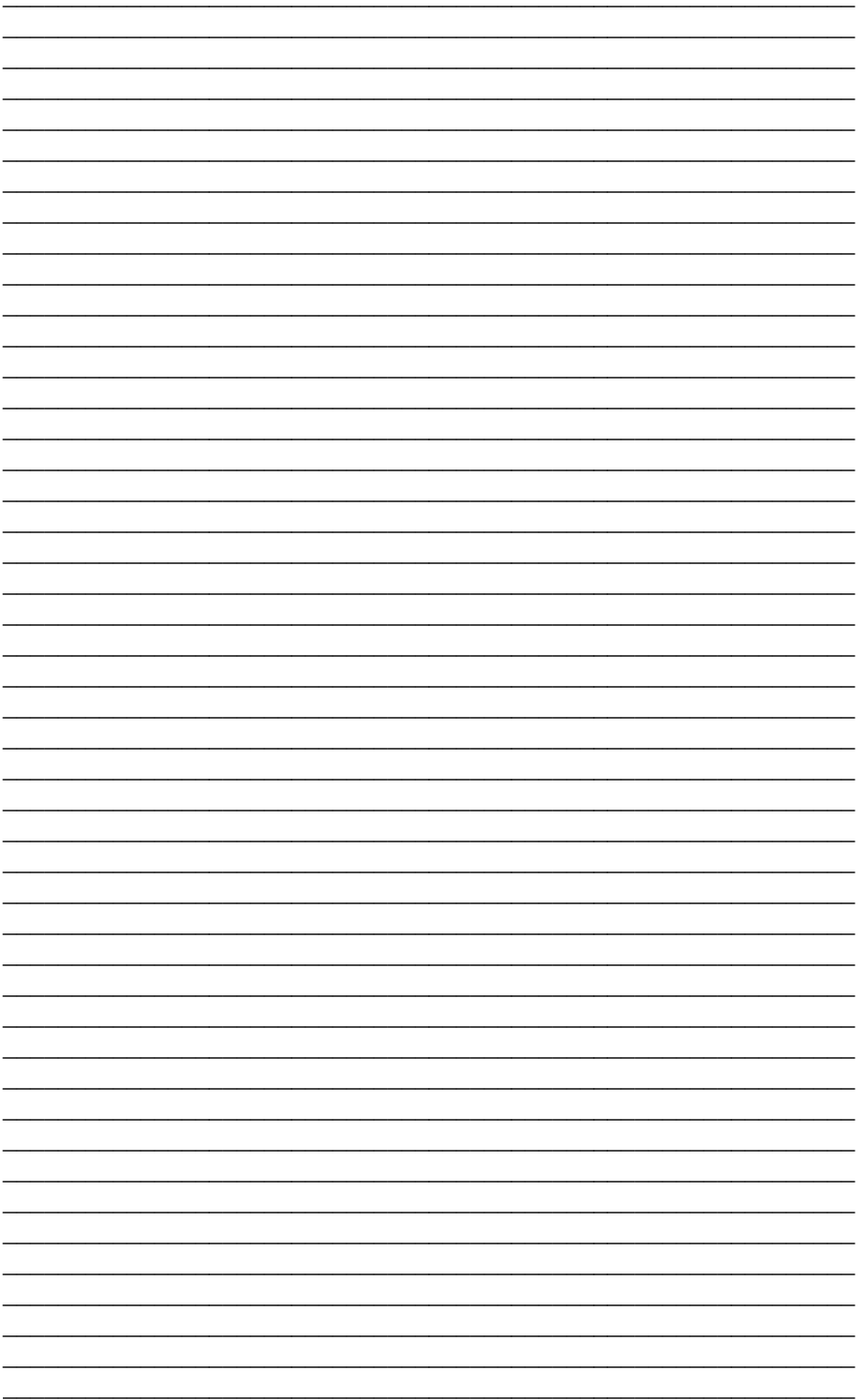


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1 Palm Sunday April Fools' Day	2	3 Passover	
8 Easter Sunday	9	10	
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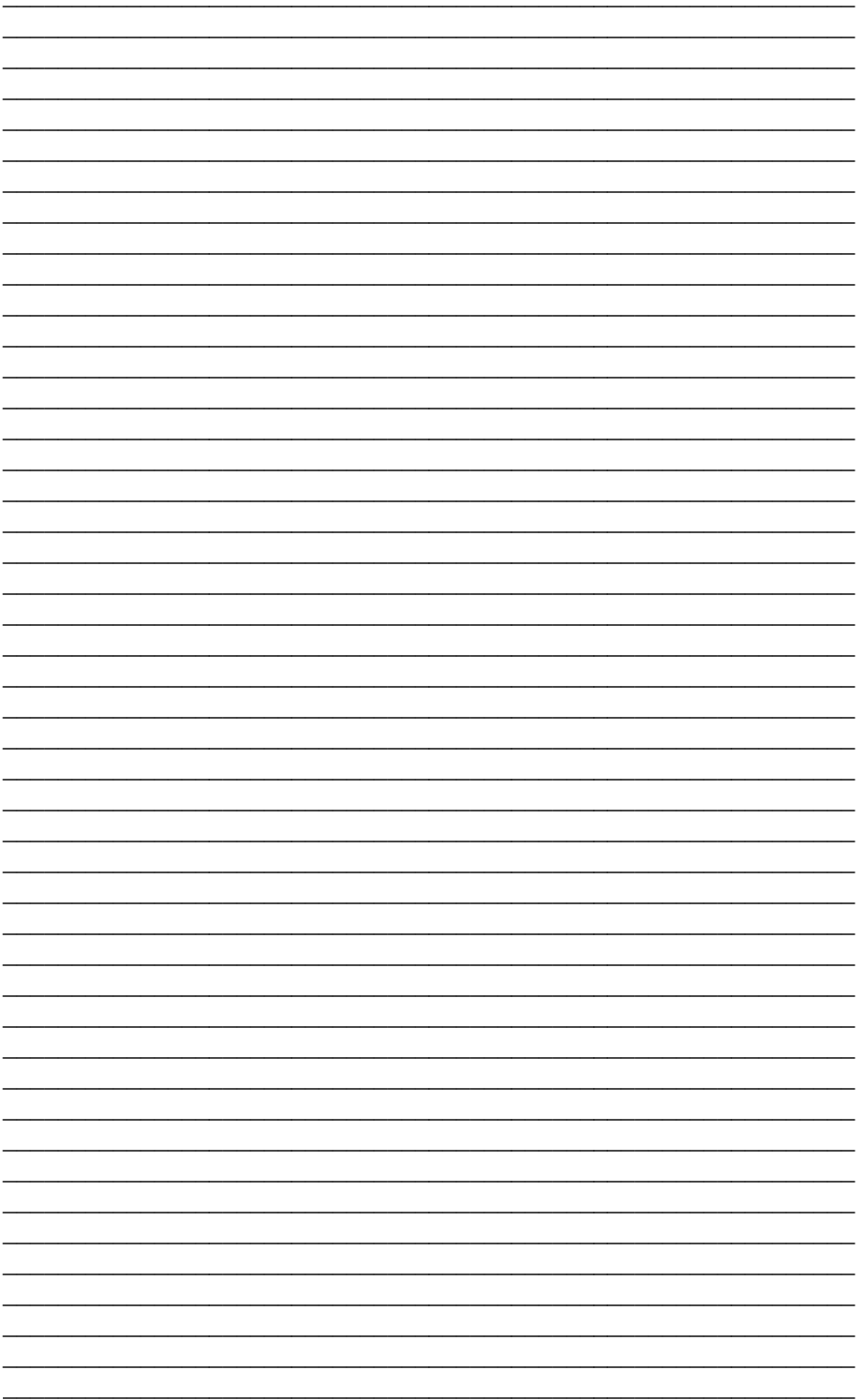


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13 Mother's Day	14	15	
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27	28 Memorial Day observed	29	

May 2007

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	National Day of Prayer		
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17 Father's Day	18	19	
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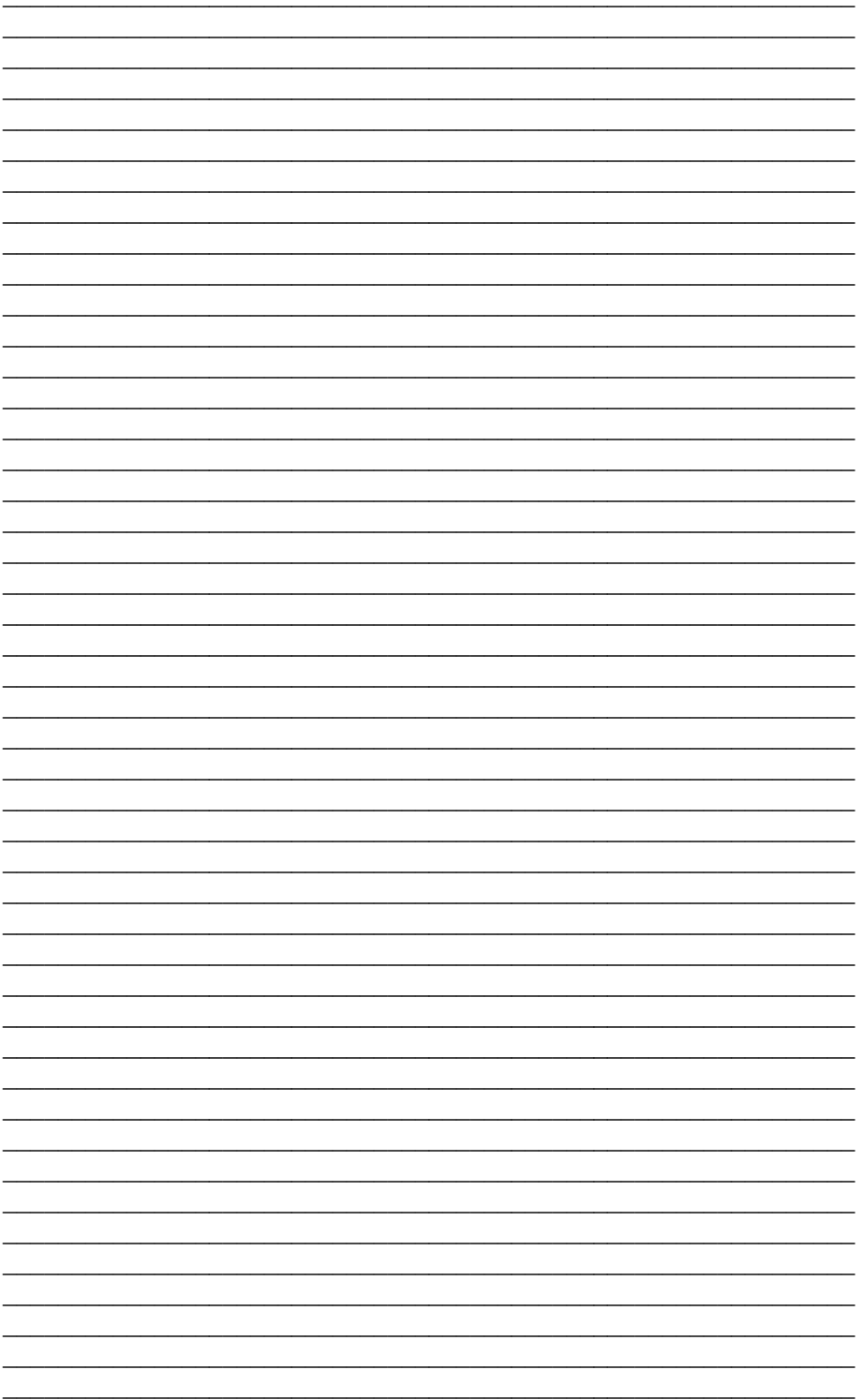
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	Flag Day		
20	21	22	23
	Summer begins		
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time's aware

automatons of leisure
upon the sands
their movements seem
natural, perfectly
fluid yet predicted
destined to acknowledge
the spectacle of sun
as it clicks toward the line
of horizontal softness, red, swollen
they turn with one
breath of anticipation
to track the ratcheting
orb as it slides below the mark of day
to plough the darkened depth of sea
a collective cry escapes
then all resume

by s.m. foran

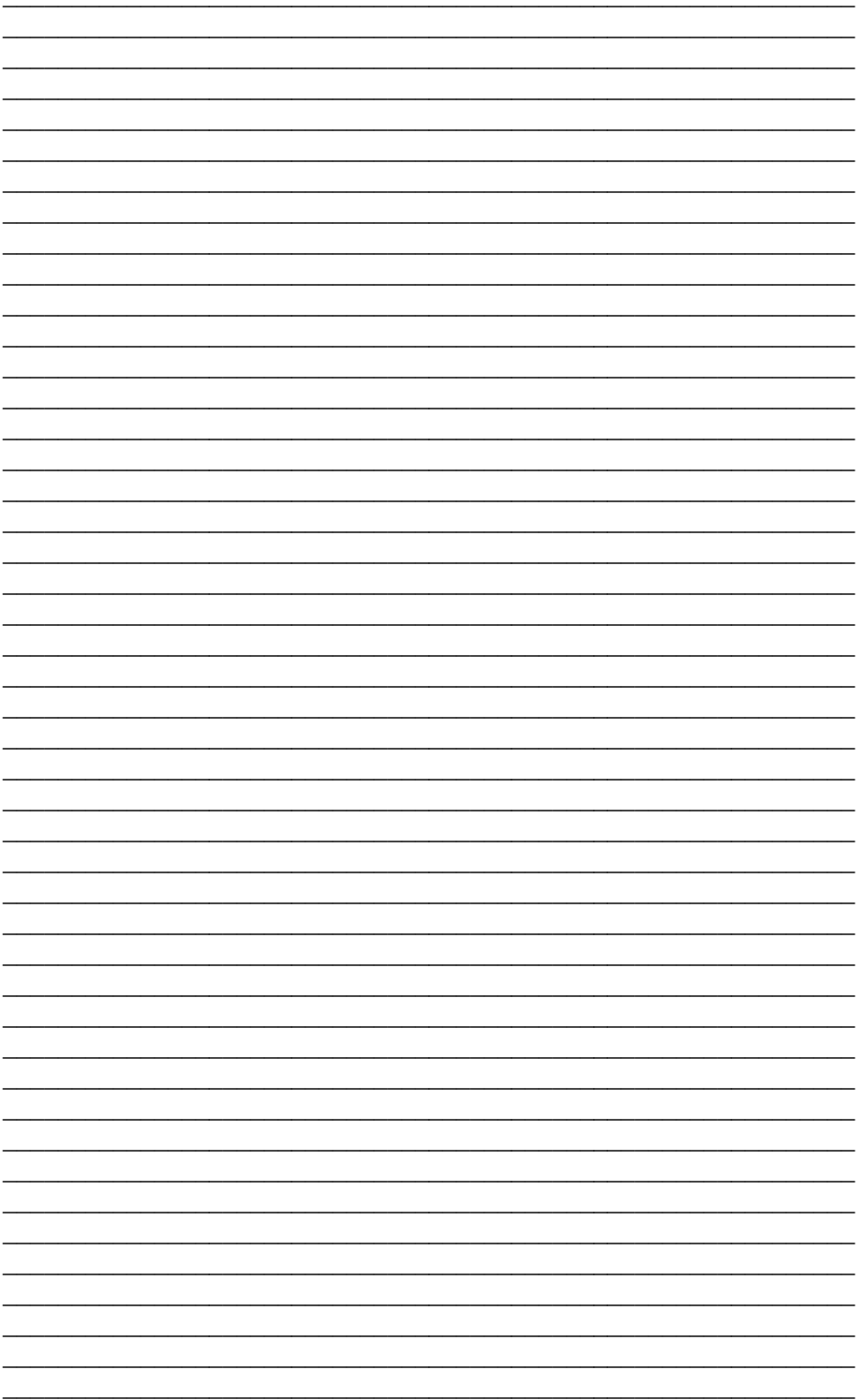


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To Trust

How do you know that you can trust in the Lord?
By faith you plant a seed inside.

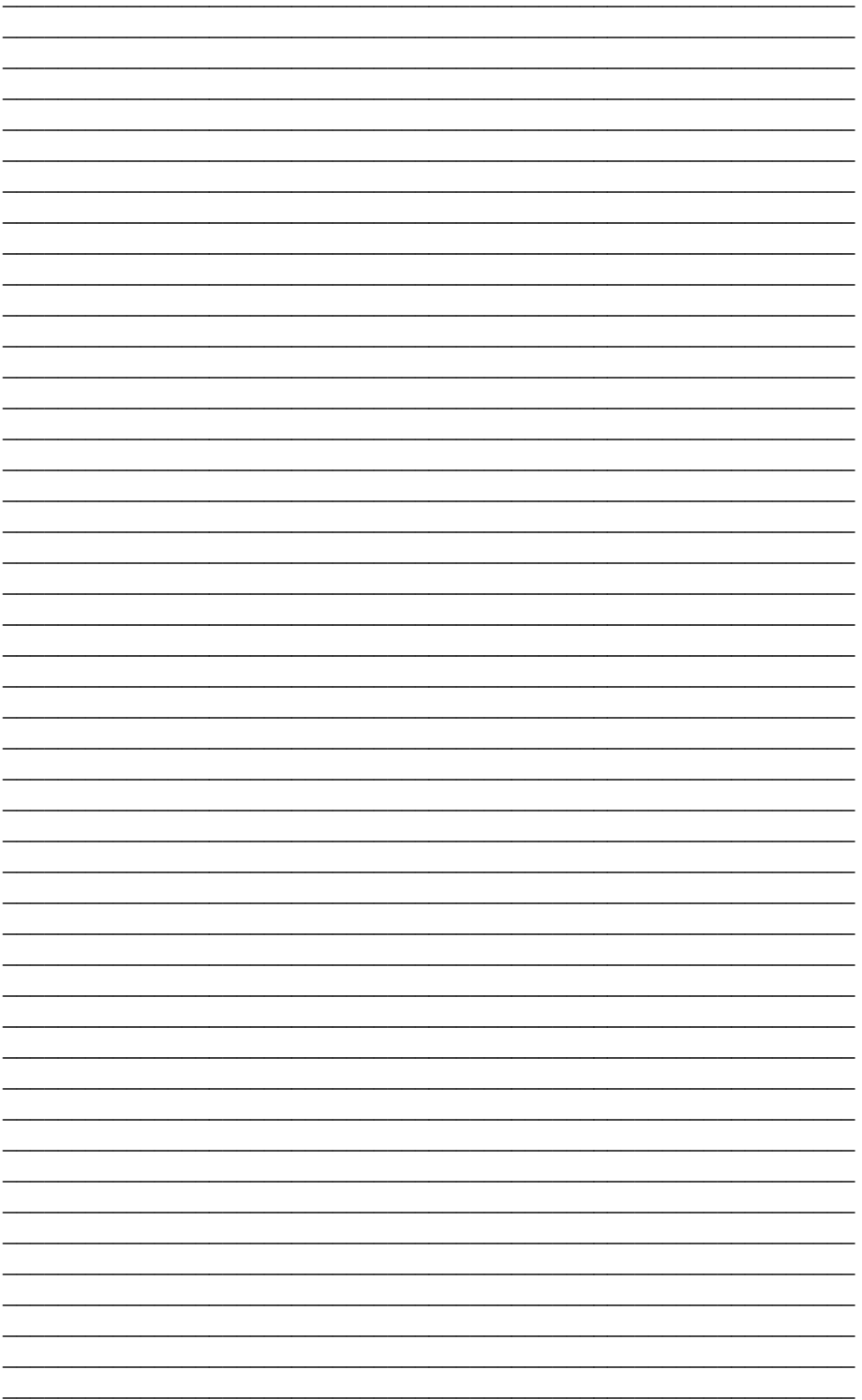
In time the flower sprouts and grows.
How this happens--our God knows.

Not a bird falls from the sky
But our Father always sees and knows why.

He has declared in His work
You are more precious than a bird.

You can trust Him it is true.
The reason is simple. He Loves You.

Jeannine Hall



September 2007

2	3 Labor Day	4	
9 Grandparents Day	10	11 Patriot Day	
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23 Autumn	24	25	
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Purple Mountains

Over the next rise there may be,

Some new thing I must see.

Purple peaks fare thee well.

For on faded memories I'll not dwell.

'Tis ahead that which I seek.

Something fresh my interest to pique.

Perhaps a stone I'll upturn,

And thus a gem discern.

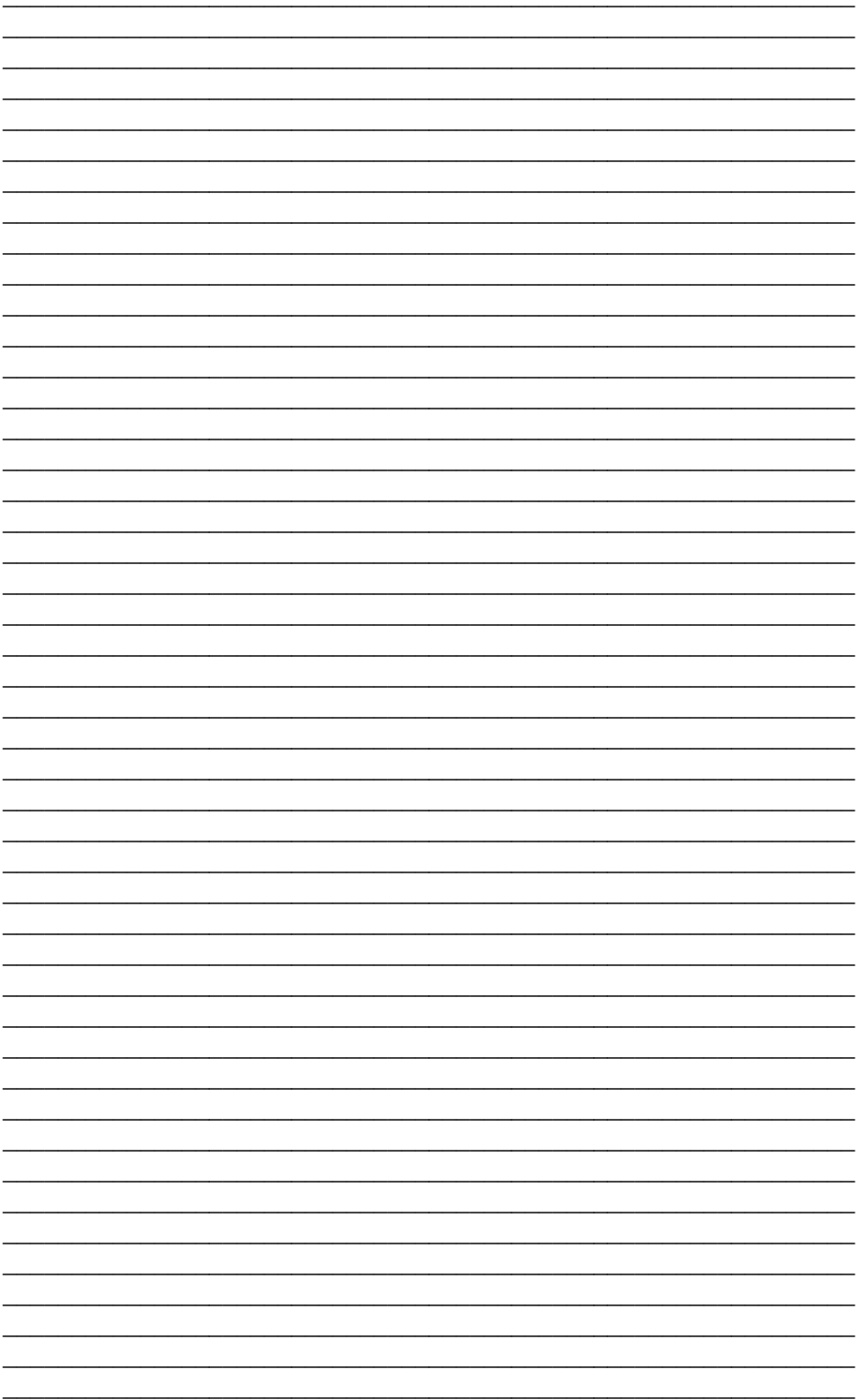
Hope and Joy wind their own path.

Side by side greater treasure no one hath.

Life's roads take me where I want to go.

Alas, faded memories are all I'll ever know.

– Gene Curtis



October 2007

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7	8 Columbus Day observed	9	
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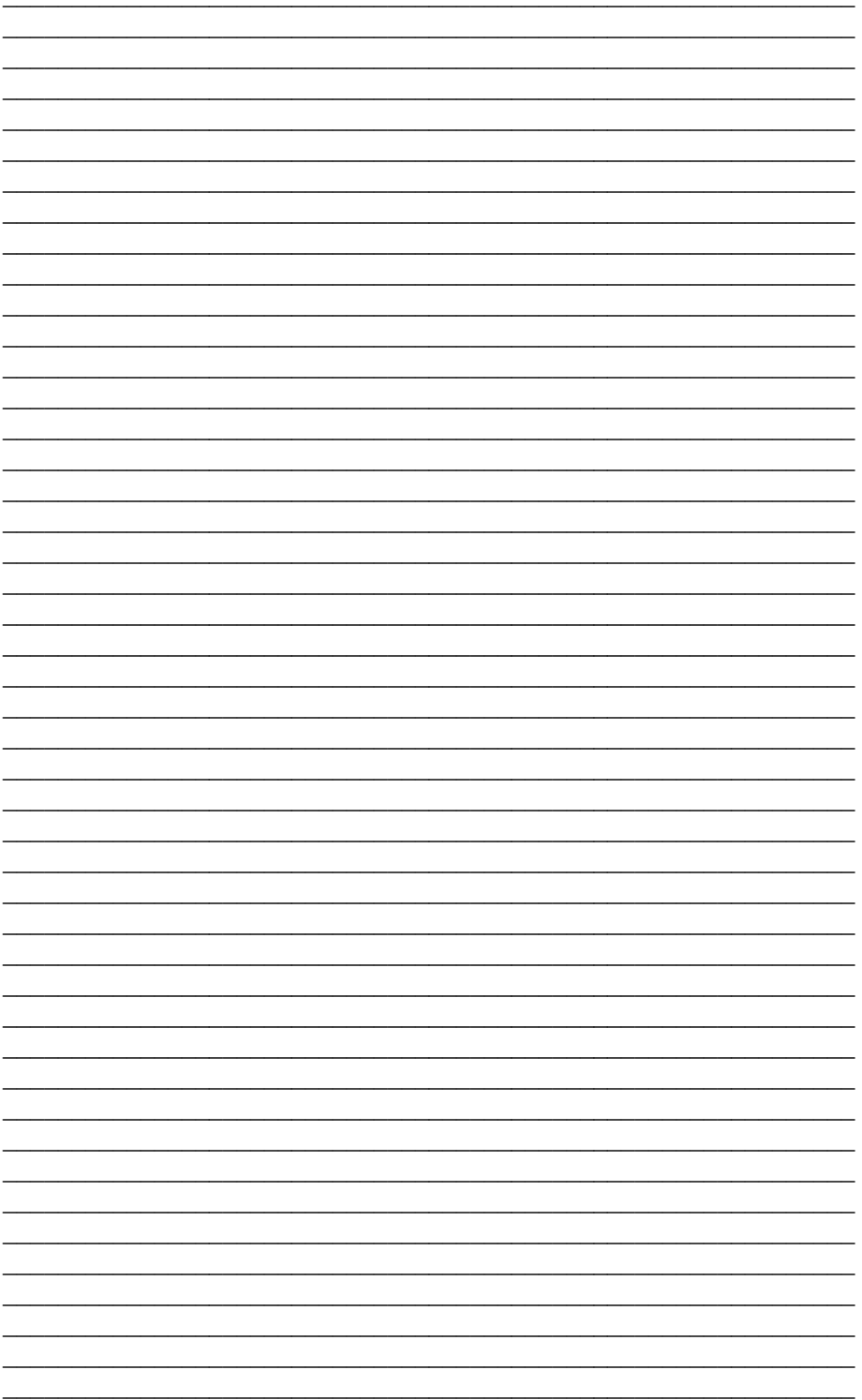
JOYS OF FALL

Leaves of green have turned to gold
As trees' autumn clothes unfold.
Others are deep shades of red
While some leaves are already dead.

Those leaves that are brittle and dry
Dance in the street as cars go by.
When the trees are barren and bare,
We will feel changes in the air.

The warm days of summer are fading away
And won't be back for many a day.
Let's enjoy fall while it is here
Because it won't return until next year.

Ruthann Anderson



November 2007

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11 Veteran's Day	12	13	
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November 2007

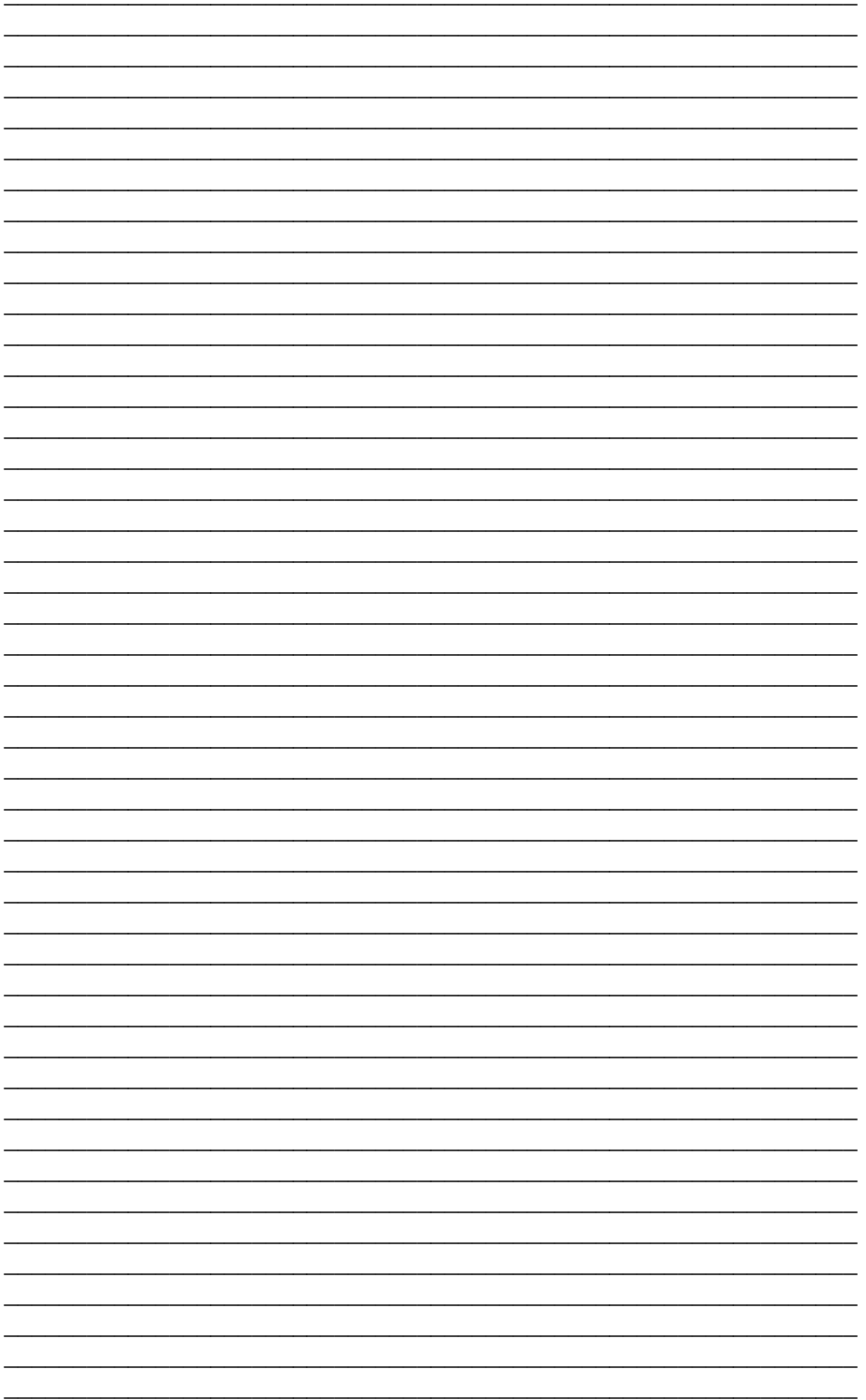
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	Thanksgiving Day		
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Stuffed

After patriotically over-eating,
I settled into the couch and loosened my belt.
I slept and dreamed of the First
Thanksgiving...
...there was a table of bounty.
Dick Cheney was there in a pilgrim hat,
pouring oil from a gravy boat over everything.
I tried to warn the Natives.
“Kill him now while you have a chance!”
I tried to explain how their descendants
would probably be alcoholics, and
best case scenario they would run a casino.
They could not hear me.
I implored them to at least hold out for
a better offer on Manhattan, but
my words were carried away
with the autumn leaves....

...“Touchdown Cowboys!”
That was weird...
smells like the pie is ready

--AGC



December 2007

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		Christmas Day	
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	New Years Eve		

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			Winter begins
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