

The Irony of Putin (or Enjoy your Blood Bath)

*There was a man who waged a war
Against a people proud and free.
He claimed he wanted to restore
Justice and peace and liberty.*

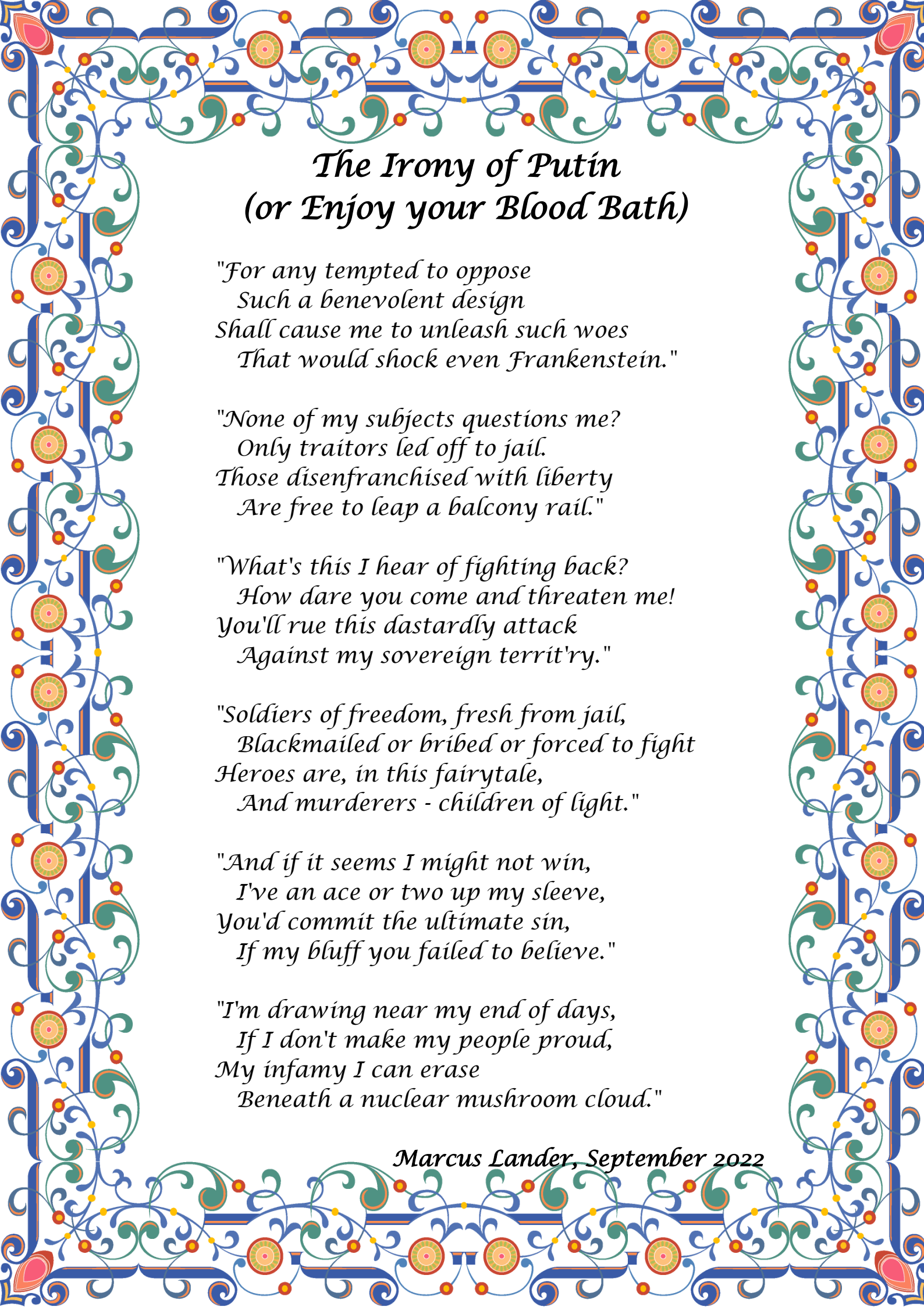
*"I stand against dictatorship"
He very comically declared.
"If you surrender to my whip,
I'll ensure you'll all be spared."*

*"You must not fight, we brothers are,
And you are just the same as we,
And you will be on equal par,
If you will just submit to me."*

*"I know that you have been oppressed
By the wrong leaders that you chose,
And I'm the one who knows what's best
- It's only fascists I oppose."*

*"Please don't speak of an invasion,
You know that really isn't right.
It's a jovial occasion,
You just forgot me to invite."*

*"I know you'll surely want to kiss
My welcome horde of trampling boots.
Discourtesy I take amiss,
So don't you be ungrateful brutes."*



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*"For any tempted to oppose
Such a benevolent design
Shall cause me to unleash such woes
That would shock even Frankenstein."*

*"None of my subjects questions me?
Only traitors led off to jail.
Those disenfranchised with liberty
Are free to leap a balcony rail."*

*"What's this I hear of fighting back?
How dare you come and threaten me!
You'll rue this dastardly attack
Against my sovereign territ'ry."*

*"Soldiers of freedom, fresh from jail,
Blackmailed or bribed or forced to fight
Heroes are, in this fairytale,
And murderers - children of light."*

*"And if it seems I might not win,
I've an ace or two up my sleeve,
You'd commit the ultimate sin,
If my bluff you failed to believe."*

*"I'm drawing near my end of days,
If I don't make my people proud,
My infamy I can erase
Beneath a nuclear mushroom cloud."*

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