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Dedication

to

Gerrie Smee

and

Magdalena Olszyk

for their support of the Rootsman Products

Come let us celebrate grapefruit,
Citrus paradisi,
The great scion of pomelo.
With ginger and pineapple,
Honey, apricot or avocado.

You can sample a dessert,
With mint and with peaches,
Accompanied by raspberries.
Treat yourself, dear reader:
Pink Grapefruit and Raspberry Jelly.

A Salad of Grapefruit and Prawns,
With noodles and coriander,
Red chillies and spring onions.
And with lime juice also,
A citrus celebration.

Come try a yogurt,
Embellished with vanilla,
With a portion also of honey.
Enhanced with pink grapefruit,
A dessert of low calorie.

It could be Ruby Red or maybe Lavender Gem.

Cranberries and mint leaves,
Ice cubes and ginger beer,
Treat yourself sir.
Give your taste buds a souvenir:
Grapefruit and Ginger Spritzer.

An intended brief visit,
Will often become elongated,
A much longer stay.
Because of mint leaf and sugar,
Time with a Grapefruit Sorbet.

Did you ever have a dressing,
Of honey and mustard,
Grapefruit juice and olive oil?
Did you give thanks to the Creator,
For the gifts that come from the soil.

Come, take a cup of green tea,
With slices of grapefruit,
And honey and rosemary.
After the little steeping,
Enjoy the herbal glory.

It could be Melogold or maybe Oroblanco.

There are grapefruit and bananas,
Strawberries and honey,
Mountains of crushed ice.
Sample a Grapefruit Smoothie,
Something to woo and entice.

Grapefruit and honey,
Lemon and sugar,
Time for marmalade.
An adventure with the children,
When this preserve is home made.

Bring them all in;
Grapefruit and orange,
The lime and the lemon.
Alongside mustard and dill,
A Citrus and Mustard Glazed Salmon.

For those who drink,
Take grapefruit and lemon juice,
And place them in a pitcher.
Pomegranate seeds and ice cubes,
And input from tequila.

It could be Jaffa Sunrise or maybe Rio Red.

For the sweet-toothed one,
A Grapefruit Sponge Cake,
Of golden syrup and flour.
With almonds and eggs,
Baking powder and brown sugar.

She loves making it.
Goats cheese, hazelnuts,
Salad of Grapefruit and Watercress.
With orange juice and its zest:
Better to make more than less.

How do you like your pancakes?
With sweet potato,
Orange and with grapefruit.
Come, little daylight robber
And grab the culinary loot!

Preparing a little picnic,
For time beside the water,
Time beside the lake.
In amongst the other blessings,
Grapefruit and Poppy Seed Cake.

It could be Marsh Pink or maybe Henderson.

Time for cinnamon,
And selection of spices,
But not for a roast.
With a serving of crème fraiche:
On Challah Grapefruit French Toast.

No indecision,
Dig in if you want to,
No time for "ifs" and "buts."
I see your eyes surveying,
The Grapefruit Buttermilk Doughnuts.

What about a salsa,
Of grapefruit and chillies
Red onion and basil leaves?
With thyme and with pepper:
Let the citrus and spices weave.

If you like Prosecco,
There's juice of grapefruit and lime,
Sugar and tequila,
Salt and lime wedges,
For a drink called Paloma Mimosa

It could be Star Ruby or maybe Jaffa Sweetie.

Did you ever taste a cake,
Of grapefruit and yogurt,
Flour and vanilla extract?
Did you go back for seconds?
Did you make your way back?

He took his time getting here,
But it matters not,
I know the reason for delay.
For I know he passed the table
With the Grapefruit, Lime and Yogurt Parfait.

The shock on her face just then,
The sheer disbelief,
That you hadn't tried it yet.
So now is the time to sample,
A Grapefruit Viniagrette.

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It could be Ray Ruby or maybe Shambar.

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