

## J

I like places beginning with J.

I have never behaved badly in Jakarta.  
There are no wanted notices for me in Johannesburg.  
In Jarrow, I have left no women weeping.  
Though Jerusalem has problems  
I have not added to them.  
In Jena  
my name is not tarnished  
by ongoing paternity suits.  
I have been involved in no armed robberies  
in Jalalabad.  
I was never expelled  
from the University of Jackson Hole  
if it has one.  
I am not mocked in Japanese children's rhymes  
or in graffiti  
in Jerez de la Frontera.  
When my name comes up in conversation in Jersey  
people do not sigh and mutter  
and change the subject.  
Any misdemeanours in Jutland –  
and I am admitting nothing –  
are covered by a statute of limitations.  
I have a clean record in Jordan.  
Though I say it myself,  
I am spoken of extremely well  
in Jönköping.

Kuala Lumpur is another matter.

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