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Hello. The Road to hell was paved with good intentions. My mother told me that as i was growing up. She was right. Choices, consequences. Patience is a virtue. Knowledge is power. What you see isnt always what is there, and almost never what you get. Ten steps forward, five steps back, and if your lucky you wont get stuck in wet cement. Up shit creek without a paddle. You only get what you give...bullshit. ive gotten jack shit and given a plethora. recovery is a process, not an event. If you pray for patience, dont get mad when God makes you wait. Ta-Da!

Absence Of Father

Father, I do not hear your words
As in quiet space and black night I am.
Where is your discipline?
Gone non-existent.

Father, I do not see your love.
A vagabond heartless, lacking warmth I am.
Your creation, broken shattered.

Father, I do not feel your tenderness.
As in whiteness of coarse rock, rejected I am.
The rain falls, limestone crumbled.

Father, I do not smell your maleness.
The 'Oldspice' of a substitute, a product of such I am.
A surrogate on trial, imposter unreal.

Father, where is your strength?
It was used up for I am.
You gave it away.
The spawn of your existence,
The seed of your lineage.
Who are you?
To me nothing.

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Addiction

A love once lost, my feelings tossed
Thrown away to decay, my pride it cost

Memories that had been blown away by the wind
Somehow creep back, I feel temptation again

Once they were gone, or so I thought
But the heart never forgets it was cheaply bought

My skin and bones is all I have
This disease stole from me the love I had

My soul and spirit are gone as well
I need to repo them back from hell

An endless struggle I feel like I'm racing the clock
I wish life came with a warning lable
Instead of a pipe in a sock

I strive to keep you out of my mind
But you're a sleeping tiger
Awakened by the dropp of a line.

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As I Become

I feel naughty, like a little girl
Violating a cookie jar

A kind of mischievous bad girl
I find humor in my sneaky ways
I trick you

Subconsciously I hurt
Emotions splurge
I mourn for you

If they only knew
My selfish ways
They wouldn't be so intrigued

For I am nothing but an insecure, two timing young woman
Finding herself within others pain

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Blue Sky After Rain

After months of darkness and non stop rain
Blue sky appears with rays of sun burning off my pain

You stood before me and I followed your lead
You took me to a place, unfamiliar land to run free

My hair blows in the wind and tingles my face
Your eyes paint a picture that my heart can't erase

Looking at you as you look at me and say
"I love you baby, your truest beauty has shown me the way"

Out of the fog and into the night we walk
Just feeling that feeling we say it all and don't have to talk

Holding hands with each other as we drift apart
Your image fades away and once again rain clouds embark

So as the fairytale ends it's away with my love
Pain comes back with rain falling as we hug

Now I feel cold and wet as I open my eyes
I'm standing alone in the field
Only hugging myself I realize

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Broken Wings

I sang to you just like a dove
and wrapped you in my wings of love

now i cant lift off and take flight
so without you i must fly solo tonight

please bandage my wounds and heal my heart
pull from it your infectious darts

emptiness fills the nest where i felt safe
you tore down my walls and left only hate

so here i am perched with broken wings
a beautiful bird who no longer sings

only a feather or two still float around
all thats left of the dove who's love you shot down

so dig a hole and dig it deep
make me fit from head to feet
on my grave please carve a dove
to show the world i died for love.

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Cultural Corruption

If you are close minded and have more conservative needs
Please stop here, you may not like what your about to read.
For whom do we hate when we have a bad day
the wet back, the negro, the old china man, and the gay? ?
Some see America as a dream come true
So why do we resent them, cuz we wish we could too?
We spread anger and racism like it's in high demand
But were really disgracing this country's land
I mean why do we curse the things we cant have
And why do we claim to be good when we really act bad?
So many people benefit from the U.S.
If we could all forgive and not live in the past

So remember,

Today we don't hang a poor Negro man
Today we don't kill her for betraying her clan
We don't burn a witch for practicing her gift
We can't take the head of a queen who's unfit.
We can no longer have a shootout for no reason at all
We can't really get away with breaking the law
Laws keep us safe, or try to at least
So we should not make an enemy of the police
United is the first word of our country
But we are coming apart, way to rapidly

I feel it's because we are all fighting ourselves,
But no one can admit that, its never "our" fault
So we scoff at the poor and laugh at the dumb,
We spit on their sidewalk, they make beds on our gum
We try to control everything we can reach
We try too hard, that the fine lines getting weak
Soon we will break and crumble to dust
A civil war is among us, but were calling its bluff

Diversity seeks us out, hoping for hope-

Instead of being proud Americans and welcoming it in
We resent the intrusion with shit eating grins

With all the bad vibes and secrets being kept
With all the racists and haters and straight disrespect
With all the fake smiles and lies from the news
With all these facades and pretty bad acts
We don't see the man in shadow, or know the real facts

Don't you see what's really going on?

The worlds a stage, we're all trying to play God
So, what role does diversity really have?
We all have insecurities and fear the strange and unknown
We profile and judge them, with an ignorant tone
Foreigners are naive and make easy pray
For whom will we blame, if they all go away?
So help it a white man commit white collar crimes,
We see what we want, like we are all colorblind
So all who are pissed and really fed up,
Now you know why this country got to be so corrupt

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Deflated

Darkness
Spin lazily
Till I see
Light.

Wander
Through the mist
Till I find
Home.

See
The distant future
Till I become
Blind.

Find
Forgotten memories
Till I am
Lost.
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Distorted Desires

Ive always been real good at making bad decisons
im even gettin deeper at diggin the hole i live in

pushing away the poeple that want me to stay close
being angry all the time cuz its myself i hate the most

trying to figure out the reason i behave in ways
that only alienate the ones i want to stay

feeling like im nuts becoming a hopeless metal case
waiting to be taken to that special people place

i know i speak about myself in a pittiful negative tone
cuz deep down rooted in my soul is my spirit sad and alone

so unsure of who i am and where i firmly stand
i often trip and stumble making sense of this foreing land

what i want is to be free from whats been hindering me
always getting lost on my way back to reality

so i stay stuck looking for a love that dont exist
temptation and distorted desires keeps me in its grip.

how to break free and just wake up and feel normal again
god must hate me and curse me down for loosing faith in him.

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Gave All I Had

Don't you realize that words hurt me too
That I cry just like the rest of you
I'm human
and I want someone there just like you do
And who's there when I need a hug
When you fall I pick you up
But you all know you can run back to me
Yet, No one will ever be there for me
I mean I wouldn't trade it for the world
But doesn't anyone care
when I'm sad who's there
I won't always let you get close
but you give up so fast
it obviously means nothing to most
I'm always here, why aren't you
Yeah, great, I'm wonderful
Oh wait, that's you

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I Don'T Understand

She wiggled her toes in the sand
and looked around at this giant land
All she could say is I don't understand

So The sky is blue, and the grass is green
So why can't people just say what they mean?
Birds can fly way up above
Why do you hurt the ones you love?

I've been watching people since I was born
I know their every move, their every turn
Sometimes that makes me seem out of place
Just be observant
You can see it in their face
Just look around

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I Stand Alone

One day my whole world changed
I walked in your room, and in your eyes gazed

i saw your light, your power within
all of the sudden my frown changed to a grin

at ease we talked, i was honest for once
with you as my ears, caged feelings finally pronounced

you didn't speak but said so much
i could feel your understanding; like someone cared for once

then you conveyed how you felt, i knew it was real
i next took attention to your genuine sex appeal

understanding why makes the pain come to ease
but thick glass between us is an unfair tease

our thoughts think as one; each other we crave
but now were separated, the system has you enslaved

two times a week is never enough time
to connect with your soul and have you tell me your mine

with you behind bars, i stand alone once again
just know in your heart I'm waiting for our new life to begin

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Inner Battle

Never been one
To be with everyone

Somehow people think
Easy, somehow a part of me

Names, games, there all the same
Fading in the shadows of gods perfect breed

Nice on the outside
But two faced on the inside

Different.

No wonder I'm the only company I keep
Go any further your going to need a light so see

For people are what's affecting me
What entertainment I must be
Since all my life, I breathe.

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Insane

I'm not possessed just obsessed to be the perfect girl.
I want a life not more strife, Im sick n tired of this world.
I see you there with your stare gazing at my face
I want to let you know I am nothing of your race.
I let you go and wander far into the valley of death
I breath your scent and feel your touch against my swollen breast.
I got that fire inside me that you lit for all those days
I want you back without no lack this is not a phase.
I need you to drink the blood that pours through my veins,
I Love the way you suck it dry causing me no pain.
I hear your voice from down below the depths of profanity
I like to live in this world of perfect insanity.

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Inside-Out

Must there be a name for an illness like this?
My head is half broken, my heart is homesick

Pushed and pulled in no direction at all
I stay stuck in between; balanced on one leg I crawl

Distorted and disfigured, my insides turned out
Every pain I contain I keep stored and saved for a draught

I didn't sign up for a game I would loose
I never deserved to be cheated by you

The control only hides in the game keepers mind
Why go to cruel measures to destroy such beauty divine?

I'll have you and answer of swift consseur
You're a better trader left behind than a false commrad endured

It wasn't ok to switch up the rules
I read the fine print-
So tell me where it said that I played the fool?

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Just Me

Nothing is going right
This year has been an endless night
I have no where to turn
I feel alone in this plight

Death has become such a reality
Life is hopeless and merely a tragedy
And what have I learned I ask myself
That nothing is a guarantee
And I can only count on me

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Living My Lie

Living day to day
gasping for a break someday
living talking telling lying
become all meshed as one
intertwined
i dine
i die
i speak
i lie
i talk
im shy
living my life
by directing a lie
concoction of sounds
flying from my mouth
not stopping to think
of the receiver
now a griever
and mis believer
cuz she deceive her.
lies
small big tall thin
they always appear bold
but never get that win
always a loss
of someone, or thought
what they perceive of you
i whar you show them
and only the real will shine
while the other part lies
and to my surprise
i stop my decline
i will rise.
to honesty
with myself
Ashley
a tradgedy
monotone symphony
filled with untrue and superficial

empathy.
Not knowing how to
decipher the truth
the reality
from my fake words
a fantasy
among me
i burn
i rage
i cry
then im happy
i lie
i live another day
pulling the strings
of your trust
cuz i must
i must lust
for living a lie

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Lonely

A brother to me was nothing special
He just sat in his room, and loved to wrestle

My mother is one of heavens kind
She puts out a glow visible to the blind

The father figure in my life is a miserable memory
He wasn't really a dad, and had other priorities

As for me, im the lonely one
A hermit in my world of superficial fun

Sex, drugs and lots of rap
Is what my future has intact

Stop all the madness and crazy insanity
Im sinking slowly into a false fantasy

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Longing For Life

When i feel all hope has finally lingered
too far beyond my reach
i sit down with myself to open my heart and hear it speak

it whispers great truth about who's real and who's fake,
guides me away from the selfish and who'll harbor me safe

who really cares and wants the best for me?
i start to quickly eliminate those that contradict what they preach

mother and father, relatives among friends, i often second guess
their motives and who i truly can depend

as time passes by and i fail and succeed, i notice those who
keep on cheering on the sides lines rooting for me

even random strangers who flash a smile while passing on the street,
something made them look my way and do a double take on me

at times my weight is heavy with regrets and recent faults
but i keep my head held high, to seek my purpose within the cause

one day ill set myself free, no longer trip and fall
i will unlock the secret of my life and attain the treasure
hidden behind the vault.

so let those who love me, do it
unconditionally with accepting joy and awe,
humble me to the helping hand and retract
my prideful claw

itching to scratch the surface of my lifelong destiny,
but at times i try way to hard,
i scratch until i bleed.

blood of my soul will pave the way to an answer that i seek
follow the trail of inner strength that will find
my fate to be.

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My Promise

My mind is spinning like a vicious tornado
my heart feels empty like I'm not ok though
In spite of my thoughtless actions
I am circling within your attractions
A journey to my soul is the mission
I need to find myself and make a decision
Do I love him or is what I feel lust
looking in myself I hope to find trust in the things I do
So I wont hurt you
For all eight months I've had a ball
should I continue or stop it all?
That's a problem I have to solve
Or my mind and body will decay and dissolve
Its a quest for freedom I'm seeking to find
Do I really love him or am I out of my mind

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O So Tough

He picked a flower for my hair
for you are something unique and rare

as we peered gently into each other's souls
through our eyes

we both knew without speaking
where our hearts would forever reside

he caresses my face, so softly
whispers that he loves me 'oh so much'

that was love
now its gone
now he left me, oh so crushed...

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One Step Ahead

A force that intends to corrupt me, and lower me to their level
Hells demons of darkness working to recruit me for the devil

They know I ain't been around their block
So I appear as weak pray in the eyes of hells hawks

So they toss me a bone to see if I chase
Hoping ill bite on their irresistible bait

Cowards of their kind hold an onward pursuit
To change people like me and gain more of their suit

Well this ain't chess and I'm not a pawn
I keep myself grounded as the game board plays on

I guess these soldiers have a complex and feel empowered by numbers
Cuz from my observation when they're alone they're all bitches on the under!

Even though I come across as being so naïve and mislead
Your sadly blinded and as you trip over your misconception of me
I look back and remain one step ahead

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Poem To Self

I'm not the same little girl
that I used to be
I'm starting to learn
what I want my life to be
But my hopes and dreams
and fears and setbacks
Are not the things I want to share
with the world just yet
You see, that's the beautiful thing
about my poetry
It's just for me
And if you really want to know
my deepest thoughts and feelings
Reading my poetry and
having you guess its meanings
This will never suffice
But I would like to leave you
with some advice
As much for you as it is for me

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Push Me Pull You

Floating up into the sky
gradually my suffering pain
starts to subside

it was my sanctuary where i felt safe to hide
justification made it easy to lie

what my worries had to say
never got heard, only pushed away

procrastinating day to day
another problem
another hit, one more sack
lack of respect

drowning in my own confusion
thinking it was the right choice
to do this

but if you don't know right
you don't realize your in the wrong
so i reach for one more justified hit from the bong

yes it was wonderful, my peaceful place
my sadness left without a trace

OUCH;
suddenly it hurts, worse than ever before
like a monster truck who's breaks are wore

so away i go, push me pull you
momentum, a strong force
paralyzed to numbness
attempting but unsuccessful
i run right back with more spite than before

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Shame

"Baby your perfect, your curves and all
I think I love you, I mean it doll"

"No one else catches my eye like you
I think you're the one, please like me too."

"I'm astounded by your innocence
I think your smart as hell
I know you and I would fit together well"

Now that I gave it up, too easily I say
You treat me different, you act another way

You talk down to me and brush me off to the side
I feel like you used me for my quick and easy ride

So that's the truth its all part of the game
Your persuasive tongue and false compliments
Got you laid and left me with shame.

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Silent Satin Sadness

Just like pink satin in December, your pure white soul ill forever remember
Silently and ashamed I mourn once again, they took you away, again, can't
win...

Not so much the pain of your absence
but of an innocent man served a 3 year sentence
such a great being, your heart has created
now part of me is stolen away too, my spirit vacated
so tears of remorse, guilt and regret
are the only emotions I am left with
I love you so tenderly like pink satin in December
But most of all the love we once shared, is now broken-
I'm forced to surrender
Eating away at my love each and every moment,
how we didn't see this coming, we were blinded by love
cuz we shoulda known it.
Hovering over us, our spirits still together
so hold my words close, while you read my last letter.

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Smile

Its hard to look and see the light
When all inside is dark as night

You strive to see the depth of my heart
But your chamber walls keep us apart

Thus the way I must go, there is no laughter that I can show
I'm not loved or liked a bit, I feel like falling into a pit...of despair.

I feel like death is coming soon, my life taken alone in my room.
In my dreams I feel your touch, the knife ripping thru my body flushed

So I wait and wait for something new, a part of you ive never chewed
But away in my pain, its all the same

Do I scare you, I only speak from my heart
Go ahead and shoot me with cupids dart

I do not laugh, people think I do
A smile to me is something new.

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Tears In A Jar

Saved up in a bottle are all the tears I've cried, ever since you went away-
behind bars you now reside
making the same mistakes that we tried so hard to avoid
now leaves us in the same sorrow-
your back in jail, and Im alone on the streets, broke and unemployed
you know ill wait forever to once again feel your embrace
But with you in there and I'm alone, I feel I'm being erased
forever holds the future, the present seems so frozen
without you by my side, I'm dying a slow death of love sick poison
every night I cry when I fall asleep alone
until the moment we meet again, my life has been postponed
hearing all the sappy songs on the radio at night,
I reminisce of times you caressed my body and how you felt inside
The more I write the more i think, the more i think the more i hurt,
please come back and break this curse
my bleeding heart is scabbed and scarred, Im saving all my love for you, with
tears in a jar.

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Thug Appeal

You got a bad habit of staying out all night
Finally upon return your tired and hungry
From slangin' beneath street lights

As I sit up and kick it waiting on you, my stomach churns
I don't even feel like smoking the bomb you left me to burn

Thinking about all them shard ho's who be hittin up your phone
Hoping your not kickin' it with girls, if you are just let it be known

Trippin off those stupid things often stresses my mind
But right when I'm about to snap, you gently remind me your mine

Running from police and ignoring red lights
You speed through intersections, while I hang on tight

Everything you sacrifice to some day master the game
I truly hope its worth the lose and you achieve ghetto fabulous fame

So night after night waiting on you
I sit up in moms house being a good girl staying true

Thank you for your trust in me, it means a lot in fact
You can be sure till the end I'll have your back not pinch your sack

The sex we have and love we make defiantly seals the deal
I guess I'm just a bad boys girl addicted to your thug appeal

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To My Only Mother

A special poem I should write
so my loving mother can sleep tonight
A bedtime dream I come to give
because my sins must be forgive
On this very special day
I reach up my hands and start to pray
All the heartache and the pain
please look past my awful ways
Now I've realized what I did was wrong
I'm sorry mommy it took me so long
Forever will I know like the wind blows
that I'm a bad kid that breaks windows
But its time to grow up and go my own way
Its time to smile but time to pay
I hope you still love me and bless my soul
cuz the pain I feel has yet to unfold
You've taught me lots through the years
I am finally learning through the hurt and tears
I love you mom and I am sorry for my sins
maybe now we can heal and be a family again.

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United Then Divided

Its been 28 years and Im ready to face
the pain i endured at an early age.

I came into the world pre mature
i just couldn'd wait to break free from her

exiting out from the toxic womb
away from alcohol and drugs
straight into the adoption room

I was bounced around for a short little while
then chosen by a family who wanted me for their child.

I started off eating crickets in the warm dessert sand
then we moved to Palo Alto in the big brown van

About 5 years later, i'll never forget that day
daddy packed his BMW and just drove away

I remember mommy sobbing holding my little hand
her family crushed and divided by a cowardly man

my older brother locked away in his room
started his decent into his independent doom.

But me being just a young little girl
i really didnt understand what had just occured

growing up in two seperate homes, being left all alone
cuz mom had to work, and dad with an agenda of his own

my brother and i were now in the middle of a nasty divorce
problems arose when dad refused to pay child support

So i took the role of the rebellious kid
i foughgt and refused most everything that i did

As i grew older actions got bolder, hearts froze colder
family ties would soon smolder

Brother detached couldn't wait to escape
he was the star child, and constantly praised

me on the other hand took the more beaten path
made a run for the darkside and never looked back

so who is to blame for a family divided?
well i blame my father for the love he never provided.

Always striving to be daddy; s little girl
but never could i reach the bar he raised too high for her

left with burning resentment in all sorts of ways
i thank god for my mother, and her kind gental praise.

mom did the best to raise two kids on her own
i payed her back by creating hell in her home

As i look back into my early years
its no wonder i cried all my hate into tears

One more thing to say before this poem is sent
i hope your happy dad with the time we never spent

Im done trying to be perfect for you
your so cold and callus i'll never get through

now you can see that your left without me
there is a void in my heart where your supposed to be

try to be strong when you finally realize
the damage you caused with your lies and false pride

i hope you regret never knowing your daughter
i think i understand why you didnt try harder
HOW COULD I EXPECT YOU TO GIVE LOVE
THAT YOU NEVER GOT FROM YOUR FATHER?

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Unseen So Unfreed

till i fade is when i stop, but still i climb shinning though im at the top, fallen so heavily in lust with you, a part of yourself has chiseld me through. im free from me, but so into you, afraid of unsticking if im allowed to choose. but choice is what kills the flame in your eyes, i wait around the clock as for you it flys by.

this time your curious as to what all this means, well there its the same answere im expecting you to bring. trapped in the sequence of life and love, not even sure if the future is up to speed on this drug.

so steady i strive along this road unevenly paved, wishing and trying to satisfy your every crave. but you give me no chance, to make the man in you smile, and just when time is about to allow the chance to connect again for a while.

you find yet another excuse to dismiss my presence, i see through your denial- not a river in egypt, but it floods the shores of your heart, im scared too baby but pushing me away doesnt help, only tears this apart. so confused you may be, most likely your not, your intelligence reaches my level, almost taking my spot.

but if you feel what i feel then show what i show, so tragic if it ends only due to feelings arising that you dont even know. so leap, jump, come soar for eternity, fall and be free, whats right in front yet too close to see from your view, is a beautiful soul waiting to come fly with you.

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Unstuck Me

Trapped between two opposites
stuck, stranded, glued
obsessed with the decision
not wanting but having to choose

Numb, comforting, quiet
engulfed with uneasyness
suffocating my scabbed scars

oh, how ive hollowed out my soul
forever trying to convey
but my words twisted, voice muted
deepest emotions remain unheard

eternal darkness followed by never ending days
through conscious effort
my analysis of fate decays
emerged in painful confusion
destiny keeps my spirit caged

pergatory-the closet story
my internal being becomes weak
overwhelmed by the heavens and hells
i stay commatosed-never escaping independent glory

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What About Me?

Don't you realize that words hurt me too
That I cry just like the rest of you
I'm human
and I want someone there just like you do
And who's there when I need a hug
When you fall I pick you up
But you all know you can run back to me
Yet, No one will ever be there for me
I mean I wouldn't trade it for the world
But doesn't anyone care
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I won't always let you get close
but you give up so fast
it obviously means nothing to most
I'm always here, why aren't you
Yeah, great, I'm wonderful
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