Poetry Series

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A Fine Rhyme To Be Penned......Soon

I've lost me sizzle factor I've lost me sizzle factor Maybe now I qualify For X factor!

Just give me time
I've lost me rhyme
Love give me time
I must read me lines

A Mist Came Down The Mountain

A mist came down the mountain, Aye it did, it did.

We slid into the water, Safely hid, safely hid.

We swam to tell the Castle guard. We did, aye, we did.

He shone the brightest lights on it As he saw fit, saw fit.

And proudly it just stood there Well lit, well lit.

Ready for eerie battle With returning spirits, returning spirits.

Aye, ready for every battle With the spirits that haunted it.

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A Novel In The Making?

Novelty of masquerade Soon wears off

Masked Ball is over We are not in Venice

Alone I travel
With my guide on gondola

Imagining happenings Beyond venetian blinds

A Prayer For Strength

May you feel a supporting hand
On your shoulder all this day
Pushing you forward carrying you through
Whatever you will face

May you feel a purpose easing you To honour your every say With inspiration from Love's spirit Guiding your path with Grace

And from this may the wind of warmest Love Breath about your every way Encircling your heart and mind With a permanent embrace

A Tale Of Reincarnation

As the sun comes out From behind the clouds, Cocoon cracks slowly.

Light pours in.

The baby butterfly, All dressed In blue and white For the Ball, Takes flight.

A low cower
At first, then higher
Until he reaches the tower,
To land
On Fairy Princess' hand.

And So It Is..

And so it is...

Words become home
A place to call our very own
Familiar branches of tree
Deep-rooted eternally

And so it is...

We smile We keep on walking Mile for mile

'Tis 'tis And so it is..

At Times When All The World Seems Fake

No give, but just more take, take, take Go back into yourself a while And see you as that little child

Then hold her hand along the way And stop to see that golden ray

To listen to earth's sounds, sit still And slowly smell the fragrant trill Of Life's own beat, its own rhythm Bound to the heart of Love, and Him

Be A Sunflower

Sunflowers just can't help it, Turning toward the sun Whatever the weather. So be a sunflower today, Have fun! Be better! Face the sun!

Beautiful Love

Beautiful love
It never leaves
It just hides
It likes to tease
It runs from me
It plays through trees
It keeps us laughing
With ease

Because I Love You

For how long more Shall I whisper to my heart And smile

For how long more Will I smile to the sky And sing

For how long more Shall I imagine your face In front of mine

For how long more Will I write silly rhymes For you to find

For as long as it takes Because I love you

Beep Beep Beep

Beep Beep Beep...
These were the sounds
Upon waking...
Tubes everywhere
My God she was intubated!

What had happened?

She couldn't talk
She tried to get
Someone's attention
With her hands

No use

She tried screaming... Get me out of here I'm back!!!

No sound came yet

But her mind Was ticking over Beep Beep Beep

Beware The Scam

Beware the scam my friends
Beware the scam
The one where you are
Asked 'support an orphanage'

Even through the medium
Of poetry beware the scam
There are ways and means these days
To ignite a sham

We have to learn to reap Reap what we sow Not expect handouts From anyone although

Temptation prays at Heaven's golden page Beware the scam my friends Hold still your gaze

Breakfast Tea In Knightsbridge

Good morning Henrietta, How do you like your tea Dark and strong she said And quite lemony

The turning to Marie
She replied light and mild
Maybe camomile
(even though it tastes vile)

Then turning to me
I said good morning Jack
I'll have a coffee
Thanks

Case Of Butterflies Brought Back To Life

From your case of butterflies, Beautifully preserved butterflies, You choose which one Tonight;

And night by night You give them breath, You give them flight

Of ideas and words, By blowing them out Into the atmosphere, Like fireflies one by one;

Each one different
But one source,
Covertly relieving you
Of your curse.

Changeling

From human to avatar, From avatar to flower, From flower to butterfly, Any day, any hour.

Internal reality being
Tested by game;
But once a changeling's
Transformed is it ever the same?

Changing Faces

You died in 1990 Yet still live on.

The living spread, Disseminate In more than one.

Discursive Rhyme And Rhythm Have taken on

And over Reasoned binds Seasoned

To smell
Of wood;
Just for one.

Now silent recitals Pseudonymed Bare all

To scatter like rods

Cast in pods To fish Anon.

Channel The Love

Channel the love Within yourself.

You are in charge Of your own happiness, Your own light.

After all,
Isn't that what
Free will
Is all about.

I wish you light, Happiness, And above all, Love.

Choosing Torment?

After all the lies,
What am I to believe?
I followed only what
I wanted to see.
So now I just see
With my eyes,
Not what I read.

Deep inside,
I know our hearts
Do not lie.
Deep inside I know
He's playing
With his own mind,
And mine.

Daylight Robbery

All that work
And not anywhere saved
All those memories
Just gone
Deleted
I've been robbed

Dear Heart

Dear heart,
Why is it always when I try to leave,
You put on the charm and that gentle face
Looking for one last little embrace?

Dear heart, Why can't I ever leave you When you tell me to? (And usually I'm so obedient!)

Dear heart,
The truth is, I never left
And couldn't as such,
Because....because...

I just love you too much!

Denial

Denial Denial Denial

Isn't that it - denial?

But know that I love you And know that it's true And pure and soulful, Just beautiful!

But

It's spilling over, Spilling over, Spilling over,

Spilling over into desire; Desire to touch you, Desire to hold you, And that just wouldn't do!

Hence I fear

I fear for the purity,
I fear for the soulfulness;
So do I choose to
Live the lonesomeness

Of

Denying Denying Denying

Your eyes?

Digging To Feed

Digging coal
Lifting the shovel
Pushing it through
To feed the fire....

The eternal fire
Of hope and imagination
Of love and connection
Again and again....

Dripping Crystal Chandelier

Dripping crystal chandelier dropp by dropp tier to tier Follow one and see how slow It drips it drops to shapes below

Ice creations such as these Clearly imaginations tease As each bulbous stretch hangs on Before falling splashing to reform

Easter Egg Draw

Easter Eggs, A child's delight Drawing baskets and bunnies Full of colour and light.

Pinstripe candy and bows; Pastel pink, blue, green, yellow; Polka dots and tartan, No hint of chocolate spartan.

Enjoy The Day

Take my hand as we walk through the spray, Bare feet on sand the best place to think. Let's talk here and figure out a way.... Actually, let's not talk; just breathe And enjoy the day.

Eternal Sunrise

The sky is grey outside But I see sunrise

The most beautiful Sun Rise and shine

For at some place In a part of the world

At any one time There is sunrise

Eternal Sunrise

For Shelley

Dull and boring aye?
Well I never!
You must 'ave a migraine
Wi' yer imagination severed!

Plenty of beetle-juice For you my dear! And doze goblins and merlins Soon will be near!

Gavver around Your funniest mates To brighten up yer shipwreck; Then clear dem decks!

Add sugar and spice
To all thoughts delish,
Then you'll find images
For all to smile and flourish!

Go on now!
Get on with it!
Before the curtains change,
Imagine it!

Fresh Wet There

Fresh drops of rain
Circumnavigate the windowpane
Thrown flung by burly wind
Like shooting stars' with lines broke in

Out out into this air
Water dash with whipped up hair
Run run for shelter
Or choose fun run get wet there

Gallery

Oh I have seen your face before It is a work of art For which you need no badge

Oh I have seen your face before It is accessible here And easier to manage

Oh I have seen your face before Now in this space Of historical greats

Oh I have seen your face before In this gallery themes change But simply walk to navigate

Hello

I'm just going to sit And read here for a while If you don't mind

A prior place of sanctuary Has become a burden on my soul From which I need respite

Can I sit over here By the fire please It's cold outside

Thank you You are very kind

High Tea In Knightsbridge

Oh Henrietta
My dear friend,
Where would we be
Without your sense
Of humour?

I must say You have the best Plastic surgeon, He's taken years Off you.

Tea?

Home

I feel like I've come home. I feel like I've come home, to all of you, To poetry. Yes, I'm home.

I Am The Internet Zombie

I am the Internet zombie
I have no heart
Because no-one
Talks to me

I have no ears
My hands are out
In front of me
Com Zombie

I do not like sky
Or fresh air
Just the bright screen
In front of me

I am the Internet zombie
I do not eat
I do not leave
My office bedroom

I do not sleep
Instead I zzz the screen
Just read me
I am the Internet zombie

I Have Lived

I have lived through being Neruda's mermaid, feeling Every cigarette burn.

I have lived through being The African Princess, Where the Prince turned Back into a Lion.

I have lived through being A ballerina, dancing gracefully Upon the stage.

I have lived through trying To be a poet, but frosted Out not knowing rules.

I have travelled places So beautiful, I still go Back for more, no fool.

But best of all, I can say I have lived, Because of you.

I Sit And Watch The Dew Drops Dry

I sit and watch the dew drops dry
On blades of grass as time goes by
And as each one evaporates
A cloud of love hearts dissipate
Into the waiting thirsty sky
On waves of air to you they fly

In Deed

Back in the door She 'plonks' the 'messages' on the kitchen table.

'Messages', Now who coined that term? Isn't it the 'shopping', The 'groc-er-ies'.

The mind does a playback
To the days when 'messages'
Were handwritten notes
By your grandnother in Ireland
To get some milk,

Or some bread Or something. Indeed.

It Is Death

It is death.
It is nothing
More than death,
The burying of a love,

The burying of a lost love, A love that never came to pass, A love that never trespassed The world.

It Is Life

It is Life!
It is more than Life!
A happy acceptance
Of selfless Love
To give and give
And share and live
And gain for one's own family
The knowledge of
How to Love
Incessantly!

Keeping You With Me

I use my Inner eyes To be near you.

I smile, As near you I am content.

Even when Steam rises From your volcano,

Even when
I flee to the noise
Of an open space,

I think of Your gentle Eyes and trace

Your smile Upon My happy face.

Know That My Love Surrounds You

Something ails and Troubles you tonight my love

Let me stay and Hold you like a glove

My mouth keeps whispering 'I love you' from my heart

At times it's out before I know it Which gives me a start

I'd better watch this reflex act Or all will think I've gone cracked

A sure sign that love surrounds and spreads Beyond the writings from our pens

Let's

Let's not talk About love Just accept it

Let's not Analyse it Or feel bereft of it

It exists
We exist
In the here and now

So let's not talk
About past or future
Or how it might mature

Let's just talk
About anything
While we make time

And enjoy that time Our attention And affection!

Moving Trams In Wonderland

Step on water
Onto magic stones.
The river gurgles
Tickling them as it flows,

So they dart and glide
All over the place,
Bobbing up and down
Laughing. Follow them, trace

Their haphazard pattern.
As a fairy you can
Sit atop each and jump on;
Moving trams in wonderland.

My Soul Tells Off My Playful Spirit

My soul tells off my playful spirit Where is thine reverence it asks I bow my head and ask forgiveness But I know not for which giggling task

This soul has seen and felt deep love And has touched great wonder sublime It shares this love with its true dearest Sending spirit free for playful rhyme

So when soul tells off my playful spirit It's hard to take it seriously As spirit knows that soul has caused My love to spill for you deliriously

No Longer Adrift

No longer adrift, I have returned; Returned to the place of my birth, The origin of my love's declaration.

I have returned to the sweetfullness Of timelessness, on nature's breast Yearned and in mourning, as since scorned.

But I still have my faith, I still have my love, For the voices they speak to me, through your words.

Occupational Therapy

Find me a scissors and some paper, So I can start to shape her.

First the feet and legs, all two; Up to the knees then a skirt will do.

Then to the middle to angle at the arms, Down to the fingers (this is where it gets hard) .

Then once they look presentable,
Off up to the shoulders, curving up at the neck
To a face well rounded.

All done now, our paper cut out of you. Ready for colouring, You can begin with the blue :)

Ode To The Banished Fairy

Once upon a dream
Disney plagiarism I know
But here it goes...(singalong)
For you

I know you
I walked with you once upon a dream
I know you
The gleam in your eyes
Is so familiar a gleam
Yet I know it's true
That visions are seldom all they seem
But, if I know you, I know what you'll do
You'll love me at once
The way you did once, upon a dream

(keep singing)
La, la, la, la
But, if I know you, I know what you'll do
You'll love me at once
The way you did once upon a dream

I know you
I walked with you once upon a dream
I know you
The gleam in your eyes
Is so familiar a gleam
(yes, keep singing)

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Oh My Love

Oh my love
My love
My secret smiles
Are for you
My secret happy
Tears of love
Are for you
And will always be

Oh Vanity

Oh vanity oh vanity You only like to read About beauty

Little about pain Or hateful disdain Am I so vain

Am I so shallow To refuse a Dark place to go

I'll lend a hand To those in need I'll give my love

While looking up Is this not positivity Not vanity

Olympic Dreams

Dream on Boyo, Dream on.

Why are you Here writin'

When the Olympics Is on?

On Return

Wearily, she puts down her bags. She surveys the scene; Another year, A new class.

Yet, old friends Have been working fervently Since she left on sabbatical So long ago.

At last, she smiles, She surveys the scene; Yes, it's going to be An interesting year.

On This Sunday Morn

Lemon yellow clear horizon
On this Sunday morn
I think of you in Corazon
Happy not forlorn
The lemon yellow is my smile
That I bestow on you
The clear horizon are your eyes
May they shine with love to you

Options For Children On A Rainy Day

Go to the pool with the slide And get wetter Make sandcastles on the beach (Sticky sand much better)

Go inside to dry by the fire Find a coloring book and color Play board games until you tire Share funny stories at dinner

More available, just add water...

Percy The Robot

Percy the robot lives in the water
Percy the robot lies on the floor
Percy the robot runs on motor
Percy the robot goes for a walk
Percy the robot is on a lead
Percy the robot does not talk
Percy the robot cleans and cleans
Percy the robot never leaves....
The pool

Percy's Travels

Percy the robot got out of the pool
Once he warmed dry
He started reading a book
Then along came his friend Hector
And they went on many adventures together

Phone Conversation On The Tube To Knightsbridge

Well really Henrietta, This me, me, me Just has to stop.

If you had let me Speak to you In person, We could have really Talked.

This type of
Communication
For me is difficult,
And in my mind
Has not worked.

But if you insist, I'll stay on the line Until we're cut off.

Pipette

Pipette of my heart Has titrated the pain Of loving you

Meniscus line measured Each dropp hanging For a century

Before I let it fall As tear I have cried so many

This soul

Could not

Just take

Any more

I look at it now Still plenty there

Yet

This holding on Is this what Has hurt you most?

I am accused Of something I know not

What

Is this it This pipette?

Praise Be Da Poetry

Me brain suffers badly From a lack of stimulation

So I'm going to sail me ship For treasured language education

See me heart stops yearning When it is happy learning

From a fresh breath of poesies Misting o'er da seven seas

Punctuation In Regulated Worlds

Microblogging user contracts
Is the West to follow?
Deducting eighty to out at zero
Or plus one hundred for promo?

No more escape By homonym -The Chinese poet -Can PH help him?

Ramblings In A Phone Booth

I'm trying to remember
When last was I stuck
In a phone booth on pavement
Without card or a buck.

'Twas in Chicago Illinois When trying to phone home, (ET comes to mind) That reminds me of Rome -

Frantic calls to the bank
To send me more money,
Pickpockets had cleaned mine
Now that wasn't funny.

And the film, ah yes Colin Farrell; never saw it, Preferring the red phone booths In a typical English village.

Inspector Morse and Miss Marple More my cup of tea. Is that the time already? Enough ramblings from me!

Reclaiming The Ship

Parrot!

Captain has stolen our ship again!

Find me another so that we can
Board and clean the all decks
Free from paper with words
'sadness', 'sorrow' and 'woe'All to be shown the plank, got that?

Then hide the ale from view,
Put some magnesium in his soup
(Not too much, you know what that would do) .
Kill some chickens in the coup,
Line the cupboards with the best food.

Then make sure he eats! And when we hear that belly laugh again, Set course for buried treasure.

Ribbons For Boys And Girls

Keep writing for the boy And I'll keep singing for the girl

Write ribbons and ribbons
That will turn into beautiful bows
Multicoloured bows for his kite
Flying in the cleared air

I'll sing ribbons
And ribbons too
While saying goodnight
Scarlet ribbons for her hair

An air so soothing
It will quiet them to sleep
This boy and girl
Without a care

Said A Poem To A Poem

Let's be happy in love!
Let's be happy in this sanctuary.
Let me see you here!
Don't hold back my love,
You've nothing to fear!
Said a poem to a poem...
Smiling

Sailing

Sailing my heart to your shores,
Not a care, not a cloud in the world,
Happily free in your arms!
Smiling, smiling in reverie, can we?
Can we be once more like this?
Because I miss, I miss,
Your kiss from the mouth of your words.

Silent Prayer

To the Universe;

In my heart
I know you are true
In my soul
I know you exist
My God
My Light
My Guide
One Wholeness

When all else fails
It's just me and You
So this is just a big
Thank you
To the You in me
From the me in You
Our Oneness

Slowly Slowly Like This

Slowly slowly
The rippling waves hit the boat
A small fishing boat on the lake
In which he and I sit
Softly back and forth

Waves caused by some water ski Do not disturb us

My hands stretch out on wood Behind me as I look At him He is telling me a story Bashfully looking away Each time I try to catch His eye

Familiarity warms his body
To mine
The distance is now less
But he still looks away
I smile
He is so cute
When he does this

He has no idea how much I love him And how happy I am Just being with him Like this

Looking at him
Watching him
And loving him
Always loving him
Like this

So Proud

So proud of you I am my child The inner you came out on stage Your first recital I was amazed And there you were so wonderful so true

The room was moved and so was I
To see my boy my man
Stand tall in front of all of them
So proud of you I am my child

So Where Are You Now?

So where are you now In this cycle of love? It's a real pain, For sure.

Staying Outside

Sea, it is sunny now
And the slides of fun in the pool
Have worked their magic.
'Go make some sandcastles,
Stay outside', the waves keep telling me,
'They will cure you'.

Stone Exchange

She knocked and entered I have a gift for you What he said You can't do

In her hand was A stone Was she going to throw it Who knows

She was so unpredictable

With that she smiled And said this is it

A stone A simple stone Purple brown and grey

She placed it on the table

I took it out of my heart Our hearts For us

And every morning since They exchanged stones From their hearts

Soon they had A little pile Of freedom

Survival

A love so true, So vivid, So electric -They dare Not to Speak of it -The press Would go Apoplectic.

Oh where
Would their
True love
Survive
Out of blue?
In a bottle
On the ocean
Roughing wind's
Commotions?

The one thing Garaunteed Is the gift of Eyes that see, And hands That hold Invisibly.

So if love
Can survive
All that Under one hat A strong love
It is,
We can assure
You that!

Sweet Rain

The Kingdom of Silence Rained for twenty years But it was no ordinary rain No!

For the King of hearts Reigned with a kind heart And a sweet tooth Yes!

Indeed, plenty meters Of loveheart sweets Fell for us to read and Eat!

The Beauty Of Life

The beauty of life Is in the eye Of the beholder

The beauty of life Is free And all around

It is up to us to see And read The beauty of life

The Beauty Of...

The beauty of timeless events Is that they are already written

Each leaf just turned Its vein palpated Line of light Through window gated

Eyes search and heart smiles At memory's repeated miles

The Grand Canyon

My mind has this Subconscious knack Of blocking out Painful memories Not even a flashback Lucky me

But look see
What's this valley
Of a gaping hole
The Grand Canyon
As the helicopter
Circles about

The Paradox I Love

Impassioned

Bewildered

Angry

Lost

In love

What love!

So true!

Soulful

Intelligent

Heart

So cute

The paradox

Of you

The White Rose

The white rose stands so pure this hour of love, With hint of blush that blends with velvet skin. Its scent follows each step the world you're in; As ev'ry hush, the lullaby, you're of A singing nightingale that flies as dove. The peace that overfloweth as with kin, Both hands in friendship held, everlastin', Gives smile on heart as if in Heaven's grove. Unthorned this phase, your gentle ways embrace, My soul encradled, dreams not sleeps this bliss. Your healing fingers deaden all the heads, New buds emerging forth with falls of grace That colour unborn cheeks with nature's kiss. The white rose stands out pure in all rose beds.

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The World Will Never Understand

The world will never understand our love So we'll not judge it by their measures. We'll just accept it as a gift And guard it as our treasure.

I have been fighting with a worldly view. Now let me heal those wounds I've inflicted on you. Keep me mindful of our origin of truth.

Warm Breeze Whispers

Warm breeze whispers about your face
You can almost hear the chattering then silence
Tracing paper whirls to catch them
Enchanting magical thoughts' wondrous parlance
Now if I could only trace them for you
With my blue sparkly marker of stars
What a cascade of lights would surround you
Then I'd add pink and red from my heart

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Warm Inside

The wind howls
Through windowpanes
Leaves bristle
Swish on trees

Sanctuary sought
Playing jigsaw
A five thousand piece
On knees

Fire blazing
In the hearth
Adding rose-faced
Cheek

To banter
About who'll be first
To get up
And make the tea

We Walk

We walk
We walk through
The midnight air
We stare
We look
That's all it took
One look
And I'm back there

When

When he deleted Old epics, I knew his love Came with conditions.

When All Is Quiet

When all is quiet
And not a human in sight
I think of your precious vase
Carelessly broken by me
Again

But then
You thoughtfully remind
Me with a smile
That it was not the last
Or only one

For that resides
Within my heart
Pouring water that flowers
Each flawed part
To start anew

Such is the love You have for me And I for you

With This Soul

I thought my soul
Helped me fly as spirit
Until I felt my soul
Connected to the soil
Through my heart

Through my longing
And through my holding
Of the branches of a tree
I felt connected to all things
Through the ground

My soul is of this earth
In death
It is in the ground
I want to be buried
No cremation for me

But for now
I choose life I breathe life
I touch everything
With my bare hands
And give back what I can

With this soul

Without A Door

hello white glorious you

all shiny and new until cursor strikes

softening now the blow yielder of worded line

feels the touch

sees the beating blink

connectedness

from key to window without a door

Wonderbar

You continue To melt me; Snap crackle And pop me.

Now I'm a nice Crispy bun; To melt again In your tum.

You Are

You are....

A breath of fresh air
A mind full of wonder
So much hidden in there

A deep haunting sound Where love knows no bounds You are you are