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Allie

She is a vision of beauty and light
a sight to behold
like shining gold
she is shy, she is sweet
and extremely neat
my first granddaughter
who's a dreamer at heart
loves to write and is oh so smart
she's all grown up now
a beautiful miss
and from her Granny here comes a kiss

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Alone

Alone am I and wondering why.
All I ever wanted was someone to love
A sweet, loving man who loved me too.
I did love several but they weren't right.
So here I am in my twilight years amid
my memories and my tears.
I guess it just wasn't meant to be
someone who loved only me.
Life isn't so bad, I'm quite content
except when I wonder why I wasn't sent,
A loving man who loved only me.
We never know what is to be,
but I'm thankful Lord for what you've given me.

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Autumn

The colors of Autumn are a sight to behold
orange, reds, browns and gold
The days are bright and blue is the sky
as gentle breezes sway the trees on high
Summer is over and winter is nigh
There is a sadness about Autumn I've always felt
but my favorite time of the year it will always be
like a homebaked cookie and a cup of tea.
I love the feel of an Autumn day
the smell of woodsmoke and apple pie
the leaves crunching underfoot, and big puffy clouds way up in the sky.

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By the Sea

I sit in my cottage by the sea
que sera sera, whatever will be
will be.
The blue green water is beautiful
to behold as it comes and goes
leaving its frothy trail behind.
I feel so safe in my cottage by the sea
nice and warm with my cup of tea.
Que sera sera I'm as happy as I can be.

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Camille

Camille my niece, oh so witty,
she's smart as a tack and so very pretty.
When she was little I called her a brat
but now she's grown up and made up for that.
She's compassionate and generous and has a heart of gold
but still peels the skin off the chicken or so I'm told.
I wish her well in the days ahead love and laughter
and sunny days in oh so many different ways.

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Cheri

Cheri my sister, she is my friend
certainly someone on whom I can depend.
I use to call her 'spud' and 'little lotta'
and tease her all the time.
Now the years have gone by
in the twinkling of an eye
But the love we have for each other
will last forever.

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Coo Coo

The pigeons fly to and fro
across the rooftops they do go.
coo coo they gently talk as
they do their rooftop walk.
I love to watch them as they fly
from the rooftop to the sky.

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Dad

Dear dad, I never got to tell you
what you really meant to me.
I wanted to be your little girl
and sit upon your knee
to hug and kiss you
I never got to do
as you were unemotional
and I was scared of you.
I didn't really know you
although I wanted to
I know you loved me dad
and I loved you.
The day will come when we
will meet again
and I will sit upon your lap
and you will be my friend.

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Dave

Dave oh Dave, so full of life,
here he is now with two kids and a wife.
When he was little, oh me oh my he'd try
my patience, oh what a guy!
He love to tell stories, amusing was he
and boy what a temper when he was mad.
But he was the cutest nephew I ever had.
Strong and hardworking Dave is now,
a real good daddy, so take a bow.

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Daydreamer

What a daydreamer am I
always looking at the sky
I love the wind as it blows
through the trees,
Walking on the beach with a summer breeze.
Dream on and on as my life flutters by
Dreaming for this, dreaming for that
Building castles in the air with my prince by my side
Oh what a daydreamer I am.

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Dreaming

I dream of the day when there will be heaven on earth
when a brave new world will have given birth
when all our days will be sunny and bright
and we will work together and be in the light
when wars and hunger we will no longer need
and the words of our Father we will once again heed
to live together in brotherly love
and thank our father from up above

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Elise

There was a young miss
whose name was Elise
she came from above to
teach us peace.
She is an angel
filled with love
and spunky at times
oh how I love her
this grandchild of mine
who captured my heart
right from the start

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Gone

Gone are the days when the streets
were safe and we left our doors unlocked
We played and we worked and felt safe and secure
but that is not the case any more
We must constantly be aware as there is danger
everywhere
Oh what a sad state this world is in
with so much trouble and so much sin
Grant that we might someday have
the peace we so desire and that our children
will feel safe and secure once more.

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Happy Birthday Mother

Happy Birthday Mother
Although you aren't here I wanted
to wish you a lovely day
A day to sing and dance and play
a happy birthday in every way
Birthdays are special and so are you
I know you're with me all the time
and have many memories of days gone by
I love you Mother

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Illusions

Is it all real or just a dream
where nothing is as it really seems.
I wonder, I wonder, what does it mean.
What is our purpose on this place called
earth, where we all have given birth.
For some it's sadness, worry and strife,
for some it's a rich wonderful life.
What's the answer, I wish I knew
Guess it's not for us to know, but just have
faith and love each other and someday
when the time is right we will all live together
in the city of light.

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Janice

Janice my dear, daughter of mine,
So sweet and loving and pure of thought.
Given to me from the Lord above
To teach us here all about love.
She's quiet and thoughtful and oh so true, what more could a mother ask for than a
daughter like you.
I'll love you dear daughter forever more, and will wait for you as you cross through the
door.
So until then, to yourself be true, your reward is in heaven with the angels too.

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John

John my grandson tall and good looking
drives around in his bright yellow car
goes to the mall where all the girls are
smart and cool, he'll go far
driving around in his bright yellow car

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Johnny

Johnny my son, I love you so.
Born to me on Christmas Day.
What a gift you were to me,
A treasure from heaven and the angels above, sent to me with all their love.
Right from the start there was a bond
that will never break, tight and strong.
A comfort to me you've always been with your loving ways that have sustained me all
my days.
May the good Lord above watch over you and keep you safe and well until together in
heaven we may dwell.

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Morning

Morning is here with a big shiny grin
the bright blue skies and the soft warm breeze
rustle the leaves on the big oak trees.
It's the start of a brand new day
a day to work and a day to play.
A day to do our very best
to be kind to others and smile a lot.
When the day is over and we've done our best
we can lay our heads down and be at rest.

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Mother

As I sit here at my window
my thoughts turn to you
oh, how I wish you were here
with Elise and I too.
The days have gone by
it seems like only yesterday
you were here
Where are you my dearest Mother?
Oh how I love you and miss you each day

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My Beloved Son Russ

My beloved son, I love you so
you're gone from me now
but I want you to know
I'll think of you forever
when the winds blow
when the stars come out at night
when the sun shines so bright
you were such a sweet boy and a fine man
your life was a struggle and now it's over
take care my son and be at peace
death is but a sweet release.

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My Family

Gazing out my window at the blue skies above, thinking of my family whom I dearly love.
Started out so young and idealistic, met a man named John and we were so optimistic.
Brought four beautiful babies into this world,
Russell and Richard, Johnny and Janice,
They were my life and I loved them so,
They were a delight to me as I watched them grow.
John and I grew apart and I left him with a heavy heart.
So here I sit with hair so white, remembering the good times as I write.
The day will come when I shall leave, so think of me and do not grieve.
I love you all with heart and soul
So towards the light my spirit travels to once again be home.
We shall meet again, of this I know as the trees blossom and the winds do blow.
So live your lives and love each other, for I shall always be your loving Mother.

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My Favorite Time

My favorite time is nighttime when I climb into my bed.
All tucked in and cozy with the soft pillow beneath my head.
Wondering what I'll dream tonight, another love to hold me tight.
I love to sleep where all is a dream and nothing is as it really seems.
No worries, no cares, just blissful sleep, I never have to count any sheep.
So I get through the days and soon it will be my favorite time for only me.

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My One True Love

Oh how I loved you, with all my heart and soul
with you in my life I felt whole.
We were so very young and life was wonderful.
We had our babies, four there were.
Then you betrayed me time after time
and my heart broke in pieces.
I left you with a heavy heart
and started a new life and a fresh start.
Life was good and I had new loves, but none
compared to you within my heart.
For you are my soulmate of this I'm sure
and through eternity forever more.

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Redding

Redding is where I started my life
as a mommy and a wife.
There are mountains all around
it's a lovely little town.
In the summer it's really hot
but lots of shade trees its got.
Rivers and lakes are all around
with even caverns underground.
It's a place to enjoy no matter the season
so come and visit no matter the reason

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Reflections

The days come and the days go
The sun shines and the wind does blow.
Each day is a new day, a time to love and
a time to play.
Our lives are just a twinkle in the sky
and some of us keeping asking why.
To live each day as if it were your last
do it now as they go fast.
Do your best and love one another
and treat each other like sister and brother.
The seasons come and the seasons go
the sun shines and the wind does blow.

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Richard

Richard my son
born to live a life of pain
little did he know of my love for him
where are you my son, I mourn for you so
in the summer and winter and when the strong winds blow
you'll always be with me I want you to know
I pray each day that the Lord will keep you safe
and once again I will see your face with that beautiful smile
and we will meet again in a very short while

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Russ

Russ, my first born child and son.
only two and woke me each morn
with a fistfull of salami.
a smiling face and you
also liked pastrami.
Oh how I laugh when I think of your face
looking at me with that sweet loving smile
Russ my son whom I love so
we will meet again I want you to know
What a joy and delight you were to me
and as a grown man you continue to be.

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Saturday

SATURDAY

Today is Saturday
a day to relax
and lie in the sun
a day to drink lemonade
when all the works done
a day to eat strawberries
dipped in cream
to close your eyes and just dream
oh what a day to enjoy the breeze
as it gently sways the top of the trees

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Spring

Spring is coming I feel it in the air
the birds are singing and the frogs
are croaking outside my window
the daffodils and jonquils so yellow
are blooming with faces so mellow
the skies are so blue and bright
and the birds fly around with delight
the days are getting longer
and the weather is warmer
so it won't be long until Spring is here!

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Summer Night In the City

SUMMER NIGHT IN THE CITY

The smell of food and sweat permeates the air
the heat hangs over the city like a blanket
The windows open wide, shouting from within
The kids play in the water from the hydrant
enjoying the cold spray on their hot little bodies
The teenagers on the corner pass around a smoke
and a cold beer pours down their throats
Dogs bark and cats meow as they look for
tender morsels in the garbage cans.
sirens wail their lonely lament
as they speed down the streets
Drug dealers and prostitutes walk their
territory in seach of their prey
The lights go out on another summer night in the city
but the city never sleeps

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Summer Rain

The rain came down over the parched yellow field
you could almost hear the field shout with glee.
The flowers and the trees were happy as could be.
The smell of rain was as fresh as the morning dew,
as it glistened over all and made things brand new.

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Summertime

Summer is here, the sun shines so bright
the days are longer and full of light.
The flowers blossom and the trees so green.
School is out and the kids play and shout.
It's time for cookouts and time to swim
with iced cold lemonade filled to the brim.
The warm sweet smell of a summer breeze
as it blows through the top of the tall willow trees.
Summer brings back memories of when I was young,
beautiful warm nights, gazing at the stars above.
Playing and laughing in a thunderstorm rain.
Fried clams and days at the beach, jellyfish floating
in the water so plain, oh how I wish I was a child again.

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The Path

THE PATH

The path back home is long and winding
there are many twists and turns
and detours to come, lessons to learn
easy for others, hard for some
the sun is not always shining
some days there are clouds
and rainy days, but just remember
the sun always shines and makes us smile
and makes our lives much more worthwhile
each day is a time to renew our goal
to love each other and strengthen our soul
Some day through the veil we will see
what our true purpose and meaning must be
oh thank you Lord for this life of mine
and someday again to be with you and thine

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The Sea

As I stood looking out to the sea
the waves came crashing into me.
The cold salty water eased my pain
and made me realize I was alive again.
Oh how I wanted to forget it all
my life, my loves, this incarnation.
To start all over again with a brand new
life.
The cold sea water swirled around my ankles
and I wanted to engulf myself in its frothy foam.
To clear my brain of its incessant pain.
To live again, to love again, oh what a joyous thought.
To forget this life and all I had wrought.
The glorious sea beckoned me and I closed my eyes
as I went to meet her beneath cloudy skies.

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Thoughts of you

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Thoughts of you Russ fill my days
in oh so many different ways
when you were small and sweet as could be.
The years went so fast, too fast for me
seems it was only yesterday you were just three.
I miss you so much and wish you were here so I could touch
your sweet smiling face.
The tears have subsided but the pain remains.
I know that time is a healer and we will meet again.
Rest in peace my beloved son Russ.

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Today

Today is the first day of the rest of my life
no more worries, no more strife
I plan to laugh and play more and
paint a big smiley face on my front door
Think positive they say and that's what I'll do
Eat lots of doughnuts and ice cream too
Worry just makes you old and grey
but a good laugh washes the tears away
The sun is shining, the sky is blue, the
birds are singing and so are you.

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We Will Meet Again

My dearest Russ as I go through your pictures I choke back the tears as I remember those long ago years.
I still can't believe you're gone from me now, the tears have subsided but the pain lingers still
I know that your mission here on earth has ended, but we shall meet again in a far better place where once again I can kiss your dear sweet face.
Come and visit me my dearest son and I'll be with you when my work here is done.
Your Loving Mother

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When I was Young

WHEN I WAS YOUNG

When I was young and full of joy
the days were sunny and full of light
I sang and laughed and looked ahead
to be older and wiser and very well read
Now that I'm older and my hair is white
I long for the day when it was sunny and bright
to be young and carefree and full of joy
to sing and laugh and not look ahead
to just be content with where I'm led

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Why

Why am I here?
A question I've pondered year after year.
I've studied this philosophy and that
and still have to wonder why am I here?
To love others of this I'm sure
to live a life of goodness and then some more.
Life is so fleeting, there isn't much time
to do what we came here for
and then return home
Where the days are all sunny and there is no pain
there we will stay until we're back here again.

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Wish

Oh how I wish I was a bird so I
could fly right up to the sky.
Flying free and carefree
without an unkind thought to
hinder me.

A white dove to represent peace
in hopes that all wars would cease.
The answer to peace is love for mankind.
It's not so hard to love one another
to think of each other as sister and brother.
What a wonderful place this world would be
if we were all like doves flying free and carefree.

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