

Poetry Series

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Writer/Poet/speaker, As poets we need to realize just how different that we really are. There are so many styles of poetry, so many of us are good at a certain types or style. No matter what style of poetry you prefer; one this is for sure and that is: POETRY LIVES FOREVER! Maybe something that I have written will be of an inspiration to you. Thank you for spending just a couple of moments with me. My best always J. L.

*** Emotions**

Love, happiness and desire touch my soul
Your laughter, your smile I do behold
A wink provides a warm fuzzy feeling
A hug, a squeeze, both leave me reeling

Yes, we've laughed and we have cried
Together our emotions really do fly
Anger we've always kept under control
Yet, we must not let these emotions grow old

These same emotions give us a foundation
If they are not visible, then we have no relation

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*** In the eye of the beholder**

So It does go without saying, that it is very true
The captivating beauty I see when I look at you
Many will search for physical beauty, yes you have that too
What really matters the most is what is inside of you

In the eye of the beholder, you are frankly second to none
In the eye of this beholder, you are the best; my number one
Yes beauty can be described in so many different ways
It is so important how one carries themselves from day to day

There is so much style, charm and a word we call grace
You do not harbor any self doubt not even a little trace
If you were a painting or such, your price would be a mint
But in reality, I am so very grateful, that you are heaven-sent

So simply stay as you are and our relationship will be the same
You are a dear friend of mine, with or without the fame

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* Joy and Pain

When you are experiencing life's joys' and its pains'
It should tell us that things will always forever change
But oh how I wish I could just save some special times
Pull them out of my personal file, they would always be mine

I want you to know I am not talking about pictures or dvds
I am talking about the actual event that's how it would be
Hmm, what a pipe dream, but saying it sure did feel good
We have to manage the real world, but going back I sure would!

Just like little quick thought, it sure did make me feel good
I can only reflect with my memories, so I'm not misunderstood
What I get out of this is the joy and the pain we all can think back
Memories especially good ones are priceless but we must stay on track

We can only go forward; this train unfortunately has no reverse
May your good times outweigh the bad, always think of them first

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*** Love is blind-now I see**

Almost everyone has heard the expression: Love is blind?
Yes, we all have, but you still think that yours is one of a kind
Now a blind love will also make you look past things that are right
It will make you close your eyes and not see what's there in full sight

The saving grace for us is that usually it is only temporary
The pain and anguish that we go through, is really necessary
It allows you to wake up, open your eyes and then began to see
I thought I loved her, or him but this was not meant to be

Then you go through a stage where you say oh no never ever again!
In reality, we could again be smitten and forget where we have been
Needless to say, even with its problems, it's not the end of your world
You'll look back at good and bad memories and give it another twirl

For love is blind

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*** One day at a time**

There is nothing like a hot summer day
The joy of sunshine helps me along the way
Though I may sometime complain and speak my voice
It's the season of summer, it's my favorite choice

It is the simple things that I like that we take for granted
But when it's cold outside, I know how much I ranted
Again longing for the serenity of Spring and Summer
And within my mind realizing that my time is coming

So for now I will just enjoy summert one day at a time
I realize before too long it will be gone, it will not be mine

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*** Staying in touch**

Hello my dear and special good friend
I just wondered, how have you been?
We must do a better job of staying in touch
I really have missed you so very much

Well I really do not have a good excuse
I'm being truthful, I don't know about you
Even still, we're only a phone call away
We've let chances go astray every day

Finally, I called again, they said you were gone!
I'm so sad, I cried, wept and I moaned
Everyday is a time to honor our friends
For we will never know when our time ends

So make a call, or send an email-just say hi
Or you may have already said your last good-byes!

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*** Summer Madness (Haiku servies X)**

Summertime joys
I capture the sunshine
Apply as needed

Inherent sunshine –
Kiss the lips of all
I feel much better

Sweat, humid and haze
The signature of a hot day
She makes herself known!

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*** Summer, I love you (Haiku series VIII)**

Holding hands
I take summer for a walk
She's still amazing!

She smiles
As a gentle breeze follows
Delightful time

Good night dear lady
I will see you tomorrow
I can hardly wait!

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*** Summer's reply (Haiku series VIII)**

I retired early
Dreamed of summer as I slept
Met her at my door

Summer—don't leave
I am here for a season –
Please enjoy me now!

Time is fleeting!
I spend much time with her
Hope she'll stay longer—

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*** You represent the best**

Sweet as pure sugar cane
freshly cut from the field
as rich as an expensive
slice of cherry cheese cake
Oh how I love the taste!
You're like the finest
garment on display at
a Saks 5th ave boutique
You've got the quality of
a finely customed taylored
suite that wears so very well!

You represent the best!

With the lines of a Mercedes
Benz and sporty as a farrari
Few can compare—
With the eccentric pluses
of a high rise luxury suite
Though you are not
Eccentric –
Your beauty causes one to
turn their own head
Yet you're humble you
do not have a big head –

So in times like these
when so many are so
full of themselves:
I very simply say again
To you:

You simply represent the best!

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*** You're a diamond**

You possess rare quality your're at the front of the line
I smile from ear to ear yes I do, so glad you are mine
You are simplistic, yet beautiful and a joy to behold
Standing proudly by my side, how you touch my soul

You still shine just as bright as when we first met
Shimmering, sparkling and dynamic as you can get
So just like a diamond you stand out with sheer grace
With a brilliant mind, you're more than a pretty face

I know a diamond should be displayed and also protected
I refuse to treat you like a prize that I've won and accepted
What I like the most is you really want to be with me
It makes me feel like a king so many others can see—

Yes, you are my diamond!

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*** You've got to live!**

You've got to live your life
Regardless of its stress and strife
You can't always wait for tomorrow
If you do, it could bring more sorrow

A young soul showed me how to be bold
To do the things that allow you to take hold
And to always do things that are on my mind
If you don't your joy could easily be left behind

So now I must take chances and without fear
I listen directly to the voice that I now hear
I tell you— that the years they past so quick
Don't sit idle and allow yourself to get tricked

I will not think that I have so much time to wait
It is not true; we don't know our own fate
So to that young soul: thanks! you taught me now I see
Indeed, it gave me a chance to be mentally free

So don't just sit around, let's go, get moving today!
Don't act as if everything is fine— Or that it's okay
There is a world of activity just waiting for you
The only thing is: do you know what you want to do?

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****Emotions (Haiku series VI)**

Senyru presentations:

A touch, a kiss
you are in my arms at last!
time stands still

The smell of your perfume
mesmerizing indeed—
the nearness of you

A good nite kiss
The warmth of your body
After a night of love

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****I love this time of the year (Haiku Series II)**

A bright spring day
I'd hold onto her forever-
enjoy as I please

I'd be so happy
If I could feel springtime's kiss-
my special love

Cool wet morning
a prism of colors
I see a rainbow

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****It happens in the summer (Haiku series III)**

Flowers bloom
such a beautiful sight
leave us so quickly

My lawn
hard work-a masterpiece
for all to see

Humidity high
on a hot summer
thank God for air conditioning!

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****It's springtime! (Haiku Series I)**

Springtime fills air
with its own sounds
waited for so long!

Nature's songstress
gives concert from window sill
clear April morning

Baseball games
springtime cool weather
delight's one's soul

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****Reflections of springtime beauty (Haiku Series V)**

Trees loom like towers
growing beside clear streams
crowned are they king

Dew of the morning
glitter on grass against sun
beautiful picture

At attention!
stood the meadows' flowers
breath-taking sight

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****Sunrise-Sunset (Haiku series IV)**

Morning sunrise
such a wonderful sight
a new day dawning

Sunset breeze
my evening walk—
joys of spring

Sunset-stillness
a time for restoration
days fading glow

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A mind of it's own

The ocean has a mind of its own
When you hear it speak it sings its own song
It can roar and move with power so fast
When you see it in motion, how long will it last?

The next time, it is so calm; barely moving an inch
But you can't figure it out, not even in a pinch
It's best to walk along the shore on a calm clear day
just leave it alone and let it have its way

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A moment (Haiku variation)

Think- before you say
or do something that could have
used better judgment

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A shiver ran

There was a time when a shiver made me very cold
But now when it runs through my body, it touches my soul
It for me is the very essence of being and I know I'm alive
Now a shiver makes me feel good way deep down inside

It makes me think about your love, I'm so lucky to have you
I've enjoyed these special moments and no longer am I blue
A shiver tells me that I am alive and very much in the fight
I will hold on to life and truly enjoy it with all of my might

So the next time you feel a shiver just think about what I said
Think about your life, and that there is nothing for you to dread
Greet your next shiver with a smile and just think of me
Think of the beauty of life, or the ones you love that's the real key!

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A simple smile (Haiku variation)

How much does it cost?
how much of an effort does
it take to just smile?

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A special place in my heart

I have written so much about you the past few months. As a matter of fact, I've fallen in love with you all over again! I own a pen that will never run dry, so I always will have something good to say and write about you. I have shared encouraging laughs with you and you've made me feel good about myself.

You have a special place in my heart.

You've been there to see and even felt my silent and my visible tears. I am not ashamed for you to see me cry. You've been like a well that will never run dry, I can always count on you for a drink of encouragement. When I was so low and could not see above the curb, you said get up and be an encouragement to someone!

You have a special place in my heart.

You said: don't waste precious time wallowing in sorrow and I took your advice. So I am asking you to stay by my side and give me support like the crane that easily lifts thousands of pounds of metal and concrete, just like the bridge that ties major cities together, or like the support of that hydraulic jack that lifts three thousand pounds of automobile just like they are large pretzels!

You have a special place in my heart.

With you by my side, I can be thoughtful, honest, heartfelt, and compassionate as well as and humble as I do what I am called to do: that my friend is writing poems of love and inspiration to make us all look at life in a different perspective. So I salute you again, one last time my faithful friend.

Poetry, you will always have a special place in my heart.

This poem is dedicated to the many poets/poetess here at Poem hunter.com who have inspired me as well. It is also dedicated to my many new personal young poets friends who make an effort to stay in touch with me.

I am Grateful for those friendships!

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Accepting yourself

I give up! Lord knows I can't run as fast as you do
Nor can I sing even half as good; it's sad but true
When it comes to speaking, you are one up on me
My southern accent and my diction, they are the keys

When you're out in public, you are the center of attention
I stand alone within a crowd, my name is never mentioned
The ladies say you are smooth and possess great looks
I'll never be a ladies man, most of the time, I just got shook

You always had the money and drove the finest of cars
I've worked as hard as I could, I'm not mistaken for a star
Your overconfidence always led you to think you were the best
If I did hangout with you, I always felt like I was less

It's taken all of my adult life to come out of your shadow
Now that I finally made it, I'm sorry I ever let it happen!
But now I am older and have had many experiences in life
I do not have to measure up to you, I can set my own sights!

I finally realized I had something that is so very, very great
I could not be just like you, I want to control my own fate!
With that being said, I will smile and continue to enjoy myself
My dear friends you too have much to offer, don't try to be
like someone else!

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Alone with my rhymes

For now I am alone with my thoughts and my rhymes
It's the times like this when things are not so kind
My rhymes and my pen will help me to keep sane
So I will write and write because for me it's not profane

Sometimes we all slip so low that we don't know what to do
So I must continue to battle so hard, just to get through
So my sad lines may help some else but especially me
Maybe I will see things are not as bad as I thought them to be

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Be the best you can be

It is easy to accept you as you are
If you are being the best you can be
No one is asking you to be a superstar
Your best effort is what we want to see

Whatever you do don't live in anyone light
Over time you will find that is hard to do
So be yourself and continue your own fight
Don't allow yourself to become misconstrued

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Berries

We started very early in the morn
Before it was hot, the day was still calm
We both had two plastic buckets each
Our goal was to fill up the four at least

Into the mountains we talked as we hurried
In the nearby brush were birds as they scurried
We knew all the good spots from the times before
But our journey would lead us to add a few more

We took our time and we were extra careful
Here in the woods are things that are hurtful
Spiders, snakes, bees and even ticks are here in the brush
You must take care of yourself or hear your Mom fuss

By twelve o'clock we were pretty much done
Our buckets were full and we even had some fun
Now back down the mountain to show them to Mom
We felt good about our take and we stayed out of harm

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Darkness to light (Haiku)

You invaded my space
awakened from a deep sleep:
i call you sun-light

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Don't let your dreams die

It can be said that we die a thousand times to our dreams
Do not listen to others negative thoughts or wicked schemes
Their thoughts are designed to tear your dreams down
They also serve a purpose to keep you listless and bound

You owe it to yourself to endure with your dreams to the end
It is your possession and upon its wings you can ascend

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Every thing for a reason

It seemed I had you for more than an instance told
You exposed my insecurities, yet enlightened my very soul
The truth of the matter is that we met through fate
When I look at the circumstances it was just a bit late

For if I could have chanced meeting you a few years ago
I could have gave in to your kindness, yet we'll never know
It is good how by talking you made me see and enjoy life
The memories of what we had will help lessen my strife

You showed me how to accept myself and to be what I want
What a great lesson learned, if not my mind would always haunt
It would haunt me and tell me that I am not really being myself
Time is a killer it always wins—you can't ever be someone else

Although we both had no choice but to keep going and to move on
There will yet be a place for you in my heart a very special song
We can get caught up in who we want to be and forget who we are
But through acquaintances like you it revives us and helps us go far

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Expectations-controlling one's emotions

Expectations that were once so high have really gotten me down
Sitting around here it's unbelievable; in my own tears I drown
One minute I stood excited on top of the tallest mountain
The next minute tears flow like an old broken water fountain

I hope that this feeling will not last for very, very long
The butterflies are in my stomach but I am very strong
Maybe I need a course: how to date a woman 101
Things can quickly happen, its not all games and fun

Tears are sort of drying now I wished them all away
I'm way too old to let folks see me – what would they say?
How can you love someone that you've never ever seen?
But now I know I do; my feelings for you are so keen!

I will learn to better control my emotions, I hope that I can
It can be easier said than done; I'll just throw up both my hands
I will chalk this one up to experience, any one can be sad
I'll make tomorrow a little better maybe then a smile can be had

Patience is a virtue

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Expressions of autumn (Haiku)

Leaves falling
children toss them in air
games are played

Brown and orange leaves
millions have turned color
fall's transformation

Autumn skies
rustling leaves sing song:
spring back, - fall forward!

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Favorite person

You could be someone's favorite and never even know it!
That's why it is important to be your best, try to always show it
Carry yourself with class, confidence and with a lot of style
It will allow you to standout - you too can go the extra mile!

You're just acting as yourself; you're secure in what you do
You'll be carrying on as usual; really you're just being you
This does not mean that you are an expert on any given thing
You're versed at handling situations and everything they bring

Everyone has a strong person that they like to call and count on
The real reason that they do it is they have proven that they're strong
Yes everyone has a favorite whether they want to admit yes or no
Could it be a brother, uncle or a good friend, but yes, I told you so!

That takes me right back to us always carrying ourselves with class
Life gives us many chances to help others I think you too will pass!

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Finding true love

As I put these words and emotions on paper
It is hard for me but my feelings I will not taper
So many times I have not been able to speak
But now it is winning your heart that I really seek

You make me feel so very good about myself
With you I shared more joy than anyone else
We are two people who were meant to be
Our shackles released— I know that you see

Now with you I have found my true love
Sent to me with an approval from above
Now the shy young boy has become a man
And I have no shame as I ask for your hand

For I have found true love

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Get There: I wanna be where you are (Haiku variation)

Though we may be far
apart; you are still in my
heart, I will get there!

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Going on a date

Oh my, its' been a while but I am going on a date!
I'm so excited I have to get ready, I just can't wait!
One thing is for certain, nothing will make me late!
I want to make a good impression; what will be my fate?

I picked you up right on time and boy, you sure looked great!
Thinking ahead though I shouldn't: She's makes a great mate!
I'm on my best behavior; I'll show you only my best traits
So happy for this big chance: With you I have a clean slate

We are going to have a ball; I have great plans for me and you
I have planned it to a tee; I know exactly what we will do
It will be an evening of fun, not one that will be subdued
So relax and enjoy, I hope my dreams will indeed come true

First, I'll say something witty; I hope it will make you smile
From the moment I saw you, I knew you had so much style
So happy am I that we can be together even just for a little while
Tonight is your night; if it made you happy for you I'd walk a mile

Our dinner was delightful so glad you were here by my side
I couldn't take my eyes off you, my emotions I just can't hide
Their eyes tell me my date was gorgeous with just a little flair
Yes, I am the one who was lucky, for me I just cannot compare

I've had a great time, I enjoyed myself and I hope that you did too
I hope you'll see me again— I just can't stop thinking about you!

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Good-bye (Haiku)

To the snowfilled skies
of winter say your good-byes
it's springtime again!

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His Presence (Haiku variation)

God is near
presence of the Lord-
beautiful rainbow

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I can't be like you!

At times I wished, I could write just like you
I've come to my senses; it's not the right thing to do
I'd lose my own identity trying to be someone else
After overcoming self-doubt, I realize that I am really deft

I actually have my own style and my own set of skills
After getting over some hurdles, now I can do my own will
I will just write like I know I can and send messages to you
I will put them out there so strong, and let you take your view

You mix your words with imagery, symmetry and much more
My writing may be simplist but it can still help you to soar
It will encourage you to be the best and to never ever give up
In times of stress and strife; we need that, life can sure be rough!

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I love you

For most of us fellows it is so hard to say I love you
Trying to show it in other ways may not always do
The sensitive side can somehow becomes a man's weakness
Because men hurt too, it can feel more like meekness

So we resist saying or using the words I love you
While for most of our women, no problem, they always do
Maybe in my lifetime I will be able to break that spell
It would be nice to speak that emotion, but only time will tell

I am going to try it; I am tired of voices holding me back
I have experienced this for years holding emotions in tack
I Love you, I Love you, I Love you there! I don't regret it
Not as strange as I thought, no longer do I have to sweat it!

I Love you!

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I paint a picture

My mind paints some very good pictures when I think of you
My mind races vividly and I know just what I want to do
I want to spend time with you and again see your lovely face
Just to sit beside you or to hold your hand, we're in the same place!

The pictures that I paint are not the ones we see in any picture frames
They are the ones that only you and I can see, it only has our names
We are sharing private moments; thank God no one else is around
We can concentrate on one another together, our love has no bounds

So these private thoughts I will for now have to just keep them to myself
They give me a chance for a little smile oh, how these memories are kept!

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I really like you

I know in my heart, there is more that I can do
If nothing more than offer just a smile for you
Or I could open the door for you and tell you that you look nice
Or give you a compliment on your perfume, it's just right

I could sing you a love song, so vibrant and so sweet
I could take you to dinner, now that would be a nice treat
Or we could just spend time together, let's take a short stroll
I won't give you any pressure, my friendship is whole

So I ask you to give me just a little small chance
There is nothing to pressure you, no whirlwind romance
Whenever I see you I wonder what I should say
I know there is more that I can do to brighten your day

But for me action speaks louder so much louder than words
I got to encourage myself so my inner thoughts can be heard
It's not good to keep this inside all bottled up and subdued
I've got to bring it out so you can hear me, I really like you

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If I could

Oh how I wish I could write a smoking free verse love poem just for you. It would be like two streets meeting at a very busy Intersection with no stop signs or lights and you know What would happen. You would run into My arms and receive a kiss that would have you seeing stars. Wow! just think about that, I would like to see stars myself. I would take these two strong arms and hold you so tight! As you lay your head on my shoulder you would smell my finest cologne. I am sure that the smell of it would be pleasing to you. But I told you that I can't write but oh boy if I could. I would say something like our love would be like a river that has no ending, it just keeps going and going and going. Or it would be like purchasing a nonperishable product, It would have no expiration date. It would be hot just like the sun and it would never, ever burn out. It would have a breeze just like a cool spring day, that would make you feel so good about yourself. It would be like The finished 1000 piece puzzle - complete! . But I told you I can't write free verse, but boy if I could!

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I'm fighting for you

Sometimes we do things that become misunderstood
Although I did not plan it, I should have known that it would
Now I feel like the man who is left without anything to say
Just like the man who said 'you take my breath away'

So as I take a minute to look back, to think and to reflect
My thoughts are going every way and I need to collect
Although I have never had you, I don't want to lose you
This may sound ironic but I miss seeing your smile
I imagine it, I feel it, I want it, oh how I like your style!

For now all that is left to do is to write these sad lines
Things happens so suddenly, I remember the times
It takes me back to the times when I was very, very shy
When I could not get myself together, I just did not know why

My insecurities always worked against me, and kept me down
Can you believe it; as if I was taped, gagged and bound
In my mind I refuse to imagine and to let things stay this way
I have told myself that I will keep fighting to get you everyday

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I'm still here

I'm still here

(A tribute to Langston Hughes & his famous poem of the same name.)

I have so much to live for
There is so much I must do
I look forward to opening closed doors
No time to sit around subdued

Yet many times I do feel so bad
For others who have moved on
Thinking of them does make me sad
But I have plans so I have to be strong

So with each tomorrow comes a revelation
These are times I know I should cheer
I embrace my world with celebration
It's wonderful I'm still here!

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Influence (Haiku variation)

With a stroke of a
pen you can influence thousands
never forget that!

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It's a new season

Let it not be just for the beginning of the New Year
Listen close within your heart and I'm sure that you will hear
When it's time for a change or a new destiny or direction
When it's time for some new goals or to seek new connections

When it's time to let go of the past and just to truly move on
Or when it's time to step to the mike and sing your own song
When it's time to cry some tears, at this time we must let go!
When it's time to take that advice: you see I told you so!

But a new season should be a good thing to help make you strong
We've all had stumbling blocks; everyone of has been wronged
So if we lose a job, a relationship, a loved-one or a dear friend
It will be tough times ahead but believe me it's not the end

It's the start of your newest challenge and I know you'll be okay
The new season can and will come to everyone on any given day

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It's gone (Haiku)

A tiny snowflake
that falls from the sky it melts
right before your eyes!

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Looking for the spring

Springtime has always been one of my favorite times
The time to leave all thoughts of winter behind
Forward goes the clock there is more time in the evening
It lightens my heart and for me it is so very pleasing

I can hang out more and go for an evening walk
I can relax in my lawn chair grab the phone and just talk
With a glass of lemonade or some ice cold tea
I am so happy for this season it is a time for enjoying me

After all this waiting the spring will lead to summer
For now I will enjoy the evenings as I rest and slumber
I go through this very mild crisis every single year
But I really look forward to it for me it is so dear

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Memories

Memories can lead us to even better, more meaningful tomorrows
First, we must learn to go forward and not to dwell in sorrow
Unfortunately, for many sometimes that is easier said than done
But in this case, good for me; I will— I've already begun!

I wish I could apologize to every lady that I did not treat very good
Didn't realize because of my inexperience I was not doing all I could
On the flip side there were many times that I know I was used
Trying to be with someone that didn't really like me; boy was I confused!

But as we grow and mature, from our experiences we should all improve
Then we have to stop making excuses, now we have no one to blame
So now I want to make some new memories, some that will make me smile
Memories I will cherish as I get stronger as I look back to my memory files

Alas we cannot go back and change any of the things that we once did
But at some point we have to look back and address the things that we've hid!

j l price

My Poetry

I keep looking and looking for words to blend together
But I must be very careful because it will be forever
What will I write, speak or talk about – what will I say?
I have to say something positive to help someone along the way

One thing that's for sure – I must do what I do best
I have to stay true to my pen and not worry about the rest
I must always write about the things that move me
And keep writing with compassion for all people to see

I want you to see I have much respect for this thing called poetry
It's like recovering something I had lost that was very dear to me
So I keep pondering thoughts to produce something outstanding
My poetic style is to lift up and inspire, I am not reprimanding

So I hope I can make you laugh, make you smile or simply reflect
This word and that word and this thought I just want to connect
The ultimate would be to have you read it over and over again,
That would make my day as long as you like it, it is not a sin

j l price

My window is open

As fall makes its way into my life, I can again do some of the little things that so many of us take for granted. I can take a long walk without sweating profusely, I can cut my grass and really enjoy the beauty of the work when I finish. I can reflect and admire-, now I don't have to rush inside to cool off!

My grass, shrubs and trees can again catch their breath and enjoy fresh mild air. My greatest joy though is: I can now sleep with my window open and enjoy a gentle breeze. A simple pleasure of life has returned to me! It's return will not be taken for granted!

So take a moment to reflect on something or someone in your life and make a vow today to stop taking them or it for granted. Enjoy it to the fullest everyday because it will not always be with you. Make sure your window is open too!

j l price

No true winners

Popularity contests usually never produce the true winners
others can vault to the top even some that are beginners
for them it's about gathering votes and securing many eyes
the sad thing for us is their product does not always gratify

With that being sad, its not a big thing, I know I must proceed
I have confidence in myself and my ability, I must not concede!
Obstacles will come my way; I'll just get around the distraction
I'll stay true to what I do, No need to take any other action

Popularity contest many times can drive good people away
There is a few at the top—many pay attention to what they say
Caution: Do not get too full of yourself; the mighty can also fall
You weren't always on that perch—In your mind you can recall!

So since there really are no true winners here, I will say what I think
It once bothered me more than I thought; I got myself out of sync
So now I am grateful because time can heal most of our wounds
Regardless of some things I've encountered, I'll still sing my own tunes

j l price

Nobody does it better (A tribute to my favorite Poetess)

Haiku Senryu Variations

Your poetry soothes!
oh, how it speaks to my soul
with rich blends

With pen in hand-
and a brilliant mind
excellence is shown

Joy abounds
reading fresh new poems
poetic treasures!

I still say Nobody does it better!

This is a humble tribute to my favorite Poetess, hopefully she will know.

j l price

Not on the outside but inside strong

I borrowed my title from an old favorite seventies love song
This tells of my feelings inside for you they are so very strong
Next to God, a woman's love is the strongest force we can feel
Whether it is the love of her child, her husband or family it's so real

But my love, my love it too is so strong, speaking now only for me
I know my feeling outward are hidden but I need you to try to see
I want you to feel these emotions and I want you right now to know
From the tips of my very toes— my love for you grows and grows

It is not on the outside but inside— it is so very, very strong
I wrestle with my emotions the fact that they are hidden is so wrong
But the love that I have for you will last a lifetime believe it is true
If you give up on me now and let me go I just don't know what I'd do

j l price

On missing you (Haiku variation)

I thought about you
as I went about my day-
a smile crossed my lips

j l price

One last thought (closing for now)

As my time to address you has comes to an end
I will be thinking of you my faithful friends
I thank you for trusting your time with me
I hope that my word has inspired you to see

Some things that you could do better or improve upon
I write poems with passion and not just to sing you a song
Maybe they have given you a chance to look back
Or maybe just to rekindle that fire you may lack

My goal and my mission is to write poems with truth
I am taking my time, hearing from the Father to write them for you
There is no fiction, just truth and no reason to lie
These poems tell you my thoughts, with no hesitation or alibis

My one last thought is to wish my very best to you
To encourage and strengthen and hope that you get through
Every problem every situation that has you bound
You are all kings and queens and you should be wearing your crown

Remember, I have a pen that will never run dry so I will be back with
More moving poems in the future

JAYE-L. the poet

j l price

One thing I know

Does anyone know why a river will never run dry?
Or when you gaze above, just how high is the sky?
Why shortly after the rain, the rainbow leaves from our sight
Why will so many of us do wrong when we know that it's not right?

As long as the faucet is on then how long will the water run?
I'm looking again at the sky, trying to figure out how hot is the sun?
When you turn on that light switch how long will that light bulb last?
Or if you could time that wild cheetah then really, how fast is fast?

Have you tried to remember how many times that you have smiled?
Or think back over years just how many times you've been riled?
How about trying to account for every dollar in life that you ever made
Or when you were a child how many baseball cards did you trade?

The answer inevitably to every question here has to be I don't know!
I think we all would have answered the same, Ok I should have told you so!
Although we have the same answers to the questions stated from above,
There is one thing I do know is life is just too short for me to judge

But it is enough time for me to enjoy each and everyday to its heights
And to try to be kind and fair to others and do it with all my might

j l price

Something to say

Poetry has become one of my dearest friends
The ability to write for me comes from within
I respect it so much, I always want to give it my best
I don't want to present an imitation, or give you less

So each time I pick up my trusted pen, I aim to inspire
There may be times i fall short but I want to go higher
With so many negative thoughts here in the world today
I can't be a part of that - I have something positive to say

j l price

Soul Searching

I never had anything come to me the easy way
So I'm staying focused doing all I can each day
I got an eye for answers that are hiding from me
I keep knocking down fences so all men can see

j l price

Sunny days

There is something about a sunny day
I look for good things to come my way
I can enjoy the beauty of outdoors
and to enjoy the nature that I adore

So a sunny day is a special gift to me
a time to enjoy the flowers, birds & even the bees

j l price

Sunshine after the rain

When I am down and low, I no longer have to accept just being sad
I can pick up my pen and write— oh by the way, yes it makes me glad
Sometimes you are flying so high up there way above all the clouds
And then something happens; I am falling, boom! It was very loud

But I must pick myself up right now and I know I must persevere
Everything can not always happen just as I want listen: did you hear?
I can do a better job to keep myself balanced and standing on an even keel
I will just go around the roadblocks there is no need to go up the hill

But really what I am stating is just as much for me as it is for you
This thing call poetry, it gives me so much relief and makes me stay true
I called your name and you gave me relief, suddenly, I do not feel any pain
Thank you Poetry! Once again you reminded me there is sunshine after the rain.

j l price

Taking my breath away

You take my breath away
I'm left with nothing to say
I must wait until I see you again
How badly i want to be your friend

My silly shyness keeps me from talking
I'm left with sadness as I see you walking
You're walking away until another day
again, you just took my breath away

j l price

The Beauty of being your friend

I see beauty when you are near and I can spend time with you
It radiates throughout your personality, it comes into full view
The beauty that I speak about is inside it's not just in good looks
Nor is it the beauty that's seen on pictures or on pages of a book

That beauty that dwells deep inside it makes you who you are
It's the beauty many won't see because they see you from afar
So I'm happy that I know you right now and that I am your friend
It's so lovely what we share yet others around us don't comprehend

j l price

The Mountain

As I stood atop the mountain, I began to look down
I was facing so many different obstacles all around
If I tried to climb down most surely I would take a fall
I stood and surveyed my task, I told myself to stand tall

It took years of neglect to get here, now I must get myself down
I can't stay here forever; if I do, I would stay lost and bound
Somehow I did not realize the mountain had gotten higher
As my problems continued to grow, suddenly I found myself mired!

Well now I say to myself: mountain move! Just move away!
I have had my fill of you and I am going to start right now today!
I am going to come down one step at a time; I know I can do it!
My misery put me here and one step at a time I will get thru it

The mountains of life when left uncontrolled will really make you flop
But just like me, stay focused on your goals, don't you ever stop!

j l price

The silent tears

I want you to understand this poem but don't you dare feel sorry for me!
This is informational, so look very close and maybe you'll be able to see
Or to understand why it is so hard for a man to show his inner emotions
It really is in his make up even from a young boy, there is no special potion

The saddest tears ever shed are the tears shed of a good strong man
The world is never supposed to see them, he's taught to hold them if he can
Because he is the leader, many times you'll never know that he feels so all alone
He is alone with his thoughts but his image must project to the world he is strong

I will try to help you understand the silent tear that comes in the corner of his eye
That is the mission of the strong man to keep it right there and never let them fly!
I must admit that I have cried a million of these silent tears and many never knew
The worst was at the loss of my Mother, it did not show the anguish I went through

So to all of those who can let go of the emotions, it's actually a really good thing
Let the tears flow strong, you can really let go—Oh, the relief that it must bring!
We can be married or have a boyfriend or a girlfriend and times that is not enough
You must have someone or something or an outlet; those silent tears can be so rough!

j l price

What is in a name

Jack, John, Robert and Harry
Bill, frank, Tom and Larry
Cindy, Mary, Pamela and Gina
Judy, Terry, Nadine and Tina

What is really deep inside your name?
Does it give you your claim to fame?
Or does it now make you ashamed?
Oh by the way, who gave you your name?

Were you like me named after a family member?
Is yours a name that is strong and easy to remember?
Or do you have to exercise your tongue to get it limber
Could you be unlucky and have one that is a real bender?

Well a really good name it will give you a sense of pride
You will be able to state loudly your name and not hide
Do you only trust certain people with it in which you confide?
If you like it you will speak it out loudly like a blushing bride

Does it set for you a standard and a high mark?
Or over the years has it become very dark?
Is it straight from the bible— yes you hark!
Or did you know it was famous from the start?

So please don't just judge me by my name
It has never been my claim to fame
I did not ask for it— it just came
Now I rise above it and place to no one any blame

To each individual it is indeed different
I ask you again: what is in a name?

j l price

When I look around

When I look around beauty abounds, the warmth of the sun, I feel it as my feet touch the hot pavement. Birds scurry to and fro, who knows where they are going? The smell of a freshly cut and manicured lawns and I have to stop myself from being a bit envious. North and south traffic continue at a sporadic pace as I proceed down the residential street. Barks from the neighbors dog are so contrite! I should bark back! My mind travels back to my work day- hmm, quickly I dismiss the past events. This is my time!

I will just concentrate on the things around me. They have a beautiful home but it much too expensive for me! I could not afford it but there is no cost for admiring. Wow, it is actually a bit warmer than I had thought. I must continue my walk a bit, a cool refreshing drink awaits me when I get back home. Ther is so much to be grateful for. As I end my stroll, this poem would be too long if I named them all. If you understand me; then you too should take a look around.

j l price

When you are who you are

A songwriter once said: You are so beautiful when you are who you are. What a true statement! It can be taken a step further to say the beauty in the person is reflected because it is easy to accept you as you are. So we need to be honest with ourselves and just try to be the person that we were really meant to be. Then beautiful we all will be.

j l price

Who do you turn to?

Question is who can really comfort you when you are feeling low?
Who can help make your heartache bearable do you even know?
So many of us can find ways and can be a comfort to many others
But now that you need comfort your self who do you call my brother?

Me? I am in touch with the father and I go to him with sincere prayer
He is the one I know I can count on through all my life, he's been there
Yet we all need earthly support too so do not try to do everything alone
Outwardly we show strength but deep in side we grunt and we moan

Many times it is so hard to to tell some one how much we are hurting
Yes! I want my privacy not for the world to know that I say for certain!
So if you see yourself and ways and actions in any parts of this poem
Take my advice its free, we need each other don't do your self more harm

j l price

You don't want me

Finally, it is clear; I see that you do not want me
Yes, pain fills my heart inside, but I must let you be
I fell so quickly and so hard, it took my breath away
I almost felt like a school boy anxious for the next day

Anxious for the chance to see you and to spend some time
Suddenly to the front of my mind, I knew you'd never be mine
I went days and days waiting for you just to give me a call
But when you didn't I made excuses, I was ignoring the fall

Still I'm not as down as I once was— I tell myself I'll be okay
It's not the first time someone left me; I'll live for another day
So thanks for what you gave me those times you made me feel good
In the back of mind, I knew I'd never have you but I would if I could

But you don't want me.....

j l price

You light up my life (haiku)

you create a fire
in me-it burns with desires
I long to hold you!

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