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All Mighty Sky

I look to you all mighty sky,
As I will each day, until I die.
Your vast amazing beauty, for all of us to see.
As your darkness falls, it envelops me.
The mystery of all you are, caught within a falling star.
Reminding me of what can be.

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As She Hung Her Head

But I love him with all my heart, she said.
As she kneaded the dough to make his bread.
When he walked in the door at the end of the day.
The oven light is on is all he'd say.
As she hung her head.

She started a garden on a clear Spring day.
To keep the kids outside, out of his way.
A row of peas in a patch of dirt.
I saw her pain, I felt her hurt.
As she hung her head.

No money for shoes this month, my dear.
The look in her eyes made the message clear!
A light flush on her face spoke her shame.
The money was lost to a drunken card game.
As she hung her head.

We'll be fine, you'll see, she said.
It'll get better soon, Now off to bed.
Dishes need doing, babies need fed.
She looked at the clock, you could feel the dread.
As she hung her head.

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Live Every Minute!

Live every minute,
Make sure your heart is in it.
Push yourself,
Cross the line.
Just be honest,
You'll be fine.
Be brave, be bold,
As you grow old.
Never, ever compromise,
Don't get caught by surprise.
Own your life,
Expel the strife.
If it suits you,
Be a wife.
Be resolved,
Stay involved.
Laugh often,
Laugh out loud.
Live strong,
Be proud.

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Sleep, my friend

Think of dreams, find restful sleep.
Sail the skies, and oceans deep.
Relax yourself, to your heart be kind.
Let the darkness be gentle to your mind.

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Stuck

Stuck between chance and circumstance, in a hell of my own making.
Can you see into my eyes, beyond the smile I'm faking.
Shrouded by the darkness and all that I hold dear,
I have come to realize I'm paralyzed by fear.

I really wish I was as strong as everyone believes.
Instead, I feel I'm falling like the Autumn leaves.
I've tried to see a new path for my life to travel.
But I get stuck on the first step and watch it all unravel.
I feel that I'm being selfish, in this big wide world of pain.
And I often wonder, if my heart, will ever feel again.

I look towards the mountain tops,
And think of all the many stops
I've made along the way.
Some days are worse than others, as I'm sure we all can say.
I lost sight of what's important, somewhere along the way.

In you, I've found a touchstone and I hope that you will stay,
Be my friend and guide my heart, to find its strength again

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