Poetry Series

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A Man

He was like a colorful picture,
Painted in abstract colors of gray.
His extraordinary ambiance affected no one,
Though he posed brilliantly each day.

An enigmatic presence he possessed
And guarded it jealously as if obsessed.
That colorless thieves might steal or
Better yet his true nature reveal.

These exceptional qualities hid him well
As he prowled the naked world to tell.
Of worlds and creatures not so strange
Resembling the lifeless horses mange.

As he dreams of days gone by
Hoping soon to learn to fly
Away from the colorless sky
He hopes to do this and not die.

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A Song

A vinyl song embraced my brain
With a haunting angelic refrain
The songs melodious sound
Would unmercifully go around
Until at last I gratefully found
A restful rhythm for my brain
You ask what was that new refrain
It was mambos and smooth jazz
That filled me with razzmatazz

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A Special Island

A gossamer moon
A poetic lagoon
And we on an island
Two mystical hearts
Observing the stars
A fragrant breeze blowing
The whispering trees
Brings us to our knees
We quake and we shiver
The tingling sand
Caressing your hand
The fireflies bring us
A tropical breeze
A shimmering moon
And two hearts that swoon
A romantic ending

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A Stree Called Sadness

He lived on a street called sadness
Devoid in toto of gladness
And those who went there
Soon were filled with despair
Heaven then helped to repair
Along came a stormy banshee
And wiped all the misery to sea
This totally turned miserable sadness
To profoundly joyful new gladness
A miracle was born you see

Lento Maez

Apocalypse

Changing time, cool days, hot nights
Birds in flight, smoke blowing from
Cancerous lips, bloated bellies, glazed eyes
Who sees the seas where plankton is mined
Because of depleted soybeans.

Changing times, gray skies, rainless prairies
Parched wheat, meatless plates, cataracted
Eyes don’t see ships at sea carrying surplus
Overseas.

Changing times, child cries, hunger prevails
Throughout the land. Man has reached the
Stars at the expense of the earth scars,
Life support systems don’t exist.

Changing times, grandparent dies, wisdom
Falls on mutant ears, electrified brain
Mummified by screams of falling bombs.

Changing times, gods die, primates screech.
Men forms beseech an entity unseen.

Changing times, man dies, insects eat,
Hellish storms, earth is cleansed, we’re
At the fore, genesis once more.

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Atavism

Atavism in a prism
Look back and see
What you were
Were you a bear
Were you a flea
Or maybe
A tall oak tree
It’s hard to know
It doesn’t show
Without the prism

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Bojangles

An obligatory historical story
Was read in Harlem last night
The crowds it did quell
Because it cast quite a spell
It proclaimed Bojangles had died

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Born Bad

He was born not knowing
In the year of the cat
He should have been born
In the year of the rat
His status was plain
He had not shoes and no hat
How bad is that

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Boulevard Of Broken Dreams

I’ve lived on the boulevard of broken dreams
Life there is boring, lonely and decaying at the seams
Occasionally I’ve seen a beautiful boulevard that gleams
However this only happens in my restless dreams
Someday I’ll look for solace while fishing the streams
In hopes that One day I’ll make that boulevard gleam
With gloriously radiant and loving moonbeams

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Civility

A man tried to gather his thoughts
And was arrested for unlawful
Assembly.

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Deception

Kindness can save us
If we but prevail
Possibilities prevailing
Potential profound
Wickedness wavering
Never receding
Like a solemn refrain
Regardless of options
It’s impossible to win
It’s not just a game
What truth do you want
Is it of who I am
Where did it begin
Can you answer me this
What was it you saw
Did you think I’d deceive
I promised you not
No I did not deceive
I love you a lot

Lento Maez

Desire

From what I've tasted of desire
This poor soul will never tire
Of just a nibble here and there
Hoping the hostess doesn't care
Once tasted desire you'll soon find
Your heart, brain, and ego are in a bind
Be careful my friend you may go blind

Lento Maez

Divine Love

You make me feel
The world is mine
To have and hold
Your love divine
I am what’s yours
You are what’s mine
A love unchained
A love divine

Lento Maez

Doo Wop

He sang songs mostly in Doo Wop
More often his genre of choice
Amazingly his songs never did flop
He was blessed with a jubilant voice
And all those who gathered around him
Would graciously applaud and beam
At his marvelous virtuosity
He so readily did with generosity

Lento Maez

Dreaming

You acknowledged you loved me
Caused my heart to hum like a bee
This new state of excitement
Made me want to climb a tree
To proclaim that you loved me
No more despair I could see
This illusion has ended
I awoke from the dream
Good grief how depressing
I'll just jump from the tree

Lento Maez

Elation

Elated you made me
Forgotten no more
In words I find meaning
With you I grow more
How often we’ve know this
To few we ignore
Against better judgment
I continue my lore

Lento Maez

Elysian Fields

I want to go to Elysian Fields for an afterlife
Where the gods proclaim there is no strife
To the edge of earth their domain may be
Where we mortal souls must beg, plead to see
In Elysian plain you'll find the best of life
When you go there you'll feel no strife
If you want to go there you must be blessed
Enjoying the life the gods have professed
In Elysian Fields there is no pain
The weather's clear, no hail no rain
If Hades guardians find you there
Fear not my friend do not beware
Remember though that life lived in vain
Elysian Fields you will not gain

Lento Maez

Emotion

Emotion, that locks us in love
take me as your purpose
Whose countenance recall
your face in my soul.

Lento Maez

Existence

Existence apart from all we know
One lives with thoughts yet unborn
Torrential cobwebs weave whispers
Tantalizing us unmercifully as if to say
Who art thou being? Humbled so
To no avail my mind explodes
I exist no more.

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Fear

Always I have honored you first
Within my thoughts you dwell
A dwelling I dare not enter
For fear rejection awaits me.

Lento Maez

Fine Love

Fine Love
I gave you me
You became mine
What can I say
We were entwined
Eternal souls
Emotionally one kind
With love divine
Forever lost
In love so fine

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Fleece Leggings

She wore polar fleece leggings
To keep her legs warm
As she turned when she danced
Slightly bending her arm

A chuckle escaped me
As I took in her charm
How could I refrain
From laughing so hard

She looked like a shorn sheep
Although a bit tall
My Lord how I loved her
Fleece leggings and all

Lento Maez

Hats Off To Mary

My friend just broke up with Mary
We drank gin and tried not to worry
As we drank and slobbered along
The jukebox began to play the song
“Hats off to Mary”
As drunk as we were
We both roared like a bear
Without any worry or care
The loss of Mary his honey
All of a sudden seemed funny
Our drunken hands saluted Mary

Lento Maez

Hell's Corner

Temptations
   Frustrations
     Incantations.
Soul in a hole,
   Pit of hell.
Well who cares
   Who dares,
     Who fares,
Better than the
Forces of all winds.

Gods of blowing
Diehards.
Speaking through
Bleached lips,
Nurtured on cancerous teats.

Lento Maez

I Am

I am the footprints in the dust
I write the strike signs with my blood

I am the spirit that moves the man
You are the death rattle of the government

I am the footprints in the dust
You can’t see me but I am there

I write the strike signs with my blood
You spat out “losers” I was there

I am the spirit that moves the man
You are the death rattle chocking me

Lento Maez

I Think

Genetically endowed
To think
Makes me think
The thoughts
Of what I am
Who thinks
These thoughts
Of where I've been
Where will I go
To think these thoughts
To probe my soul
Of who I am
And where I've been
Of where to go
Remains unseen
To question more
Of who I am
Of where I've been
Rejects the dream
Of where I'll go.

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Incandescent Eyes

She had incandescent eyes
That saw through my lies
And stirred passions deeply
I was not aware
She could claw like a bear
How stupid of me to try
To deceive her

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Invisible Love

With invisible ink he sent her his love
Filled full of sweet sounds like a dove
Each day he would propose poses
Their fragrance like a bouquet of roses
To his dismay she never did sway
She never did answer his call
He felt that his back was to the wall
One day he went to her house to unwind
His heart did a flip when he saw she was blind
To her he then became loving and kind

Lento Maez

Just A Dream

He had a constant dream
He called it heartache
Too often it would seem
That his heart would break
Then in walked this vision
Of angelic proportions
And wrecked heavenly havoc
On that constant dream
Now he dreams of his angel
In restful delight
Enjoying his night
Without any fright

Lento Maez

Language

Phonemically profound

Morphologically sound

Contextually bound

Syntactically ground

Anaphorically round

Elliptically found

Thematically around

Metathesis unsound

Lento Maez

Life

How sweet it seems the life we've lived.
Of futures past of what we've seen.
When we first met a love did glow, a
Thought, a dream, a seed to grow.

We brought forth life we nurtured them.
They bring forth life there is no end.
Of what will be where will they go.
With love of life our children know.

Lento Maez

Love

Separate realities
Two worlds
One thought
Love.

Conjoined realities
One world
Infinite thoughts
Love.

Emerging realities
Wonderful world
Love.

Lento Maez

Mind Devoid

My mind is devoid
Of meaningful words
I can’t fill the void
I’ve gone to the birds
Please help me explain
How to end this refrain
That is beating my brain
Alas it’s no use
Why try to abuse
An empty old brain

Lento Maez

Modus Operandi

I work with words
That flitter like birds
Weaving tales
That regales
Those that find
What I bind
Intriguing
Their minds
Trying to figure
My mind

Lento Maez

My Heartsease

Misconceptions of dimness a week ago
a heavenly body adorned the sky
shouting smoke like a hanging thurible
misspelling incandescent calligraphy
whose message awakened blind eyes.
Those that could not comprehend it
it screamed:
Do not plow under the grains of life
whose acreage blooms before your eyes
and appears as Heartsease

Spread out a veil of hope and catch the rain
Seek not the drought just catch the rain
Immerse yourself in meteoric light fully cleansed
And say a prayer of your ancestor’s names

A binding chain of ancestral names that bind you
Forever will protect you from evil in the night
And at mornings first glimmer a light will shine
The morning sun will cleanse thy name

Lento Maez

My Mind

My mind’s in confusion
The words just aren’t there
As I pull out my hair
Roots and all in profusion
But wait a short while
I’ll come back with a smile
And fake an illusion
As long as a mile
This may take awhile

Lento Maez

My Mornings

My mornings allow me
To clear my poor mind
Of yesterdays troubles
And leave them behind

Today’s new troubles will find
I’ve learned to leave them behind
Alas still I find
Others troubles still bind
Me to help them find
How to leave theirs behind

Lento Maez

My Town

A non descript city
(About the size of
a beggars wallet)
one can find naked
memories baked in
agony that make
the place look
hardly lived in.

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Over The Mountain

A humble homestead existed
Just over the mountains
Across a green valley
Playful clouds whispered
To those that lived there
Their existence had no care
The flowers danced gaily
When teased by a breeze
A butterfly kissed them
As sweet as you please
Now where is that valley
I venture to guess
That no one will find it
Unless you've been blessed

Lento Maez

Parchment & Ink

With parchment & ink
I have to think
That rhyming words
Is not just for nerds
Loquacious we be
Or is it we see
That parchment & Ink
Allows us to think
Out loud

Lento Maez

Passion

The fires will destroy us
Unless we desist.
What passion did flame us
We could not resist.

Lento Maez

Poetry

I ran out of poetry
The words were no more
The mind is a blank slate
The fingers are sore
It’s scary to think this
I feel like a bore
Dear readers forgive me
I’ve done this before

Lento Maez

Poets

Uncommon words
Uncommon grammar
Others flitter like birds
But Poets don’t stammer

Lento Maez

Pondering

His being was not common to our way of
thought however broad or dim our view;
Exceptionable questions we may ponder
The innocuous thoughts our mind may
weave.

Lento Maez

Ramblings

Geographically apart, emotionally entwined.
Mundane flesh concerned with the life of
The gods. Helpless creatures caught up in the
Whirlpool of life. De we hold on to what
We have or do we let it wither and die?
The question that comes to mind is; what
Do we owe to whom and why? How much of
This involvement do we want to stand up
To and say, “I’ll take this much of life”
While I can because I may not get the
Opportunity to do so tomorrow.

Lento Maez

Redemption

We were there watching heaven fall,
Not knowing the earth’s core bled,
Regrettably we failed to heed the call
And soon we would all be dead.
Our spiritual souls were suspended;
We prayed and earth’s core did stay;
The abandoning God then defended,
Beseeching all lost souls to pray.

Thanks to A. E. Housman

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Reeling Mind

My mind is whirling it seeks a rest
My thoughts go reeling I've done my best
Of what I write I need the rest
Forgive my thoughts I did my best
Go on you poets laugh and jest
While I seek the sunset out west

Lento Maez

Reflections

In consciousness I dream of days unknown
Of who I am of whom I've known
My wife my sons my 'sis' my life
I am no more
I wish you well
May life restore
What you feel you've lost is in your soul
By days I dream of thoughts untold
What dare we dream can we behold

Lento Maez

Seeing

What will I see when I reach the end
Is it a dream that time will bend
Of time and space great minds have told
Of future worlds the mind will mold

Lento Maez

Shadows

Waiting patiently on moon light nights
Your shadow appears more clearly;
Is it the darkness that blinds my eyes?
Or is it the expectation of not seeing you.
Again the blowing wind rushes you away.

Lento Maez

Silhouettes

I saw silhouettes on the shade
Inside your house by the glade
It made me tremble with pain
As I tried to ignore the rain
That drenched my poor soul
I wanted to drown in a hole
Seeing you with another
Made me feel I would smother
Then I realized with mirth
That I had just given birth
To a dumb oversight
That made everything right
I was on the wrong block
That came as a shock

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Sky Dancing

You used to dance in the sky
That made me wonder why
You flittered like a butterfly
You glowed like a rainbow
What a brilliant new show
Oblivious to the falling snow
How were we to know
Dark clouds would surround you
Taking away your beautiful show

Lento Maez

State Of Mind

The past is not present
In my current state of mind
I looked everywhere
But my brain could not find
What so readily escaped me
I must have left it behind

Lento Maez

Sunrise & Poetry

Of the poetry I write
No verse can compare
With the beauty of sunrise
It doesn’t seem fair
Frost must be chuckling
All safe in his lair

Lento Maez

Sweet Words

My words seemed so sweet
That she had me repeat
In hopes that we'd meet
Somewhere in the middle

As fickle as love is
We didn't know fiddle
The words were a riddle

This sad ending refrain
Has left me pleading in vain
As I stand forlorn in the rain
Perhaps I'll just play my fiddle

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The Blessing

My fears subdued my life renewed.
I am at peace I've calmed the beast.
He is no more, he's out the door.
I am at rest there is no more.
I thought the fight was always right.
I fight no more there is no score.
My wrongs I feel so deep won't heal.
The pain I've known a life forlorn.
What is the quest we do our best.
There is no more there is no score.
I am the one who thought I'd won.
I didn't know that there was more.
You showed me love you were the one
Who taught me life was just begun.
For two are one then there are three.
What is this blessing you bring to me?

Lento Maez

The Look

The look that smoldered,
the universe it overcame.
That come hither look its own to blame.
And thus that love encompasses all:
I know now its purpose,
your countenance should face
what smolders in souls.

Lento Maez

The Oracle

She resembled and oracle
In my dreams at night
I'd lay there and shiver
With pure delight
To soon daylight finds me
Awake and confused
How rude of the oracle
To keep me so abused

Lento Maez

The Proposal

At last I have seen
What I am to hold
A heavenly figure
May I be so bold
To say that I love you
What more should you know
What am I proposing
By telling you so
A life full of joy
A long tender kiss
A subtle beginning
Yes I did say it so
Now you know my answer
I pray that you know
What I'm willing to show
That I love you so

Lento Maez

The Rose

May the powers that be never
misunderstand me by willfully
snatching my mind. Never to
Return. Where in this universe
is love the brightest? May I go
there amongst the stars and reach
heaven, till time stands still.
Then:
My mind traces the uncommon,
deviating from the mundane
composing silky prose that seeks
to imitate the rose.

Lento Maez

The Valley

In the valley of lonely tears
Lived a young couple
Without any fears
For their love overcame
All those tears

Lento Maez

The Wonder Of You

It is said that you knew me
And I knew that was true
Because of the way you loved me
Never making me blue
I marveled at your preciousness
Your soft gentleness
The sincerity of your smile
One could see for a mile
The kindness of your touch
Your whispers so lovingly
Somehow then I knew
That what bound us so closely
Was the wonder of you

Lento Maez

Thinking

I thought I saw her think.
Thinking that I saw her think.
I thought, how does she think?
Just thinking about her thinking
Brought back thought of what
She thought while I was wondering
What she was thinking!

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This Poets Motto

Be brief
Be concise
Refrain from lies
At least sometimes

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Thoughts

He lived in the mountains,
He lived alone with his thoughts.
Summer came in torrents of rain.
What came of his thoughts?
The wanderer asked, in mockful glee.
They ran afoul of hail and snow.
Winter came!

Lento Maez

To Be Around

I want to be around
Not have my soul bound
To pick up the peaces
When she does with me
As she pleases

Lento Maez

You

Today… today I'll wrap
You in vair,
A hat made of stardust,
Bright yet
Forlorn,
Yet different…
Like you.
Yesterday… yesterday was
A gown of gossamer
A veil spun of gold
Yours was a beauty…
Mine to behold.
Tomorrow… tomorrow a new
Dream and then..
On again.
Yesterdays tomorrow will
Find me today
Looking for a memory
To clear to forget.

Lento Maez

Your Essence

My arms unfold
Embracing the essence
Of who you are.

My life, my thoughts of
What has been and who
We are.

I am I'm told
A man so bold.
That my arms unfold
To hold you near
To embrace you dear.

To me you are a rhyme untold
A dream not dreamed
A life not told.

Where go we now, the two of us
What life awaits in God we trust.

The years go by I love you still
Until the end my heart you fill.

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