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Lesa Kendrick (August 1969)

'Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you have decided to look beyond the imperfections.' ~ Author Unknown

My life has been anything but perfect, but I am who I am. I am the mother of 5 small children, happily married to my Indian warrior, and the proud owner of one very beloved black cat by the name of Charlotte. I have been through many struggles and hardships, but yet I have survived. I feel my best poems have come into being after some of my most tragic and painful moments.

'Our sweetest songs are those that tell of the saddest thoughts.' ~ Percy Bysshe Shelley

As I review my poems, I find that the best ones are those which speak of my deepest pain and tragedy. Those gut-wrenching moments are the ones that even today speak of my truest feelings and ponderings. If anything good came of those heartbreaking moments, it was the beautiful words I have written which tell of my pain.

'Anyone who says sunshine brings happiness has never danced in the rain.'

As I look back on my life, I see roadblocks and great loss. I was shaped into the person I am today by all I have lost and all I have struggled to attain. Although I am the mother of 5 (including two year old twins) , I have also had multiple pregnancy losses. My pregnancies were very difficult and high-risk. I held on tight, and through my writing, I was able to express my feelings, emotions, and heartbreak. Not everyone can understand the pain and anguish a mother endures when losing a child or children, but through my writing I was able to let some of those feelings show.

Things could be different
But that'd be a shame, 'cause
I'm the one who can feel the sun
Right in the pouring rain
~Lou Gramm, 'Midnight Blue'

Even though there have been dark moments of despair, I always kept my hope and prayed for the sunshine of a greater tomorrow. I believe that although you may lose those you love, you are never really separated from them, as long as your love and rememberances of them remain strong in the depths of your heart. Love is eternal, and it stays with you always, even after the music has gone.

'What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.' Helen Keller

I have also come through my life with a strong belief that you have to be who you are. God made you as you are for a reason. Those who love you will continue to love you, regardless. You have to be true to YOU ~ don't live your life for somebody else or how somebody else expects you to live it. Be happy, and do what makes you happy. Learning to love yourself is the greatest love of all ~ and sometimes it is not easy to do. Above all, just be you.

'Be who you are and say what you feel, for those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind' ~Dr. Seuss

I love collecting quotes. They brighten my day and give my future a brighter outlook. I am also working on a book. I am on my fourth revision and hope to have it finished soon, so I can get it published. When I am not writing, I am going for walks, spending time with family and friends, or camping. I hope everyone enjoys my poetry. Every word of it contains a tiny piece of my heart.

'Those of us who knew him best talk about him often... sometimes it makes me sad though; Andy being gone. I have to remind myself that some birds aren't meant to be caged - Their feathers are just too bright. And when they fly away, the part of you that knows it was a sin to lock them up does rejoice. But still, the place you live in is that much more drab and empty that they're gone. I guess I just miss my friend.' - The Shawshank Redemption,1994

One of my favorite movies was The Shawshank Redemption which was written by Stephen King, one of my favorite authors. I love this quote from the movie. Morgan Freeman was great in the movie as Andy's true and loyal friend. This quote from the movie really means a lot to me and strikes a chord in me somewhere deep inside. 'I guess I just miss my friend.'

Where's the word for this sadness?
Where's the poetry in the pain?
Where's the color in the stain where the tears have fallen?
It's gone, it's just gone
There's no face in the locket
There's no place for the past
I'll put it back in my pocket
It was never meant to last
It's just gone
-The Carpenters,1980

I live in the belief that all dreams come true in time and all things broken will be restored. Without hope there would be little left to believe in....

I decided long ago, never to walk in anyone's shadows
If I fail, if I succeed
At least I'll live as I believe
No matter what they take from me
They can't take away my dignity
Because the greatest love of all
Is happening to me
I found the greatest love of all
Inside of me
The greatest love of all
Is easy to achieve
Learning to love yourself
It is the greatest love of all
~Whitney Houston~

Some of my most favorite poets are William Butler Yeats, Langston Hughes, Sara Teasdale, Percy Bysshe Shelley, and Dylan Thomas, not necessarily in that order. Their poetry has been such an inspiration to me.

You can find some their poetry on this site.

*****Were you there? *****

Were you there
The day I heard the terrible news
'No heartbeat.'
Another baby I would lose?

Were you there
When I cried
Until I thought my heart
Would break,
Longing for someone
To hold my hand
As I prayed it was just
A mistake?

Were you there
The night I hemorrhaged
And I couldn't hold on
A single minute more?
Were you there
Beside me,
As I entered
Those looming hospital doors?

Were you there
When the doctor yelled
And I cried
And another ultrasound
Confirmed...
My baby had died?

Were you there
When they took me
Into surgery
For my life
Was in danger
Yet I prayed
I would die?

Were you there
When I woke up
In the operating room
Only to see
A terrible sight
I'll never find the words
To describe?

Were you there
When I lay all alone
In a hospital bed
Weak and cold,
Wishing you were there....
Just someone to hold?

No, you didn't come....
No, you weren't there....
So never again say,
You went through it with me,
For I walked that road
ALONE.

Lesa Kendrick

***One Of My Ancient Ones* 'Letting go...'**

(I wrote this poem when I was very young. I thought I would include it here, as all of my writings seem relevant in my progression of becoming the poet I am today)

Letting go is not so easy,
In fact it's the hardest part.
For so long I've been greedy,
By ripping it all apart.
So many memories cloud my mind;
I need you to be near...
It hurts to leave you behind;
I'm nearing my greatest fear.

I will walk along,
Try to hum a song.
I will walk along,
Try to find somewhere to belong.

I just can't fit in,
Not anywhere...
I know I can't win,
And it's just not fair.

But I will try,
Try not to cry...
And I will try,
Try to fly.

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***One Of My Ancient Ones* 'Stars sprinkled...'**

(I wrote this poem when I was very young. I think I was 12 or 13. I thought I would include it here, as all of my writings seem relevant in my progression of becoming the poet I am today)

Stars sprinkled in the dark night sky...
Tears that fall as I cry...
Wind blowing in the night...
The joy I feel at your sight.

Love growing, soft and strong...
Making the river seem forever long...
Hard ground at my feet...
Near the place where the trees all meet.

Soft whispers alive on the wind...
Making the evergreens all bend...
Flowers blooming and swaying in the air...
The pounding hooves of a dark-brown mare.

Bird chirping in a tree...
The buzzing noise of a honey-bee...
Warm water glazing a lake,
The slimy feel of a harmless snake.

The puffy cotton of a cloud...
The sound of thunder is so loud...
Warm sunshine is the touch...
But you know you matter twice as much.

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***One Of My Ancient Ones* 'Time is all we got...'**

(I wrote this poem when I was very young. I think I was 12 or 13. I thought I would include it here, as all of my writings seem relevant in my progression of becoming the poet I am today)

Time is all we got...
And that's not a lot.
Stars are all we see,
Beyond the evergreen tree.

Hot wind in the air,
Sunshine gleaming in your hair.
Warm smiles at dawn,
We are lost within the green grass on the lawn.

Last night you called my name.
Baby, I'm so tired of your game.
But I love you so,
And I don't want you to go.

Somewhere, beyond the sunset,
Good times still await us yet...
Over the rainbow we can find them,
And someday, our light won't be so dim.

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***One of my Ancient Ones* 'A Chance For You and Me'**

This poem was one of my first ever written. I think I was 13 or 14 when I wrote it. I thought I would include it here as all of the poems I have written seem relevant in my progression of becoming the poet I am today.

When I go out to shop,
I can buy anything I see.
I could buy and never stop,
Everything is there for me.

When I need a friend,
Just to listen and comfort my pain.
The list won't ever end-
Friends pour to me like rain.

I can have anything I want...
I can have all that I need...
Except the one thing I'll never have-
A chance for you and me.

I could marry anyone,
All the men swoon at my feet,
But you are the only one-
And it's you I cannot reach.

I could touch the sky,
And bring a rainbow to my heart,
But it's all just a lie,
And you are the biggest part.

I could go anywhere-
Sail the world in style,
But when I go everywhere,
It's you I am loving all the while.

I could wish upon a star....
Stare at the deep blue sea.
I could search wide and far,
And never find what you are to me.

I can have anything I want...
I can have all that I need...
Except the one thing I'll never have-
A chance for you and me.

Baby, I hope you understand,
I'm losing my strength inside.
It's more than I can understand,
So I hang my head and hide.

Everyone sees me smile,
Thinking I am happy all the while.

The truth is no one can see,
The tears falling deep inside of me.

People give me seashells,
And I am given gowns to befit a queen-
But I am not in Heaven or Hell,
Just somewhere in between.

I could live anyplace,
And have all the servants I could hire.
Well, if that's the case,
Why can't I have you if I desire?

Now my friends all look at me,
Their eyes all full of sympathy.
I can no longer hide how I feel,
For the pain is far too real.

I can have anything I want...
I can have all that I need...
Except the one thing I'll never have-
A chance for you and me.

So don't come knocking at my door,
Knowing I don't mean anything anymore...
Forget me if you can-
Even forget my name....
For I wish I could do the same.

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***One Of My Ancient Ones* 'My Poem About Love'**

(I wrote this poem when I was very young. I think I was 12 or 13. I thought I would include it here, as all of my writings seem relevant in my progression of becoming the poet I am today)

I've searched the seven seas and the ocean tide,
But there's no place in the world where love cannot abide.

I've been close to every cloud as fluffy as a feather,
But I know that no matter what, love will last forever.

I've been in the jungle and on every island shore,
But I know that no matter where, there is some love in store.

I've been in every melody and heard every song,
But everywhere I went, love followed along.

I've been on every plain and atop every hill,
But no matter what, love followed me still.

I've walked along the rainbow and seen the pot of gold,
But no matter where I went, love never grew old.

And now you know, there is no place I could be....
Without your love, following me.

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***One Of My Ancient Ones* 'Baby, It Won't Be Long'**

(I wrote this poem when I was very young. I think I was 12 or 13 when I wrote it. I thought I would include it here, as all of my writings seem relevant in my progression of becoming the poet I am today)

Baby, I don't mean to run
I just can't stand to see your pain
Pain that has only just begun

Baby, I don't mean to turn away
I just don't want you to see me cry
I wish I could help you in some way

Baby, it won't be long,
Before you'll be no more...
That's why I am singing you this song.

Honey, our love will always be,
Alive as the waves in the sea...
And darling, you will never be-
Dead to me.

Baby, I can't decide,
Whether to run and to hide,
Or to face the truth as it will be.

Baby, it won't be long,
Before you'll die and go away.
And baby, these words I have to say,
We'll be together again...
Someday.

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***One Of My Ancient Ones* 'Don't Leave Me Now'**

(I wrote this poem when I was very young. I think I was 12 or 13. It was probably one of my first poems ever written. I thought I would include it here, as all of my writings seem relevant in my progression of becoming the poet I am today)

You came to me,
I ran away.
You came back...
I dropped you flat.

You followed me
I faught you by the hour
You took me to the tower
And showed me all your power
And then I had no doubt
What you're all about
Now is it too late to get you to stay?
Have you already gone away?
All those things I said to you,
Did you really think they were true?
Babe, I get down on my knees to you...

I faught you all the time
I know it was a crime,
But now I want you to stay,
Though you say you must go

I loved you all the days when you took me to the tower,
And showed me all your power
Please don't go...
I love you so.

Now I know what you're all about
Honey, I have no doubt
Don't you have the power to stay?
Don't you go away... I'm begging you to stay.

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***One Of My Ancient Ones* 'If You Knew I Loved You'**

(I wrote this poem when I was very young. I think I was 13 or 14. I thought I would include it here, as all of my writings seem relevant in my progression of becoming the poet I am today)

If you knew I loved you,
Would you throw me out?
If you knew I loved you,
Would you yell and shout?
A long time ago, I came into your home,
You were nothing to me then.
But now I've fallen in love,
And I will love you to the end.
It's so pure and simple-
It's like a normal routine.
You come home at night, crawl into bed,
But why am I feeling so unclean?
If you knew I loved you,
Would you throw me out?
If you knew I loved you,
Would yell and shout?
No, I won't tell you I love you,
And you won't throw me out....
You'll never know I love you,
So please don't yell and shout.

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***One of My Ancient Ones* 'My Angel'**

* This was one of my earliest poems. A little sappy! LOL But oh well. I thought I would include it here with all the others as even the oldest poems I have written seem relevant in my progression of becoming the poet I am today *

You are my angel-
My pretty angel.
Let me hold you tight,
Won't you love me tonight?
My angel,
My dear, sweet angel,
You make me feel so right.

My darling angel,
You are my destiny...
Let me be your fantasy.
Please show your heart to me.

My Angel, you mean so much to me....
I'd follow you across the sea.
Angel, please open your arms to me.
I'm hoping you will see,
Just what your love means to me.

My dearest angel,
Put desire in flight.
We'll soar like a kite,
For love is in sight.

My sweet angel,
Make me your lover.
We'll love each other....
For you are my angel,
And I'll love no other.

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***One Of My Ancient Ones* 'Our Last Goodbye'**

(I wrote this poem when I was very young. I think I was 12 or 13. I thought I would include it here, as all of my writings seem relevant in my progression of becoming the poet I am today)

One last heart
Is being torn apart
One last dance
We're taking that chance
One last smile
That'll last us awhile
One last touch
Which means ever so much...

One last goodbye
And the tears that I cry
One last pain
As soft as the rain

One last kiss
And it's you who I'll miss
One last embrace
And the look on your face
One last rainbow
As I slowly let go
One last look
Of your face that I took...

This is our last goodbye,
And the tears that I cry.
One last pain
As soft as the rain.

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***One Of My Ancient Ones* 'Your Love Touches Me'**

(I wrote this poem when I was very young. I thought I would include it here, as all of my writings seem relevant in my progression of becoming the poet I am today)

The way you look at me,
Fills me with desire.
The way you talk to me,
Sets my heart on fire.

The way you touch me,
Makes me feel so good.
The way you comfort me,
Makes love understood.

Your love touches me,
And I can feel how deep it is.
When you hold me in your arms,
You know that I want you.
When you give me all you've got,
I know you want me, too.

Because deep down in your soul,
You know that you love me,
And right here in your arms,
Is where I want to be.

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A Certain Day

There was a day in the past,
That I wish would always last,
But as the days go rushing by,
I begin to wonder why,
That day can never be,
Another tomorrow to me.

If I could go back again,
I know it would never end.
But I know that time will never come;
Those days are becoming numb.
Somewhere lost to me,
That day will always be.

But still yet I dream of that day,
Even though in the past it'll lay.
It is forever lost in the sea,
Of tender rapacity.

You and I have more tomorrows to face,
And more dreams to race,
Yet that day will always be a part,
Of the memories in my heart.

Lesa Kendrick

A Dream

Last night you held me in your arms awhile,
On silk and lace we entwined.
But when I awoke this morning,
I was very sad to know it came only in my mind.

The dream was the same yet different.
Your eyes - they were so blue,
But something hung in the mist,
In that dream of me and you.

I remember how you held me,
Your touch gentle and so light.
I thought we were together,
All through the night.

I awakened to find I was dreaming,
And sadly tears fell anew,
To think it hadn't really happened,
I was really not with you....

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A Letter to a Lost Friend

We shared our joys and sorrows
We'd laugh and sometimes cry
Does pain lie in our tomorrows?
Was our friendship just a lie?

You used to give me the sunshine
Your smile brightened my day
Now I find you don't have the time,
So why do I bother to stay?

My tears are like raindrops
We shouldn't have to cry anymore
Somewhere the crying stops,
If happy days were here like before.

Your dreams seem too important
Than having me around
You want me to always smile,
And wear the fake face of a clown.

I cherished the beautiful times we had
And the dreams we once did share
You gave them all up and I got sad-
To think you now don't care.

How can you say you need me,
When each day you are saying good-bye?
You don't realize, but I know it,
So why do you bother to lie?

I held on so tight;
I smothered you with my tears.
But I found out the other night,
I'm wasting a lot of years.

You know I still love you;
The love of a friend never dies.
I cannot say I hate you,
Or I would be telling a lie.

Why do we make these mistakes?
How many tears does it take?
Don't you know it takes two;
For a friendship to stay new?

I'm willing to give you a chance,
If it's worth the try.
I'm sorry if I cannot be what you want...
For I truly do not want to be shy.

Say you'll take me as I am,
For all the good and bad...

For without you near,
Eternally I'll be so sad.

Lesa Kendrick

A Poem for My Friend

Dearest Grace, I think of you
And MistyRaine everyday...
Hoping both of you are doing well-
A thousand smiles are sent your way.

We have connected
In a very special way
You and me
For never have we met
But our friendship is here to stay...

So dearest Grace,
If you ever need a friend.....
Someone who cares,
I'm here for you always-
Your friend to the end.

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A Silent Cry

I hear your voice,
Though you do not speak,
You have a longing.
Trust in love you seek.

At night you cry,
But there is no one to hear-
No one to listen,
To that dream you hold dear.

Most people don't care,
So they do not see your tears.
They cannot hear your silent cries,
Nor sense your deepest fears.

You live in a constant shadow,
Of what tomorrow will bring.
Will it bring joy or laughter,
Or teardrops that will sting?

Today I heard the silent cry,
An echo from far, far away.
It made me cry, too;
I didn't know what to say.

You are surrounded by people,
Yet you are all alone.
They do not see the teardrops,
Which cut you to the bone.

They cannot feel the anger,
Seething within your heart.
They cannot feel this pain,
Tearing you apart.

You did not choose this fate,
But it's hardships you must face,
The silent cry is a longing,
To escape to a safer place.

The past cannot change,
You cannot change who you are.
There's one thing you can do,
You can try to heal the scar.

I am here to help you;
In my love you can rely,
In a silent cry.

(1987)

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A Song for My Heart

Sing a song for my heart,
The one you left abandoned...
Upon the highway to Hell.
Sing a song for my heart,
If you can, for it is what I need-
Love's lost melody murmured
To the broken heart in me.

Lesa Kendrick

A Tribute to Sailor

Black as night,
Soft as silk,
My hand glides,
Across your fur.

Bright green eyes,
Softly aglow,
As you look at me,
With a look of love.

No one else,
Can comfort me,
Like you,
You are my best friend.

Now I must say good-bye,
But I can't forget.
I see you,
In my mind's eye.

(1987)

Lesa Kendrick

A woman cries...

In memory of: Caden and Cari Lee

A woman cries, for her children's lives,
Taken far too soon.
For each but lived a brief six weeks,
Cradled safe beneath her heart.
Then fate swept in, with it's frigid grin,
Sending mother and babe apart.

She'll never sing them lullabies,
Nor know the color of their hair.
She'll never gaze into her children's eyes-
Such thoughts are hard to bear.

Empty arms and shattered dreams,
Lives lost as candles upon the wind.
A tiny heartbeat swept away,
Fragile flowers forced to bend.

People stare, when they see her there,
Great tears within her eyes.
They cannot see, nor understand.
Why don't they seem to care?
Still yet they hold a baby's hand,
While her hand remains bare.

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Adieu

There were seasons of laughter.
There were seasons of tears.
There were seasons of hope,
And seasons of fears.

A sweet season of joy,
A season of pain,
A season of sun,
And a season of rain.

Now the seasons have gone-
It is time we will cry.
The seasons have ended,
In a season of good-bye.

Like the petals of a rose,
I open no more,
Even if the sun,
Should shine as bright as before.

Like the grey clouds of autumn,
My heart is dark, too-
With each beat it recalls,
Adieu to me and you.

Now the seasons grow still,
Not a star in the sky,
And the seasons have gone,
In a season of good-bye.

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Adrienne

I remember you, do you remember me?
You've faded away, and I cannot see.
I remember you, from long ago.
I'm still here, where did you go?
I still love you, I hope that you know
It broke my heart, to let you go.
I still love you, I always will
No one else remembers, but I do still.
I missed you today, you filled my mind
I remembered the moments, I can't leave behind.
I missed you today, it's hard to let go
How will I ever say good-bye, and release this aching woe?

(1988)

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All At Once

All at once I am saddened,
To know I can do nothing,
To stop that which I cannot control.
Knowing it is not right,
Burdens my softened soul.

All at once I am tearful,
To know that a part of life must end,
Without any regret.
It is taken quickly in shadow,
But the heart shan't ever forget.

All at once I am reminded,
Of all I promised to uphold-
Haunting memories of the yesterday,
Plague my tortured heart,
Which hides feelings never to depart.

All at once I am powerless,
To say what lies in my heart-
Voices inside wish to speak,
To cry out in justice,
But the spirit is far too weak.

All at once I am angered,
To see others turn away,
From something so sacred as life;
In trembling indifference,
They chose to sacrifice.

All at once I am accepting,
For there is little which I may do,
To stop this endless pain.
I long to make a difference,
But my wishes die in vain.

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Alone

The day Caleb died
I was all alone
Lying in a hospital bed
So white and cold
Bleeding
Though I was all alone

The day Caleb died
I was all alone
Praying for someone to come
Watching the door
Hoping and praying
But I was all alone

The day Caleb died
I was all alone
I almost died too
Yet no one was around
And there was no one to hold
For I was all alone

The day Caleb died
I was all alone
I prayed for God to take me, too
But I didn't go
I prayed for someone to hold
But I was all alone

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Alone In A Castle (Part One)

Once there stood a castle,
With towers so tall of stone,
So strong and white
Glowing like ivory bone

In the castle lived a princess
So lovely and so kind
Many times she dreamt of him
The prince she'd someday find

When the time finally came
And they stood side by side
Her heart sang with beautiful feelings
That time could not abide

They spent all their time together
Until summer came to an end
He then kissed her and departed
Disappearing into the wind

At nights she stood and waited
But never once did he return
Her head was bent with sorrow
Her eyes swollen from tears
For she knew he would not return tomorrow
And she would be alone for all her years

She thought she had given him her heart
For what they shared was special and true
But when sorrow came he left her
For he knew nothing else to do

The princess had nothing left to hang onto
No tiny thread of hope
She had no one left to turn to
And no one to help her cope

She went to the places they had been
Yet it was not the same without him
The flowers no longer cheered her
And the bright sun had become dim

He hadn't meant to hurt her
But the princess was lost in her own woe
All she felt was betrayal
In knowing he had to go

But with time she came to realize
He did what he had to do
Although her pain was horrible
He felt that pain, too.

The two had shared so much
They had given all they had
And knowing it was truly over
Oh, how it made the princess sad

She hadn't thought she would truly lose him
No matter how bad it may have been
They were more than in love
He had been her one and only friend

One night she found a message
Scrawled on the castle wall.
It said only, 'I love you, '
And the princess's tears began to fall.

She knew she'd always miss him;
He'd remain forever in her heart,
And even if they weren't together,
They'd never truly be apart....

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Alone In A Castle (Part Two)

A cold wind blows the trees,
Shadows blacken the sky.
There's a falling of Autumn leaves.
The princess lies down to cry.

She waits in a castle dark,
Where the sun can never shine.
She recalls a fire of sparks.
Relives a taste of wine.

They watched the flowers grow.
They witnessed the sea roll past,
But then he had to go...
And she is alone at last.

They made the world their own.
They created a destiny,
But they shall always be alone.
True love is but a fantasy.

As she waits for a glimpse of him,
She remembers how it used to be.
Although her chances are very slim,
She prays for what could be.

Inside her deepest heart,
She recalls the words he must never hear,
That living without him,
Is her greatest and deepest fear.

She thinks of him with admiration,
For bravely he has shielded her of pain.
He was her first and only love...
Now her life is clouded by rain.

She thinks of all the special times,
When they swam together side by side,
And the stars glowed so bright,
In the dark sky so wide.

Memories of their laughter,
Still lingers in the trees,
Where clear blue water flows,
Upon the restless, stormy seas.

Alone in the serene twilight,
The princess sits to reminisce,
To think of every moment,
To recall every kiss.

If only he had known,
Before he had said good-bye,

That lost without his love,
The princess shall forever cry.

And if only he had known,
He had left a part of himself behind,
In a little son so like his father,
Who will revive the sun to shine.

Lesa Kendrick

Although lovers be lost.....

(I write this poem in awe of Dylan Thomas's poem 'And Death Shall Have No Dominion' and in memory of a tragic love story I cannot forget.)

The day she died,
He came to her rescue-
Not a brave nor handsome knight
Upon a mighty stallion;
Just he; a disfigured beast,
And that tiny beating heart,
Which alerted him to her danger.

The day she died,
He came from afar to save her
From the ones who had hurt her-
Crushing her life...
And the man who took their son;
The babe she never got to hold,
Although he had no solid memory
Of their child's conception.

The day she died,
He held her in his arms,
And she whispered 'We loved, '
As in his embrace,
She perished.
And in that sorrowed moment,
He remembered.
They HAD loved;
And the memories returned,
As quiet waves upon the shore of his heart.

The day she died,
He crushed her close against his chest
Against the beating of his broken heart,
Echoing his promise.
For love did not die;
And forever sounds his eternal cry....
'That Death Shall Have No Dominion.'

He shall live on,
In the memory of their love....
So he might rescue their son;
For in the blue of his infant eyes
There shines the reflection of his mother,
And although lovers be lost,
Love lives on-
Forever...
For heartache as well as death
Has not the power to separate true lovers.

Lesa Kendrick

And Then Tomorrow

Sun shines as I walk along
Birds sing a happy song
I have a feeling so wrong
A feeling like I don't belong

A dream of walking hand in hand-
Of making love in the sand
I hear the song of a lonely band
The rain falls as I stand

Two hearts beating as one
A love that has never begun
No more shine of the sun
And no more rivers will run

Take away the sorrow
Take away the pain
And then tomorrow
Away will go the rain

Make me believe
'Cause all I've seen
Are only dreams...
That love doesn't mean

And then tomorrow
The pain won't refrain
Away will go the sorrow
Away will go the rain

Lesa Kendrick

ANGIE

Always there for me-
Never far from my heart,
Guiding me thru the darkness,
Inspiration for all my greatest dreams,
Entrenched within the depths of my soul.

Lesa Kendrick

Believing

I believe in you,
For you are the only thing I have,
Left to believe in.
I remember you,
And that sweet, tender love,
So deep from within.

No one understands,
How much I long for your smile,
How much I wish to be with you...
If only for awhile.

Oh, when will my prayers be answered...
When will we be one again?
When will you hold me close?
If only I knew when...

You have made me so happy,
Just by being you.
Although some say it's wrong,
My love for you is true.

Sometimes I want to run,
To cry from from this never-ending pain.
Crying just goes on forever and ever,
Like a sorrowed rain.

Lesa Kendrick

Betrayal

All you have is your soul,
In this world of little guarantees.
You'll find there is no one to believe,
Behind all the masks.

Once I trusted this brother of mine,
But I was trampled underfoot.
I looked into his lying eyes,
And I could no longer see myself.

I thought I knew him by heart,
Until shame stained his soul,
And hateful hate,
Became carved in sand.

The eyes of the world gazed at me,
Guised in my beautiful shame.
Faces and names are now meaningless,
I am myself once again.

(10/28/90)

Lesa Kendrick

Bittersweet

I saw my life in the depth of glorious flowers
I saw my essence in the lure of glowing stars
I saw my heart in the rays of the sun
And my future in the beauty of a golden dream

But the dream was lost and I was lost
Seeing the flowers fade and die
Witnessing the stars cascade and fall
And the sun sink and not shine again

In a breath I lost my happiness
I lost the moon, the sun, and the stars
In a heartbeat I lost it all
Thinking my sincere prayer had not been heard

The morning came and the sun reappeared
And with the night, the stars abide
And as spring comes, there is a promise
Of new flowers that will grow
Alive in the face of a golden moon

With streaming eyes and weeping heart
I see the world renew
My dreams have failed and I have failed
But yet the curtain cannot close

For it was love that carried my heart
When dreams failed and quiet peace fled my soul
And it will be love that grants me courage
To accept each new day as it will be
And embrace this aching grief
That in itself is bittersweet

(2/11/94)

Lesa Kendrick

Bridge

Over this bridge, I cross-
It's such a dark night,
A dark life....
I'm all alone.
Nothing here,
But the pain in my heart.
Very slowly I cross,
Cautiously...
Feeling afraid,
Cause there is nothing but fog....
And I am all alone.

I cross the lonely bridge,
Toward a point unknown...
Leaving behind the rainbows
And the dreams of old...
Leaving it all behind
For a world so cold.
A world I prayed I would never know.

The bridge, so wooden and old,
My weight it barely holds,
As I walk this cold dark night
Toward a world unknown.
Leaving behind the sunshine
As tears sting my eyes....
Thankful for the fog,
Which sheilds this sorrow.

Oh lonely bridge,
I cross you again....
Darkness and a point unknown-
Take my sorrow....
Erase my pain,
On the wings of a butterfly
Far, far away...
As my steps resound in the silence.

Halfway there....
My fear rises up like a spectre
I look back....
Yet there's nobody there
The sunshine is dying
Or perhaps its my tears
Blinding me,
To the fading beauty.

Halfway there....
And no where to go,
I cannot go back
Yet I cannot cross-
I look over the edge

Of this fragile rail
Into the cold dark water
So sad,
For there's no where to go...
No escape...
And so for now,
I'm going under.

Lesa Kendrick

Broken Wings & Broken Dreams

Broken wings fly on silently through the cold & darkened night,
Never any sleep-
Just a memory I long so much to keep,
As broken wings fly the realms of all discovery,
And the quiet whisper of broken dreams.

Silent teardrops fall as a fragile heart lies shattered-
Tiny crystal slivers at your feet.
Now not a word is spoken, lost in your deceit.
I do not cry for the memory of your arms,
But for the beauty that has been shattered & broken all apart.

Wipe away the crystal tears, wipe away the pain,
Erase the doubt and make my soul complete-
Praying for peace, hope, and love,
All the things I need so much so I may rise above.
Even though I fly on broken wings,
I fly on forevermore, patched together with eternal love.

Lesa Kendrick

But for the grace of God....

But for the grace of God,
I would not be here this day.
I would not be here,
To face the mysteries we call today.

But for the grace of God,
I would not hear the laughter;
The laughter of my children-
My beautiful promise of a new tomorrow.

Because of God's dear grace,
I stand here before you now....
For in His love I was not consumed
In life's most bitter place;
And I've found growing within God's dear grace,
A hopeful flower which shall forever bloom.

Lesa Kendrick

Caleb

Dearest Caleb,

Hi. I am your mommy.
I loved you SO much...
It hurt me so much,
When I lost you.
You were with me 13.5 weeks,
And during that time,
I dreamed incredible plans for us.
Now all my sweet dreams are gone,
Cause you are gone.

Now you will remain,
Just a tiny baby forever,
In my mind's image,
For you will never grow
As other children do.

I love you so much, Caleb...
I ache from missing you.
I wanted to hold you,
And love you and show you,
All the beautiful things in this world.
I wanted a chance to love you,
To laugh with you, to hold your tiny hand.

I've cried so many tears over losing you,
For you meant the world to me
And I needed you so much.
Again, I will have no baby to love,
When I thought that I would.
I believed it so strongly,
But all my ideals were shattered,
And since that day,
I have not been the same.

There is this aching void inside of me,
And my heart is crying out: : :
'I miss you, Caleb!
Why did you have to go?
Why did you leave me,
When I loved you so very much?
And why does it all have to end? ! '

I do not know the answers,
But I do know that you had no choice.
You had to die,
But I can make no sense of your death.
You were such such a special baby,
And I would have been a good mommy to you.

Caleb, I want you to know I will ALWAYS love you,

Forever I will carry you in my heart,
As I was unable to continue carrying you in my body...
And in my heart there will always be,
A tiny image of a baby boy,
My precious son....
A special part of me, always...

Goodbye, my baby boy.

Love Always,
Mommy

(January 19,1998)

Lesa Kendrick

Castle Dreams

A cold wind blows the trees.
Shadows blacken the sky.
There's a falling of Autumn leaves.
I lay down and cry.

I wait in a castle dark,
Where the sun can never shine.
I see a fire of sparks.
I remember when love was mine.

We watched the flowers grow.
We witnessed the sea roll past,
But then you had to go,
And I am alone again at last.

We made this world our own.
We created a destiny.
But we will always be alone-
True love is just a fantasy.

As I wait for a glimpse of you,
I remember how it used to be.
Although this life may be blue,
There's a new world waiting for you and me...

Lesa Kendrick

Courage

I saw you in the distance,
Your eyes locked with mine.
I knew I must embrace a new life,
And leave the old one far behind.

The strength of your gaze gave me courage,
To withstand every doubt,
And with your slightest smile,
My pride came pouring out.

In a crowd of many strangers,
You and I were the only two,
Who shared such deep emotion,
Experienced by very few.

Where you would lead - I would follow,
You are the man of my heart.
How deeply I cherish you,
Anticipating the moment when we will no longer be apart.

All the memories we held,
As moments yet to come,
And although once so few,
Have only just begun.

Lesa Kendrick

Darling - My Heart

Darling, I see you,
In the mists of my mind.
I long to have you,
And the life we left far behind.

Darling, I need you,
To hold me close and tight.
Why don't you appear,
In my dreams tonight?

Darling, I love you,
My heart is beating so.
Missing you with each heartbeat,
As I watch you go.

Darling, tears surround me,
Sorrow has found me.
Feeling this way, I want you,
Long to behold your eyes of blue.

Darling, I'm happy,
For you are my love,
Because this love has been created,
From all the beauty above.

Darling, never forget,
Don't forget this kiss.
Promise me your love,
And that it's me you shall miss.

Darling, never shall I make love again.
The tears come anew.
I could not love anyone,
For my heart belongs to you.

Darling, don't be unhappy,
You mean so much to me.
You will always live,
In my memory.

Darling, kiss my tears away...
Tonight as I watch the moon,
Slowly descend through the sky,
You shall watch, too,
And we'll forever say goodbye.
And maybe someday,
I will smile when I think of you,
And never shall I cry,
To behold your eyes of blue.

Lesa Kendrick

Dearest Baby

Dearest Baby,
My heart is broken.
Something terrible has happened,
And as a result, you have died.

I loved you so much;
I wanted you so much...
From the minute,
I knew of your existence,
I had special plans for us.

I imagined what you may have looked like,
And all the happy things we might have done.
You were SO special to me...
My heart cries out from the loss of you.
I relive that moment again and again
In my mind's eye,
And I cringe...
Because it was so horrible.

No one knew of your existence....
You were even more special to me,
Because of my secret.
I kept you to myself and it seemed,
As though we were one.
Only I knew of you....
Only I loved you.

Then that awful day came,
When my world was shattered,
And you died.
All at once,
My world came crashing down.
You died and there was not a thing,
I could have done to have stopped it.
Losing my precious baby boy,
Rips through me like a knife.

Now my baby boy is gone...
I'll never hold him...
I'll never sing him quiet lullabies...
My arms will be empty without him.

Baby, you were so special to me.
You grew beneath my heart
And I felt such a closeness to you.
Now all that is gone...
I cry so many tears
Because I lost you.
I ache for all that cannot be.
I often wish there was a way...
To have my baby boy back-

But he is gone - forever lost to me.

I'll say a prayer for you, baby boy,
And ask God to keep you safe.
I'll never hold you,
But I would have loved you.
My heart swells with the love,
I still carry for you.

I must say goodbye, Baby.
Know that a part of me,
Remains with you always,
For I loved you so greatly,
And once you and I were one.
And I will always remember,
That once you were mine,
My Baby Son.

Forever,
Your Mommy

(January 19,1998)

Lesa Kendrick

Don't Let Him Go

Don't take him away,
Don't let him go
Don't let him leave me,
There's something he must know.

Please tell him I love him,
Tell him I don't care what others say,
Tell him I still need him,
Tell him he must not go away.

Oh, brother-mine, please stop him,
My heart is torn in two,
Tell him I can't survive,
On memories so few.

He must know,
I did not want to lie.
Tell him I'm sorry,
But please don't let him say good-bye.

Kalin, I'm begging,
Please don't go...
I'm not afraid to face,
Any punishment we must know.

Lesa Kendrick

Don't Let Me Fall...

Don't let me fall,
from your heart...
Like a tear falls
from the moon...
Don't let me fall,
from your eyes
Like a star falls
from the skies.

I've had dreams
Visions of hearts
And gold
And your face shone
In each one
Like your eyes
Ever-glowing softly
In the rays of the sun.

Whispers searching in the darkness
Your voice gliding in the wind.
A golden heart sleeping in the sun,
Has fallen upon white sand.
And then I felt them falling,
Golden raindrops falling without sound.

I tasted the rain on my lips
Tinged with the salt of your tears
Teardrops falling from your heart
Lost in the deceit of your fears.

The tears are puddling now
Lying still in the palm of your hand
A golden shadow against the moon
Dampening the bitter sand.

Raindrops are falling now-
Can you catch them?
And place them upon your heart.
And let the golden sunlight dry them
As the tears and moon forever part.

Lesa Kendrick

Double-edged Blade

Love tender, yet forbidden,
Gentle desire, growing in your eyes
Alight with stormy passion
Aglow like starry skies.

Be it not of love-
I would not long for your kiss.
And be it not out of necessity-
Your presence would I not miss.

Love lost, but never forgotten,
Taken by the shadows of your heart.
Fear and anger standing between us-
It's double-edged blade tearing us apart.

Lesa Kendrick

Empty Arms, Broken Dreams

Empty Arms & Broken Dreams
Shattered Heart & Tear-Filled Scenes
Repeated story -
'This is your life' it seems
The loss I fear, deeply buried here
Always lurking behind my tears
Another nightmare, Another night
Demons walk in my dreams tonight

I wander this world, with only a prayer
Asking for the grace of God to hold me nearer-
'Please- I ask not to have those dreams tonight
Give me hope & Give me peace
Give me faith & Restful sleep
Take away the sorrow
Wash away the doubt
Keep my head above water
For I am sinking fast....'

Lost at sea, just like me
No bright light to find my way home
Lost in the darkness, lost in the tears
Lost in the pain of too many years
I call out in anguish...
As tears fall like rain,
But only the rush of the wailing wind remains.

And as I hang by the tiniest of threads,
The sun arises and the tears finally dry...
No longer do I fear the cold, dark night.
I held on tight, though I nearly died
Whispering a prayer through each tear that I cried....
God heard my whisper and He sent me His grace
A rainbow so bright it wiped the tears from my face.

Lesa Kendrick

Every Day...

To My Baby Lakotah

Every day and every night I wonder what will it be like to hold you,
Cuddle you,
Kiss your soft little cheek....
Every day and every night I wonder what it will be like to gaze into your eyes,
Will they be like daddy's?
Will your smile be like brother's,
And will you have your sissy's laugh?
Every day and every night, I wonder if your eyes will twinkle,
When you hear me say, 'I love you, '
As I tuck you into bed,
And you rest your tiny head...
Every day and every night I wonder....

And due to circumstances beyond my control,
I cannot help but wonder,
Will I ever get to see or hold you at all?
Will you ever hear me speak your name and kiss you goodnight?
And I cannot help but wonder,
How could I once again say goodbye?
Before ever being able to say hello....
And if I could bear your loss, as tiny babies sometimes go?
I think of the others.... and I wonder..... why....
I think of you..... and I pray... this time... please....
May my sincere hope and my prayer be heard-
Every day and every night I wonder.....

(Written Nov.22,2002- Sadly, I lost my baby Lakotah James on December 6,2002. It was my fifth and final loss.)

(October 15th is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. Please light a candle in memory of our precious little ones, lost yet forever remembered and loved @ 7 pm on Oct.15th)

Lesa Kendrick

Faded Visions

Faded visions remain in my mind
I recall moments from a distant time
And I now know I was not alone
For it too was once your home

I cry but no tears fall
Silent footsteps in a darkened hall
Then up many steps to a place of gloom
Candles glowing in an all white room

I shove the memory from this heart
Away from the moment where pain had its start
Then off to another where red was the color
And an innocent child lost her mother

The child cried but not for long
For she learned that life then goes on
And she knew that more pain yet remained
For it was not long before the hurt refrained

She could not stop the ticking of the time
That brought forth a forbidden crime
That left her standing all alone
Darkness shattering blood and bone

Lesa Kendrick

Far Away

Through the darkness I have searched,
For the man within my heart.
Everyday he seems farther away-
Why must we be apart?
Once I thought he loved me,
His smile stopped the rain.
When my heart was touched with sadness,
His laughter eased my pain.
Now I remain all alone-
Loneliness is my only friend.
Tell me what it was,
That made it end.
He was to be my future.
His words would guide me through.
His praise would heal my fear.
Everything would be bright and new.
Will he not listen,
To the promises so true?
If he'd hold back nothing,
There would be nothing we could not do.
Now I see him from a distance,
So close, yet so far away.
Can he not feel the power,
Of the feelings I keep at bay?

Lesa Kendrick

Feelings So Deeply Hidden

I've searched everywhere,
To find a love like I feel for you.
Now the only question I have to ask,
Is do you love me, too?

You look at me...
I want to melt.
How can I explain,
The feelings I have felt?

When I'm near you,
I start to glow.
I really care,
But does it show?

I see you-
Tenderness in your eyes;
Having a quality,
To see beyond the lies.

You are my future.
You are my past.
Within your eyes,
A love that lasts.

Loneliness in our hearts...
I want to take your hand.
You are so special,
If you'd just understand.

Lesa Kendrick

Flaming Memories

I see wildfire,
Burning in your blue eyes,
Like rusty barrels exploding in the night.
And I am lost in a memory,
Of red flames blinding my sight.

I feel the haunting pain of tender scars,
Lingering in the place my skin has healed,
Of cracked flesh and singed hair,
And moist blisters that have peeled.

I touch my cheek to feel the mask of skin,
A sliver of a scar dividing my face.
The mirror gazes back at me,
As I stare at the ghost-white lace.

There was blood on my grey hat,
And part of my overcoat was burned away.
My mind attempts to push back those memories,
Of that dark, long ago day.

You stood over my trembling body,
An empty look clouding your face,
When you saw it was the woman you loved,
In your greatest enemy's place.

The smoke in your eyes, my blood staining your cheek,
Visions of fire, of burning blood-
I see them in dreams again and again.
Always recalling your look of pain,
As no one else could.

The memory of the smoking gun,
Clutched in your grey hand,
Of the aching voice leaving your lips,
As the flames melted my wedding band.

You walked away into the embers,
A blizzard of rage lost in your frown,
Ice blue eyes remain on my mind,
Sending fire through a freezing town.

Down by the docks tonight,
I'll dropp my scarf into the sea,
And watch the red cloth wash away,
And beg the flaming memories leave.

(Summer 1992)

Lesa Kendrick

For Adrienne, Sailor, and Kyle

I miss you,
With all of my heart.
I dream of you,
We're so far apart.

I imagine that you're with me,
I hold you tight.
Suddenly you fade away,
And I am alone tonight.

I remember,
How you comforted me,
In my sleep;
How my tears dropped on your fur,
When I'd weep.

Now my tears have no where to fall,
But down my face,
And my heart is full of pain,
Because nothing takes your place.

I miss you,
As much as I can.
I love you,
I can't understand.

Lesa Kendrick

For Brianna

In our hearts we are hurting;
Our thoughts are confused and unclear.
Tomorrow we shall awaken,
With an emptiness in our hearts,
When we remember you had to leave us,
And how sadly we had to part.

It will take much time and teardrops,
To ease each aching heart,
But maybe someday in the tomorrows,
The sorrow will come to part.
For each of us loved you so,
In our own special way.
And we will never forget,
How you brightened up our day.

Sometimes it appears so unfair,
That we did not have you that long,
Yet each moment we shared with you,
Gave us the courage to go on.
Somehow we'll each go on living our own lives,
Yet often we will stop to recall,
The beauty of your eyes.

(1990)

Lesa Kendrick

For Jacob

You are my nephew,
Your eyes are blue.
I can't believe,
How much I love you.

To hear your laughter,
To see your smile,
Makes each day,
Of my life worthwhile.

I took you swimming,
I held your hand.
We took quiet walks,
Upon the sand.

Oh, little boy,
With the curly, blond hair,
Your Auntie Eso loves you,
Beyond Compare.

(1/24/95)

Lesa Kendrick

For Jamie- Light of my Life- Heart of my Heart

In the dark of night, rain falls without sound.
No one here, only my pain can be found.
I search through the dark, for this love that I seek.
No glimpse of sweet sunshine, not even a peek.

An empty womb; it's always the same,
Only one little boy; the one I could name.
He carries my heart, his smile is mine.
His voice is laughter - my tears are blind.

I wait for a blessing, and hopes that could not be.
No one counts the tears, now lost in the sea.
I wait for the ocean, please carry me back,
I can't wait forever, when it's love that I lack.

One little boy, sweet voice bright with love-
You bring the sunshine when there is night far above.
Miracles can happen, they shine in your green eyes.
As I wait for another, in you my dreams survive.

(9/23/97)

Lesa Kendrick

For Now It's Good Bye

Sometimes saying 'Good Bye' isn't easy,
When it's the only two words you can say.
Sometimes saying 'I Love You' is enough,
When you turn and walk away.

You know I'll never doubt you-
I have trust in your smile.
Even if the leaving isn't easy,
We must part for awhile.

You can count on me to think of you,
Every moment when we are apart.
So always keep a part of me beside you,
Snuggled close and warm against your heart.

Remembering your smile,
I keep a part of you here with me.
It's the part which said 'I love you, '
For it will bring you back to me.

Lesa Kendrick

For You

Take these dreams
They're all for you
I'm smiling
Happiness flowing
Out of every corner
Of my heart...
For you

Take this heart
Its all for you
Yours forever
Never-changing
Happiness flowing
Like the sweetest wine
From my soul

Take these tears
I cry for you
A wounded soul
Forever loved
Forever lost
Forever longing....
For you.
(December 2005)

Lesa Kendrick

Forever More

What am I?
Just a little thing;
A tiny speck,
Or a searing dot,
On the horizon of your unhappiness?

No, I am more...
More than a tiny speck,
Or that tiny dot,
More than what has been said,
Or even undone...
I am Me.

My children think I am more,
More than what little you would have me be.
I am so much more...
Than you could ever see.
For the battles I have faught have shaped me;
Scarred and have raped me...
And you never seemed to embrace,
Or understand
My agony.

I am not the same as I once was,
Nor can I be,
The one you want me to be;
For I am only Me-
Alive within my naked glory...
In the truth of all things I am
And all I've become,
From all I've undergone;
Which has shaped me into being.

I am far more than what you see,
More than what outwardly shows.
Definately more than your judgement,
Or your silent condemnation.
For true friends who do not judge,
Claim I am more than your hatred.

Forevermore, I will be more,
Forever being me-
Just me, I will be,
Nothing more...
Nothing less....
No longer a tiny dot
Upon the blue
Of your unhappiness.
Just me,
Forevermore.

So go from me now,

Closing the door upon my unforgiveness....
And take with you this key-
This key which is buried in you;
Forevermore.....
Forever Me.
Forever Free.
Forever MORE.

Lesa Kendrick

Forgiveness Ungiven

If you asked me if it hurt me,
When you said goodbye,
I wouldn't know how to answer,
I wouldn't know what to say...
In which way.

Every dream we had....
Shattered
Like tiny bits of glass-
It was too good to be true;
I knew it could not last.

Now no amount of knowledge,
Could make me understand.
No amount of apologies,
Could dry the tears in my eyes...

Forgiveness
Ungiven.

Lesa Kendrick

Frustration

Sometimes I try so hard,
Until frustration burdens my soul.
I feel myself being taken under,
Swallowed into a darkened hole.

Laughter makes me angry,
Teardrops make me sad.
Emotions make me irritable;
All of them seem bad.

I try to escape the darkness,
This calling of the heart,
Before it pulls me down,
Ripping me apart.

It's a pitiful emotion,
Which loses in the end.
It dies and is abandoned,
Never to be felt again.

(12/12/89)

Lesa Kendrick

Glass Tears

To: : : Missy

I can hear you...
The familiar sound of your voice,
So soft,
But it's not really you.

I can see you...
An image so clear,
But it's just a broken mirror,
I'm looking through.

Oh, please, tell me,
I'll see you again.
Tell me I can hug you,
My dear little friend.

Teardrops are falling,
Wanting you near....
Just one glimpse,
Of that face so dear.

Little one, I remember,
All the times so few.
And I recall all the joy,
The sweetest laugh from you.

Believe these words,
I love you endlessly,
Have them be a memory...
Of what used to be.

I miss you so,
Every laugh, every smile.
I recall parting tears,
A tear for every mile.

No matter where I go,
How many children I shall meet,
You are the best...
No one else could be that sweet.

(1983? ? ?)

Lesa Kendrick

God's Tender Grace

I had endless faith,
In the depths of my heart...
Always a prayer,
And forever a spark.

I would not have survived,
Without God's tender grace,
My only friend
In life's darkest place.

When my heart was empty,
And my soul was torn,
I prayed for an answer
And Hope was born.

God gave me comfort,
When no one else could....
God gave me understanding,
When no one else would...

The ones I loved
Had deserted me...
And the one I needed most
Had hurt me...
Alone I stood,
And broken...
But in God's tender grace,
Endless Hope was spoken.

Now as I am dangling
By the end of my rope....
So close to falling...
And desperate to cope,
I remember my sincere prayers,
Offered up during life's darkest hour.
For I was saved by God's dear grace;
Faith and Hope's eternal power.

Lesa Kendrick

Going Home

Out on the sea I glide,
One raft against the tide.
The waves are viscious foam;
Sacrifices of such to get home.
Sailing upon an angry sea,
While at home you wait for me.
I do no longer fear,
Soon I know you shall be near.

The water shall surround me,
Tries to devour and drown me.
The only sound is the wailing wind,
As the storm prevails to no end.
Lastly the waves caress me,
Holds me soft to bless me,
The light shall cover dark,
When tender thoughts lie in the heart.

Lesa Kendrick

Handsome's Poem

He comes in and looks at me,
His dark face more beautiful than my own.
His gold slit eyes are set in black silk-
Below them a puff of white on his chin.

He speaks to me,
His voice like the song of a trio of birds-
I've heard his song in my dreams,
Lulling me in it's warmth and beauty.

He touches me-
His warm paw like the wing of an angel.
I am comforted;
Soothed by his protection and grace.

Lesa Kendrick

Hang On Tightly

Hang on to me while you can
For soon I'll be gone
Hang on to me while you can
For I must be moving on

Hang on to me while you can
For now I am yours
Hang on to me while you can
Your heart mine adores

Hang on tightly,
But let me breathe;
For within this precious love,
I do not wish to leave.

Lesa Kendrick

Hard to Say Good-bye

I love your laughter,
And how it makes me smile.
You won't be here tomorrow, ;
It's only for awhile.

I cherish the way you look,
When something makes you glad.
Knowing we'll soon part,
Really makes me sad.

I think of all the things we've done,
The schemes we used to pull.
Sweet memories of yesterday,
Makes my heart feel full.

I pray that each moment will last forever,
I memorize it all.
Hoping you won't forget me,
As teardrops start to fall.

I hold on to my dreams,
As I watch you sleep.
Soon I'll be far away,
Sweet dreams, please keep.

A lump in my throat,
And nothing left to say,
Good-bye, my friend,
Laugh while we can.
Never let go,
Of those dreams that we plan.

Lesa Kendrick

Haunted Heart

In the ice-cold stone of your guarded heart
Lies a piece of me,
Caught up in barbs.
A piece that beats with forgotten cost-
An unspoken reminder of the love you lost.

It whispers to you both night and day,
Echoing with the tears I often cry....
'Ohhhh please set your haunted heart free.
Take it all...
And not just a piece of me.'

Lesa Kendrick

Haunted I Am

Haunted I am
By you-
By the thought of you...
Though you are not dead
Yet far away you are
And I am trapped.

That day you left
I was abandoned here; alone
Watching you gradually fade
To become a tiny black dot
In the blue of the horizon

Why did you leave me here?
Haunted in dreams
Unable to leave
Eternally bound
To the memory
Where you caged my soul

Here in a lonely place
Like a million haunting dreams
I walk dark halls
And whisper this heartache
Yearning, yet you do not return
To set me free.

Alone I am
To face the images
The anguish
Of yet another nightmare
Sunlight coming through broken glass
And the memory of your arms
Won't hold me
For it does not shield the endless sorrow

I understand why you left...
Why you had to walk away
Caging me here
Behind a thousand locked doors
Of this fortress.

But I locked up my soul for you,
My very heart.
So why can you not return,
Breaking down these doors;
A haunted heart finally to be
Set free.

Lesa Kendrick

Haze of Time

Through the misty haze of time,
A star still shines above.
A glow still fills my heart,
Of our long ago love.

Speak to me of another time,
When our love had just begun.
Tell me of the shattered dreams,
And the total eclipse of the sun.

Hearts were broke from betrayal.
Love was lost in the lies.
Tears brought forth from memories.
Joy fades as trust dies.

Through the misty haze of time,
The moon still glows above,
Memories still make me smile,
Of our long ago love.

Lesa Kendrick

Heart Abandoned

My heart is filled with sorrow and pain
My soul is shadowed by darkness
I long to hear your voice again
To fill my days with brightness

I cannot believe the words you say-
Why can't our love be true?
Why does it hurt when you walk away?
How can I live if I don't have you?

I remember the times we had-
They'll never leave my mind
Don't go and leave me sad;
Please don't leave my heart behind.

Lesa Kendrick

Her Eternal Love

I'd hate to be in a situation,
Where one must take and never give,
For I am the kind who loves giving,
So that others may live.

I have known someone with this problem-
It plagues her proud soul.
She tries to reach up toward the stars,
But is always driven from her goal.

She longs for something better-
More worthwhile than what she has.
She longs to escape the mistakes,
The many debts from her past.

She hasn't seen what I've seen,
And she hasn't chose to know,
All she has forsaken,
By drowning in her woe.

If she would only visualize,
The sweetness in her life,
And forget the regrets,
Which destroy the peace with strife.

She's given of herself,
Three children from her womb,
Molded from her spirit,
To brighten her dark gloom.

She has something special,
That many never have....
Emotions money cannot buy,
And such sweet emotions,
Can never go or die.

She has given to her children,
So she mustn't be sad.
She's sacrificed from her life,
To make her children glad.

Now she must struggle,
To rise to her great height,
And achieve her every dream,
To gain strength and might.

Someday she'll achieve,
All she's dreaming of,
But meanwhile she will give to her children....
Her eternal love.

Lesa Kendrick

Hidden Truths

Many times I cried for you in the past,
For your pain and worries,
And the sadness that forever lasts.
We both have lived the same nightmare,
Yet perceived it in different ways.
There are so many feelings yet hidden,
We are still too afraid to say.
We tried to read the lies of long ago,
Adopt them as our life.
Now can we let go of the pain,
That rips through us like a knife?
I long to shut my eyes to the light,
But I can no longer bury the truth-
Our world was not as we wanted,
Our dreams never of any worth,
Sometimes I seem so all alone,
Yet you are always there.
I must only see your face,
To help me calm the eternal fear;
The fear of never having.
What others have taken for granted;
Wanting love so unconditional,
That heartache has not tainted.
Can we find the peace,
The apologies to set us free?
Or must we go on forever hurting,
Not opening our eyes to see?

(4/9/90)

Lesa Kendrick

Hoping

Lost in a memory,
Hanging on to yesterday...
Love's lost melody,
Calling me away.

Can I help recalling,
The love that we once shared?
For now, teardrops are falling,
And loneliness leaves me scared.

Hold all the bright tomorrows,
In the palm of your hand.
Turn all of yesterday's sorrows,
Into harmless grains of sand.

Stand on the hope,
That this love shall come again,
And all the bright tomorrows,
Are waiting in the wind.

Come to me in a dream...
Speak to me of your love.
Make me forget,
What we ever parted of.

Give me your hand,
Let me see your smile.
Please be my man,
Just hold me for awhile.

Lesa Kendrick

I Believed in You

I believed in you,
But you let me down;
Played around,
Walked away,
Without a sound.

I've got to say;
You've got to know,
To let you go,
Was to walk away,
From a part of me.

I believed in you-
I believed in love,
But to you it was a joke.
This heart you broke,
These dreams you've took.

I've got to say;
You need to know,
As I go,
You will never know,
How hard it was,
To walk out,
Because of the way it was.

You can let go,
But you'll never know,
I believed in you-
What a dumb thing to do.

Lesa Kendrick

I Cried Myself to Sleep Last Night

I know you feel your life is over-
I feel the same way, too.
I've been through this so many times-
I know what you're going through.

I cried myself to sleep last night.
The wind howled outside.
And as I watched you sleeping,
I hung my head and cried.

My dreams are all shattered.
My heart empty like before.
My happiness is tattered,
Right down to the core.

Now I know I'll feel no better,
I'll never be the same,
Until you look at me with love,
And softly whisper my name.

I'll think of you and cry...
I'll see no stars in the sky,
Until the day I die.
I still don't know why-
Why did you need me?
Why did it end?
How can you tell me,
You still love me as a friend?

I cried myself to sleep last night.
The wind howled outside.
And as I watched you sleeping,
I hung my head and cried.

Lesa Kendrick

I Cry Alone

Please join me in this place where I cry alone-
Please find me and lend me your strength.
Because I need you!
I need you so very much...
I yearn for you and your quiet understanding.

If I prayed for you, would you come?
Would you come to me and hold me in your arms while I wept?
If I prayed, would you be there?
Would you come to me, if I wished for you with all of my heart?

Because I wished...
And you did not come...
Because I called out your name through my tears,
And you were not there...
Because I prayed....
And my prayers for your arrival were not answered.

I've needed you so-
But you were so far away.
I called out to you with my sorrowed words,
Yet they weren't enough....
I begged God to give me the comfort of you-
But yet still....
        I Cry Alone.

(October 24,1997)

Lesa Kendrick

I Gave It To You

I gave you my love
I gave you my heart
You threw it back in my face
And tore my soul apart

I gave you myself
And promises so true
I doubt now that you love me
The way that I love you

I gave you my understanding
The feelings I couldn't hide
I thought you were special
You touched me deep inside

If you were to confront me
I'd try to be strong
You won't see the pain
Of what you have done wrong

I gave you my world
Tried to make you see
If you would only try
You could belong to me

I gave you my soul
I thought your heart was gold
It's hard to believe them true
Those things I've been told

I gave you my tenderness
I gave you my tears
Now it's all lost in time
In this place where nobody hears

I thought it would make you happy
That someone was here for you
If you cannot love me,
There is nothing I can do.

I can't understand it
You've shown me a face I didn't know
You're not the man I knew
When my love first began to grow

What made you change?
Is reality just too hard to face?
I think you really care
In your eyes I see a trace

I only know I gave you
Everything I had

I gave you all my love
And in return you made me sad

I can give you
Everything you need
But if you refuse to take it
My love shall pay no heed

I remember tenderness
Written in the depths of your eyes
Have you lost your glow?
Were you intentions only lies?

Your smile belonged to me
Your heart was matched to mine
I gave you my gift
In a Valentine.

If only you'd remember
It was not so long ago
We gave each other a gift
The others do not know...

Lesa Kendrick

I hear the babies crying...

I hear the babies crying,
As their mothers hurt them,
And their fathers desert them,
As they die and grow still.

And I - I can understand,
It is wrong
In my heart
In my mind
In my soul
I remember.

It creeps to me,
An unspoken cry,
Of glass shattered,
Of blood shed.

It is not for us to decide,
For we are not the maker,
We are the taker,
Of what is laid before us.

For it is the destruction,
Of life so new,
And it is not the answer,
Nor what it is intended of.

Maybe you'll never understand,
What I have tried so hard to say,
Until you feel the pain of it,
In this way.

I ask myself-
Why does it matter?
But I know,
And I am sadly proud.

The rivers are flowing red,
And silent screams flood the mind.
It has been said,
'The pain shall forever bind.'

Lesa Kendrick

I live my life for them....

I live my life for them,
As sometimes it is hard to live it for me....
With all the pain I've known,
And all the sorrow I see.

I live my life for them,
As sometimes I cannot face another day....
When teardrops I must fight
And despair stands in the way.

I live my life for them,
For through their laughter I truly smile....
And forget for a moment the heartache,
That lingers with every mile.

I live my life for them-
My children, carriers of my heart....
We've faught the toughest battle,
And it's meaning will not depart.

Lesa Kendrick

I realize.....

I realize I may never again feel your tender caress,
Your sweetest touch,
Or your most comforting embrace,
Within which all of my demons have been tamed.

I realize I may never again see the beauty of your eyes,
Those vivid bright greens,
Or the darkness of a forest,
Within which I was often lost upon a summer's day.

I realize I may never again hear the music of your voice,
That melodious rumble which is your laugh,
Or the sweet tang of your whispers,
Within which you spoke to me of your inner heart-
For all the truths only I have seen.

And I realize that these things now withheld from me,
Remain forever restrained within you....
And as I lie here serenely waiting, I wonder,
Will you sacrifice everything-
Or summon the strength to restore it all?

Lesa Kendrick

I Remember You

I will remember you,
When the night is dark,
When my blessings
Are tucked into warm beds.

I will remember you,
As I lay down to sleep...
And it's only then,
When I shall weep.

For in the light of day,
I wear the mask,
Of a deceptive smile.

And in the dark of night
As I lie there alone in the stillness
I remember you...

Lesa Kendrick

I Understand

They have hurt you;
I see it in your eyes.
I understand,
But do you realize?

I followed you into the dark,
Into the center of your world,
And in return for what you have given me,
I give to you my heart.

Watching you, I wondered,
How can you take so many jeers?
Seeing how they hurt you,
My eyes fill up with tears.

But you stand up so proudly,
I swear you really don't care.
You hold on to all you have,
Even if this world is not fair.

I've looked into your eyes,
Deep inside there lies the truth,
That they are unable to see,
And this aching heart is proof.

They cannot love you,
For what you have inside.
They still won't understand,
After all the tears have dried.

Why will they not listen?
I sense you have something to say.
No matter who deserts you,
If you want me - I will stay.

For I love you - for you,
For what lies within those eyes;
For judging anything else,
I know would only be lies.

I know I'm not what you really need,
But I will do my best, I swear.
Here's someone who understands,
And you know I truly care.

If you should ever fall...
If things slip through your hands...
Heres's a shoulder to cry on,
From someone who understands.

(1987? ? ?)

Lesa Kendrick

I Understand (Different poem)

Your first smile,
Told me what words cannot say.
I find it hard to express,
The feelings I keep at bay.

Like a rainbow in the sky,
You brought color to my world.
If you asked for my love,
I would give it a try.

I understand,
The questions in your heart.
The pain in your eyes,
Tears my soul apart.

I give you my understanding;
The feelings I cannot hide.
You are very special;
You've touched me deep inside.

You made me seem so special;
I did not need to ask you,
To understand me,
As the others cannot do.

Out of the darkness,
Your voice called to me.
Your eyes beheld mine,
Tried to make me see.

Out of the gloom,
My heart was pained with woe...
Then you smiled,
And my tears ceased to flow.

I am not worthy,
Of this love I feel for you...
But I know that whatever,
I shall love you true!

(1987? ? ?)

Lesa Kendrick

If....

If you could dry my tears,
I would hold you.
I wouldn't lose you,
Forever comforted,
By the touch of you.

If you could see my smile,
I would heal you.
No longer bound,
Forever enslaved,
By the strength of your pain.

If you could see my eyes,
I would give you
A tiny taste of my soul
Forever embraced
By the memory of you.
(December 2005)

Lesa Kendrick

I'm not crying about today....

I'm not crying about today,
I am crying about the past...
Which has swept my soul away.

Each tear holds a sliver of pain,
Held deep within my heart...
And the hiding of emotions,
Is always done in vain.

Someday, I'll have to let go,
Of the hurting deep within.
Those heartaches always show.

I can wish upon a star,
And pray for a change....
Yet I know it cannot take me far.

I must reach out for peace,
Make a mark upon my life,
To bring happiness into reach.

I have to struggle toward my goal,
And never run away,
Or I just might be the lonely fool.

I can't let go of tomorrow,
There's always a way.
I must keep on trying,
And speak what my heart has to say.

Lesa Kendrick

In Blind Trust

I had loved him so very much,
So I told you his identity.
I thought I could trust you,
And you could trust me.

But you crushed all the beauty,
In the love he and I once shared.
I thought that you had understood...
I thought that you had cared.

You had always listened,
When I needed a friend.
You made me feel not so alone,
When I was at my end.

Now you accuse me of things I do not do,
And feelings I do not feel.
A wound has opened inside me,
I fear may never heal.

The secret between us was special,
Something you and I could only know.
But if you don't understand,
I'll just have to let it go.

When I told you about it,
I gave you part of my heart.
I thought you understood-
Now my soul is torn apart.

First there were two of us-
I thought we felt the same.
Now there is one-
My heart so full of shame

Lesa Kendrick

In Heaven There Will Be An Answer

I often wonder if there could be a Heaven,
As sweet as when you kiss my lips?
Could it be as special,
As the touch of your fingertips?

Could it be forbidden,
To love as I love you?
How could it be wrong,
To make love in the morning dew?

Can we love in Heaven?
Wait for me in the skies....
Because in life,
We must love in lies.

Think of all the pain,
The bleeding of this heart.
Can it be in Heaven,
We can't be kept apart?

Will there be an answer,
To the question we must know?
Will God hold our love against us,
And is this love our foe?

Shall the next life be as pain-filled?
Shall the tears fall like rain?
Or will the sun greet us,
And true love won't go to blame?

Someday we'll reach Heaven,
You and I as one;
We will be together,
When all our lives are done.

Lesa Kendrick

In Love With You

My dreams were full of you,
Long before we met.
My visions of the tender kiss,
And love I can't forget.
Moments of tender love,
Locked within my soul.
Every moment spent with you,
Filled with desire out of control.
It's impossible to fight it,
When it entraps your very heart.
Now when I look into your eyes,
I pray we never part.
I treasure the warmth of your touch-
The sweetness of your voice.
If I could choose any love,
Yours would be my choice.
If in time our love becomes stronger,
And our dreams more alive and true,
I'll never forget the moment,
I fell hopelessly in love with you.

Lesa Kendrick

In My Heart

There's a part of you,
In my deepest heart-
A part no one can touch,
Nor take away.

Everyday I thank God,
For that sweet moment in time,
When you were mine,
And I was yours,
For only a heartbeat.

Yet we always knew,
It could not be
Forever-
Only forever,
In our hearts.

Time could take you
So far
From my side
So far
From my sight,
and my touch.
But nothing could take you,
From this heart.

Because what once was mine,
Will always be,
And what was once yours,
Remains so in our hearts.

I'll not cry,
When I think of you,
Or that moment,
I was sucked-
From your sweet embrace.

I'll just smile,
When I recall the tender moments,
And thank the stars,
For that which I miss...

Lesa Kendrick

In the Light of Day

We hold each other close;
I feel your breath on my cheek.
Your fingers trace my body;
I give you what you seek.

Our lips mold as one;
You tremble with desire.
You move against me;
And make us both go higher.

In the light of day,
You'll turn and walk away.
Baby, what can I say?
You know I love you anyway...

You reach for my hand;
I'm scared to meet your eyes.
They could show too much;
I keep my love in disguise.

I feel the warmth of your body,
And the strength of your arms.
I hear the huskiness of your voice;
Please give me all your charms.

But in the light of day,
You'll turn and walk away.
Baby, what can I say?
I still love you...
Anyway.

(1983? ? ?)

Lesa Kendrick

Inner You

Sometimes I watch you,
Just out of the corner of my eye,
And I'm amazed-
Somehow you never see me cry.
Sometimes I try talking to you,
But you only walk away.
Yet when I try to leave you,
You beg me to stay.

I can't understand you-
What do you have hidden beneath that mask?
You won't answer, whenever I ask.
I try to look deep,
Within the shadows of your eyes,
Try to find the inner you,
Where all your secrets lie.

There's a wall between us-
You're pushing me far away.
What are the feelings inside you?
What are you trying to say?
How can I go on pretending,
When everything is ending?
If I could only see,
Just what it is you are trying to be.

Sometimes I feel you care,
And everything seems so right.
Then suddenly it happens-
And where are you hiding tonight?
I think you need me,
To help you on your way.
But how can I help you,
When your true self I cannot find?
I know you care,
But you are making yourself go blind.

I don't mean to hurt you-
I don't want to be unkind.
You won't lose yourself,
In chains you feel might bind.
It's almost an illusion,
This life of ours we lead.
Can't we find reality,
In what life truly means?

I want no more fairytales-
No more fantasies.
Can't it be true-
Is there any reality?

(1987)

Lesa Kendrick

Inspirations

Sometimes the dreams we hope for never come true.
Sometimes the things we wait for never come through.
But if only we would discover,
Somehow or the other,
Although it's clouds they are behind-
The stars will always shine.
And although the sun is far away,
It will shine on you, too, someday.
And if you wish with all your heart,
The clouds will surely depart,
And as the stars slowly fall...
You can cherish it all.

(1988)

Lesa Kendrick

I've Lost You

I've lost you,
Yet you still dwell in my heart,
I hope you are right,
By keeping us so far apart.

I hope that someday,
You'll come to understand,
I fell in love,
The first time you touched my hand.

I remember the whispers,
Of promises you never kept.
It hurts to know,
How quickly you could forget.

But I don't blame you,
Although you hurt me so.
I only love you,
And how deeply you'll never know.

Sometimes I think you still care,
That you love me, too.
But then I must remind myself,
I've lost you.

Lesa Kendrick

JALIN

Never to speak your name-
But to have loved you.
Never to have seen your face-
But to have cradled you in dreams.

My baby boy, child of my heart;
I did not desert you!
You were my first, my infant son-
And I loved you.

To return to the hill,
Below the mighty oak,
To that wee little grave so small....
Oh, never again can I look-
Nor can I speak your sweet name.
I vow it forever and to the ends of the earth....
JALIN.

Lesa Kendrick

Just Like Dark Water

The hurt you have caused me,
Bleeds into my soul,
Into everything that is me.
I long to be free of it....
But I don't know how I will ever be.

Not a word from you....
Not even an apology,
You're just gone-
Taken,
And lost-
Lost to me.

'I will never leave you-'
Those words that you said;
Empty promises...
Spoken,
And now you're leaving me here-
Alone....
Hurting and Broken.

'You'll never lose me-'
So many promises from you....
Somehow they hurt me more...
Even more than,
Those things that you do.

My greatest nightmare is now repeating,
Again and again,
While you walk...
Out of my life once more.
'Come back, ' I want to cry,
'Don't you see,
My fingers you've slammed in the door? '

Lesa Kendrick

Last night we made love...

Last night we made love...
It was my first time.
How beautiful it felt,
To hold your body close to mine.

You crushed me in your arms,
And I was not afraid.
Fear did not shadow,
The love that we made.

After it was over,
You looked deep into my eyes,
And spoke tender words,
I know now were lies.

Now I sit here alone,
Pain stabbing at my heart,
For you never really loved me,
And you are not sad that we are apart.

Lesa Kendrick

Leaving Again

Is there a clue,
   In the way you come to me?
Is there an answer,
   In those dreams that I see?

Is there a future,
   In love's fantasies?
Is there an end,
   To the tragedies?

'Must you go...' I ask,
   'When you have just now come?
But now matter how far away,
   Our hearts are truly one.'

'I shall leave you now, ' you answer,
   'But I shall come again.
It may not be tomorrow.
   I wish that I knew when.'

'Then kiss me one more time,
   Before you go your way.
Someday it will be forever,
   And not just for today.'

Lesa Kendrick

Let Me Forget

Today I stand here all alone,
With nothing left to call my own.
Feeling lost within my soul,
Never attaining my desired goal.

I've strived so hard within the past,
Fighting for a love that couldn't last.
Wanting something I am guilty of;
While staining my hands with empty love.

Yesterday my life was bliss,
Sweet memories I often reminisce.
Still lost in that faded thought,
Where forgiveness was never taught.

It may seem unbelievable,
How I strived just to forget,
All I once prayed to remember,
Lost within shadowed debt.

Lesa Kendrick

Letting Go of Hope's Hand

Where have all these scars on my body come from?
Where have all the scars on my soul?
And why don't I cry to hear the words,
That times before have made tears roll?

Is it because I am prepared,
To let go of all I have known,
To embrace a new tomorrow,
To settle into a new home?

Must I let go of all I had before,
Reject every familiar face,
Open my life to strangers,
Who cannot fill that space?

I thought my heart would shatter,
To think we'd be apart,
But I am bewildered just knowing,
I did not know my own heart.

The things I looked so forward to,
Appear to have vanished like forgotten hope.
I no longer think of it-
I no longer need it to help me cope.

It was just yesterday,
That happy thoughts filled my mind,
But before they had ever begun,
I have left them far behind.

It's frightening just thinking,
I don't know what I search for anymore,
For now I'm not waiting,
For your arrival at my door.

I'm not saying I don't love you-
You and I know that could never be true.
Of any single soul,
I'd never deny my love for you.

All I want is understanding,
For that which I cannot explain-
Have I clouded out the hurting,
So I can no longer face the pain?

Maybe someday it will hit me,
The gravity of the deed.
I'll see what I am missing-
I'll long for what I need.

But for now I am grateful,
For being spared of the tears,

For forgetting the sorrow,
Which has touched me so many years.

Words keep echoing in my mind-
Now I can finally understand.
I now know there is no guarentee,
And never to take hope's hand.

Because the thing you long for most,
One never understands.
When you finally have all you wished for,
It slips through your hands.

You try to catch on,
Yet you lose all you love.
So you only let go,
Of all you've ever dreamed of.

Lesa Kendrick

Life's Meaning

You must be able to laugh and to cry,
Because if you cannot show emotion,
You shall never know why,
Life has meaning.

At times you will feel like life has no meaning,
When good times are so few -
But you must discover the tenderness,
Others feel for you.

If you can give of yourself,
When others are in pain,
You will learn the true meaning,
And life won't be in vain.

But if you don't draw understanding,
From the losses of the day,
You'll never gain a meaning,
From the blessings that come your way.

Lesa Kendrick

Lost... In the Dark

I have found there has been too much love in this heart.
I have found there have been too many tears in these eyes.
What is left when all you have is gone,
And all you wanted cannot be?

You search but there is no one-
No one who will share your dreams and fears.
You find there is no one-
No one who understands or listens to your heart.
You reach out into the darkness but you are all alone-
You've lost yourself to the dark.

You remember a time when you lived in peace,
And when the dreams you had lost had been set free.
Now you live in unspeakable sorrow,
And the world is harsh and unkind in your pain.

The world won't stop for you.
With tears streaming you can reach out with your heart,
But it will never slow to let you on,
For your chances have all gone.

What's left when your heart is aching?
What will carry your heart through the pain?
Some will say it's the memories of wonderful times,
That can stop the rain.
What happens when those memories,
Remind you of all you have lost again,
And all you'd like to have but cannot reach?

What can you do,
All alone in the dark?
The people in the light refuse to see you-
They cannot hear your cries.
Again you are all alone tonight.

All I ask is for a chance,
One chance at happiness,
That cannot be stolen away.
All I ask is for someone to understand,
Someone to believe my words,
Someone who won't walk away.
All I ask now is for love to carry my heart-
To lead me out of the darkness-
To give me a place in the light.

Please only listen,
And give your true understanding-
For in the darkness,
Your love can help me find the way.

(6/24/94)

Lesa Kendrick

Love - No Pain

Wake me in the morning,
Let me see the sun.
Shower me with rain,
Life has only just begun.
Give me lots of lights,
And warm love - no pain,
Through my darkest and coldest nights.

Everyday's just a rainy day,
The sun won't shine again.
Every cloud has a raindrop...
Every eye holds a teardrop.
I try to run far away,
But there is no running out,
The demons pull me back.

I try to fake a smile;
I don't do too good.
I cry for a while;
I cover it with a hood.
I laugh outside - Inside I cry.
I live outside - Inside I die.

Everyday's just a rainy day,
I hope the rain will end.
Everyday's just a rainy day,
Maybe I'm your friend.

Lesa Kendrick

Love Never Dies

I am gone,
But not forgotten,
For we shall never part,
In the heart.

It is only I-
My body that is gone,
But my soul,
Lingers on.

Your voice I hear,
As I am waiting here,
Forever waiting,
Again to be with you.

Lesa Kendrick

Lover's Cross

I did not want to be on your lover's cross,
Hanging by a thread.
I did not want to be your sacrifice,
The one you would forget.

Why did you let me dangle so long,
Waiting just for you?
And why do you want to keep me here,
Eternally bound to you?

I did not want to be on your lover's cross,
I only wanted you...
But it seems I am your sacrifice,
Forever torn in two.

Lesa Kendrick

Love's Thorns

Why do you hurt me?
Why do you rip away my smile?

First you tell me you need me,
You long to feel me in your arms,
You've always wanted me,
And there is no other you love as you love me.

My heart is reeling from the words you speak-
Words I have longed to hear from your lips;
Words are all they are,
For in deed you cannot give me what it is I desire.

And as you realize how much I love you,
And how I have never put another above you,
As you look into my heart and see the answers,
You retreat deeply in to your shell.

Love is something in my heart I have for you,
Love is something you cannot accept....
Love is the price I will pay forever more,
For my heart is eternally bound to yours.

For now you tell me I mean so little to you,
That my touch repulses you,
That you never really wanted me,
And you don't love me as I love you.

Are you lieing now or were you lieing then?
Love becomes something ugly; broken,
When hateful words fall from your lips,
And beauty and hope are now reminisced

Your heart is formed of cold, hard stone,
And your razor-words pierce my heart,
For it is fragile like a rose's bloom,
It's delicate beauty scarred and torn.

I wish there were a way to stop this sorrow;
The painful bleeding of my heart.
Droplets of blood falling from delicate rose petals,
Becoming a crimson puddle within your hand.

The thorns of your love have cut me deep;
You are like poison to my broken heart.
You had the power to heal my wounds,
But so carelessly you chose to heal me not.

You go now to wipe my blood from your hands,
In an attempt to forget how we ever loved.
I'm not a mistake you only wish to forget;
For I am the whisper down deep within your soul.

So for now I guard my battered heart,
Wrap it in ice so it feels only a portion of the pain.
I cannot smile, and I cannot live;
Trapped in the memory of your desertion and betrayal.

I could forgive you, but I cannot forget
For twice you chose to hurt and betray;
Betray the one who loved you with all her heart....
The depth of that wound is ever so deep.

In time I will patch the bleeding wound,
Yet a scar shall always remain.
A bold reminder for all to see...
How your love has eternally forsaken me.

Lesa Kendrick

Memories Never Die

The time just wasn't enough,
For you and me.
We never got to the places we wanted to go,
And to see what we wanted to see.

It seems so funny without you,
Alone, so all alone.
I expect you to be there waiting,
When I come home.

But I am left with just memories,
So special, so few,
And only precious memories,
Will forever be of you.

Because I so much love you,
Finding it hard to say goodbye,
And left with just memories,
The memories can never die.

Knowing that you loved me,
Even though you are now gone,
Makes me feel special,
As I sing life's endless song.

Never will I forget you,
Because you gave me your best....
And living with just memories,
Is just a painful test.

Lesa Kendrick

Memory

Gentle is your voice,
Blue is your eyes,
Soft are your lips,
In my heart a stranger lies.

A memory calls to me,
Of a love forbidden, but true,
The past beckons me,
To that world of me and you.

Is it just an endless chain,
Round and round we go?
Or is it just a lasting pain,
Of the love we'll never know?

Could you just hold me,
One more time tonight?
I hear your voice calling,
When you are no where in sight.

Lesa Kendrick

MY BEST FRIEND

Memories I treasure-
Your hand in mine…

Believing in our friendship,
Even thru such sad days of time.
Seeking strength thru our bond,
To leave the darkness & our fears behind.

Forever my best friend;
Riveted deep within my heart.
Impressions of happiness remain ours,
Even thru the many days apart.
Never will I say goodbye to you;
Distance will not take you from my heart.

Lesa Kendrick

My Daughter

There was a little child-
With eyes so young and blue.
Now she's all grown up-
That child was you.
Once you were just little-
With curls so blond and gay.
Now your hair has darkened-
The curls have gone away.
You no longer wear red bows,
To brighten up your hair.
Those dark, little freckles.
Were on your face so fair.
But the freckles are all gone,
When you wear your make-up now.
You cover them with base,
And darken up your brow.
Today I saw you walkiing,
With the fellow down the street.
Someday you'll be leaving here,
With a gentleman you'll meet.
I'll miss you everyday-
With an aching heart I'll see,
My little girl in the adult body,
Smile as she waves at me.

Lesa Kendrick

My Dear One

My dear one, no words can ever say,
How strongly we feel for each other,
For it deepens every day.

The moment you look at me,
I feel a special thrill,
An excitement that touches me,
More than any other ever will.

The memory of our first kiss,
Lives sweetly in my mind,
As each precious moment thereafter,
Exists for us to find.

Sometimes I am frightened,
By the look in your dark eyes,
So wild and darkened with passion,
That could send me soaring to the skies.

Never have a seen a smile,
That brightens my day as yours can,
And never have I found such emotion,
As you express in any other man.

When I awake in the dark night,
I can hear your heartbeat beside me.
When I am frightened I shut my eyes,
And it is your smile I see.

When you hold me in your arms at night,
Sweet dreams always surround me,
For there is nothing to fear,
When I have your arms around me.

I want you to know I care for you,
I long for you to remain by my side,
To touch me with the emotion,
Your eyes could never hide.

Lesa Kendrick

My Fifteenth Birthday

My fifteenth birthday-
The memories have returned,
Of you and I together,
All alone in my room.

You gave me my present-
A smile upon your lips.
Just what I always wanted;
My eyes glistened with tears unshed.

But the real present came,
When the music began to play.
I got just what I had always wanted,
In you that long ago day.

I looked at the card you gave me,
Incredulous at your words-
'Until later....'

Until later indeed.

Lesa Kendrick

My Gift to You

I gave you a flower-
It was all I could give.
I let you go,
'Cause you could not live.

I never saw your eyes;
I never heard your voice;
I never touched your flesh-
I had no choice.

There hasn't been a day,
When your name hasn't come to mind.
Yet although I love you,
I must leave you behind.

Someday there will be someone,
In whose eyes I will see,
A tiny bit of you,
Gazing back at me.
(2/23/95)

Lesa Kendrick

My Haunting Dreams

The night is serene as I lie in your arms;
My thoughts peaceful and full of bliss,
Until a vision of white penetrates the mind,
Then I am forced to recall unhappiness.

I try to close my soul to the memory of,
That threatening dark shadow which lingers above,
Reminding me of a forgotten past,
During which I stained my hands with empty love.

My heart relives the pain of many years passed.
And although I long to turn the dreams away,
They often walk back to haunt me,
And take me to another day.

If I close my eyes and pray with all my soul,
Maybe kindness will take the dreams away,
And sunshine will fill this weary heart,
Which longs so deeply to live only in this day.

Lesa Kendrick

My Lost Love

Long ago we were together,
We shared a deep love,
Beautiful moments of passion,
That sweet memories remain of.

Yesterday I was saddened,
Lost in the bitter pain,
Of knowing I must be alone,
For only your memory remains.

I spent each moment crying,
For everything reminded me of you,
The sunshine so like your smile,
The sky so like your eyes of blue.

The memories were no longer enough,
To keep the tears at bay,
I realized you would never be back...
You were so very far away.

Never before had I felt so much alone;
I longed for you by my side,
To share all we had before,
And hold me in the night...

But sundown came unbidden,
As star twinkled in the sky,
While the moon shone brightly,
I hung my head to cry.

I no longer could remember,
Why I felt so sad inside,
I retreated to my bedroom,
And crawled beneath the covers to hide.

In the darkness of the night,
I finally ceased to weep,
I fell into a restless slumber,
A tortured, dreamy sleep.

Suddenly, I awakened,
For I heard a noise unknown-
The door being slowly opened,
With a soft, yet whining moan.

Somehow I was not frightened,
For I sensed your presence near,
And I knew if you were beside me,
I'd have nothing to fear.

Through the moonlight, I watched you,
As you crept across the room,

Your shadow translucent,
Brightening up the gloom.

At first I thought I was dreaming,
How could it truly be you?
I only gazed at you in wonder,
Not knowing what to do.

You knelt down at my bedside,
Then kissed me upon my cheek.
Softly you began to whisper,
Your voice so gentle and weak.

You told me that you missed me,
That it hurt to see me sad,
That my happiness was precious,
For you wished to see me glad...

With those wise words you stood,
And walked quietly across the floor.
You turned to look back once again,
And then silently closed the door.

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Lesa Kendrick

My Love For You

Almost every night,
I dream of you.
Each night,
My desire has grew.

Sometimes I'm afraid,
Of your touch...
But even so,
I want you so much.

Each time your eyes,
Meet mine.
I find myself going back,
In time.
When our love,
Was free and strong.
And we didn't have to worry,
About right or wrong.

Baby, I'm sorry,
But I never knew,
Just what our passions,
Would put us through.
If you could....
Just hold my hand,
Maybe then I might,
Understand.

For I feel so free with you;
My love for you is true.
Babe, here's your clue.
You see, I'm hopelessly,
In love with you.

I feel so happy,
By your side.
As we stand in the firelight,
Look into my eyes,
You'll see desire.
Let us go and make,
Our fire soar ever higher.

Baby, I'm sorry,
But I never knew,
Just what our passions,
Would put us through.
Everyday,
I'll be yours.
Escape with me,
For it is you,
Whom I adore.

I feel so free with you;
My love for you is true.
Babe, here's your clue.
You see, I'm hopelessly,
Hopelessly,
In love with you.

Lesa Kendrick

My Poem For You

There are teardrops falling,
   For the girl I cannot see.
From far away I can hear her sobbing-
   Her voice calling out to me.
I can hear her crying,
   Although she's far away,
It's been so long since I've seen her-
   I cannot recall the day.
Long ago we would talk,
   Whenever the need arose.
Maybe I took it for granted...
   How quickly time often goes.
For no matter how I want to,
   I cannot give her my comforting touch.
I try so hard to console her,
   Although words cannot mean as much.
I hope she remembers,
   Just how much her presence means in my life-
For even if we are not together,
   She'll always be a part of my life.
Does she see the silent tear,
   Rolling slowly down my face?
For her pain has become my own,
   Conquering time and space.

Lesa Kendrick

My Sister

In Memory of Audrey (wherever she may be)

I remember my sister;
For as the years past we grew.
Though our bodies changed,
Heartaches never do.
We could not accept the emotion,
Of hate that raged our souls,
Which had destroyed all our dreams,
And shattered all our goals.

I remember my sister;
The sobbing in the night,
A haunting string of memories,
That little ones can't fight.
The yelling and the screams,
Which echo in my mind,
Echoes of yesterday,
That I cannot leave behind.

I remember my sister,
The sadness in her voice,
Teardrops coming to surface,
Hidden in desperate choice.
Trying to hide it from others,
So no one could ever guess,
What happened in our house,
That we could not confess.

I remember my sister;
We were very young.
We would stay awake all night,
And await the rising of the sun,
For it was the only beauty,
In the ugliness of our world.
It was the only brightness,
For a scared little girl.

I remember my sister;
She was older than me,
Only by two years,
But that didn't matter to me.
The importance was escape,
From the prison of our life,
And the pain we had to live with-
The despair and the strife.

I remember my sister;
When the wind blows the trees...
We would watch out the window,
Leaves fall in the autumn breeze.
We'd try to dissolve into the loveliness,

That nature held unbound,
To taste the fruit of happiness,
A song without a sound.

I remember my sister;
The shelter I had with her near.
I knew she would protect me,
Whenever I would fear.
I saw something in her eyes,
A flicker of sweet hope,
That someday we would escape,
And somehow we would cope.

I remember my sister;
The night she said 'good-bye, '
To escape the walls of darkness,
Where children's dreams die.
I begged her not to leave me,
How could I bear it alone?
My tears reflected the sadness,
Which cut me to the bone.

I remember my sister;
The last words I heard her speak,
Like the tender song of a swallow,
Which had first discovered its beak.
She told me not to worry,
She would return for me very soon,
To hold on to the memories,
The darkness could not consume.

I remember my sister;
When she left me behind,
And skipped into the sunlight,
Which overwhelms my mind.
Many nights I think of her,
Wherever she may be,
A part of me skips with her,
As it will always be....

Lesa Kendrick

My Wedding Day

My wedding day
The day before it we had a fight
Bits and pieces stay in the mind
Your tears and my fright
For all you would not say,
Became as a wall between us that night.

My wedding day
So many lights
Wanting to disappear into the crowd
Can't you take me away?
Please, listen.....
Hear the words I am afraid to say.

My wedding day
Why in the world am I here?
This isn't truly where I long to be....
Please, just say the words,
The ones you'd speak to set me free.

My wedding day
A smile on my face to mask the sorrow
This wasn't what I wanted....
I've truly only wanted you.
The biggest mistake I'll ever make...
Are these vows I'm about to take.

My wedding day
And in the end I am in your arms
But for only heartbeat; a moment-
You hold me close as your tears overflow.
All I ever really wanted was to hold you....
And forever it breaks my heart
That you chose to let me go.

Lesa Kendrick

Nightmares Like Life

Sometimes I am lost in the horror movie of my life,
Wanting to wake up from the nightmare,
But I find it's impossible....
I have to let the terror play out
For what becomes another frightening flick.

Just like 'Donnie Darko' or maybe 'The Butterfly Effect'
Whatever it is....
Lord, let me out!
This isn't the dream I'd like to remember.

Nightmares like life can sometimes shake us.
Let me wake up from this!
Hold me in a dream that is safe-
No longer to be trapped
In the Hollywood horror which mirrors my life.

Lesa Kendrick

Once Upon A Time

Once upon a time,
In a world long ago,
You were my love,
And how I loved you so.

Tenderly you'd touch me,
And the world would slowly fade,
All my fears forgotten,
As my problems would evade.

Then the day approached,
The day we had to part.
Now you're far away,
But not far in my heart.

Now when I see you,
It is only in a dream.
I recall how unhappy,
And heartbroken you seem.

If only I could help you,
Reach out and share your pain.
If you could understand,
It's not just you I blame.

I feel so alone,
Feeling lost without you near.
Recalling all the joy we shared,
When yesterday you were here.

I can't believe it happened;
We made so many mistakes.
Tears are silently falling,
As my tender heart slowly breaks.

If only there were a way,
To make our dreams come true.
I'd be there in a moment,
Right beside you....

Promise you shan't forget,
The times we laughed and cried.
I have to smile,
Recalling how I felt inside.

With a heart heavy with regret,
I wait for tomorrow,
To make up for my wrongs,
And vanquish all our sorrow.

With a longing to come to you,
Tears streak my face.

Knowing I cannot,
I keep myself in place.

Shadows shall remind me,
You are not so far away.
Maybe if I pray,
We'll meet again one day.

Maybe there's an answer,
To the dream we cannot find...
Maybe the pages will unfold to us,
Once upon a time.

Lesa Kendrick

One Last Plea

Many nights have passed,
Since that one we said good-bye.
My heart yearns to be beside you,
It aches with every tear I cry.

I can still see your face,
In the hazy mist so far away.
Yet no matter how hard I pray,
We grow further apart today.

When I think of you,
I have to cry...
Knowing I am meaningless-
It hurts me so deep inside.

Why am I so alone,
Now that you have gone?
Why did you take a part of me,
And not all of me along?

I'll be thinking of you,
And I will try to be strong.
I'll try to stop my emotions,
And cherish every song.

Please somehow understand,
I'm sorry I cannot be what you want me to be...
And I'm sad we're not together,
To share life's beautiful harmonies.

Lesa Kendrick

Out of Love

Sometimes people hurt you,
When that's not what they wish to do.
When they only wanted to see you smile,
They only succeed in making you blue.
They are not to blame-
They are victims of their own fear.
It's hard to love anyone,
When you've lost everything you hold dear.

It's wrong to catch a butterfly,
When it wishes to be free.
It's hard to tame the wind,
When it does not wish to be.

If you look into his eyes,
You'd see all you need to smile,
Hold on to him while you can,
If only for awhile.
Because he doesn't need you-
He can survive on his own.
He doesn't mind being lonely;
He wants to be alone.

It's bad when he denies his feelings,
But you cannot force him to see the light.
To force him to understand,
Would never be right.

You can give him your promise,
Give him your love so true,
But it would not solve anything,
To force him to love you.

Sometimes you must love him strong enough,
Just to let him go.
You won't really be saying goodbye,
And I think that he will know.
He'll always be a part of you,
When you need him, he'll be there,
In your heart, in your memories,
Only the two of you share.

No one knows how you feel right now-
It hurts - but the pain is good.
You'll love him forever,
Like no one else could.
You are both so different,
From two worlds merged as one.
He leaves you out of kindness,
For he knows it must be done.

In a world so cruel,

You gave him your heart.
If the love is true,
You'll never be apart.

Lesa Kendrick

Out of the Sun

I had a dream last night,
That you would come again.
You would take my hand,
And we'd dance into the wind.
We'd run and run and never cease,
Until our worries were all gone.
Then turn and laugh and smile,
As we went running along.
Then we'd stroll into the sun,
And gaze up at the sky,
And pray to God to let us know,
To give us a reason why.
Then slowly we'd retrace our steps,
Back to my bedroom door.
Then I'd watch you walk away,
And out of my life once more.

(December 12,1989)

Lesa Kendrick

Parting Is Such Deep Sorrow

I still remember the soft touch of your hand,
As I stand here lonely in this foreign land.
And can you remember how I loved you?
Does love still glow in those eyes of blue?

Sing me that song those birds sang long ago.
Hold me close in those arms and never let me go.
Don't say you are leaving as you have done before.
Say we will be together today and forevermore....

Let's walk together and talk of what has been done,
And then go for a swim in the bright sun.
As I get the feeling the time is drawing near,
I will hug you to me and cry a sorrowed tear.

The memories were special, for now they are gone,
But I still recall each one with every rising dawn.
One last goodbye, parting forevermore.
One last kiss, more feverish than before.

I cherish our love,
It's tender, sweet song.
And hope in my heart,
This parting won't be long.

Lesa Kendrick

Phantom Lover

I walked alone,
In a world of pain.
I wept alone,
Until I heard,
You call my name.

I saw you there,
Hair of blond,
Eyes of blue.
You kissed me soft,
And took me with you.

You held my hand,
And led me to a sweet world,
Of love.
Our love was eternal,
And created,
By the Lord above.

The time has passed,
The life has changed...
I am so far away from you.
I don't know where you are,
Or who you are;
What am I to do?

The love is still the same,
Although I don't recall your name-
I am hopelessly in love with you.

Lesa Kendrick

Please Don't Go

Summer sunshine
So warm and true
A blue lake so inviting
All alone with you...

A touch and a kiss
I swim along beside you
The blue of your eyes
The golden light of your hair
The gentleness of your arms
And the passion that awaits me there

And now today, although you are gone,
You remain in my heart....
And as the world changes,
Again and again;
I still belong to you,
My lover, my friend.

No longer can you hold me,
And conquer all my fears.
No longer can you see me,
And kiss away my tears.

Please remember....
I love you so.
With each heartbeat
I am sighing,
'Oh please, please don't go.'

Lesa Kendrick

Prayer to a Lost Child

To: Caleb James

No baby's voice to awaken me in the night...
No soft, warm body to hug and cherish tight...
No infant's hand to snuggle into mine-
Our sweet baby's gone and we are left behind.

No one to wear the soft sweater of white fabric and lace...
The little yellow sleeper yet hangs in its place,
While pink and blue musical toys collect dust as days pass by,
For my sweet baby's left us and all I do is cry.

His hair might have been blond, dark-brown, or red.
He never heard 'I love you, ' the words I would have said.
His eyes may have been hazel or as blue as a summer's sky.
I'll never know his face; my baby, sweet dreams, goodbye.

He might have been a pilot, an actor, or a judge.
He might have liked cookies, apples, or fudge.
He might have been brilliant, a quiet, little one.
I'll never know the answers - a life ended, not begun.

February 21st will come, just another day,
No birth to celebrate; no fuzzy head to touch,
Our angel could not stay.
We'll hold him close inside our hearts,
And pray to God he will know-
A piece of me stays with him,
Because he had to go.....

(August 12,1997)

Lesa Kendrick

Promises Never Broken

Out of the gloom,
You came to brighten my life...
You smiled,
And my tears ceased to flow.
Out of the darkness,
You reached out for my heart.
Your hand touched mine,
And my life was blessed with love.
You made me seem special;
Love glowed within your eyes.
When the path was hard,
You helped me go home.
I didn't need to ask you,
To put sunshine in my heart.
You came to me on your own;
You helped me see the light.
When the others didn't care,
When the others didn't see,
You were the one,
Who brought the world to me.
Never once did you fail me,
Never once did you lie,
Your heart was so true;
Bringing peace and love.
On the nights that were cold,
Your love became my warmth.
And within my deepest fear,
Your smile became my courage.
You smiled...
And my tears ceased to flow.
You laughed...
And my heart ceased to break.
With you I was not lonely;
Your world became my own.
With you I felt sweetness,
Deep in your heart of gold.
You took away my loneliness;
You stopped all my tears.
You gave me understanding,
Within your undying love.
You made me an eternal promise,
To always be mine,
To be here for me always,
Through any sad days of time.
You gave me your love,
When the world gave only pain.
You gave me your strength,
And let me live again.
You gave me hope,
When I had given up long ago.
You gave me truth,
To build my hopes upon.

I hung on tight,
To the love you gave for me...
In a world of confusion and bliss,
You were here for me.
But now I must let go,
For you are forever gone.
And I know no matter how I wish,
You will not be back again.
It's very hard to say goodbye,
To the one who touched my life with love,
But I know you would want me to be happy,
To be as I became from your love.
A reflection on the water...
I see your sweet smile.
A teardropp on my cheek...
I remember your laugh.
I believe in tomorrow;
We shall meet again,
So I can thank you for your love,
For making the sun shine again.
Standing here all alone,
Where I once stood with you,
I remember your promise of forever,
And your promises were never broken.
And as silent raindrops fall,
A smile touches my lips,
As I remember your promise,
To love me eternally.

(1987? ? ?)

Lesa Kendrick

Prophecy of the Seasons

Evil darkness shall stain the earth,
In the ancient place where shadows lurk.
For summer's light cannot be found
There rivers of blood shall stain the ground.

An ancient stone will block the night
Sending the sun to shine with fiery light
For when summer comes, the sun returns
Night becomes day as evil burns.

The snows of winter will find the night,
And the summer sun will send the light.
The flowers of spring will bring the day,
For the leaves of Autumn shall fall away.

Lesa Kendrick

Regret

Out of a shadow of happiness,
I am suddenly sad,
For all the things I've never done,
And all the time I've had.

Out of a world of smiles,
I am suddenly in tears,
For moments come and moments wasted,
Throughout the many years.

Out of a life of pleasure,
I recall only the pain,
Of dreams lost or forgotten,
Along life's endless lane.

Out of a time of plenty,
I remember the endless want,
The 'might-of-beens' that can never be,
In teardrops that shall haunt.

Out of a memory of love,
I feel only hate,
For the tears and fears of many years,
And now it's just too late.

And through a broken mirror,
I face things as they are;
Although I can't change what I've done,
I can try to heal the scar.

(1987? ? ?)

Lesa Kendrick

Remembering Kyle

Kyle,

You were one of my dearest friends-
For you curled up beside my feet every night
While I slept,
Keeping my toes warm,
While I dreamed.

Your purring was so beautiful;
I awakened every morning,
A smile on my face for you.
As you 'meowed' your happy greeting,
And I would tenderly stroke your fur.

On the day you died,
Two years ago in October,
I buried a part of my heart,
In the earth behind our house,
Tears falling like rain into dark soil.

But when spring came,
Two beautiful bright red tulips
Graced your tiny grave,
A sweet and tender reminder that loves lives on....
And it will forevermore.

So farewell, Sweet Kyle,
My lovely, furry friend,
You are loved and deeply missed,
Remembered forevermore....
A truly precious friend.

Dedicated in loving memory to my pet and dearest friend Selena 'Kyle' Adrienne who lived from March 17,1994 to Ocober 28,2004. We had a lot of sweet years together. Love you, my friend!

Lesa Kendrick

Safe In Your Arms

Sunshine, bright love in blue eyes
We fly along the clouds, soar along the skies
Safe in your arms, lost in sweet love
The kisses so sweet, such Heaven from above.

The melody has ended, the tune goes forever long
I find our love in the depths of the song
The words were spoken, the vows from me to you
The promise has been broken, sad are eyes of blue.

Dance me into darkness, sing me into light
Hold me for a moment, till the sun shines bright
Say we have tomorrow and not just yesterday
As the dreams have ended, you slowly fade away.

My heart is full of love, my eyes are dark and warm
Hold me in your arms, keep me safe from harm
Whisper words of love as shadows cross the night
I'll never be afraid when you are holding me tight.

Tides of love shall caress us as sweet water roars
Your arms embrace me as hot passion soars
As time goes by, I will never forget you
My love, my life, with eyes of blue.

Lesa Kendrick

Separation

I'll never forget you,
  Although you are far away.
I'll never stop loving you,
  I'll miss you everyday.
I'll think of you every night,
  Before I close my eyes to sleep.
I'll pray you are safe and warm,
  Always in vigilant keep.
I'll look upon your picture,
  Remember how it used to be...
And hope that whereever you are,
  You'll always think of me.
Others may enter my life,
  Yet they'll never compare to you,
For you are the one and only;
  Special along with so few.
I'll hear your voice,
  As echoes far away.
I hope you can hear mine,
  And remember all I say.
Know that you are remembered,
  And loved for all you do.
Know that you are cherished,
  All your life through.

Lesa Kendrick

Silence

The room grows quiet.
My vision grows dim.
There is a sense of loss,
Deep from within.

The night is silent,
As I wait for you,
But you never come;
There is nothing I can do.

There is no meaning,
To this pain that I feel.
It just goes on hurting,
Till it's almost unreal.

There is no answer,
To this endless, aching need.
This heart is torn asunder,
And forever shall it bleed.

Lesa Kendrick

Sinking

Sinking in a sea of pain and despair-
I hold out my hand,
But there is no one to reach for it and pull me free;
I find myself sinking down deep into the cold, dark depths.

Hope and beauty are all I have,
As I struggle everyday to remain afloat.
I'm sinking, I'm going under-
Why is my heart full of darkness, fear, and doubt?

Every night, I fight to keep my hope,
That fragile thread which holds my life,
As darkness and pain surround me close,
And despair's hateful blade pierces an aching heart.

Never to be safe again, never to truly smile;
Darkness has found me for it consumes and surrounds me....
Only the grace of God to keep me from going under
As eternal tears continue to sorrowfully flow.

Lesa Kendrick

Someday

Someday, you'll understand,
Why the dreams that meant the world to you,
Meant nothing to me-
And why your smile can't comfort me,
As my laugh,
Comforts you.

Someday, you'll come to see,
Why I don't cry over the old songs,
Or laugh over ancient memories,
Which I think are best forgotten.

Someday, you'll be free to realize,
How easy it is to let go,
Of a heart which did not bind.
If only you'd realize,
Your heart did not once,
Bind Mine.

(March 1994)

Lesa Kendrick

Something More

Sometimes you look at me,
Your eyes aglow with desire.
In my heart I'm burning,
With the sweetest, fiercest fire.

Often I wonder what it would be like,
To lie within your arms,
To have you gently kiss me,
And give me all your charms.

Yet you know you cannot love me,
As lovers often do....
Thus only in my fantasies,
Do I make love to you.

There is something more in this love,
Then others share, I know...
The pain of never having,
What we'll never know.

Lesa Kendrick

Somewhere in the Starlight

Somewhere in the calling of the wind,
I can hear your voice cry to me.
I can hear the echoes of yesterday,
And relive a time that had to end.

Somewhere the flowers cannot grow,
This place where starlight falls,
Is a dream of happiness and love,
A place in which I long to go.

Somewhere where the world was new,
And peace was one among the land,
And hearts held love and joy,
And hate was known only to few.

Somewhere I'll find you like before,
In the place where the starlight falls.
We'll touch and become one,
And our hearts can be one once more.

Lesa Kendrick

Somewhere, Somebody Still Loves You

When you have no tomorrows,
And tears fall like rain.
All you love is gone,
And all you feel is pain.
Nothing can hurt you,
There's nothing you can do.
There is only one thing to remember;
Somewhere, somebody still loves you.

When your friends turn into enemies,
And your heart breaks in two.
All you have is stolen,
And all your moods are blue.
When your heart is broken,
And all you see are tears,
All you feel is sorrow,
And all you know are fears,
There's just one thing you must remember;
Somewhere, somebody still loves you.

Written for Tonya (1983)

Lesa Kendrick

The beauty of a yellow rose....

The beauty of a yellow rose, sitting wilted in it's vase,
For time has made it's color fade and it droops now, in it's place.
The man I love has hurt me,
And in his pain he walks away,
Far from the yellow rose,
And the words he cannot say.

The beauty of the yellow rose, shines in his heart as in mine,
We can't erase it's meaning, nor the memories;
They are ours for all time.
I look at this yellow rose alive within my hand.
My tears fall on it's dying petals,
For I cannot understand.

Yellow roses are for true love,
Not for pain and loss,
So I give one to my love,
And hug him close in my heart-
While praying the meaning reaches him,
As today we are apart.

(March 2001)

Lesa Kendrick

The Book of Us

Sometimes I think I love you,
But I'm not sure how I feel.
When I'm with you, I'm happy-
I'm telling you it's for real.

Sometimes late at night I cry,
Over the things I cannot change.
This story has no happy ending;
A teardropp within every page.

How can we find an easier way,
To say goodbye in the end?
How can we find an answer,
To make a broken heart mend?

Now the book sits closed,
Never to be opened again.
We both prayed so hard,
Yet sorrow shadowed the end.

Your smile was part of the song,
That clouds the tears in my eyes.
As the flame flickers ever higher,
Something in the book dies.

Lesa Kendrick

The Breath of Happiness

Breathe some new life back into me
I feel so numb;
Broken
I need to feel alive again
No longer suffocated by pain
And disappointment

I think back now on happier times
Remembering the laughter;
Music to my ears
My senses reeling,
With so much beauty
Now taken.

Please give some of it back now...
The breath of life;
A distant memory
Alive for a moment in my heart...
No longer haunted by tears
Only happiness.
(December 2005)

Lesa Kendrick

The Candle

My heart was a flame,
But when the wind blew,
The flame flickered.
And when the rain fell,
The wick grew damp,
Ever difficult to relight.

Most of the wax has melted,
Like a thick puddle of tears,
Too think to cry,
Too sticky to avoid.

The wax was gold and sapphire,
The color of my soul,
The flame was orange and red,
The color of my strength.

Now my insides are white,
And my outside is dark,
As I sway against the wind,
Throwing rain into my face.

I am a puddle of melted wax,
No longer having a candle's shape or form,
Bits and pieces of me scattered all around,
Pounded into the earth.

(November 1990)

Lesa Kendrick

The Curse of the Faded Rose

The beauty of a bright red rose,
Will bind this immortal's broken soul
With sorrowful thorns and tarnished chains
A haunting shadow of evil remains.

Deadly are the rose's thorns
It's beauty mocking love's last refrain
For the faded petals slowly slip and fall,
To heap ashes on Love's sorrowed remains.

But Love had power to break the curse,
In the deepest heart of the immortal's thirst.
Of her sweet love he shall reminisce,
Aching forever for Love's eternal kiss.

Now a bright red rose with thorns so sharp
Lies trembling in his true love's hands
The thorns so gently pierce her skin
As evil departs and love forever stands

A precious dropp of her blood so pure,
She presses upon his immortal lips,
For the Love which saved him had set him free...
A curse broken by his true love's kiss.

(7/18/06)

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Lesa Kendrick

The Cycle

It happened in the night time within a hallowed nook.
The birth of a thousand tomorrows, beside a furrowed brook.
The motion of the moment lay twisted on frozen snow.
The sorrow of the world where hated memories grow.
The sound I still remember, filled the soundless void.
The emotions unstoppable, with screams one can't avoid.
The color of crimson, melting into white.
Freezing in an instant, paralyzing one with fright.
And in an instant, it ended, crumpled in a heap.
Decaying into nothingness, where yet another may reap.

Lesa Kendrick

The End

In the end,
Know that I ALWAYS loved you.
In the end,
Know that I never put anyone above you.

In the end,
There will never truly be a 'You, '
Without there being a 'Me.'
And there will never truly be 'An End, '
because I Love You truly,
And true love NEVER ends.

Betrayal, heartache, endless rivers of tears,
Separation, forgiveness, and so many years...
Nothing can ever destroy what was yours and mine,
As we have fought the toughest battle ever,
And heard the saddest song two hearts have heard-
But despite all we went through,
We have lived, loved, and endured the test of time.

So, in the end,
Remember how I love you.
It's forever....
And there will never, EVER be....
An End.

(May 22,2006)

Lesa Kendrick

The Ghost

The things you hide
Behind the beautiful mask of your lies
Keep me trapped here; forgotten
Behind a thousand locked doors of our yesterday
And only you, my dearest heart
Hold the key.

The promise I made to you;
Haunts me.
But sorrowfully, I did it for you.
Trying to sheild the tears
Trying to numb the feelings
Behind the locked door
Of my severed memories.

So far apart we are
And I've become a ghost to you,
Haunting you day and night....
Begging for release.
For you left yourself behind
That long ago sorrowed day,
When you walked away
Leaving me in shadows.

Lesa Kendrick

The Gift

Give me your love,
Wrap it up with hearts,
Place it in these hands,
And let me have it for keeps.

I've waited too long,
And cried so many tears;
Yet still I wait,
My dreams never to come true.

I've prayed for you,
For us....
Yet my prayers wait to be answered.

Don't you know I need you?
Can't you feel my pain?
It lives inside of me-
So deep, it can't escape.

(1997)

Lesa Kendrick

The Haunting

In the back of my mind,
I continue to see the ruins,
While the night music refrains,
That haunting melody.

My tears are poison,
Within a secret garden,
Dropping on the stone roses,
Adding poison to the sacred well.

A man has fallen from grace,
As skeletons run from the closet,
Their bleeding fingertips,
Dripping on the silk flowers.

In an all white room,
Lies the flower that shattered the stone,
And you have the courage to ask,
'Are the flowers blooming? '

And I turn, dressed in black,
Only to look at you and say,
'Surprise! You're dead! '

Lesa Kendrick

The Healing

I live alone here with my broken heart.
At night I walk the halls of a lonely place-
Lost in a memory of my past,
And starving for a glimpse of my future.

My heart aches so deeply;
Over the years so many prayers spoken,
And the wind whispers your name,
As tears ceaselessly flow from sad, tired eyes.

Your name is carved upon broken pieces of my heart;
Only your touch could take away this pain.
The ache in my soul goes unspoken,
As I wear a heavy mask of a deceptive smile.

All I needed I fear I will never have;
All I wished for I fear I will never touch.
And why must these prayers go on unanswered;
And why must love never be enough?

Nearly destroyed by the force of the storm;
Nearly consumed in the world's hateful hate;
Nearly lost in darkness, never to see the sun;
I clung tightly to the one I loved; shaken-
Waiting for that sweet moment of fate to arise.

Waiting for a rainbow I could never touch;
Waiting for the warmth of the morning sun;
That moment when love means exactly what it is;
And hearts broken emerge healed and complete.

(04/03/06)

Lesa Kendrick

The Heart of the Storm

My dreams were empty,
Expanding an aching heart,
Like a dark and raging storm,
I longed to make depart.

Where did the beauty go-
Where did the love?
Why I am I lost and lonely...
With dark clouds far above?

I look up at the sky....
As it begins to fall,
Pelting me with ice cold rain,
With my tears lost in it all.

Windows break and walls fall-
Sorrowed tears blended to rain.
Nothing left but my empty heart,
And a vision of endless pain.

Lesa Kendrick

The Impossible

It was said I would not have another child,
Or perhaps I must not try-
Because of so many losses;
And this trail of broken dreams.
The hope I carried seemed tattered-
A broken heart bursting thoughout it's seams.

I stood at the top of a tired, grey world,
A thousand tears falling from my eyes;
Hearing the sting of so many comments,
Fearing the loss of so many dreams.
Alone I felt; and shattered....
Wishing for someone to understand.
My sorrowed heart was battered-
Longing for someone to take my hand.

Could the impossible become the possible,
Could there be a rainbow in the sky?
Could there be more than shadowed mourning,
And a reprieve from the tears I had cried?

I asked for one baby,
But the good Lord sent me two,
A boy and a girl-
The pink one and the blue.

I held them that cold day in November,
Proud we had made it through,
Draven and Alieah-
My heart belongs to you.

And then on their first birthday,
I was gifted with a sweet surprise,
There was going to be another baby-
A tiny rainbow in God's eyes.

Now when I think back to last summer,
All those tears I often shed....
When I feared for my little baby;
Discouraged for hope seemed dead.

I hung on so tightly;
Just to make it through.
Then one July day I had Michael-
My little sweetheart; my baby boo.

I have held the impossible...
I have weathered the worst.
For sometimes dreams are unstoppable...
And sometimes 'wisdom' is cursed.

For I have treasured the impossible,

In Jamie and Alyssa, too....
And for those who said called it impossible-
I walked that road without you.

The scars I have are deep,
Upon a tortured heart....
The tears I often weep,
I long to make depart.

And as I am holding the impossible,
Maybe now you can see.
How those mislaid comments,
Have so deeply scarred me.

Lesa Kendrick

The Kiss

So tender were the feelings,
Which brought our lips to touch,
So long the pent-up emotion-
Your embrace as so to crush.
And how sweetly however,
As the honey-dew you tasted forever,
Upon my rosebud lips.
Gently gliding my body,
With tentative fingertips.
Suddenly birds sang a melody,
And the air a sweet flower scent;
No more did I care where it take me,
As long as with you, I did went.
Now at last, so long ago,
I scarcely remember the day or the time,
But be it asked-
A memory of your lips on mine.
Much and pain has passed it,
And what has been lost, we go?
How far might it taken us?
It seems we can never know.
Lost in feeling, I think of you...
I care, oh, how I do,
And be it you never think of me,
My tears fall not so few.
What of honor, what of promise,
Not to ever be?
Why can I not accept,
Deny what I do see?
What is won out of pain?
Bitter the victory.
Blood begotten by betrayal-
The broken heart in me.

Lesa Kendrick

The Last Goodbye

Hold on now, although its the end.
Hold on now, you know you've got a friend.
Let go of the things that hurt you so.
Let go of the dreams that have to go.
Walk away from the crying in the night.
Walk away from the hurt and the fright.
Think of all the happiness you can know.
Think of all the love that you can show.
Dream of all the smiles that we could once share.
Dream of all whispers in the air.

Hold me - Don't you cry.
Hold me - This is the last goodbye.

Everywhere I'll walk, I'll see you.
Everywhere I go, I'll be with you-
Even as we stand here, hearts torn in two,
I'll have the memories in my heart
Of my love for you.

See the rainbow in the sky-
Think of it as we say goodbye.
See the magic of a ribbon of white-
Wish, touch, I'll hold you all night.

Hold me - Don't cry.
Hold me - Say goodbye.

Tears will fall as we part...
Pain will fill my broken heart.
But love will keep with the time-
Love keeps me yours and you mine.

Love and magic and smiles and fate,
Will destroy the world's hateful hate...
Cause you and I - Can touch the sky,
And you and me - Will always be.

If you can touch magic, you can see....
You can forever be with me.
Hold me - Don't you cry.
Hold me - This is the LAST goodbye.

Lesa Kendrick

The Last Song

It's the last song of the season,
As flowers bloom in the air.
The leaves fall without reason,
As the sun shines in your hair.

It's the last time to touch you,
As the sun sinks in the sky.
The moon glows in eyes of blue,
Upon the tears we must not cry.

It's the first day of fall,
As birds sing with glee.
The swallows sing a joyful call,
In the low moan of the sea.

It's the first time without you,
As the night darkens to black.
And the stars are very few,
In knowing you'll never be back.

Lesa Kendrick

The Letter That Will Never Be Read

Perhaps I cannot seek the words,
To bring you back to me,
But I write the only words I know,
I love you endlessly.

The memories are haunting,
The melodies are blue...
Although you'll never read this,
I'm honestly in love with you.

Tell me you don't blame me,
I've never felt pain like this before.
I need your tenderness...
I promise to love you forevermore.

When I look into your eyes,
I see the words you cannot say.
I see the pain and the joy,
That's why I'm begging you to stay.

Don't look at me, I'm bleeding,
I've caused all this, I know....
I don't deserve to live,
For letting this love grow.

Lesa Kendrick

The Memories Unbidden

Stunted sunlight through the colored glass-
A bit of red-stained cloth lying on the grass.
Two children kept prisoner by the evil one-
Tearful faces shrouded, never to see the sun.
Their mother lying lifeless, her blood upon the stone-
Their father's hands stained with the truth of what he'd done.

The girl-child escapes to another kind of hell,
The boy made a man when his father fell.
A darkened hallway hides the glittering of a jewel,
A gardened of roses, near a red-bricked school.
A magnificent white stallion, carrying a lover of blond-
A cobblestone path, leading to shimmering pond.
An ivory-stone tower, white curtains on an all-white bed-
A crumpled-bodied victim, two hands stained with red.

A child born of no face, a lost medallion of gold-
Buried in an unmarked casket, in a mausoleum of mold.
I see the memories, faded visions in my mind.
Calling me close once more, to a world left long behind.

The girl becomes a woman, before ever a child she was-
She carries out the motions of the past in all that she does.
Upon the golden-skinned back, lies the evidence of the scar-
A bold reminder to her lover of his forsaken star.
A mind clouded with visions of a rider in the sun,
Always leaving, never coming,
Always ending before it has begun.

A dream of silk and lace, gathered on a cold, stone floor,
A crystal tear has fallen, behind a blackened door.
All that remains is a vision - Hands letting go of a letter of white,
It falls, drifting downward-
Becomes glass slithers, its pieces shining bright.

No more sunlight filtered through a color glass,
The memories now departing, no questions left to ask.
Only fragments remaining, clouding over the mind.
A new life to be embraced, an old one left behind.

Lesa Kendrick

The Moon and the Sun

You are the moon,
  That glows,
    In the window of my soul.
You are the sun,
  That shines,
    In the mirror of my heart.

The moon and the sun are one,
  Though the two have never met.
I've known them both so well-
  I've tried but I can't forget.

In daylight rays of sun find me;
  They penetrate this heart,
Seeping into tender places,
  Giving warmth to frozen spaces.

Late at night, I gaze at the moon,
  Through a shadow of cloth,
And I pray you'll heart my silent plea-
  Hope my prayers are not lost.

Then I will gaze at soft starlight,
  Which is my gift from both moon and sun.
Although they do not know it,
  The two are forever one.
(2-21-94)

Lesa Kendrick

The Night

How does one deal with an emotion,
Which burdens the heart?
It weighs down your entity,
And drives two lovers apart.
How does one take what belongs to him,
When others have it for their own?
How does one derive meaning,
When his existence is not known?
How do I tell you I'm sorry,
When your ears are deaf to sound?
How do I tell you the world has ended,
And the night cannot be found?
For within the night dwells the promise,
Which died so long ago.
Would you understand this poem?
I guess I'll never know.

(12/12/89)

Lesa Kendrick

The Other Side of Despair

(Written for one of my greatest fans ever: : : Lori)

It's always a day like a beautiful sunset with colors so bright like rose, violet, and sapphire.
And the nights are so warm and lovely like the bright stars that shine and never stop.
In the echoes from these days and nights is a memory of warm, true, never-ending feeling.
As the happiness fades from the corners of yesterday, I feel the loneliness and utter despair of today.
It's like a mountain, so rugged and worn that no one can climb it, but all who see it long to feel it and become it.
And as the tide spins out of the corners of this heartbroken mind, I hear the calling of what-might-been and what-used-to-be.
And I can never understand why this has happened and why the world is changing around me.
And like a waterfall, I let the tears flow until I have a puddle of pain which soon forms a lovely pond.
But beneath the loveliness lies the ugly truth of a harsh wind which throws spirals of dirt upon my face and restrains me from my destiny.
And as I walk down the path of life, I can only survive on 'Ifs' and 'Maybes.'
And like this poem, it all must come to an end somewhere; and happiness can only begin on the other side of despair.

Lesa Kendrick

The Question

Tonight the world is dark,
No stars in the sky.
The moon is a lonely shadow,
Glowing bright and high.

My eyes gaze the night in wonder,
In hope of what cannot be,
Praying for a glimpse of starlight,
This night shan't offer me.

Tonight the heavens hold no answers,
To the questions in my heart,
And the winds won't chase the fears away,
I long to make depart.

I've walked a dark, lonely road,
The path brought me to where I am,
I now must understand,
This pain in which I've began.

If I close my eyes tonight,
Shall I awake at the end of the road?
Will my heart release the pain,
Drop it's heavy load?

When I close my eyes tonight,
Do not take me back again.
Have the mercy to stop the memory,
That time shan't ever end.

Lesa Kendrick

The Return of the Unspoken Dream

There is no tomorrow,
Tied up in little ribbons or bows,
Because the pain of yesterday,
Stole that all away,
From one who thought it could be true,
Or dared once to dream,
Of beautiful things.

Today I'm told not to cry-
Not to long for that which was stolen,
From this heart once so true,
And beauty almost touched,
But taken too soon.

I see others,
Wrapped up in their sweet splendor,
And I ask,
'Why can't it be me? '
But no one answers,
Nor sees beyond their rainbow,
To gaze into my sorrow.

I thought I was one,
To have the best.
I dreamed of the best,
In days gone by.

I might have had the best,
But in the blink of an eye,
My sweet dreams were shattered,
Taken and tainted,
Leaving nothing left to dream.

What a beautiful dream I had....
But now it's all so empty,
For my heart has been stepped on,
And lost in a crowd of aspirations,
I cannot reach.

Now I'll let go of
All I ever wanted
And I've ever dreamed,
Or thought that life should be.

I'll walk away from myself-
From the biggest part of me,
This world has left behind,
And never once stopped to reach back for.

There might have been someone,
Who would gaze into these eyes-
And in whose eyes I might have

Seen my rainbow-
The world I long to touch-
The world so full of love.

There might have been someone,
Who would tightly take this hand,
And give trust unending,
To the sweetness of this soul.

But those dreams have gone now,
Twice taken away,
There are no more dreams
Left to dream,
In a world so dark and cold.

Goodbye, my dream,
My precious love-
Some dreams are too good to dream,
And you were one I could not attain,
No matter how high I reached,
Or how low I fell when times were tough.

Maybe dreams don't come,
To those of tender heart,
Or extreme longing,
For wishes that should come true.

Go now, if you must,
Back to the tide of an unspoken dream,
Like a quiet butterfly,
Lost upon the wind.

Lesa Kendrick

The Sweetest Goodbye

I realize when I look at you,
Things I never saw before.
Your soft lips delight my skin,
Thrill me to the core.

In firelight you gaze at me,
Your eyes aglow with fire.
As flames reflect on your hair,
The passion soars higher.

Suddenly I am alone again,
Your scent adrift in the air.
I think I smell the fragrance,
That lingers in your hair.

Then I think I see your face,
When you are not here.
I think I hear you whisper,
The words I hold so dear.

I tried to hold you,
Enfold you into my embrace.
Into the air you faded,
I could not see your face.

Then I began to cry,
On my pillow my tears did fall,
Then I saw your shadow,
Imprinted on my wall.

You kissed the tears from my cheeks,
As you bent upon the floor.
You smiled and slowly walked away,
And gently closed the door.

(1987)

Lesa Kendrick

The Unspoken Dream

Faraway the darkness has fallen,
Upon my unspoken dreams.
In the mist I hear them calling,
Where sunlight seldom beams.
Serenely they lie slumbering,
Never to awaken to the sun.
Forever keeping me wondering,
How difficult it has become.

Sometimes it glides like a butterfly,
Gently landing in your hand.
Then freely floats through the sky,
Yet never allowed to understand.

Sometimes it watches you,
When you are home all alone.
When silence penetrates you,
Strikes you to the bone.

But often it walks with me,
Sometimes taking my hand.
Making me think I can see,
A shadow where you might stand.
Then I am saddened if it goes again,
Taking with it my heart.
I am left here dreaming when,
The sunshine slowly departs.
(Summer 1991)

Lesa Kendrick

The Walls of My Heart

Within the walls of my heart,
I can hold you close...
I can hold you to me...
Where you belong,
Safe in the walls of my heart.

Within the walls of my heart,
I can see your happy smile,
Keeping me warm and alive...
Your smile is forever mine,
Safe in the walls of my heart.

Within the walls of my heart,
I can hear you whisper my name,
While I lie so still in your arms...
Listening to the gentle sounds of your breathing,
Safe in the walls of my heart.

Within the walls of my heart,
I can taste your kiss,
The sweetest wine I ever tasted
Like the most precious memory ever,
Safe in the walls of my heart.

Within the walls of my heart,
You will never leave....
You will stay here beside me forever,
Holding me close forevermore,
Safe in the walls of my heart.

Lesa Kendrick

The Winner Takes it All

I heard the winner takes it all,
When something good has to die.
Well, this time I'm the winner,
And this time you have to cry.

I heard lies can be forgiven,
And dreams can be renewed.
I doubt that could ever happen,
When it comes to me and you.

You let go long ago,
Of all I had to give.
So I am letting go today,
So that now I can truly live.

Lesa Kendrick

There's something I have to tell you....

There's something I have to tell you,
And it doesn't come easy to say.
I pray it doesn't make you blue,
To discover my parents feel this way.

They said you weren't right for me,
That you'd eventually make me sad.
They said they had to make me see,
That my feelings for you are not good, but bad.

They advised me to leave your side,
To exit with a last good-bye.
As they spoke I held back emotions,
Which threatened to make me cry.

My parents cannot see within,
This heart that cares for you.
They haven't seen a moment when,
I awaken missing you.

No, they do not look to see,
That glow within my eyes.
Whenever you are near to me,
They cannot see the signs.

Instead they think of that time before,
When another man broke my heart,
When my soul was ripped to the core,
And my dreams were torn apart.

I know when they think of you,
They are really thinking of him.
They cannot trust the things you do;
Their faith in you is dim.

So they beg me not to get too close-
Not to hand to you my heart.
That is what they fear the most,
That you may rip it apart.

Yet they do not look to see,
That every time we touch,
The tender way you look at me,
Says ever so very much.

I do not care what my parents say-
I'll stay by your side, you'll see.
They'll understand someday,
How deeply you care for me.

Lesa Kendrick

Think of me....

Think of me with laughter,
Not with sadness or grief.
Remember the wonderful things I did,
And make my dreams your own belief.

Don't cry when others say my name,
Think of me and smile.
Recall how much I accomplished,
Although I lived only a short while.

Let my voice comfort you,
When no one else is near.
Imagine that I hold you,
And conquer every fear.

Lesa Kendrick

This is me

This is me
Fragile and shattered
Broken and bruised

This is me
Worn and bandaged
Haunted and scarred

This is me
Hurting and hoping
Wishing and praying

This is me
Will you love me as I am?

Lesa Kendrick

This Is Not My Life

I know what my life is - and this is not my life.
I've waited so long, cried so many tears,
Yet still, five months later,
My world is still a foolish game,
Where wishing, wondering, weeping, and waiting,
Only exist.

All the dreams I had are crushed,
All the hopes I thought were meant to be,
Have become empty promises.

Each day I ask why and there are no answers.
Each day I cry and there is no loving comfort.

All I dreamed of and hoped for are gone.
Now there is emptiness and pain,
Where there should have been beauty and light.

I awaken each day and I hurt,
And yearn to have my life back.
This is not my life.

The life I dreamed of was full of beauty,
The laughter of children....
A loving song, a lifetime of blessings,
All of it gone and taken too soon.
And still I ask why,
And I can't help but cry.

This is not my life.

(Written 1/14/98 ~ Five months after my 3rd pregnancy loss)

Lesa Kendrick

Thoughts of Love

I think of love like a jukebox-
The same old song could never wear it down.
I think of love like a teardrop-
Always falling without sound.
I think of love like a rainbow-
With colors so bright and true;
Alive with innocent beauty,
Aglow like morning dew.

Sometimes love is the answer,
When you need somebody there;
Someone to hold onto, someone that will care.

Love is like a whisper,
Calling out your name.
Love is like an adventure,
Each moment not the same.

Love is a mystery, a haunting song in the night,
A tiny crystal teardrop,
Glowing with white-hot light.
Love is giving of yourself,
To a friend who is in need,
And knowledge of their pain,
Sends your own heart to bleed.

Sometimes love is painful,
When misunderstandings cloud the way,
When it's hard to say you're sorry,
When it's hard to know what to say.

Sadly sometimes, love must end,
When dreams cannot come true-
But memories last forever,
Lost in shadowed hue.

All these thoughts of love,
Can sometimes make me sad,
Yet knowing my love rests with you,
Makes my heart feel glad.

Lesa Kendrick

Through a Crystal Tear

I never knew how special you were
Until you were far away
Now that we are separated
I miss you everyday.

Now I think about you daily
And the times we shared long ago
I never knew until today
That someday I'd miss you so

Yesterday I caught the beauty
I felt when you were here
When I saw the essence of living flowers
Through a crystal tear

The bittersweet emotion
Engluffed my lonesome heart
Remembering the painful moment
When fate made us part

We said goodbye
And promised to meet again
Praying it would be soon
But we didn't really know when

I hated to go my own way
I had always relied on you
Whenever I needed anything
Your love had helped me through

But it was my fate
To go as I have done
And I'll never say goodbye to you
For I'd be the lonely one

Today the flowers died-
They weren't in the sunlight
Just as I would wither away and perish...
If you ever left my life.

Lesa Kendrick

Time

Time can go so slow,
Time without your love,
And laughter and song.

Time moves too slow,
As I wait in darkness,
Longing to hold you close,
To have you in my life.

Never a dream come true,
Only shattered dreams,
I'm trying to forget.

I reach for a dream to believe in,
One time can't take away,
Or steal from my heart.

In a heart full of broken dreams,
Time is not a friend,
When it's time alone,
Lost in the dark.

Let the hands of time draw us closer,
Nearer to that moment in time,
When all dreams can come true...
And you'll be a part of my life.

(1995)

Lesa Kendrick

Victims of the Night

In the dark of night you found me
Your love filled my heart with light
Now light of day has embraced us
No longer to be victims of the night..

Lesa Kendrick

Waiting

My heart shall burst,
The kiss of your lips I do thirst.
My tears shall fall,
As cries echo down the hall.
Lonely, in this castle we have made,
Perhaps where shadows shall never fade.
And wearily I stand,
Waiting, alone in this land.
Oh, I search but cannot find,
A love like yours and mine.
When shall my dreams come true?
When can I find you?
Must I forever search,
To the ends of this earth?
And may I find my fate,
Before it's just too late?

Lesa Kendrick

What Yellow Roses Mean to Me

An image of a yellow rose, growing in my mind's eye,
A fragile and delicate flower,
It's beauty cannot die...
Alive like a baby son;
Always precious in the heart,
For love did not leave, when death made us part.

The beauty of a yellow rose, given to me by the man I love,
From his heart to mine -
The image of true love ~
This rose is for love, a promise of beauty only dreamed,
This rose is for tomorrow, all the joy yet unseen.

(March 2,2001)

Lesa Kendrick

When You Hold Me

You think you've used me,
Just to appease your lust...
But I got news for you, baby,
Your cover is starting to rust.
I heard you whispering,
While you were asleep,
And the way that you were talking,
You must love me something deep.
No matter what you told me,
I know when you hold me,
You don't mean the words you said;
My presence has gone to your head.
I know by the glow in your eyes,
That I am your night and day.
I know that you love me,
No matter what you have to say.
You can try and cover it,
But I know that it is there.
I can feel it-
It's something we both share.
No matter what you told me,
I know when you hold me,
You don't mean the words you said,
My presence has gone to your head...

(1983? ? ?)

Lesa Kendrick

When You Left Me

Without you,
It's raining in my heart,
And the skies are grey,
Not blue,
And all I can think of,
Is you.

Where have you gone, little one?
Back to the places we used to know?
Are you safe?
I just wish that I could know.

Without you,
The sun never shines,
And the world is dark,
Not bright.
Are you out there, little one,
In the cold,
Of the night?

Won't you come home?
I need you so,
You make me feel special,
For only you'll ever know.

Without you, I'm so lonely-
Crying to have you here.
Without you, I'm helpless-
Full of longing and fear.

You're my best friend,
You bring me up again.
And if you never come home,
My heart shall never mend.

You gave me comfort,
When no one else could.
You gave me love,
When no one else would.

I think of you,
And remember,
All the things we shared.
And although you wouldn't have understood,
I should have told you all those times,
How much I truly cared.

How I need you near me,
To feel your warmth and love,
To share the tears and the joy,
And the beauty far above.

Right now I give you tears,
For all the purring you once gave to me,
And all the love and understanding,
You had just for me.

(Sailor, I love you!)

Lesa Kendrick

Where is My Rainbow?

An empty crib where a baby might have been...
An empty womb where the dreams have all caved in...

I'm told not to cry,
For this baby whom I loved.
I'm told to forget him,
As though his life never was....

There will be no little rainbow,
In the blue of this sky.
Now a tiny baby-voice is calling,
'Mommy, I must go. Goodbye.'

There was a time when two children lived,
Who were mine upon this earth.
One sweet boy remains,
Endless joy was mine upon his birth.

I believed in my rainbow,
And fairytales and golden sun.
Now my world is dark and shadowed,
And a rain of tears has begun.

I pray to God to let them see,
To show them how special this baby was to me...
I pray to God I will understand,
Why I can never hold my baby's hand...
And maybe when this rain of tears is done,
The world will again brighten with golden sun.
And my heart can stop aching with painful loss,
As a future rainbow's beauty speaks of incredible cost.

(11/3/97)

Lesa Kendrick

Why Stars Fall from the Skies

A thousand stars were shining,
On that lovely summer night,
When we first met,
And kissed in the sweet moonlight.

You held me so close,
In your arms so very strong,
Then you hummed a tender melody,
A sweet, loving song.

In the silence of the night,
I looked up at the sky,
And saw two stars slowly falling,
Spiralling down to die.

It was such a tender moment,
I did not stop to think,
I never thought to realize,
How easily a star could sink.

We lay side by side,
Our faces so very close.
Your body warmed mine,
As we waited until the sun rose.

But in the light of morning,
You spoke a gruff goodbye,
It was the end, you told me,
But I could not understand why.

Many nights have passed,
Since that one so long ago.
The memory still lingers in my mind,
For I cannot let it go.

Now I sit here in twilight,
As darkness comes again.
I swear I can see your eyes,
In the sky where stars have been.

And as starlight bathes the earth,
Tears fall from these eyes,
For now I understand,
Why stars fall from the skies.

Lesa Kendrick

Will You Be There?

Lately I have been forced to recall visions of the past
I try to shut them out, but they return
I am forced to think of my actions
And how each shall concern

I know I've taken big steps
To lead me to success
Now I am taking another path
I pray will not bring less

It tore me apart
To let go of the home I knew
To embrace this new world
I walk blindly into

It made me cry
To leave the friends I need
To open my heart to strangers
Whose worth I cannot read

Back there I established an identity
I became all I want to be
Will this new place steal my dreams,
Destroy the revitalized me?

I cannot let go of all I've accomplished
To wander the unknown
Because back there I had found what I had searched for-
Alone and on my own

Should I stumble blindly
Into this dark new place;
Hopefully I will not be alone
If there is a familiar face...

Lesa Kendrick

With a Broken Wing....

A broken wing, a broken dream;
My heart can't understand.
The price of love becomes too much,
For tears are grains of sand.

A lost child, my lost hope;
All is lost in what couldn't be.
I pray for peace that's been taken-
A walk beside the sea.

A dark night, a dark life;
I reach out for the sun.
But morning cannot find me - I am left behind,
When all the tears are done.

These wings are broken, this heart is bleak;
The light of the world, I hope to seek,
My child is lost, but love lives on...
In the light of the world, I wish to belong.

(9/23/97)

Lesa Kendrick

Yellow Roses For My True Love

Love was a beautiful yellow rose growing on a bright summer's day.
You picked it with a smile and with your love, you placed it in my hand.
I treasured it and nurtured it, calling it my own.
Never knowing, never seeing ~ for love had thorns unknown.

We spoke of forever and all we wanted to share, to see...
We spoke of the pain in our hearts, our joy and our strife.
We shared a dream of distant places ~ a walk upon the sand,
Now memories are all I carry ~ and I cannot understand.

Let me recall the moments that we danced, that we loved,
For memories shine so bright with promise, as bright as the sun above.
They block the pain of my wounds in rays which blind my tears....
They remind me that love is endless, when these tears fall for my love.

(March 1,2001)

Lesa Kendrick

Your Power, Your Love

Love...
So tender and warm,
Yet so strong and binding...
Like a chain of iron,
You bind me to you.

Your eyes...
Your eyes have no color,
As they powerfully pierce mine.
Your eyes hold tenderness,
But also power,
To command me as you wish.

Your lips...
Hold such gentleness,
To soothe and delight.
Yet if you wish it so,
You will kiss with anger,
And brutality,
For I belong only to you.

Your power...
I belong to you,
If we are separated in body,
Then not in spirit,
Because my soul is enchained to yours,
And you alone have the power to release me.

Your voice...
Holds such a tone in which penentrates me,
It calls to me to do as you command,
Be it evil or good.

The bonds....
Bonds of love entrap me,
I am no longer me.
I have become a part of you.

This love...
This love is neverending.
It is my life and breath,
For without it, we would both die.
Love...

(1983? ? ?)

Lesa Kendrick