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Blink

I blink to stop the tears from falling
But I wish it would shut out the pain
How can you blame me, for us ending this way
When you gave up on me, and the dreams we had

We loved from the first time we met
It was like we found our soulmate
Long walks in boundless beauty
Endless sharing of our life's hurts
Was I just a rebound, for you heart to heal
Years of waiting for you to be free
Never questioning why I was your secret
Finally a quest for commitment
And you drove me away from you
A cold and uncaring person replaces you

I blink to stop the tears from falling
You've shut the door to our love
How can you say I failed you, walked out of your life?
When I never left you, life drove us apart

Don't you understand I never left you?
This curveball just another challenge,
to keep us together and strong
But you chose to find another
With no explanation or reason to me
What happened to what we felt
What happened to the depth of our love
It all seems so empty now,
as you've turned my life inside out
An unresponsive person, replaces you

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Cherish

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Cherishing You, holding You near
All of my days, I speak of Your Love
I lift up Your Name and I soar to the Highest Place
A Soul searching You, A Soul finding You
Cherishing You, holding You near

Blest by You, humbled at Your feet
All of my nights, I am watched over by You
I close my eyes, my heart trusting in You
A love hungry heart, A love found in You
Blest by You, humbled at Your feet

Honouring You, amazed by Your Grace
My eyes open, seeking the Glory of Your face
Gentle light along my life’s path
safely guiding me, bringing me home
Honouring You, amazed by Your Grace

Cherishing You, holding You near
Blest by You, humbled at Your feet
Honouring You, amazed by Your Grace
Holding You near
Blest by You, humbled at Your feet
Honouring You, amazed by Your Grace
Cherishing You, Cherishing You, Cherishing You

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Couldn't you just pretend

I woke looking at you
Tears filled my eyes
This the last time
I’d wake beside you

Couldn’t you just pretend
Couldn’t you make believe
Couldn’t you only try
Couldn’t you love me too

I want to touch you
And hold you close
Need to feel you love me
As you did before

Couldn’t you just pretend
Couldn’t you make believe
Couldn’t you only try
Couldn’t you love me too

Silently not to wake you
I left your side
I couldn’t bear you
To see me cry again

You reached out for me

Softly saying my name
Pulled me towards you
And wiped away my tears

Couldn’t you just pretend
Couldn’t you make believe
Couldn’t you only try
Couldn’t you love me too

The look in your eyes
Told me what I feared
My last hopes gone
As I turned towards the door

Couldn’t you just pretend
Couldn’t you make believe
Couldn’t you only try
Couldn’t you love me too
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Does it really matter

Does it really matter
How I feel tonight
You don’t even care
No thought, no thought
Of me at all

Has someone hurt you
Like you hurt me
Does it really matter
Matter at all

Do I have a chance
To hold you in my arms
Because I really care
It’s alright, its alright
I really care

I won’t hurt you
I cannot hurt you
It does really matter
It matters to me

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Fragrance of a Rose

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.' (Isaiah 40 :)

Beautiful rose, soft petals, radiant colour and a fragrance to tickle my senses. I hold the rose against my cheek and delight in the closeness of the beautiful creation of God. This is probably more or less the same feeling that I have when I think of our Father's hand on my life, His dwelling in my heart and His outrageous Grace.

I know that the sense of the flower in reality has been something that has been void of my life for some time. But even through these times of lack, I could close my eyes and take my mind back to the pleasurable memories of when I had them in my hands, and face buried in them.

Even though their petals turn a different shade and dropp off, and we so easily toss them into the rubbish bin, we forget that these flowers create a beautiful memory, an awesome experience of being in tune with His finest creation. Picking up a dried petal, the fragrance lingers and fills our hearts and minds with renewed joy and familiarity of the beauty it still holds.

This is how our faith should be, our relationship with the One who breathed life in us. At thoughts of Him, we should be gasping at the beauty of His gift and grace, and even in rough times, we should hold onto the gentle fragrance of His undying love. We should thirst after Him and seek to keep our hearts beating to the whispers of His promise. A Promise as His Word, remains unchanged for you and me.

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God of Wonder

Oh God of wonder
God of Grace
Here I stand before you
Humbled and broken

Speak of Your love
Oh Father, Oh Father
Speak of Your Grace

Oh God of earth
God of Heavenly place
My heart opened to receive
My heart abides in You

Speak of Your love
Oh Father, Oh Father
Speak of Your Grace

Oh God of Love
Oh God of endless mercy
Open my eyes to see You
By Spirit blest by You

Speak of Your love
Oh Father, Oh Father
Speak of Your Grace

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Healer of hearts

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Father, Gracious Father and healer of hearts
I pray for your mercy and strength to cover me
Through this difficult time
Oh Healer of hearts, help me seek peace in You
And though things threaten to rock my foundation
Precious Father hold me close and keep me in You

Our God of infinite love and understanding
Take my aching heart and soothe it with Your promise
That what I feel now, is not the bearing of my own doing
Oh healer of hearts, keep me safe in You
Even if others may threaten to hurt me
Awesome Father I trust in You

Our cornerstone, our strength in all
I turn to You Father when the memories hurt my soul
When tides bring in despair and worthlessness
Oh Healer of hearts, remove them from my being
That I do not look inside of me for blame
Precious Father, in You I am free

Father, dear Father, today I stand at Your mercy
Asking for renewal, revival of new in me
Take my heart, take my soul, surround me with grace
Oh Healer of hearts, renew me in the spirit of hope
And the strength to put behind the things of the past
My Father, my Father, the healer of my heart.

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How can I let you go

How can I let you go
When I feel your heart screams for love
A love that has never entered your heart before
My arms will hold you a lifetime
How can I let you go

It’s strange the way we’ve met
And how much you have grown on me
Different places, different beginnings
Though my heart reaches for you
A gentleness I sense in you
Though scarred by battered life’s choices

How can I let you go
When I feel your heart screams for love
A love that has never entered your heart before
My arms will hold you a lifetime
How can I let you go

You are part of me now
My breathe catches when I see you
I feel nothing can keep us apart
It is the willingness to surrender
Let us let love be, let love flow
You and I together, and not just dreams

How can I let you go
When I feel your heart screams for love
A love that has never entered your heart before
My arms will hold you a lifetime
How can I let you go

I can never let you go

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I wish I knew

I am hurting, still no call
Not a word
This silence unbearable
Where are you?
What are you doing?
Do you think of me?
Baby I miss your smile
Your funny jokes
Your tender touch
I keep thinking of you
I cant get you out of my mind
I wish I knew, I really knew
How you felt

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Knowing

I thought I knew you
But now, thinking back
YOu never gave me your heart

Was I caught up in a moment
Was my heart yearning to be loved
Knowing from past experience
I should have sensed the dangers

I thought I knew you
But now, thinking back
You never gave me your heart

I thought I had enough strength
To keep a piece of my heart safe
The precious piece that would help me recover
And keep me from losing control

I thought I knew you
But now, thinking back
You never gave me your heart

Was it all just a past time
Was the trust all just in vain
Knowing the questions I didn't ask then
Could I have changed what I felt

I thought I knew you
But now, thinking back
You never gave me your heart

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Left standing here

I am left standing here
With tears burning my eyes
And my heart tearing with pain
I am trying to remember
How this all began

After all this time,
after all we've been through
You've called it a day,
and left me standing here

I am left standing here
My hands held to my chest
Wanting to take my love
And share it with you
But its too late

After all this time,
after all we've been through
You've called it a day,
and left me standing here

I am left standing here
There are no regrets
But a deeper longing
A hope that was never realized
What is hope

After all this time,
after all we've been through
You've called it a day,
and left me standing here

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Lift me up 'O God

Lift me up, O' God

Lift me up O God
Lift me higher to You
Lift me up O God
Lift me in Your grace

Protect me from self will O God
Protect me and keep me
Protect me from self will O God
Protect me and hold me

Peace I seek in You O God
Peace in my heart and soul
Peace I seek in You O God
Peace in You alone

Mercy on my heart O God
Mercy as Your seeking child
Mercy on my heart O God
Mercy, mercy, mercy

Lift me up O God
Lift me higher to You
Lift me up O God
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Look into her heart

Don’t look past her, look into her heart
Don’t deny this feeling, let it flow
Let this warmth soak into your heart
Let love be what it’s meant to be
Don’t look past her, look into her heart

You’ve been touched by a woman
And you know you cant resist her
She makes your senses spin
As you breathe her into you
This woman of heart and soul
Has this place you’ve searched for
Hungry and restless until she came
Her rhythmic responses to your touch
Her sighs and smiles make you a man

Don’t look past her, look into her heart
Don’t deny this feeling, let it flow
Let this warmth soak into your heart
Let love be what it’s meant to be
Don’t look past her, look into her heart

You’ve been loved by a woman
She gives herself to you
Her softness fills your heart
Gentle breathing next to you
As you caress her face, she is yours
You’ve not lived until you’ve met her
Uneasy heart now beating strong
Knowing a woman’s touch
Knowing her love, she is yours.

Don’t look past her, look into her heart
Don’t deny this feeling, let it flow
Let this warmth soak into your heart
Let love be what it’s meant to be
Don’t look past her, look into her heart

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Once upon a time

On driving home tonight, I searched the sky
for something, something even I was not sure
of. 'Tis a trifle sad when you have this longing
and you are not particularly certain
what it is. I noticed with disappointment
that the stars were not as bright as
other nights. Perhaps it was my imagination
that they were getting less, more distant,
further apart from each other. What struck
me the most is that the sky was dark
and lonely, reflecting me. I could not even find the moon.
No golden glow from the moonbeams, which
normally dance their special dance with the
stars and light up the sky, the stuff that
fairytales are made of. There was certainly
no 'Once Upon a Time' in tonight's sky, no
place for dreams, nothing to beckon my way.

For moments I stood staring at the rather
empty nothingness up above and wondered just
fleetingly where I am going, what am I
doing, am I taking the right path? For this
incredible moment I felt quite alone. Was
it perhaps natures' way showing me what I
was feeling inside, a purpose to be alive
and breathing. Like the sky serving a
purpose, but what is this that is inside
of me, this emptiness I feel? ? The glow of
love had touched me once, just like the
moonbeams cast its glow, why has mine gone,
why is my heart so empty? The stars perhaps
symbolizing the distance I feel to the one
who once caused this glow. Now he is similar
to the stars, which seem to have moved even
further apart. Even the moon does not
display this night, like I perhaps, keeping
my heart hidden and safe from harm

Is it that the cosmos is reflecting what I
feel, the loneliness, even though focused on
a purpose, having no glow, nothing but a
lonely beating heart which once beat in syn
with another. Where is my fairytale
tonight, where is the stuff that makes my
heart beat faster and faster at the mere
though of being held safe in another's arms?
Where is this Gift of everlasting love that
God promised us? Perhaps, another time, I
would be able to look up at the sky and feel
unlike tonight. It would be good to fill my
eyes on a feast of stars and the brightest
moon. Should that day arrive, I know truly

then that I have found that glow within me,
instilled by one great love? I would then
live my once upon a time.

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Outrageous Grace

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Lord open my eyes, that I may see You
Through the love You've seeded in my heart
Lord in Your grace, a vision of Your peace
My waking thought and my blest dreams

Lord from the darkest pits of sin, You raise me up
Through Your forgiveness You've healed my heart
Lord in Your Word, a promise of revival
My focus is You and Your unfailing love

Lord the battles of life, You see in my eyes
Through Your patience You've lifted me up
Lord in Your Love, the new morning dawns
My breath is because of You, Your love in my heart

Lord, my Lord, my Lord
Of all of my being
I am humbled, amazed
At Your outrageous grace

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Renew me

Renew me in You

You put a song in my heart
And a dance in my step
With you I see the sun
Kiss the night goodnight
With You at my side
I will rejoice each step
And place You in my heart
Shining warmth in my being

The beauty of You
In everything I see
Lord make me receptive
To received all our Father’s creation
Sensitive to life’s cries
Picking up another hurting soul
Taking them to glory in You
Spiritual blindness not part of me
As You lift me and set me free
In Your love I am set free

Oh Father of light and Father of life
Teach me more, to be worthy of You
Take my sorrows and take my pain
Renew me in You, let me live again

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Shadows of life

The shadows of life upon my soul
The memories that hold me back
Cannot accept reality as it is
Trying to live my life my way
What is happiness, Don’t know happiness
Where do I go wrong
Is there someone I can reach out to
Why am I so alone

Don’t cast anymore shadows
Hold my hand, lead the way
Help me, make me wise
Take away the shadows of life

You’re the closest to understanding me
With you my feelings are free
All my darkest fears
Seems to fade in your presence
Why is life so cruel
To separate us for this time
My fears once more a reality
This loneliness without you

Don’t cast anymore shadows
Hold my hand, lead the way
Help me, make me wise

Take away the shadows of life

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Soaking in Your presence

Standing here and soaking in Your presence Lord
Leaves me so amazed, in awe of Your grace
Your love is immeasurable and tireless
You pursued my sin laden life's road
Many times removing painful obstacles
And refining me in grace and love
Moulding me to what You intended me to be

Now all I want to do Lord is praise You
Tell the world of Your work in my life
Tell the world of Your faithfulness
Tell the world of Your forgiveness
Now all I want to do Lord is love You

Standing here and looking back at what was
Brings me to my knees, as I realize Your forgiveness
Never once giving up on me Lord
You held me close even in the times I never knew You
You loved me, even though I denied You
You entered my heart and gave me peace
Your peace that brought about a rebirth in me

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Tell the world of Your work in my life
Tell the world of Your faithfulness
Tell the world of Your forgiveness
Now all I want to do Lord is love You

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The Beauty of You

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The beauty of you in everything I see
From the glowing fire in the skies
Created by you, to warm us and guide us
To the never ending horizon where ocean meets sky

Nothing escapes my eyes in the beauty I see
Silvery calm water, a reflection of peace
Gentle breeze mingling with bird song
A melody of your creation dancing in my heart

Oh God of all creation, from near and far we seek you
Oh God of all of me, from ashes into beauty my life with you
Oh God, Oh God, Oh God of all creation, the now and then
Oh God, Oh God, Oh God of all creation, in You no end

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When two hearts combine

I've been searching for the one
To take into my heart
Endless nights of wondering
If she'd ever come my way
I think of nights of passion
Gentle arms cradling her head
Losing all resistance
To the love shine in her eyes

Never knew this before
Never felt a heart touch mine
Never knew how much giving
When two hearts combine

First kisses, wet and true
Lingering on as souls collide
Hearts beating one message
As our bodies entwine
Never escaping the look in her eyes
She has pulled me into her heart
Eagerly awaiting, eagerly receiving
I'll linger until she is mine

Never knew this before
Never felt a heart touch mine
Never knew how much giving
When two hearts combine

Kisses words cannot describe
I have found a love worth fighting for
Her eyes opened the doors to my heart
My mind and body out of control
Giving in to the glow of her love
Her sweet taste on my lips
My eyes eagerly seek hers
To lose myself as our souls collide

Never knew this before
Never felt a heart touch mine
Never knew how much giving
When two hearts combine

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Wonder why

What I believe in, is love

Dear God, Dear father

Why does it pass me by

It touches me like a

Gentle spring breeze

And leave

Me with

A raging storm inside

It bears my soul

And breaks my heart

Why does it always end

In this tormenting way

I love, I give, I believe

He uses, he takes, he breaks

I cry, wonder why, my heart aches

He smiles, no apology, no reasons

Why do I still believe in love

Dear God, Dear Father

It is hope, it is patience

This love I feel

There must be someone

Who feels the way I do

Until I find him

Do I have to feel the pain

The pain of rejection

Not understanding why

Why this time my love

Was once more not enough

I seem to ask questions

Those that have no answers

Dear God, Dear Father

I still wonder why

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Your memory

I can convince them all
Put a smaile on my face
But at times like this
Your memory’s still strong

I still miss you baby
Miss the love we shared
Long for your touch
Your whisper close to me
I can say
Wish you were here

They say I look happy
Better now you’re gone
But somehow I know
Your memory’s still strong

I often wonder where you are
Places remind me at most
Things we always did
Things we shared
Still I say
Wish you were here

I cannot forget you
Perhaps not even trying

Blindly carrying on

Your memory’s still strong

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