

## Poetry Series

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## **Baby (2006)**

What could you have, might have been  
Besides the world to me?  
What would you have, should have been  
If destiny we had beat?

Why did they not understand  
That I'm old enough to know?  
And now this grief that tastes so bland...  
Lets nothing in the mix be shown.

Who could think they have the right...  
They did not know us!  
How much I changed to be with you...  
But they wouldn't let me fuss.

Where could they have been brought up  
To think that this is right?  
To make me feel such a loss, so much pain...  
I ask these questions every night.

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## **Black Out (8/7/09)**

The smoke comes out of my lungs  
But stays in my mind  
A cloud of despair hangs over my head  
From what he left behind

I'm ashamed to think of that encounter  
A night I can never forget  
The gruesome details washing over my body  
The true meaning of deep regret

This pain that I've been feeling  
Stems from his very actions  
The reason for memory remains unknown  
When all I want to do is forget him

But I know I never will, never can  
All my cries are worthless  
And my vulnerability is revealed  
As I pray up to the heavens

This cannot be remembered  
Because it's tearing me apart  
But it can't yet be forgotten  
And it's quickly breaking my heart

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## **Even The Stars Are Dead In The Winter**

The trees without leaves,  
Without swaying in the breeze,  
The trees without leaves,  
Give back the leaves, please.

The wind without patience,  
Blowing the empty branches fro,  
The wind without patience,  
Howling into the snow.

Please give me back my Autumn  
My dearest, closest friend.  
The one I could never turn my back on  
The one who never made me pretend.

Please give me back my Autumn,  
I need her here right now.  
Please give me back my Autumn,  
I want her back somehow.

The crisp air will not stop gnawing  
At the pain in my fingers and toes  
The coldness won't stop searing  
At any of my heart-felt woes.

The maples, I hear cracking  
At the cold that has been bestowed.  
The ice becomes even thicker  
On the lakes, the ponds, and the roads.

Please. Give me back my Autumn.  
She's the one I cry for at night.  
Please give her back to me for good.  
I know she'll make it right.

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## **Fascination With The Night (8/6/09)**

Counting the stars, smelling the breeze  
There's no other time that I'd rather be  
Everything is different, it's all been transformed  
This black mass around me now feels like the norm.

In the trees there are faces- now twisting with words  
In the distance there's silence- gentle, but firm  
A smell for each sensation if you care enough  
Pain is non existent- even if the day was tough.

It's more of a question of when than of where  
It's the Earth and all troubles tripped down to be bear  
The inception of love and all that's forelourn  
The time to be laughing, though in daytime we mourn

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## **Harder (2008)**

It's growing colder now  
More dark is setting in  
It's getting harder now  
I can't hold myself in

Life is suffocating me  
Wrapping it's hands around my very soul  
The tears are taking over  
And breathlessness takes control

After so much numbing  
It begins to feel too painful  
The anger pours out of my eyes  
And there's no way to fake a smile

My thoughts are jumping quickly  
From one idea to another  
Thinking of each new situation  
I can never make it better.

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## **Into The Night (8/4/09)**

When the night air touches my skin-  
I feel I'm at home; I welcome it in.  
And when I'm alone is when I feel me  
turning into the night.

I sit by myself; stare at the night's clouds...  
I cry all alone- always been way too proud.  
Can't let them see me, won't let them know my soul  
is dark as the night.

I can feel their stares- their hateful words on my sleeve...  
I don't really care because the day always leaves.  
And when dusk is approaching I feel happy inside;  
I'm turning into the night.

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## **Mother (8/9/09)**

I just want to die  
Leave me alone tonight  
You've never cared as I cired  
So there's nothing you can do now to make it alright  
I've been gone for a while already  
It's been winter inside my heart  
It's not going to be much different  
Just admit that we've grown apart  
I only want to be with him  
Don't you care that you're killing me?  
I have no desire to look in your face  
Please just set me free.

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## **My Love, Give Up On Me (2008)**

Rock a bye baby,  
Hush, go to sleep.  
Try not to find me,  
For I am too weak.

Rock a bye baby,  
Lay your head down.  
Your strong little soldier  
May not come around.

Rock a bye sweetheart,  
Try not to cry.  
Do not try to follow me,  
For inside I've died.

Rock a bye honey,  
Keep our sweet dream.  
Wake yourself gently  
At the first morning's beam.

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## **Obsessing, Compulsive (9/1/09)**

Counting, counting- constantly  
Numbers, words, and movements  
There's never quiet inside my head  
Is there any way to silence this?

The certain sensations I need to avoid  
Like paper, vaccums, and nail files  
It's not that I'm scared but I don't want to face this  
Having to constantly put myself on trial

Why am I doing this terrible thing?  
Why- if it's driving me crazy inside?  
Take a deep breath and start my day over  
Each day it takes a million tries

Yet I still can't stop this ruckus  
I can never slow the fast lane  
I sit here and cound and I cry and I scream  
And consistently confront the pain

But what am I doing all of this for?  
So that one day I'll have a quiet minute?  
I can't even fall asleep without counting my head off  
All I want is to end this riot.

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## **Self (11/7/09)**

Melissa Mary  
Ain't so scary  
It's just all that I have to work with  
Melissa Mary  
Again, caught staring  
At a life I want to have

Melissa Princess  
Ain't the best  
In fact, I'm no where near that  
Melissa Princess  
Knows only loneliness  
All I state are facts

Melissa dear  
Has no one near  
And has no problem with it  
Melissa dear  
Lives a life full of fear  
And I have myself to credit

Geeky Melissa  
Plans on giving up  
Because I'm not even smart  
Geeky Melissa  
Is once again stuck  
Worried about the end when I didn't even start

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## **What Else Can I Do**

I can't rise above,  
I can't find the will.  
I can't live my life...  
But I want to still.

I can't hide my love  
And I can't show my face.  
I can't change the facts,  
I can't end the chase.

They won't go away,  
They won't understand,  
They won't just shut up!  
I can't comprehend.

Why won't they just walk?  
Why can't they leave me alone?  
Who are they to judge?  
They don't know my home.

They aren't allowed to assume,  
They shouldn't guess or play smart.  
There is no reason for them to know,  
They needn't play a part.

It's impossible to vent  
When I'm constantly in pain.  
I'm can't stop running now...  
It's too much of a drain.

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