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A Flash of Life

I don't remember those days That room has been re-painted So many times since then In so many different ways

She just vanished in the air Like a wisp of smoke circling Swirling, then gone forever I never thought I would care

Her smile was all too fleeting It became a speck of dust Landing somewhere on the floor The proof was my heart beating

Then I peeked into that room
There was no paint on those walls
A wisp became her in flesh
And she smiled at me, her groom

A snap and seventy years
I never saw her again
Anywhere or anytime
She left me with just my tears

A Prayer

Empty pockets, just a book and some clothes
Far from home and away from it all
Ahead of me I only see a lonely path for one
As I walk there is no sunlight to warm me
Only the steady cold wind snaps and snarls
The moon sneaks behind a cloud denying me a look
Black sky with no stars, I find a place to sleep
And as I lay down I thank the Lord for all He has done
And pray for another day just like today
How else can I be brought to Him but on my knees?

About Love

When we're together as one
We can always rise above
What we have is a true love
But nothing's ever perfect
Our love's been put to the test
Now we're stronger than the rest
We will always keep the faith
And the flame ever burning
That's the secret we're learning
Give it all to each other
And find the way to romance
Act like you just have one chance

Age of Truth

Truth of age
Ages of truth
The age of truth
Is the truth for ages
For truth ages
Over ages of truth
Aging truthfully

Alaska Epiphany

At first there was only the quiet solitude of the vast wilderness Until I started tuning in to the symphony of life around me It was then that I found my inner peace and began living in pure bliss So much of Mother Nature's beauty was in abundance for me to see

Almost all of the pathways I walked on were left by my large furry friends Many of whom I fished alongside, marveling at their angler skills For a sockeye salmon, surely a bear's paw always trumps how a fly mends There is something pure and essential that the natural order fulfills

At times when in meditation I could actually hear the whisper of trees Then I realized all living things can communicate in their own way And in that awakening, suddenly understood the language of the bees It wasn't long before the secrets of the universe came into play

For when you are away from the hustle and bustle, out here on your own You truly have a chance to experience what God created for you Perhaps seeing the world as it is for the first time and not from your throne But from His, then understanding that all He created and did is true

Almost Over You

I'll never get over that day at the beach Getting soaked by the waves and drenched by the sun Getting next to you, our bodies within reach It was a special memory, so much fun

I'll never get over that day at the beach But, I'm almost over you

I'll never get over that evn'ing in Rome Getting soaked in the downpour and not caring Getting even wetter when under the dome It was a great moment in time worth sharing

I'll never get over that evn'ing in Rome But, I'm almost over you

And There She Was

So there she was before me Exactly like in my dreams I saw her but couldn't see For nothing is what it seems

Beauty speaks in many tongues Though she never spoke aloud She's the air inside my lungs But my head is in a cloud

Then gliding with perfect grace Nary a movement wasted She left me here in my place A love I never tasted

Another Day

Another day, baby it's the same old shit
The beers are warm, we go nothing to do
So, we'll drink a few more til our bellies are full
Then we'll ride this dark ghost town through
Every road we ride down becomes a nightmare
We succumb to the spell of these streets
Cause everyone here knows everyone
But guess what? No one knows a single soul
Not their neighbors, not even themselves
These people lie, they cheat and they don't ask why
Isn't it a waste of life when people live to die?

Anymore

How could a love this true End up all dressed in blue?

So close we share it all But I can't feel the fall

Anymore...anymore

I just can't get away
Cause everywhere I go
My head is yesterday
Where thoughts of you flow
Taking me back in time
When my life was sublime

Then we drifted apart Was it right from the start?

Can't find that place or time I just know it doesn't rhyme

Anymore...anymore

I just can't get away
Cause everywhere I go
My head is yesterday
Where thoughts of you flow
Taking me back in time
When my life was sublime

Now I'm left feeling numb How could I be so dumb?

I lost my one true love A hand without a glove

I just can't get away
Cause everywhere I go
My head is yesterday
Where thoughts of you flow
Taking me back in time
When my life was sublime

Fluff

So take it all I've got enough Not gonna fall Deep down I'm tough

No one to call You got it rough Not gonna crawl Through all that stuff

I hit the wall And called your bluff You stood so tall You looked so rough

But now you're small A wisp of puff No need to stall Leave in a huff

It takes some gall To spew that guff Get down the hall You're only fluff

For The First Time

That deep inner beauty which I thought only I could see Now has somehow turned inside out, the canvas dazzling me Revealing that most shocking and truly brilliant display Sending me reeling and kneeling, taking my breath away Causing me to ponder if I ever really saw you before All I know is what I see makes me want you even more

For You

Come on home I'm here I'm here I'm here I'm here with open arms Open arms Open arms that wait for you For you my darling My darling My darling, come back Come back Come back to me

Free

What shadow cast on this
From where you want to kiss
And seal our fate for good
Where I once firmly stood
Now it all seems unreal
A last chance to appeal
I know what I must do
Ensure we will be two
Not together as one
For me I know it's done
So say goodbye to me
As if you truly see
That it was meant to be
For me to set you free

Gambling Love

I really don't know when To say I've had enough I know I ain't that tough 'Less you're talking 'bout love If so, then I'm all in For sure I'll take that bet And I've got enough chips To make it last all night She was the Queen of Hearts Ripped me, took me apart I don't gamble anymore Gave my money away And then I locked the door Cause I don't like the odds Of giving up on us and just walking away Like I did yesterday So baby come on down I'm going all in now Wanna see what I got I'll either walk from here With Dom or a six pack And when it's all over Who's to say what was right? If I find my true love I'll just be here all night

Give It Up

I'll give it up I'll walk away To be with you For one more day

I'll Never Know

I'll never know
Cause I'll die trying
I'll always show
Cause I'm not dying
Not here, not now
It ain't my turn somehow
Somehow
I'll make it through
To the other side
Someday to you
My lovely bride

Until that day
You'll be on my mind
This is what I pray
Leave this behind
Somehow some way
Break on through someday
Someday
I'll be right there
We will be as one
The perfect pair
It'll be so much fun

It's Not For Me To Say

Does He hear my prayer? As I call out every day It's not for me to say

Is killing ever fair? I can't judge this way It's not for me to say

Are people basically good? Although many say "nay" It's not for me to say

What if the world understood? We were not meant to stay It's not for me to say

Live

Let your mind and body freely flow And you will certainly grow It's all so clear And like a child's honest expression You'll make such an impression It will bring a tear

Memories

Raindropp memories Of you and me Flood my mind And leave a rainbow Only we can see Most of it is behind All of it is below

Mom

"Hello mom, " I said "It's me" "California set me free" She just laughed and said "I knew" Said I was one of the few Who could make it anywhere Go through life without a care Which I can I know for sure For in my heart I am pure We talked for a long, long while Which is really not my style Then just before our goodbyes She started in with the lies About how good life had been How she gave up on the gin Then I heard a word she slurred That moment my world was blurred Was I to ignore the call Or stop her from her sure fall It pains me every day That I didn't even pray For we never spoke again That's the source of all my pain

Mother Nature

green blue
white puffs
feathered songs
rushing water
dancing wind
grass ribbons
sweetness swirling
oh, her glorious ways!

Music's Place

Music may not make the world go 'round But you will never really be alive If it doesn't orbit your world

Music exists in every corner of the world In that sense music doesn't have a place But everywhere you go there is a place for music

Music is the great connector of the world One's language is not a barrier for communicating For music is universal and all instruments get along

Music is not a necessity, unless you are a musician But life without music is almost unthinkable On second thought, maybe music does make the world turn

My Best Friend

My alarm bark Every morning We're on the deck Then back inside

My best friend
I love you more
Tail wagging
Unconditional love
You gave me more

My protector
I know that bark
A warning to all
Someting isn't right

My best friend
I love you more
Tail wagging
Unconditional love
You gave me more

My foot warmer You sat by me Content and happy Just to be there

My best friend
I love you more
Tail wagging
Unconditional love
You gave me more

My listener You heard me Tell those stories Time and again

My best friend
I love you more
Tail wagging
Unconditional love
You gave me more

My Valentine

Will you be my valentine?
Cause I'm all yours
And I hope you are mine
No diamonds, no furs
Those are not my gifts to you
But, don't be sad, don't be blue
Everything's been said
Put simply, 'I just love you'
So don't look for red
Look for me instead

Need

Poems need rhythm Not rhymes Songs need melody Not lyrics Paintings need form Not function People need hope Not money

Nine Eleven

shoulder to shoulder we stand closing ranks hand in hand

on my left is a brother to my right there's another

the fire inside burns and burns our world outside it never turns

we cannot change we're not the same our hearts are heavy with every name

our strength grows day by day we will not bend or fade away

remember nine eleven those not near together we're united we do not fear

Not a Human

There you were in front of me
Perched on your chair like a queen
Mysterious behind dark shades
A perfect Mona Lisa smile
I would paint you if I could
Knowing it would be a lie
Even a photo would not capture
What I see in you and feel inside
Then there was that moment
When I was walking past you
And you lifted up your sunglasses
Revealing stunning aqua blue eyes
They were like lasers pointed at me
Then I knew you were not of this earth
Not a mere mortal, not a human like me

Not Over You

All I do is think about you Every moment that I'm awake Though I'm glad we're finally through At times it's more than I can take

Even when my eyes are closed tight And I'm trying to fall asleep You haunt my mind most every night With memories I'm forced to keep

Pearl

Feelin like New Orleans oyster grit
Hungover down in the lowly pit
Me and a shuckin crackin shell bit
Givin the grindin pucker mouth spit
Head is all hazy and hot, not lit
Only light is a musty shanty eye slit
Wearin a worn and torn sleeveless knit
In the total dank dark, hunkered I sit
All around foul smellin nasty stuff
Standin up against all odds, can't quit
Coaxing my saxophone's weeping fit
Lryics from a two beat muffled rhyme wit
The nodding and tapping means a pearl hit
Not like some crazy dreamt up skit
This is real...this is it

Perspective

Justice eludes, truth finds Equality excludes, love binds Fairness fades, right prevails Might masks, beauty unveils

Poem Hunter

The poem hunter Captured me I turned to run But couldn't flee Pen in hand But paper blank I understand But cannot see How to win A losing game I only wish Her the same

Sandpipers

Sandpipers dance Along the ocean's reach Feet dry on the beach Laughing at the ocean's foaming mouth

Selection

Misdirection Your perception

My Conception Resurrection

Imperfection Her collection

His reflection Disconnection

She Was

And there she was before me Exactly like in my dreams I saw her but couldn't see For nothing is what is seems

Beauty speaks in many tongues Though she never spoke aloud She's the air inside my lungs But my head is in a cloud

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The Real You

I thought I knew
The real you
You are not who
I thought I knew
Nothing is new
About the you
I thought I knew
The other you
Is who I knew
The real you

Time

Another and always one more All coming, all going Most are unknown

Here or there, look anywhere Some are with, some without All are alone

From the beginning til the end Few in the know, most don't But don't bemoan

Today and with each tomorrow Mostly beast not beauty Down to the bone

Every morning, day and night Nothing good, all evil Time to atone

Time Will Tell

You do your dance I take my chance Am I the one? Or just for fun I follow you Without a clue Are you for real? Or will you steal My heart from me? I do not see Easy I know Or should I go? You stay and play I wake and pray For you to shine Or are you mine?

Too Late

Now I see what I meant to you I didn't know what you would do Too late to get back what we had Happy memories now turned sad If I could just turn back the clock Step up and somehow be your rock Prove your life was worth the living All that love that you were giving I would return it back to you Show you how much I felt it too For now I know you were the one To set me free and let me run

Truth of Beauty

Fleeting beauty fades away
Constant truth is here to stay
But here she comes, oh her face
All I want is to embrace
Truth is nothing next to her
Til tomorrow as it were
For then we will truly see
All that beauty cannot be
Then here she comes to me, my bride
Pure beauty on the inside
Where it is and always was
Truth is only as truth does

Two Bees Or Not Two Bees

bee here two buzz bee cause two good

two knot bee Firenze wood bee two bad

Unsung Heroes

Stupidity masquerades
Courage soon fades
Too many lost
Too many of our young
Heroes die too soon
Innocence against fanaticals
Hiding behind religion
Too many lost
Too many of our young
Heroes die unsung

Victory

Heavenly sound
Gentle waves
Densely surround
Motionlessly
Beckoning more
Now harmony
Tranquility's door
Crossing over
An Epiphany
Angels singing
Feathered wings
Loving caress
Journey's end
Victory, victory

Violin Love

Violin whisperer
Taming the wild beast
Sounds unearthly
Majestic notes surround
She closed her eyes
Swept away in a rush
Burst of emotion
Tears flowing
She says "Play me
I want to be your violin
Pluck my strings
Make me sing
Run your bow over me"

What I Think

Twisted sinister dark figure
Lurking in shadows on the ground
Human? I wonder, maybe not
Furtively crawling and oozing
Its rotting stench overwhelms me
Growing stronger and yet fading
Mostly black with gray here and there
Hidden from view yet plain as day
Night again, is that you calling?
Heaving, retching, gasping, groping
Alone but not lonely I think
Playing and toying or plain evil?
Alter ego, a mind gone mad
Reflects the ugly and wicked
What could be worse than all of this?
Thinking of what I think, I think

When

When I close my eyes I can see forever When there is no sound I can hear everything When I have given up I can believe in Him

Will Our Love Succeed?

I know deep down you're good That much is understood Honest and hard working I'm proud to wear your ring But my heart does not sing

You still bring me flowers
I know what's yours is ours
You have never said no
Even when it's for show
But you don't make me glow

You let me have my way Yesterday and today Trying to make it right Each and every night But I don't feel delight

You're there when I need you You are solid and true Everything that I need You always take the lead But will our love succeed?

Wish

Legendary purple fairy Sprinking pixie dust A wicked spell so scary Turning hate to lust

But never lust to love For there are no charms Or angels from above To keep you in my arms

It's all in our hands
To live in harmony as one
To give what love demands
To be each others Sun

Shining on, bringing light To the darkness in wait Making every recess bright Creating our own fate

Woman of My Dreams

And there she was before me Glorious
Just like in my dreams
I ran toward her
She slipped away
Into the night she went
To a place I could not follow
But I could still dream of her
And I did

You

Carefree hair Wild dancer Crazy laugh Piercing eyes Raspy voice Pearly whites