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I came from a divorced family. Both of my parents remarried, unfortunately to people I didn't care for. Probably not surprising, I am separated and trying to get a divorce. They say children of divorce have a higher rate, don't they? I have two beautiful teenage girls and a man in my heart (for going on 20 yrs now) whom I love with everything I have...heart, body, mind, and soul. Sadly he doesn't feel quite the same. Therefore many of my works are filled with longing and love gone wrong. But that's ok, cause even when it's bad or it hurts...love is still GREAT! However, I've always heard it said: 'It's better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all' I'm not entirely sure that's true. Anyway. My poems are very personal, I only write about things that really move me, an experience born from incredible love or great pain. My favorite grandfather(papa Land) died in '93. My father, Tommy Land died in June of '02, my favorite uncle Johnny Land (though I loved them all) died in October of 2000. I also lost two other uncles, Charles and Ronald, and I love and miss them all. Recently (this year) I buried my paternal grandma which was so very difficult. Finally in April '99 my grandad on mom's side and a very good friend of mine died...and let me tell you...other than my dad and his parents, loosing Kay Padgett was the hardest for many of these works are in tribute to very special people. Poetry for me is, very honest and great therapy, so very many of my works are...well, raw. Anyway, I hope you enjoy the way I choose to express myself on life and sensitive issues I've either lived personally or helped a close friend through. I hope these can, not only entertain, but maybe help someone along the way. Sometimes, like in times of loss due to death my writing is all that keeps me sane.

#0451

Those you love the most
Hurt you the deepest.
They carry in their arsenal-
Your Fears...
Your Dreams...
Your Weaknesses
Your Pain
Your Failures
Your Insecurities
Your Strengths
Your Darkest Nightmares
So, lovers, beware...
Beware who you give that power too...
Once given,
It isn't easily taken away

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#12-8231

Like the gold ring
you're out of reach
unbelievable
to imagine I have
anything he needs
strong-with physical beauty
but it goes so much
deeper than that.
a soul that is wise...
a heart that is kind...
why can't he be you?
he's the one I love
you're the one I should...
I saw those qualities in him-once...
but were they really there,
or just part of the game?
only God knows-
and He ain't talking!

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#43051

I say 'I love you'
You say 'I'm nothing special'
Don't you realize you're everything to me?

You're the beautiful morning sunrise-
Blue, pink, white
You're the firey, sexy sunset-
Blazing reds and oranges.
You're everything beautiful in my life.

You're the mighty roar of the sea-
Dangerous and unpredictable.
You're the majestic snow-capped mountains-
strong, yet unattainable.

You're my love-
My soul mate-
You're the star I wish upon-
You're my first thought in the morning-
And my last thought at night.
I want so bad for us to be together...
Forever.
Do You?

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#625.93

Dark, desolate highways
Leading to
nowhere.
Echoes of
the past-
Reverberate off
the walls.
The soul shakes
and trembles.
As winds howl
and the storm
shakes the foundation.
Cloudless night
violent whisperings-
Arise, my soul,
Arise and be counted.

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#628.71

The goal has not been met
Complicated destiny-
Victorious crises
Destination unclear
Mutiny
The swift wins...
the race
Funeral walk...
Grave yard wisdom
Follow the yellow
brick...et cetera et cetera
Tragedy claims
the spoils-
Yabba Dabba Do! !
Dissention, terror...
Seeking answers to
Questions unasked
A party of one-
Loud music, dancing, and
drinks
Earthly tortures-
Earthly pleasures
A clear, decisive
regret-interesting.

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#731.99

When you say 'I love you'
What you mean is:
As long as you are who I say you should be.

When you say 'I need you'
What you mean is:
To fill my own selfish desires and take care of me.

When you say 'I want you'
What you mean is:
To meet my sexual desires and bring me pleasure.

I am the truth finder
The human lie detector
I hear your words
But see the meaning
beneath the surface.

Go ahead-lie to me
But beware
I will catch you-
and then...

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****for My Good Friend Kay Padgett****

I remember your smile
so bright and full of love
you gave me a glimpse
of the peace of God's love.

I remember your laughter, comforting words,
your strength,
I wish I had told you
just what your friendship meant.

You're a shining example
of what a lady should be
The peace and love of God
for everyone to see.

I realize how lucky I was
to know you and call you friend
You taught me so much
even at the end.

You taught me about God
how even I can call him friend
You taught peace, courage, and dignity
when our journey comes to an end.

I truly believed God would spare you.
I thought your healing was guaranteed.
But I guess instead of healing,
He wanted you totally freed.

I know I took you for granted,
I thought you'd always be there.
I was too shy
I never told you how much I cared.

At first I was angry at God,
but now I realize I was wrong.
Even though I miss you,
you're not really gone.

Your memory will live on
in our thoughts, hearts, and minds.
When I close my eyes I see you you're not hard to find.

And I know I'll see you again-
Hear your voice, see your smile.
I'll see you again in our Father's home,
in just a little while.

I love and miss you! Janis

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****for My Papa Land****

You were a wonderful man-
intelligent, loving, and kind.
I really miss you Papa,
you're often on my mind.
I can still hear your whistle,
I can still hear your voice.
I see you often, Papa,
in the faces of your boys.
I remember our trips to Hendersonville,
going out to eat.
Remember? We used to love to go,
that was a special treat.
So many things I remember,
things I haven't thought of in a while.
So many special memories,
memories that make me smile.
You never realize
how much someone means to you,
until you find them gone.
It broke my heart into,
the day God called you home.
So many things I should've said,
so many things I wish I'd shared.
I thought you were eternal,
I thought you'd always be there.
Papa, if I took you for granted,
I'm sorry, I didn't know.
I really hope you know,
I truly loved you so.
I'm very proud to be your grand-daughter
I consider myself a lucky girl.
To have had the greatest grand-dad
in the whole wide world.
I know you're in Heaven now,
resting with our Father on high.
I just can't wait to see you
at that reunion in the sweet by and by.

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1...2...3...Ready Or Not....

1...2...3...

Ready or not...

here I come-

looking for truth,

not more of your lies.

1...2...3...

Ready or not...

here I come-

looking for love,

not more of your lies.

1...2...3...

Ready or not...

here I come-

looking for forever,

not more of your lies.

Like bees your barbs
sting deep in my soul.

The scent of blood
attracts the killer instinct
I never knew you had.

As a general leads his troops,
you have led me far into a territory
that is frightening and strange-
and left me to wonder....

1...2...3...

Ready or not

here I come-

looking for answers

not more of your lies.

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A Poet Sees Death

death toll rises
patience non-existent
cadavers scream
their pain...
the camel's
buried in a big
straw stack
tragedy and misery
my closest companions
the heart races
the soul hemorrhages...
dreams, hopes, desires
the end of life...time
heaviness, and blackness
i sit on my floor
staring at the door
the door to life....with him
the razor stings
my eyes widen as...
blood flows slowly yet...
generously down the arm.
my head spins
reality and unreality seem to
combine...
i drift slowly above myself
and sadly watch my self die
finally...escape.

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Abortion

Small, trusting, vulnerable
you never had a chance.
Victim of a negligent choice,
I was afraid to dance the dance.
I took you for granted terribly,
thought you could be replaced.
Put my wants ahead of your needs,
you were a consequence I couldn't face.
Now I realize my error in judgement,
how badly I messed up.
Caught up in my own selfishness,
the damage already done.
Thankfully I've learned a lesson,
that only tragedy can bring.
Passing the consequences of your decision,
can only bring guilt and pain.
It was cruel and undeserved
the pain you felt that day.
I was afraid, angry, and so alone
I let my fear lead the way.
I realize now, I betrayed you-
in the worst possible way.
I deserted and abandoned you
on that awful day.
My precious child, please know
I'm more sorry than I can say.
But I know you're in Heaven above
and I'll see you again one day.
Then I can put my arms around you
comfort you and hold you close.
Tell you how much I love you
for now I see, it's you that matters most.

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Acceptance

There once was a time
I believed in us and
our future.
We laughed
we loved
you were my every dream
come true.
Maybe I fooled
myself into
buying into the lies...
happily ever after
mr. right
now I see that
lies are exactly what they were.
but what does it mean when I say:
it's ok?
I'm not
crying
dying
lying here, aching
for your
touch
love.
I've accepted it
I'm ok with it.
I'm peaceful,
for the first time
in a long time.
I'm ok...
I can let you go.

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Alone

No one heard my cries
You all had better things to do
He was your priority, mom
I was struggling, but you never knew.
Dad, you were drinking and partying,
much too loudly to notice my pain.
When he started to stalk,
I was too naive to know what was up.
I thought I'd found a friend
to listen and with whom to talk.
Then he betrayed me in the worst way,
stealing my trust and one gift.
I was damaged and very alone,
a victim of one I thought friend.
Never before or since
have I felt so hopeless than the day
he took my innocence away.

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An Open Conversation With God

God...

I know You're all-knowing
and You have a plan
But God
I'm still not sure
You really understand
that lady in that bed
is so much more
than Your daughter
or even my mother
let me explain
and maybe then You'll see
why You just can't take her away from me
She's my hope
when my faith is weak
She's my protector, my voice
when I'm afraid and meek
She's my conscience
when I've done wrong
She's my security
as long as she's here, I'm not entirely alone
She's my mental stability
my rock, my guiding star
so, God if you're taking her
just take me along
whenever yall go.

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Awakened Desire

I close my eyes
and in my imagination
all I see, is you loving me
We're at your place
enjoying a drink.
Conversation flowing,
trying not to think-
about the many reasons
we shouldn't be here
the many reasons
we shouldn't care.
You take my drink from my hand
gently pulling me to my feet
We hold each other in our arms
as tenderly, our lips meet.
Slowly, seductively you undress
revealing yourself to my hungry eyes.
As night wanes on
we speak the language only the body knows
all night long.
We travel to destinations
I've never been before
We've awakened a passion and desire
we can no longer ignore.

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Back

Do you remember the magic
of childhood?
We really had it good...
no work,
taxes,
or bills.
But we never understood.
We wanted to grow up so badly-
now?
We want to go back.
Back to when Santa was real...
Remember struggling to go to sleep Christmas Eve?
Back to Halloween...
the costumes...
the candy.
Back to Easter eggs
and fourth of July picnics
Back to the tooth fairy
Back when life was
easy,
magic,
carefree,
Sometimes you just wanna go-
back.

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Because I Love You

Because I love you...
I sit by
and let you
choose your path,
even leading to turmoil and
destruction.

Because I love you...
I forgive you
when you turn your back
when you repeatedly forget Me
constantly opting for the world's
temporary pleasure
over My promise of eternal glory

Because I love you...
I died for you
rose, and now intervene to the Father for you
you are My beloved
and I wait patiently
for you to acknowledge Me and My Spirit
Because I love you.

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Broken Promises

You promised to
be honest,
not hiding or lying, or concealing
the cold, hard truth
from my eyes...
But you didn't.

You promised to
be my friend,
to be there when I needed you,
to be my strength and sounding board,
just let me talk and share with you...
But you didn't.

You promised to
be my protector,
to stand for me,
and be my courage and hero,
when I could not stand for myself...
But you didn't.

You promised to
be my lover,
to be with me,
and only me,
to love me not her...
But you didn't.

Ah the broken promises
of a dishonest lover...
possessing the ability for so much pain...
and so many lessons.
You promised...but you didn't.

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Can She

Can she...

care for you as I do?

Will she put you first in
all things?

Can she...

love you as I do?

Can she touch your soul
as she holds your body?

Can she..

see the beauty

you have within your being?

Can she?

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Can You

Can you?
Can you hear my soul's cry?
It cries out for your love and mercy.
Can you?
Can you ever begin to forgive me?
For my many, many sins?
Can you?
Can you help me to stand?
To stand firm on your promises and love.
Can you?
Can you reach him also?
I worry so...

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Christmas Without You

The Christmas season is approaching fast...
Not much different from the one just past.
Christmas without you just feels wrong,
Sometimes I feel sad and alone.
Then I remember your laughter, your smile...
Things about you I haven't thought about in a while.
That's when I realize you're not really gone,
Your memory, your love will always call my heart home.
I miss you, I love you, You're so very special to me...
But I realize this is how it has to be.
Your influence on me was lasting and strong...
Your presence I feel even though you've gone home.
Yes Christmas is coming and coming fast...
Along with memories of you and joyfull Christmases past.

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Clueless

The sun doesn't know
how the earth yearns for his
warmth, his touch.
He doesn't know
how she sits in the chill
of the morning air
just waiting for him.
Just as the stars are
unaware how their very existence
thrills and brightens the night sky.
I have nothing you need,
certainly not in your league.
But I can admire
a perfect work of art.
And wish he were more like you.

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Dear Me

Dear me...

I'm sorry no one told you
but you need to know...
never trust men
the truth isn't in them.

Dear me...

life goes by very fast...
take time to enjoy the scenery
it'll be over before you know it.

Dear me...

learn what love is.
It's easy to confuse it...
with lust and even friendship...
love can be beautiful...
if it's real.

Dear me...

your family can sometimes
drive you crazy!
But they also love you..
and you love them...
cut them some slack, no one's perfect...
not even you.

Dear me...

before you know it...
life is almost over...
live it, enjoy it...
there's nothing sadder than
lying on your death bed asking 'what if? '

Dear me...

God loves you...
always remember that.
He's forgiving, holy, and merciful.
He died for you, is it really too much
for Him to ask you to live for Him?

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Death

Death-O Friend
Where do you abide?
In the darkness,
In the shadows-
Or in the air, do you glide?
Does your fallow voice
echo-in the canyons of the soul-
Your pale, waxen face
Remind men of terrors once known
Your cold, cold grasp upon the heart
can make grown men cry.
You come so swiftly and your wake-
Leave mourners asking why.
Death, so many see you as evil and sinister-
Only I, dear friend, know your role is actually one of minister.
To comfort the suffering and end their pain
That's your God-given right.
To take them to the shores of wellness again-
To cease this endless night.
For, Death, you and I know that this is a beginning
Not an end-
Once we leave our exile land of darkness, fear, and woe
Forever, Death in the Sonlight, pain no longer to know.

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Death #2

Death comes to all: rich and poor,
young and old.
Sometimes quiet and peaceful,
sometimes like a lion: loud and bold.

Yes, death is the common denominator of every man.
But for those with Christ as Lord,
death leads to a better land.

A land of peace, happiness and love.
Loving, praising, and livivng eternal
with our Father above.

I've lost many to death, loved ones and special friends.
Sometimes it's hard to accept when the life of a loved one ends.

So take my advice friend, don't waste a single day.
Each one is a gift from God,
don't let one pass away.

And remember too the ones you love,
don't assume they know how you feel.
Tell them you love them,
how important they are,
that your devotion is real.

If not you're doomed to wake up each morning
with regrets that drag you down.
There's no second chance to say 'I love you'
After your loved ones have gone.

Don't harbor jealousy, anger, or fear.
Make the most of your time,
you only have a little while here.

After loved ones have gone-
does it really matter what was or wasn't said?
It's hard to say 'I love you' or 'I'm sorry'
once someone is dead.

So remember to show your love,
forgive, and share a smile.
Because on this Earth our time is short,
we have only a little while.

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Diamond Ring

Diamond Ring-
what did you think that entitled you to?
was lying ok...
what about...
putting others before-
me, us?

Diamond Ring-
what exactly did you think you were doing?
buying property...
slavery was always
a bad idea...
but it's illegal now.

Diamond Ring-
how much power did you think it had?
did you think...
it would hide your abuse
or make me love you...
you cannot buy me-
nor can you own me-
I'm not for sale.

Not even for a million...
Diamond Rings.

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Do You?

Do you wonder...
Where I am
What I'm doing?
I wonder consantly.
Do you fear...
At all, that you're losing me?
It's my greatest fear.
Do you worry...
When you don't hear from me?
I do, I want you safe in my arms.
Do you care...
If my heart still belongs to you?
It does you know.
Do you long...
To hold me and love me?
Not as much as I do you! !

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Dreams Of You

As I lay dreaming
no activity
no stimulation
I think back on you
and smile
I remember
our time together
fondly-
conviently forgetting
the pain for a while
I long to
see you
be with you
but I know...
she's taken my place
your memory holds me captive
taking me to a dangerous place
I don't know how to live without you
I'm so tired of
tears and pain
so I guess this is it
it's over-
you belong to her-
never to me again.

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For A Special Friend

I hope the stars above
shine their light down upon you.
Guiding your footsteps
into a future bright and new.
I hope your every prayer
is answered from above.
I hope your dreams come true.
I hope you find love,
a woman worthy of you.
I hope life is kind
and you never have to carry
extra burdens, worries that trouble your mind.
I hope you always have what you need
but never forget those who don't.
I hope you always look forward
but never forget those you left behind.
But most of all I hope you're happy
and can say without regret,
when God calls you home,
you've lived and tried your best.

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Forbidden Attraction

I hear you
whispering in my ear
enticing and tempting.
I hear you
whispering in my ear
teasing of pleasure yet to explore.
STOP! ! !
It's not the same
He's not playing the game
It's not his name
I should be hearing.
I hear you
whispering in my ear
daring me to act.

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Going Price

The money's on the table...a business transaction done
now all that's left is to have a little 'fun'.
She takes off her clothes-dreading what's to come...
He climbs atop and uses her...he's satisfied and done.

What's the going price
for a girl's dignity and pride?
all alone with her thoughts
no one in which to confide.

She lies on the table...her legs open wide
the doctor inserts his instruments-to get at the treasure inside
the pain is bad and long
but now, he says, the 'problem's' gone.

What's the going price
on an innocent child's life?
all alone with her thoughts
no one in which to confide.

She kneels at the altar...tears flow from her eyes
needing grace and forgiveness-from the pain a reprise
only He can redeem her...of this she's been told
through His death and resurrection-she has been reborn.

What's the going price
on freedom, grace, and dignity?
no longer alone with her thoughts
Christ Jesus in which to confide.

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Going To Meet Michael

grey ones and blue ones
round ones, square ones
old ones and new ones.

I pour them slowly into my hand
anticipating my trip to never-never land

each a doorway to the escape I seek
I swallowed greedily, ignoring the tears on my cheek.

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Goodbye Michael

Small yet so dynamically talented
cute with boyish charm
we saw your charisma
who knew you would be THE ICON

Hot and sexy
every young girl's 'Thriller'
and yes, you were 'Bad'
you surrounded yourself
with the wrong people
they just wanted what you had.

You tried to use your gift
to 'Heal the World'
you reached out to those in need
endearing yourself to us all.

You had trials, made mistakes
but who among us hasn't?
you were a good man
and we will always be different-
for having loved...
you, and your music.

Too soon you were taken
it doesn't seem quite fair
we will always love you Michael,
rest in peace...please forgive my tears.

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Harvest

Demons
in your mind, in your heart
Demons
ripping you apart
Leeching your blood
feasting on your flesh
Piercing your soul
with poison arrows of pain
Lies, deciet
who do you believe?
He lies,
They lie,
You lie.
'Hindsight's 20/20'
but who needs a life
of 'if onlys'?
'You reap what you sew'
Planting was fun...
But it's time for the harvest.

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Have You Ever

Have you ever thought what would it be
to be psychotic?
Yes, that's what I said.
Living and functioning to a certain degree
but, deep inth heart of you...dead.
Feeling nothing for other's pain
for that matter, not even your own.
Looking at life from point of gain
not truly knowing or being known.
Have you ever wondered how it'd feel
to be in complete control?
Have the power to hurt, their very doom to seal
power complete and total.
Have you ever wondered how it'd feel to kill...
for no reason at all?
To watch the blade slice through the skin, until...
no life left at all.
How would it be to have not the slightest bit
of conscience?
To fight and cut and rip
to have the killing desire deep in the subconscious?
I think it'd be almost a relief
to live life with no right or wrong, good or bad
To have no true beliefs
others viewing you mad.
You cannot be held responsible for your actions
if you don't understand life itself.
No matter you're crime and society's reactions
they can only judge that part of you that's left.

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Hey! Remember Who You Are!

An Open Letter To Me

Hey-
Remember who you are!
You're Alvin Land's grand-daughter.
You must behave...
You represent your Papa.
With his kind nature he earned respect and got it.
He was kind and gentle and compassionate.
You'll never be him-
But you can try...
You can make him proud.

Hey-
Remember who you are!
You're Tommy Land's daughter.
You must live life...
You represent your dad.
With his compassion and personality,
He won our love, respect-our very hearts.
You'll never be him-
But you can try...
You can make him proud.

Hey-
Remember who you are!
You are Janice Frazier's daughter.
You must be strong...
You represent your mom.
With her integrity and morals,
She gave you an almost impossible goal to obtain.
You'll never be her-
But you can try...
You can make her proud.

Hey-
Remember who you are!
You are a Land!
You must protect that name.

You represent your family.
With their moods and habits,
They gained a sometimes unfair negative reputation that you must fix.
You'll never be totally like them,
But you can try...
You can make them proud.

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Home

I've searched for you for years...
do you exist?
I thought you would be
warm, safe...
But I cannot find you....
Are you real?
Or do you exist in fairy tales?
The lies parents tell their children
That set them up for heart ache-
When they find that
'happily ever after'
'prince charming'
'home'
are all lies.
What a cruel, cruel joke.

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How Strange

Doctor, Doctor
I need some relief.
There must be a cure
for my disease.
This love, it stalks
like a tiger on her prey.
The fear I feel
grows larger every day.
It locks its eyes on its target,
I know I'll never be able to outrun it.
Suddently it launches itself in the air,
knocking me to the ground.
Its claws rip into my flesh
its teeth tear open my very heart.
Yet through the torture, I hold on to the beast.
Never letting go...
nor allowing anyone to harm my tormentor.
How strange.
What is it that makes me endure and accept,
why is it I can't walk away?
Is it true love...
or truly a disease?
Obsession?
How strange.

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How?

how?
how do i forget
the things u've said?

how?
how do i accept
that u don't love me...like i love u?

how?
how do i deal with the fact
that u're with her?

how?
how do i comprehend
that u're not missing me...like i'm missing you?

how?
how do i reconcile the idea
that u will always be out of reach but on my mind?

how?

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I Can'T

I can't make you love me,
and I'm so tired of trying.
I've given you my heart...
you've shattered it with your lying.

I can't trust you,
and I grow weary of your lies.
You hold me and deceive me,
loving her in your mind.

I can't hold on much longer,
I hurt like never before.
I'm slowly letting go,
you either don't care or don't know.

I can't understand what you want from me,
or who I am to you.
I've laid it all on the line-heart, mind, body and soul-
What else can I do?

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I Close My Eyes And Wonder

I close my eyes and wonder...
will anyone ever understand?
I close my eyes and wonder...
will I always stand alone?
I close my eyes and wonder...
will he ever know what he means?
I close my eyes and wonder...
will I see daddy soon?
I close my eyes and wonder...
is sanity real or imaginary?
I close my eyes and wonder...
will I ever have the answer?
I close my eyes and wonder...
will she understand and forgive?
I close my eyes and wonder...
will I always be afraid?
I close my eyes and wonder...

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I Lay Aside...

I lay aside...
my right to be correct always.
I must remember I learn most from mistakes.

I lay aside...
my fear to be myself no matter the cost.
I must remember that anyone who wants me to change doesn't have my best interests at heart.

I lay aside...
my yearning for 'prince charming'
I must remember that 'happily ever after' exists only in fairytales.

I lay aside...
my anger for my dad's death.
I must remember that death will come for us all, it's natural, anger changes nothing.

I lay aside...
my frustration at the voices in my mind.
I must remember they are only my own thoughts and desires I am afraid to share.

I lay aside...
my terror at what my future may hold.
I must remember that fear of the future changes nothing and learn to be thankful for today.

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I Miss

I miss that look in your eyes
The one that told me how much
You wanted me.
I miss those sweet words you'd whisper
in my ear.
I miss your arms
how they'd hold me tight.
I felt safe and secure.
I miss the feeling.
deep in my heart,
of love-pure love.
I miss your laughter
infectious, contagious.
I miss the sound of your voice,
sweetest sound I've ever heard.
I miss our connection,
knowing where I stood.
When things got bad, it hurt,
but when they were right...
they were so good.

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I Never...

I never...
lied to you...
I was always honest.
I had no reason to lie
to the man I loved.
I never...
wanted anyone
but you.
I've loved you since the day we met.
I never...
dreamed
we would end up here.
Unsure of each other
living with accusations
and insecurity
believing lies from outsiders
rather than trusting one another.
I never...
needed anyone
but you
and Baby...
I still do...
love, need, and want you-
and only you.

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I'M Done

You're not enough...
I'm done.
I won't play your games...
I'm not the one.
You have lied your last lie...
I've shed my last tear...
that's it, it's over,
I'm done...I'm out of here.
I thought you were my Mr Right-
too late I see,
you're a joke...
you're broke...
you're the king of lies.
If she's the one you need
then jump, baby. jump!
just remember:
lay down with dogs...
wake up with fleas.
Like acid my pain burns
down through my heart...
to my soul.
It's over, we're at the point of no return...
we have to part,
I no longer care for the goal.

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Innocence

Have you ever looked into the eyes of a child?

I mean really looked?

Or maybe watched them sleep?

The sweet musical laughter-
innocence.

Young, untouched, undamaged by the world's...
cynicism,
hatred,
danger.

When do we lose those child-like qualities?

When do we stop seeing the beauty of a sunrise?

the cuteness of a bunny-

the vastness of our universe-

the freedom of rain-

the majesty of a mountain range-

'How does this work daddy? '

'What makes the choo-choo train go? '

When do we become callous?

When do we stop caring?

When do we lose our curiosity...
our innocence.

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It Is What It Is

He's gone
No amount of tears will change that
Death comes for all...
Friends,
Enemies,
Strangers,
Family,
and yes...
Daddies-
It is what it is

He won't
No amount of tears will change that
You can't re-create a person
Into what you want them to be...
Not-
Friends,
Enemies,
Strangers,
Family,
and yes...
Lovers-
It is what it is

It's useless
To worry about things you cannot control
Life brings chaos and surprises to all...
Friends,
Enemies,
Strangers,
Family,
and yes...
you-
It is what it is.

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Johnny

I remember how fun you were
always had a laugh
always there to help another
sharing anything you had.

You were an inspiration
in so many different ways
no matter the situation
you faced it with humor and grace.

You had your difficult days
that took more from you than I'll ever know
instead of becoming bitter at what life gave
you faced life's challenges-choosing instead, to grow.

You left an incredible legacy,
one of fun, honesty and love
no matter what, you'll always be
respected, admired and loved.

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Just To Win Your Love

16 years is a long time to love someone,
to care and want someone.
If I could...I would take you away
to a place for only you and me.
If I could only drop a coin into a wishing well...
I'd make a wish that you'd be mine-
only mine.
We'd make a commitment only to each other.
Tell me how-
to hold onto you
to win your love.
You make me so happy...
yet you also hurt me deeply.
How do I let go?
How do I hang on?
show me a mountain,
I'll climb it.
Show me an ocean,
I'll swim it.
I'll do anything...
yes-anything...just to win your love.

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Let Me Believe

I feel you in my mind
filling my head with thoughts
It's like I can't focus...
focus on anything but you.
I know I let you take advantage
Yes, I know I let you hurt me-
in very real ways.

You're the blood pumping in my veins
You keep me alive
There's no way I could ever leave
You've become my whole life
I know it's dangerous to give you
so much power...
but living in danger with you is safer-
than being over.

No drink could warm me, baby, the way
your gaze can
No powder could take me as high as-
when you touch me
If there's lies in your eyes
and deception in your touch-
please don't tell me baby...let me believe-
I want to believe...so much.

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Lost

How do I get through
the fog?
I can't seem to get my
point across.
Living in limbo-
questioning where I stand.
Flying blind...
groping, lost in the darkness.
I've lost the meaning
to what I originally set out to do.
I'm frustrated and so tired
of trying to understand what I mean to you.

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Love

It lies in wait...
like a tiger stalking her prey.
Patiently waiting,
crouching, prowling-
looking for any sign of weakness.
Then, when you're at your most vulnerable place,
it attacks:
sinking its claws deep into your heart,
ripping and tearing,
feeding on your blood...
in a wild, uncontrollable frenzy...
you find yourself torn and mutilated.
The pain is intense,
you're weakened from the loss of blood.
as you suffer and die,
as your life's blood drains from your body,
you feel fear: real fear.
While dying,
in the greatest pain you've ever known,
you scream his name...
and die.

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Love's Fight

I argue with the
voices;
As they
Spew there bullets-
Flying thru the air at
Warp speed:
'Dirty Jew'
'Nigger'
'Wop'
'Bitch'
Words, Killing
Words
Words that kill...
Prophets,
Freedom,
Justice, the soul.
The words belong
To you-Me-Us
No one has
blood-free hands.

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Mistakes

I gave up on us,
didn't have enough faith.
So scared and unsure,
I simply walked away.
Turning to another,
turning my back on you.
Biggest mistake of my life,
one I wish I could undo.

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Mom

No matter the circumstance...
she was there
No matter the trouble I'd caused...
she was there
Believing in me, when no one did...
not even myself
Pulling me out of one situation
after another.
Her strength knows no boundaries...
yet sometimes she's so weak.
She's the most intelligent person I know...
but even she struggles for answers.
She's decisive and strong...
but can be unsure and tired.
She's a a mountain of faith,
an ocean of integrity,
the sheer width of the universe is her pride.
However...
she also slips and falls up that mountain...
sometimes barely treading water in that ocean...
and sometimes her humility is equal to the total eclipse...
no light escapes.
she is a mass of contradictions...
she is...mom.
An impossible legacy-
but a beautiful dream.

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My Addiction

It's like I'm lost
as if I'm trying so hard to find my way
It's like I'm caught
in your trap and I can't find my way
It's like I hear
whispers all around
It's like I fear
all the places that darkness abounds

And, yes it's true
I could stand and fight for
the control that should be mine
but the thought of losing the war
always keeps me in line

It's like you don't care
that I cry myself to sleep at night
It's like you only hear
what you want and think is right
It's like my pain
is my burden, and mine alone
It's like never again
will your love call my heart home

And, yes it's true
I have given more
than you actually deserve
but the thought of losing you takes all my nerve.

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My Broken Heart

Never will there be relief
As long as I'm with you.
Wickedly you plot and scheme
To rip my heart into.
Do you think I'm made of stone?
Don't you know my pain is real?
You've left me all alone
The agony's unreal.
You say she's the one you love.
Why can't I understand?
I'll never be enough.
You'll never be my man.
I have to let you go.
This I know is true.
I'm better on my own,
Than waiting forever on you.

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My Confession

for my 'alien spawn'

It wasn't so long ago
I considered you my best friend
I did you such an injustice,
Taking vows...
vows I didn't mean.
Promises I thought I could keep.
But my heart belonged to another,
and probably always will.
Then came the separation-
We yelled...
We hurt each other...
We crushed each other's spirits...
We stole one another's...
pride,
dignity,
and self-worth.
Effectively destroying everything,
free,
peaceful,
friendly,
and loving that ever existed between us.
Sad.
How very sad.
But...
I forgive you,
I forgive myself,
I...forgive-
My Confession?
Part of me still cares for you...
and always will.
Surprised?
No more than I.

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My Father, My Saviour, My Love

I want to praise You
I want to worship You
I want to feel your love
I want to adore You
I want to glorify You
My Father, My Saviour, My Love

I want to sing for You
I want to dance for You
I can never do enough
I want to tell others of You
I lift my hands to You
My Father, My Saviour, My Love

There is none like You, Oh God
No one can take your place.
You're Holy, Redeemer, Saviour and Lord
You extend to me Your saving grace.

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My Grief

Like a child lost in the dark
I wander-
confused and frightened
just when I think I've accepted
you're gone-
something rips the wound open-
years of neglect...
ignoring the pain...
hiding the tears...
running from regret...
ooze from the gaping hole in my heart
like an infection...
bacteria and germs
creating more disease-
leading to additional pain
possible amputation
gangrene
death-
of tissue,
of existence,
death.

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My Heaven

I miss your voice...deep and sexy rumblings in my ear.

I crave the feel of you lips pressed to mine.

The hot, smoldering look in those expressive eyes, while every part of my body you see you claim as yours, as powerfully as a physical touch. Your heated gaze brands me as your property, and yours alone. The feel of your velvet hands, caressing my body, reaching my soul as no other could.

The security and warmth only your arms can provide.

My mental skies cloud with unshed tears as I long to be with you forever.

I am yours and do not regret that fact, however; I yearn to play a more pivotal and permanent role in your life. I have sworn myself to you forever...and you cannot ease my emotional pain by swearing the same.

What is it you have done to me?

How have you broken my heart so completely yet only increased my love for you?

I am no match for your charm and skill at the game.

I am a feather blown away in a tornado of desire.

You are my poison and my cure, my temptor and my rescuer.

You make all in my world right yet wrong.

I will not...no CANNOT live without you.

I'll not even try....I'm yours forever...

You bring laughter and tears, joy and pain.

You're a mass of contradictions...

but I will live with, go through, anything for just the chance to be in your arms.

Because there and only there is where my Heaven lies.

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My Illusion

Looking into your eyes
I feel your love, your desire
I know you'll never leave
I'm all you'll ever need
The devotion shines bright
Making all things in our lives right
You complete me, forever on my mind
Though the pain you sometimes cause is great
My love for you is blind
I love the yearning I see in your eyes-
To know that only I can cause that fire
The thought of losing me scares you to the core
No matter how much you have with me
You always want more
More time
More love
More you and me alone
I'm a habit, an addiction
One you don't want to control
Then-suddenly.....
I wake up and realize
none of it's real
There isn't forever in your eyes
No matter what I feel.

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My Life In Numbers

10: the age I realized how cruel children could be
09: the many nights looking for him in bars, or watching him hit her
08: the year it really changed, Cory born and he married her
07: going back and forth, like a football, from one team to the next
06: trying to deal with questions to afraid to ask
05: not completely sure how the changes work or affect me
04: remember the one violent act I saw and could never forget
03: weekends with mama and papa, perfect...happiest days of my life
02: just a baby myself, noting do I recall
01: mom and dad got married young, possibly a warning to us all.

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My Love Confession

There's a big difference
between lonely
and lonely for way too long.
And, baby when it
comes to you,
I've never been that strong.
I hear your name
and my heart soars
I can't fight my love for you anymore.
You'll never love me
like I love you.
It's hopeless to dream, this much is true.
No matter the outcome
I'm here till the end
Forever, in my heart, you'll be my man.

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My Past

You are my past-He is my future.
You are my 'then'-He is my 'now'

No one ever hurt me the way you did.
I was so young and naive...you knew just what to say.

But I've found my true love now....
so I release you from guilt.

I'll always care for you...I just wish you had believed in me....us.

However, I now see...
we were artificial, fake
My Baby and I, in contrast, are real.

So, yes, you are my then....
He is my now and my forever.

GOODBYE

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My Promise

You bring out in me
a hatred I never knew
I was capable of feeling.
You inflict emotional pain,
distress,
bitterness,
your own version of
poison.
You pollute
and contaminate.
You're not happy...
probably never have been-
and are determined to prevent
anyone else from achieving it also.
You cannot beat me.
Not only will I be happy,
I will thrive...
and when you die-
I will lead the dance!

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My Soul Cries Out

Father God I want more of You
I want more of You today.
Holy Spirit lead and guide me,
Please show me the way.

Father take my life
and use it as You will.
From day to day, through trials and failures,
You comfort and love me still.

Send Your sweet Spirit
With love and mercy anew.
I pray for anointing and blessing,
To be a mighty soldier for You.

Father I am so weak,
Your strength-it carries me.
Mold me, fill me, use me Father,
Show Your love for others through me.

I'll never understand why You died for me.
I feel so unworthy.
To receive Your love, forgiveness, and mercy-
Forgiven, redeemed, and set free! !

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My Thoughts

I can't control
my thoughts...
my dreams...
my longings...
I allow my mind to 'get away'
and find I'm afraid of what
it creates.
Feelings are never 'right' or 'wrong'
they just 'are'
but what about our thoughts?
do we control them or do they
control us?
are we who we are
because of
or inspite of
them?

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My World

Down in the dark
no one knows they're here
I must not tell
I've been warned
Mutiny-
will only bring disaster.
So I quietly listen
to the threats.
I make no response.
None is expected
or even required.
I maintain my
position in both realities.
A tight rope walk-
with no net.

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My Wounded Hero

As his words hit
your mental skies
I see the terror
fill your eyes.
Staring at me
with tears overflowing
needing reassurance-
all the while knowing
my words were empty
had no substance at all.
I wonder if you knew
or even saw
the horror and helplessness
raw and angry.
The idea of life
without you
terrifying and lonely.
You're my best friend
You bring out the best in me.
You're my greatest adversary
challenging me daily to dream hard
and love harder.
You're my only honest critic
keeping me at the top of my game
You're my biggest fan
win or lose, cheering all the same
So when you ask
'Am I gonna die? '
Struggling to face your immortality.
I hope you cannot see,
My struggle to comfort and give strength
to the strongest woman
I've ever known.

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Next To You

The stars twinkle....but pale next to you.
The morning sun cannot outshine your radiance.

The majestic mountains must stand aside...
The powerful oceans must concede to your strength.

You are sexy, kind, majestic and powerful.
You are everything-you inspire and excite.

The twinkle in your eyes lets me know
it's gonna be okay.

The smile on your lips lets me know
that you love me.

The touch of your hands lets me know
that you want me.

You are the thread my dreams are made of.

You are the canvas on which my future is painted.

You are the 'Happy Ending' to my fairy tale.

You are my prince charming-my hero.

You are my everything-my life and my heart.

Nest to you...nothing else matters. I love you-just as you are. You are my
man...now and forever. '143**MC'

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Now What?

i needed someone to laugh at my jokes-
you laughed
i needed someone to listen when i cried
you listened
i needed someone to let me talk
you let me
i needed someone to show concern
you did
i needed someone to be proud of my work
you were
and then one day i realized
i am in love with a memory
of what once was
a dream of what will maybe be again
i've been talking to the real deal this whole time
and didn't even know it! !
now what?

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Oh To Be...

Oh to be a butterfly
flying high in the sky
to escape the pettiness and the lies
Oh to be a butterfly

Oh to be a colorful kite
sailing through the summer breeze
to escape the dream of love that never appears
Oh to be a colorful kite

Oh to be an eagle
soaring way above the land
to escape the schemes and manipulations of man
Oh to be an eagle

Oh to be a man
with abilities to control and deceive
to escape guilt and conscience
Oh to be a man

I am not
a butterfly
eagle
or man...
I do possess a conscience
therefore, I stand condemned to suffer silence....
Oh to be.

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Old Faithful

It has always been there
Alone, unnoticed
Taken for granted-
It would never leave
stained from too many
spills
Scarred by constant
abuse
But...
when it's needed-
it's called upon
and expected to fulfill
it's duty
submitting to its
calling...for which
it was created-
never to be thanked
or appreciated
Lonely and misunderstood...
once again.

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One Day

One day...

I'll be over you

I'll be able to look

on our time together and smile.

One day...

I'll be braver

I'll be able to feel

happiness for our time together.

One day...

I'll be able

to remember the sweet things you said

how you used to make me feel.

One day...

I'll be healed

I'll no longer hurt, and ache

for your love and your kiss and your arms.

One day...

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Pleasurable Destruction

Forbidden yet-
enticing.
Wrong, yet-
so right.
Imagination running wild.
Driving my mind into a hot frenzy.
Sinful desires...
lead to destruction.
But in your arms,
destruction sounds-
pleasurable.

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Praise The Lamb

So many times I've let You down,
couldn't do my part.
Didn't understand where grace abounds,
there's shelter for my wounded heart.

Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb!
He loved and accepted me just as I am.

I can't stop singing Your praises Father!
You've done so much for me.
Saved, Loved, Frogiven, and Redeemed-
Calvary was for me! !

Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb!
He loved and accepted me just as I am.

You never walked away from me,
no matter how many times I failed.
You were there to love and comfort me,
Your mercies they never fail.

Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb!
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Questions

Illusive dream-
life's mystery.
Wandering thru desolate
valleys...
Searching for the sunrise.
The wind whispers
your name thru the
willow's branches.
My heart trembles in terror;
My soul begs the universe.
The sea is deep-
The storm fierce;
Waves pound the beach...
that once was my mind.
The earth cries out-
A mother's longing...
for her child;
her sanity;
her peace.
The beam-where's the beam?
Only its sword can pierce the night.
Then....as they lay drowning,
in their own blood drowning:
I weep such complicated tears.
For our life essence.
Sweet agony and fear-
Answers sought,
answers found,
answers.

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Rain

a shower of God's love
washing the Earth clean.
refreshing and cooling.
from the heat a reprieve.
lakes and rivers swell to
capacity.
the soil drinks
greedily.
everything's fresh
and new,
Heaven's moisture...
peaceful and true.

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Rape

It hurts
both physically and emotionally
a pain you could never imagine
Sit back
I will walk you through
this agony called 'rape'
He's much stronger than you
with one thing on his mind
your destruction, your victimization
Maybe he's violent,
maybe he hits you.
Maybe he intimidates you...
No matter
whatever method he uses
a victim you're gonna be.
Suddenly he's on top of you
ripping clothes
laughing at your tears.
He opens you and enters you,
the pain is unreal.
You're at his mercy
being used and violated
your pain and disgrace
all for his perverse pleasure.
Never will you be the same,
always look at people differently.
A victim's mentality is hard to live with,
even harder to recover from.

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Regret

One of the hardest things in life
isn't mistakes
but regret they leave behind.
Knowledge of wrongs
and pain caused
can drive you out of your mind
looking over a long list
of failures within a certain theme
can make you...
your judgement...
are things really as they seem?
is sanity attainable,
possible or even
real?
when all you've known
is chaos and pain-
an existence so
surreal.

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Reunion

I still remember that day
how I prayed and begged God
not to take you away.
I still remember the emptiness and pain
knowing with you gone
nothing would ever be the same.
The day we buried you was hard
I didn't know how to grieve.
I wanted to go with you
I didn't want you to leave.
But now I know you're safe
in our Father's embrace.
Death is natural,
the finish line comes to every race.
I'm looking forward to our reunion,
feeling your hug-seeing your smile.
I know we'll be together again
in just a little while.
So until that day,
my memories of you will have to
comfort me.
Until my God calls me home,
and your precious face I'll see.

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Rr1999

I woke up one day in a coffin
all alone,
darkness so heavy,
like a weight on my chest.
Suffocating,
struggling for every breath.
Frightened, alone.
Begging for my:
release,
life,
sanity.
I must escape.
What have I gotten myself into?
How do I...
get away,
hold onto my strength,
my mind?
I must be free.
The pain is too great,
I'm suffocating,
I'm overwhelmed,
I'm consumed.
I must escape...
no matter the cost.

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Searching For A Dream

i've always believed
they told me u were there
that i'd know when i found u
romance would be in the air
u would sweep me off my feet
take me places i've never been
and hold my dreams in your hands
helping me fulfill them
you'd be my rock
my shelter
from life's storms
and frightening times
share my joys
and laughter, coloring within our lines
prince charming, romeo, cassanova
all rolled into one, you'd be
and no matter what or who came by
you'd only have eyes for me
now i know why they're called
fairy tales, pretend, and make believe
they're nothing more than lies told
to innocent kids who believe
why...why do they lie to children
setting them up for pain?
living their lives searching
for nothing more than a dream

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Secrets

how do u keep secrets?
when they eat u alive.
i am going to-
if for no one else but me-
realise the dream.
i have to know
i can scale the mountain-
if ever the desire arose.
i cannot accept
that i cannot-
will not, yes-
can not, no.
interest can be generated
sometimes you just have to
close your eyes...
tell your better judgement to shut up..
and jump.....
let's fly! ! !

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Self-Worth

I wasn't that different from you...
but you treated me as if I was.
I'll bet you never knew I had the same dreams as you...
I wanted to
be happy,
know love,
chase dreams,
yes, even fail...
that's how we learn after all.
but it wasn't all you-
you guys were a symptom to a bigger disease-
Isn't that right mom? dad?
you, it was you that took that right from me.
I was the weapon ya'll used
to inflict pain on each other.
Therefore it should come as no surprise...
I've had the victim mentality all my life.
Kids at school,
men,
I never saw myself as equal-
you two may never have SAID I was second rate
but you proved it daily...
and actions speak louder than words.
I don't know if I'll ever begin to believe in...
my self-worth.
Only time can tell.

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Separation

I wander alone...you hear my cries...but refuse to answer.
What have I done to cause you to abandon me?
The darkness is so heavy...The night owls hoots...so lonely, eerie.
The trees' bony arms...reach to gather me to their chest.
The starless sky seeks to crush me in my isolation.
The shadows taunt with echoes of what once was.
What will...I fear... never be again.

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She Is

She is a woman who knows what she wants...yet still looking.

She is a woman who is strong and firm...yet weak and insecure.

She is a woman with experience in love...yet naive and vulnerable.

She is a woman who knows who she is...yet still discovering herself.

She is outgoing, friendly, and funny...yet quiet, shy, and unsure.

She is everything...yet nothing.

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The Basics

Geometric patterns
Squares with no...
corners-yeah, corners
cool man-
Psycadelic neon orange
bland, dull
cheap diamonds-
Blind officers arresting
drunk pregnant nuns...
Gotta beat the system baby-
run baby run...
Fanatic puppies
driving mercedes
Schizo Sigmunds
hearing...
the elephant choir
my complicated exciting
dull....existence.
Ah-the brain cells
shout silently-
fudge veggies...
Amen

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The Final Battle

I can see them all
surrounding you on...

YOUR BATTLEFIELD

Some are beautiful
with starry crowns.
Others horrible and disfigured.
All wanting one thing:

You...body and soul...

Then.....

past the praying saints...
past the crying family...
past the Angels praising...

Comes...

The ONE saints pray to...
The ONE families cry out to...
The ONE Angels praise...

The horrible, disfigured beasts
trying to lay may claim....

MUST STEP ASIDE! ! !

For in comes:

THE KING OF KINGS

AND

LORD OF LORDS! ! !

With one statement of comfort for His weary child.

'Not yet Daughter. soon you will be with me, but not yet.'

The saints glorify Him.
The families shout their joy.
The Angels rejoice.

Death-

has been delayed,
THANK YOU JESUS! !
Delayed but not destroyed....YET! !

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The Game Of Life

Fear...
of the unknown
the questions unanswered
Anticipation...
of the yet to come
the questions being answered
Life is what you make it
There's ups and downs
ins and outs
but life can only beat you
if you refuse to play it out
just as in any game
there are
rules
fans
scores
fouls
losses and
wins
all to be relived
in our mind's eye
when the game comes to an end
don't sell yourself short
don't settle for second best
for second place is only
the very first...
loser.

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The Girl In The Mirror

I see her face and wonder...
what as she learned?
I wish I could talk
to the girl in th mirror.
Would she tell me the secret
to life
to love?
Does she watch and wonder...
why I can't see
the truth
the answers
the way?
Does she reside in
an alternate universe?
Does she have a deeper
understanding?
Or maybe
she really is
just my reflection...
knowing nothing more
than I.
maybe, just maybe,
I've made her...
and myself
proud.

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The Interview

Who?

Who do you spend your time with when you're not talking to me.

Who am I competing against?

Who hurt you so badly that you can't seem to trust?

Who is in our way?

What?

What do you feel for me?

What can I say or do to show my devotion to you?

When?

When will I have you all to myself?

It seems I've had to share you since we first got together.

When will I finally be enough?

Where?

Where do I fit into your life?

There are so many things you won't share with me.

Why?

Why is it I can't seem to get you out of my head or heart?

Why do I love you like I do, even when I have doubts as to whether you love me?

How?

How do I make you love me?

And, God forbid, if I ever lose you-

How do I live without you?

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The Maze

Lines...Walls...darkness
Which way? left...right
or-
do I stand still?
The voices...spurred on by my...
fears, medication, fantasies...
Have you ever known fear?
Not of monsters or people-
of YOURSELF.
Fear you're losing control...
of life, your independence
just losing yourself!
Fear of...just losing.
Fear of not trusting your own judgement.
Which way?
Left-Right...
Can I trust myself?
-or-
am I permanently lost
inside myself
inside...
the maze.....

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The One That Got Away

You were right there
I don't know why I couldn't see
Your charm was so unnerving
It wouldn't let me be
Too late I realized
You were the true one
I was so very frightened
I let myself come undone
Your charisma, personality, and wit
Make for almost perfection
You're a cut above the rest
an absolute distinction.
What's so funny
is you know
this poem is written for you-
I try to picture you reading my words
and their affect on you.
I would have given anything
if he was alot more like you
then maybe we would've stood a chance-
maybe we wouldn't be through.

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The Temptor

Attraction lures
intensely fascinating...
enticing, sensually lulling the eye...
suspending judgement...
sending out the near humiliating...
yet irresistible visions.

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To Daddy

Can you hear me
when I pray?
When I ask God
to send comfort my way?
Can you feel my pain?
as I beg to see you again.
I gaze into the sky...
where exactly is Heaven?
The clouds are soft cotton,
do you rest on their gentle fullness?
Do you walk with angels,
is there really no illness?
Is all I've heard true?
No tears..
No pain...
Streets of gold...
Pearly gates...
When will I see you again?
Can't you tell me that?
Won't you ask God to allow you
to visit my dreams tonight?
I miss you,
that will never change.
I was blessed beyond measure
to have the relationship we achieved.
I was always a Daddie's girl,
through good times and bad.
I'm truly thankful we both realized
what we had.

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To My One And Only

You have no idea what you do to me....
when you smile....I smile
when you look into my eyes...my heart soars
when you say my name...I shiver

I tremble at your touch....I find it almost impossible to...

see a future without you...
go one day without being with you
think of anything or anyone but you

I love you more than I ever thought possible...
You are my world...my hope...my baby

and I will love you now and forever.....

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Top Priority

Never mind what the Bible says
about homosexuality...
after all a person's rights
are top priority.

As Christians aren't we charged with
changing our environment?
seasoning our surroundings?
we are the salt of the earth-
what use is salt with no flavor?

Never mind what the Bible says
about the gift of pregnancy.
After all a woman's rights
are top priority.

As Christians aren't we charged with
speaking for those with no voice?
How can ripping a child to pieces
be labeled 'just a choice'?

One day we will stand and explain
why, instead of God's truth and mercy,
we chose the world's approval
as our top priority.

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Untitled #214.20

silence reverberates in the walls
of a soul
dead men survive on
dreams of the innocent
tears of blood give
truth to the lie of
loyalty...mental stability
love-
mankind's wizard
in a pathetic
Schizo Oz.
The Tin Man's heart
exploded-too much
honesty. The lion
awoke as afraid
as before- and
the scarecrow-the low down...
He knew all along
Dorothy where have
you gone? Mirror
Mirror on the wall
Follow the yellow brick
yadda yadda
Something...
happily ever...
Hey!
listen to that echo!

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Voices

Reality merges with unreality
darkness and light duel for superiority
from a distance,
I hear a voice...
like a deep rumble out of quicksand
guiding and leading me through
But whose voice?
God...
Satan...
My own conscience...
or worse...
something lurking,
waiting,
searching...
for victims...
well not this time.
I've been victimized enough.
IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.
God? ...I'm open.
Any one else? ...
the door is closed....
I certainly hope I have the only key.

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Watching

watching...
You kill yourself
is slowly killing me.
Your rambling and partying...
Why can't you see?
It won't end well
death is all it brings...
Watching you kill yourself,
is slowly killing me.

Watching...
You turn to her
is slowly turning me.
Daily I let go more,
degree by degree.
I can't hold on much longer
when I'm gone, I'm gone.
Watching you turn to her,
is slowly turning me.

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What Does It Mean?

Monogamy

what does it mean?

Do you understand the concept
of one man and one woman?

It's time for you to learn...

I can share you no longer.

Communication

what does it mean?

Do you understand the idea
that we should be able to discuss anything?

It's time for you to learn...

I can't make these decisions by myself any longer.

Love

what does that mean?

Do you understand that true love puts the other first
even above yourself?

It's time for you to learn about unconditional love...

I can't keep giving and giving without receiving.

I'm tired...

I want to be with you for life...

I want us to share

communicate

be true to one another

and most of all-

truly love one another.

I can, hell, I already do.

How about you?

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What Have I Done?

I've been jailed for un-named charges.
I sit alone and wonder...
What have I done?

The walls close in,
I hear whispers in the corners of my mind...
What have I done?

Solitary confinement...
no contact with the outside world.
What have I done?

I feel myself losing grip...
on my anger, fears, and emotions.
What have I done.

Arrested and shackled...
Led away to suffer alone...
What have I done?

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Where R U?

You were my strong tower,
my fortress against the foe.
When my life got hard,
it was to you I ran.
You were my sunshine on cloudy days,
my rain during my most severe drought.

Now there's nothing,
just emptiness and pain.
Without you I cannot imagine,
how life is supposed to continue.
I spend my nights lying alone,
in this huge empty bed.
Dreaming of your kiss,
your touch, your caress.

I miss the precious, sweet nothings
you used to whisper in my ear.
When our love was new,
and all our desires and dreams
were in our grasp.

Never again will I feel
for anyone, what I feel for you.
I can't possibly give my heart so completely again.
It belongs to you, now and forever.
I cannot give what I no longer possess

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You

As far back as I can remember
you were always there.
Asking questions that weren't your business
pretending you cared.
You gave my dad
such a hard time
no wonder he hated you so...
Knowing exactly how we felt all the while.
You stood in the way
of mom and me.
Forever putting in your opinions-
you just couldn't see
that, point blank, I didn't much care
for your opinions, approval, or concern.
Trying to make daddy look bad
will you never learn?
you can never be him,
get used to that fact.
If only she hadn't married you,
if only we could go back.
You made it impossible for me to keep my kids
and tried to take away my mom too.
It must be so hard
to be as miserable as you.
But know this:
I will beat you,
of that you can be sure.
I will only be satisfied when:
I see tears on your face too.

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You Were The One

You were the one
in my dreams
but I didn't know
you were the one
that answered the unasked questions
but I didn't know
when searching for my mister right
you fit-you would've filled
all the holes in my life
yes, you were the one
to fill all my tomorrows
but I didn't know.

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Your Everything...Or Nothing At All

I wanna be your everything...
or nothing at all.

I wanna be
the one you hunger for,
the one you miss,
and dream of.

I wanna be your everything...
or nothing at all.

I wanna be your every
want, need,
desire.

I wanna be
the one you can't live without.

I need more, no, all of you...
there's no doubt.

I want you to get drunk on my kisses...
to ache for my touch.

Yes, I wanna be your everything,
or nothing at all.

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Your Kiss

My spine tingles
the magic and power
take my breath
the panoramic view of colors
brighten my world
like none other
my knees tremble
the earth tilts on its
axis
everything is right
everything is new
my soul sings
my mind echoes
your name
the pulse of my heart
increases
ba-bum...ba-bum
electrifying
no denying
the effect you have
mesmarizing
spell-binding

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You'Re It

Every time I dream of forever
what do I see?
I see you-
You're it.

When I think of Prince Charming
who do I see?
I see you-
You fit.

Sometimes I remember what you've put me through
and a tear rolls gently from my eye
it matters not your intention
only that you made me cry.

Still...

everytime I dream of forever
who do I see?
I see you-
You're it.

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