

Poetry Series

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Mother of four married to my second husband for 17 years been writing poetry
for 24 years have had some poetry published by in america
lived in moonee ponds for most of my growing up years now live in essendon
with my husband and two of my children
just joined a local poetry group where we get together and read poetry every
tuesday night
at the archer bar in essendon

A Mother's Letter

how can i ever begin to tell you all how proud i am of you
How can i tell you of the joy you have brought into my life
The years of fun and laughter and yes, occasional disasters
But the love i have felt and the respect i got, have made my life
Complete

My heart has been so full of pride as i watched you all grow and excel
the closeness and warmth i have felt has been priceless
I was not able to give you a lot as you grew up but, i never
Heard you complain Thankyou for all the memories
Thankyou for your love too
Where ever you go what ever you do please just know
You have a mum who really loves you
You will always have a place in my heart
Thankyou for just being you

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A New Pathway

I have decided to take a new pathway in life
To do something just for me
To follow my heart instead of my head
To do more and be all i can be
I have listned to the negativity in my head long enough
Now, it's time to share my poetry
to tell the world this is what i do well
To push aside all the things i've been told about nothing
good happening for me
I want to prove that it's not true i really am good value
This is something i can do well
As each week passes i know my talent will start
to shine through
That is why i know, this is something i have to do
To show the world, what i was told will never ever come true

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Gentle Creature

Gentle creature of the seas swimming happy, swimming free
dives into the sea with grace surfaces to show it's gentle face
Why are people so cruel to gentle creatures like you
You should be left to swim in peace
Graceful through the water you swim diving out and diving in
Oblivious to the world around across the water you leap and bound
Hours of fun you do provide playing, chasing then you hide
To the surface again you rise
How sad it would be if you were no more
If we could not stand upon the shore and watch you're playful
antics forever more

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I'M Not Far Away

Remember when you feel sad and blue, I am not far away
And always thinking of you
Whenever you need someone to cheer your day, just
give me a call i'm not far away
Whenever you just need a helping hand, just let me know
Because i understand
Whenever you need someone, to say how you feel
Just talk to me let's keep things real
Whenever you just want to pass on good news or
call for a chat or just say goodaye,
please give me a call i'm not far away

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Menopause

Like a drooping tree branch i stand
With aching knees and swelling hands
Burning hot, then suddenly cold awful symptoms
Of growing old
Waking in the middle of the night
Sometimes like i have had a fright
Then not being able to get back to sleep
Lying there for hours on end
Waking sluggish in the morning light not feeling very bright
Growing old is not much fun,
Now that menopause has begun

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My Friend From A Different Land

i have a friend from a different land her skin is darker than mine
but, because she has darker skin, does she really differ
Greatly from me?

If she treats me as her equal because of the friendship we share
this means we have equality on the inside even though on the outside
We are not the same

She has a different position in life one that is different from mine
But, on the inside, our values remain the same this is the reason
Our friendship has remained strong throughout the years

We share a strong equality in life that's what keeps us the same
Because we have been friends a very long time
if i could share a gift with this world my gift to the world would be,
That everyone finds a friend like mine
because she means the world to me

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You Went Away

Death came to you without warning
you closed your eyes your weakened heart ceased to beat
You couldn't stay you went away without saying goodbye
I didn't cry not then i just wondered why
I held your hand and it was as cold as ice
I couldn't understand why you went the way you did
How could you leave me like that you were never meant to go
At least, not then you were far too young
You should have stayed it wasn't fair i needed you to be there
But, you went away and until this day i miss you still

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