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Not all of them come from my personal experiences, but a good bit do. I just get so into my writing. I enjoy writing because it's a great way for me to escape reality. I love poetry with meaning and feeling, poetry you can see and orm a picture fo even after you're done reading it. Please let me kow how I can improve upon my poetry.

Beautiful Winter

The warmth still surrounds me as I open the door one step out and I feel the cold rush around me I can't take my eyes off the beauty just look at all the trees

Icicles hang from their branches bending and bowing under the snowy weight a world blanketed and pure creating such a beautiful sight

Snow falls down around me as I take a few steps forward lazily drifting flakes wet my nose they slow but continue to fall I see a pure, clean world, momentarily froze

The falling snow stops its decent but it leaves beauty behind pure and untouched by all indoors underneath, who knows what you'll find!

The sun peaks out from the grayish clouds above instantly the world starts to glitter I see a bright cardinal stir nearby I hear its wings begin to flutter

The stark beauty is breathtaking of this cardinal's red and the snow's white I take one last look and head for warmth indoors thinking only of the beauty as I lay awake that night

Beauty Of Spring

it starts with the grass slowly, blade by blade growing, sprouting, covering while more beauty is made

the green of the grass then the green of the trees slowly, but early showing the small but budding leaves

the early flowers pouring color and beauty a still bland land but now with color to see

the birds coming back with their squawks and their tweets the bround growing warm beneathe my bare feet

the bunnies and the squirrels the turtles and the snakes the fish swimming free in the thawing lakes

the beauty of Spring with new life all around! the coming of pure beauty with the thawing ground

Caught At Sea

High winds and waves have place in this storm raging so violently at sea so out of the norm

The boat rocking to-and-fro caught in this storm nowhere to go

A wave crashes down splashing across the deck a few aboard give in exposing, offering their neck

'Have me now! ' no hope they've kept except to be drug down to the depths

The boat rocks violently no standing on feet all sailors knocked down accepting defeat

They all cry for home crying love to far off people a few praying, wishing they'd been under the steeple

Slowly, the rocking less violent the storm rains slow at last they realize the storm is beginning to pass

Hope is restored a few sailors shout letting loose their relief letting thankfulness ring out The storm has passed and all goes on as norm not much is said of that frightening storm

When all seemed hopeless all gave up the fight yet hope rang out with the sun's warm light

So close to disaster yet what was learned 'what afterlife' the wondered 'have I earned? '

All think of life more and who they ought to be their lives forever changed that horrible day at sea

For Myself

The recognition That little whisper When the world seems to notice That one thing you did right

The colors The setting sun When the day and night meet With fading and final light

The love That happy contentedness When you look at some one And realize they're worth the fight

I won't give up I won't give in I won't fail this time I won't let this win

I'll conquer my cowardiceI'll forget self-regretI'll forget my doubtsI'll give them something not to forget

I'm not like them I am me I'm not big or bold though I know I can be

It's my fight I fight for these I love this life In MYSELF I believe

... Even when no one else will

Friends

I have found in you The truest of true No one could be A better friend than you

You're always there When I need to chat Though conversations are random Mostly this and that

There is never a dull moment When you are around And there is no better friend To be found

You make me smile When my days turns gray And turn my mood From sad to gay

You are the truest friend And no one could take that I'm grateful for our friendship And that's a fact

From Season To Season

A young tree sprouts And grows each year Beneath sits a girl Who's shed a few tears

In the heat of summer The tree grows fast With lush green leaves A shadow is cast

Time ticks on And knowledge will grow But some stay ignorant Refusing to know

She walks down the street Her eyes cast down She feels their scalding glances And begins to frown

It is now fall And the leaves are falling No more flowers No more birds calling

She didn't tell anyone Not for a long time She knew they'd all scorn They'd see it as a crime

They call her such names! And they avoid meaningful contact They think they'll catch it And they make their own facts

They call themselves Christians But they can't be really They don't follow their beliefs Well not entirely She sits down to reflect As daylight grows dim Lying is the same! It is also a sin!

It is now winter There are no more leaves Everything is white And snow covers the trees

She just doesn't understand So she sits and thinks And nothing makes sense Tears are on the brink

"Yeah 'happy' describes this hate"

But just like a tree Emotions have seasons Soon enough she'll see Happiness defies reason

He Was Strong

a little boy just five years old doesn't understand what he's been told

never knew his daddy but mommy's there he begins to get it as sheds a tear

mommy holds him she holds him tight they both cried cried all night

another visit today visiting the doctor's office days like this sadly become commonplace

he grows weaker as the days go by but for mommy he has to try

he prays each night 'Please God, make me right.' mommy sits by his bed scared to leave him each night

the doctors know he's only got a while mommy cursing God 'He's just a Child! ! '

the cancer is winning and somehow he knows it he's calling for mommy now mommy's never left been by his bedside he takes her hand 'It's all right.'

he looks up at her 'We all have some time and then we go to God; I'll be fine.'

she looks and smiles and strokes his head for those last hours she never left that bed

they quietly said goodbye now she knows she was wrong she thought he was growing weak but he was growing strong

Holocaust Train Cars

I wonder how... How many days, Since we ate, drank... Have seen the sun's rays

I wonder How much longer 'til we're free, And don't have to stand here

How long? How much 'til I have Any food, water, and such?

Each day we stand, Each day that passes, More people die, Lying in masses

Each day that passes There is more room to sit, Then lay, on the bodies... Their hearts all quit

Finally! They open the doors And those left unload "faster! Faster! FASTER! " They all goad

Shortly after We all lay where we were sent.... The gas chamber... Where our lives end

I'M On My Own Now

I'm on my own now away from family making new friends slowly but surely

I'm on my own now my future is mine I take care of me and manage my own time

I'm on my own now no one to care for me this is the time where I determine who I'll be

I'm on my own now no one to tell me what to do no one to hold me close with a caring 'I love you'

I'm on my own now no one to cry to no one to blame or tell me what to do

I'm on my own now with freedom before me and responsibility entirely so now I'm starting to see

I'm on my own now I can do it I know I can I know I have it

I'm on my own now it's a breath of fresh air a wake up call now I have to care I'm on my own and I know I can make it...

Importance Of Beauty

I put on my make up, and paint on my face. Cover all marks, covered without a trace.

I squeeze in my clothes, and adjust for the size. I hate to sit down 'cuz they'll squeeze my thighs

I plaster a smile on my painted on face and respontd to the jerks with elegant grace

Iam beautiful in the eyes of all. I'm not too big and I'm not too small

My fake face and uncomfortable clothes make me so beautiful, for everyone knows...

In today's hectic world what's important is beauty, who cares about what's real! Just paint on your identity!

It's A Curious Thing

it's a curious thing how the birds know where to fly and when

it's a curious thing how there was created both women and men

it's a curious thing but who do you think created it all?

it's a curious thing but He created everything with it's own specialized physique

it's a curious thing... but He made it all

Mama Bird

a mama bird sits in her nest her tiny eggs nestled beneath her feathers whether rain, wind, or snow she keeps them safe through all weather

she cares for them each day keeping them both warm and cool, both dry and safe rotating them on cue

she nurtures and they grow loves like mamas do she waits for the day that they can love her too

one day they'll hatch and she'll still love like mothers do protect and nurture them they'll love her too

My Guardian Angel

so long ago, yet so vivid in my memory, those tiny eyes, those lashless lids,

the sterile smell, the smell of medicine, the lights turned dim, protecting their fragile eyes.

you were so tiny, so fragile and frail, born unprepared and too early, yet already an old man.

the special diapers, made smaller, yet still to big, hanging off your premature body,

lying there. alone at night, with all those wires and tubes. all the other 'sick' babies.

you're heart never got good enough, and we knew you were losing, and somehow, you seemed to know too.

fifteen days, that's all we were given, all you were given, to live on this earth,

now you're laid to rest, but never forgotten, especially not today, it's your birthday. you would be a teen, my third of five siblings, probably bratty, probably hormonal,

you'd be a young man, strong and healthy, another friend, someone I'd love always.

now I know I can imagine, but I'll never know, we weren't given enough time. you weren't given enough time.

but you look down now, watching us all, keeping us safe, watching us grow.

you're my angel, now, and forever, I love you my Guardian Angel.

My Reflection

I look in the pond, he stars twinkling above, the moon shining bright, hidden in the grove.

This small open field, where fireflies light, where all is peaceful, on this pleasant night.

Yet my heart aches. I am not content. I stare at my reflection, needing a way to vent.

I think about my life, all those wasted hours, all those precious moments, that i should have devoured.

I think of the love, the kindness I've known, the people I've met, how my views have grown.

Yet I sit on the sidelines, along for the ride, but now in my life, it's the receding tide.

I feel my loss, at the things left undone. True it's been good, but I could have done.

I've never gone out, and initiated a thing. I thought I was great, but this has been humbling. I look toward the pond, and look at my reflection. Now I wonder more. I have a single question.

Can I go out? Can I be great? For once in my life, can I initiate?

I look at the pond, and I see a new me. It's never to late, to be who you want to be.

Mystery Of Night

I sit and stare out into the cool night air a cool breeze blows by nights like these, cause my natural high

I look up high into the endless sky I see so many stars could that be Mars?

the trees sway as another breeze makes its way the rustling of the trees the flutter of the leaves

somewhere close by an owl's cry I must say it is a wonderful night for May

the moon no longer shines bright no longer at such a high height the sky is purple and pink this is predawn I think

such a wonderful night so many beautiful sights the light is coming bright and ending the mystery of night

Our Little Red Boat

our little red boat we set afloat with all those patches to cover deep scratches

we row down rivver a cold breeze, I shiver you watm me through with your blanket blue

you've hurt me bad and made me sad butthen I realize there's truth when you apologize

we spend all day having so much to say but in the end we'll always be friends

you are my best friend and where the river bends you ask a question my face shows joyful relection

now every day we always may be happy and joyful this moment is wonderful

'cuz on our little red boat we set afloat with all those patches to cover deep scratches...

Right Beneath The Willow

As I look through the branches Dangling with elegant grace I let my mind wander freely Though it is still a race

A race of these thoughts and those And which confuse me most

I lay beneath the willow And admire her beauty Then my thoughts slow And I forget what is to be

I forget the stress I forget the rest

I lay beneath the willow Her beauty and grace amaze me For a few precious moments All I think is of her beauty

I am at ease As the wind rattles her leaves

It's beneath the willow All is for once right Just ease and pleasure As through the leaves I see new light

Snowed In

The slanting sleet pounds against my window it's not to long 'til the sleet turns to snow

I light the fire keeping warm and content I'll just keep waiting for the weather to relent

The snow keeps falling by now piling up high the comfort of a good book as the day is drawing nigh

rapped in my blanket that I, myself, made I look outside and see how much has laid

the fire, now coals I stir the orange embers I sit on the couch to just sit and remember

now it's off to bed where I'll be warm and content maybe as I sleep the weather will relent

Spring

The frost is melting the snows all gone the green is going it's waited so long

the soft white petals the fresh sweet dew the broad green leaves the rainbow's hue

the birds are singing the bunny's, hopping the deer are running and girls are shopping

the babies born the plants alive the streams are teaming so much new life!

this is Spring a time of renew nature is blossoming right on cue

Sunny Spring Days

The days grow long As the sun peaks out The birds are returning On their yearly route

The ground soon thaws With help from sunny days And warmth and joy From sunny rays

The sun on my skin Feeling warm and content So grateful it's Spring With cold weather's relent

I'm warm and I'm happy For the sun's shining rays Oh! how I cherish These sunny Spring days!

Thank You Lord

When things seem harsh I may fall or slip or catch myself after I give lip

I may make a mess or say things mean my sense of judgement isn't always keen

sometimes I think then speak but sadly, it's reverse I'm human and weak

I was given free will and sometimes I'm severe sometimes I say things though my reasons aren't clear

but in the end I always remember You even if it takes a while and I read a verse or two

then I know I was wrong Then I see I see my answers not always written plainly

it just takes time and a little prayer but with each day I'm getting there

Thank You Lord

The Beach

I step on the warm sand The tide is rising high But soon the rising tide Will be drawing nigh

The beach is at its smallest With the water so close to the dunes But the day is only half As it is only noon

The seagulls fly above Hoping to catch a snack Warm water It's all this beach may lack

The breeze is blowing Gently cooling all The waves are rolling in Muffling the seagull's call

The sand, soft between my toes As I relax in the noonday sun The conversations rise Sounds carry of the fun

The waves come crashing Rolling to the shore Boogey boarders miss a wave But still there are more

They catch a wave And the thrill begins They ride it to the shore Their faces show vibrant grins

Beach balls Volley balls Just catching ball You may see it all The games are played And memories made Cooling in the waves For there is no tree shade

Sand castles built And shells collected These memories stored To be happily recollected

A soft breeze blows And lifts my hair On this pleasant day With weather fair

This is the beach Where as each day ends Happy thoughts and memories For years my heart lends

The Cat

Crlystal clear And blue as can be No puffy white clouds Drift above me

Pointed green blades Cushion my feet There goes a bird! Oh! what a treat!

Off I go! On my chase now Got to stay quiet Hold back my meow

Stalking the little birdie Creaping ever nearer At last, I pounce! I missed I fear

Oh well! I let out that meow I find a sunny lap Time for a nap now

This is the life As i curl up close On my master's lap My tail tickling his nose

The Chase

my breath in misty white puffs escaping into the cool night air the moon my only light the wind whipping my hair

my skin grown cold long ago dampened by panic'd sweat running, trying to escape they have to catch me yet

the blood has since dried of my superficial scratches the trees blocking moonlight darkened to glow, coming in patches

I can hear them now they're right on my tail everything is fading fast please strength! don't fail!

a cold bead of sweat drips down my chin I feel my body starting to slow I'm so thirsty and tired and, no, not scared just please don't let it show!

I have to stay strong a little longer I hear those horrid hounds begin to bay I see them running toward me fast please let me live another day!

The Cherished One

protected, covered, safe inside my little shell what shall I be to the world? I guess we'll have to wait to tell

gorged, full, nourished my shell cracks a little my tiny root, single, begins to grow as the rain continues to dribble

i take hold, secure my roots are firmly planted my little shoot begins to grow but am I wanted?

with roots planted, secure my shoot grows on I grow up a little and peek to see the morning dawn

on I grow, flourish while my roots are firm I love the nutrients given of this friendly worm

my leaves unravel, unfurl but what will I be? still so small, unimportant the world will have to wait to see

I grow up taller, straight more leaves will come am I a flower? bush? tree? oh! but I'm not done!

i grow big, strong and little buds appear the petals grow to love, they are dear my thorns may hurt my smell so fragrant it's worth the risk I am what they want

a beautiful red! as soft petals grow I have petals perfect and now I know

I'm wanted now in this world so busy there's some one out there to cherish my beauty

they chop the trees and bushed get flattened yet, I am cherished comfort, when something's happened

I am cherished

The Daily Masquerade

We all walk With our painted faces Our masks are firmly placed As we walk across the stage Our masks are ever changing Joy, excitement, sadness, rage Our masks are always there In this real-life masquerade

With mask firmly placed We enter each day And with each change of scene We find new lines to say

It's only when we dropp the mask And quit this daily play And be our true character Without the masquerade That's when life becomes fulfilling And the best memories are made

The Next Chapter

The excitement builds I'm ecstatic to finish But now excitement and fear Are hard to distinguish

The end of a chapter But not of the book What lies ahead? But I can't sneak a look

This is life It's scary at times But it's so worth it! Is loving it a crime?

The unknown The unexpected I'll learn to plow through My happiness is easily detected

I know I'll make it

The Old Man

his claw-like fingers grip his well-worn Bible his pipe lies by his bed it always was a foible

the sunbaked skin like leather by now his distant, unseeing eyes beginning to cloud

his memory started going about the same as his body his wife by his side his good wife Dotty

his kids gather round with their kids in tow this means so much more than they'll ever know

he looks at each face as lost memories come forth he can tell by their smiles his life has had worth

he looks back on the good his life that has past he smiles one more time as he breathes his last

The Protector's Gone

The words are said but do they ever hear? not what was said it was said so clear

they twisted the words and vilified the Protector they spat in their faces taunted like a court jester

they took what they were given but that's never enough when they were threatened consequence they called a bluff

not a slap on the wrist not a punishment at all but their rebellion was the last straw

they got what they wanted they are left alone now they just up and left the Protector's gone

now they're on their own is it fun now? do you see your bad reasoning? do you see how?

The Rainbow We Are

whether you're feeling mad, sad, or even blue or you're black, white, purple or some other hue

whether you're a black, blue, or a red head if it's dyed or if it's natural instead

whether your eyes are blue, brown, or green or maybe some color inbetween

whether you're tall, short or inbetween and whether you're average, big, or lean

whether you're Goth, Punk, or Rock or maybe even prep with bright socks

Does it matter? Are you different? Do you fit in? Are looks important?

I don't think so 'cause we're all the same we're all human we just give a look a name

LOOKS DON'T MATTER! they just make us unique we're all special with our own special physique What colors are you?

The Ride

the smooth, cool scales hard and durable beneath my hands the giddy feeling, laughable

I climbed aboard safe between strong wings and suddenly we're up I have found belonging

our minds connect and the rhythm starts the light, joyful feeling through clouds we dart

the wind whips past we're going fast

my hair whipping back my skin beginning to cool the tingling, electric feeling though some call me a fool

the wind whips past we're going fast

a giddy giggle a happy smile I see the earth below stretch on for miles

the joy overflows no longer contained my giddy giggle I no longer refrain

the wind whips past we're going fast

we swoop and soar we dip and dive we laugh aloud our joy will thrive

we are one she knows that way the day is drawing nigh as we head back for the day

The Rose

velvety red petals full and sweet soft and light arranged neat

beautiful symbol of love, romantically better symbol than thought when thought logically

beautiful and sweet it may be but thorns and petals both to see

thorns can cut deep and hurt you as you bleed what to do?

beauty decietful handled improperly blood and hurt rising to see

a symbol of love beautiful handled improperly hurtful

The Tiger Lily

green reaching up a long and elegant stem the color of life the rich ground it's reaching from

its leaves are long and slender elegant blades reaching for the sky but they will bend as the days go by

at each top the stem branches out holding beautiful blossoms beautiful without a doubt

orange petals elegant and attractive calling to many admirers calling to those butterflies active

sweet scent and a beautiful sight yet only one day before closing petals tight

they spread like wildfire but beauty damaged easily such quickly fading elegance The Tiger Lily

The Wall

A girl on a trip with the rest of her class to some, just another museum to her, her family's past

Going through the exhibits her face flushed with excitement an odd connection to this wall of those who ended their confinement

looking over the names and her finger shoots out her eyes fill with tears too many emotions to count

there on this wall, among the names of rescuers, one simple man's name no one powerful, not an adventurer

her great-grandfather's name though he's ten years past part of an amazing story told at last!

pride fills her up but she has nothing to say this one simple thing... she will never forget this day

There Was A Monster In My Room!

Mommy! Daddy! There was a monster in my room! Oh! but sadly, He disappeared with a boom!

He had red glowing eyes! and the heart of a shrew! He told so many lies! He said the sky was green, not blue!

His fur was all messy! And his claws were all sharp! But he Dressed all dressy! And he Played me his harp!

He danced this way and that! He went a-rattat-tat-SMACK! Right on his big round belly That jiggled like jelly!

He was horrible! He was TERRIBLE! But he only comes after nine, and I'm sound asleep, every time!

Time

the sands are slipping falling away getting fewer and fewer every day

it slips and slides and cannot be held on to it flies by when you least want it to

it escapes us all from time to time but is getting lost in the moment really any crime?

Time Left

Day after day And week after week We put everything off And for pleasure we seek

We think we have years Though none really say But, truely, honestly What if we only had ONE day?

Forget the songs But remember this If we only had one day What would you miss?

With one day left What would you say? What would you give? Take? Now is there a delay?

Would you give a little more To thosse without? Would you love a little more And have less doubts?

Now, go and do Push your will power While you've been reading A day's turned to hours.

Trip To The Pool

The sun bakes the earth from above Heat radiates from the pavement below Why can't it be the cooling night? This horrid sun replaced by the moon's glow?

I step out on the sidewalk Sweating not two feet from my door I burn my feet on the sidewalk It's days like this I deplore

I go to the pool Not two blocks away But sweat drips down my back On this sunny, so hot day

I throw down my towel And jump right in Cool enough, so I stay all day Until the sun grows dim

The pool is crowded The water is warm I see a puddle of ice cream Where the bees all swarm

I dry off and go home My heated body cooled What a relief on this day! Was my trip to the pool

Truth Or Lie

The Truth a word of respect a word of courage at times hard to define, hard to detect

Showing love compassion and care to be honest and humble to be just and fair

To be right to be honest above all to tell the Truth at last to tell the Truth over all

...But to lie to show deceit to be dishonest or to tel incomplete

To hurt or harm with words untrue to say wrong things that you will rue

To be honest to tell the Truth always no shame, no deceit to be honest always

What Comes Next

What comes next? We've done what was asked We've behaved at the end We've passed every class

Now what comes next? Now the diploma's received Now the excitement lessened Now that moment was believed

So what comes next? The whole summer ahead College in the fall Then more tests to dread

But for now what comes next? The anticipation mounts The wonder begins Enough time for doubts

So now what's next?

What Lies Ahead?

my life before me my life behind me it all seems so vast

the lists of things to do the list of things all new it's all going by so fast

what do i have to do? where oh where are you? what do i do now?

how do i do this right? how do i do this on time? no my question is how?

no i have nothing just waiting patiently what's next?

will it be complicated? will it be difficult? will it leave me perplexed?

i know it will all work out i know it will all get done i know i will be just fine

but until my life moves forward until i start something new again i'll be going out of my mind!

Where Are The Voices?

my phone buzzes again 3 more texts to answer the written words to hide behind no one talks to each other

not like we used to when 8 year olds didn't have 'unlimited' we'd talk and call and... oh but now talking is outdated

we sit at home and text all day we type p the words we'd never say

we chat on computers and message back and forth we use our phones what are voices worth?

as each day goes by i feel it start to go no more real face time as we text to and fro

words are hollow and faces stay hidden it's like real communication has become forbidden

no one goes for walks no more pleasure runs no more 3 hour conversations no more outside for fun

we all stay inside and chat our lives away with a friend? still texts to real convo outweigh talking to one person but texting another if you ask me technology is becoming a bother

i want to see you when i talk to you i want to hear you like how i'm used to

but why even bother when i can text a few words? why actually get to know you? this is becoming absurd

we sit at home text words we'd never say we sit at home wasting the day away