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A Man's Day

Dreams grew not in the sun
As so do thoughts in the mind
Varnishing your touch while
Making you of sterner stuff

A man's day comes
Not so joyfully yes it comes
Bearing challenges like thorns
To name you a man

A man's day comes
As so do seasons subject to God
Yours is here oh my friend
Your day of growth has come

Lilies rose at dawn
As your neurons made up a thought
Of a cake we might share
For this is yours, a day

We sang a poem in a distance
Hoping to bring you to tears
Hoping also to see u grow a beard
For this is your day in this era
Of joy and tuns of laughter

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A Rose And A Song

Once in a breezy morning
Let me pluck joy like a rose
Once in a cheerful manner
Let bees make melody while they rise
From a rose I offer to your morning

Once in a long while
A song I present at a right time
Once in a long while
I sing Happy Birthday
To you in your own world

Let time fly away yet gently
So moments go away all captured
Let fame take rest quietly
So friends may stay to you attached
Let peace nowhere out of sight

A rose and a song for your day
In the rain and hail of the season
Dance but to the right tune this day
For growth comes not without reason
A rose and a song are yours today
Happy birth day

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A Tear For A Friend

For the man in blue
Let me be cool
For the lady in red
Let me be great
For a friend in pain
A tear I shall Shed

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Beneath The Skin

Waters flow
Quite swiftly you know
As so your joy did
In the days so old

I see your smile
At least once in a while
I see your pain
Quite a lot these days

Beneath your skin
Breathes your sorrow
Beneath your skin
Blows some untold smoke

Beneath your skin
A dungeon lies
Fortified with agony
Occupied by an air of shame

Beneath your skin you stay
Wrapped up in fear and tears
Beneath your skin you stray
Plunged into solitude far away

You blink a lot
In your lousy state
With eyes ringed with black shades
And sometimes a touch of innocence

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Conqueror

Give me pain
Give me a million tons of stress
Leave me in vain
Leave me with no chance to rest
I am a conqueror

Beat me up
Curse my body yet
Leave my soul out of it
For one or two reasons
I am a conqueror

Tease me as much
Curse me as much
Yet swallow one thing
That I am a conqueror
I am a fortified wall

I stood tall and strong
Through lamentations much more fierce
I withstood menaces far beyond unrighteous
I am a fortified wall
I am a conqueror

Storms were never enough
Bury this golden reality under fear
Intimidations are a lie I overcame
Intimidations are a burden I overthrew
Victory is mine declares I

Awesome is our God
Awesome is who reigns from heaven above
Awesome is he who reigns with Wisdom, power and love
Awesome is who whose word lives
He who made me a conqueror

So give me pain
Give me a million tons of stress
Leave me in vain

Leave me in my fortress of solitude
Where I happily become a conqueror

Yes, For that blood reaching to the highest mountain
And lowest of all valleys
That which quenched my thirst and cleansed my heart
Overpowers vanity stress and solitude
I am a conqueror

They pierced his side
And sent water with a touch of blood flowing out
They punched holes in his limbs to guarantee my redemption
They knew not what they were doing
But I was made a conqueror

I live in peace yet that of mind
For a clean lamb served as an eternal sacrifice on Calvary
He saved lives, he gave redemption
He served his purpose
And made me a conqueror

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Dear Nephew

Dear nephew, uncle says Hi
From a glimpse of memory close by
With a smile so great and wide
And a heart so tender and loving

I knew your name then
So well I can remember Ben
Especially from those trips in the big old van
Where were shared more ice cream than words

You ate a lot O' nephew
Just like your uncle at the bureau
You were a piece of work my boy
Yet great and very well taught

It's been a while if not forever
And reminiscences of our time grow fewer
I miss you nephew
But much more than these words so few

I lost touch with your folks
So dysfunctional and out of hope
I hope they managed to sharpen their hooks
To catch that big old love of theirs

Dear nephew, uncle says Hi
Yet with more words than I write
So I make a promise in words I can write
To see you in summer with my wife

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Fallen Chains

Fallen are the chains
Swifter than drops of rain
Yet bigger in that moment of pain
Fallen are the chains

Fallen are the chains
By a cross so rugged in a glimpse
Yet with power too awesome to be gauged
Fallen are the chains

Fallen are the chains
At the rising of lamb in grace
And a son worthy of all praise
Oh chains you had no clue

Fallen are you chains
Engulfed by nothing but utter shame
Engulfed by pure defeat
Fallen you are

Hello world, freedom has come
With an appearance so dazzling
And glory for a crown sparkling about
Hello world, chains are loose

Fallen are the chains
For in Bethlehem a saviour arose
Robbed in godliness
And heavily armed with faith

Fallen are the chains
For at Calvary a score was settled
By a warrior crowned with thorns then
Fallen are the chains

Mercy reigns, truth remains
Freedom is here far from the chains
Freedom is Jesus the saviour
Fallen are the chains

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Frozen Generosity

The moments we shared
The memories we shared
The mentality we so owned
Were all the fruits our friendship beard

We smiled long before crocodiles
We cuddled up like chameleons
We shared those tears of agony,
We knew each other insight out

Your generosity lived to be known
Long before hate conquered love,
Long before pride claimed victory over your love
Yes, that which once made your heart elastic

The misery thereof I live to endure
Since blur became your colour of love,
Since cold became your heart,
Since your generosity froze

A million lies you pinned to my thick skin
Hoping to frame my confidence
Like you do all your pics
You took me for a fool while you were the greatest

Putting me on voicemail
Is a habit so brand new
Denying me a shoulder to weep on
Is a key you use to lock me out
Out of your frozen heart

I survived a lot before
You were there as a witness
Now your foolishness has blocked your vision
Of the strength I so have,
Strength to survive you frozen generosity

I thought you were smart
But that was too much the benefit of the doubt

I Searched your heart
But that was too much a waist of my time
For what's there to find in a cold island
If not lumps of cold ice

I thought once I new you
But time proved the opposite
Yes, time changes everything
But never did I expect it to be your heart
Or swift your generosity to the arctic

The memories we shared
Are utterly bitter to my taste buds
The moments we shared died
In that storm which froze your heart.

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I Lived

I lived when living was a struggle
When people swam in streams of tears
I lived when joy was a miracle
When darkness engulfed earth

The mystery behind mine strength I knew not
But courage shrouded mine heart
Living no space for fear
Living no space for a tear

A great longing chewed through mine heart
As infants were delivered into mayhem
I longed for salvation for all souls
As desires chased men after their daughters

I lived to see believers shrink into corners
As governments became first class pollution
They breathed disaster
And enforced chaos

I lived with a longing for he, the Lord
To serve us joy on a silver platter
He who was and still is
I lived to see a change

I lived in times when hope
Was as rare as snow in summer
I lived when tunnels
Had no light at the other end

The mystery behind mine courage
I came to comprehend
As he send a word at a great frequency
A word with more than empathy for man

I lived to witness greatness
As the word of God brought a great feast
A feast of the Spirit of God
And deliverance from darknesss

I lived

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Low Blow

As a man I died
Right after your face I punched
As a man I ceased to be
Along with the dream we used be

Should roses ever loose thorns
Then I might be your friend
For now love went on a journey far away
In a desert paved with thorns

I picture your face love
Before I knuckled it down into new forms
Before I rendered new colors to it
Red, black and purple

I loved you before
Yes I still do you know
Yet fear and pride swing me about
Much more than they did before

As a man I died
Right when complements changed to insults
As a man I ceased to be
When you, my first dropped to least on my list

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My Blessings

When God made man and man was made
Life began and life proceeded
With the breath of life
And the strength of God
Life still is

When sin took charge of man in Eden
When life got sour for man in Eden
When man hid from God in Eden
Grace was shown by God in Eden
Yet man's life was never sweetened

So God, with his kindness and greatness
Plunged man into the world so cruel
For actions got to be paid for
Yet God's splendor on man endures forever
And so does his love

So I'll lift up mine eyes unto the hills
From whence cometh my help
My help cometh from the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth
He whose grace abounds in the deepest oceans

I will cling hard to the rugged cross
Of Him whose burdens are originally mine
I will cling to the old rugged cross
From whence my life got saved
I will shout the name Jesus with joy and joy again

Mine eyes have seen his Glory
Mine ears have tasted his Greatness
For He wrestled Israel through the night 'till dawn
For then his Blessings rained unto him
His faithful servant

So listen to my voice, O' you men around
The Lord has heard your cries
So calm you your hearts down

For he has delivered you today
And forever so he will...

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My Dream

Dead to the world I recall I was
When in dreamland I emerged,
Seemingly humble and gentle
And also affable.

As a totally different figure I walked
And in a mysterious way I talked.
Ladies' prolonged curiosity to play the gallant with men
Was now on the increase,
For I excited it all.

A neighbor's old feathery cock now crowed from within
Disturbing my precious life
Which was but a nine day wonder,
My dream.

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Overwhelmed

Glamour n grace
Joy n love
Peace in my heart
I'm overwhelmed

Sun up high
Sky so clear
And colors displayed
Leave me bt overwhelmed

Music so loud
Smiles so wide
Beauty so gr8
All leave me overwhelmed

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Right In His Hands

From the street so cold
With pride too great to uphold
I fell though not so hard as in a wild pond
But right in his hands so warm

Like a young born
Dressed in a time-bomb
I long to serve you Lord with no clue
And innocently rush to your hands

Like an eagle so not fickle
Equip me Lord with an intention
To stick to you with pure attention
So like an eagle I may firmly fly

Should I face terror
I would seek a corner
Not far away but much closer
Yes, right in his hands; the father

Should my ears taste evil
Or my eyes stumble upon evil
Carry me, O' my mind, to my knees
Or deliver me, O' my feet, right into his hands

Should I marry lies
Yet not by will but by chance
Oh root me out Holy Spirit
And plant me back into his hands

If I hadn't any tears
I wouldn't have had any spilled
At the thought his screams
Oh just so to pave my way to his hands

At the centre of it all
I lift mine hands in awe
To him in his place above all
The Lord in whose hands I dwell

In the midst of my worries
I surrender all my glories
To the one with much more glory
The Lord in whose hands I'm carried

Oh should I again face terror
Let me seek a corner
Not far away but much closer
Yes, right in your hands my father

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Still Attached

From the day my heels tasted dust different from yours
That day when our eyes were for the first time
Casted upon different visions all in all,
Lumps of bitterness and distress of a kind
Whispered your name to awaken those moments

Perhaps to let me know one or two things
I am still attached, yes I am.
For I swallowed bitterness and tasted distress to kill time
Yet it never worked
So, for a change, I watched your face play in my mind
Guess what happened!

Flames of joy fired up so much that my heart skipped beats.
Memories so wide and great
Yet my mind rests upon that of our first day
When the only music we heard was Chinese
But our brave hearts did not mind anything

I chewed through many things
Sitting on the couch watching films
Yet the greatest was that which played in my mind.
Yes, I am still attached.
Yes I wish to journey back to that junction
Where we parted ways

For many things I wish
But mostly for a chance with you,
For a moment in a million to view your face.
Yes I wish to kill the present nature of these thoughts
For them to be reborn of reality,
I am still attached.

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The Ever Smiling Heart

Through that storm came you
With a touch like of an angel perhaps
With your face brimming with delight
And glowing with utter brightness

With thoughts so sound and rational
I grew a weird sense of comprehension in you
As though you were meant to curb this mayhem
Yes, this madness that decorated my mind before

That ever smiling heart of yours
Which radiates joy and a little laughter
Picked me up from that hole so dark and fierce
That hole of pure, undiluted solitude

That ever smiling heart of yours
Spelled your character prior to your appearance
For through your words I read no cruelty
For through your words I perceived inner beauty

That ever smiling heart within you
Glued my thoughts to my phone
For that's where we first met and still do
That ever smiling heart of yours

Now the thoughts curling from within
Have got me fishing for answers in a dry pond
But fortunately I caught one
You are a friend to my heart
Yet a stranger to my eyes

So I walked tall on the streets
With joy and satisfaction in my heart
Yes, I held on to one tiny picture
That of your ever smiling heart so that
Should we meet, I will know

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The Lily In The Light

At the lily in the light I stare
Upholding the beauties within her that lie
For the lily in the light my heart cares
And never ceases to catch a glimpse
With every moment that goes by

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The Mystery Untold

The little moments we had
So evidenced by this patch on my hat
The fading memories of what we shared
So rich with longing when they dwell
Yet for a moment in my head
Arouse love so great and strong

The eyes you so have
Pop up in mine memories with some nerve
I love you indeed
I stay so richly in need
I hold you by the chick
In memories I so see

Winter came so soon I know
Yet never left me with a shiver of cold
Winter took you from me love
Yet left me with so great a chance
To view your face so often
Play about in mine heart

The mystery untold
Drove me here to you bold one
So I could see your smile unfold
And your eyes blink all at once
I love you now you know
Yet we keep it all a mystery untold

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The Noise From Within

Every now and then I seem to hear
The little voice driving away that little fear
The wonderful words that always bring hope near
Every now and then I seem to hear
That motivating noise with a great cheer

Over and over I hear voices in my head
Denying me that moment of silence I need
And ridiculously driving me crazy so I pray,
Pray for the conversations in my head
To proceed at all no more

So a final word to my dear I say
Subsequent to the conversations that played
'Our date is far from over my dear,
Only the noise form within today
Seems to have all the attention spared for you'

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The Root Of All Evil

What was he thinking, the great wise man
Locked in his room all by himself
Unleashing ruin with the hope to bring peace
Undermining Barter system for it brought no delight
And finding himself producing coins and banknotes
Money, the root of all evil

The great interception to global conflicts
As so was thought to be
Rather became a thorn in the flesh than
Music to one's ears
What was he thinking the poor wise man
When he chose not to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs
Long before it killed him, money
The root of evil

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The Sand From The Soil

You push me into the dark
I faltered not in the light
So why in the dark should I start
Like Jerico to fall apart

We walked before like royalty
Yes we sauntered then in our reality
When sand and soil were one a community
I loved you to my greatest ability

You look great in your corner so distant
Solitude looks awful on you even from a distance
You look stunning even in the stormy incident
Strange in a way but more real in your corner so distant

Love dies not I believe at last
For diggers scratch the soil for sand
Like words scratching through hearts with a blast
I love you like sand and soil still

Like sand from the soil
My joy emanates from your smile
Like sand from the soil
My summer time pride was your smile

Kiss me first in the palm of my hand
To guarantee the warmth of my touch to your heart
For like sand from the soil we should part not
Kiss me first you sweet rose in the palm of my hand

So on your way back to our circle
Bring a gift like a visitor to the castle
Your smile so divine in its design
For like soil and sand we have grown

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The Storm In My Hand

The storm in my hand is a bomb as I glance
Not far but within
The bomb in my palm is a choice in a glimpse
With fear I shake

The chain on my heart is a rock in that pipe
I suffocate tremendously
The chain on my heart like a precipice so fierce
I send the storm from my hand

The storm in my hand is power in grace
So abundant in me
The power in my life is faith in the son
A victor am I made

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The Wish I Have

If I could share my dreams with you
Too many to count and
Too many to share and
Too weary of reality in a way

Or if I could, like beasts reap out my heart
Not necessarily to end my life
But to precisely sketch out a scenario with perfection
Would you open your smiling heart to my words

For there never is beauty in the world
If not that which God carves himself
An all time masterpiece, a work of art
Yes, you.

You and you ridiculous smile
Your perfect in a way laughter
And your slightly bouncy walk
Born from the streets in your neighborhood

Or the precious carved dimples that rest
But quite gently on your cheeks
And your pure heart that smiles down to most
Or in a way, to all

If I could juggle fear and excitement now
And win a case of utmost importance in you
If I could, or at least may walk with faith
Would you care...

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Walking Tall

With pain you pinned me down
My body you ceased with torment
The sorrows still I taste of our doom
Your smile that reeks of entrapment
Oh you took your shot to break me down
Yet still, I walk tall

Was I a jerk to love you then
Perhaps in your mind indeed I was
Praising you and the marvellous works of your hands
Was I a fool to open my arms
To you and your mockery for love
Indeed I was, indeed I was

So my gut I fixed at last
The one you so thought to have demolished
Pain makes me uneasy on the crest
For your presence renders a taste so similar and harsh
So my gut I polished for this part
To take my stand and walk tall

Yes I walk tall and free and sober
For your presence was quite addictive a substance
Plunging me in the deepest slumber
Plunging me in the farthest corners of aloneness
I am free
I walk tall

I chased hope to the extent of time
Knowing little of the new territory called freedom
Interception has finally met with your reign over me world
To carry me out on his arms to freedom
I chased hope at last to this route
Where with hope I walk tall

Let time polish my look
For my heart beats with new melodies of joy
Let my swag thrive now and for good
For shabbiness and I are on the verge of a nasty divorce

I am free at last
I walk tall

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When Love Was Born

When loneliness ceased and friendship came to the front
As we began to shoot the breeze,
Some moment when affection muscled his way to my heart,
then surely love was born.

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You Happened

Only now do I know what it means
That look in your eyes.
For holding your hand allows me a chance
To journey through your heart, your feelings.

Only now am I convinced that you are sad,
But rest assured I never did anything bad.
For all I did was to feel that gap,
The one between your heart and your feelings.

So now I see you wishing to ask me,
'What happened that changed you? '
With great hope of getting a reasonable answer
Yet one sincere answer comes to my mind,
'You happened.'

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