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# A Broken Soul

You were broken yesterday  
The pain this world is inflicting  
The tears you should have shed  
The sorrows you should have uttered  
This world is cruel my child  
It is OK to cry - let those tears fall

Loosen those pains buried within your heart  
This world cares little for our plights  
Don't smile when you're suppose to cry  
Mourn when it's necessary, never fake happiness  
It is OK to be sad, open that closet  
Take off the bitterness of yesterday

Open your mouth  
Break the silence of bitterness  
Let off those griefs and unspoken regrets  
You cannot walk with chains on your legs  
The past is holding you down  
Break those chains  
Let off those grudges  
Vengeance doesn't heal

You're not broken my child  
You're just in repair mode  
This is the way of life  
Cry when you're in sorrow  
Smile when you're happy  
It shows you're alive  
Pick up the pieces and walk on  
Swim up the stream  
There is an Island of happiness

This world is so cruel  
Fight your way through  
It may break you down  
Hold yourself still  
Stab your heart  
Tear your innocent soul

But keep on walking  
Regardless of the tortures  
They have been here long

We've suffered  
Time sold us to sorrow  
Pain held our hearts  
Tied it to the incessant plights of yesterday  
Please, my child  
Don't stay down  
Get up now  
Claim what's yours

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# A Little Angel

When the world was dark and weary  
Life seemed like a drifting sorrow  
Misery was incessantly breaking through  
So she built a wall  
Forgot that even walls  
Could be climbed and broken down

When all seemed so distant  
Beauty was nothing but a dream  
Of the wicked  
When the tides seemed too cruel to the shores  
But they were just doing their daily  
Rounds, back and forth and no worry

She is just a girl and not a woman  
She grew in a man's world, cold  
She slid along every closed door  
And emptiness was all she got

Her heart was growing weaker  
Her thirst getting stronger  
So she dug a hole and waited  
For the rain to fall

At last the rain came  
And within those droplets  
She met a loveless man  
Of her own love she never knew  
He gave her a little angel  
And ran away  
She called her Blessing  
held her closer to her torn heart  
and that's when she felt love  
for the first time in her life

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# A Little Harmless

You string my deepest desires up high  
Your soft skin feels like a spring day  
Bright and sparkling, come on baby  
Let's dance under the twilight's breeze  
Let's sin one more time and ride along

Your lips look like wine  
Come on, intoxicate me  
Let's be flowers  
And pull off our petals one by one  
I want to see what's inside

When you move, my feelings touch  
The sky, your touch pulls me closer  
Tenderly we intertwine slowly and softly  
Under serene skies, the bright blue seas

Hold me tight I am falling all over again  
For you, come on, pluck my desires  
Let our love consume the moment

Let's roll till dawn,  
I want to see the beauty within  
Dig your claws in my skin  
Let's swim under the chandelier  
Take me to the moon dear  
Dim the light, it's intoxicating  
Let the world crash as our companion  
Take my heart, caress my soul  
Hold me till the morning sun

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# Age Of Green Fields

Song birds awakening silent love within  
cascades smile down the lakes  
As lands grow fields of evergreen plants  
Animals cheer as rivers full of clearly clean waters  
That roar their way to the oceans  
its an age of green fields

Flowers glow attractive hues and nectar  
The busy bees beautify the scent of nature  
sweetens its essences  
the drink of the Gods a symbol of love  
As it is the center of attraction  
That evokes smiles on florist's faces  
Its smell just as flower of the heavens

An age of evergreen fields  
Trees and land given a green blanket  
rivers blessed With sweet pure waters  
that sings and rejoice day and night  
that finds beauty by the cascades  
the playground of the waters, its been a long winter  
those that stood tall  
Never gave up life deserve these blessings  
nature smiles as if no winter will ever happen  
nor autumn to brown green pastures  
But yet seasons come to pass

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# Alone In The Dark

Life is meaningless, you will die.  
All that awaits is the same primordial stillness  
We are alone in a deep abyss filled with greater beings  
That are indiffererent to our presence  
Horrifying, I wish it weren't true, and so it is  
That humanity's greatest curse is our awareness  
Of this world, it only brings fear  
perhaps it is true as they say  
Ignorance is a bliss

Alone in the forest of darkness  
Wearing Fear as a blanket on my sleeves  
That will always leave me cold  
&quot;Yesterday was history, tomorrow is a mystery  
Today is a gift, that's why it's called the present&quot;  
That's what she used to say, to remind me  
That there was more to live for when the sounds  
Of the shutting doors echoed like an ache in my head  
That I wanted to give up, I started to write my own  
Obituary, words dipped in an ocean of tears  
There was nothing much to write besides sadness

The broken beats of yesterday's sad music  
Come creeping in, as the light fades on the  
Stillness of the wind, my soul wears off  
As my body descends the stairs of death  
I am now a mere dot in the timeline  
I had dreams, I wanted to be known  
And praised by many, to die a good man  
But today I lay in the cold with loneliness  
And fear sneaking in with the cold wintery rain

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# Before The Sun Sets

my love, calmer of storms of sorrows  
Would you pour a portion of your love into my heart?  
Would you let me know of your love once more?  
Would you whisper your love into my heart?

Today as the sun well up in the sky  
it calls upon warmness to sooth our cold hearts  
to let yet plants make their own foods  
To strengthen our weary hopes  
Today as before the sunset  
Tell me of your love  
Because tomorrow is unknown

Today as before the sunset  
Let us rejoice our love as if last  
as the sun sets We lay next to each other  
And set an alarm to wake us in the morning  
but yet not sure of either each of us will behold sunrise  
'Cause death is a part of our lives  
hiding under the shadows of our gleeful days

Oh my love, hold me tight  
And know if I wake no more in the morning  
if death as a vulture reaps what it hadn't sown  
just know I'll be an angel over your paths  
I'll always love you more  
Now before the sun sets  
Tell me of your love  
For I'll love you till death be no more

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# Birth Of Death

Yesterday was dark and pale  
The mountains burst with hot lava gush  
That rushed and left the lands in anguish  
It abruptly erupted like a brutal tempest  
And swept over humanity with no consent  
It amputated every human being at heart  
The leaves swirled in the autumn wind  
As the fall season came to dread  
birth of death came too close to the  
Destruction of humanity

The lands buried soldiers and emperors  
Who's hearts never beat with thoughts  
Of deceasing but today we fold arms  
And bow our heads for our fallen Kings  
This world was never a better place  
It's a timed puzzle, one wrong move  
We die, one day love held my heart  
And within those cold winter nights  
God came and took my love in a swirl  
And he said he needed another angel

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# Bittersweet Memories

When she smiled, brushed my hair  
melted my heart, showed her love  
she became my superwoman  
For the pain, she had endured, for love  
she had given, despite her plights  
she always wore a smile  
She made her cries in the rain  
and always uttered her love  
I had no idea of love  
never understood the feeling  
I was young as a fledgling bird

I've grown to understand  
but she's no longer there  
to assure me of her love  
to give me her strength to fight or  
give me love worth living for nor to  
hold my hand when fear befalls me  
and show me light when darkness rises

I was once shown love but I too young to understand  
Once I was cared for but too young to appreciate it  
Now that I've grown up, the world has turned  
Standing here confused  
my path is filled with undergrowth  
nothing is worth living for  
except these bittersweet memories

When cancer didn't exist, we smiled as the sun  
soared towards sunset  
This is our one spot where we used to sit  
and gazed at the sunset

For she said, there is healing in the beauty of the sunset  
I've died before death and wish that I never grew up  
as a sunflower seeking the light, but found by darkness  
Wish I could be a firefly and walk through the darkness  
Bitterly sweet memories, death is as an eagle  
reaping what it hadn't sown

For she was a mother, a best friend  
a teacher, a lover and a loved one  
Death made me an orphan and tore my heart apart  
Tears make salty oceans, they took my love  
and made me a victim  
Now I am a lone wolf  
bitterly sweet memories

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# Echoes Of The Past

My heart is a blaze of a fading flame  
The roads we used to travel are covered in grass  
Like a string connecting two worlds  
Memories repelling away, I am merely broken  
I could take that road again  
But it seems to lead nowhere without you  
With no sun to glare down on us

Every gaze is one I couldn't tame  
My mind dreams of a sunken shame  
I was once a Traveller and met friendly faces  
Now I can't even draw a smiling face  
Who could've thought it would all fade  
There were lots of noises and parks were full  
Of smiling and friendly faces, children playing  
With their parents and I was amongst them

I miss you and all your smiles  
Funny, how I used to think I was happy  
But it was all you, I am in a deep abyss  
Holding a fading flame in my hands  
As darkness creeps in, running riots  
On my mind, I could run, I could flee  
But where would I go? When all I see  
is falling skies and collapsing mountains

How can I live on an empty space?  
With no hopes of tomorrow's mending hand  
But I hope the angels are singing lullabies  
To tone down all your worries  
Life is a nightmare of fleeting shadows  
Without you, nowhere is safe without  
Your warm presence, all I feel is coldness  
Sending shivers on my nerves  
Thus drowning on a bottomless Ocean  
awaiting your hand to pull me to the surface  
There is nothing I can't give just to gaze at you  
Again, I hope heaven is holding you well.



# Moments Past Time

The garden of my love is prickling  
With loneliness creeping behind shadows  
Of my once spirited soul, my heart clamours  
And is awakened for the first time and weeps  
For you, your heart is now a red flower  
That I water every day and with drops  
Of tears, my eyes recall how beautiful  
You were before them, and how you gleamed  
Like the shooting stars and the morning sun  
The red fiery ball of light in the west  
And the fireflies and the Midnight's rain  
You were beautiful

You were a medallion  
Your eyes fiery like two balls of light  
Your smiles as bright as the rainbow  
You were beautifully uncompered  
But your expectations were too deep  
I jumped amidst the deep oceans  
To pluck them, but I drowned in the  
Process and you didn't care  
I searched across paths of the dead  
And overstepped my morals for you  
I just wanted to see you smile

I fell onto the wrong path  
However I was hopeful and undismayed  
I dug my claws onto the setting sun  
And watched the beautiful day  
Change into something mysterious  
and dangerous, and I related to you  
That something so beautiful  
Could crush my soul  
And ruthlessly dagger my heart  
With your expectations insincerely  
And the rain washed it all away

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# My Fair Lady

Your love is a rhythm of ecstasy  
It awakens every nerve and serve  
My desires with a crimson feeling  
Your cherry-red lips set my nerves aflame  
You are a fine tune of a nightingale  
And Your skin like sunlight, it warms my heart  
And set alight even the darkest parts

Your curves are like fine waves  
Your eyes like two spheres set alight  
Your tender touch gives goose bumps  
The sound of your laugh feels like music  
Your statue is of a deity or a goddess  
Your love is wider than the firmaments  
And deeper than the depth of the seas  
Your smile is the antidote of my life's bitterness

You are beautiful my love  
And You have the audacity to outshine  
Every darkness this world inflicts  
And for that I love you a thousand times  
Let's walk arm in arm baby across times  
In Times of death we shall remain unbroken  
times of glee we shall celebrate and appreciate  
In time of fleeting shadows and heightened fear  
We shall remain strong my love

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# No Man, No Cry

Good morning death I hope you're well  
In case you're wondering, I am that soft little soul you robbed  
of a parent years ago, I was a soft innocent soul  
all I quivered for was a soft hug, a tender kiss and parental love  
yet you found time to brake us apart.

When you were slowly sipping his soul down your throat  
they called you cancer, they said you were corrosive  
Moments after moments, we were slowly but surely loosing a part of him  
Tears broke like volcanoes covering the land in an instant  
that who ever steps shall descend the stairs of death  
You took love before I knew it ever existed

My heart is a canvas of sorrows  
Demons reminiscing in resonant voices  
That you took my voice before I knew how to pronounce  
&quot;dad&quot;, and engraved &quot;dead&quot; instead, I watched his soul  
descend  
his body without a good bye, then he reached a hand  
Quivering as if overwhelmed with fear  
Ruffled my hair, he wanted to shed the last tear  
perhaps utter the last words  
that could echo across decades  
but he couldn't, I was six years old  
And not ready for such brake down

The mud subsides when the waters calm  
Like a seed underneath the snowy winter  
My voice has been shattered by your aftermath  
I took a long black train to a &quot;No man no cry&quot; world  
an imaginary planet, one that is engraved  
on the mind of a broken soul  
seeking to finally settle with an old foe  
Just until the roar settles into a thunder  
Until we know that an ocean is a sink for carbon dioxide  
the pain subsides.

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# Oceans Away

A moment of silence  
This year hence, it will be forgotten  
as all come and go  
these lands so cruel, Once you fall  
they sow you for the fertility of the land  
A moment of silence  
Time has anguished hence  
From seconds to decades  
This lonely path abides  
Beyond the vast oceans  
Peace and harmony dwell  
Each night comes to set  
Each sunrise, each sunset  
Be a symbol of a ceaseless  
Flow of time as cascades  
Yesterday seems dead  
As a tree of leaves withered  
Though been here long enough but hands empty  
This is tough but no laugh  
I take a step after another  
Farther and farther away  
Away from the yesterday  
To the rhythms of tomorrow  
There's the tomorrow  
Beyond the Oceans  
Farther away from yesterday  
farther away from pains that rains within my veins  
for the first time A radiant smile across my face  
All I have is ashes of yesterday  
this world nature full of pleasant silent voices  
The reeks of honey bees  
The soft inaudible whisper of flowers  
the silent rains  
The cascades  
This world of freedom  
Perhaps free from doom  
Beyond the Vast Oceans  
Happiness reigns in the rain



# Ravages Of Time

Brake not the heart of the broken  
My voice was now filled with void  
As the misfortunes lighted upon  
When my land was arid and dried  
I sat on my knees and prayed  
Heavy rains fell and eroded my seeds  
I fell down and pleaded again in tears  
Then, the sun dried and cracked my land  
How is it that you're a kind God?

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# Sweet Child Of Mine

Sweet child of mine  
Remember me when I'm gone  
Watch the sun until it sinks in a devastated  
fury, let the mountains subside  
And sink your eyes on the airy warmth  
Dip your senses on the soft breeze  
Hear the voices of resonance  
That there was someone who loved you dearly  
until death came restraining

But mourn not for my death  
O Sweet child of mine  
Time found time in the timeline  
For me to depart the earth and float  
In death, mourn not for me O dear child  
For mourning deprives the will to let go  
I love you dearly O sweet child of mine  
Embrace freedom and let my soul rest  
Its funny how I use to say its cold outside  
Now get inside but I'm lying here  
In the wildness and the winter snow  
Will be a blanket to warm my cold bones

See, death took away my dream  
A dream to witness your dreams succeed  
Sweet child of mine O do not despair  
I guess gravity tried to hold my soul to my pale body  
but my body failed to bear my beautiful soul  
O sweet child of mine  
Do not dwell in sorrow, let go  
Do not for a moment mourn  
Sink your heart on the healing spring enthusiasm  
do not embalm me in your mind

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# Tides Of Dried Oceans

Underneath the Earth's surface  
There is a warehouse of corpses  
Of good souls who died by mistake  
Of accidents that left the people  
In horrible wails, of bad scumbags  
Who's hearts beat with violence  
And there lies my lovely wife

Once, twice or thrice on weekends  
There is a wooden gate down the road  
We used to gaze and sympathize  
Groups of saddened souls chanting  
Wooden crosses left to rot in the cold  
We used to go there to burry loved ones  
Didn't know that one day it'll be us  
We would go inside and only one out

I used to visit her, and talk to her  
Though she is lying in the cold  
With no words to speak  
But I have tons of them  
I would give anything to hear you  
Talk back, I miss us and all we used  
To be, all the sweet and sour days  
All the beautiful memories come  
Running like a wrecking ball  
My heart wails and clamours for you

Its funny how we used to imagine  
Our future, beautifully finished  
I know you'll forever be a part of me  
All the beautiful things I see  
You be the soft morning breeze  
You be the warmth of the winter sun  
You be soothing spring blanket  
Be the angel in my dreams  
Be the tides of my dried ocean



# Transformation

The tone in her voice made me smile  
It was like the sound of the waves on the shores  
Like a beautiful dream it purified my soul  
There was something sacred in her control  
She sang bitterness so beautifully  
The way she sang sorrow was brewed perfectly  
She made it beautiful and I smiled

She sang sorrow with complete ecstasy  
Her voice was beautiful but her lyrics  
So sad, I had to relate to her story  
She was sad yet she sang so beautifully  
She was broken but sang so solidly  
The way she moved was like the sway  
Of a sword to kill the mocking mercy

She held the mic like the dagger  
I didn't know that something so sad  
Could be presented solely beautifully  
She was once a caterpillar and crushed  
But she slowly transformed her wounds  
And became a beautiful butterfly  
And sang her scars out loud  
For other caterpillars to know  
That they could transform their suffering  
Into something beautifully godly  
We are born not knowing we could run  
Marathons but we learn through our falls  
Just how long we could stand

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# Unto Tomorrow

Standing on the mountain  
Watching the sun set  
Wish I could fly as an eagle  
This distance cuts deep  
Watching the oceans play  
Wish I could walk over  
Clouds run in the sky  
Wish they could take me  
Closer to you

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# When Doves Cry

Sitting by that rock we used to gather  
when we were children, to gather  
All the beautiful memories of childhood  
I wish to see you again, to tell you  
That life is no longer what we were used to  
Perhaps, show you the scars engraved  
On my once beautiful face

Look through the western sky  
You'll see my scars on those dark clouds  
Witness my wails through the storms  
Behold my sadness through the cracked  
Winter lands, and naked trees  
May you smile at them like the sun  
Shining through days said to be dark  
May you be the flowers in my garden  
Though they may be dying  
But they still dance through the breeze

We were said to live happily  
Remember how we wanted to grow  
Now these prickles of adulthood  
I can not bear, I wish to never have  
Grown, life was said to be a crystal stair  
a paved footpath under a galaxy of stars  
Perhaps a holiday in Mauritius  
Now I want to be five again

When we were children  
We lived recklessly and adventurously  
The consequences we're not this severe  
Remember how beautifully mysterious  
This world was? The stars had joy  
Engraved on their shiny bright bodies  
The sun was a warm blanket  
And the rain was tender and smooth  
It watered flowers to growth  
Now it's a horrific flood that erodes  
And wipes every beautiful memory

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My mind is a canvas of vintage images  
Meaningless- it wanders across realms  
Of fake realism, kingdoms of lost deism

My heart is a sail of demons and the evil  
Forays on murky edges of my uncheerful  
Heart, it is on a ship of wickedness driving  
Off from humanity, every heart beat distancing  
Sound like the cry of a tormented soul

My blood boils, and arises to every pore  
Seeking to explode like a hot lava's gush  
That rushes, and cover the lands in anguish  
My tumultuous silence shrouds with demure  
My silenced voice seeks where it obscures

My eyes blearly of this path's weary  
And cloudy austerity, my teary  
Eyes dwell on an empty promise  
That one day they will finally reminisce  
In the beauty of this world with no obscurity  
dreary days will fade in our dexterity  
humanity will suffer no disparity

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# Yesterday

Yesterday

The world smiled  
Our paths filled with light  
Life was eased  
Children on the merry go round  
round and round it goes  
one screamed  
&quot;The world is turning around! &quot;  
no one succoured

It was yesterday

When the whole family shared a meal  
The laughter, the old life stories  
happiness seen in the eyes  
brothers serving brotherhood and  
so were sisters in sisterhood

Yesterday

Death was miles away  
The pastures were greener  
No soul was imprisoned  
No life was burdened  
All was simply portrayed  
Love was a glue in between  
Our hearts, all was yesterday

Yesterday

All ended when the sunset  
Darkness rose from the mist  
We laid down with hope for better tomorrow  
In the morning  
The sun did not come up  
It was foggy in mountains  
Every soul troubled  
All started from the child on the merry-go-round  
But no one succoured

Now our paths filled with undergrowth  
not lay trodden black

Our hearts are weary  
Death as a predator preying on life  
we dwell in sorrows  
Constant pains  
O love has swerved to lust

No rain falls  
Lands arid and dusty  
O what went wrong?  
Each day we cry  
Tears fall as cascades  
The memory of yesterday  
Cuts deeper in our hearts  
We kill each other  
We dwell in fear  
If someone would tear  
Our families apart

Despite the flow of tears  
Suffering is never ceased  
Yet we smile hoping that one day  
love will prevail  
Our sorrows will melt  
Our hearts will sooth  
Our paths shall enlighten  
Death be no more  
No disease will feed on us  
No pain will pledge loyalty to death  
all was yesterday  
When a smile shone as stars in the sky  
Yesterday all was there

When the sun sets  
Mothers singing lullaby  
Calming the breeze  
O their love envies not  
It doesn't change as this world does  
we all on the line, awaiting death  
O our loved ones tears  
Their innocent caressing hearts  
This is life, round and round it goes  
our hopes are floating in vanity

lost in sentimental beliefs  
that someday it'll all fade

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