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Been A While

Been a while since I have spoken
I havent had the time
well I have but I abused it
and its all gone down the line
please listen to the message
because they will surely fail
they cant climb out the windows and they cant get over the rails
so when they come calling among you
and try to tell stories all false
you'll tell them to leave, and out with a heave
you kick em right in the balls

Philip Charles Brown

Brothers All

Here's another
thinking of my brothers
Miss you Paul and John
damn how time has gone
but we is what we have been given
and we do our own livin'
Breakfast at a country inn
let the day roar as we begin
someday I'll see you soon
crazy as a friggin loon
every day I miss ya
may every sunrise kiss ya

Philip Charles Brown

December

Stop.....

Look around

See the sights and hear the sounds

The cold crisp feeling and its gentle chill

To rested minds

And even still

Oh how I remember, I always remember

Cold chilly days in the month of December

White as white could only be

It brings a certain warmth to me

Philip Charles Brown

Diana

I ignored the displayed stories
A moments glance is all
Its yours to live, so I ignored
Now its not yours at all

I barely even knew of you
Except to love and admire from afar
I didn't want to know at all
Now I wonder how you are

I didn't mean to be so casual
But you had to have your own
I respected from this distance
And I hope your not alone

May your soul be restful
And sleep hold you
This test we pass, or try to
You have conquered with your spirit

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Foreign Night

A great soul passed on by
A star shot through the sky
A momentary glance at light
A tragedy I've never known, passed in a foreign night

I think you might have found a love
I know you found the light
I think you lived more than I ever will
Now its gone in a foreign night

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How He Was

Took on more than he could chew
Left himself in a bit of a stew
Tried to make it into something new
Regretted all the chances that he threw

Began again but nothing easy
Would not know how to deliver to me
Something harder comes along freely
He weren't angry just acting feably

Challenges is what he liked
Liked the brawl and loved the fight
From the left and from the right
He sewed them pennies through the night

When something came given clear
Not the words he had in his ear
Towards the difficult he did steer
Brash and brambles to the clear

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I Cannot

I cannot draw the picture
I can only see the view
I cannot see the light of day
If the light can't shine on you

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I Know

So he thought he was done
Love like that hidden in the sun
But when it came it surprised
And then tears filled his eyes
Not hurt as in days gone by
And not in pain did he cry
But time had been so cruel and fast
Thought that love had long ago past
Rekindled and now hoped that someday
That love into his heart would storm again one day
For my friend you know who you are
You have gotten away but you wont get far

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I Was A Boy

I was a boy I did not understand
that things get crazy and out of hand
I was a boy and could not see
That one day you would not be
I was a boy and trusted all
I did not know that things may fall
I was a boy and wondrously
I thought all was clear, I would always see
I was a boy and gazed in wonder
I thought there was a place to hide from thunder
I was a boy and expected that
I would know where home was at
I was a boy and knew that family
would always be at hand for me
I was a boy and thought that I
would live forever and would never die
I was a boy and depended on
The sun to shine down upon
Then one day I was a man
I realized, I don't understand

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If I Was White

If I was white, i'd be rich
get a shovel, make a ditch
fill it up with water
workin like I oughta
Build my castle therewithin
And then it would all begin
If I was white, I'd have a maid
Go and get myself spade
and dig a hole where dirt once laid
put all my treaures there within
and there it would all begin
If I was white
I'd shine so bright
A mirror facing the sun am I
I lighten up all the sky
and there it would all begin
If I was white
and you were not
and I did not know what the world has taught
I would love you
and share with you
my castle and my treasure too
I would shine so bright for you

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Lost

Where are you
And when you get there what you gonna do
What you gonna say
No matter whos in the way
When ya gonna get back
When you gonna lay down your stack
When you gonna join
In the quiet of the crowd
When the ladies don't scream so loud
Get yourself up and around
Let yourself go and take what life offers you
Pleasure time for pleasures sake, don't let go of what ain't fake
Beating on the partners door wondering what the partners for

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Love Ended

Last drop of blood
from an aching heart
Drips, splashes to the beat
of forgotten love songs

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Mincing Words

Well I thought that I was done
but words I got and words is fun
I been crazy with my thoughts of late
and I'm mixed up, but it ain't hate
its missing and hoping and confusion is all
My mind is dancing, it's having a ball
I'll be straight and set it clear
and keep reality close and near
Clouds sometimes sink so low
they mess with the ability for you to know
But clarity comes back in view
So I can grasp the picture of you

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Miss Em

Had four brothers
now I got two
hate the pain
thank god I got you

beat myself up
tortured my mind
tried to get what I just couldn't find

ran from a place never thought I would be
thank god I got you, standing here by me

I somehow gotta getaway
leave this place
I just can't stay
can't look at your face

miss dad and mother
cause they are gone
ain't one without the other
and it ain't no fun

need to stand, on my own two feet
walk on down, the remembered street

thanks god, you are here
how could I even stand the fear
of a lonely place
I could only wish they were all here

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Missing The Sea

The sea, the sea I've missed it
Thrown so far from your shores
A land I'm in, and not again
I fear I'll hear your roar's
Although not born beside you
And never deep inside you
I have been thrown so deep inside
A land like you so high and wide
I miss ye, I miss ye
Deep and roaming sea
My fondest mind, in it I find
A longing to be close to you
The salty air and grainy course sand
Rocks strewn around, to define the land
A cliff and the sky, just roaming on by
I miss you for this flatest land
For this I hope without your sand
I know someday I will rejoice and
hear the waves splashing voice
I will wait, for I know I'll be
resting my ears and eyes, upon the sea

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Mistake

If I make a mistake and fall on my face
Will you be there, to help me retrace
Where I went wrong and need to realign
Will you post a directions sign
Will you reach out your hand and pull me up
Could you tell me when enough is enough
Will not hold no fault to the failure of mine
Will help me redirect and follow the sign
Or will I need to fight it alone
As I've had to do crawling on home
Cause I don't want to do it alone anymore
Don't have the same strength as I've had before
Would you please chastise but love me the same
Cause I just ain't got the same strength in the game
Cause I'll falter I've done it before,
Just don't want to fight through it all alone anymore

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More Time

I wish that I had spent more time
I wish that I had opened my mind
I wish that I had more strength
To last the race and run its length
But you have not taken and exhausted me
You have provided all I feel and see
You have given so much and taken nothing in return
But the love you provided was easily earned
All we had to do was be
In your life and your love was free.
Best gifts have no tag or cost
They are received and never lost
What you provided in my heart
Was a beginning, a place to start
You made it easy after that
My heart is full my heart is fat
I grin from ear to ear each day
Cause I know love is here to stay

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My Country

The greatest place in all the earth
Cannot begin to estimate worth

The land of sweet liberty
Where all of us can live so free

And yet the fight is always there
Weak stand down cause it aint fair

The strong they fight and don't back down
Stand with their kind and don't back down

Emotionless through all the woes
As hard as it comes to us
It just so easily tends to go

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My Kitten (Meggie)

Injured as a kitten
You grew so nice and strong
Your heart is well protected
In my eyes you do no wrong

I love you little meggie
You fill my heart with glee
I'm depending on you kitten
To please depend on me

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Out The Window

I stared out of the window, my reflection hardly there
I could not find my feature, but still continued to stare
I reached and closed the curtain, and sat upon the floor
I closed my eyes about to sleep, and woke to the opening door
My reflection stood before me, and asked why I had turned
Was it something he had done, or something I had learned?
I closed my eyes to see it, and waited for it to pass
I knew it was my conscience, and not the reflection in the glass

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Sad Christmas

I am home for Christmas
Beer can count on me
Gonna get Drunk, and without a thunk
I'm gonna fall down in the Christmas tree

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Saw You

When I first saw ya
I could not ignore ya
I fell on the floor yeah
And we danced in the slippery light of the cold dark night
And I held ya in my mind
But it was only a short time
And out of our hands, it flowed like grains of sand
To another time that we can't seem to find anymore
and every time i see ya
I still got that thing for ya
I know i will always adore ya
Baby I implore ya
Will you please dance with me in the slippery light of the cold dark night

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Some Words

I read some words that she had wrote
They touched my heart I read again a gulping in my throat
Could words some girl expressed, steer me to wonder how
I wondered what it could be and where she is right now
Am I too old, am I chased out should I just refrain
For I love the words she had wrote
But to pursue would only cause me pain
Darn time and darn the speed in which it goes
Romance should be grabbed when chance is there or you may never know

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Start Over

When he came to the place
Where he found both time and space
He looked on in and found the grace
To realize these things replace

Then he moved on to correct the wrongs that have been done
Whether earth or gods own sons
We must build and take us forth
To face the fates those have consorted

And then as we have standardized
And to the world we have surprised
And they who dare stand and deny
Look at our strength and can't reply

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Thanksgiving

Tomorrow's Thanksgiving

I'm thankful a lot

I think of my family

And I'm glad what I've got

I love you all bunches

You're never forgot

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Thats How Much

Well thats how much I love you
I love you with all I got to give
I want to have you in my heart, as long as I am here
I hope you understand me, you know that I'm a foolish man
I love you with all my heart babe, I love you all I can

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The Modern Pres

Loud and proud he rambled in
To the house in Washington
Fix this, break that its what I do
Predecessors effort he did eschew
A clan of wit and wise less men
He built them into government
Promises made with triumphant words
That not a mouse of use was made to stir
Like spoiled child he pampered on
Rust on the house in Washington
Not yet has finished and hardly begun
And he remembers well that he had won
Its not what you say you will do that gets you in books
Its what you provide for those oft overlooked

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This Phase

There's gotta be a better way
Than how we carry on today
There's gotta be a another place
Where thoughts I have, I don't dont erase
Money, riches all ablaze
We just need a another phase
Not the one that burns us down
a phase that lifts us from the ground

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Unknown Me

You do not know me
As I don't know myself
You think I am more than a shadow
but I don't have a shadows stealth
You think the lines
that I have walked
have been crafted by my desire
But I have traveled where I need
if only to avoid the fire

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What Was

When was what was
Why was what was
Who was what was
How was what was
That was what was
They was what was

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When

When time was my friend, I'd lollygag and laze
It was all in front of me I had so many days
When time never entered the passing mind
And I thought I had all the time
When....

When lines were not on my face, just spots
And I was handsome in my ways and looks I had not lost
When fat had not encircle me, and I was young and tight
And muscular I was not and never ventured into fight
When....

When all my loved ones were there and all were counted true
And I had not found anyone and not thought of you
When loss was something that had never shown
And sharing caring was in abundance and death was never known
When....

When I found love and shooed it away, only to find again
And I was tender in the time and my goodness you could depend
When I gave you and you gave me and we just shared and shared
And I thought I would always be the one who always cared
When....

When I realized that looking back was not the way
And I was not back there but here today
When I knew that mortality would grasped my breast
And take me down into the Death
When....

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When I First Saw Ya

I think I nearly loved ya
when you came into view
hadn't seen that face before
it could have only belonged to you

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Words On Love

Words, easily spoken
Promises, easily broken
Time, easily spent
Wondering, where it all went
Heart, beating strong
Holding, love all along
Released, never
Lasting, forever
And then, and once again
It starts to mightily flourish
And on more love it will nourish
Until a strength of fight is gone
It seems as none but is really one
We are one rejoined in time
By the love found in our hearts and mind
Pain is just a temporary thing
Love, it just so permanently sings
And if by chance you don't participate
Then hurry up before it's too late
Cause love will bind you
And more love will find you

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