

Poetry Series

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"Love";

It's unstoppable
Totally unstoppable
I feel it now
Head to toe
And it won't
Let me go
It's unstoppable
All the time
It has captured
My heart and soul
It's unstoppable
And I love it so
I hope this feeling
Never goes
It's Unstoppable
When you feel love
It's Unstoppable

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2018 Gone

Another year has reached it's end
Was twenty eighteen foe or friend?

I think back to friends I lost
With heads bowed and heart crossed

How sad it is to see them go
But in my heart they left a glow

To family members who passed on
Memories of them will never be gone

To all the people who lost loved one's
Husbands, wife's, daughters and sons

They'll forever be your dearly departed
Remembering them, could get tears started

Losing a loved one is the hardest of all
On any day it will cast a pall

But still new years keep marching on
Even when other, lives are gone

1-2-19/RjH

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A Bad Choice

She came to me
With tears in her eyes
I asked, for what reason
Do you cry

She said last night
My heart was broken
Through her tears
Words were hardly spoken

She said the boy
That she loved
Was taken away
By the Lord above

He chose to drink
Then, drive a car
Unfortunately he didn't
Get very far

He lost control
Then hit a tree
Self-destruction
He couldn't flee

I said to her in a whisper
The Lord didn't take him away
He chose his own path to take
On that sad and fateful day

11-3-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Battered Wife

Where's the smile
That you use to wear
I look at you
I don't see it there
Where has it gone
Can you please
Put it back on

Where's the girl
That I knew
The one who made
Life seem brand new
But I don't see what
I use to see in you

There's the girl
All she does is cry
She's the only one
Who knows why

She says in her room
The door always closed
Again, the reason why
She 's the one who knows

She use to be so happy
Always full of life
But all that changed
When she became his wife

She's always in pain
Her eyes always black
I just want to see
Her, get her life back

Why does she take it
She should just leave
No one deserves
The treatment she receives

I'm so afraid for her
I tell her she must leave
I tell her if she doesn't
Soon our family will greive

1-9-10/RJH

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A Beautiful Memory

Loving you was nice
In fact
It was so much more than nice
It was beautiful beyond words
Even now as I think back
I think what a beautiful memory
You have given to me

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A Beginning Or The End?

Back with me
Is where you belong
Together through life
We'll sing our song

I love you
You love me
So, isn't together
Where we should be?

2-16-78/RJH

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A Better Life In Death

She lived her life all alone
No one to ever love
She had no one to lean on
No one she could think of

When life's troubles got her down
She retreated to her room
Surrounded by four grey walls
She felt like she was doomed

The walls kept on closing in
She couldn't take no more
She looked at herself in the mirror
She wondered, what am I living for

So she went to her closet
She selected her best dress
She put it on with her new shoes
Then left her house on her quest

She drove down to the river
Parked her car and got out
She stood there for a moment
But there was nothing to figure out

She climbed up on the rail
Threw herself into the air
As she drifted toward the water
Suddenly, she had not a care

All the pressure that she felt
Had all disappeared
For the first time in her painful life
Her head was completely clear

Now they never found her body
But in her car she left a letter
She said, please don't worry about me
In death life will be much better

11-06-09/RJH

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A Better Person To See

You came to me in a time
When my life was really bad
My smile had been lost
Life seemed so very sad

But you were the one
Who made the sun shine again
Looking back I now realize
You were more to me than just a friend

I could tell you anything
That was on my mind or in my heart
Sometimes both were so cluttered
Like a homeless persons shopping cart

But somehow and somehow
You could make sense of it all
With your guiding heart
Together, we knocked down the wall

It was a wall I had built
To shut everyone out
You made me see that a loving heart
Can erase all pain and doubt

You made see for myself
That is was easy to be strong
That no matter what people thought
If you believe, you'll prove them wrong

So I just want to thank you
For believing so much in me
I know now as life moves on
I'll be a much better person to see

7-18-09/RJH

A Break From Life

At times it's nice to get away
To just enjoy a relaxing day

Maybe on a lake sitting in a boat
Cast your reel as you drift afloat

Go to a park lay under a tree
A shady break from reality

Toes in the sand by the oceans roar
A place you've always loved before

Jump into your car and go for a drive
Top down wind blowing makes you feel alive

Or, just stay home and enjoy the peace
Let the stress slowly release

Hopefully again you'll feel so alive
As relaxing helps us all survive

1-15-19/RjH

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A Break From Love

I can't seem to separate
Love, from losing you
I want to love again
But not sure now if it's the thing to do

Every time I think of love
My thoughts all run to you
Although I try hard to forget
The pain still seems so new

Hopefully one day I'll find
A way to move on
But until that day arrives
For now, my feelings of love are gone

It's not that I've given up on love
But I'm still kind of bitter
Never before in my life
Have I been known as a quitter

So, from love I need to take
A long extended break
I know I have to do this
If only for my heart's sake

It's almost funny how a single emotion
Can leave one so bruised and battered
But never in my wildest dreams
Did I think love would leave me shattered

1-19-19/RjH

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A Brighter Day

Love is never far away
It's never in hiding
When we live without it
We feel like we're sliding

We think that love is gone
That it simply passed us by
When we sit to ponder
Then all we do is cry

We thought we found that person
That would love us so true
But then before you know it
It's like they've forgotten you

You've given so much time
Plus all the energy you can
You're not really sure
When the heart aches began

You only know for too long
Your needs have been ignored
You've tried everything you know
You've even prayed to the Lord

But nothing seems to work
Nothing gets their attention
You finally decide this is it
There no use to even mention

That you live unsatisfied
Many things are unfulfilled
It seems the more you say
The more you feel the chill

Long ago you realized
That this love was at it's end
Not only have you lost a lover
Along the way you've lost your friend

In your heart you believe
That true love does exist
You know when you find it
You will not resist

For far too long you've been alone
Too many lonely and cold nights
You know that somewhere out there
A heart beats for you that's right

It may take time to find them
How long who can really say
But you know deep in your heart
The world holds for you a brighter day

11-15-08/RJH

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A Broken Heart

A broken heart is something
We have all known
Many times we hide it
So our sorrow isn't shown

Our hearts break when a friend dies
One you've known for many years
The pain we feel we cannot hide
As we painfully shed our tears

How about a pet we've had for years
Suddenly one day they are gone
That loss had its own kind of pain
But we still find a way to go on

I know that most people
Associate a broken heart
With a broken love
That's usually how it starts

But your child can break your heart
As you watch them struggle in school
You so much want for them to succeed
So as they go through life they won't be fooled

So you see, a heart breaks comes in many ways
There are many causes and reasons for our pain
Just one broken heart regardless of the reason
From that point on, we never seem to be the same

2-9-09/RJH

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A Broken Man

A love that's been lost
A love not meant to be
That seems to be the story
That was written just for me

Love was always close at hand
But I just couldn't get a hold
What a sad editorial
When the story of my life is told

I was never mean to woman
I just couldn't stay true
I would love one lady
All the time, looking for someone new

So that is why love has never lasted
It wasn't them it was me
When I look into the mirror
A broken man is all I see

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A Candles Flame

A candle flame lights the night
Like the sun lights the day
The peacefulness of a flame
Can chase the loneliness away

A candle flame can be a light of hope
As the flickering from the flame
Can calm an excited soul
In church you can light a candle in God's name

It can burn eternal on a grave
It can help someone find their way
It can light a darkened world
It can bring hope to a new day

2-17-10/RJH

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A Cats Life

You lay in the sun
On a cold winter's day
Just laying there
Soaking up the rays

Your life is so easy
From day to day
You eat and sleep
Sometimes you play

You watch the world
As it passes you by
You don't get involved
You don't want to try

I wish that I
Had a life like that
But then again
I'm not a cat

12-30-18/RjH

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A Cheater Caught

You took off with him
Seeking something new
Little did you know
The things that he would do to you

While he was cheating
On his girlfreind with you
He was cheating on you
With someone that you knew

While his girlfriend sat at home
He ran around with you
When you weren't with him
He was off with the woman you knew

But one day his adventures
Were all found out about
He hurt you so very much
That you wanted to scream and shout

So while you thought you were the one
You found out you were not
Your stomach turned, it made you sick
Some will say, you deserved what you got

A man who cheats on his girlfriend
Then cheats on the one he's cheating with
I guess to him it didn't matter
I guess it was all worth the risk

11-26-09/RJH

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A Cheating Wife

Visions of you still dance in my head
I remember all the things you said

You said you'd never let me down
But there lies my heart on the ground

Broken in pieces unable to fix
I knew loving you would be a risk

But I went ahead and took the chance
Thinking somehow we'd finish the dance

Through the years that laid ahead
But you loved somebody else instead

So please go and be with him
I know our future is very dim

I hope you'll be happy the rest of your life
Does he know he's getting a cheating wife?

9-5-05/RJH

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A Child, A Girl, A Woman

She's sweet
She's charming
She's witty
She's love

She's a child, a girl and a women
She's all I'll ever need
She's a child, a girl and a women
She lives by her own creed

She laughs
She cries
She smiles
She frowns

She's a child, a girl and a woman
She's all I'll ever need
She's a child, a girl and a woman
Her heart knows no greed

She's playful
She's serious
She wanders free
She'll lend a helping hand
To anyone she can
She'll offer words of advise
She never thinks she's always right

She's a child, a girl and a woman
She's all I'll ever need
She's a child, a girl and a woman
Who's heart has been freed

She loves life
But she loves me more

She's my child, my girl, my woman

11-29-18/RjH

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A Childs Fear

I remember when I was a child
I'd hear my parents argue
Because I was so very young
I didn't know what to do

Sometimes I get so scared
I'd pray that I'd fall to sleep
Hoping that when I did awake
I wouldn't hear a peep

I would lay there for a while
To listen to see what I could hear
No one ever had a clue
How much I was filled with fear

So it seemed that for now
It was quiet but then
I always knew just like before
That it could always start again

12-4-10/RJH

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A Childs Smile

Memories of my childhood
I know will last forever
Long ago childhood memories
Through my mind often pass

I remember snow covered mornings
With the wind howling through the streets
I remember wearing winter clothes
So my friends I could go meet

I remember the bone chilling cold
Like it was only yesterday
I remember always saying
I have to leave this place one day

I remember learning as I grew older
What the true spirit of Christmas meant
It wasn't measured in gifts received
Or how much money was spent

I learned it was better to give then receive
I learned, that not all people could give
But if you opened your heart and home
That was the way God wanted you to live

Lend a helping hand to those in need
Especially the needs of a child
Nothing beats the look you'll receive
From a child with a big bright smile

11-19-2009/RjH

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A Child's World

Welcome to my world
Some say it's a simple place
Well that may be so
But at least, there's always a smile on my face

Welcome to my world
It's a world full of joy
It's a world full of love
The world to me now is just one big toy

If ever you're feeling low
If ever you have no place to go
I'll always welcome you to my world
That's something you should know

Welcome to my world
It's a world free of hate
It's a world free of wars
So please don't hesitate
To come and visit my world

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A Common Bond

Home is where the heart is
I've often heard it said
Home is where the heart is
As long as love is not dead

The home is your castle
Safe, from the world outside
When you're inside your home
Love should always be alive

Love is the common bond
Between two people in love
Knowing that the other one
Is the one they're always thinking of

3-9-19/RjH

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A Connection

I'm afraid of my feelings
When I hear from you
I'm afraid of the way they make me feel
Not knowing what to do

We've never seen each other
In fact we've never met
The feelings that I feel
Are feelings I can't forget

Your warm touching words
That I read each day
Sometimes touch me to the core
With the things you have to say

I sometimes think you know me
By some of the things you say
It's as if you passed through my life
Or, actually lived there one day

It seems the thoughts we share
At times are the same
As we both navigate
Through life's little game

At times people just connect
Whether near or far
I don't know the answers
Maybe they are written in the stars

2-1-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Contact Lost Out There

Here I am trying
So hard to understand
Why, now you ignore
Emails from this man

If I remember correctly
You made first contact
I have the emails
To prove this as a fact

I used to get excited
Looking forwards to your words
Your words would sing to me
Like listening to the birds

Your words were always poignant
They went right to the heart
Most times it always seems
They hit their target like a dart

I really find it sad
To lose this contact
Maybe it's like this
Because it's just abstract

But, there are no ill feelings
Because, I've enjoyed it so much
That's why it bothers me
To see us lose touch

But I only wish the best for you
In all of your endeavors
Please, keep on writing
Because your poems are so clever

So, if this is goodbye
I say it with a smile
I had a wonderful time
Though, only for a short while

Everything that we shared
Stays locked inside of me
I told you from the beginning
That's the way it would always be

No one will ever know
The words and thoughts we write
But people wouldn't understand
All things are not black and white

We think a little deeper
We say a little more
We open up our souls
We bare them to the core

So some will think we say too much
But I don't think that's true
We're letting out emotions
Sharing them all with you

11-21-18/RjH

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A Contented Mother

It seems for so many years
I've lived my life for someone else
I put my feelings and needs
Away somewhere on a shelf

I always put my children first
Their needs ahead of my own
I had to look out for them
Until they were grown

Taking care of them
Was like a full time job
But it didn't feel like work
Although, at times it was so hard

I was always there for them
That, they always knew
They knew that Mom would help them
To always make it through

As the years passed they slowly changed
They gradually started to grow
Along the way they had to learn
Because there was so much they didn't know

But hopefully they listened
As I guided them along the way
Because the day will come
When they to will be parents themselves one day

You may think I gave a lot
Because true love never found it's way to me
But I didn't care and it didn't matter
Because my kids were my world to me

The day will come
When they are grown
They'll move on
To live out on their own

Then that's the time
When I will see
If true love
Was meant for me

If true love never finds me
And I have no one to call my own
I know that what I'll leave behind
Will be my kids, and they were home grown

8-12-06/RJH

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A Daughter Leaving Home

Although she is moving out
She'll never be far away
She'll always live here with me
In my heart each day

Hopefully I taught her
The right things along the way
To help her make the right decisions
Each and every day

The most important thing
That she should know
That if things don't work out
She always has a place to go

Though she no longer lives here
This will always be her home
The warm and kindest place
Her heart has ever known

A place where the welcome mat
Is always put out
A place that she can run to
When she's filled with doubt

It's so very hard to let her go
But I know that I must
I have so much faith in her
And a world of trust

I know she's smart enough
To make it on her own
It's hard to admit
My little girl has finally grown

I hope she knows in her heart
Just how much I care
Because every time she needed me
I always tried to be there

I hope she knows if life gets tough
And she should need a friend
That she can always count on me
Until the very end

It's never very easy
Watching someone you love leave
I know that I must be strong
But silently I'll grieve

Someone who's been around
Morning, noon and night
No longer having her here
Just will not seem right

But she knows I love her
With all of my heart
And it's that love
That will never let us part

12-16-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Daughter Lost

How can words express
The loss of a child
Emotions run so deep
Your pain is running wild

The hurt will heal
In due time
But forever she'll live
Always in your mind

Try not to dwell
On how she died
But try remember
The times at her side

Remember the years
When she was young
Remember the times
When you two had fun

She'll be in your thoughts
Each and every day
The memory of her
Will never fade away

No matter what you do
No matter where you go
Images of her
In your mind will always glow

12-28-08/RJH

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A Day In Paradise

I'd rather play in the sun
Of course before the day is done

To walk along a sandy beach
Where your hand is within reach

Or, put my arm around your waist
As the salty air we can taste

This is the perfect time of year
Winters gone, spring is here

Listening to the roar of the sea
Always calms the inner me

While you on the other hand
Like to walk barefoot in the sand

We find a spot to sit and talk
While other couples continue to walk

We watch the waves rush to shore
I could never want for nothing more

2-18-19/RjH

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A Day In The Park

The beauty of a tree
Blowing in the breeze
Watching a bird take flight
With gentleness and ease

The ball of fire in the sky
Radiates it's heat to the ground
As people take to shade
Anywhere it can be found

A mother walks by
Her baby cries
A dog in the park howls
As sirens race by

The sound of traffic
Planes overhead
Everywhere people talking
But do they hear what's being said?

11-2005/RjH

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A Devastating Loss

Two little children
Born premature
Their survival
Was unsure

Born too soon
A girl and boy
But still they were
Such a joy

Their fragile bodies
Too weak to fight
I faced the long
Days and nights

The doctors said
It was best
To let them go
To their final rest

That was the choice
That was made
There was no way
They could be saved

I think about them
Now and again
But most of all
I remember when

Two years later
My son was born
His birth helped me
To no longer mourn

What a journey
It has been
You deal with a loss
Celebrate with a win

3-24-19/RjH

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A Disappointed Life

The ash tray holds the ashes
From his smoked out cigarettes
With each new passing day
He's filled with more regrets

It seems life and chances
Have all but passed him by
He struggles just to exist
But he's not too sure why

His life has been a failure
By any standard that you use
It seems the choices that he made
Were always the wrong one's to choose

But still he always tried
To do what was right
He sleeps away the days
He stay awake all night

Drinking eases the pain
Of a life that went all wrong
He tried so very hard
But he's just not that strong

Years ago his wife left him
She couldn't take no more
One day when he returned home
He found a note upon door

She wrote, I am leaving
I just can't live this way
I hope you find it in your heart
To forgive me one day

Our children need a stable life
Not like the one we've been living
It seems you do all the taking
While I do all the giving

I never minded making you happy
That was my part to do as your wife
But I know out there somewhere
For me and the kids, there's a better life

So that is why we have to leave
I wish you nothing but the best
I'll think of you when I look at the kids
Goodbye, and God Bless

Well that was twenty years ago
That's how long he's been alone
His body is old and feeling tired
He's waiting to be called home

10-21-2008/RJH

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A Dream

You sat there with a smile
That lit up the night
I thought to myself
What an incredible beautiful sight

Long straight black hair
Teeth that gleamed so white
Without even trying
She sure knows how to excite

Clothes that fit so perfectly
On a form that looks so good
When I see the word beauty
It is so clearly understood

I have never talked with you
But I see you all the time
Because of you these words I wrote
All came together in a rhyme

12-16-11? RjH

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A Dream That Won'T Come True

A one time love
Is what you're not
I look at you girl
I know what I've got

I hold your hand
You hold mine
We're sharing a lunch
Loving the time

When I'm with you
I feel so alive
But when I have to leave
A small part of me dies

What you mean to me
I'll remember all my life
You were everything to me
You were so much more than nice

A life long dream
That will never come true
But a life of dreaming
About loving you

12-24-08/RJH

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A Dying Friend/ When I Get To Heaven

You feel like you're beaten
You know the reason why
You want so much to fight this
But all you can do is cry

The doctor's give you little hope
Your chances are slim next to none
How can this be happening
When life was just getting to be fun

There's many things you want to do
So many places to see
But now you don't know
How that could ever be

You're feeling a little worse each day
Though people say you look good
You say you'd dance on a moon bean
If you only could

As the summer days
Slowly dwindle away
The time you have to live
Grow shorter with each passing day

As the season's start to change
There are changes in you as well
I know that when you pass on
You'll go heaven, not to hell

I know God has a place for you
High above the sky
Once you are back home
You'll have no more reason to cry

All the hurt and pain you felt
Will then all be gone
You'll be looking down upon us
As our live's continue on

But when my time on earth
Has come to it's end
I will look for you
When I get to heaven my friend

9-16-06/RJH

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A Family Christmas

Here it is Christmas Eve
As I think of you
I'm still on a foreign shore
With much still left to do

But I look to the heavens
As the night is deathly still
Wondering when I'll go home
Or if I ever will

The chances of me dying
Are still pretty good
I can't think I won't
Only because I know I could

But I always keep my guard up
I always stay alert
The last thing that I want for you
Is to hear that I've been hurt

I thought last year I'd be home
For Christmas two-thousand-eight
But as you see I'm still here
I guess this war must be our fate

So here's hoping that next year
That I'll be right there with you
Sharing a family Christmas
The way that families do

12-24-08/RJH

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A Father Remembered

The memories of my Father
Do not fade with time
How Could I forget
The one who was a major part
In this life of mine

The man who taught me
How to throw a ball
The man who showed me
What it meant to go for it all

The man who said, anyone can quit
But it was a real person who'd fight
Even when all those around you
Never believed you were right

The man who said, make your own choices
Don't let others makes decisions for you
Because in the end when all is said and done
We all must do what we must do

I've lived his words as I lived my life
Thinking and doing for myself
Trying to be the best person I could
Never consumed or worried about wealth

Though he died many years ago
I think of him each and every day
If he were still alive
I'd know exactly what I'd say

I'd wish him a happy Father's Day
I'd take him to a game
I'd remember all he taught me
I'd thank him for what I became

12-2-09/RJH

A Feeling To Be Shared

I came to you in the darkness
I gently held your hand
You've done more than anyone
In helping me to understand

You told me that love
Is a feeling to be shared
It's a special kind of bond
Between two people when they care

That was when I told you
What I was feeling for you inside
A feeling of overwhelming happiness
That my heart can no longer hide

I guess if you translate that
I'm saying, "I Love You"
A feeling that I've held so long
I know you never knew

I'm telling you so that you know
Just how much I really care
I also want you to know
My love for you will fill the air

4-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Fleecing

Heading to divorce court
Off we both go
Carrying stacks of paper
With documents to show

She has her attorney
I have my own
Trying to save my back account
Along with my home

Now, see wants everything
She says, she's entitled
All the time watching her
She acting so unbridled

The only benefactors
Are going to be the attorney's
I already know
This will be a fleecing journey

Because when all is said and done
We'll both walk away with half
The attorney's on the other hand
Are going to have the biggest laugh

3-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Forever Friend

I hope you know I love you
I hope you know I care
I hope you know if you ever need me
I will always be there

I'll be a shoulder you can cry on
I'll be an ear who'll always listen
The times when you're not near
It's you that I'll be missing

Always think of me
From now until the end
Please always remember
In me you have a forever friend

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Friend

You're a friend who's true
There's nothing you won't do
You are so very faithful
You always come through

No matter what the time
No matter what the day
When a friend needs help
You never turn away

You are always there
To lend a helping hand
With a friend like you
A person knows just where they stand

7-28-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Friend On Whom You Can Depend

If you are ever lonely
You have no place to go
I want to tell you something
That I think you should know

I am always here for you
In good times or bad
I have a shoulder for you
When you are feeling sad

I'll never turn my back on you
Or send you away
I will always be here for you
Any time of the day

So, don't you ever hesitate
When you need a helping hand
Through good and bad or thick and thin
By your side I will always stand

10-19-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Friend Suffering

For many years she had mourned
For her only, child born

Her child lived only hours
Now buried beneath beautiful flowers

She keeps them fresh everyday
Always throwing the old one's away

Her pain has never gone away
It grips her both night and day

Nothing else occupies her mind
She lives tormented all the time

She has tried to pray the pain away
But in her mind it always stays

Hoping one day to escape
It's her life she'd like to reshape

But she suffers so very much
She's even numb to the human touch

It's love she craves, but can't reject
The pain inside she's always kept

She knows she needs to let go
Of this tragedy from long ago

Ray Hansell

A Friendly Goodbye

I wish we could have found
A way to give love a try
Now all there are are memories
From that day we said goodbye

We sat there for hours
Watching the stars and holding hands
Talking with each other
Trying hard to understand

We both thought we had found
What we both been looking for
But it seems the more we gave
The less we felt secure

So, we had that final meeting
Than we parted friends
I guess it was a positive way
For love to come to an end

5-21-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Gift To A Father

There are so many gifts
That a son could give
There are so many things
That create memories as we live

But on a day like Father's day
Gifts don't mean a thing
You want to make a Father happy
Make him feel like a king

Instead of giving gifts
Just give him your time
That's better than any gift
A son could ever find

Spend the day with the man
Who always stood by you
The one who was always on your side
No matter what you'd do

The man who made sure you had
All the things you'd need
The man who when you were a baby
To you would always read

The man who always worries
About you day and night
The man who's life you made
Seem so very right

I know I wasn't there
As much as I should have been
Things that I know now
I wish I knew back then

No matter what the sport
No matter what the game
Whether in sports or life
I wanted you to win just the same

That's why on Father's day
Gifts don't mean a thing
Just to spend some time with you
Now to me, that's a win

6-18-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Good Fit

You came to me
When I was in need
You healed my wounds
You stopped the bleed

So many times
I wondered if
You and I
Were a good fit

But time has shown
That it's true
Your love was mine
And mine was for you

9-4-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Good Memory

A memory is something
That you've given me
A memory is something
That will always be

A memory is a thought
That comes to mind
A memory is a thought
I get all the time

A memory can be good
Or it can be bad
I choose to remember
Memories that made me glad

A memory is remembering
Pleasantries from the past
A memory is remembering
Something good that will always last

11-18-2009

Ray Hansell

A Happy And Loving Life

Two people at the crossroads
Of a happy and loving life
For years they were together
But never became husband and wife

They shared their joys together
As well as all the tears
The good times they had together
As well as their fears

They raised a couple of children
Who always showed respect
A good effort that is made
A good result is what you get

But now they're at the crossroads
Of a long and beautiful life
Deep inside his one regret
That he never made her his wife

But she didn't want to marry
For reasons all her own
But that did not prevent them
From building a warm and loving home

So now as the sun begins to set
On two people growing old
Their love was like a fairy tale
Their story seldom told

So many years together
So many memories they shared
But through it all what keep them close
Was because for each other they always cared

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A Happy Mother

How lucky could I get
I have two sons with no regrets
They are my heart and soul
Forever as I grow old

It seems they test me each day
But all my love I still send their way
They are my day, they are my night
In my mind they are never out of sight

My live is lived just for them
It's hard to remember way back when
When they weren't a part of me
Now their smiling faces I always see

When the world starts to get me down
They cheer me up by being around
When my heart is feeling pain
It goes away when they call my name

When I hear them say mom
All is good, all is calm

6-18-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Heart's Life

A heart sings
A heart cries
A heart mourns
A heart sighs

A heart hurts
A heart feels
A heart knows
A heart conceals

A heart loves
A heart forgives
A heart broken
A heart lives

A heart alive
A heart alone
A heart that thrives
A heart that's grown

A heart at peace
A heart accepted
A heart at ease
A heart rejected

A heart that's old
A heart that wanders
A heart leaving
A heart squandered

3-15-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Helping Hand

Make a difference
Each day you live
Open your heart
Learn to give

Life for many
Is so unkind
Giving people
Are hard to find

So open your heart
Give what you can
We're all responsible
For our fellow man

It's so easy to look
The other way
But the tables could turn
On any given day

So help if you can
For one day you may be
The one who's down and out
The one no one will see

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Ray Hansell

A Hurting Friend

Tell me about your illness
Help me to understand
You are fighting something
That rarely affects a man

He me to see
What the consequences can be
I'll listen very intently
As you explain it all to me

I don't know what to say
Or even what to do
I wouldn't wish this on anyone
But especially not on you

It breaks my heart to see you
With your mind so occupied
Knowing that you're not far away
From a moment when you'll cry

I'm not sure what I can do
Or even what to say
But know that every single night
My prayers will come your way

9-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Leaf

I am a leaf on a tree
I have other leafs
Hanging there with me

We just hang from a branch
But when the wind blows
You can watch us all dance

I see my fellow leafs
Up and down the street
When summer ends, we'll all meet

We start out nice and green
Than turn different colors
Some of prettiest you've ever seen

When people see us fall
Soon they will know
That not too far away
Waits the winters first snow

All winter long
Our trees are bare
But come spring time
Once again we'll be there

2-1-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Little Leaguer Rained Out

He sits by the window
Watching the rain fall down
He keeps looking to the sky
Hoping the sun will shine

His baseball glove in his hand
His baseball uniform on since early morning
Today was to be the day
He was to play his first little league game
But his joy was interrupted
By an not forcasted sudden rain

He sits by the window
Watching the rain fall down
He keeps looking to the sky
Trying to find the sun

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Ray Hansell

A Little Bit Too Late

I saw you today and I have to say
That you really looked great
But I guess my words of kindness
Come just a little bit too late

I never took the time before
To praise you like I should
I know I never took the time
To tell you, you looked good

I know I never hit you
But words of love were few
I guess that's why I find myself
Living life without you

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Ray Hansell

A Love So New And True

I have no desire
Nor would I even care to try
To find another woman
Even if they caught my eye

All I've ever wanted
Was to find someone like you
Now that I've found you
Here's what I plan to do

If you will let me
I'll love you all my life
With the hopes that one day
You'll even become my wife

But understand I'm in no hurry
There's no need to rush
I do know that when I'm holding you
'In cards, it's like holding a Royal Flush

Love cannot get any better
Then it is now with you
At last my searchings over
For I've found a love so true

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Ray Hansell

A Love That Shouldn't Be

Your friends all say
They told you so
But the love we shared
They'll never know

But in the end
You could see
Loving a married man
Is a love that shouldn't be

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Ray Hansell

A Loved One Lost

A long time ago
Her fate she accepted
The hours are close
For what she expected

Her final breath
Mere moments away
Her everlasting rest
Will happen today

12-00-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Lunch Out Of This World

Remember the lunch we had one day
Sitting on the Milky Way
We just sat and talked
For most of the day

A window seat with a view
Showed the whole universe
To the beauty of it all
We were both immersed

The breath taking beauty
That we got to see
Is a picture in my mind
That I will forever see

We watched the planets on the move
Stars shining so bright
They seemed to go on forever
Darkness mixed with light

We thought of going on to Mars
To get a candy bar
But then we decided
That was just a little too far

Just before we had to go
We walked across the moon
Our eyes feasted on the view
We took in all we could consume

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Ray Hansell

A Marriage Ends

The marriage is over
It's time for us to leave
I know tears will be shed
We'll both need time to grieve

I know that in leaving
So much is left is undone
But the time we shared together
I know I was the lucky one

I know that we had plenty
Of life's ups and downs
But somehow through it all
We both stayed around

But now the time has come
To go our separate ways
No more need for talking
As, there's nothing left to say

It hurts me more than you know
To know how much I hurt you
All the tears that were shed
Were because of what we both really knew

3-29-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Memorial Lunch

Having lunch in the afternoon
Sitting at a table for two
We filled the time between us
Doing what people do

Catching up on the time
That has passed between us
Talking about things going on
But we never talked about us

It seems we both avoided
What we didn't want to talk about
We both did a very good job
Maybe because we were filled with doubt

But the afternoon was pleasant
As we sat and talked while we ate
Maybe deep inside both knowing
Our attempts are too late

What we shared for so very long
Maybe it can't be saved
But I know that when we were together
How much the two of us really cared

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Ray Hansell

A Missing Child

My little lost soul
Please come home
You're far too young
To be out there to roam

Some think you've run away
Others think you were taken
All I know for sure
Is that your family is very shaken

If you have run away
The stars can light your way
In either instance it doesn't matter
Prayers are said every single day

Ray Hansell

A Moment Of Silence Please

Everyone please bow your heads
A moment of silence is needed
Love was good for a while
As all expectations were exceeded

But very soon things began to change
What we shared before was gone
So a moment of silence is needed
As life without love goes on

I don't believe anyone's to blame
Things happen that we can't foresee
But I know from this point on
My life will be lived with only me

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Ray Hansell

A Mother

Is this how you repay your mother
For all the things she's done
When you needed help
Wasn't she always the one

Who would come running
With no questions asked
You see, when it came to you
It was never a task

When you were sick in bed
Who took care of you
Who stayed right there beside you
To make sure you made it through

Who was there in grade school
To always lend a hand
No matter what you did
By your side she'd always stand

So how could you repay her
By being sent to jail
How could get so upset
When she wouldn't post your bail

You see, her job with you is over
Because you are eighteen
Now you must face the world
She'll no longer protect you from the mean

She was there for you when you were young
Just like she was supposed to do
But now that you are an adult
It's now all up to you

4-15-10

A Mother's Guidance

You helped me to understand
Things that had puzzled me
But of all the things you did
You made me see
That if I tried
I could be
Now I am
Because of you

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Mother's Love Is Forever

A Mother's love is stronger
Then anything I know
Her true love and affection
Will forever show

No matter how old
You may grow to be
A Mother's love
You will always see

You may do wrong
And makes mistakes
But her love for you
She'll never forsake

Whenever you need
A helping hand
There's no one stronger
Who'll help you stand

She took you from birth
To an adult
All through those years
Love was all you've ever felt

Father's are there
But not all of the time
A Mother you'll learn
You can always find

Ray Hansell

A Neighbor That I Knew

He was always humble
In everything he'd do
If you needed a helping hand
He'd be the first there for you

He'd give you the shirt off his back
As the saying goes
Courtesy and respect
For others, always shows

He never complained about his life
Or just how hard living could be
He always wore a smile
When talking with you or me

But now his fragile body
Is slowly wearing down
So many years of working hard
Planting harvest in the ground

He's reached a point in his life
Where he is just plain worn out
He wonders why year after year
He lives his life in doubt

He knows he's paid his dues
He knows he always gave his best
He knows that he'll find his peace
When he goes to his eternal rest

So for now he'll keep on going
For as long as he can
He remembers back to his youth
When this long journey began

12-23-18/RjH

A New Angel

I heard another angel
Received their wings today
They are firmly in place
As the angel flies away

He was taken on a Sunday
The Sabbath day they say
His new shiny wings
Placed upon him to stay

No one knows why he was chosen
Maybe it was just his time
Even though he was young
Another angel God did find

God knew he would be worthy
God knew he could accomplish this deed
Friends and family will always wonder
Why God had him fulfill this need

For all the loved one's left behind
For all those who feel the pain
He now looks down upon you
He see's all that you have gained

Loved one's always look for
Answers that can't be found
But in their hearts memories
Of him will always be around

For in his short time on earth
No one could have been loved more
Now he's safe from suffering
On the right side of heavens door

12-7-13/RjH

A New Beginning

I took you to the airport
As we waited for your plane
The thought of you leaving
Almost drove me insane

But deep inside I knew
This was something you must do
I almost held back my tears
But soon they started falling for you

I stood there as you boarded the plane
I watched it go down the runway
While I hurt deep inside
I know for you it's a happy day

It's your chance to make a new start
A chance for you to be you
To do the things you want to do
You're ready to start your life anew

As the jet roared down the runway
A smile came to my face
I was not glad to see you go
But I know you'll be in a happier place

Your leaving one life behind you
Looking forward to a new one to begin
It makes me happy just knowing
That you and I will never have an end

I'll always remember you as the one
Who came along and mended my heart
A heart that had been broken and torn apart
Because of you, a heart given a brand new start

4-14-06/RJH

A New Day

The sun peeks out through the clouds
As morning starts the day
The dew on the grass glistens
Like diamonds on display

The moon is still visible
High in the morning sky
The sun will soon shine brightly
As the morning says it's goodbye

By mid-afternoon
The sun is very bright
Another new day, makes it's way
To fill it up with light

7-23-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

A New Start

It starts out as a friendship
But soon turns to love
It can be as beautiful
As all the stars above

You can't get enough of each other
You always want to be together
You dream how perfect life can be
Believing year after year gets better

But then one day you violate the trust
That the two of you had built
Little by little day after day
You see your love start to wilt

Like a flower with no water
Love dies a little more each day
If you had the power
You'd make it all go away

But you turned to someone else
You let them into your heart
Now here you are all alone
Trying to make a brand new start

2-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Not So Happy Time

You found someone that you loved
Believing he loved you
That was until you saw
When his abusive side shined through

You shared with him a child
A happy time in life
A time for you to celebrate
For now you're a mother and a wife

But happy times and happy days
Didn't last for long
You had to protect your child
For both of you, you had to be strong

Soon that part of your life
Thankfully became your past
Because inside your heart you new
That union couldn't last

So, life continued forward
Like it does when we make change
It takes some time to readjust
But you already knew the rules of the game

Then, maybe with some good fortune
You'll find a gentleman
One who treats you like a lady
One who will never raise his hand

1-31-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Note

Just a little note
To say hello to you
Hoping that your day
Has problems that are few

May the sun shine
Down your way
May happiness and joy
Accompany you all day

I hope all your wishes
All come to be
I hope you have a thought
That reminds you of me

Hopefully real soon
We'll be together again
I'll forget our time apart
I know we'll be happy then

Off together we'll go
To a quiet little place
Where I'll get to study
The curves of your face

So once again, hello
I hope you enjoy your day
I know the time is very close
When you and I can go away

5-5-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Painful Journey

Every now and then
Life will get you down
It can take your smile
Turn it into a frown

Sometimes it's just not easy
As we walk through this land
Sometimes we have to deal with
Many things we don't understand

Like losing friends and family
That we loved along the way
Knowing that their loses
Will hurt for many days

2-24-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Pencil

It can help to write the greatest novel
Or even the greatest song
It's and thin in your hand
But yet, it still is strong

It can help an artist
To sketch his greatest work
It can help a poet
To erase away a mistake

It can help a president
To avert a war
It can help a housewife
To write her shopping list and more

A pencil is used in many ways
A million times a day
Look at what would happen
If the pencil should ever go away

7-4-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Perfect Evening

A little wine
A little dinner
A little music
A little talk
A flickering candle light
Now I'm ready
For a whole lot you

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Ray Hansell

A Pioneer

They say she was a pioneer
Way before her time
She would always speak
Exactly what was on her mind

She never settled for, you can't do that
She never got discouraged
When told, women don't do that
It only seemed to make her flourish

The more she was told no
The more that she would fight
When asked the reason why
She said, because I have the right

Where does it say that women
Are restricted from certain things
Where does it say that this world
Must always be ruled by Kings

She can cook, she can clean
She can even raise a child
But when it comes to being in charge
Now that, some people just can't reconcile

Some people will say they support her
In everything she'll do
But those are mostly empty words
Spoken, from a chauvinistic view

When all some really want
Is for her to go away
That may have worked in the past
But it will not work today

You to can be a pioneer
Because now is the time
To wake up everybody
To help with, the changing of the minds

9-22-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Price I Don't Want To Pay

I think it's time
That we end this game
Because if we don't stop
Neither will the pain

The time for us to part
I think has finally come
Although our time together
Was truly filled with fun

So, lets just say goodbye
Then we'll turn and walk away
The pain of staying together
Is a price I don't want to pay

9-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Rainbow And You

After it rained I saw a rainbow
It reminded me of you
And all the wonderful things
That you always seem to do

The colors all reminded me
How you brighten up my day
A rainbow paints the sky
Like the way you paint my day

A rainbow is a beautiful sight
As it stretches across the sky
You are a beautiful sight
Without even having to try

8-28-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Rainy Sunday Night

Laying close beside you
We've just finished making love
When I am with you
We go together like a hand in a glove

Your body soft and warm
Pressed firmly against mine
Making love with you
Is always a special time

I feel your stocking covered leg
Slowly rub on me
I close my eyes to kiss you
Love is all I see

We pass the time together
As the rain gently falls
If you listen closely
You'll hear my heart call

We love our time together
Laying naked on the bed
We know how we feel about each other
So no words need be said

4-7-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Real Life

There were times I was sad
But yet, I never cried
In times of trouble
I never told a lie

There were times I was happy
But yet, I never smiled
There were times I was all alone
Walking the loneliest of miles

I never asked for help
Even when it was needed
At times my stomach wanted food
But I had none to feed it

The good times and the bad times
At times seemed the same
I learned somewhere along the way
Life is more than just a game

There were times when I thought
That I am almost there
But it seems the closer that I got
I felt like I wasn't going anywhere

It seems to me some people
No matter what will always fail
A life lived with no hope
Is a life that won't prevail

6-17-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Religious Man

His faith in Christ
Never waivered
An only son
He always favored

His favorite passion
Was reading the bible
When it came to faith
There was no rival

He loved to disciple
And minister to people
Whether on a street corner
Or in a cathedral

The only true love
For him that existed
Was trying to help those
Who were conflicted

He'd show them the way
With his spiritual side
His love for Christ
Not once he hide

He never cared what people thought
Or the negative tings they had to say
Because he knew in his heart
He was living life the right way

Every day he could be found
Praying in the house of the Lord
For he knew this was his home
Where he always found a peaceful accord

1-10-19/RjH

A Request To God

God she is so very sick
I don't know what to do
That's why I'm here tonight
Having a talk with you

Her pain is unbearable
As she slowly fades away
I'm hoping that maybe
It can all end today

She never wanted to go like this
She wanted it to be fast
She had no way of knowing
How long the lingering would last

But she did have a wish
And that wish was to die with dignity
I think that's the way all of us
Feel how the end should be

So if You can find it
In Your heart tonight
Please don't let her see
The dawn's early light

That would be the best thing
For everyone you see
Even though i know
It will break the heart in me

But I can't be selfish
I cannot only think of me
I must think of her
And, the better place she'll be

7-16-06/RjH

A Ride To The Airport

It's almost time for me to go
Hurry now, so tears don't flow

Let's be quick no long goodbye's
We can do this if we try

Once I go through security
A quick goodbye you'll get from me

A kiss and a hug than I'm on the go
I will return very soon you know

2-26-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Ruin

Every time I think of her
Tears come to my eyes
I try so hard to smile
But I wear a bad disguise

Every time I see her picture
I wonder what she's doing
I always wonder what I did
To make our life a ruin

9-25-77/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Sad And Lonely Goodbye

There I stood box in hand
Filled with a loved one's ashes
Is this what it all comes to
When a life finally passes

A box made of mahogany
So heavy to hold
The last remains of a human life
Emotions uncontrolled

Ashes to be set free
At a specially requested place
They'll be carried away by the wind
As cold numbs the face

Someone's very own last wish
Carried out by those who care
All loved ones have gathered around
For they all wanted to be there

To say a final goodbye
Watch the ashes as they take flight
Blowing about in the wind
On this sad and lonely night

10-30-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Sad Day

Let's raise our glass to make a toast
To a good person who never boast

He was gentle, warm and kind
A better person you couldn't find

Always there when you needed a hand
Never alone would he let you stand

No matter the job, big or small
He'd always help you do it all

It didn't matter what the task
All you had to do was ask

So when I heard that he had passed away
It was a very sad and mournful day

He truly was one of a kind
So glad in life he was a friend of mine

1-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Senior's Birthday

Another year of living
Is set to pass you by
You sit at home alone
Memories moisten your eyes

You can't believe how fast
The years have come and gone
You can't believe how swiftly
Time keeps passing on

It seem like only yesterday
That you turned eighteen
You swear that some of the years
You've never even seen

You've raised yourself a family
Now, they have families of their own
Time is so very precious
They rarely visit your home

Now, before you know it
You're living your senior years
You look back on all the memories
Remembered fondly with a few tears

12-24-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Separation

I don't need love from you
Right now I need a friend
Someone to offer some advise
Who can help my heart to mend

Lately my life seems be
Falling all apart
I need some understanding
I need someone with an open heart

Just someone who will listen
And not sit in judgement
I need someone to help guide me
To make a life altering adjustment

4-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Shooting Star

I can't erase the smile
That's upon my face
Being here with you
In such a perfect place

No one else around us
Only, you and I
And of course a billion stars
High up in the sky

It's a love's paradise
On a warm summers night
When everything seems perfect
And everything is just right

We watch a shooting star
Speed across the sky
We both made a wish
Before it said goodbye

Soon it was out of sight
But our wishes had been made
So now we'll just wait and see
If it's fact or a charade

3-3-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Sickness

Nobody knows the torment
That I have been through
But I'm sure there are other
Who are also hurting to

It seems each day
Is lived in pain
But yet,
No two days are ever the same

I've had some good days
But they are few and far between
I've been looking for a rainbow
But they are seldom seen

I spend my days inside my home
I can't face the world outside
That is where I feel safe
It's my place to hide

Maybe someday soon
I don't really know when
I'll walk outside my door
To be ready, to face the world again

But for now I must remain
Exactly who I am
The man who lives alone
In this world without a friend

4-13-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Simple Hello

We met one day
You and I
With just a simple hello
Inside I felt something special
With each passing day
My feelings for you began to grow

We'd laugh
We'd joke
We'd share a smile
Listen, as the other spoke

Finally we kissed
We made love and held hands
We met you and I
Not that long ago
From just a simple hello
We have watched our love grow

10- 209/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Simple Hi

Looking for that special someone
I could never seem to find
Funny how things work out
She was here all the time

While looking everywhere else
Instead of right in front of me
All I had to do was turn my head
And, there she was to see

Hair that was always flowing
Eyes always with a smile
A voice so soft and tender
A shyness like that of a child

She was always right there for me
All I had to do was look
When I finally noticed her
One look was all it took

Life is now so wonderful
The sun shines down on me
I'm glad I opened my eyes in time
I'm glad she brought her love to me

One doesn't have to look wide and far
Some times love is real close by
Some times it can start real simple
By just looking at her and saying, hi

11-13-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Singer Sings His Songs

I listen to the singer
As he sings his songs
I hang onto every word
As their meaning are so strong

In his voice I can hear
His anguish and his pain
He keeps singing on
Hoping to explain

He just wants someone to listen
Someone to hear his words
For all the things he's been through
He just wants to be heard

Sometimes his voice begins to crack
As tears roll down his cheeks
His voice starts to quiver
It's almost hard for him to speak

I listen to the songs he sings
I suddenly come to see
That this life he sings of
Is really no different from you and me

Sure he is a super star
He may appear to have it all
But he's only a day away
From a stumble or a fall

Sure he has his fancy house
His big expensive cars
But he knows without warning
He could be the next falling star

He hurts just like we do
He feels the pains we feel
He sings the songs of his life
Trying to convey what is real

So he'll continue to make his music
To us he'll sing his songs
Hoping that forever
He'll always have us to sing along

12-31-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Single Tear Drop

When you spoke
My heart broke
When you cried
My heart died

You walked away
Never turned
What a tragic way
To have to learn

I called your name
But you didn't stop
I bowed my head
I cried, a single tear drop

5-6-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

A Smile Can Help

Try to wear a smile
No matter what you do
Even in adversity
A smile can help you through

A smile can ease the pain
That shows upon your face
I can't think of anything
That a smile cannot replace

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Ray Hansell

A Song For You

I'd sing you a song
If I could carry tune
I'd sing it beneath the stars
I'd sing it beneath the moon

I sing it very softly
So as not to hurt your ears
I'd sing it as softing
As the falling of a tear

I would make it simple
The words would all rhyme
I might be slightly off key
But would that be a crime?

It would be a song
Straight from mt heart
To let you know I'm hoping
That we never part

12-28-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Special Day In March

On a quiet day in March
A special delivery was made
The people were all smiles
As the music played

The angels flew about
As happiness filled the air
Everyone looked down
At the baby laying there

People said, she's precious
As she laid in their arms
There job was to protect her
From any and all harm

As the years passed
She grew up very fast
Like all the other children
Her childhood didn't last

I didn't know her back then
But how I wish I had
I know that with her
Life would not have been sad

But now that I do know her
I know I'm the fortunate one
You see, I hope to love her
Until my life is done

2-24-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Summer Rain

A summer shower cools the day
As a rainbow paints the sky
I watch the clouds high above
As they drift on by

On their way to who knows where
To maybe rain on another place
Where the summer heat burns real hot
As sweat rolls down someone's face

Perhaps they to will be cooled
By the suddenness from a down pour
As the rain falls
They'll all head indoors

Soon the clouds will roll away
Soon just to be a memory
Until the next time
When the clouds again come our way

10-26-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Talk With God

I put my hands together
As I kneel to say a prayer
I will speak from my heart
I just hope He'll be there

I know it's been a while
Since You and I last spoke
I hope You won't turn your back
Because you see, this is no joke

The world right now is in trouble
Things are looking bad
Millions of people who use to smile
Now walk around all day sad

They are seeking comfort
From life's terrible storm
They have been hit so very hard
But their faith has not been torn

Some people don't believe anymore
Some feel all hope is gone
But others still try
To continue to carry on

I don't know what to tell them
I need Your helping hand
I know You are the only one
Who knows the entire plan

You know what purpose we each have
You know where we're all going
I was hoping there's a chance
That soon You could be showing

Just how good or bad
The future is going to be
I was hoping You'd take a chance
To share it all with me

If you do me this one favor
I can spread the word far and near
I'd like to be able to tell everyone
There's no reason to live in fear

If You can't grant my request
Or You just don't want to
No matter which way You chose to go
I'll always continuing serving you

12-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Tree

The wind it is blowing
So very strong
The howling makes it
Sound like a song

The tree will sway
From nature's force
So long ago
It's leaves were all lost

All weathered and beaten
The tree stands bare
With its limbs twisted and broken
That no doctor can repair

Long ago I am sure this tree
Was a sight of beauty to behold
What a terrible thing, just like people
A tree to have to grow old

5-22-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Tribute To Greg B.

So very sick
For so very long
In death no one
Is ever strong

You know the end
Isn't far away
But you still dread
That fateful day

You prepare yourself
Knowing the end is near
But yet in your heart
Your still filled with fear

Someone you love
Is at heavens door
Although in your heart
They'll live forevermore

The battle was long
He fought the good fight
Up toward the heavens
His soul did take flight

In his final moments
Here on earth
He was surrounded by love
Like the day of his birth

Remember his smile
How it lit up a room
Knowing the final day
Came much too soon

He'll watch you now
From high above
Everyday all around you
You'll feel his love

All true stories end in death
I've often heard that said
Remember those who pass on
Have a peaceful journey ahead

The hurt and pain he felt on earth
Will now all subside
But those who are left behind
The hurt and pain won't hide

So as you continue on with life
Many times you'll think of him
You will recall many memories
What happy times they had been

There is always a time of healing
For those who are left behind
But even in our darkest hours
A light of hope we can always find

10-7-2017

Ray Hansell

A Two Way Street

I have been at loves door
I've seen it open wide
I gave it all I had
I gave it my best try

What I thought I had found
Wasn't there at all
It wasn't easy getting up
After taking such a fall

But I learned one thing for sure
Love has to be a two way street
For if it only goes one way
You may surely find deceit

I've spent so many years
On that one way road
But I'll never give up on love
I'll keep looking as I grow old

4-1-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Very High Cost

Another day, another time
To think about what was once mine

A home that was lost
At a very high cost

A marriage that failed
All hope sailed

Into the dark of night
Where nothing is in sight

Children left with a broken home
A childhood lived with much unknown

What will the future hold in store
Who can really say anymore

No second chance to fix what's been broke
You can't take back words you spoke

6-27-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Victim Crying Out

I know I have a problem
It stems from my youth
For many years I tried to hide
Not wanting to deal with truth

You see in my younger years
I was molested
The pain he put me through
He should have been arrested

I know it was embarrassment
That keep me from speaking
But now I've reached the point
Crying out, it's help I'm seeking

I need to rid myself of the pain
That's been locked inside for years
I seem to find my own relief
At night through my tears

I love the quiet solitude
I love to be alone
When no one is around me
That's when I feel most at home

I know if no ones near me
No one can cause me pain
I've had too many years of that
Too long I've played the denying game

All these years I have suppressed
The things that were done to me
Now I know I'm paying the price
In the mirror, pain is all I see

I know my past is the reason
My relationships have failed
I know if I had spoken up
Maybe that monster would be jailed

But I keep the pain locked inside
For only I held the key
There was so much I didn't understand
Confusion was controlling me

But now you see the pains too much
It's getting the better of me
At night I am tormented
The nightmares won't set me free

I know that I need help
For I can't take no more
I'd love to get myself a gun
Find him to even up the score

The pain is never ending
No matter what I try
There are days that I wish
I'd go to sleep and die

4-14-10

Ray Hansell

A Visit From The Past

You turned your head
And looked my way
I looked at you the same moment
I couldn't believe my eyes
You looked exactly the same
As you did twenty five years ago
That first time we met
The hair is a little more grey
A few crow's feet around your eyes
But other than that
You still look as good as you did
Way back then
When, we almost has a life together
But you went away to school
And never returned to our little town
You opted for the big city
I have to say
It seems to agree with you
Because every now and again
I see your picture or name in the paper
As you've done quiet well for yourself
It's always nice to see someone from the past
Especially one so beautiful
The one whose love I though would last

12-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Walk In The Sand

Walking along in the sand
You and I hand in hand

The water rushes to our feet
It leaves the sand smooth and neat

The full moon above lights our way
As we say goodbye to another day

The stars also fill the sky
A painted canvas for you and I

A perfect setting for two people in love
The beauty of your face, matches the sky above

We stop to share a kiss on this beautiful night
Being in love with you just feels so right

The water, the sand, the stars and the moon
Time together with you always ends too soon

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Waste Of Time

I thought that I had found love
The day that I met you
I thought my pain from the past
Was all finally through

I thought your sweet lips
Had finally set free
All the hurt and pain
That lived inside of me

But now I can see
That wasn't the case
I see that loving you
Turned out to be a waste

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Ray Hansell

A Wife Asks, Can We Have What Use To Be

I see a love
That once was strong
But something has gone
Terribly wrong

The kisses are not
Like they were before
You don't come back
You don't ask for more

We use to lay together
All night long
When we were together
Our love was always strong

The loving was more
It happened at will
But it seems I no longer
Give you that same thrill

I would start your day
I would end your night
Now for the most part
You are out of sight

You use to make an effort
To always love me
But that was back in the days
When we were happy as could be

I never thought love
Would slowly die
I've hurt for so long
I have no tears left to cry

I hope there's a chance
To restart the flame
But I know there's some doubt
Because you no longer feel the same

I'm not looking to put
Blame on anyone
I just need to know
Am I still the one

You say that you love me
This I do not doubt
But have you forgotten
What love is all about?

Sometimes when I'm with you
I feel so all alone
I feel like a stranger
In my own home

I only want what use to be
Once again for you and me
Things will just get worse
If we just let them be

I'm asking you
As your wife
Can't we please
Have back our life?

12-16-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Wish

At night
The moons glow
Lights the earth
Like flood lights
The stars shine
Across a darkened sky
You and I
Lay on a blanket
Beneath the beauty
That spans above us
We watch a falling star
We both make a wish
A wish neither one of us will share
But a wish that we hope
One day will come true

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Ray Hansell

A Work Of Art

Every time I hold you
In my arms of love
You are the only one
I'm ever thinking of

I gently kiss your lips
As love fills our hearts
When I look at you
I always see a work of art

4-26-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

A World Without Love

A world without love
Would be the saddest place
Because everyone you'd meet
Would wear their saddest face

The flowers on the hillside
Would never come to bloom
All the trees and other plants
Would all die real soon

A world without love
Would be an ugly
A world without love
Would end the human race

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Wounded And Broken Heart

My heart has been broken before
More times then I can count
But when I am knocked down
I always get back up on the mount

I've seen other people cry
As they watched love pass them by
Believing that they may never
Give love another try

If you want something that you lost
You know you must always fight
Because who knows in the end
Things may just turn out right

So don't ever just give up
Always stand your ground
Knowing that one day soon
Love can still be found

Sadly, some people never try
To have a brand new start
They never want to forget the pain
Of a wounded and broken heart

4-26-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Year Older And Better

Lordy lordy
You turned forty

It's now downhill
What a thrill

Put it low gear
As you sit on your rear

Enjoy the ride
Don't exceed sixty-five

The breeze through your hair
The later years bring less cares

It's your day
Spend it your way

Don't let age
Cause you rage

Remember as you mature
You're getting better that's for sure

From here on out
The ride will be great
Have no doubt
As the years grow late

Ray Hansell

Acceptance

With opens arms He welcomes me
Never once asking, where I've been
I now believe what people say
You can't go wrong when you go His way
We have to trust that he
Will always help us to see
Total acceptance from the start
Today He lives in my heart

12-24-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Accepting Him

He lives through you
He lives through me
He helps us all
So we can see

We help others
So they can see
That in life
We all can be

When we hold hands
Bow our heads
He hears our prayers
Everything that's said

Believers always feel
The changes that take place
We feel it in our heart
You'll see on our faces

If you do believe it's time
To open up and accept Him
You will live a better life
Then, the life that you've been in

I was once on the outside
Living wild and free
I knew sooner or later
That it was going to kill me

So I reached up to the heavens
This bright light shined on me
I knew at that very moment
That I had been set free

My mind, body and soul
Are so much more at ease
I drink in from the heavens
Where, I get all that I need

1-5-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Act Before It's Too Late

Tears flow
Then they fall
Don't exactly know
Who to call

Heart broken
Never to heal?
Words spoken
Nothing to feel

Who's to blame
Does it matter?
When your heart
Has been shattered

She told me
Love has died
All I do
Is wonder why

Life was good
So I thought
My best effort
Always put forth

But some where
Along the way
There were words
We didn't say

I realize now
But, it's too late
I can't change
The hands of fate

You must realize
Before it ends
That's when you should
Make your amends

11-13-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Addiction

When you're trying to kick an addiction
Life can get you down
No matter where you go
There are temptations all around

The one thing you will need
Will be strength and desire
You will need help from many
To help you control the fire

It will not be easy
The road will be rather rough
But I feel deep inside
That you are that tough

So if you're willing to try
I'll stand by your side
With a helping hand to lend
Knowing, at least you tried

9-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Adios And Farewell

She came to me
With tears in her eyes
I said to her
Tell me why you cry

She said, I'm not sure
Exactly how to tell you
I said to her
Do what you have to do

She said to me it's over
I think it's time I leave
Tears fell from her eyes
I asked, why do you grieve?

I said don't you worry
If that's the way you feel
Always follow your feelings
As your feeling you should never conceal

I'll get by without you
Just like I did before
And I promise you this
I'll never see you anymore

Goodbye means goodbye
Adios and farewell
It was great while it lasted
Nothing more for me to tell

9-17-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Admirer

You came into my life
In a most peculiar way
It came in the form of an email
Because you had something to say

You commented on my poems
With words written so sweet
I'm hoping somewhere down the road
We'll one day get the chance to meet

I always read your poems
They are so thought provoking
Even though now and then
You throw in a little joking

You've even written a limerick or two
They always make me smile
Even though I've tried my hand
I just can't seem to write in that style

Maybe I'll keep on trying
To see what I can do
Though secretly deep inside
I wish I could write like you

Exactly who you are
I will not ever say
But if YOU read between the lines
All the clues will come your way

2-17-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Adversity

No reason to smile
On this day
When all hope
Has faded away

Bad news comes
At the worst time
But you find a way
To make life shine

You don't want
To burden others
For some of them
Hide under the covers

They have their own pain
To get through
No need to tell them
Whats going on with you

People handle bad news
Their own special way
Some choose to share with others
While others never say

They keep their misfortunes
Deeply locked inside
From the outside world
This is how we hide

6-1-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Afraid To Let It Show

The love you feel inside for me
You should somehow let it show
There are a million ways for you
To somehow let me know

I know it's locked inside of you
Your friends have told me so
But somewhere along the way
You should just let it show

When you feel love for someone
But, you keep it locked inside
There's no way for that love to grow
If you're not willing to give it a try

2-25-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Afraid To Show Love

Maybe I am different
From other men you've known
But what I feel inside
I have never shown

You see, I've always been told
That what a man feels inside
He should never expose
Especially if it's love
That's something you must hide

I was told if you let love show
It could make you vulnerable and weak
And that men like that
Are not what women seek

But yet I hear women say
Men should let their feelings show
I think about what I hear
But yet, I still don't know

I don't want anyone to think I'm weak
Or that I can be taken advantage of
That's what I think would happen
If I openly showed my love

This is something I must work through
I've been this way since I was young
Thinking back maybe that's the reason
A woman's heart I've never won

9-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Again And Again

I see you and I
relaxing in a hot tub
with water steaming
that makes us sweat
each of us
with a cold beer
to cool us off
I lean over to kiss you
you return my kiss
but our lips won't part
we are like
a couple of teenagers
kissing for the first time
before we know it
we're naked
then we are making love
the way we always do
soft, slow, long and tender
our bodies sweat
not from the steam
but from the love
we just gave to each other
now once again
we sit back
enjoying our cold beer
and each other
both knowing
that very soon
we will make love again
and again and again

5-22-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Again And Again And Again

The first time that you kissed me
My darkened world lit up
You took me to places
I've never been to before
It's nice to think
It's nice to know
You'll take me to those places
Again and again and again

11-22=17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Alex Chilton

People heard him sing
They all agreed he was great
He never sang off key
He never joined in late

But many always believed
His greatest skill of all
Was in the songs he wrote
As everyone can recall

He wrote number one hits
He wrote all kinds of songs
Putting his words to music
That's what made him strong

He'll always be remembered
As a singer and songwriter
His talent that he shared
Made our world a little brighter

3-17-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

All Are Equal In God's Eyes

To be close to God
Has nothing to do with health
Nor does it have a thing
To do with one's wealth

We pray to God for good health
We hope our prayers come true
Good health is something we control
Provided we know what to do

Just because someone is sick
Puts them no closer to God than I
Because as far as God's concerned
We're both equal in His eyes

Wealth is not a factor
Whether you're close to God or not
There are people who are very rich
They rarely thank God for what they got

The poor it's true may need help
So we should all lend a hand
But again when it comes to God
Together and equal we all stand

God shows no favorites
In His love for everyone
Everyone to God is equal
When all is said and done

12-19-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

All Are Heroes

A single mother raising two children on her own
A homeless man or woman who see no hope for a future
But struggle to survive each day
Homeless children the saddest of all to see
Hoping for a future better than their current existence
People at a cancer treatment center
Some so weak they can barely walk
But all with hope in their eyes that they can survive
All first responders who get in harms way to save us
Police, firefighters and paramedics
The one's we look to when all things go wrong
The one's we call so quick when we need help
Yet, the first we criticize and complain about
Because we think they took too long get to us
To all the military personal
Who protect us around the clock
So, our freedom's and way of life remain as they are
For those many workers who work ungodly hours
So we can have the things we want in life
To all the doctors and nurses out there
Who mend us when we break, who cure us when we're sick
To all the friends out there who lend a helping hand
That goes unnoticed except to the one's they are helping
To all the people who lend a shoulder for someone to cry on
To all the teachers trying to teach the right way

Heroes are all kinds of people
In all walks of life
They come in all shapes, colors and sizes
The one thing they all have in common
When helping other's they never think twice

2-15-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

All Because Of You

When I look into your eyes
Love is all I see
I hope you see the same
When looking back at me

The smile on my face
It is sincere and true
The reason for my happiness
Is all because of you

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Ray Hansell

All Blessed

The battle is almost over
But you put up some fight
As the end approaches
No need to be filled with fright

You gave it all you had
You fought against all odds
You never got real confident
You never put up a false facade

You took each day one at a time
Small victories were hailed
Never did you ever feel
Your ship was about to sail

For a while the outlook was great
You were feeling fine
You were always thankful
That you keep getting more time

But soon the small battles
Were becoming big defeats
The picture was getting clearer
This cancer you weren't going to beat

But don't look back in anger
For the hand that you were dealt
All the love around you
It was all true love that you felt

Friends and family prayed for you
Every step of the way
You were constantly in their thoughts
With each and every passing day

So now there are no more
Fights you have to wage
Everyone knows for sure
All the fight in you, is what you gave

When people stop to remember you
With a smile or a tear
The one thing they'll always remember
Is that you never displayed your fear

You'll be remembered for your smile
And how you made people feel
They know your smile was genuine
They know your feelings were real

But most of all they'll remember
No so much how you died
But they'll remember all the strength
And just how hard you tried

Ernest Hemingway once said
All true stories in death
In death just like in life
It's by God that we're all blessed

12-3-08/RJH

For Marlene who put up a great fight...

Ray Hansell

All But Gone

She said there was nothing
Left for us to save
Everything we had to give
It seems we already gave

No matter hard one tries
Some things can't be saved
There was nothing left for us to do
Our live together was already played

Our final act is over
It's time for moving on
What we shared together
Now is all but gone

Life can be so funny
Love can be so strange
No matter how hard you try
Things just don't stay the same

9-15-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

All Gone

As I grow older
I watch the seasons change
Sometimes I just wish
Things could remain the same

Growing older
Moving on
The love I shared
Is now all gone

She has left
She gone away
Her leaving has turned
My heart into clay

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

All I Seek

Hair that dances in the wind
A smile sincere and true
I'm glad to be associated
With a woman such as you

Grace, style and beauty
That's what you define
You are a one in a million
In anyone's life time

I would not call you are common
For we all are unique
Loving you forever
That's all I'll ever seek

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

All I'll Ever Need

The rain falling
Your voice calling
A fire burning
Two hearts yearning
Lips meet
It's love they seek
On the floor
Love galore
Spending time
Feeling fine
Loving this way
Each and every day
Satisfaction guaranteed
You are all I'll ever need

3-15-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

All In All

As I look back at years gone by
And all that I've been through
But knowing there are many things
With my life I'd like to do

I wish that I had traveled more
I wish love would have lasted
But I guess love is the one thing
None of us have ever mastered

But all in all I have to say
My life's been very good
I don't know if I'd change
Anything even if I could

Ray Hansell

All Of You

I love your eyes
I love your lips
I love the way
You move your hips

I love to watch
You walk away
I love that view
Any time of day

I love to see
You in shorts
In my mind
I get great thoughts

I love to see you
When you smile
You make my life
So worth while

I love to look
At your face
In my heart no one
Can take your place

Watching you
I love to do
Because I
Love all of you

9-17-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

All Of Your Might

Remember the weak
Always give in
It's the strong who believe
They can always win

I know you are strong
I know you will fight
You'll give it your all
With all of your might

6-28-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

All Our Years Together

We've watched all the seasons
As they have come and gone
Knowing that with each new season
Life continues to move on

As we watch the seasons change
We've seen the changes in us
We talk about what's to come
We reminisce about what was

We know with each new season
We're not getting any younger
The drive and the passion are still there
As well as the hunger

There are some things we just can't do
Like we did in our younger years
About the only thing that stayed the same
Was the reason for shedding tears

We cried when we heard of someones death
Knowing that our end could be soon
Praying that when we go to sleep
Tomorrow, we'll wake up in our room

Seasons hold their secrets
Just like people do
For sharing your life with me
I just wanted to say, Thank You

7-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

All That's Left

Where did the love go?
That we once shared
There was nothing like it
That could ever compare

Slowly through the year's
Feelings began to fade
Now all that's left are memories
Shrouded in a haze

4-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

All The Things You Said

Hello girl
How have you been
I haven't seen you
Since I don't know when

All the things
You said to me
You know by now
They all came to be

I made it big
Just like you said
But I never let it all
Ever go to my head

I remember how you told me
That when one has it all
The hardest part was getting there
The easiest part is to fall

You told me to never forget
Where it was I came from
You told me if I did that
At that moment I'd be done

I remember all the talks
All the things we shared
How much way back then
You and I both cared

If I were given the chance
Just one more time
I'd throw fame and fortune away
If you would come back and be mine, once again

6-20-2014/RjH

All War's Must End

Flowers placed upon his grave
The ultimate sacrifice he made

Dying in war in a foreign land
So many people still don't understand

Why that war doesn't end
So many killed, so many must mend

So many friends came to say goodbye
No one who attended had a dry eye

A wife who's husband has been lost
His service came at a very high cost

Children who'll never see their Dad again
Pain in their hearts that just won't end

The service now has been completed
But so many more will be needed

Strength, hope and a will to survive
Memories will keep their memory alive

Those who die in any war
Are all heroes for evermore

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Ray Hansell

All You'll Ever Need

The summer evening walks
That we'd always take
The times we made love
With the window open
As the rain fell
The walks beneath a full moon
Or the nights
When a billion stars would light the night
The walks in fall with the leaves all around
How they would crackle under our feet
The walks along the beach in summer
How the waves would rush to shore
And wash the sand from our feet
We'd marvel at the way
The ocean and the sky seemed to meet
The times we sat and held hands for hours
No words could have told us
What the silence was saying loud and clear
That when you love someone
As deeply as we love each other
Just being with that person
Is all you'll ever need and want

2-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Alone

My bed is big
But it is cold
I hoped it's warmed
Before I grow old

I hope someday someone
Will share it with me
I've always heard that's the way
That it's supposed to be

But every night
I sleep alone
In my big cold bed
In my lonely home

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Submitted 3-15-14

Ray Hansell

Alone Far Too Long

I have lived my life alone
Such a sad way to go
No one out there
Ever had love to show

There were some nights, more than a few
When I just sat and cried
I was always alone
No matter how hard I tried

Some people just don't understand
How lonely life can be
I've lived this way far too long
I feel as if love has forgotten me

12-02-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Alone In The Dark

Alone in the dark
You and I
Love so alive
All we do is sigh

Your body pressed
Up against mine
Together we forget
The passage of time

We're lost in love
Each minute we get higher
Our naked bodies together
As our souls are on fire

You touch those special places
That always make me quiver
I'm so turned by you
I want to be your giver

I'll give to you the joy
That you have brought to me
When the loving is done
In each others eyes we'll see

That love is always there
Living deep inside
Knowing it's a love
That will never hide

1-14-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Alone Together

You called me on the phone
You said that you were home
You asked me, are you alone
I answered, yes I am
You said, come on over
We'll be alone together
You don't know how right you were
When I am with you, I do feel all alone

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Ray Hansell

Always In Love With You

The years have come
The years have gone
But through it all
Love has lived on

Even though there were times
When we both believed
That it probably would be better
If one of us would leave

But we stayed the course
We managed to see it through
It has been a wonderful ride
I'm glad I got to do it all with you

7-5-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always A Part Of Me

Turn the lights
Down real low
Softly let
The music flow

As love songs
Fill the air
Together we'll share
A big soft chair

I'll hold you
Close to me
The way you like
Us to be

The love in me
Is just for you
No one else
Will ever do

If you should
Ever doubt
If my love
Has run out

Then all you
Have to do
Is look into my eyes
You'll see my love for you

But you can tell
By my soft touch
That I love you
So very much

I know
Inside my heart
You will always
Be a part

A part of me
For all my life
Maybe one day
You'll be my wife

I know my love
Will not run dry
I wouldn't even
Want to try

To live life
All alone
You are my love
With you I'm home

10-11-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always A Smile

I still think of her
Each and every day
All her love
Use to come my way

Though it's been
So many years
When I think of her
I still shed a tear

Along with the tear
I manage a smile
As she made my life
So worthwhile

5-21-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always Alive And Well

If ever you should doubt
If my love is true
You can tell by the things
I'll always do for you

When ever you are away
No matter where you may be
The love I have for you
Is always alive and well inside of me

Love is never easy
When two people are apart
But if the love is true
Love will always be in the heart

5-4-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always Be Fine

Loving you
Is the only thing
That I want to do

Being close
Every night
That is my hope

Making love
With only you
Is all I think of

Start my day
With only you
Surely the best way

Any time
I spend with you
Always will be fine

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Ray Hansell

Always Believing

You always give me reason
To always keep believing
The love we share between us
Is a reason for never leaving

I never thought that love
Could be so strong and true
But, than again I never loved
A woman quite like you

2-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always Loyal

Lying here beside me
I can feel you there
Thank you for another day
For giving me a reason to care

Our faithfulness through the years
Has been our strong foundation
If I were ever to cheat on you
It would be my damnation

But I promise this to us
As I plead to you with all my heart
That I will never hurt or desert you
Until the end of life when in death we do part

2-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always See

As the sun turns out it's light
At the end of a day
May you always feel
The love I send your way

As the stars take control
Of the mid-night sky
May you always see my love for you
When you look into my eyes

5-3-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always Soar

It's written in the stars
That we were meant to be
It's so very clear
I hope that you can see

My love for you grows stronger
With every passing day
You live inside my heart
I know you'll never stray

Sometimes I get the feeling
That you and I will fail
That our story will one day end
Just like a fairytale

But I want you to know
That's not what I'm hoping for
I'm hoping you and I
Like birds, we can always soar

1-10-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always There

You set my nights on fire
The ambers burn so bright
I don't need another
Only you at night

Your soft, warm and melting touch
Is all I ever need to feel
As long as I know
That our love is real

Your touch can paralyze
Your kiss can hypnotize
When I look into your eye's
That's when I realize

Just how much I love you
Just how much I care
Just how much I want you
To always be there

2-23-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always Treasured

It was a day
Just like today
When love arrived
Here to stay

The summer sky
The gentle breeze
Put our souls
So much at ease

I took your hand
You looked at me
Then you asked
Is this how it will be?

You holding my hand
As we walk through life
Always loving me
As your wife

I looked at her
Then I replied
I'm here for you
Until the day I die

True love should be
Always treasured
A lasting love
Is the measure

Of a commitment
That exists between two
Spending my life
Loving only you

4-19-19/RjH

Always Wanting You

I cry a thousand tears
When I think of you
Wishing in my heart
There was something I could do

There is just one thing
That I want you to know
That no matter what
My love for you will always show

I think back in time
When I began loving you
Always remember honey
That's the on thing I'll always do

So, please don't shut me out
Please don't turn me away
I am still in love with you
With you is where I want to stay

Changes will take place
I know that for sure
But remember what I told you
With me your love is secure

You told me that you loved me
I hope you always will
Because giving all my love to you
Is still life's greatest thrill

5-6-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always Will

As I came around the curve
I saw you go by
There wasn't enough time
For me to even say hi

I saw you for a moment
Though it was only a glance
That was just enough for me
To make my heart dance

It makes me glad to know
I still get that special thrill
Whenever I see you
It makes happy knowing
That I probably always will

7-3-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Am I Insecure?

It seems the more I miss you
The more it makes me see
Exactly just how much
Your love means to me

When I don't see you
For several days or more
Many thoughts run through my head
But I don't know what for

I think, maybe you don't love me
I think, you found someone new
I wonder do the same things
Run through your head to

I know that you love me
This I do not doubt
So I just don't know
What my fears are all about

Am I acting insecure
When there's no reason to feel this way
I know how much she loves me
Because she tells me everyday

So I guess I need to grow up
Let love lead us where it will
I know that now and forever
You'll be loving me still

5-22-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Am I Wrong?

I ran into an old friend yesterday
He said, he'd just gotten out of jail
I looked at him as somewhat of a failure
But then I thought life wouldn't be life
Without those who fail

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Ray Hansell

Amazed

I love you
In many ways
That sometimes
I'm amazed

That I could ever
Love someone
Who has my heart
Completely won

I never thought
I'd see the day
When I would ever
Feel this way

I thought my heart
Was mine to keep
But ito it
You did sneak

Now that
You are there
I don't want you
Going anywhere

I hope you
Decide to stay
That your heart
Will never stray

But if the day
Should ever come
When we no longer
Are having fun

Always remember
Your heart comes first
Don't stay somewhere
If it makes you feel worse

Your happiness
Is all that counts
Don't let your sadness
Ever start to mount

Life's too short
It passes much too fast
Always be happy
As happiness should always last

11-11-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Amends

I end each night with a prayer
I know that He is always there

When I'm finished and have to go
I know that He will always show

The right road for me to take
Hopefully the right decisions I'll make

I've done my best because of Him
He's the only one who knows where I've been

He's forgiven me for my past
What I feel for Him will forever last

11-2-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

America The Beautiful

America The Beautiful
That what the song says
Those words ring loud and true
Every day that I'm alive

I see those words before my eyes
Anywhere I chance to look
In my heart this land will stay
America The Beautiful

Open meadows clear blue skies
Hills all covered green
I have been so many places
There's much that I have seen

America The Beautiful
That's what the song says
America The Beautiful
Will remain my home sweet home

If for some unknown reason
You're unhappy with this land
You can always feel free to leave
But in a freer country you'll never stand

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Ray Hansell

An Eerie Night

The night is deathly silent
As the moon lights the sky
High above I see a plane
But I cannot here it fly

I see a figure on the pavement
Walking, at a very rapid pace
I can't tell if it's a man or woman
Because I cannot see their face

In the distance I faintly hear voices
But I don't know what they're saying
I see no lights coming from a church
But I hear God's followers praying

I walk past a row of houses
Standing all alone
I can tell as I walk by
That inside no one is home

The moon light is very bright
The only light to be found
Walking alone on the city streets
Can make one's heart just pound

The dark streets of a city
Can be a very eerie place
It is this kind of solitude
That most people don't embrace

4-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

An Email Memory

A mysterious email
Floated into my box
The sender unknown
The writing unorthodox

I could tell by the style
I knew it so well
At that very moment
My heart began to swell

A long lost friend
To me that's what you are
When amongst all the others
You are the brightest star

The respect I feel inside for you
Is the very highest of regards
But no longer talking with you
Has left my heart with scars

6-28-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

An Escape

We all take an imaginary journey
Travels far and wide
Sometimes dreams and reality
Often times collide

Dreams can sometimes take us
To a wonderful hideaway
To a place full of fantasy
Where we often wish we could stay

An escape from the present
To places unknown
Wishing for a moment
This dream was our home

But soon reality
Will bring us back to today
Knowing that forever
Reality is where we'll all stay

4-29-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

An Impact

You've made an impact on my life
Forever I'll remember you
Even though your time on earth
Has reached a premature end
I'll always remember you
As a special and loving friend

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Ray Hansell

Anger

Anger lives inside us all
No matter who you are
Though it's usually locked away
But every now and then
We take it out of storage
And display it for all the world to see

Ray Hansell

Angry People

Some people change like the weather
It's not always for the better
One minute they're happy having fun
But very quickly the fun is done
Anger now takes the place
Of the smile that was on their face
What use to be a happy time
Is no longer their state of mind

9-3-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Another

Another young woman
Whose body is attacked
She tried so very hard
To fight her way back

But once again her opponent
Just appeared one day
She had to fight a disease
That is tough to make go away

She fought herself a courageous fight
Like all women do
But it had a strangle hold
On her body through and through

She did fight hard
She did fight long
But in the end
The cancer was too strong

This seems to be a foe
That win's too many fights
But I know there are women
Who are successful in their plight

There are many who sometimes beat
This killer known as cancer
We must keep on fighting
Until one day we find the answer

To put an end to all the suffering
It causes in our society
Because we know at any time at all
This could strike you or me

5-14-10/RJH

Another Chance

What ever happened
To you and me?
What happened to the love
That use to be?

We use to chase rainbows
After a summer rain
Please tell me what happened
Why things are not the same

We use to wish upon a star
On a warm summers night
All those times we spent together
Everything in the world was right

Two kids who grew up together
Two adults who fell in love
We built our worlds around each other
That's all we ever thought of

Then came the day we said, 'I Do'
We both believed in forever
But I guess forever is one of those words
You don't use, just like never say never

We thought we found our tomorrows
In each other eyes
Could it be all those years
We both wore a disguise?

There was a time not long ago
The love we shared was real
But as the years passed us by
Some things we no longer conceal

My love for you has faded
Like a fog burned away by the sun
It was not that long ago
When in my heart you were the only one

I can see your love for me
No longer lives in your heart
Instead of growing together
It appears we've grown apart

I know that no one is to blame
That's not what I'm trying to do
But I think it would be better
To live without you

It hurts me so to speak these words
Because you've meant so much to me
But you and I staying together
Is just not meant to be

I don't think our love has died
Because love is never truly dead
I just think now is the time
That these words be said

You'll always have a special place
Here inside my heart
It's just that we can't live together
It's time for a brand new start

11-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Another Chance For Love

As long as I can cry
I know that I can feel
As long tears fall
I know that life is real

As long as I feel pain
I know that I'm alive
Even though I hurt
I feel I can survive

It seems for so long
My body felt numb
But I knew I was alive
"Cause my heart beat like a drum

If you can feel life
Starting over again
Then you're coming back
To what once had been

A wonderful life
With a second chance
Finding out that love
Is more than a glance

10-19-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Another Day

Another day is here
For me to think of you
And all the wonderful things
That you say and do

Loving you is easy
It's what I love to do
I hope you feel for me
Just what I feel for you

Because of you
The sun always shines
Even rainy days
I leave far behind

When I'm feeling blue
Or having a bad day
Just thoughts of you
Can chase the blues away

I love each day just loving you
You're the greatest love I've known
What I feel for you inside
Are great memories all my own

11-13-05/RJH

10-23-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Another Day To Love You Babe

For you my lovely lady
You know who you are
You are my shining sun
You are my shining star

You're my every morning
You're my every day
When the night arrives
You chase my worries away

Soon it will be tomorrow
We know what happens then
I get another day
To love you all over again

(5-15-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

Another Day To Share

A new day is upon us
As the sun breaks through the clouds
The morning will be soft and quiet
By mid-day life will be loud

The sounds of cars and buses passing
People playing in the park
The noise will ring out loud
Long after it's been dark

But it is still a brand new day
For love to bloom and grow
But I also know that somewhere out there
There is a love that is dying slow+

Another day in which dreams are born
Another day where a dream may come true
Another day for me
To share, another day with you

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Ray Hansell

Another Lesson Learned

The past is now behind us
Never to return
But we must never forget
All the lessons that were learned

Like, don't take people for granted
Or assume they'll always care
Because one day you may turn around
To find no one is there

1-23-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Another Year Of War

Christmas time is here again
Another chance to die
Those who are fighting in war
May say their last goodbye

The world is still not at peace
How much more can we endure
The leaders who speak of peace
Should start at their own front door

When I was young I was told
Christmas is a time of peace
If that's the case then how come
All fighting does not cease

The older I get the more I see
How much we are misled
It's getting to the point for me
I doubt everything that's said

My country always speaks of peace
Yet, it always flexes its might
It seems that the USA
Is always ever ready for a fight

So many people are tired of war
Far too many have surely died
But it seems the only ones who care
Are the ones left behind to cry

12-8-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Another Year To Change

Another year is ending
As a new one begins
Some of us had losses
Some of us had wins

The new year means we all
Get another chance
For those who lost in love
Another try at romance

For those who lost a loved one
Another year to move on
Even though you may have thought
That all reasons for moving on were gone

For those who thought to just give up
It's another chance for you to stand up and fight
A chance to show everyone else
That at the end of every tunnel there is light

The dark shadows that drifted overhead
Will soon be blown away by the winds of change
It won't be long before you see
That life and things can be rearranged

You'll see that change for the better does happen
No matter who you may be
One day you'll wake up and realize
That you are the one who holds that key

1-20-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Any Better

My heart never questions
The things that I do
Because everything in life
I always do for you

I think of no other
I desire only you
In our short time on earth
It pays to be true

If you can live your life
With one true love forever
Tell me how your life
Could have been any better

10-11-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Any Clearer

You said, you walked away sad
Thinking that I was mad
You were sorry for what you said
You just said, what came to your head

You wanted me to know
All day long you felt so low
You wished with all your heart
That we didn't have to part

The only thing I'd like to say
Is I love you more each passing day
I'm telling you right now
No matter what you do or say
It will always be that way

As I drove away from you
I looked into my rear view mirror
All the love that I was feeling for you
To me, could not have been any clearer

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Ray Hansell

Any Town Usa

Everybody knows the secrets
Of our little town
Everybody talks in whispers
As the gossip spreads around

Everyone knows all the lies
That spread like wild fire
The worse one's always simmer
As people continue to inquire

Many people think they know
Exactly what's going on
When in reality they don't know
That lies can cause as much harm

All the misinformation
That people like to spread
Many people just seem to repeat
Everything that's already been said

Living in a small town
Can be charming at times
But I think it would be much nicer
If their own business people would mind

3-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Anymore

Life isn't like it use to be
When it was you and me
Now my days are filled with gloom
Spent inside my bedroom

I sit and wait for your call
Starring at the four walls
But my phone never rings
Once again my heart stings

I could say I'm sorry
Like a million time before
But I think I'll go away
So I don't see you anymore

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Ray Hansell

April 16,2007 (A College Massacre)

I saw the people crying
Their eyes red from tears
I could also hear
In their voices their fears

They're trying to understand
Something that cannot be explained
They're trying hard to cope with
The heartache and the pain

They want to understand
Why people do what they do
They want to understand
How such hate in some can brew

How could anyone
Do what he's done
They wonder how so much hate
Can live inside anyone

Yesterday these people
Were strangers to each other
Some will now become very close
Like that of a sister or brother

Yesterday these people
Didn't know the others existed
Yesterday these people
Had children who were gifted

But today they stand together
Sharing hurt and tears
Knowing that their children
Will never hear graduation cheers

Yes, today they are assembled
In a church to say goodbye
Hoping that no other parents
Have to see their children die

Ray Hansell

Are We Fools

Are we all fools?
Because we dream?
All of our hopes and fantasies
Coming apart at the seams

We close our eyes and wonder
If dreams ever do come true
I've heard that's it's a possibility
That it could just happen to you

There are dreams that come in the night
There are dreams that come in the day
There are dreams that reoccur
There are dreams that never go away

So whoever and wherever you are
Happy dreams to you
For it's only a fool who will think
That dreams never come true

6-27-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Are We Worth Another Try

How come thoughts of you
Continue to fill my head
How come with each passing day
I recall all the things you've said?

I can't escape the memories
That you and I both share
Could it be that deep inside
I still really care

I thought that I was over you
I thought we said goodbye
If it's over then how come
When I think of you my heart sighs

I thought we use to be
Two lovers who had parted
But I can't seem to put out
The fire in me you started

So if you'll have me back
Can we give love another try
Who knows maybe this time
We won't say goodbye

9-3-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Are You Vindictive

Are you vindictive
When others do you wrong
Or can you turn the other cheek
To show that you are strong

Anyone can seek revenge
For reasons all their own
But the stronger one will always be
Those, who leave well enough alone

Ray Hansell

Around Us

I look around and all I see
Is a world filled with war and hate?
I know life should have to offer
For some, a much better fate

Many look to the heavens
Trying desperately to find an answer
While it seems the world around us
Is slowly dying like a cancer

I hope someone somewhere
Can do what needs to be done
But can this be accomplished
When together we can't live as one?

10-10-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

As Any Man Can Be

Living without loving
A terrible place to be
I know that in my life
Many times that was me

I thought that I was in love
But I was never really sure
Usually I went along
I made myself endure

But then one day my eyes opened
When I saw her standing there
I really couldn't help it
All I could do was stare

There was something about her
That drew my look her way
The feelings just got stronger
With each passing day

Then when I got to know her
I knew what I had found
The woman I'd been looking for
The woman I'd always want around

The love we shared was magic
She quickly helped me see
The one I'd been searching for
Was right here in front of me

I love the way she smiles
I love the way she touches me
She makes me so very happy
Happy, as any man could be

8-2-09/RjH

As If It Were Rehearsed

As if it were rehearsed
We reached out for each other
With arms that would never let go
We kissed each other with lips
That would never say goodbye

1976/RjH

Ray Hansell

As If She Knew Me

I remember when I first saw her
Up there on the stage
Although she was so young
She was matured beyond her age

The words flowed out so effortlessly
Like rivers rushing to the sea
I sat there in total silence
For I felt she was singing to only me

She described what I was feeling
But yet, we'd never met
But it seems the more she sang
Deeper inside of me she'd get

She sang about my childhood
My past pains rang loud and clear
The more that she kept singing
The more I could feel my tears

Her voice so soft and soothing
Her words came out in thyme
And for a magic evening
She took me back in time

But I get what I had realized
As I sat there listening that night
Is that so many peoples past
Though bad,
We still turned out all right

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Ray Hansell

As Long As We

Miles separate us
As the phone reunites us
For a few short minutes
Time and distance are erased

Just a few kind words
That's all I need
Just to hear your voice
I feel my heart is freed

I guess the day will never come
When you and I live as one
But as long as we can talk
For me, half the battle is won

11-18-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

As You Speak Those Words

I love the easy manner
You readily display
But more than that I love to hear
The kind and gentle words you say

Your soft voice fills my ear
When you speak those magic words
They are by far without a doubt
The best words one could hear

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Ray Hansell

Assuming Too Much

Hello, I'm hoping you're alright
I didn't hear from you tonight
Maybe you just spoiled me
As an email from you I expected to see
Maybe it's that I expect too much
You must know your words are a wonderful touch
I so look forward to reading you
When you don't write I'm not sure what to do
But I know that I must change the way
On how I'm thinking day to day
I can't count on you to fill in a void
I don't want you to get annoyed
So for now I'll leave us right here
Tomorrow my sadness will disappear
But I know I won't be feeling down
So tomorrow I won't wear a frown
Please don't ever take this wrong
But sometimes we can't all be strong
I'm not disappointed, nor am I hurt
I just need to put my self on alert
Sometimes I reach for the top
Wanting people to give more then they've got
That's always been a fault of mine
I know I must change with the time
I must realize people have things to do
I don't want to put any added pressure on you
That's not my intention with the things I say
I just missed not hearing from you today

12-1-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

At Least

Sure it hurts to lose
Someone that you love
But in losing them you realize
At least you had them to lose

2-21-78/RJH

Ray Hansell

Autumn Of Life

When the autumn of life
Takes control
When we start to feel
We're growing old

Will the love we feel today
Find a way to live on
Or will it fade
Like our younger years that are gone

6-1-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Awakening

Love has a habit
Of making one look like a fool
People have a way
Of being so very cruel

They will play or use you
For their own personal gain
They look at life
As nothing more than just a game

But sooner or later
The law of averages say
That what goes around
Will surely come their way

9-1-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Away

You're going on a journey
To a land far away
But just for a short while
Are you going to stay

It is such a different place
Then the place that you call home
But I can say that while you're gone
My heart will beat alone

You won't be here for me to hold
Your lips I cannot kiss
But for you I have just
One important wish

I hope you return home safe
I hope all goes well
Because while you're away
I'll be living in hell

11-8-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Baby Comes Home

The sign upon the house
Says, "Welcome Home"
They'll take a lot of pictures
To show her when she's grown

She is only two days old
Her life has just begun
She'll be watched over and loved
By her parents who themselves are young

The three of them will travel
A journey down life's road
Than when she is all grown up
To her, her story will be told

The sign on the house
Says, "Welcome Home"
This will be her safe haven
Until she's fully grown

2-17-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Back Again

I was just sitting here
Thinking about you
All those wonderful things
That we use to do

We could always find a way
To somehow pass the time
We would always discuss
Things that were on our minds

Those were such happy days
That we shared back then
How I wish we could have
Those days back once again

11-29-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Back To The Usa

Too many tears have fallen
Please no more stalling

The fighting must come to an end
Home the troops, you need to send

No more injuries, no more death
We'll settle for nothing less

Our brothers and sisters gave so much
I think they've given more than enough

War is hell as we all know
They did not hesitate to go

When their country called to them
They were always ready again and again

But now it's time for them to be
On a plane toward their country

We all know the price they had to pay
Bring them back to the USA

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Ray Hansell

Bad Dream

Last night I had a dream
And it scared me so
Because you said to me
That you had to go

I woke up screaming
My body drenched in sweat
My heart was pounding
The bed was soaking wet

But soon I felt your hand
Gently touch my chest
You said, you had a bad dream
Relax and get some rest

The softness of your hand
As it lightly touched my skin
Once again brought me back
From a bad place I had been

11-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Bad News

People look
But they cannot see
The hate I feel
Inside of me

So you ask
Why do I hate
I don't think
You can relate

My life's a mess
It's turned upside down
A happy medium
Just can't be found

What makes me
Hurt inside
Why have my tears
All run dry

The news I got
From the doctor today
Were the saddest words
I've heard her say

What I have
Can't be cured
By the doctor I was
Most assured

She told me
Tie up loose ends
Then say goodbye
To all my friends

So now I must prepare
To tell the ones I love
That my destination
Is bound for up above

So that's the reason
I feel hate
Because I fear
It's much too late

I feel that hope
Is all but gone
For me too soon
I'll be passing on

Unless of course
I can find
A drug for me
To extend my time

A second opinion
I must seek
So that maybe life
Is something I can keep

5-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Bad To Good

You helped me to leave
All my worries far behind
You opened up my eyes
You helped me to find

There are so many things in life
That are worth living for
You will find, in all you see
That life can hold so much more

The same holds true with love
Once it's in your heart
You'll want it forever
You'll never want it to part

When love is right
There is no better feeling
But when love goes wrong
It can send you reeling

If you have a love that's true
You should value it like gold
Hopefully you'll never see
A love that grows cold

I was once in a place
Where love had been untrue
But all that bad turned to good
The day that I met you

2-28-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Baseball

The pitcher throws
The batter swings
It flies into the night
Like the ball had wings

Runner at first
He takes his lead
He will steal second
Using blazing speed

Rounding third
Heading home
The game has been won
With a talent home grown

The umpire's arm
Snaps in the air
The batter turns
With a cold eye stare

The skies open up
The rain starts to fall
Fans are wondering
If the game will get called

So many things going on
All over the field
The players with a weakness
Will always be revealed

6-4-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Be Said

Love came along
Took us under it's spell
With you I know heaven
Because of you I know no hell

You lay your head upon my chest
I kiss the top of your head
The room is very quiet
Nothing more need be said

9-10-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Be Seen Not Heard

All I hear is chatter
As people sit and talk
I have to leave the area
I have to take a walk

If everyone is talking
Who's doing the listening?
Everyone should just be quiet
So they can hear what they are missing

What they would hear is silence
A quiet and peaceful place
The sound of nothing at all
Could put a smile on their face

But for reasons unknown
Some people can't be quiet
It's like they have to hear the noise
That one would hear from a riot

They need to learn to sit and relax
Just think quietly to themselves
They would find the kind of riches
That come without needing wealth

3-19-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Be Strong

It seems that every now and then
That past hurts surface again

It's like they are there to remind you
Of the pain that you've been through

Sometimes it seems the pain we feel
Comes back to steal our day again

Hopefully soon it goes away
So you don't suffer another day

But I am afraid to say
The pains inside will always stay

But you should know you're not alone
Others feel the pain you've known

So just be strong and see it through
For there's no one stronger than you

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Ray Hansell

Be Who You Are

Some times I am dreaming
Of a life I never knew
Sometimes I lay wishing
I could trade places with you

But then I came to realize
You've got your troubles to
Why would I want to trade places
When I see what you're going through

Sure you have your riches
You big house on the hill
But I realized that you have
More troubles than I ever will

So, be happy with who you are
Don't envy those who have more
Just keep your pride and dignity
That's all your need for sure

Ray Hansell

Be Yourself

Speak the truth
Don't tell lies
Always be honest
Never wear a disguise

Life is too short
So be who you are
Don't worry about failure
You can still go far

He who worries
About finding success
Will soon find himself
Passed by the rest

2-10-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Beaten

No more loving
No more touching
No more feeling

No more kisses
No more hugs
No more healing

No more tears
No more words
Nothing left
To be heard

11-24-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

Because I Do

The softness of your smile
The beauty that I see
When ever I am near you
You warm the heart in me

You show me all the time
What true love really means
You are the only one I see
When I close my eyes to dream

The kindness in your voice
The gentleness of your touch
Only makes me want you more
Because you're the one I love so much

12-14-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Because Of Him

You're my strength
You're my love
The power in me
Comes from above

You protect me
In times of need
It's Your call
I'll always heed

All I am
Is because of You
Because of You
I am

11-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Because Of Me

Your flowered pattered dress
Your long flowing hair
It wasn't that long ago
That for you I really cared

But back than things were complicated
So much was going on
And, if you've been wondering
My heart is sad now that you're gone

I know when we were together
I never told you what was in my heart
I'm feeling now that if I had
We never would have had to part

If only once in a while I said, I love you
Maybe today we'd still be together
But I've adjusted to life without you
I feel each day life gets a little better

It doesn't mean I don't think of you
Because I do so every day
Maybe in my heart I'm wishing
Together, we had found a way

But I know that us together
Is a place we'll never see
Looking back I can honestly say
We failed as a couple because of me

9-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Because You Said

You tell me that you love me
I don't know what to say
All I can do is smile
As my heart starts to sing
The words you have just spoken
Went straight to my heart
You know it's funny sometimes
How we dream at night
And how our dreams never come true
Now I stand here, eyes wide open
My greatest wish becomes reality
Because you said, you love me

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Ray Hansell

Before It's Too Late

The sands of life are falling
Through the hour glass
None of us ever knowing
How long our lives will last

There's only one being
Who knows our expiration date
We must live life to it's fullest
Before life gets too late

9-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Before You Give Your Heart Away

I saw a young girl crying
Tears streaming down her cheeks
She said, my heart's been broken
I said, that's nothing unique

For as long as there has been life
People have had their heart's broken
I know to you it might sound foolish
But not always is the truth spoken

Some people will say what you want to hear
Even though they know it's a lie
Sadly to say, some people will play
With your emotions and make you cry

Some of them taking advantage
Of a heart that's warm and kind
I'm sad to say in all walks of life
People like this you will find

What you should know is they'll come a time
When you'll find a love that's strong and true
You'll look back at this time
Knowing he wasn't the right one for you

Remember, love does not happen
In an hour or even a day
You have to be sure, love is secure
Before you give your heart away

2-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Beginning

Being alone
Just you and I
Makes me such
A happy guy

I hope you feel
The same way to
Because I know
That if you do

Time will tell
What we need to know
If, between you and I
A love can grow

9-24-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Beginning Again

Your smile shines bright
Like the heavens in the night
Your touch so soft and warm
Like a summer day just born
Your voice sings out like a church choir
I hope you know it's you, I desire

3-18-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Behind Her Smile

She cries behind her smile
Her tears no one can see
But the pain that she's been through
Would have crippled you and me

Ray Hansell

Being Alone

Alone in a restaurant
Alone in the park
Alone in the day
Alone in the dark

Alone in a car
Alone on a street
Alone each day
No one to meet

Alone in a crowd
Alone in a store
Alone all the time
But life's not a bore

Alone on a boat
Alone on a plane
Alone everyday day
Playing life's game

Alone is the way
I go around
That way you see
No one lets me down

4-4-2013/RjH

Ray Hansell

Being Here

Instead of being here
I wish I were there
Right next to you
Showing you how much I care

Instead of being alone
I wish we were together
Knowing that as the night wears on
Things will only get better

I wish I were holding you
Instead of holding a dream
Reality is so much better
We both know what I mean

I wish I were loving you
It's what we once did best
But I guess it doesn't matter
Issues were never addressed

4-24-09/RjH

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Ray Hansell

Being In Pain

How do mend
A heart that's broken
Can it be healed
From words just spoken

Will a touch
From a friend
Help your heartache
On the road to mend

Or will it take the almighty
To help ease the pain
After all, we all live
Inside of his domain

I need someone to help me
Help me find a way
To shake loose from my grief
So I can carry on each day

Tonight before I go to bed
I will hit my knees
Then, I'll ask the Lord above
To please, help put my heart at ease

Try to make me whole again
Try to help me understand
That being lost and confused
Doesn't make any less of a man

Then maybe my broken heart
Can find a way to mend
Then, finally bringing all this hurting
To it's very end

1-12-19/RjH

Being Late

There are those people
Who are never on time
To them it's no big deal
They pay it no mind

But being late is an attitude
A sign you just don't care
If you are going to be late
Why bother going there

1-16-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Being With You

Feeling you so soft and warm
Pressed against my skin
I want to make love with you
It's a place we've already been

I'll love you soft and gentle
I'll kiss you nice and slow
All the love I feel for you
I promise it will show

When the loving is over
And it's just you, me and the night
I promise that forever
I'll always treat you right

11-16-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Believe In Yourself

You must have faith
You must believe
If you do
You will achieve

If you think you can
Then you just might
To doubt yourself
Is to turn out the light

For in darkness
No one can see
Failures or success
Only you know what could be

So keep the faith
Always believe
Life rewards
You will receive

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Ray Hansell

Believe In Yourself The Most

Believe in others
Always have trust
But, believe in yourself
That is a must

You can believe in other people
That's the right thing to do
But remember the one you can count on the most
Is always going to be you

1-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Believing In Yourself

Her screams fill the night
She knows he's gone for good
Though she still loves him
Many things are misunderstood

Did he love her?
Did he care?
Now she'll never know
Without him being there

Maybe it's for the best
Maybe she needs to be alone
Only time will tell
If she can find her way home

If she see's that she can make it
If she see's she don't need a man
Finally for the first time in her life
On her own two feet she'll stand

5-18-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

Belong To You

I know a lovely lady
Who is soft and sweet
You would feel the same
If her you were to meet

She gives me love and so much more
She's today, tomorrow and forever
It seems with each passing day
All things with her get better

Her smile is bright, her touch is warm
She soothes me with her song
I know that loving her
Could never be wrong

I love her unconditional
I know I always will
Everytime that we meet
She still gives me a thrill

I know that come tomorrow
I will still feel the same
I know that loving her
Would never be a game

My feelings are genuine
My love is strong and true
I promise that this heart of mine
Will always belong to you

12-22-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Better Half

I fell in love with you
So many years ago
As we traveled through the years
There was much we didn't know

As the years passed us by
Our love only grew stronger
With all the miles we put behind us
We don't know how much longer

You and I have left to live
But only time will let us know
It's been great and so much fun
Thanks for the love you'd always show

I could have made it on my own
But I wouldn't have had the fun I did
I know it's all because of you
What a truly great life it was to live

3-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Better Off With Goodbye?

Do you think
There is a way
That you and I
Can bring back yesterday?

Do you think
We're worth another try
Or, are we better off
Just telling each other goodbye

5-18-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Better To Wait

I thought I'd call you up
To see how you are doing
But then I thought, I better not
As it could be my undoing

We got into an argument
We both said some awful things
I think it might be more than wise
To wait and see what tomorrow brings

I think a cooling period
Would serve us both just fine
Because I'd really hate to lose
The love I feel in this heart of mine

1-21-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Between Me And God (A Friend Fighting Cancer)

Last night when I hit my knees
To say my nightly prayers
For the first time ever
I asked God if he was there?

I asked Him for a favor
But it wasn't for me
If you just read on
I think that you will see

I asked God if He had
A miracle or two
I told Him it wasn't for me
But that it was for you

I told Him how you needed help
To fight a deadly foe
But He just answered slowly
With the words, I know

He said, you don't need a miracle
All you have to do is believe
Through the power of faith
There is so much one can achieve

He said, sometimes I throw a curve
Even to the very best
He wants to see how you respond
He said, it's part of life's test

He promised to watch over you
To bless you every day
He knows you're a believer
He feels your faith come his way

All He asks of you is that
You keep up the good fight
He says between the two of you
Things will work out all right

5-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Between You And Me

Seeing you again
Confirmed what I knew
I am still so very much
In love with only you

What you do to me
No one else will see
All the things we share
Stay between you and me

8-16-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Bewilderment

I wish I had the time
To get you off my mind

It seems you're always there
Causing me great despair

I really don't know why
Since we've already said goodbye

I wish I could find a way
To lose the memories of you today

Hopefully in time I'll heal
Than feelings for you, I'll no longer feel

4-21-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Bleeding Heart

Now I see she's happy
I am happy to
If she had to love someone
I'm glad that it was you

Don't get me wrong I miss her
With every breath I breathe
With every passing day
A little more my heart bleeds

3-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Boy Meets Girl

I never could give you much
But what I gave was real
All the words I ever spoke
Were as true as true could be

Boy meets girl
With a simple hello
Before they know it
They're always with each other

The dream the days away
At night their dreams come true
Laying there together
The whole night through
They greet the brand new day

One day he asks her,
Would you marry me?
He says,
I'll make you happy as can be

Through teary eye's she says yes
I'd love to be your wife
I can't think of anything better
Then you and I sharing a life

Boy meets girl
With a simple hello
Right before their eyes
They both watched love grow

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Ray Hansell

Break Up October 94

The time has come
For you and I
To bid each other
A fond goodbye

This time has been coming
Since June of '94
That's when you made it clear
You didn't love me anymore

I hold no grudges
You're not blame
Love didn't last
That's the shame

Eight long years
We've been together
Look at all the storms
You and I have weathered

I hope you find
What your looking for
I hope one day
Love finds it's way to your door

I hope you'll be happy
I wish you the best
We really did try
We just didn't pass love's test

12-22-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

Break Ups

Breaks ups come
Break ups go
Life goes on
As we all know

I thought as time went on
A break up wouldn't be so tough
But I guess when the heart hurts
It's always way too much

Sometimes you reconcile
Because your heart still cares
But I guess a break up anytime
Will usually cause despair

4-30-09/RjH

submitted
10-16-16

Ray Hansell

Bring Them Home

Killed in war
At twenty four
American's can't
Take no more

Too many wounded
Too many have died
Too many families
Have already cried

We all ask
Why should we stay
In a country that hates us
More each day

So, do the right thing
Bring the troops all home
Bring them back to a place
Where appreciation will be shown

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Ray Hansell

Broken

Broken soul
Broken heart
Broken forever
Love has fallen apart

Broken days
Broken nights
Broken words
End up in fights

Broken thoughts
Broken dreams
Broken memories
Love isn't all it sometimes seems

4-14-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Broken Hearts Will Heal

I know that broken hearts can heal
It happens almost everyday
People find the strength within
To go about their way

But I know that for a while
They will let no one near
They don't want the pain
From another fallen tear

4-17-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Broken Promise

My hearts in a sling
It can longer sing
Why did I cling
To that stupid ring

9-18-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Bullseye

I received your card
Today in the mail
I opened it fast
Without fail

There was a picture
With snow falling down
There were your words
They said, I'll see you around

So I guess it's goodbye
That you are saying
While at the same time
My heart you are slaying

But I must thank you
For being so honest
You never lead me on
With any false promise

You were so truthful
Right from the start
But truth always hurts
When it hits in the heart

5-22-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Burn Burn Burn

The burning love
I feel inside
I can't control
I just can't hide

My love for you burns
Like that of a wild fire
The passion inside of me
Like flames keep leaper higher

I feel like I may burn
Completely out of control
I fear I'll lose my grip
I fear I'll lose my hold

I need someone to cool me
Someone to help me slow down
But please don't use water
I don't want my love to drown

Or maybe just let me burn
Until I burn myself out
Maybe then I'll learn
What love is all about

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Ray Hansell

But Most Of All

My eyes are getting weary
It's time to say goodnight
A new day will be born
With the morning light

As I drift off to dream land
I'll dream sweet dreams of you
I hope you sleep peaceful
As the angels watch over you

I hope you sleep in comfort
Tucked warm inside your bed
I hope in your mind there's echo's
All of the "I love you's" I have said

But most of all
I always pray
That you awake
To see a brand new day

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Ray Hansell

But Yet

The love we shared
Years ago
I'll never regret
But yet
I still miss you so

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By The Fire

Lying by the fire
Watching the flames
Dancing on the log
Our naked bodies
Pressed together
Music softly playing
As love fills the room
Softly I keep saying
I love you, I love you

8-1-76/RJH

Ray Hansell

Bye

The gun is pressed
To my head
Soon I'll no longer
Be depressed

With one little pull
With one loud pop
All the hurt and pain
Is finally going to stop

Sorry for the mess
That I leave behind
I hope the clean up
Doesn't take much time

To who ever finds me
Dead and laying here
I hope your future nights
Aren't filled with bad nightmares

5-27-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Called Home

I think of you so often
Probably, more than I should
But I can't change a thing
And that's probably just as good

I never ever pictured life
Living here alone
But there was nothing I could do
As you were called home

But I know that you are safe now
In God's loving hands
Living in eternity
Without any demands

There are so many things in life
That we cannot control
But joining you one day in heaven
Well, that will be my goal

So please save a place for me
Right there by your side
So, when I do get to heaven
Once again you can be my bride

9-7-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Calling You

I talked with you
On the phone
Hoping that
You were home

But you were
In your car
You said that you
Were going far

I wanted to stop
By your place
Just to see
You pretty face

To marvel at
You beautiful smile
The one that always
Is in style

But I'll have to wait
For another day
When I know
That I can come your way

6-3-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Can Be Strange

Love can be strange
There really are no rules
Love has a habit
Of making people look like fools

5-2-09/Rjh

Ray Hansell

Can We

Can we get any closer
Then we are right now?
If that's possible
Please let me know how

I love you more every day
My feelings grow and grow
I look forward to tomorrow
Just so that I can show

How much I love you
How much I care
I hope that you know
I'd follow you anywhere

The beauty of your soul
Shines through your smile
Like the way you live your life
With honesty and style

The feelings that you feel
The love within your heart
It always showed in your eyes
Right from the very start

We're apart now
But just you wait and see
The day is not that far away
When you'll share life with me

10-23-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Can We Try Again?

You turn to me
With teary eyes
Your hurt and pain
You just can't hide

Then you ask
May I have a kiss?
Your kiss is what
I most miss

I didn't know
When you went away
That I'd miss you so
Each and every day

So please come back
So we can see
If what we had
Can once again be

If it fails
I'll walk away
You'll never hear from me
After that day

11-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Can We?

Good versus evil
Love versus hate
Can we change it all
Before it's too late?

9-27-18? RjH

Ray Hansell

Can You Un-Do

Can you un-ring a bell?
Once it has been rung
Can you un-do the damage
That may have been done

When you say, I love you
Can it be taken back?
Or is it too late
Because of the impact

When you leave someone
Is that the end of it all
Is everything two people built
Destined to crumble and fall

When you've hurt somebody
Causing a pain so deep
Is there any reason to believe
Love from you they want to keep

It seems in life we all do things
That we wish we could un-do
Why does it seem the one's we love
Are the one's we do this to

How can you say you love someone
Then cause them such misery
I know that in life and love
This isn't how it was meant to be

When you love somebody
They say follow your heart
For if your love is real and true
From love you'll never part

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Can'T Be Found

You asked me for a poem
Written just for you
That's a fair request
Let me see what I can do

The words I wish to use
Are words that can't be found
But please don't you worry
On another day they'll be around

4-20-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Can't Conceal

The sparkle in her eyes
Always makes them shine
With the stars in the sky
There are a perfect rhyme

When I see her smile
With her face all aglow
It always lets me know
That our love can grow

When she looks at me
She can see how I feel
My feelings for her
I just can't conceal

4-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Can't Escape

Lying here in bed
With thoughts of you
That fill my head
But then again, that's nothing new

I can't escape her memory
No matter how hard I try
I wish there was a way
To forever say good bye

But when I close my eyes
There you are again
I wonder to myself
When will this end

Maybe I should accept
Your memory is here to stay
Locked inside my mind
Forever and a day

9-19-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Carefree And Easy

People come and people go
With no clear direction
Some seem to travel through life
With no real expectations

They live their lives one day at time
They don't worry about making plans
They seem to along just fine
Doing as little as they can

They look at people like you and I
They shake their heads and laugh
They watch us scurry through the day
While they slowly take their own path

Time for them is not of the essence
They believe they get more than they need
They have no desire for material things
Because their aim is not greed

They live a life carefree and easy
As they meander through each day
Taking what life throws at them
Keeping the good, throwing the rest away

They could care less about the struggles
That so many face each day
There whole existence is built on having less
While others work to bring home more pay

1-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Carry Some For Me

If you're feeling guilty
For some things you do
Than please do me a favor
Carry some guilt for me to

Life is much to short
To carry guilt around
The weight of it all
Will surely bring you down

11-15-1977/RjH

Ray Hansell

Catch My Eye

As the sun goes down
The moon begins to rise
All I want to see
Is you before my eyes

The beauty of a sunset
Is a wonderful sight to see
It can only be topped
By you standing next to me

The loveliness of you or
The beauty of the sky
I'm so happy to say
You'd be the one to catch my eye

7-3-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Change

When true love
Seems to die
With a tear falling
From your eye

Does love once felt
Just simply leave
Causing a heart
Alone to grieve

How does love
Turn to hate
When you thought of her
As something great

But it seems time has changed
A warm heart turned cold
A love once shared
That won't grow old

6-5-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Changes

Season's come
Season's go
Changing as they leave

People come
People go
Because they don't believe

Smiles come
Smiles go
Because love didn't grow

Fears come
Fears go
Because of things we don't know

Tears come
Tears go
But for whom do we grieve

Season's come
Season's go
We change as they leave

11-23-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Charming

Hand in hand
Side by side
Love between us
We do not hide

Walking along
On a summer day
I wish it could be
Always this way

Life so easy
The days so kind
When there's nothing
On my mind

Just you and I
Sharing time
Just you and I
Living in a rhyme

Days so lovely
Nights so calming
Life is good
In a town called Charming

9-18-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Cheater Caught

You said our love was classified
That we'd never be dissatisfied
But then I was horrified
This whole time you were preoccupied

You knew that we would collide
When the mystery man was identified
You knew I'd be mortified
Because your cheating you glorified

But lets no longer pretend
That you and I can remain friends
Because on you I can't depend
What you did you can't defend

Maybe we should both spend
Time far away to mend
Maybe one day you'll comprehend
That people are a godsend

8-29-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Cherished Times Forever

There have been times in my life
That I remember and cherish
But none will be more remembered or cherished
As much as the times I've spent with you

When other memories fade and are forgotten
These times with you will live on and on
Time could not erase, no one could replace
The moments together with you

You are so very special and always in my heart
My day begins with thoughts of you and that's the way it ends
Years from now and millions miles between us
I'll look back and remember how I loved you, my friend

Ray Hansell

Child

You gave me a child
Born, from the love we share
When I look into his eyes
I always see you there

He resembles his mother
Right down to his blue eyes
And when he flashes his smile
Well, that's the hidden prize

His smile lights up a room
Like the sun lights the day
My special wish as I pray each night
Is for God to protect him along the way

4-10-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Choice Or Circumstance

I have been lonely
Whether by choice or circumstance
But I have always believed
With love, I'll get another chance

11-29-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Choices

In our heads
We hear a voice
Helping us
To make a choice

Sometimes it's the right
Sometimes it is not
Whether right or wrong
Our choices are all we got

We are the one's
Who must decide
There are times you can't
Run and hide

You must decide
You must make a choice
As you listen to
That little voice

Hopefully
The choice you make
Won't turn into
A big mistake

But, if it does
And things go wrong
Stay the course
And stay strong

9-12-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Choices We Make

In our heads
We hear a voice
Helping us
To make a choice

Sometimes it's the right decision
Sometimes it is not
Whether right or wrong
Our choices are all we've got

10-15-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Christmas War

Here's another Christmas
We're still engaged in war
I was hoping last year
The wars would be no more

But still the fighting lingers
For how long is anybody's guess
It seems the way it's going
It's become a game of chess

One side moves then the other
Then there a pause
But for now we know they'll be no visit
From a man called Santa Claus

So here once again is hoping
That you return home real fast
Hoping that the war you fight
Will soon be in the past

So here's wishing you the best
To you and your platoon
Hoping that all of you
Return home very soon

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Ray Hansell

Cigaregrets

Looking for hope
Where there appears to be none
Fighting a battle
That can't be one

Don't give up
Is often said
Terrible things
That people dread

Fight the good fight
I hear every day
These words are spoken
When people aren't sure what to say

There's always tomorrow
But not for all
Those very sick
Could quite possibly fall

Hang in there is another phrase
I hear way too much
I think people say that
When they've been out of touch

How about keep your chin up
Or, turn the other cheek
People who say this
I feel are very meek

Stand up and fight
Just don't give in
Nobody knows but you
Exactly where you have been

Well, maybe somebody
Who's terminally ill
No longer has strength
Has even less of a will

Well, maybe a long time ago
They have all but given hope
Maybe what they want more then ever
Is just to have that one last smoke

After all in looking back
That's what put you in this mess
How much longer you have
That could be anyone's guess

12-26-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Cleaning Up

Tonight I will write
A poem for you for
I have the time
So that's what I'll do

I hope that today
Everything was good
I hope you got to do
All of the things you could

Maybe you even
Took a break or two
Especially if you
Had a lot to do

So, don't work too hard
Rome wasn't built in a day
Make sure you look
At things that way

You've got the time
So pace yourself
Do things for you
And nobody else

12-15-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Cloak And Dagger

Last night he dreamed of her
It took him by surprise
He had not even a clue
Of the color of your eyes

He'd never seen your face
He'd never heard your voice
When it comes to dreams
We don't have a choice

They have never met
Who knows if they ever will
But this cloak and dagger stuff
He thought was a thrill

He surely hopes they can
Keep hanging out in cyber space
Wondering if they'll get the chance
To ever meet face to face

He thinks it's kind of mysterious
Not knowing much about the other
He thinks that if they were to meet
They could make each others heart flutter

Or maybe fall so deep in love
Never to get out
For now they're only words
But something to think about

11-18-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Closeness

The closeness that you feel
When you're loving someone
Is a feeling that should live
Long after the loving is done

Lying there together
As close as we can be
Nothing inside could ever change
The love in me no one else can see

A lasting love is never easy
I believe this to be true
I'm glad I spent my lifetime
Giving all my love to only you

4-4-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Coffee For Two

Sitting at a table
With chairs for only two
Sipping on our coffee
It's only me and you

What a great escape
In the middle of the day
We sit and sip our coffee
As if we were in a play

The world around us keeps moving
At it's steady pace
You can tell people are hurried
By the looks upon their face

No time to take it easy
No time to just kick back
Quiet and peaceful moments
Is what their hurried worlds lack

They have to be someplace
They check their phone for the time
I'm glad that hurried living
Is no longer a burden of mine

10-26-2014

Ray Hansell

Cold Moments

In times of misunderstanding
Before we take a stand
The thing you should always remember
I will always take your hand

Before we say something
That we will both regret
Let us always remember
All the thing we can't forget

All our years together
All the tears we've lost
I remember all those days
When love would melt the frost

We may have had some bad times
Just like most couples do
Bu understand what I'm saying
No matter what, I'll always love you

3-29-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Cold Spell

The sun outside
Is beating down
No Relief
On the ground

No breeze
To move the air
Mother Nature
Doesn't care

As the day goes on
The hotter it gets
No relief
In sight yet

Another day
With three digit heat
It's a cold spell
We'd love to meet

9-4-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Coldness

When we met you were a virgin
You are a virgin no more
Just because we made love
Doesn't mean I'll be back at your door

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Ray Hansell

Come Home With Me

Come home with me
Please warm my bed
Tomorrow I will tell you
All the things you said

My nights are lonely
And very cold
I need someone
That I can hold

Please say that you'll
Come home with me
For the two of us
Maybe its love we'll see

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Ray Hansell

Come Saturday

Saturdays sounds wonderful
If it's comes to be
You are the only one
I want real close to me

Just to touch your sexy body
Or just to hold your hand
I love so much baby
I truly hope you understand

No one else does to me
All the things you do
All I want from this life
Is to give my love to you

Maybe sometime soon
We can look down the road
So I'll know if forever
I'll have you to love and hold

But if Saturday doesn't happen
Know one thing for sure
The love I feel for you is locked
Inside my heart safe and secure

Sure I'd love nothing more
Then to hold you tight
To have you very close to me
As together we dream away the night

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Ray Hansell

Come Take My Hand

I pray that there is hope
I pray that there's a chance
You'll come take my hand
So together we can dance

Please come take my hand
We'll walk near the ocean's roar
The full moon will light our way
AS we walk through loves door

We'll stop and sit in the sand
As I hold you near
I'll whisper that I love you
I'll say it soft and clear

I'll fill your heard with music
As I sing you a song
Being with you will so feel so right
Loving you could never be wrong

I may sing a little off key
And be slightly out of tune
But I'll still sing for you
As we sit on a sand dune

What I feel inside for you
I know will last forever
I know as the years go by
Our world will get better

Please come with me
Please come take my hand
Right beside of you
Is where I'll always stand

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Come Together

So many nights spent alone
Just starring at the ceiling
Deeep inside this heart of mine
There's so much that I'm feeling

So many times when I just cried
Times when I'd just reminisce
Thinking of the years gone by
Knowing, that some I really miss

Life has not been easy
Another test to take it always seems
But I've never given up
Or thrown away my dreams

But as time passes me
Things get a little better
I feel one day my whole world
Will somehow all come together

Ray Hansell

Coming Of Age

When I think of you
I always remember
The first time we kissed
How it felt so very tender

I didn't know what love was
But I got this special feeling
You made my heart
Go rocking and a reeling

It was the first summer
Of my teenage years
So many things I didn't know
My heart sometimes beat with fear

I was coming of age
But I didn't even know it
I would always try new things
Things, I would not admit

How those youthful years
Hold so many memories
But it seems the passage of time
Becomes our enemy

I learned so much back then
It laid the foundation
For the life I live today
To not have high expectations

12-7-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Commitment To Each Other

I love it when we're alone
You sit here in my arms
I hold you so very close
Safe from any and all harm

The fragrance of your perfume
Smells like a summer day
When you leave the room
The scent of you will stay

Quiet times spent alone
Helps us to keep connecting
We learn that it's important
That our love is worth protecting

When two people are sharing love
Bound by a commitment
The love they share with each other
Can be a life of fulfillment

So as we travel through this life
In all the things we'll do
I will love and cherish you
Until our time is through

If I should go before you do
I'll tell you this before it's too late
That I'll be waiting there for you
Right next to heavens gate

9-11-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Communications Failure

I look back and think
Of all that we've been through
For the life of me
I don't know how I lost you

We use to be the best of friends
We shared everything
Now I feel so very sad
When I remember what had been

You always had my back
I always had yours
Watching out for each other
Was never ever a chore

The fun times that we had
Far out numbered the bad
But now that I've lost you
My heart is very sad

I only wish I knew
Exactly what it is I've done
It hurts me so very deeply
To have to lose my son

2-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Company

Spending time with you
Is what I most like to do

Whether making love or drinking wine
Either one to me is fine

Sometimes just your company
Is really what suits me

1982/RjH

Ray Hansell

Confident And Comforter

Life at times
Can be a puzzle
Sometimes problems
Just seem to double

Sometimes solutions
Are hard to find
Sometimes you feel
You've lost your mind

At times you'll need
A helping hand
Someone to steady you
As you stand

Asking someone for help
Remember, its no disgrace
Because it may take a friend
To help you find your place

There was a time or two
When I was down and out
It was at those low points
I learned what a friend was all about

For you will see in good times
Friends are always there
When the going gets real tough
That's when true friends show they care

9-30-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Conflicted

She walked through the door
With her heart broken in two
For the first time ever
She doesn't know what to do

Why her life had been cut short
At this early age
What she felt deep inside
Sent her soul into a rage

Never once had she questioned faith
Or the things she believed
How was she supposed to accept
The death sentence she just received

She was told she had less than a year
To complete the rest of her life
That was why she looked so stunned
Like someone stabbed with a knife

She stood in front of the mirror
Questioning her belief
Wondering to herself why God
Do not give her some relief

All through life she gave her heart
To the Lord above
Believing what she was told
That God is always love

She'll never question God
Even though she feels betrayed
She knows that when He is here
Because of Him she will not be afraid

11-3-18/RjH

Confrontations

Sometimes it becomes necessary
To engage in a confrontation
You must be ready to stand your ground
Like that of a well armed nation

Sometimes we confront a person
Though it doesn't feel very good
But in your heart you know
You need to be understood

You've got to have your say
About what took place
You'll probably see the surprise
Written all over their face

But when it's over you'll feel better
Because you had your say
Now you know that in the future
You'll confront anyone any day

9-3-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Confusing

I don't know what happened
I'm not sure what went wrong
I only know her and I
Will never finish our love song

It seems that it's all over
Before it had a start
I'm still searching for the answers
Somewhere in my heart

I thought love was the key
That would keep us locked together
I now see that's not the case
As this storm we couldn't weather

It's always sad to see something good
Come to it's conclusion
But I guess of all the things in life
Love, seems to be the most confusing

1-7-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Confusion

I'm lost in all the details
Swirling inside my head
Trying to rationalize
All the things you've said

I'm not sure what you're saying
Or where all this is leading to
I just want to try to find a way
To work it all out with you

4-4-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Coping

As I say a prayer
I wonder if you care
But, is it really fair
To live on in despair?

Life can be a slippery slope
But I believe there is always hope
As we walk life's tightrope
Hoping that we're able to cope

I have not been the same
Since my hearts been in pain
But there's no use to complain
Knowing that I'm the one to blame

8-25-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Coping With Life Each Day

Sometimes I'm up
Sometimes I'm down
Sometimes the world
Just spins me around

Sometimes I laugh
Sometimes I cry
Sometimes I don't know
The reason why

One moment I'm happy
The next I'm sad
Sometimes wondering
Just what I had

My changing moods
Rule my day
This is how I am
This is how I'll stay

I know my emotions
Fluctuate all the time
But it's sometime going on
Inside my mind

Maybe one day
They'll discover a pill
That I can take
To help me chill

10-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Copyright

Some poems that I wrote
Were not protected
It was my fault
That's something I neglected

But I have since learned
From my mistakes
Now I protect my writing
No matter what it takes

So please make sure you do the same
To protect the things you write
That way when it comes to sleeping
You'll sleep soundly through the night

So make sure the words you write
From you they don't take flight
The way that you can do this
Is to get a copyright

4-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Cosmetic Repair

The right side of my neck
Looks like a zipper
Stitches put there
By Doc the ripper

With a tug and pull
He threaded stitches through
I really hope any pray
He doesn't cut on you

11-18-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Could Not Have Helped

Words so soft and tender
Always leave your lips
When I am away
Your gentleness I miss

You are so kind and gentle
In all the things you do
I could not have helped
But to fall in love with you

4-2-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Couldn'T Be Spared

I believe we've reached the end
I think our love has died
I know we tried
But we both cried
Way too many times

As you go remember
I once really cared
But I guess the love we once shared
Just couldn't be spared

11-18-2005/RjH

Ray Hansell

Creating

I like to take some words
Arrange them all around
Until I can find
That special rhyming sound

Sometimes it's very easy
Sometimes it's difficult
Writing about how I feel
Or remembering how I once felt

Choosing the right words
At times can be a challenge
But I always persevere
Trying to find a balance

I sometimes jot down notes
As I go through my day
Because if I don't
A thought may slip away

It can be very rewarding
When I read my finished work
But some peoples comments
Can leave you feeling hurt

I post them on Poem Hunter
To get some feedback
But sometimes all I get
Are people making wise cracks

What took me time to create
People tear apart in seconds
Their very unkind words
They seem to use like weapons

They care not about someone's feelings
They insult and criticize
If they don't like what they read
They use words to paralyze

I do not mind criticism
As long as it's constructive
I do not like when people try
To be so destructive

But I truly have to say
Negative words never discourage me
I always keep pushing on to write
The vision my minds eye can see

So, I honestly believe
You can't let negativity
Every get in the way
Of your creativity

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Ray Hansell

Crying

When she started crying
I didn't know what to do
I tried to comfort her
When I did, I started crying to

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D What Y Ou Must Do

Today is almost over
Soon tomorrow will be
Will I wake to find
That you're still here with me?

Or will I find that you
Have packed your things and left
Because lately our lift together
Wasn't really the best

Or will I find you
Laying next to me
That is the picture
I'd really love to see

I have no desire
To want to see you leave
I hope that you know
I hope that you believe

That you and I can make it
No matter we've been through
I really can't see myself
Living life without you

But if you feel the need
To want to go away
I would not try to stop you
For I wouldn't know what to say

Stay with me or go away
It's really up to you
But what ever you decide
Please do what you must do

10-5-06/RjH

Dancing

Take my hand and hold it
As I hold onto to you
As the music softly plays
Dancing close is what I want to do

I want to move with you
To the gentle beat
We will get going faster
As we start to move our feet

I'll swirl you around
I'll spin you out
I'll lift you over my head
As we dance all about

Slow music, fast music
Music in between
It doesn't really matter
We'll dance like we're in a dream

Take my hand and hold it
As I hold on to you
I'll show you some things
That these feet can do

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Dancing Together For Life

The look on her face told me
That there was a chance
That before the night was over
That we'd get to share a dance

I met her in the middle
Out on the dance floor
Hoping in my heart
With her I'd dance some more

So, here we are again
Dancing on the same floor
Thirty five years later
I couldn't have asked for more

2-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Daughter(S)

Stand tall
Let all the world see
How proud you are
There's no need
To prove that you're they're equal
I can see
The value of your existence
I won't put you down
Because of the work you choose
Life doesn't end
Even if now and then you lose
Just fight back
To show people you're strong
Take a stand defend it
Even if others say your wrong
Don't let their words make you give in
They have no idea where you're going
They know not of where you've been

1-20-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Day

I told you about the "People of The Night";
Now let's look at the day
Believe me when I tell you
They to are on display

You've got panhandlers in front of stores
Asking for change or more

There's so much traffic speeding by
They pass you in the blink of an eye

The addicts are all coming down
Some of them sprawled on the ground

Some have needles at their sides
Things the daylight can't hide

A couple of hookers heading home
Today they'll sleep, tonight again they roam

UPS, Fed Ex and the Postal Service
In some neighborhoods they're nervous

To get all packages and letters in the mail
To all recipients without fail

Garbage trucks block city streets
Just try to keep the whole town neat

Police cars pass with lights and sirens on
Will the suspects get caught or be gone?

Stores open for business everywhere
People move about without care

Armed security guards at the bank
Are his bullets real or are they blanks?

For his sake I hope it's a quiet day

So nothing harmful flies his way

The homeless in the park and drinking
Lower and lower life has them sinking

The city lives in the day
Soon the night will have it's say

A different cast will soon descend
As daylight comes to its end

11-7-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Days Gone By

The emptiness in my heart
The pain inside my soul
The sadness of my spirit
My life feels so cold

These hands that have held no one
These lips that have never kissed
If you never had something
Then there's nothing about that you'd miss

The days pass by so slowly
Those long and empty nights
It seems that for so long
Nothing ever went right

Then one day without warning
A feeling came over me
When I looked across the room
You were the only one I could see

I couldn't get you
Out of my head
I remember everything
You ever said

Now looking back
At the days gone by
I'm happy again
You're the reason why

You live right here inside my heart
I pray that you always will
Because every time I greet you
It's another exciting thrill

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Daze

You always wear a smile
Upon your pretty face
And every time I see you
You leave me in a daze

3-13-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dead And Gone

Sitting in a boat
Drifting on the sea
Wondering what the rest of life
Has in store for me

My life has taken many turns
Some turns I didn't want to go
There are still so many things
That I may never know

Some times I thought I had it all
But it slipped through my hands
At times it left me so confused
I just didn't understand

I could believe that maybe
I'd get another try
I know that might sound foolish
As much of life has passed me by

As we get older is it alright
For us to still have dreams?
Is it alright to still believe
The ends will one day justify the means?

Or should we just accept life as it is
Believing that no matter what
That all we have and have achieved
Will be our only shot

Or is it still good for us
To always believe in dreams
Knowing that no time soon
They will be redeemed

It seems our only enemy
Is time that marches on
Knowing our dreams can never be
When we are dead and gone

7-23-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dealing With Adversity

Try to wear a smile
In difficult times
I know it won't be easy
When things aren't going fine

But a smile can help you
As you walk through each day
It makes life a little easier
As time slowly ticks away

No need to walk around
With a long face or frown
No need to let the world know
That you're feeling down

No need to go through each day
Feeling lost and all alone
Because, soon before you know it
Your heart will find it's way back home

11-24-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dealing With An Illness

Some nights seem so lonely
I just lay there and cry
I spend my time searching
For the what for and the why's

Most times I get no where fast
The answers can't be found
At times when I feel this way
I want no one else around

Sometimes I wallow in self pity
Trying to figure things out
But all the thinking and wondering
Just fills me with more doubt

I know that I must accept
The hand that I was dealt
I often try to minimize
The mixed feelings I have felt

There are many people that I know
Who often receive bad news
When they feel down the most
They look for anything they could use

I explain in great detail
The different emotions they'll go through
Hopefully they'll listen closely
Maybe their frustrations will be few

I know that what I've been through
Is tragic without a doubt
But if you do the best you can
I know first hand things will work out

12-11-2009/RjH

Dealing With Life

Please give me room don't crowd me
I need my own space
Just a little corner of the world
So my life I can retrace

I need the peace and quiet
So my mind can drift
So I can try to remember
That life is a precious gift

I know that in my early years
There was much I didn't know
But it was my teenage years
When I began to grow

That's when so much changed so fast
I thought I'd lose my way
Life at times was a blur
As time zipped through each day

The adult years came on quickly
Responsibilities became so many
Every time I turned around
Things to do were so plenty

I always felt as time went on
Life would get a little easy
But that's like saying a hurricane's wind
Are just a little breezy

The more I journey into adulthood
The more confused I became
I thought my life would be simple
Is there someone I can blame?

But I know no one's to blame
It's just the course of life
But I always wonder
Does everyone feel this strife?

So I'll continue to struggle on
I'll hold my hear up high
But I will not apologize
If now and then I must cry

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Ray Hansell

Dealing With My Life

Sitting here today
Nothing really to new
Bored out of my mind
No different then you

Some days seem so lonely
I feel lost and all alone
Some days I can't seem to find
A way to get back home

But I'll struggle to find a way
To try to fit in
I have no idea where I'm going
Not too sure of where I've been

At times life doesn't seem
That it's even worth living
But I'll keep on trying
To take what it's giving

I don't know how long
I can keep up this fight
It could go on for years
Or, I could just give up tonight

RjH/4-5-17

Ray Hansell

Deceitfulness?

I saw the bride
As tears she cried
It could not be denied
That she was filled with pride

I saw the groom
In another room
He smelled of perfume
But, from whom?

10-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Delight

On a starry night
With the moon so bright
I was filled with delight
As I held you so tight

8-16-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Destined

You always paint a picture
With the words you write
You arrange them all together
Until they sound just right

I always read them out loud
As the words just seem to flow
Once I start reading
I just cannot let go

I'm sure they'll come a day
When, I see your name on a book cover
Then I can tell everyone
I knew her before she was discovered

Who knows maybe someday
You'll have yourself a best-seller
When the critics write their reviews
They will say, her writing is stellar

But the most important thing
That you must not forget
Is the place that you came from
And to those whom you owe a debt

Not a debt involving money
But a debt to those who believed
The ones who stood beside you
Knowing that you could achieve

11-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Diamonds

Diamonds shine and sparkle
It's said, there a girl's best friend
They wear them in a necklace
Bracelet or a ring

You can always buy them
In any jewelry store
When a lady gets one
They usually want some more

Husbands may buy diamonds
To show their wife's their love
But all the diamonds I'll ever want
Shine in the heavens above

They shine in the sky for me to see
But yet, they aren't mine
Anyone can see them
Just about all the time

People who buy diamonds
Must always pay the bill
But I have diamonds that are free
They always give such a thrill

8-1-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Did You Thank Him?

Did you bow your head this morning?
Thank the Lord for another day
Did you drop to your knees?
Did you fold your hands to pray?

Do you pay homage to the Lord?
Thank Him for the things you've got
Because there are so many others
Who are down and out and have not

Did you thank Him for the health?
Of your small children
For the love He puts in their hearts
For the life they are building

Did you thank Him for the roof?
That covers you in the night
That nice warm house
That protects until the morning light

Did you thank Him for living?
In the greatest place on earth
Never once taking for granted
Freedom and all it's worth

Yes, we should all thank Him each day
When we awake and draw another breath
Because if we do not thank Him now
It will be too late in death

2-1-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Didn'T Follow Their Dreams

Some days I remember
Some days I forget
So many things come and go
I can't remember them all but yet

Many times the past comes back to me
In the middle of a day
I'll recall so many things
That people had to say

Most of it was negative
From people who had failed
They lived a simple life
But they kept their dreams all jailed

They never took a chance
They didn't follow their dreams
As they look back on their lives
All they want to do scream

Ray Hansell

Didn'T Happen

Once upon a time
I thought the world was mine
But as I lived from day to day
I realized, it was not that way

All the things I thought were true
Were very soon out of view
All my hopes and all my dreams
Never was what they seemed

So my life has come to be
A disappointment for me
In many ways I thought it would be
A life lived in luxury

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Ray Hansell

Dirt Walls

As the church organ plays it's sad song
Everyone present knows he was wrong
To stick that needle in his arm
Because you see, now he's gone
So here's a message that's the truth
If you don't want to wear that noose
Don't get yourself hooked on drugs
By using, each day the hole is slowly dug
Believe me it's a very short fall
In the end surrounded by earth's dirt walls

5-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Disagreement

Tell me why
We must fight
Tell me why
You feel this is right

No one will win
But both could lose
Is this the life
You want to choose?

Why not just
Live and let live
Is it that hard
To forgive?

11-17-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Discovering

What would I ever do?
If I were to meet you
For now you're just a name
As we engage in this guessing game
I see your name on my computer screen
You are the unknown mystery queen
Every now and then another clue
To help me learn more about you
I've told you things about myself
I've never shared with anyone else
I find this all so intriguing
Even at times unbelieving
Your emails read so soft and kind
Thoughts of you cross my mind
So many thoughts that run so deep
I've dreamed of us in my sleep
I dreamed we met at a coffee shop
Talking for hours non-stop
Slowly my dream begins to fade
While music still softly played
Then my dream came to it's end
What a great time we got to spend
Lost in a dream just you and I
That's what's known as a natural high
So once again tonight
I sit and wonder, did she write?
I open my email with great anticipation
Will I be sad or filled with elation?
I can't say what happened next
I'll tell you more after I check

12-4-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dissolution

I held love in my hands
When I was holding you
It was the greatest feeling
My heart ever knew

When you smiled at me
A million suns would shine
Your love was safe and secure
In this heart of mine

But, slowly things were changing
Like a calm before a storm
Then before we knew it
There was a coldness where it once was warm

Love can bring two people together
Sometimes it pushes them further apart
It once was warm and tender
Back when she was your sweetheart

No friendly words are now spoken
Anger now is all you hear
Can you please tell me
What happened to the love that once lived here?

9-18-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Divorce

A friendly face
A warm smile
A gentle hand to hold
A soft tender kiss
These are all the things
I'm going to miss

2-18-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Do We Stay Or Go?

Without hesitation
I gave you my heart
But now this separation
Just tears me apart

I need to be close to you
I need you by my side
I need you there in all I do
My love for you I cannot hide

Tell me what to do
Where do we go from here?
You know I love you so
Do you love or want me near?

Or has the time finally come
To go our separate ways
The days of fun and laughter
Have they vanished in the haze?

My head knows that I'm right
But the truth is in my heart
Should we just say goodnight
Or try to make a brand new start?

Our love was once alive and well
Living in our hearts and souls
Or do we just say goodbye
And forever have doubts as we grow old

Should we stay and try
To save the love within
Or walk away with some doubt
Always wondering, what might have been

So now we must decide
For our lives are getting late
No more trying to hide
We must decide our fate

Should we try to save
What we have right now?
Maybe the past
Can help us love again somehow

5-25-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Do You Hope To Get To Heaven?

Hopefully when you die
You'll go to a place
Where there are angels
Who'll greet you with an embrace

Hopefully the place called heaven
Will be your final stop
It's much nicer up there
Then the place below that's hot

4-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Do You Like To Dream

You can be a dreamer
I believe that is okay
I know people who dream
Each and every day

They dream of things
That may never be
But they say their dreams
Set them free

They see hope for tomorrow
They don't live in the past
Things that never were
Are things that just don't last

But dreams will go on forever
Until the end of time
Do you have a dream
That often fills your mind?

Ray Hansell

Do You Think Of Us?

It seems like only yesterday
I saw your first smile
It seems like only yesterday
We drove that quiet mile

I'm sitting here remembering
How our time together just flew
All my yesterday's come back
When I realize how much I miss you

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Doctor Visit # 2

Sitting here in the doctor's office
In a most uncomfortable position
I know that I could complain
But then, who really wants to listen

I'm in the Urology department
So you can imagine what it is
This position that I am in
I know women have experienced this

I wouldn't call it degrading
But it far from flattering
In fact maybe to some
It could be ego shattering

But I know it's all just a part
Of what I'm now going through
The only thing that I will say
Is that I hope it's never you

12-23-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Doctors Visit

Going to the doctor
My appointment time was nine
But as is usual
They are running behind

So, I sit here waiting
For the passage of time
It's always nice to know
That time is never mine

Finally they call me
Then I jump for joy
The wait wasn't too long
But still just enough to annoy

They take me to the exam room
Where I get to wait some more
Now I'm wondering exactly what
I'm sitting here waiting for

I'm thinking that I should leave
To avoid any more aggravation
But then I think I should stay
Though leaving is great temptation

Then the doctor walks in
She asks, how is your day
I look at her and smile
What I think is different from what I say

She starts checking me over
When she see's the spot on my neck
She says, I'll do a biopsy
Then, send it to the lab to be checked

Then she says to me
I think I already know the answer
She said, from the looks of it
I do believe it's skin cancer

A week later her suspicions were confirmed
She told me what my options are
I listened very carefully
She added, but it will leave a scar

I told her that didn't matter
I just want it removed
I didn't care the end result
As I now felt subdued

So I thanked her and left her office
Went on my merry way
Knowing now I faced surgery
But that's a poem for another day

Ray Hansell

Does She?

I wonder, does she miss me?
Because I'm not around
Or, is there someone else
Her heart may have found

I wonder, does she still feel
What we felt back then
Or am I just someone
She thinks of now and then

If she ever thinks of me
I wonder, does she smile?
I guess it's safe for me to say
We'll never reconcile

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Ray Hansell

Does Such A Thing Exist

Some people say they're waiting
To find the perfect love
I'm sitting here wondering
Does such a thing exist?

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Ray Hansell

Doing

If there's hope in your heart
They'll be light in your eyes
By doing good deeds
Without compromise

You think not of just yourself
But you think of others to
You always do for others
The way others have done for you

4-2-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Doing It Together

You've been such a lovely sight
For my eyes to see
I am so glad that it was you
Who spent her life with me

I could never repay all the years
For the loving that you gave to me
When I look back on our life
You were the one who held the key

You held everything together
When it was starting to fall apart
Now in trying to thank you
I don't know where to start

Maybe just saying thank you
Is all I have to do

3-5-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Don'T

If you're waiting for me to say, I love you
You'll be waiting for a long time
Because even when I see you
Even then I don't feel fine

There aren't many good things
I can say about you
In fact all the good things
Would be so very few

If you're waiting for me to say, I love you
Don't

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Ray Hansell

Don't Always Want Someone New

My heart has been broken
More than a few times
Often times I'll hear
That I'll be just fine

They say a broken heart
Has an excellent chance to recover
They say before you know it
You'll find a brand new lover

Well that all may be fine
To hear that I'll recover
But why do people always think
That you always want to find another

12-9-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Don'T Be Bitter

Don't be bitter
Don't be mad
I know breaking up
Can make one sad

But you'll recover
Then you'll move on
The best part is
No Permanente harm

Sure you're hurt
Your heart may be broken
But just remember
These words spoken

Soon you'll find someone new
Someone to love and hold
Hopefully they'll be the person
Who'll share your years as you grow old

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Ray Hansell

Don'T Be Like Me

Words of love come flowing
From deep inside my heart
I guess that's the perfect place
For love to have a start

It's a warm and wonderful feeling
That doesn't happen every day
But please be very careful
If love should come your way

Never take it for granted
Never think of love as a game
The minute that you do that
Your heart will fill with pain

The pain of a broken heart
Can last for so very long
It will affect you deeply
Even if you think you're strong

I have played around before
I have lost at love
Looking back I still don't know
Just what I was thinking of

So if you have someone who loves you
Be as faithful as you can be
I speak from experience
Please, don't end up like me

Your life could be sad and lonely
You'll sleep each night alone
You may live inside your house
But your heart is not at home

A home is a warm and loving place
Where love is alive and well
A life that lived all alone
Can truly become a living hell

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Ray Hansell

Don't Belong

You should know
I'm going away
This time it will
Be to stay

I can't go on
No more with you
This is the best
Thing to do

I'll always cherish
The times we shared
The child we have
Will make us care

So, as I leave
It's best you see
To live your life
Without me

I know you'll make it
Because you're strong
But us together
We just don't belong

4-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Don't Cross That Line

I've heard it said
Don't cross that line
'Cause if you do
You're going to find

There's a price
You'll have to pay
Then you'll probably
Rue the day

When this advise
You chose to ignore
A price you'll pay
For ever more

11-2-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Don'T Dwell On What Might Have Been

The maybe's and the could be's
Dance inside my head
I think of what might have been
If only the right words were said

You say we should have met
When we were young and free
But there is no guarantee
That you would have fallen in love with me

Sometimes I think it's pointless
Bringing up the if's ands and but's
Because we can never change
What isn't and what never was

12-6-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Don'T Give Up On Love

They say the tears
Can fall like rain
Hurt your heart
Cause you pain

Once your heart
Has felt that pain
I've heard it said
Your never the same

Some people say
It lasts forever
You never completely
Feel much better

But I know that time
Heals all wounds
So don't ever give up
On love too soon

The day will come
When love will arrive
Then once again
You'll feel alive

You'll realize
That hurts do heal
When once again
Your heart learns to feel

The birds will sing
The sun will shine
The words of love
Will once again all rhyme

Ray Hansell

Don't Make Love Wait

Don't hesitate
Please don't delay
Don't say we'll love tomorrow
When love is at hand today

I love you
You said, you love me
Together I know
Is where we should be

Don't delay
Don't hesitate
In our hearts we know
We should not make love wait

9-18-82/RjH

Ray Hansell

Don't Trust

I'm tired of all the politicians
The rhetoric that they spew
I'm tired of them all
Tell me, what say you?

They make so many promises
But deliver on so few
When you get down to it
There isn't much they do

Each party blames the other
For things that don't get done
Each party claims to be
The most trustworthy one

Well, I don't trust any of them
I don't believe a word they say
I think we'd all be better off
If they would ALL just go away

11-4-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Don'T Try To Make Sense

Don't try to make sense
Of the things that go wrong
Just have the strength to recover
Just have the will to be strong

Just because things don't go
The way you wanted them to
Doesn't mean the future
Doesn't still hold good things for you

Keep your head help up high
Let a smile cover your face
Know that somewhere in this world
You will find your own place

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Ray Hansell

Don't Waste My Time

Lately I find
You on my mind
Lately it seems
You dominate my dreams
I can't explain
But I won't complain

I haven't seen you in years
When I last did, you left in tears
I know that it has been
So very many years

Why all of a sudden
Do you reappear
Could it be in my heart
That I want you near

I don't understand
Why I think of you at all
You left without a word
Not once did you ever call

I don't need or want you around
My life has been going fine
I don't have the strength no more
To watch you waste my time

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Ray Hansell

Doomed

Where did we go wrong?
There was a time not long ago
When the love we shared was so strong
But now our feelings never show

So many sunsets have been missed
So many full moons gone unshared
So many things have come and gone
Including two people who once cared

I can't for the life of me
Figure out where we went wrong
The way everything has happened
Maybe it's best to just say, so long

12-30-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Drawing A Blank

Staring at a blank screen
Searching for the words
Trying to write a poem
That you have never heard

But it seems tonight
There are no thoughts in sight
I have to say I don't have anything
That I can think of to write

So I'll turn off my computer
Put myself to bed
No use sitting here all night
When there's nothing to be said

9-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dream Girl

The day seems fresh
Almost brand new
That's the way I feel
Every time with you

She touched me
With hands of a healer
She moved in closer
So I could feel her

I felt her touch
I began to shake
The next thing I knew
I was awake

2-5-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dream My Special One

Now it's off to bed, she said
Because she was a sleepy head
Lie down softly, close your eyes
Imagine the stars in the sky
Then dream you're on the Milky Way
Having yourself a fun filled day

12-19-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dreamers

The world is full of dreamers
Fools like you and I
Because we can see
Beyond the vision in our eyes

RJH

Ray Hansell

Dreaming

I hope that everybody dreams
At least a time or two
I know that I dream
I hope you do to

I dream about the heavens
Far beyond the sky
Wondering if one day
Man could how fly

To travel far away
To see the beauty way up there
Gliding around the universe
Without a worry or a care

Maybe I could visit
Planets far away
Go to see the Milky Way
Maybe linger for a day

Fly into a black hole
Of a star that's blown away
Or find myself a planet
Where maybe I could stay

This is just what dreams can do
For everyone including you
But if you never dream
They'll be wonders left unseen

9-8-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dreams Come True

Thank you for the memories
The dreams you made come true
My life has been so wonderful
Thanks in a large part to you

Your warm radiating smile
Hands as soft as a baby
All my love was just for you
There never was a maybe

I loved you so very true
Each and every day
I gave my heart to you
I let nothing get in the way

Never was there a doubt
When it came to you
All the love I felt for you
There was nothing I wouldn't do

If I had the chance
To do it all again
I would love you baby
Better than I did back then

Thank you for the memories
The dreams you made come true
My life would have been incomplete
If I had never met you

7-10-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dreams Keep You Alive

I lie in bed and close my eyes
I see you here with me
Then I suddenly awake
But it's you I do not see

There goes my mind again
Playing tricks on me
I wonder why late at night
My dreams always haunt me

I lost you four ago
To this very day
The memories I have of you
Will live in me to stay

Not that that's a bad thing
As I loved you so very much
But it hurts for to see your face
And not get to feel your touch

Some nights when it's very quiet
Sometimes I think I hear your voice
I know that impossible
But, it still makes me rejoice

I still keep your picture
On the dresser with your ring
I look at your picture as tears fall
But yet I still feel like that King

You always said, you felt like a Queen
As we walked and I held your hand
I said to you, I'll be your King
Your every wish is my command

You would always smile
Then say, "I Love You"
I would look you in the eye
Then say, "I Love You" to

I don't have much to live for these days
As my body is getting tired and old
My last wish here on earth would be
One last time to have you to hold

But I know that is impossible
It's a dream that won't come true
But I know something that is for sure
Very shortly, I'll be joining you

1-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Drifting Off

On a cold winter night
We're huddled close together
Underneath the covers
Wrapped around each other
Warmed, by the others touch
We kiss, turn out the light
As we drift off to sleep together
Hopefully to meet, in each others dreams

12-19-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dying All Alone

Lying all alone
In a convalescent home
Spends his days and nights
Empty and alone

He's long since left his home
Reality left him long ago
When he looks at faces
There's no one he seems to know

Tonight when the lights went out
He exhaled his last breath
Long ago he always knew
He would be alone in death

Now the sun shines through the curtain
Warms the room where he use to lay
His bed will stand empty
Until another soul comes it's way

7-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dying Together

Laying together
side by side
Hand in hand
Is how they died

She was terminally ill
His health was getting worse
Living life without her
To him would be a curse

Fifty four years together
They shared each others lives
He, her only husband
She, his only wife

As the years passed by
Life had been so kind
Happiness together
Is what they would find

But now the years have started
To slowly take their toll
They felt the nagging pains
As the years made them grow old

Inside they both knew
Just want they wanted to do
They wanted to die together
As her days were becoming few

So they made the decision
Together they'd leave earth
They wanted to die with dignity
Along with their self worth

So with their children's blessing
To a clinic they all went
There, they said their goodbye's
With their prayers heaven sent

So with fragile hands
They both held a drink
They drank it down with one swallow
No need to re-think

They knew what they were doing
Was the right thing to do
This choice was their own
The minutes left were few

So there they lay together
Dying hand in hand
Going out with dignity
Is something we all can understand

They gently closed their eyes
As they went off to sleep
Slowly they journeyed
Heading for eternal peace

So please do not judge them
For what they have done
Perhaps we can all one day be as brave
When we know the end has come

7-17-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

Each And Every Day

My hearts in critical condition
It's in intensive care
I know how it got there
Would you like me to share?

You see my heart is broken
I don't know if can be repaired
I know it would come to life again
If a certain someone said she cared

I'll always love you
That's a fact that's true
I'm just now realizing
How lonely I am without you

You'll always be the memory
That's never far away
I will always love you
Each and every day

11-11-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Each Other

we take a walk
through the park
you and I
holding hands
and laughing
every now and then
we stop to kiss
because there is
no reason to hide

the sun shines down
a slight breeze blows
and cools our warm faces
the trees sway
the grass smells good
because it's just been cut

we pay no attention
to the passage of time
because time no longer
is our enemy
we have all the time
we'll ever need
to be with each other

as we walk
and we talk
love grows inside
both of our hearts
together at last
we both finally found
what we have
been spending
a lifetime looking for

12-3-18/RjH

Easy

Loving you is easy
Because of who you are
You make me the happiest
I've ever been by far

With every new dawn
Another day loving you
I feel like I was born
Doing what I do

Loving you only
The way it should be
Traveling down life's road
Happy as two people can be

Love will be our guide
As our hearts lead the way
Loving you and life
Each and every day

9-6-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Emotional Baggage

You broke my heart
Right from the start
But I still didn't
Want to part

Every time
I see your face
I always think of
That special pace

Where you and I
Had first met
We fell in love
But couldn't get

Past everything
About our past
That's probably why
We didn't last

9-25-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Empty Desk, Empty Chair

An empty desk, an empty chair
I remember when you sat there

But now you're gone and you're not there
Am I the only one who cares

I often wonder where you went to
I often think about you

I sometimes just sit and stare
At the empty desk and empty chair

So much has changed since you left
Not so much for the best

But I know I had no say
When they let you go that day

But I hope they always leave them there
Your empty desk and empty chair

12-6-2005

Ray Hansell

Empty Desk, Empty Chair Part II

I see your desk
I see your chair
It's not the same
Without you there

I recall the smile
You use to wear
But that smile
Is no longer there

I remember the woman
Who's voice rang true
That lovely voice
Belonged to you

I remember how
Each day was new
The joy I felt
Was because of you

My heart feels empty
Just like that chair
I truly miss the days
When you would sit there

But my heart knows
You're no longer here
All that remains
Is an empty desk and chair

Ray Hansell

Empty House

A snow flake landed in my hand
I stood and watched it as it melt
Because some times in love
That's just how my heart felt

I always love them for a while
But not as long as I should have
I stood there in the falling snow
Knowing I probably could have

Maybe that's why today
I'm sitting here all alone
In a big empty house
That longs to be a home

5-22-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Ending It

I read the paper the other day
A story how a girl took her life away
The paper just simply said
She put a bullet in her head

As I was about to put the paper down
I caught a glimpse of her name
I couldn't believe my eyes
I almost went insane

She had been a friend of mine
We once shared more than time
I still think of her often
Together we learned about love

She said, I was her closest friend
We vowed to be friends to the very end
When I was troubled or all alone
I could always get her on the phone

She would always lend an ear
When I had to shed a tear
It seems she was always near
To help chase away my fears

She was always there for me
No matter the time of day
But when she needed someone the most
That's when I was away

Going to her funeral was very hard to do
To see her lying in her casket
Many wondered why she did what she did
I said, it's a question that can't be answered
So why even ask it

7-25-05/RjH

Evaluate

After every rainfall
You hope to find the sun
After every broken heart
You will find a lonely one

After every setback
You evaluate
To see where you went wrong
To see if it's too late

To change your life around
So you can smile again
Back to happier days
When life wasn't such a drain

4-14-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Ever Again

You came along and gave to me
My life's biggest thrill
Something tells me that
You probably always will

I love to be in your company
Just passing time with you
It seems we always have a way
To find something to do

Nothing makes me happier
Then just being by your side
Every time I look at you
It's done with eyes opened wide

There was a time not long ago
That I truly believed
That what we share now
Would never be achieved

But here we are finally
At each others side
No longer will my love for you
Ever again have to hide

4-8-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Everlasting

I hope love is everlasting
Not just a passing phase
Because my world would come crashing
If I knew it could not be saved

So, I'll put all my trust in you
Believing in my heart you're the one
Who can help me see it through
Until both of our lives are done

11-19-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Every Day Dreams

I sometimes sit and think
Would I want to live forever?
I wonder if I could
Would life get any better?

I have to say right now
Life has been great to me
With all it's trials and tribulations
I'm still amazed at what I see

I have a son who is great
Almost beyond words
But I'm sure a million times
Those words we have all heard

I had myself a great career
That provided me a great living
It afforded me the opportunity
To give when I feel like giving

I give in my own little way
I give to those I choose
Most of my giving
Nobody even knows

So, maybe I don't want to live forever
Dying is an experience all it's own
I guess just another phase of life
As we take our final journey home

11-20-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Every Minute Of Every Day

I tried to call you today
But my call would not go through
I didn't get the chance to say
Baby, I love you

I tried a second time
But with no success
The lines are probably busy
That would be my guess

I just wanted you to know
That while you're far away
That you are always on my mind
Every minute of every day

11-26-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Every Night

Every night I sleep
With dreams of you
They always seem to help
Me to make it through

The lonely nights
Without you near
The voice that I
No longer hear

The hand that I
No longer hold
I thought it was us
Until we got old

Every night I sleep
With dreams of you
You're longer here
What am I to do?

2-7-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Every Night With You

Every night with you
Would be a fun time
Every night with you
Would be so very fine

Every night with you
Would be pure pleasure
Every night with you
Would surely be a treasure

Every night with you
Would end like the night before
Every night with you
Would keep me coming back for more

3-28- 06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Every Passing Day

Close your eyes
Take my hand
As I help you
To understand

I'll explain to you
So you will know
Just how much
I love you so

I'd give to you
A lovely day
A sky of blue
With no grey

The sun would shine
Always for you
Flowers would bloom
To show their colors so true

The night would show
The twinkling stars
To marvel at the beauty
They truly are

A harvest moon
On a winters night
As you sit near me
I'll hold you tight

Warmed by the heat from a fire
Who could ask for more
Just being with you
The woman I adore

11-29-18/RjH

Every Sunday Morning

She was kind and thoughtful
To everyone she'd meet
To a standing senior
She's always yield her seat

Harsh and angry words
Never left her lips
You'd never hear a curse word
Never she said, if you use those lips to kiss

She never spoke bad of anyone
She never put people down
Her love and respect for people
She would always pass around

Now every Sunday morning
I'd see her walk by
She always wore a smile
Always said a friendly, hi

She'd say, today is the Lords day
I must show my respect
I have to go and talk with him
It's something I can't neglect

All the things I have in life
Are because of Him
I always thank Him for my success
Because I'll always remember when

It wasn't too many years ago
When I was homeless and broke
Then one night I spoke to God
A light shined, and I found hope

Now ever since that special night
When we had that talk
I knew from that moment on
Together through life we'd walk

I have never left Him
He, has never left me
The life that I'm now living
Is because He helped me to see

1-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Every Time

Every time I see her
My spirits come alive
Every time she goes away
My heart just softly sighs

11-12-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Everybody Knows

Your voice is soft and gentle
Like a summer breeze that blows
I'd write how much I love you
But I think everybody knows

There's no one else for me but you
That's how I've always felt
Because when you come in to view
My heart begins to melt

11-9-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Everyday

Everyday another page
Of my life gets turned
It seems with every turn
Another lesson has been learned

No matter how old
I may live to be
There's always some things
To be learned by me

You see, no one knows it all
Only a fool would think otherwise
That's why I keep on learning
Always giving it my best try

I know there are some people
Who'll learn so much more
Then this brain of mine
Could ever hope to store

Everyday another page
Of my life gets turned
But what is most important
Is that I remember what I learned

2-3-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Everyone Wants

Everyone craves affection
Everyone wants to be held
Everyone wants to be kissed
Everyone wants to be loved
That's what is most missed

1976/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Everytime We Meet

Every time our eyes meet
My heart always skips a beat
Every time that we kiss
My mind starts to reminisce
Back to that very first day
When your eyes first looked my way
I looked at you and you smiled
My feelings started running wild
Feelings I haven't felt in years
Rushed to me like a flood of tears
Ever since that fateful day
When love first came our way
Every time that we meet
My heart still skips a beat

Ray Hansell

Except For The Rain

A lone single plane
In the darkened sky
Reaching for the heavens
As it climbs so high

First circling then diving
Rearranging the air
Taking risky chances
No one else would dare

Four lives were lost
When a hillside met the plane
The world became silent
Except for the rain

4-19-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Express Your Love

You tell me that you love me
This I do not doubt
When I am with you
I see what love is all about

For many years I thought
I knew love so well
But you have showed me
I've been living in a shell

I thought love was a feeling
So that was all it took
I thought love was complete
With just, an I love you look

But you have showed me
Love needs to be expressed
If you love someone tell them
Don't make them have to guess

Say the words that your heart feels
Gentle words of love you should speak
Let them know they are the one
Who still makes your knees go weak

Tell them that when you see them
Your heart skips a beat
Tell them you always get a thrill
Whenever you two meet

No one will know you love them
If you don't say it's so
If you wait too long to say it
They may soon be on the go

So express the love you feel
Every chance you get
Always let each other know
How happy you are that you met

1-21-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Faded Memories

I found an old picture
Of you and I
It was from many years ago
I saved it through the years
This is all I have left
To remember you by

3-13-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Fading

You went away
All you left behind
Were some memories
Along with some pictures
But now
Both are beginning to fade

Ray Hansell

Failure And Defeat

Life sometimes gets to the point
Where we'd all like to quit
The only thing that keeps us going
Is the belief that only loser's quit
When one quits, one admits his failures
When one admits failure, one is defeated
So that's why we keep going
In our minds always knowing
That everyone fails and gets defeated
But the strong one's keep on fighting
Knowing a wrong they're righting
Seeing the day when failure and defeat
Are two words they'll no longer meet

10-4-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Fair Weather Frineds

There are times I must confess
When all of our lives are a mess
But times when things are going wrong
That's the time you must be strong
Because when you really need a helping hand
Most often times alone you stand
People who say they are your friend
Even they lack a helping hand to lend
So you might as well face the fact
That you're alone until you come back
Then, once again when things are fine
All your friends you will find
They will always be around
Until more troubles get you down

11-22-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Faith

When you say your prayers tonight
Just before you turn out your lights
You'll say your prayer to the Lord above
To watch over the one's you love

You say that you believe in prayer
You say in your mind there's no doubt
You say for you the Lord is always with you
Because in your heart faith is what your about

11-26-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Fallen Stars

There are people living in the hills
With big houses and fancy cars
There are lots of people living there
The homes of the fallen stars

Once these people had it made
But now they get to see
What normal life is like
For people like you and me

They get to see the struggles
They never had to face
There's no one around
To step in and take their place

They are no longer in movies
They now live in reality
The everyday world
Is now what they get to see

The life that they live now
Is not a part in a movie
When they look in the mirror
Most don't like what they see

They never ever thought
They'd fall this far from grace
Now they look at themselves
They wish someone could take their place

They wonder how they lost it all
They are not sure what went wrong
They don't know if they can make it
They don't know if they are that strong

10-18-06/RJH

Fate Played A Hand

Imagine if I hadn't
Started work that day
There's absolutely no chance
You would have come my way

If just one move was altered
If there was just one thing I didn't do
The chances are very good
I would have never met you

The roads of life we were walking
Would have kept us both right there
Today would not have found us
Together as a pair

So you see it must have been fate
That lent a helping hand
For you to become my loving woman
For me to become your loving man

8-18-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Faults

In my eyes
You can do no wrong
I am blind
To your faults
But yet I know
You do have faults
We all do
But I can overlook yours
Because I love you so

11-17-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Fear

Fear

Fear of conflict, fear of change

Fear that our lives

Will always stay the same

Fear of sickness

Fear of the dark

Fear in the heart

That we lost that spark

Fear of the unknown

Fear of something new

Fear is alive and well

Fear lives inside of you

Fear of being alone

Fear of suffering pain

Fear of not knowing

How to play lifes game

Fear of the future

For what it may hold

The fear inside some people

Knowing they will grow old

Fear of helplessness

When things are going wrong

Fear because you know

You're not really that strong

The fear of never knowing

The fear of facing death

The fear of not knowing when

You'll take your final breath

4-4-09/RjH

Fed Up

I'm trying to find a reason
To keep on believing

I want to find a way
To believe in today

But my mind is filled with doubt
Sometimes I want to scream and shout

People always say it's me
That with eyes closed one cannot see

My heart has grown cold
As the years make me old

I truly do want to change
I know my life I must rearrange

But it seems lies and suspicion
Are all I hear when I listen

They say the world's a dangerous place
You can see it on the peoples face

We don't know who or what to believe
But I know more lies they will conceive

We all must deal with our woes
But we don't know all of our foes

I wish there was a way
To learn who we can trust today

Then maybe, just maybe
A better day we'd all see

I know that I am not alone
As more doubt has grown

But I think I may have a plan
That everyone can understand

The politicians must first speak the truth
Forget about the polling booth

Don't worry about those things called votes
In the truth people will find hope

So speak your minds and say the truth
Empty words may mean empty (voting) booths

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Ray Hansell

Feedback

Thank you fellow poets
Where ever you may be
I enjoy your feedback
All the things you write to me

Because without your feedback
None of us would really know
If we were swimming against the tide
Or chasing false rainbows

Thanks again for your critique
As your comments keep us grounded
Some of the things that people say
Truly leave me astounded

9-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Feeling Betrayed

She was sitting there at home
Waiting for him to call
She sat there with her phone
Hoping she don't fall

He told her he would call
He even said, for sure
She doesn't know how much more
That she can endure

Time after time he tells her things
But he never follows through
That's when you start believing
That there's something wrong with you

But you don't want to give up
Because of the way you feel
But you must always remember
Feelings from another you can't steal

Either he cares or he doesn't
The way he feels is up to him
No need to feel the situation
Is ever really grim

The life you live is for you
Don't live just to please others
Always be at peace in the night
When you go to sleep under the covers

11-8-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Feelings Grow

You undress me
I undress you
We don't have to guess
Just what we're going to do

Our bodies touch
Our hearts beat fast
What we feel
Will forever last

Love had captured
Both of our souls
There is a story here
That will be told

Feelings of love
Know no boundary line
No matter what or who you are
Love is truly blind

But be careful not to rush
Always proceed slow
Like a seed in the ground
If it's meant to, love will grow

Just like you and I
We took one step at a time
Deep in our hearts we know
That we would be just fine

No one knows but you and I
No one has a clue
That my days now revolve
Around the woman that is you

You say I'm in your heart
You'll never let me go
You say the love you feel for me
Is love that will always show

I go to sleep with thoughts of you
I wake up the same way to
You say you always think of me
That's all you want to do

Living life together
Is a dream come true
I'm so very glad it happened
With someone as lovely as you

3-2-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Feelings Lost

She held him close one last time
She kissed him a last goodbye
She watched him walk down Fourth Street
She wondered why she never cried

She stood there for a moment
She glanced up to the sky
She watched love walk away
She didn't even question why

Could it be because she knew
Just what was in store
Or could it just have been
She already knew the score

She felt the time was now
To each take their own road
She left town and moved on
To a brand new zip code

8-12-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Fell Apart

Searching for an answer
I know can't be found
Listening to my heart
As it slowly pounds

You said it was over
That you had to move on
That what you once felt
Are feeling that are gone

We didn't say goodbye
We just kind of walked away
Knowing that at least one life
Just fell apart today

9-15-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Fifty Years Of Lies

Fifty years ago today
Three shots took his life away
What could you say
About that November day

So many tears were shed
So many words were said
Lies we were fed
Our president was dead

Who did it and why
That seemed to be the cry
But no matter who tried
All that were told were lies

They say Oswald was to blame
But he was just part of the frame
To those in charge it was a game
America would never be the same

To this day no one will say
Who really took his life away
Maybe soon one day
The truth will come our way

11-22-13-/RjH

Ray Hansell

Fighting Addiction

So many nights spent alone
Just starring at the ceiling
Deep inside this heart of mine
There lies an empty feeling

There are nights when I just cried
There were nights when I'd reminisce
Thinking of the years gone by
Wondering, what it was I missed

Life has not been easy
Every day it's a new challenge
But I've never given up
Or, thrown away my dreams

But as time passes it seems to me
Life does get a little bit better
I feel one day my whole life
Will somehow all come together

Ray Hansell

Fighting Back

I can't think of anything
That can get her down
When it comes to being strong
No one stronger can be found

I know what she's been through
The suffering and pain
I also know you'll never hear
Her carry on or complain

She has been through so very much
You could not even comprehend
Through it all, she stood tall
And she will until the end

3-5-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Fighting The Feeling

I'm fighting with a feeling
That just won't go away
I wrestle with myself
About it everyday

Should I tell her that I like her
Or should I let things be
Deep inside I somehow feel
She won't feel the same for me

I think she is so beautiful
A masterpiece from God's own hand
But I somehow believe
I'm not her kind of man

So, maybe I won't say a thing
That's probably the best thing to do
Because sometimes when you like someone
They just may not like you

11-10-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Fills The Air

Love and happiness fill the air
When ever you're around
Holding hands and kissing
You never wear a frown

The special way you love me
The gentleness of your touch
These are the reasons why
I love you so very much

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Ray Hansell

Final Exit

Sooner or later
We are all called home
We go on that journey
That others before us have known

The every day pains of living
That we all have lived through
Will all come to pass
As loved ones say goodbye to you

The pain that loved ones will feel
Will eventually come to pass
Then good memories of you will take over
In their hearts to forever last

10-11-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Final Journey

It's time for me
To say goodbye
I will be strong
I will not cry

I knew years ago
I couldn't live forever
But I must truly say
I have enjoyed this endeavor

This thing called life
Was oh so great
Being called home
Will soon be everyone's fate

I did my time here on earth
It's time for me to go
But there's just one thing
I need my friends to know

Thank you for your friendship
You bestowed upon me
You made my life enjoyable
Some even made me see

That life is for living
So live it all you can
Because you never know
When you'll see the end

So as I start my journey
Heading back to home
Thank you one and all
For all the love you've shown

8-7-08/RjH

Final Resting Spot

I found this little patch of land
So peaceful and so quiet
I believe that if you were to see it
It's beauty you could not deny it

A soft tropical breeze from the ocean
Blows softly through the day
The sounds of the leaf's on the tree
Sounds as if they have things to say

I'll hear the sing all day
I'll be warmed beneath the golden sun
It will be my special paradise
After life is said and done

The grass is green and very lush
The trees protect it like a canopy
This the most perfect place
The final resting spot for me

1-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Finally

As the years quickly passed
You and I both grew up
We slowly drifted apart
I never told you back then
But years ago you stole my heart

I never told you how I felt
Or just how much I cared
But I realized that I loved you
The day you weren't there

Your mother said, you went off to school
But you never said, goodbye
Maybe that's a good thing
When you left, I probably would have cried

But here we are now so many years behind us
I look at you and still feel the same
I can't help but think how our lives would have been
If you and I hadn't played those silly games

I know I should have told you
What I felt inside
I should have let my love show
But instead I let it hide

You look at me and call me a fool
I ask, what do you mean
She replied that I came back
To fulfill a life long dream

She said, years ago, I loved you so
But I couldn't let my love show
She said, I thought if I went away
My love for you would never grow

But it seems the longer I stayed away
My love for you did in fact grow
So I came back to tell you

Because I thought you should know

So now I'm here and I want you
I won't lose you a second time
We stood there looking at each other
In the distance the church bells chimed

Hand in hand we walked away
Finishing something that started years ago
I'll hold on to her forever
I'll never let her love go

9-1-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Finally Together

The days pass by so quickly
Faster then they should
I'd be with you darling
If only I could

But it seems that life
Sometimes gets in the way
Of all the things
We want to do or say

But our time is not far away
When we will finally be
By each others side
Me loving you, you loving me

4-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Finding The Right One

Would you like to go out
Maybe get some brunch
Or would you just rather
Have an old fashioned lunch

We can find a place
Where no one will see
That I'm with you
Or, that your with me

Hiding from my husband
You, hiding from your wife
What a very sinful way
For us to live our life

Long ago we both thought
Different than today
Now we want to take our past
And just throw it all away

Since we've found each other
We've come to realize
What we feel in our hearts
Can also be seen in our eyes

3-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Finding You

There's so much about you
That I love and adore
That's the reason why
I keep coming back for more

Your hands are soft and gentle
Your heart is kind and warm
Your eyes shine and sparkle
Like dew drops on a morning lawn

Your laughter always echoes
As tears of joy fill your eyes
You have so much fun in life
Happiness never passes you by

Life has given us so much
In all the things we do
But the greatest gift of all
Was that in life I found you

3-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Finished

No more loving
No more touching
No more feeling

No more kisses
No more hugs
No more healing

No more tears
No more words
Nothing left
To be heard

Ray Hansell

First Street Lunch

As you sat across from me
All I could think of was love
Every time I look at you
That's really all I ever think of

The soft smile on your face
The sparkle in your eyes
This feeling in my heart
I just cannot deny

The easy conversations
We always engage in
I let out a laugh
As your drink runs down your chin

Our hands meet in the middle
As we communicate our love by touch
That's the one thing that is so true
I love you so very much

But soon it's time for us to leave
As you must be on your way
I cannot think of any place else
That I'd rather be today

So, at least for a while
I got to share some time
With a lovely lady
Who I think is so very fine

11-18-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

First Thoughts

I have not been the same
Since you left my heart in pain
But I can't really complain
Knowing I'm the one to blame

Life can be a slippery slope
But please know there's always hope
As we walk on life's tightrope
At times we all push the envelope

9-15-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Five Twenty Nine Two Thousand Zero Nine

In the quiet of your room
You'll lay there and cry
In the darkness all alone
You'll somehow get by

Thinking that not long ago
Everything was fine
But in the recent months
You've been counting the time

You knew you had to face today
No matter what you thought
There were those private moments
When you felt so distraught

But you held yourself together
Like a foundation beneath a home
Many times your mind just wanted
To go and aimlessly roam

Today you'll forever remember
But not for a pleasant or happy reason
Today, in your mind will live forever
Like the changing of a special season

It was a warm spring time day
As you lay there on the gurney
Knowing that when you woke up
You would start a brand new journey

Your body has been altered
It's not like it use to be
But this alteration had to be done
So the rest of your life you'd get to see

5-29-09/RjH

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Ray Hansell

Flashbacks

Smiles, tears and laughter
Flashbacks from the past
Yearbooks and banners
Old photographs

Old bikes from our youth
Tarnished and rusted
Old forty five records
That need to be dusted

Friends that we've forgotten
The one's we laid to rest
The one's we've kept in touch with
That we considered the best

Childhood memories
That we all treasure
They always remind us
Of what really gave us pleasure

Our past is not forgotten
It's safely tucked away
To be brought out every now and then
As we flashback to those days

9-10-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Fond Farewell

Feeling down and all alone
Could I be depressed?
Or is it just that life
Is putting me through a test

Many things I don't care about
Many things don't matter to me at all
I could care less what happens
I don't care how far I fall

Life has become a burden
I don't want to bear no more
I think I'll leave it all behind
As I walk out the door

No more worries, no more cares
No more headaches
No more despair
I've taken all that I can take

So I bid you all a fond farewell
I'll see you on the other side
But please don't feel bad for me
At long last I'm finally free

8-26-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Foolish

Remember when you told me
That you'd love me forever
But tonight again I'm by myself
Your heart has turned colder than the weather

I thought that what we had
Would never fade away
How naive of me to think
That you would ever stay

I knew all about you
And your storied past
Why was I so foolish
To think I could make us last

9-24-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

For A Cause

You can indeed make change
To everything in life
Of course it take commitment
And a whole lot of fight

The fight may be a long one
Depending what the cause
You may have to step back
You may even have to pause

Evaluate your position
Is this cause worth this fight
That you'll have to endure
Both day and night

So, if you can't commit
Maybe you should find
Someone else who has desire
Along, with lots of time

12-9-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

For A While

I don't want to see the day
When you go away
Because I know in my heart
That's a pain that will always stay

I've come to love you so much
You are a part of my everyday
I always dream about you
I wish so much, you could stay

No one has ever touched me
The special way you have
I feel so connected to you
It makes me so very glad

That, in this life of mine
I was blessed with the chance
That you and I were able
To share some romance

My memories of you are many
They always make me smile
I wish I has the chance right now
To hold you for a while

7-10-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

For All Time

Your kisses to me
Taste like wine
I think of you
All the time

When I close
My eyes at night
I pretend to hold you
So very tight

I hope it's good
I hope it's fine
I'll love you
For all time

2-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

For All You Do

My life has had it's ups and downs
I've had my share of smiles and frowns
But you see my life has changed
Ever since you've been around

My life now is so happy
I'm a pleasant person to see
You have caused this change in me
My life now is as happy as can be

I awake every day just to be with you
There's so much that we share
I love what we have found
You've given me a reason to care

Many people go through life all alone
Happiness they've never known
But all that has changed for me
Because of the love you've shown

You have really changed my life
So I must say thank you
I love you so very much
For all the things you do

11-06-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

For Ever More

I feel as though I'm losing
The one I consider my best friend
I feel like your pushing me away
That's the message that you send

It seems you never have the time
To visit with me for a while
It seems to me that you've lost
That once beautiful smile

I'm not sure what to say
I know less of what to do
Because it hurts me inside
To think I'm losing you

If you want me to stay away
That's all you have to say
Just tell me what you want
I'll grant your wish today

I know nothing lasts forever
I've heard that said before
But when it came to loving you
I never wanted anyone more

5-26-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

For Ever Share The Night

Here it is another day
Your smile didn't come my way

I miss you so it makes me sad
Because you're the woman who makes me glad

I love to see you're smiling face
I want to be in my favorite place

That would be right next to you
So I could whisper, "I Love You True"

So tonight when I drift off to sleep
In my heart you'll love I'll keep

I know of no one else you see
Who does all the things you do to me

But what you do the best of all
Your love makes me stand so tall

Before you came into my heart
The world of love was so very dark

But now because of you I once again see the light
I know that you and I will forever share the night

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For Him And You

Yesterday you told me
Love was in your heart
But then I saw you kissing him
What a way to learn we must part

But then I thought about it
I realized it must be true
The love you felt in your heart
Must have been for him and you

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For Our Children

Sometimes it seems
That life's unfair
Pain moves in
To cause despair

It seems to me
That all who live
Have so much
They want to give

Especially when
It involves our child
Our thoughts are always
Running wild

Anything that we must do
We do our best to get it done
We'll stay right there by their side
Because they are our loved one

It always more difficult
When it's a child of your own
Anywhere they have to stay
You won't leave them alone

People often question
Why's this happening to me
They look up to the heavens
But answers they don't see

Tears fall so easily
As they cry away their fear
They sometimes fall to their knees
Hoping that God will hear

But the one thing to always know
Is that God is close at hand
All that you are going through
He already understands

We sometimes even blame Him
For own suffering and pain
We say so many negative things
Sometimes we take his name in vain

But through it all he forgives us
For our outbursts and our blame
Because He knows our pain to well
At times He's been through the same

But believe that somewhere out there
Miracles are taking place
You see that in the beauty
Being a member of the human race

So just when things look their worst
That's when they start to improve
Then all the doubt you had in faith
Will slowly be removed

Pain unfortunately is a part
Of the life that we all live
It lives inside everyone
To now and again hold us captive

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For Showing Me

You have showed me that love
Is a very beautiful feeling
You have showed me how easy
Loving can really be
You have showed me the beauty of a summer day
How the moon, the stars and the sun
Are free for all to marvel at
You showed me what I could be
That all I needed was desire
You have showed that two people
From different worlds can meet and fall in love
You have showed me that life is worth living
When you share it with someone
As wonderful and as loving as you are
You have showed me
For showing me
I Thank You

8-9-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

For The First Time

I hope you see when you look into my eyes
The loneliness in me had died

My days of sadness have been taken away
Ever since you came to stay

I've known many women as I've traveled through life
I was engaged a few times and had a wife

But when I look at you and think of them
I know that I can't remember when

Happiness like this filled my soul
Can we still find love as we grow old?

I think I can answer that and say yes
Many times in the past I've settled for less

Not knowing for sure but thinking I was right
I may have done it for fear of loneliness at night

But with you it's so different this I know
My love for you just continues to grow

What our final outcome will be
Is anyone's guess, so lets just wait and see

But I know one thing is for sure
For the first in love I feel so secure

10-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

For Whom

Love pains can be severe
They cause us much hurt
Along with a little fear
Pain in our heart
Tears in our eyes
I've always wondered
For whom is it that we cry?

11-9-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

For You And Me

You and I
So in love
Wishing on
The stars above

Birds sing their songs
Sitting in a tree
We lay in a field of grass
Just you and me

Just you and I
Lying close
From this life
We want the most

We have our hopes
We have our dreams
We found out together
Love is as good as it seems

We've stood in the rain
We've stood in the sun
For each other
We are the one

Through the years
We'll travel many miles
But never once
Will we lose our smiles

Love and life is what
We thought it would be
A great journey lies ahead
For you and me

11-06-09/RjH

For Your Ears Only

I take you in my confidence
You promise not to tell
You vow that what I tell you
Will never leave your lips
You even raise your right hand
To show me that it's true
That what I'm about to say
Will not be repeated by you
So now I whisper in your ear
So only you can hear
I love you
I love you
I love you

1-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Forever Gone

I miss your warm and tender body
That kept me warm at night
I miss your hands touching me
They always felt so right

I miss your warm and tender lips
The kiss that turned me on
I lay here alone and wonder
Are they forever gone?

4-18-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Forever I Want

Yesterday I missed you
But not like I miss you today
I miss you all the time
What more can I say

I miss seeing your smiling face
I miss hearing your laugh
I miss you every minute
As the days slowly pass

I miss looking into your eyes
I miss your gentle hug
I miss the way that your love
Gives my heart a gentle tug

I miss hearing you say, I love you
I miss hearing you calling me baby
I miss everything about you
Because you drive me absolutely crazy

So in case you haven't figured it out
I'll say it nice and clear
I love you with all my heart and soul
Forever I want you near

10-12-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Forever Memories

When ever I am with you
There's so much I want to say
But it seems my words
Get lost along the way

The things I want to say to you
Are simple but they're true
If love lives inside anyone
It surely lives inside of you

You can take a summer day
Then make it seem twice as nice
Love is not expensive
But I know you've paid the price

So now the time has come
For both of us to be
Moving on to someplace new
It's time we both were free

Don't think of this as a goodbye
Don't think we've reached the end
What we shared not long ago
Are forever memories my friend

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Ray Hansell

Forever More

Lying close beside you
In the cold of the night
I wrap my arms around you
So you know it's all right

Not so very long ago
You and I made love
Now, lying here together
Is what true love is made of

Holding you close to me
Is comforting, warm and secure
Loving you forever
Is what I want forever more

6-7-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Forever My Friend

If you ever wonder
What you've meant to me
Just look deep into my eyes
You'll see all you need to see

It's great to know someone like you
Someone so gentle and kind
Someone I can depend on
Every single time

You never turn me away
You never let me down
When ever I need anything
You always seem to be around

9-25-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Forever You'll Remember

Things in life touch us all
No matter who we are
From watching a beautiful sunset
To seeing a falling star

But what seems to touch us most of all
Is the death of someone we knew
So many things run through our minds
So many emotions passing through

You think about the sadness
That the family must feel
People convey their wishes
While their tears they can't conceal

You're at a loss for words
You're not sure what to do
People look up to the heavens
As if waiting for God to come into view

Some people grieve in silence
While others never grieve
But we all know that death
Is a call we'll all receive

Even if you already know
That someone soon will die
It still hits so very hard
Like a shot between the eyes

The best respect you can show
Is to have your time when you mourn
But remember there is always hope
With the coming of a brand new dawn

Mourn for a while then move on
The hurt you'll soon surrender
But keep in your heart the person gone
It's them, you'll forever remember

10-29-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Forget

Forgetting me
Forgetting you
That is what
We now must do

Forgetting that
Forgetting this
Forget everything
That we're going to miss

Forget the plans
We had made
They would have mattered
If we had stayed

Forget yesterday
Forget today
It all will end
When we walk away

12-13-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Forthright And True

My words come flowing out
Whenever I think of you
So many different thoughts
So much I want to do

I want to show you
The softer side of me
A part of me in hiding
So no one else can see

I want you to know
That when I'm holding you
With soft hands and a kind heart
We'll make each day brand new

I will always be honest
Forthright and true
Spending my whole life
Sharing it with you

2-25-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Fortunate

Hopefully if you're lucky
Your life is a love story
Not one filled with conquests
And weekend nights of glory

But a real true love
Someone there for you
Someone to lend a helping hand
To help you do what you need to do

Someone you value as a true love
Someone who fills your heart with joy
Someone who gave you a lifetime
Of nothing but happiness to enjoy

Someone who touched
Every facet of your being
Someone who made you proud
Even if you weren't always agreeing

If this is the kind of love you lived
Then consider yourself very fortunate
That you experienced a kind of love
That was true and always permanent

5-18-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Found In Time

It was on Mother's Day
Just a year ago
When the symptoms that I had
Suddenly began to show

I wasn't sure what to do
As I was in shock
The next day being Monday
I immediately called the Doc

I told her what had happened
She said, you should come in
I did as she requested
Soon all the tests would begin

Long story short they had found
What they were looking
Just how bad it was
Doctor's weren't really sure

First came surgery than treatments
To kill the invader inside of me
Six more weeks of waiting
For me to see what would be

But here I am eleven months later
The doctor said, I'm cancer free
When he spoke those magic words
Living life took on new meaning for me

3-28-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Free

Come with me
Come take my hand
Let's you and I walk
Through God's green land

We'll take in the pretty scenery
We'll breath the clean fresh air
For a few fleeting moments
We'll forget all of our cares

Ray Hansell

Free From All

I don't ever want to let you go
I think my words let you know
I hope you'll stay right here with me
Because your love has set me free

Free from all the bad loves in my past
I know the love with you will last
Without a doubt the best love I've known
Has been all the love that you have shown

9-16-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Freedom

Freedom always comes at a price
I often wonder if the cost
Is worth the price we pay
When we've measured what was lost

5-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Friends Just Seem To Know

Friends always make me smile
They brighten up my day
They have that special magic
To chase the blues away

The road of life is long
We can't all be strong
But in times when we feel weak
The comfort of a friend we seek

If your friend is true
They'll never turn you away
They'll stand right beside you
Any time of any day

A friend just seems to know
When you have a troubled mind
For you they'll always give
Any amount of time

A friend just seems to know
When to be a friend
They'll always reach out for you
With a helping hand to lend

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Ray Hansell

Friends Like You

I've heard it said that good friends
Are just like the stars
You may not always see them
But you know they are always there
Just like the way you are with me
Always letting me know how much you care

10/6/08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Friends Like You Are Few

You are a friend
Who's strong and true
Others can
Depend on you
You truthful and your faithful
People are so grateful
Because, friends like you are few

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Ray Hansell

Friends Until The End?

For you I want to write just a poem or two
But I'm not too sure if it's the right thing to do

Now, I don't want you to get the wrong idea
It's not that I want you to always be near

I like you as a friend I think I always will
But you don't cause in me that special kind of thrill

So I'll write you a poem but just because you're my friend
It's friends I hope we remain until the very end

7-3-09/RjH

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10-16-16

Ray Hansell

From A Friend

Good morning sunshine
I hope we meet to dine
Maybe have a little wine
Keep in mind our waistline
Desserts we don't decline
Today will be fine
Because I know you're mine

Let me know what time
Whenever you choose is fine
The choice will be mine
To pick the place where we dine

3-3-19/RjH/BH

Ray Hansell

From Me To You

I know a lady
Who's thoughtful, kind and sweet
A fantastic sense of humor
She is really neat

Hair that flows like ribbons and bows
Eyes as soft as the night
To other people she's just a lady
But she's so much more than that to me

The glow of her smile
Can light a darkened room
And when she leaves
She always leaves too soon

Now she may never be a movie star
Or a head line entertainer
But little things like that
Never bothered me

Just knowing that she'll listen
To my problems when I'm down
She helps to makes me feel
Like I was lost but now I'm found

I'm glad our roads in life
Just happened to crisscross
For believe me if they hadn't
I'd be the one who would have lost

1-20-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

From That Day On

I thought love
Has passed me by
But then you looked
And said, hi

I saw a smile
Cross your face
For once I was
In the right place

I said, hi
How are you?
You said, fine
Nothing new

I asked, would you
Like some coffee
Not today
But soon we'll see

For a moment
I almost froze
My heart sank
Only God knows

I realized
Right away
We'll not share coffee
On any day

But to my surprise
The next day you said
How about that coffee
I almost dropped dead

We went and had coffee
We shared a bite to eat
I was so elated
That we got to meet

So from that day on
Little did we know
That just from that hello
How much love would grow

11-5-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Fun And Sun

The first of June
Is finally here
With sunny skies
Nice and clear

At long last the rain
Has now left
The season will
Give us it's best

Sunny days
With clear blue skies
Thank goodness spring
Has finally arrived

Most activities
Will move outside
When fun and sun
Will now collide

6-1-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Fun On A Summer Night

I saw you standing there
In your pantyhose
Wearing silver shoes
Wrapped around your toes

You greeted me with a kiss
Then took me by the hand
We walked over to the bed
Cooled, by a fan

A hot summer evening
About to get hotter
A fly buzzing around
So I got the swatter

We lay down on the covers
As close as we could be
Both naked to the world
But only for us to see

Love filled the room
Hope filled our hearts
Hoping that real soon
We'd have another start

8-9-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Getting Along

I know where you are
I hope you return soon
I hope that you have
A great afternoon

I'll be waiting to hear from you
But I know it will be a while
So as I sit and think of you
I can't help but smile

So as I always do
I'm wishing you the best
Sending our my prayers
Hoping you're not too stressed

You know just how much
I like hearing from you
But I'm also very aware
You have things you must do

4-7-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Getting Over You

I loved you
With all my heart
But you took my heart
You broke it in two
Now the headest thing
Will be
Trying to get over you

6-30-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Girl It's Time

Girl it's time
To end this game
Because you see
I don't feel the same

The time to part
Has come for us
We can't relive
What once was

Save your tears
Please don't cry
Because you see
This is goodbye

For a while
It was fun
But please accept
That we are done

It was fun
While it lasted
I know we'll both
Somehow get past it

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Give It A Try

You want someone to love
Well, so do I
Maybe you and I
Should give love a try

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Ray Hansell

Give Peace A Try

The cry for peace fills the air
Not just here, but everywhere
Everyday people like you and me
Deserve a chance, we deserve to see
A world not engaged in wars
That's all most people are looking for
Just one time before we die
The world should give peace a try

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Given A Chance

We were so unexpected
I had no time to plan
I give my love to you
The best way that I can

I can't always hold you
Although I want to
My words will always tell you
My love for you is true

I wish we had a day
So I could prove beyond a doubt
The love you see when we meet
Is what I'm all about

If you give me a chance
To share this life with you
The days will be so wonderful
The nights my love will shine through

11-23-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Giving Back

There comes a time
We all take a leap of faith
It should be done
Before it's too late

There should be a balance
With the things we take
To give back just as much
Before it's too late

I know the good book
Says, we reap what we sow
Some people will claim
That isn't so

Out there somewhere
Between truth and lies
Lies the answers
For those who are wise

1-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Giving Back To You

For too many years
I lived in the shadows from love
Then you came along
You gave me a shove

So out of the shadows
Into the sun
I was saved from despair
You were the one

So I must thank you
For the love you brought my way
I hope I give back to you
What you give to me every day

11-10-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Giving Her Some Room

I felt as if I was smothering you
I felt like I was fencing you in
So that's why I took a step back
So you could have space again

I love you too much to hurt you
I know we all need room
But don't think I've stopped loving you
Because that will not happen any time soon

6-8-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Glad That It Was Us

Her eyes so soft and gentle
A smile that always says hello
The face of an angel
The woman I got to know

The years passed us together
As we shared each day
Both of us forever grateful
That we found each other that day

Now, it wasn't always perfect
Life's road wasn't always smooth
But I'm glad that it was us
That we both decided to choose

8-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Glad We Were Wrong

It doesn't seem that long ago
When we said, our first hello
The years have come and gone
Time kept marching on
Now the golden years
Are some what filled with fears
Remember we both said
That before the other we'd be dead
But here we are still going strong
Looking back I'm glad we both were wrong

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Ray Hansell

God's Beauty

Trees in a forest
Stars on a winter's night
The sun of a summer day
Snow falling in December
God gives us beauty all around.

11-9-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Going Home

There is no better place
Then the place that we call home
Some call it their castle
The warmest place that's known

It's the greatest place on earth
When you've been on the road
Just returning home after a journey
Always seems to lighten the load

1-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Going It Alone

I've heard many people say
Starting over is a drag
It seems so very often
You always hit a snag

Trying to find someone
Who is just like you
Can at times be
A trying thing to do

That's where I am right now
But to be honest with you
Looking for another
Is not something I want to do

I'm happy with myself
Isn't that enough
So many times it seems
That life can be so rough

So, going it alone
Sure makes sense to me
I would ask you all
Wouldn't you agree?

So many people I believe
Think they can't make it on their own
They believe there's something missing
Just because they are alone

8-14-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Going To Heaven?

Some people think they have
An automatic pass to heaven
But so much depends
On how you've been living

Have you been good or bad
Or have you been real clean
Have you been nice to people
Or have you just been mean

Did you lend a helping hand
To someone in need
Did you share your wealth
Or did you show your greed

Did you say a prayer
For those living in pain
Did you give someone shelter
From the driving rain

Have you helped a stranger
Looking for nothing in return
Did you stop to listen
Thinking maybe you might learn

Did you pass on wisdom?
When it was needed most
Have you always been
A kind and gracious host

If you lived your life
With a helping hand
Then I feel one day
In heaven you will stand

5-20-06/RJH

Gone But Not Forgotten

The news that you've been waiting for
Sadly, has arrived
They said that late last night
That was when she died

It seems it's always tragic
To learn someone has died
Of course your first response
Is to gasp, than maybe cry

Even though we knew eventually
This would be the result
Still when you hear the news
In your heart the pain is felt

Always remember them with joy
Never look ahead with sorrow
Remember the healing can start
As soon as tomorrow

I know it will take some time
This everybody knows
No need to walk around forever
With sorrow that always shows

It's alright for you to mourn
It's what we all must do
But don't let your mourning
Take control of you

The sun will always shine again
The grey clouds will soon part
You will feel whole again
With happiness in your hear

12-6-08/RjH

Good Standing

Hope and understanding
Never be too demanding
Will keep love in good standing

9-23-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Goodbye Ed And Marie

Their love has been
So very strong
Somehow somehow
Their love never went wrong

Their hope for the future
Was seen in their eyes
The love they shared
Was never a disguise

They've been together
For sixty-five years
Their life full of laughter
Sometimes a few tears

All of the things in life
That they have lived through
The strength that they shared
Could be matched by few

An undying love
Together they shared
Always together
Never looking sad

They lived for each other
That's not in doubt
Together through life they learned
What each other was all about

They'd been my neighbors
Since I was a small boy
I know in my childhood years
It was them I'd always annoy

They always put up with me
Never saying a stern word
That's why I'm so sad
With the news that I just heard

I saw their son at their house today
With tears in his eyes he said, they passed away
I just stood there frozen in time
Not even knowing what I could say

I turned away from him
Than, I headed for my home
Trying to understand
Why suddenly, I felt all alone

I walked into my house
Than, I sat in my chair
Thinking and wondering to myself
Did they even know I cared?

1-3-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Goodbye To You

The days are empty
The nights are lonely
Living here without
My one and only

I miss your laughter
That echoed loud
When I was by your side
I always felt so proud

But for some reason
Now you're gone
Tell me how an I
Supposed to carry on?

Memories are memories
Living here inside
I can't forget them
No matter how hard I try

But if this is how
You want it to be
I say goodbye to you
From, a lonely me

10-1-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Goosebumps

When she said to me
That she got goosebumps
You could hear my heart
As it went thump, thump, thump

As I read your words
They echoed in my mind
The feeling that I got
I haven't felt in a long time

It's funny when you think of someone
Than, at the time they're thinking of you
Is it just a coincidence?
Or, something else coming through

Could we both be psychic?
That we pulled this off
Or could it just be happenstance
We'll never know of course

It's just a little secret
Between both you and I
So for now until later
I'll bid you a fond goodbye

4-15-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Great Indeed

You helped me to understand
Thing I did not know
You helped me to understand
How love is supposed to show

You helped me to understand
Just what a woman needs
You helped me to understand
That love is great indeed

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Ray Hansell

Green Eyes

Green eyes
Smiling there for me
As lovely as can be
For all the world to see

Green eyes
Oh, how they sparkle and shine
I look at her and wish
That her love was mine

I love her green eyes
Like cat eyes in the night
No matter where she goes
They always catch the light

Green eyes in the morning
Awaken from a sleep
Holding her next to me
That is all I seek

Green eyes please tell me
This is where you want to stay
Green eyes please tell me
You'll wake up here everyday

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Ray Hansell

Grieving For You

Oh, how I miss you dearly
I didn't get a chance to say goodbye
It's been so lonely here without you
It seems lately, all I want to do is cry

You left so very suddenly
There was so much I wanted to say
But, by the time I got to the hospital
They told me you had passed away

They let me visit for a while
You looked so peaceful laying there
I held your hand as I cried
I hope you knew how much I cared

I had to tell the children
That you wouldn't be coming home
You would have been so very proud
For the strength and courage they have shown

I'm glad we had this private moment
But it's time for me to leave
I have to go and get the kids
So together we can all grieve

Every time I look at them
You know I'll always see you
Remembering all the times
And how much I loved you to

3-5-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Half Satisfied

A part of me still wants you
A part of me doesn't
I wish I could split myself in two
Then I know I'd be satisfied

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Ray Hansell

Hands Passing

I feel like the hour hand on a clock
And you are the second hand
Always passing me by

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Ray Hansell

Happiness

As soon as I read those words
I knew they were from you
No one's words can touch my heart
The way that yours do

Your words spoke of kindness
From a kind and gentle soul
The words echoed in my mind
I almost lost control

But I gained my composure
As I read your words
I closed my eyes as a gentle breeze
Sounded like a voice once heard

I sat there for hours
Memorizing every line
When I finished I just knew
Your words were genuine

I always seemed to get amazed
How words can set a heart free
But I guess it's not so much the words
But the person behind them who sent them to me

6-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Happiness Is Real

Happiness is no illusion
When ever I'm with you
If I were lost in confusion
I know you'd know what to do

You calm my angry soul
Like no one else before you
It was my heart you stole
You are one of a very few

That I ever let this close
And this deep inside
Now that I have had a dose
My love for you I can't hide

If you stay forever
That would be so great
I know all would get better
Before the years get too late

I wish we had met years ago
That's what we both say
But years ago, you I didn't know
But now is a brand new day

So let's make the most of what we got
Let's take it day by day
Until the sun is just a spot
Until the earth just fades away

9-27-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Happiness Will Be

As the day comes to an end
The sun begins to set
Night time is a blink away
But I can't see you yet

Then stars begin to fill the sky
As the moon is slowly on the rise
I've waited for that special moment
When again, I'll look into your eyes

Happiness for me will be
When you walk through that door
Knowing that from this life
I couldn't ask for any thing more

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Ray Hansell

Happy Being Me

I never tried to be
Something that I'm not
I learned to be satisfied
With everything I've got

I am no one famous
In the the town where I live
If someone needs a helping hand
I'll try my best to give

I stand in judgement of no one
For who am I to judge
I have no time to hate
That's why I never hold a grudge

I am like most people
Just living day to day
Just trying to exist
As I go about my way

I know that fame and fortune
Will never come my way
That's why I have no problem
Just being me from day to day

6-3-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

Happy Birthday

Today is your birthday
You've aged another year
But no need to worry
For it's a time to cheer

Every year at this time
We have a celebration
It's a time to honor you
One of God's creations

So we hope that you enjoy
This very special day
I hope you have many more
As you grow along the way

10-18-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

Happy Birthday Son

Thirty nine years ago
That's when you came to be
That was the greatest day
My life would ever see

Every day from that day on
Has been a real pleasure
Having you for my son
Has been life's greatest treasure

To watch you grow through the years
At times, had been so trying
But to see where you are now
Has turned out to be so gratifying

The person you turned out to be
Makes me proud beyond words
Remember that, "I Love You"
Even if it's seldom heard

1-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Happy Birthday, Birthday Happy

Some years ago
A star was born
A beautiful girl
With a heart so warm

You grew into a woman
A wonderful sight to see
I still get so excited
Whenever you look at me

Another year has quickly passed
But you don't show your age
It's just another verse for you
To write down on a page

The book of life you're writing
Is a continuing story
The pages in your book
I'm sure are filled with glory

As your day approaches
I wanted to send you a cheer
I hope for your next birthday
I can somehow be near

So, have a Happy Birthday
For you deserve the best
This is not just something
That I say in jest

From my heart I truly mean it
I hope your day is great
I hope my Birthday wish for you
Does not arrive too late

3-27-08/RjH

Happy With Me

Sitting here alone
But doing all right
I love the peaceful days
I love the quiet nights

True I have no one
To share this all with
But thinking that you need someone
To me is all a myth

I go to places by myself
With no need for company
I have no problem if this is how
It's always going to be

4-3-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Hard Letting Go

I think of you so often
More then you'll ever know
I'm sitting here wondering
Why it is you had to go

You said you needed time
To figure things out
So in your mind
When it came to us there were doubts

Was it something that I said
Was it something that I did
Please won't you tell me
So I can clear my head

Was it the way I treated you
Or was it something else
Please tell me what it is
So I know how you felt

You say it's nothing that I did
It was nothing that I said
Then will you please explain to me
Why to you our love is dead?

9-10-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Has It Been

Has it been as hard for you
As it has been for me?
Do you ever question
Just why we couldn't be?

Do you fully understand
Exactly what took place?
Do you know that when you left
You took the smile from my face?

I don't do well on lonely nights
I miss you more than you know
I still lay awake at night
Wondering why you had to go

Did he treat you much better
Then the way I treated you?
Does he do all the things
That I would always do?

I stayed with you when you were sick
I never left your side
I would hold you close to me
On the nights when all you did was cry

Has it been as hard for you
As it has been for me?
I wonder what it was
That I couldn't see

Could I not see that you were changing
Like the weather in the sky
Maybe if I had
We never would have said goodbye

11-26-09/RJH

Has Now Begun

I dream of the day
That you and I
Can make it together
If we just try

I dream of the day
When clear blue skies
Will be reflected
In your green eyes

I wait for the day
When dreams come true
That magical time
When love shines through

I'll follow a rainbow
Across the sky
I'll find it there
When I look in your eyes

We'll make a wish
Both you and I
As tears of joy
Fill our eyes

Both of our hearts
Will join as one
As our life together
Has now begun

3-25-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hate

Can a world without hate
Really exist
Or is it to late to try
For some just can't resist

Hate is what they like to do
As they live from day to day
They'll judge you because of who you are
But don't treat them that way

Can prejudice and injustice
Become a thing of the past
Or will it live forever
And forever always last

The hate we see each day
Just seems to get worse
Like it's cast upon us
Like a life long curse

How can you hate someone
Brcause the're not like you
Living their life in peace
Is all they want to do

So who are you to judge
And spew out your hate
You'd better change your ways
Before it's too late

Ray Hansell

Have A Great Day

I hope you have a great day
I hope it's warm and sunny
I'll be thinking of you
Just like I always do honey

Thoughts of you fill my head
As they make me smile
As the day goes on
I think of you all the while

So I hope you have a great day
I hope it's all you wanted it to be
Maybe you'd like to end your day
By spending time with me

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Have Fun

Everyone deserves
To be happy all the time
To always enjoy yourself
Because it's not a crime

I know too many people
Who take life much too serious
I'm sure at times they feel
Life is mysterious

They need to lighten up
To have a laugh or two
Don't realize when it's too late
That life passed by without you

Don't be one of those
Who goes out with regrets
Grab a hold of life while you can
Than get from it all you can get

1-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Have You Returned?

Have you made a comeback?
Did you finally return?
For a little while
My heart was filled with concern

I really didn't know
If you were gone for good
I always thought about you
Just like a good friend should

I have sent you emails
But than got no reply
But you know that's okay
Because I knew the reason why

Well, it's great to have you back
I hope all is going well
When I finally talk with you
I know you'll have stories to tell

5-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Having An Affair

I know how to turn you on
I know just what to do
I make my move
You don't refuse
Again I will hurt you

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Ray Hansell

Having To Wait

I need to see you baby
It's been far too long
I need to see you baby
Not holding you is wrong

I love you way too much
To be away this long
I know I'll be seeing you soon
I know I need to be strong

I need a daily fix of you
Or just a gentle touch
Just a little something
That would be good enough

Of course some time loving you
Would really heal the pain
Because the way you love me
Just drives me insane

But, I know I have to wait
Until the time is right
When I can once again
Hold you in the night

Every time I am with you
I value more than gold
I'd like to be with you always
As together we grow old

8-12-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

He Came To Me In Darkness

He came to me in darkness
As I lay fast asleep
The peacefulness He made me feel
Was something I got to keep

I felt His hands upon me
All my pain taken away
No longer will my heart
Be left alone to pray

He came to me in darkness
He cleared a path for me
Now I know my journey
Will be as peaceful as can be

12-9-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

He Hopes

His love for her you keeps growing
More each day he lives
Every time he's with her
There so much he wants to give

He has told her many times
Exactly how he feels
But she smiles politely
Not thinking his love is real

What does he have to say
To make her understand
That when he's by her side
He is one happy man

Now he knows there not much
That he can offer her
But he has to offer
He'll give to only her

If she says, she'll stay
To her he'll give his life
Hoping in a very short time
That she'll become his wife

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He Is King

Without Him we don't exist
We are really nothing
Why so many resist
When we all know He is King

Why do so many doubt
The power of His love
It's so easy to find out
Just gaze to the heavens above

He can be everything to all
He's there in times of need
He can help you up when you fall
He does not like greed

He looks down upon our land
See's too many people in strife
He just cannot understand
The disregard some people have for life

Too many war's scar the land
Too many people die each day
When He created woman and man
He never imagined it this way

He created heaven and earth
For all who live to share
In everyone He sees worth
For you He'll always be there

11-08-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

He Listens

His eyes cannot see
Yet, he see's so clearly

He can smell the summer flowers
He can feel the a summer shower

He hears things he cannot see
Sometimes he see's better then me

He knows when the sun is high in the sky
He hears the birds as they fly by

He listens to footsteps as they get near
Soon that persons name you'll hear

He knows who it is before they arrive
He does it all not using his eyes

Mt friend he cannot see
But at times, he see's better then me

8-31-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

He Truly Was

Let's raise our glass to make a toast
To a good person who never boast

He was gentle, warm and kind
A better person you couldn't find

Always there when you needed a hand
Never alone would he let you stand

No matter the job, big or small
He'd always help you do it all

It didn't matter what the task
All you had to do was ask

So when I heard that he had passed away
It was a very mournful day

He truly was one of a kind
So glad in life he was a friend of mine

1-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Head On

She said goodbye
She left no doubt
The light in my world
Just got turned out

She pulled the plug
But did it with grace
She said goodbye
Face to face

There was no letter
No cell phone call
She did it in person
No tears did fall

She could have taken
The easy way out
She didn't do it
That's not what she's about

She takes on issues
Always head on
Until they are solved
Or, completely gone

8-16-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Head Up High

You and I just met
On the road of words
Composing our poems
That may go unheard

Who knows what it was
That formed this connection
We both are private people
We stay that way for our protection

So much information
For now we'll not exchange
We will keep it this way
As we have both explained

You are living your life
While I'm here living mine
Both of us still writing
Banging out the rhymes

I have opened the window
That leads to my soul
Someday my life's story
To you will be fully told

I can read the confidence
That you display in life
I wonder to myself
Are you someone's wife?

You should know that I respect
All the poems that you write
I read them in the evening
Just before I turn out the light

I know in time I will see
When you claim your place
With poems that you write
Filled with style, beauty and grace

When that time happens
Collect your accolades
After all you will have earned them
With every thing a price is paid

Always hold your head up high
Always keep reaching for the sky
As long as a dream is still alive
You should never be completely satisfied

11-10-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Healing

The walls keep getting closer
My head beats like a drum
I cannot take much more
Of what I know is bound to come

I feel like I'm slowly
Going out of mine mind
A moments peace and quiet
I just cannot find

Everyday another set back
The pain keeps getting worse
All day long all I do
Is just sit here and curse

I know somewhere down the down
My healing will take place
I'll know that day has arrived
When I wear a smile on my face

3-710-/RJH

Ray Hansell

Heaven Let Me In

Nobody asked me
Where I had been
No one seemed to care
Because heaven let me in

Nobody asked
About my past sins
They said it didn't matter
Your in heaven come on in

They said, all sins are forgiven
In death everyone wins
They opened up the doors
To heaven and let me in

11-11-09/Rjh

Ray Hansell

He'd Always Help

Let's raise our glass to make a toast
To a good person who never boast

He was gentle, warm and kind
A better person you couldn't find

Always there when you needed a hand
Never alone would he let you stand

No matter the job, big or small
He'd always help you do it all

It didn't matter what the task
All you had to do was ask

So when I heard that he had passed away
It was a very mournful day

He truly was one of a kind
So glad in life he was a friend of mine

1-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Held It All Together

Imagine going through life
With someone that you cherish
The love you feel inside for them
You know will never perish

You how lucky you have been
Through all the loving years
Having the same person there
To share the laughter with the tears

Though it wasn't always easy
Still you made it through
You're still with the one
Who always say, "I Love You"

With all it's trials and tribulations
That life can bring each day
Through all of this and much more
Neither one would walk away

Nothing could break the bond
That formed so long ago
You held it all together
With so much love still to show

2-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

He'll Light The Way

A magic light fills the sky
People ask and wonder why

It shines from the heavens so very bright
It shines both in the day and night

It's the brightest light they've ever seen
They are mesmerized and feel serene

People gather all around as night turns to day
They all seem so puzzled not knowing what to say

Many of the people are filled with fear
That it may be God as He's drawing near

Fear does not fill my soul like love fills my heart
I do not fear anything for God is doing His part

He's lighting the way for all lost souls
Part of His power is that He consoles

He cares not what you've done or where you've been
He'll comfort you when you accept Him

11-2-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hello Baby Girl

Hello baby girl
Welcome to the human race
Hopefully you'll always wear a smile
Upon your little face

It's going to take some time
To adjust to the outside
For so long you were safe and warm
Inside Mommy where you did hide

But now those days are over
You'll be like everyone
Experiencing the good and bad
The sadness and the fun

You'll grow up very quickly
Time will pass you by so fast
Before you realize it
A large shadow you will cast

But for now enjoy yourself
Be a happy little child
You see, just by being a baby
You make so many people smile

1-30-2015/RjH

Ray Hansell

Helpless 1971

Now as his end gets near
For the first time in my life
I'm learning about fear

How do you say goodbye
When you're given the news
That your father will soon die

He has an illness
They cannot cure
He's a goner for sure

Inside his fragile body
There is a deadly disease
The pain worsens
It will not cease

Here, my father is dying
His days left are few
There's nothing in this world
That I, or anyone else can do

Ray Hansell

Her

I see her everyday
But I don't know her name
She has a sultry look
That just drives me insane

Her hair is short and brown
She doesn't stand that tall
But everytime I see her
Once again I fall

Once I saw her smile
My heart felt pure joy
I felt like a child
Who received a brand new toy

I hope one day to get the courage
To ask her, what's your name
So until that day comes
I will just play my game

I'll admire her from a distance
Stare at her pretty face
Wishing as hard as I can
That one day I'll find my place

That place would be right next to her
For all of eternity
That from now until forever
She'll always be with me

4-15-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Her Caring Never Stops

Even though I'm twenty-four
Her caring never stops
She always asks, how are you?
On days when I don't feel well
She's the first one to my door
Just to make sure, I'm doing alright
Yes, even though I'm twenty-four
Able to care for myself
She's always looking after me
Because, a mother's caring never stops

1975/RjH

Ray Hansell

Her Life Taken Away

They seemed so compatible
You could tell they got along
Everyone believed
They shared a love so strong

They were always seen together
No matter where they'd go
Always holding hands
Their love would always show

But one day I saw her
She was walking all alone
Her face showed some sadness
That it had never shown

A constant stream of tears
Ran from her eyes
Every time I saw her
She would always cry

No one is sure what happened
Was it carelessness or fate
Or could it just have been
Someone filled with hate

They were walking down the street
When a car went speeding by
The first two rounds hit him
She watched him as he died

No one knows the reasons why
The bullets flew his way
He never bothered anyone
He just lived from day to day

Two people who enjoyed life
Two people who lived for each other
Two people who were friends
Two people who were lovers

Yesterday he was laid to rest
It was a calm and peaceful day
So many people came to speak
So many nice things they had to say

Their lives had reached the golden years
So much they had lived through
But now for the first time she's alone
She's not to sure what to do

She visits his grave each morning
Always with flowers in her hand
Her heart is filled with so much pain
She can hardly stand

She knows her day isn't far away
When she'll be joining him
She's waiting to be by his side
Just like the way it's always been

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Ray Hansell

Her Picture Badge

I see a picture before me
I am mesmerized
I see a beauty
Right before me eyes

Blue sky in the background
A perfectly beautiful face
I know without a doubt
No one could take your place

I've seen many pictures
In this life of mine
But I have to tell you
I've never seen one this fine

12-15-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Her Plan

In the darkness of her room
The place filled with gloom
The warm blood runs
From the slashes on her wrists
Tonight she decided
She just can't take it anymore
So she thought she would close life's door
The blood gushes out
Faster then she ever imagined
She feels weaker
She's finding it harder
To keep her eyes from closing
Soon she falls back onto the bed
The covers on the bed
Drenched in blood
This is how she planned it
Home, alone in all her despair
No one to stop her
Within minutes what she has done
Cannot be reversed
Her end came in a darkened room
For the first time since her birth
She is finally at peace

1-1-2010/RjH

Ray Hansell

Her Words Of Love

She shares her words of love with me
I always do the same
I love her soft and gentle voice
I love to call her name

Every time I see her smile
It always warms my heart
When I wake up beside her
What a way for a day to start

Soon it's time for me to go
She walks me to the door
I hope soon they'll come a day
When I won't have to leave no more

She wraps her arms around me
She says, goodbye with a kiss
I know that she's the one for me
I've never loved a woman like this

(5-7-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

Here And Now

My hands reached out to you
Your hands reached back for me
Right now we are both
Exactly where life wants us to be

2-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Here In Hell

When you were here with me
It was so easy to sing
But now that you've gone away
Life doesn't mean a thing

I never knew how to sing the blues
But now I sing them very well
They seem to be a part of me
As I live life without you here in hell

3-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Here With You

I want to hold you next to me
Both of us naked as can be

Lost in love under the covers
Head to toe with kisses that smoother

Hands roaming all over the place
As a smile lights on our face

The room so dark we cannot see
But I feel your hands touching me

Softly I take a hold of you
Times like this seem so few

Locked in loves wonderful embrace
With you I've found a heavenly place

Here with you is where I want to stay
What a lovely way to spend the day

1-18-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Heroes

There are so many heroes
In all walks of life
Many we have heard of
Some we may not even like

Police and fire persons are heroes
As well and doctor's and nurse's
Many heroes people cheer
Some heroes people even curse

All soldiers are heroes
Defending out freedoms flame
I'm sure we all have a hero
That we can probably name

Heroes can be our children
Our parents or our friends
Most heroes we'll respect
Until the final end

If you have no hero
That is alright to
Because real true heroes
Are so very few

7-8-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

He's Done

He said he was finished
His writing days were done
He said, in his mind
It was no longer fun

He said, he needed to find
Another way to pass the time
But he made it clear he was through
When it came to making rhyme

He said, he's lost his passion
For the written word
He said, that his last poem
Is the last that will be heard

No more poems about failed love
No more poems about living
He said, I've run out of words
I have nothing left for giving

It was sad to read the words he wrote
Because he had so much to say
But I guess in every life
In everything, there's a time to walk away

Maybe that's the secret
To knowing when you're done
When you realize in life
That what you're doing, is no longer fun

I know it's never easy
To leave something that was a passion
But in every life there comes a time
When the lights of ideas stops flashing

9-30-19/RjH

Hiding Well

Poets write to express their thoughts
You see, once a sentence is written
That thought is recorded forever
With their writing, poets can be smitten

Poets comment on world events
Or sing the praise of someone
Or they just write to vent
Often times that can be fun

Poets write about love most of all
Because to that we can all relate
Love can anyone stand tall
A love gone badly can make you hate

Most poets write from the heart
But sometimes they fail
Because from feeling they depart
Having no feelings makes life an easy sail

Poets express their outrage for the way things are
While others may think that all is fine
Although things can change real quick
Poets try to keep up with the times

If poets don't express their feelings
If they just live on neutral ground
They'll never need a healing
So life will be safe all around

As a poet I try to write what I feel
But I'll never open up all the way
But my words will always be real
As I express myself from day to day

5-28-06/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Hidings My Feelings

Clear blue days
Puffy white clouds
Reminds me of you
I ask myself why
I feel the way I do
Will I always feel this way
Who knows, who can say

Feelings strong and real
But locked inside
But why do I hide and try to conceal
These feelings of love that I feel
I need to love, care and hold
But my feelings will never be told

9-3-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

His Life

His life wasn't lived in glory
But still he had a life's story
His life was troubled and difficult
So many feelings he never felt
He thought he was in love once before
But deep inside him he never too sure
At every turn in his life things went wrong
He tried to prevail, he tried to stay strong
But it seems the harder that he tried
So many times his heart just cried
He wouldn't ask for help as he was too proud
His complaining was never done out loud
But for all the things that went wrong in his life
The happiest times was when he had a wife
They had a child he never got to know
Fatherly affection he never got to show
No matter how rough life would be
The good things were all he'd ever see
He held no grudge and he didn't hate
Dying in war he felt was his fate
He'll be forgotten by most, only remembered by few
When it came to war he had no point of view
He answered when his country called
Never believing one day that he'd fall
Some say when he died it was fast and quick
His blood formed a pool like an oil slick
He died a hero his death was not in vain
He's still a war causality just the same
Too many deaths war seems to claim
Too many times we want someone to blame

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Ray Hansell

Holding Her The First Time

She's going to take that silver bird
That flies high in the sky
The roaring of the engines
Will make that bird fly high

She's going on a journey
Just for a short while
She's flying off to see
Her first born grandchild

While looking through loving eyes
She'll hold the baby tight
Just for that short while
All the world will seem right

All of life's worries and pains
For the moment will disappear
All this will happen
As she holds her granddaughter near

Once again she be awe struck
Like we usually are
Because right there in her arms
She's holding God's newest star

She may even think back and recall
Needing time to recover
When she stood and once held
Her granddaughters mother

Time move on this cycle of life
As we continue to grow old
The day may not be that far away
When another grandchild she'll hold

11-16-07/RjH

Home

I have walked many darkened streets
I've walked through the winter's snow
I've spent much time on my own
It was the loneliest time I've ever known

In all the places that I've been
I look back and now realize
That home is the only place
Where you have the closest ties

9-1-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Home In Heaven

Only days of sunshine
I have no need to weep
I am in a peaceful place
Where I'll find eternal peace

I'm safe with my savior
No need for you to morn
Make sure you rejoice
With each brand new dawn

I see the angels flying
As they go about their way
I stroll through the garden
Feeling peace within every day

I see the paths before me
They are all covered gold
Too bad I didn't get the chance
To live life by growing old

But this place where I am now
Is beautiful beyond words
But back when I lived on earth
That's what I've always heard

7-12-09/RjH

Submitted 3-21-14

Ray Hansell

Honey Help Me Find My Way

Honey help me find my way
When I'm lost in life's big maze
I know that I can count on you
Every night and day

Honey help me find my way
Through the dark and lonely night
Just a touch from your hand
Will let me know things are all right

Honey help me find my way
When life's pains become too much
I might need your encouragement
Just so I never give up

Honey help me find my way
As you gently take me by the hand
We'll go off together you and I
To live in life's love land

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Honored

You read the words
That I wrote
In your response
I read hope

You said I brought
Each word to life
I just said
What was right

I'm getting to know you
Inside and out
We're learning what each other
Is really all about

You said my words
Were beautiful and true
Those are the words
That make me think of you

You said, your feelings match mine
They make you excited
Well, you make me feel at times
Like I've just been Knighted

I feel so honored to know you
More honored to share your time
But most of all I'm honored to say
That you are a friend of mine

3-2-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hope

When all else fails
Remember there's always hope
When your life becomes
A very slippery slope

Sometimes hope
Is all we've got
Whether we
Like it or not

So hang in there
Don't forget
As long as there's hope
No need to give up yet

But should the day ever come
When all hope is lost
The price you pay
Could come at a high cost

There are so many people
That hope, is all they have
But when their hope is gone
Life can become quite sad

So, never give up hope
No matter what people say
Because, as long as there's hope
There may come a brighter day

8-27-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hope In The Heavens

People look to the heavens
When things are going wrong
It's like they're looking for strength
In an effort to be strong

I know many people
Often look to the skies
When they can't find the answers
No matter how hard they try

I know there are other people
Who seek comfort in the stars
Maybe because of past hurts
Maybe be because of invisible scars

In its own way the heavens
Have a magic healing power
It's always there for all to share
Every minute of every hour

(5-20-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

Hope Is Never Gone

It's alright to shed tears of joy
As well as tears of sorrow
But just don't ever lose sight
Of the good that can happen tomorrow

No matter who we are
We all feel hurt and pain
But from each experience
There's so much that we gain

Through adversity we learn strength
We learn to keep moving on
We know that no matter what
Hope is never completely gone

6-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hopeful

Times when darkness fills our world
We're always searching for a light
Knowing when we see it shine
Things may just turn out alright

It becomes a very lonely time
Because we feel we're all alone
All we really are trying to find
Is a safe pathway home

So, don't give in and don't give up
For one day you will see
That light you've been waiting to find
Will come shining through for you
Just like it eventually did for me

3-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hopefully

The summer moon
Is on the rise
I see its light
In your eyes

Our summer hearts
Are open wide
From each other
Love don't hide

Underneath
A summer moon
We share a kiss
That will end too soon

Hopefully
The love we share
Will guide us through
So we'll always care

5-28-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hoping

She cries herself to sleep at night
Wondering, if she'll ever find a man
She wonders why her life is hell
When she always gives all she can

She never seems to find
Any man who will stay
When she goes to bed at night
Another end to a long and lonely day

She tries so hard to make things right
She feels she always does her best
But her best doesn't seem to be good enough
She always seems to fail loves test

She's hoping one day real soon
That she will find mister right
Then, when her day comes to an end
She'll have someone to hold her tight

8-31-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Hoping I

You say I am the first
But I want to be your last
You say I am the first
I hope I never become your past.

1976/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hoping Love Will Last

Come into my arms tonight
I promise everything will be alright
I'll love you the way I always wanted to
Since that first day when I saw you
We'll get lost in each other
Spending tonight under the covers
Why does it seem that love's heart beats
So much stronger when people first meet
"Cause the way I feel with you tonight
Tells me the world I'm in is alright
I know tomorrow when the sun comes up
We'll sit and drink from our coffee cup
Together, we'll welcome a brand new day
Listening to what each other's heart has to say
Later, when the day turns out it's light
We'll be together to share another night
Speaking words that flow from the heart
Love's always easy when two people first start
It's keeping it growing as the year's roll by
Hoping, love stays alive and the flame doesn't die

12-1-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hoping To Find

He was in love with love
But yet he was alone
The loneliness inside of him
Is a pain so well known

He hope's one day to find
Someone to be his soul mate
Someone to walk through life with
Before life gets too late

5-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hoping To Remember

I know I'm getting old
I'm not afraid to die
When my time arrives
I'll be ready to say goodbye

There's only one wish that I have
That if I do live to be old
When people tell me many things
I can remember what I was told

But if I lose that ability
I hope God will set me free
I hope he has it in His heart
To have His angels come and take me

I know promises can't be made
I just hoped my mind is saved
That's the only thing
For which I've always prayed

I know it's very sad
When one can no longer remember
There are people who know all too well
That it affects all genders

I don't want to forget names
Or forget any place
But most of all I want to remember
You, and your smiling pretty face

4-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hot And Steamy

Life can be
Both hot and steamy
Just like some people
Are sexy and dreamy

To you they are
Your eye candy
A night with them
You'd think so dandy

They make your heart
Skip a beat
A smile from them
Sweeps you off your feet

You've never seem them before
You have no idea who they are
But you know alone with them
You'd be willing to go far

For now you'll let your mind run wild
As you enjoy your fantasy
Knowing deep in your heart
The two of you will never be

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Ray Hansell

Hot Tub

The steam rises from the hot tub
The temperature says one hundred degrees
We both slid in naked
With oh so little ease

The jet streams hit our body
In places we don't mention
But the force of the water
Does get our attention

A glass of wine, to help unwind
As conversation fills the air
Neither one will say it
But we know we both care

The stars hang high, in the sky
As clouds block the view
As I look into the water
I love to see a naked you

We exit the tub to dry ourselves
As a cool breeze lends a hand
With a towel wrapped around tight
Together we pause as we stand

We make our way to the bed
We lay as close as we can
Naked again under the covers
Life I begin to understand

Years ago you and I
Both went our separate ways
It seems like ancient history
To think back to those days

As the years have made us older
They have also made us mature
Knowing that we can handle
What we're doing here for sure

Exactly what we're doing
Sometimes is hard to tell
But I know that our past
Can help us out as well.

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Ray Hansell

How About You?

I scheme, I dream
I walk, I talk
I prey, but don't say
I think, I drink
I hope, I cope
I love, do you?

I stare because I care
I wink, it's loves blink
I love you, do you know?
Do you love me?
If so let it show
If it's yes, then we're blessed
If it's no, apart we'll grow

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Ray Hansell

How Easily

It was a day just like today
Not that long ago
You came along, you sang your song
You made the inside me grow

You made my life come alive
Just by being yourself
You always seemed to be around
Just when I needed you the most

I don't know what I'd do
If you were ever to go
My life would be so meaningless
I just wanted you to know

It was a night just like tonight
Not that long ago
You came to me, you made me see
How easily love can grow

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Ray Hansell

How Life Would Be

There are times I'd like to see
Just how life would be
If there were no one else
Only you and me

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Ray Hansell

How Many More Years

A coldness fills my room
As winter slowly arrives
I wonder if this year
Will be the year I won't survive

Will this be the last season
My eyes ever get to see
For, who knows comes tomorrow
It could be check out time for me

I don't want to sound morbid
I'm just trying to understand
How much more time I have
Here, upon God's beautiful land

It's not that I want to see the end
Of course I want to go on living
But I'm not sure just how much more
I have left in me for giving

11-9-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

How Many Times

How many times
Must I say
That I love you
In every way

How many times
Must I say
I love you so
I'll never go away

How many times
Must I say
I'll love you forever
I'll always stay

A thousand times I'll tell you
A thousand times I'll say
A thousand ways I'll show you
How I love you more each day

6-3-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

How Much Love Can Hurt

I witnessed a tragedy the other day
I watched two lovers say goodbye
I watched as they tried to walk away
It seemed like she wanted to leave
But then again she didn't
He appeared to be in a state of shock
She had tears in her eyes
She tried to say goodbye
I heard him ask, why?
As they walked away
They both kept looking back
Both seemed hesitant in leaving
Maybe what I witnessed wasn't a tragedy
Maybe I was watching two people coming of age
Learning the hard way
That love, as good as it can make you feel
Can be most painful when it leaves
She walked away with tears in her eyes
I walked away, not letting her see me cry

1-3019/RjH

Ray Hansell

How We Can Be

My feet have yet
To touch the ground
Ever since
You've been around

You can make
My heart dance
I hope with me
You'll take a chance

I hope together
We can see
How beautiful
Love can be

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Ray Hansell

Hurry Hurry Hurry

Hurry, hurry, hurry
Rush, rush, rush
I have to get to work on time
I can't wait in this line
How come when I'm running late
It always seems to be my fate
The person that I'm struck behind
Has no place to be on time

11-23-77/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hurting And Crying

Our love was magic
Magic was our love
I hope one day soon
We can work that magic again

We once fell in love
Without even trying
But we left each other
Alone, hurt and crying

7-28-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Always Knew

I use to walk in fields of gold
Beneath a burning sun
I would walk all day long
Until the day was done

In the evening as I headed home
A summer breeze would cool my face
I knew that since my childhood
This would always be my special place

I walk here when I need to think
I walk here to be free
I walk here so very of often
This place sets my spirits free

I hope that every body else
Has a special place of their own
A place with hope and happiness
To me, the place that I call home

4-21-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Always Wish

I think of you so often
At least once a day
So please always remember
I send good wishes your way

I miss spending time with you
It seemed all we did was laugh
But I guess like everything else
Even the good times have to pass

So if you only remember one thing
Always remember this
Nothing but the best for you
That's what I always wish

6-9-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Am Because Of You

When I think of you

I think of

Love

Happiness

Sharing

Caring

Kindness

Unselfishness

Thoughtfulness

When I think of you

I think about how empty

Life would have been without you

How long the days would have been

How cold the nights would have gotten

When I think of you

I think about how if there wasn't you

There probably wouldn't be a me

6-21-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Am To

The sky is a dark blue
You see, I am to
Because I never knew
That I would lose you

9-13-18/Rjh

Ray Hansell

I Came To Be, Because Of You

My tears keep falling
More, with each passing day
I still can't believe
That God took you away

My whole life came to be
The day that I met you
Now once again I'm alone
Not too sure what to do

The days go on forever
The nights fade to tomorrow
No matter how hard I try
I cannot escape the sorrow

I know I must move on
I know someday I will
But living life without you
No longer holds the same thrill

1-22-2015/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Can Always Count On Me

I always depend
On no one else but me
That way you see
Disappointment will never be

I know people mean well
I know their intentions are good
But, too many never follow through
Like they said they would

I know they try their best
To lend a helping hand
But once again all alone
Is how you will usually stand

But I also know
That when something must be done
The person I can depend on
Well, I happen to be the one

9-18-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Cannot Win

I know that I
Must find a way
To get through
Another day

I know that I
Must do it alone
I have no one
Here at home

Another day
Another struggle
Trying to figure out
Life's big puzzle

I know that I
Am not alone
But so much
Is unknown

Will I find
What I'm looking for
Or should I
Just close the door

Live my life
The way I've been
Accept the fact
In love, I cannot win

10-21-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Can't Find The Words Tonight

You asked me for a poem
Written just for you
This is a fair request
I'll see what I can do

Right now the words I wish to use
Just cannot be found
But don't you worry
On another day they'll come around

When the words find there way
Right here back to me
Than I'll write your poem
For all the world to see

3-10-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Can'T Forget You

Wondering why
Wish I knew
The reason why
I think of you

You're on my mind
Every day
Thoughts of you
Drift my way

I don't know why
You're always there
Others to you
I don't compare

It just seems
For no reason
I think of you
Through the season

It's not that I'm
In love with you
Long ago
We were through

Love was alive
Doing well
But then it descended
Straight to hell

1-12-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Can'T Get You Outof My Head

I lay here all night long
I don't know what is wrong
I think of all the things you've said
I can't get you out of my head

I think of days gone by
No matter how hard I try
My thoughts I try to shred
I can't get you out of my head

The times we spend together
I thought they just got better
But I guess your signals I misread
I can't get you out of my head

I guess it's time for us to part
Walking away would be a good start
If I know our love is dead
Then maybe, I'll get you out of my head

7-18-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Can't Hide

When I'm walking beside her
My feet never touch the ground
When I hear her voice
It's the world's most sweetest sound

When I'm holding her hand
I'm happy as can be
When I kiss her lips
Stars are all I see

My world is so right
When I'm by her side
She always makes me happy
With a smile I can't hide

9-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Could Always Count On You

You have taken me
To places that were unknown
You have made me laugh
More then I've ever laughed before
When I needed you, you were always there
Now as the years pass by
They make us grow old
But one thing has remained constant
Your heart was never cold
Your love was unconditional
Your faith in me remained true
No matter what, I could always count on you

10-2-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Could Never Find

Naked beneath the stars
I hold you close to me
This moment that we share
No one else can see

The nakedness of your body
I look at with delight
I want our love to last forever
With each and every passing night

I will never grow tired of you
I'll always want you near
I will love you in all you do
They'll be no need for tears

So as we lay here together
Our naked bodies entwined
I know that deep in my heart
A better love I could never find

12-18-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Could See

I could see that you were nervous
It was written on your face
But when it comes to me
I want to know I know my place

I'd never make you do anything
That you didn't want to do
I'd never do anything
That would ever hurt you

I hope you always know that
So, please don't ever forget
That I wouldn't do anything
That I might regret

So, if you ever doubt
If you're ever unsure
Remember when it comes to you
Your feeling, I'll never ignore

Remember more than anything
My love for you is true
That means doing anything
That you want or don't want to do

11-19-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Could Tell

I could tell by the look in her eyes
I could tell by the words she spoke
I could tell by the way she kissed me
I could tell by the way she watched the clock
I could tell by the way she said goodbye
I knew then our love had died

9-18-1982/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Couldn't Ask For Anything More

You looked so very tired
I could see it in your face
I wish that I could be there
That very special place

Lying right beside you
Holding you so close
Knowing that from you
I'd always get the most

I'd have you sleep in my arms
There, the whole night through
Knowing they'll never be a time
When I stop loving you

You could sleep so peaceful
The one that I adore
Loving you in this life
I couldn't ask for anything more

11-11-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Couldn't Have Been More Lucky

All my days of loneliness
That my heart has been through
All those lonely days
I only thought of you

A full moon in the sky
Dark clouds slowly drifting by
Every night I think of you
Wondering what, it is you do

You are always on my mind
Morning, noon and night
You are the woman
Who makes my life so right

I watch the changing seasons
From cold to spring time warm
I watch the sun set at night
I watch it rise at dawn

All these things of beauty
That capture my eyes each day
None of them can compare
To the feeling I get when you look my way

I love you with all my heart
It will always be that way
I couldn't have been more lucky
Then I was the day you came my way

4-25-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Couldn'T If I Tried

Making love with you
What a way to spend a day
Holding you in arms
As you hold me in yours
Slowly caressing your body
The way the sun would caress a hillside
As we try to please each other
More then we've ever been pleased before

Making love with you
Has left me warm inside
I couldn't love you more
No matter how hard I tired

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Ray Hansell

I Didn'T Feel The Same

You sat there with tears on your cheeks
Your voice trying hard to speak
From me you wanted a response
But I didn't make a peep

I just sat there listening
As you said, I love you
Well, I don't feel the same
There's just one thing left to do

It's time for us to part
Then each go our own way
Maybe some day soon
For you, love will come to stay

2-14-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Didn't Get A Chance To Say Goodbye

An illness struck him down
So many miles away
I wanted some last words with him
But it didn't turn out that way

I felt that I should go see him
But others convinced me to wait
I only wish I hadn't listened
Because too quickly it became too late

Now, I know I'll never forget
No matter how hard I try
That had I followed my heart
I would have at least had a chance to say goodbye

(Dedicated to Frank)

5-23-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Didn'T Let Her Know

There once was a lady
A very special lady
I had the chance to win her love
But I let that chance slip away

Now it seems everyday
I regret it more and more
I have no one else to blame
For things I didn't say

I know all I had to do
Was just to let her know
What my feelings were
Maybe even let them show

But I didn't do that
Now as you can see
I'm here all alone
There's no one with me

5-3-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Didn't Want To Fall In Love With You

Walking along together
Nothing special to do
But I get this feeling
That I might be liking you

Walking through the park
Sharing a laugh or two
I keep telling myself
Now I know I'm liking you

Over lunch or dinner
We have so much to say
I never imagined
That love would start this way

No matter how hard I tried
I could not succeed
Because now it seems
I've found the one I need

But all along I told myself
I knew what I had to do
I couldn't let myself
Fall in love with you

I thought I was strong enough
And I would not give in
But it looks as though I was wrong
Looks like cupid is going to win

Looking back on those years
In all I tried to do
The one thing I couldn't stop
Was myself, falling in love with you

9-7-07/RjH

I Die A Little Bit Every Time

Sitting around relaxing
An evening filled with love
Forgetting the world outside
As the stars shine above

Laying together side and side
Knowing that love is alive
Touching and rubbing your skin
As my love for you will never hide

The sweet smell of you
Fills the entire room
Any time you leave
Is always too soon

The softness of your body
Draws me to you like a magnet
You give me joy and loving
I know I won't forget

I want each night to be
The way it was the first night
Laying close beside you
Until the morning light

We watched the candle flicker
As it burned toward the end
Almost like a message
That it was trying to send

It was letting us both know
That the night was almost through
That soon I would be saying
A sad goodnight to you

But we both held on a little longer
Not wanting to let go
Knowing that in our hearts
Our sadness was going to show

I know that neither one of us
Wants to say goodbye
It seems that when I do
Another piece of me slowly dies

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Ray Hansell

I Do Believe

I do believe
That dreams come true
It happens every time
I make love with you

I do believe
That dreams are real
I always touch them
When it's you I feel

I do believe
Dreams stay alive
I see them when
I look in your eyes

I do believe
That dreams can see
It was a dream
That brought you to me

I do believe
In the power of dreams
Because so many of them
Are often seen

4-5-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Don't Get It

I understand death
As a part of life
But I'm having a problem
As I just lose sight

Of why someone so young
Is taken at an early age
Sometimes I just feel
So full of rage

Why a young mother
Gets taken away
Than to her children
What do you say

Their broken hearts
I know will mend
Even though they've lost
A mother and friend

God is our savior
Who protects us all
If this is true
Why do the good fall

This young mother did nothing
But raising her family
Now life goes on without her
The way it wasn't supposed to be

9-10-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Don't Like What I See

As I awaken in the morning
As the day starts to be
I take a look around
I don't like what I see

As the day turns to afternoon
I nap under a tree
I take a look around
I don't like what I see

As darkness starts to fall
Daylight begins to flee
I take a look around
I don't like what I see

What have we become
What have we all done
No one can outrun
The bullets from a gun

Though it may seem
This is not a dream
When people run and scream
Have we gone to the extreme

Have we come to a place
Where there is no disgrace
Because we don't see a trace
Of the dead peoples face

Why do we just accept
And let things just get swept
In a place un-kept
Where people wept

Somehow it must end
A law must be penned
I don't want to send
To the grave another friend

I hope I live to see the day
When guns are used in the right way
It can be done if we pray
But everyone must have a say

11-30-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Don't Need

As I go through each day
I don't need daily affirmation
I live life on my own terms
Applying, my own application

I don't need to be praised
For a task when I'm done
I always do my best
My jobs are never hit and run

Save your praise for those
Who really seem to need it
If I don't hear those words
It will not break my spirit

If I have something to do
I get it done and I'm on my way
I don't need to hear your praise
I don't need those words you say

1-26-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Don'T Understand

I saw they way you looked at him
I saw the way you smiled
I got and upset
Just like a little child

I started to yell and scream at you
I waved my fist in the air
But for the life of me
I don't know why you don't care

4-11-07/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Don'T Want To Lose That Feeling

You let me into your heart
Together we played a part
We learned how love can start
The answers to all of our questions
Came rushing through
The fear we felt inside
Slowing disappeared
As we made love for the first time

Oh, what a feeling it was
I get that very same feeling
Each time we make love
It's a feeling I hope that never goes away
More than that
I hope you never go away

6-21-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Don'T Worry

The clock ticks away the time
When we are together
The days pass us by
Just like a parade

Well the time can tick away
The days can pass
I don't need to worry
Because I know our love will last

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Fear One Day

So many times I tell you
How much I love you so
But deep inside I feel one day
That you'll be on the go

I fear one day you'll realize
You longer desire me
I know it may sound crazy
But I think that how it will be

Please don't ask me to explain
For I wouldn't know where to start
But I fear one day I'll lose you
And end up with a broken heart

(4-28-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

I Felt

I felt your hand
Upon my face
I had been
In lonely place

You eased my pain
With your touch
For that I say
Thank you so much

Your sweet voice
Soothing to my ear
I hope that you
Are always near

I love your hair
I love your eyes
I love the way
We always try

To keep our love
So fresh and new
I love living life
I love loving you

11-25-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Finally See

I finally found somebody
Who gives me all I need
Her heart is always open
She's never consumed by greed

Her hands so soft and gentle
As they rub my skin
For the first time I realize
What it's like to win

I think the time is finally here
Love has taken its hold of me
Each time I look into her eyes
Love is all I ever see

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Ray Hansell

I Found In You

When I think of you
I hope that what we share
Can go on forever
I always want you with me
No matter what I do
No matter where I go
No matter what I see
It's all so much better
If I can share it all with you
You see, all that I want
All that I see
All that I need
I have when I'm with you

5-22-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Found It Girl

I found it girl
In my wildest dreams
I never imagined
That it would ever be this good

It gives me reason to live
It gives me reason to give
I'll give it all to you
That's all I want to do

I found it girl
It's more beautiful
Then I ever dreamed it would be
It makes me want to sing forever

I found it girl
I found love
The day that I met you

8-1-07/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Found Me An Angel

I found me an angel
With a broken wing
She can't fly
But boy can she sing

Her songs always move me
Most of the time to tears
Her lips are always moving
Even if at times I can't hear

I found me an angel
Who cannot fly
I found me an angel
To love until the day I die

1-18-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Found You On Poem Hunter

I went to Poem Hunter
To read a verse or two
That's when I discovered
The gem written by you

Your words flowed so evenly
Line after line with a rhyme
I read the love between the lines
I could see your life was more than fine

It seems like you got lucky
You found yourself a great man
I can imagine how proud he must be
When he's with you holding your hand

I hope life holds for you
All the joys one can drink in
Always live life for the here and now
Do ever dwell on what has been

10-17-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Gave Nothing In Return

She gave all her love to me
All I gave her was time
She promised me her tomorrows
All I promised her was rhyme

Then one night without a word
She walked out the door
You see I never gave her love
She'll give me her love no more

5-12-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Got To Say Goodbye

When you lose someone
Someone that you love
You hope they are received
With opened arms above

You hope and pray that God
Has His arms opened wide
That He holds them so close
Knowing they just died

My heart is in much pain
I'm not sure what to do
My heart is open wide
Seeking guidance from you

She was older than I was
Born several years before me
But she had a special ay
To always help me see

That's what older sisters are for
The help the younger ones along the way
She did that and so much more
January ninth twenty nineteenth was her last day

I got the call at night
It froze me in my tracks
It seemed at that very moment
My mind went racing back

I remembered back in my youth
Different things I would do
She would always tell me
Don't worry, I won't tell on you

The years have passed us by
Like a jet in the sky
But at least I had the chance
To say, I love you and goodbye

1-10-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Had It All

Watching the sun set
While eating dinner
Enjoying the world outside
As daylight is getting dimmer

The sun slowly sets
Far beyond the sea
I look at you
While you're watching me

The love between the two of us
Has endured through the years
So many years of laughter
So very few with tears

I know one day life will end
But we'll make it through
Because I'll know in my heart
I had it all while loving you

7-24-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Had You For A Friend

You always have a hand
To reach out in support
You always wear a smile
To go with pleasant thoughts

You speak bad of no one
You say, there's always good
I know you'd befriend everyone
If somehow you only could

So I know just how lucky
And blessed I really am
Of all the people here on earth
I got to have you for a friend

1-14-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Have No Words

Tell me why you're leaving
Why are you going away
I wish that I could find the words
That would make you want to stay

I know sometimes those words
Can be so very useless
Because the words we choose
Cannot clean up the mess

Maybe it will be better
To just let you go away
But there is something
That I have to say

For such a very long time
You lived inside my heart
I know I never told you
Because I didn't where to start

But now that you are leaving
I know our love will never grow
I'm not trying to change your mind
But these things I wanted you to know

Watching you walk away
Is not going to be easy to do
Not since my heart
Has fallen in love with you

7-31-07/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Heard The Angels

I heard the angels
I heard them singing
I heard the angels
I saw them winging

I heard the angels
I heard the bells ring
I heard the angels
I heard them sing

They sang songs of sadness
They had tears in their eyes
They sang their sad songs
As they sang they cried

They wanted to know why
Because they didn't understand
How you can love the baby
But then hate the man

I heard the angels
I saw them crying
I heard the angels
I saw them dying

I have to question
A world that wants peace
If that's the case
Then all killing must cease

I heard the angels
I heard the bells ring
I heard the angels
I heard them sing

I heard the angels
I heard them pray
I heard them ask
For peace to come and stay

1-2-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Heard You Say

I heard the words you said to him
When you thought no one was there
I heard you say in hushed tones
How much you'll always care

You told me that you loved me
But I guess that wasn't true
Because what I heard you say to him
Means, that you and I are now through

3-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Hope It Never Leaves

Every time I look at you
My heart always smiles
My eyes grow open wide
Just like that of a child

Every time we meet
Joy fills my soul
I hope this wonderful feeling
Stays with me as I grow old

Every time I'm with you
I always feel at home
Being with you is the greatest feeling
That I have ever known

3-7-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Hope The Day Will Come

When we are together
I never want to leave
I want to stay with you
That you must believe

But the time
Comes to leave
That is when
My heart grieves

I'm thankful for the time
That we get to share
I hope the day will come
When I can stay right there

8-31-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Hope You Stay

Some days I remember
Some days I forget
So many things come and go
I can't remember them all but yet

Many times the past comes back to me
In the middle of a day
I'll recall so many things
That people had to say

Most of it was negative
From people who had failed
They lived a simple life
But they kept their dreams all jailed

They never took a chance
They didn't follow their dreams
As they look back on their lives
All they want to do scream

Ray Hansell

I Just Knew

Many thoughts of you
Roll across my mind
Like the waves in the ocean
As they roll on in time

I always think of you
No matter what I do
The days we see each other
Are always seem so very few

You have a busy life
I'm the same way to
But on my busiest day
I always stop, and think of you

I guess it's the love that we share
That keeps our feelings strong
From that very first day I knew
Falling in love with you wasn't wrong

4-21-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Know I Broke Your Heart

I know I broke your heart
With the words I spoke
I only wish I could have said
It was only a joke

I know I broke your heart
When you heard those words
The sun stopped shining
You no longer heard the birds

I know I broke your heart
When those words left my lips
I have to say I'm sorry
Because it's you I miss

I know I broke you heart
With the words I said
For having said them
I truly wish I were dead

I know I broke your heart
Truthfully I can say
You'll never hear those words again
That you heard today

5-5-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Know I'm Not Alone

Walking through life
In a world of my own
Just wandering aimlessly
With no place to call home

So many years of trying
To put my life back on track
Always waiting for the day
When I would get my life back

But I'm here to tell you
Life has gotten worse
I know I need to be strong
As I wander the universe

But as I move through this life
I wonder what will be my calling
Or am I only destined
To be the one who has fallen

5-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Know Someday

Please tell me the truth
Do you love him more than I
If that is the case
Then we should say goodbye

If he really loves you
The way that you love him
Then go run to him now
Forget what has been

I will find another
Just like the way I found you
But you should be with someone
Who really loves you true

I know someday I'll find
Someone who'll stay with me
I know someday that happiness
Is the a world I'm going to see

5-31-77/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Know What Happy Is

Baby, please know I love you
Please know I always will
In our short time together
You've given me a million thrills

I love the way you love me
When it's only you and I
I love the special things
That we always try

When we're walking holding hands
The world is a perfect place
I always know what happy is
By the smile upon your face

5-19-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Know What I'M Missing

You left me standing
Under the pale moon light
You walked away
You didn't say good night

I called your name
But you never turned
I guess you could say
Another lesson learned

You saw me kiss her
As I held her hand
With falling tears you said
You didn't understand

I could not explain myself
If I could you wouldn't listen
Now as I watch you walk away
I already know what I'm missing

12-29-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Listen

I listen to my heart
When it comes to you
That's why you see me do
All the things I do

I want to make you happy
I want to make you smile
I do all the things I do
Because you make my life worthwhile

So, I hope I never lose you
Or somehow chase you away
Because if I were to do that
My sunny skies would all turn grey

12-8-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Look At You

When I look at you
Do you know what I see?
I see this lovely woman
Looking back at me

Your bright smile
Your gentlest of touch
I want you to know
To me they mean so much

Days when I'm feeling down
Feeling lost and all alone
I close my eyes to see the best love
This heart of mine has ever known

You make me so happy
When I'm by your side
The love I feel for you
Is a love I just can't hide

I am so happy to say
My life's a better place
I know you can see it
Written all over my face

When I look at you
All that I can see
Is this lovely woman
Who means the world to me

11-11-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Lost My Fears

I have learned
That love is more
Then just a game

I've watched love go
I've seen love stay
I've have watched love grow

I've seen love survive
I have watched love die
For love that is lost
I've watched people cry

This has been me
For too many years
But now because of you
I've lost all my fears

7-22-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Love

I love it when you're near
I love your velvet touch
I love the magic way
That you love me so much

I love the way you hold me
So very tight and snug
I love the way you whisper
"You're the one I love"

6-25-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Love To Feel You

I love to feel you
Warm and soft
Looking in your eyes
I always get lost

I love the softness
Of your skin
When touching you
I don't know where to begin

I know one thing
That is for sure
I'll spend my life
Loving you ever more

10-9-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Love You

I love you
So very true
I also know
You love me to

I love you
For all you do
I'll always love
Even when the world is though

I love you
Every single day
I wish you were here
So every day you hear me say

I love you

6-6-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Love You So

The softness of your smile
The beauty that I see
Every time I'm near you
You warm the heart in me

You show me all the time
What true love really means
You are the only one I see
When I close my eyes to dream

The kindness in your voice
The gentleness of your touch
Only makes me want you more
Because I love you so very much

12-14-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Miss You Please Come Home

I wanted you to know
That I've missed you so
I missed your tender smile
I missed the way, you say hello

I miss the smell that fills the air
After you've taken a shower
The way it fills my senses
Hour after hour after hour

I miss holding your hand
No matter where we are
I miss the talks we have
While riding in the car

I miss the way that we make love
Along with our stimulating conversations
After having just shared with you
The single greatest sensation

I hope you get home soon
So again I can be by your side
I know that when you return
My tears will finally all dry

7-2-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Missed My Chance

I once loved a lady
She was so special to me
I had the chance to love her
But I let that chance slip by

Now it seems everyday
I regret it more and more
I have no one else to blame
I was just unsure

I know what I had to do
I just had to let her know
Exactly what I felt for her
Maybe even let it show

But I delayed
Now I can see
She's with him
She's not with me

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Need The Sunshine

I need to find the sunshine
I must leave this cold
All it does to my body
Is to make it feel old

I need to find the sunshine
I need a place that's warm
I am no longer younger
My body is so worn

My joints are all aching
My back is always in pain
Residing in the cold
With the snow and rain

Just give me the sunshine
With blue skies all day
That would be so joyful
To chase my aches away

11-24-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Need To Know

I need a place
Between here and tomorrow
I need a place
To shed some sorrow

I need a place
To be all alone
I need a place
To call my own

I need a place
Where I can cry
I need a place
Where one will ask why

I need a place
To shed some tears
I need a place
To shelter my fears

I need a place
That no one knows
I need a place
Where no one goes

I need a place
To clear my head
To pray for someone
Who now lies dead

I need a place
This cold season
I need a place
To find a reason

I need to know
Was his death in vain?
I need to know
Who's to blame

I need to know
What we've become
I need to know
Who gave him a gun

I need to know
The reason why
I never got the chance
To say goodbye

10-1-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Need To See You

I need to see you baby
It's been far too long
I need to feel you baby
Not holding you is wrong

I love you too much baby
To be away this long
I hope to see you soon
Together is where we belong

I need a daily fix of you
Or just a gentle touch
Just a little something
That would be good enough

Of course some time loving you
Would really ease the pain
The way you love me baby
Just drives me insane

But I know I have to wait
Until the time is right
But when I do hold you
I will hold you so tight

I will let you know
Just how much I missed you so
There will be no doubt in your mind
Because I will let my love show

Any time I can be with you
I treasure more than gold
Of course I'd love to be with you always
To share the years as we grow old

7-2-06/RjH

I Never Have To Wonder

I never have to wonder
When I look into your eyes
That is where my world
Will always set and rise

You're more than just a woman
That I've fallen in with
Everyday with you
Is truly a heavenly gift

I love you more than anything
That life could ever give
You are the reason why
I love this life I live

4-14-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Never Thought

I never thought of us as we
I never imagined a you and me
But now that we are
I pray to the star's
This is how it will always be

12-5-2005/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Never Thought You'd Leave

I thought we'd last forever
But you went away
I thought you'd leave me never
It will hurt when I recall today

We use to laugh
Sometimes we'd cry
But then you went and left
I still don't know why

My heart filled with sorrow
I cried from the pain
I thought you would stay
But you had to board that train

You never even wrote to me
Even though you said, you'd stay in touch
I really thought you cared for me
But I guess just not that much

I miss out times together
All the fun and laughter
You once told me you loved me
But I guess not for ever after

3-28-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Now Understand

As long as I can remember
You've always been there
I remember that first night
When you told me you cared

I'd always thought that you and I
Could survive any storm
I never once had a thought
That I could ever be wrong

But now I see I was so wrong
Because we have sadly parted
I finally understand what it means
To be truly broken hearted

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Ray Hansell

I Opened The Window

I opened the window to my soul
I wanted to let you in
I looked at you and asked
Please, tell me where you've been

You told me of you life's journey
With all it's ups and downs
You said many times you thought
That life would make you drown

But you said you never lost your faith
You never stopped believing
Through it all both good and bad
Strength from above you kept receiving

You never felt abandoned
You never felt alone
You felt with God in your heart
That you were always home

11-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Reach My Hand

I reach my hand
To touch your face
Right now I'm content
In my time and place

But soon you'll go
So far away
When you'll return
You cannot say

So that is why
I touch your skin
To later remember
Where I've been

I'll put my hand
To my face
The scent of you
Fills your empty space

As I touch
Your skin so brown
I realize now
Just what I've found

A woman I love
With all my heart
Nothing on earth
Can keep us apart

I reach my hand
To touch your face
I now know
No one can take your place

11-25-07/RjH

I Saw My World

I saw my world
Fall apart
It happened when you
Broke my heart

I don't know
What I'll do
I never imagined life
Lived without you

I know in time
My pain will heal
It's tough losing a love
That you thought was real

But lose you I did
I'm not even sure why
But I know that I
Just had my last cry

So I'll move forward
I guess you will to
Because life still goes on
Even without you

10-23-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Saw What I Was Looking For

I don't know if tomorrow
Could ever top today
How could it be better
Falling in love this way

It didn't take too much
For me to catch the prize
All I had to do
Was look into your eyes

It was there that I saw
What I've been looking for
In my heart of hearts I know
I will love you for ever more

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Ray Hansell

I Should Have Shared My Feelings

I know I should have told you
Exactly what my heart was feeling
But I've always been the kind
To keep hidden what I'm feeling

I know that it's not right
It's the wrong thing to do
Now looking back I see
Just how much I hurt you

I should have just told you
That my feelings have changed
That what I felt when we met
Well, those feelings are not the same

Maybe I've outgrown you
Maybe our love has gotten old
I know that may sound callous
It may even sound a little cold

I hope you know I'm sorry
For the way things have turned out
There was a time I loved you so
That, you should never doubt

But now the time has come
For each of us to move on
There's no use in being together
If the reasons for being together are gone

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Ray Hansell

I Should Have Told You

When I close my eyes at night
I can always see
You standing there in front of me

Late at night
When I dream
I sometimes wake up and scream

I miss you so
I'm so alone
But I know you're not coming home

I love you
Nothing more, nothing less
I should have told you before you left

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Spend My Days Wondering

I knew when I held you
It was a love so true
Everything I had to give
I gave it all to you

But now you have left me
I just don't understand
You didn't give a reason
You just changed our plans

You told me that you loved me
You said, you wanted to be my wife
I'll spend the rest of my days
Wondering why you took your life

9-3-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Still Can'T Believe

I still can't believe
What you are going through
I wouldn't wish that on anyone
Especially not on you

I'm still a little stunned
Since I heard the news
The words in me are lost
I'm am still so confused

My mind races round and round
Trying to find an answer
Why in this day and age
Do people still suffer from cancer?

I wish I had the power
To somehow find a cure
Because you know if I could
I would do that for sure

Just in case you have forgotten
My prayers and thoughts are with you
Always know that for you there's nothing
That I wouldn't do

I hope things work out alright
I hope your recovery is fast
Just remember there's someone out there
Who's thoughts of you will forever last

12-12-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Still Remember

You know I still remember
The night that I surrendered
I gave my heart to you
Thinking it was, the thing to do

Things were good for so long
I wonder what went wrong
Was it you, was it me
Maybe we both refused to see

Love was right but the time was wrong
Neither one of us was that strong
That's when we were in our youth
Lost in love, trapped in truth

9-10-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Talk With Him

I talk with him
When I'm alone
'Cause in my heart
I've always known

He'll listen to
All I say
I'll not be judged
In any way

His sanctuary doors
Are always open
I can go in
Always knowing

I will not
Be turned away
For me He'll always
Listen to what I say

On bending knees
I talk with him
He already knows
The pain I feel within

I came to Him
Seeking peace
I will go home
Feeling at ease

2-5-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Thought About

I thought about my love for you
Now I know just what I'll do

I will love you until you say
You don't want my love to stay

So until you say those words
I love you's will be heard

But if I start to smother you
Please let me know, that I never want to do

So I'll see you
Tomorrow night
So once again I'll hold you tight

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Ray Hansell

I Thought I Knew

I thought I knew sexy
I thought I knew hot
But then I got a look at you
I saw all that you've got

You move just like a snake
As you slither across the bed
You do so many sexy things
You get inside my head

As I start to move closer
You strike with lightning speed
Soon you are all over me
Giving me just what I need

Your venom isn't poison
Your bite doesn't kill
But the one thing that you do
Is that you know how to thrill

You wrap yourself around me
So I can't get away
Well I've got news for you
This is where I want to stay

So if you feel the need to strike
Grab a hold of me so very tight
Just hold on and don't let go
I promise I won't put up any fight

5-30-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Thought Of You

I thought of you today
It sent my thoughts
Slowly drifting away

I saw your smiling face
I heard your laughter ring out loud
I thought about how you
Always stood out in a crowd

I thought of you today
It really made me smile
My world was so peaceful
If only for a little while

9-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Thought Of You Today

I thought of you today
As I drove down the road
I thought to myself
Our story must be told

I love her so dearly
I always want her near
I want her next to me
So her gentle voice I hear

I want to feel her soft skin
I want to taste her lips
When she is away
It's her I want to miss

I wish I could turn back time
Because what I would do
I'd rearrange everything
So forever, I'd be with you

8-24-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Thought She Was Weary

I thought maybe you grew weary
Of the words I write
That's why I stopped sending them
To you in the night

But if you like my rhymes
For sure I'll write you more
Because when it comes to you
I could write poems by the score

Ray Hansell

I Truly Miss

I want you to know
I think of you
In everything
I see and do

I close my eyes
There you are
From my heart
You're never far

All the memories
We've created
From my mind
They've never faded

They are there forever
For as long as I may live
There's still so much love
To you I want to give

So just remember
As you read this
You're the only one
I truly miss

9-8-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Used You

I hope that you'll forgive me
For all the bad I've done
But when I needed loving
You always were the one

5-9-78/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Want A Night

I want a night
To spend with you
I want a night
To love you through

I want a night
With you next to me
I want a night
For us to see

I want a night
To make love
I want a night under
The stars above

I want a night
So you can see
That I want you always
Next to me

I want a night
That never ends
I want a night
That transcends

I want a night
Filled with love
I want a night
That loves made of

2-27-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Want Her To Be The One

She is someone special
Warm and tender to hold
I want her by my side
As the years make me grow old

I want to live my life
Sharing it with her
I always want to be the one
To see her gentle smile

I want her to be the one
To hold me when I cry
I want her to be the one
To wipe my tears all dry

I want her to be the one
Who sleeps with me at night
I want her to be the one
I see in the early morning light

I want her to be the one
To never let me go
I know that she is the one
Who'll always love me so

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Ray Hansell

I Want To Be

I only want to hold you
Take you in my arms
Hold on to you forever
Protect you from lifes harms

You are the other half of me
You make my life complete
I want so much to share with you
A life we can both keep

To have you in my life
To love and to hold
I always want to be with you
Even as the years make me grow old

I promise to always stay with you
Until the very end
I want to be your life lover
But most of all I want to be your friend

5-2-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Want You Next To Me

Once again good night
Until I hold you tight
Nothing in my life
Will ever be right
Not until I have you
Near me all the time
Not until I know
That your love is only mine

I want you next to me
When I start my day
In the morning I want you to be the one
To hear the first words that I say
I want you next to me
As my day comes to an end
I want my voice to be the voice
That can help your heart to mend

As you drift off to sleep
To dream the night away
I want you beside me
Every night and day

Ray Hansell

I Want You Right Next To Me

I never envisioned life
You not being there
Because you live in my heart
Because I've always cared

I wouldn't want to face a day
Without you being there with me
Just being by your side
Seems to always set my heart free

We still have so much to do
So many places we'd like to see
If I get to see them all
I'd want you right next to me

Sometimes this thing called love
Gets under your skin
Like you gotten under mine
That's the way, it's always been

I wouldn't trade it for the world
I love the way you make me feel
This love inside my heart for you
No one else could ever steal

9-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Was Foolish

From that first moment I loved you
I have never stopped loving you
I never stopped caring for you
I never stopped wishing the best for you
I always imagined the two of us
Together for ever and ever
But now I know know
Us together, will never come to be
Maybe I was foolish
Thinking we'd last forever
But then I realized
That forever is a very long time

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Ray Hansell

I Was Looking For A Friend, You Were Looking For More

If I said, I love you
Would you laugh at me?
Or would you just turn your head
Then ask how could that be?

We've only known each other
For just a short time
There's no way that your heart
Could have captured mine

I would say I like you
But that's it for now
But for you to love me
I just don't know how

Maybe with the passage of time
My love for you will grow
But we'll have to wait and see
Because right now I don't know

I did not try to mislead you
Or try to string you along
I would never do that
Because I know it's wrong

I just said, I liked you
You are great company
But for now that's all you are
Is company for me

I don't want a relationship
I do want to commit
We have to wait for a while
To see if we're a good fit

I will let you know
When I feel love for you

But for right now
I'm happy being friends with you

2-20-07/RJH

9-24-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Was Never Taught

When I was young and went to school
I learned my lessons well
But in school they never taught me
That love could be so swell

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Ray Hansell

I Watched

I watched you as love walked away
Not one word did we have to say
I know goodbye never left your lips
I also know, I'll never see you again after today

5-18-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Wiil Not Kiss And Tell

You came along one summer day
With a smile upon your face
You didn't have much to say
In fact, you were rather quiet

I watched you from a distance
Then I made my move
Oh, what a big surprise
You didn't refuse

Don't think that you're a notch
Upon my wood bed post
Because when it comes to you
What we do, I'll never boast

The loving we share is ours
It's always sealed with a kiss
All the things we've ever done
Have never left my lips

So don't you ever worry
Our secret I've never told
All the things we did together
Stay inside of me as I grow old

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Ray Hansell

I Will Comfort You

I will comfort you in sadness
When your heart knows pain
I can be your sunshine
When you're walking in the rain

I will comfort you in sorrow
When your fears overwhelm you
I will always be there
To do what you need me to do

I will comfort you in silence
When no words are spoken
I'll be there for you to lean on
When your heart has been broken

I will always be there for you
I will always take your hand
Just know, I'll always stand beside you
As we travel through the promised land

3-29-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Will Not Think Of You

I try to find different ways
To occupy my mind
Then I know that way
I won't think of her all the time

It's not an easy thing to do
Forgetting someone you loved
It seems the more you try to forget
They are the only one you think of

But I'll keep on trying
I know I'll somehow get through
I know there will come a day
When I'll hardly think of you

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Ray Hansell

I Wish

I love you
So very true
I hope that you
Love me to

I love you
So very true
I always will
No matter what you do

I love you
More each day
I wish I were there
So you could hear me say

I Love You

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Wish I Could Be That Man

You say that your the big sister
Some of your friends never had
They say you're a friend
When they need someone to listen
You hope one day
Some man will want you as a woman
Not a friend who listens
But as a caring, thoughtful loving woman
A woman who wants marriage
A woman who wants children
A woman who wants a man to love her
Not a part time love
You've already had that
But a man to love you and stay by your side
All through the night to greet a brand new day
To hold you in his arms
As the hours tick away
I wish I could be that man
How I wish I could be that man

2-21-78/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Wish I Could Tell You

I wish that I could tell you
That I'm over you
I wish that I could say
My love for you is through
But that would a lie
Because I still care deep inside

5-25-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Wish I Didn't Know

There was a time
Not long ago
When many things
I did not know

But now I'm older
Than I was then
The things I didn't know
I wish I, didn't know them again

1-17-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Wish I Had The Answers

I wish I had the answers
To the questions that you ask
I wish I knew the future
Like I know the past

I wish I could find a way
To tell you that I care
But they get all tangled
As they drift into the air

I wish that you would give me space
Please, just let me be
I'll say it, I don't love you
So why do you love me?

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Ray Hansell

I Wish It Were Only Me

I could find so many reasons
That would make me stay
But I can also find many more
That tells me to walk away

So many times I just wish
That it was only me
I wish that I were all alone
No one around to see

To see me when I'm angry
To see me when I cry
To see me when I give up
And not even want to try

There are so many days like this
That I must admit
There are so very many times
When I would just like to quit

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I Wish You Had Been The First

You are not the only one
Who's ever held my hand
You are not the only one
Who's ever kissed this man
You are not the only one
Who's ever made love to me
You are not the only one
Who's ever helped me to see
You are not the only one
Who has said, I love you
You are not the only one
Who's made my wishes come true
No, you are not the only one
But how I wish you had been the first
Because if you had been the first
I know you would have surely been the last

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Ray Hansell

I Wonder

When I am away from you
I feel so very blue
I always sit and wonder
If you feel the same way to?

Ray Hansell

I Wonder If

I think the time has come
For us to say goodbye
I know it won't be easy
It will probably make us cry

For so long we shared so much
What ever life brought our way
Yet we both somehow survived
As we lived through each day

But now I don't think we can
Survive what lies ahead
But know the love I feel for you
Will never be completely dead

It's just that circumstances
Will dictate the course we must take
Although it may not be of our choosing
It's still going to cause our hearts to break

I know the time has come
For us to say goodbye
I wonder if it can be done
Without tears leaving our eyes

Ray Hansell

I Wonder Why?

I gaze at a rainbow across the sky
I stare at the moon way up high
I watch the rain as it falls to the ground
I wonder why you're not around

I watch the tree's blow in the wind
I wonder do I have a freind
I watch the sun as it starts to rise
I wonder why love makes us cry

9-3-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Would Be All Right

I lay in bed
Alone at night
Something is wrong
I don't feel right

I close my eyes
But I don't see you
It's always someone else
Whose face comes shining through

Every night I see her face
As I lay staring at the ceiling
When I think of her
I always get this warm feeling

As I lay in bed
All alone at night
If you were here
I would be all right

Ray Hansell

I Would Never

I always look up to Him
In my times of need
I always open up my heart
I never have to plead

When I have my talks with God
It's always one on one
I know he always hears me
Because I am a son

I take the time to explain
All that I'm going through
Knowing that in time
He'll help me find the right thing to do

Sometimes what we all need
Is just to be listened to
Talking with Him
Is what I most prefer to do

I know that I won't be judged
Or ever struck by lightening
In fact, truth be told
That would be rather frightening

I tell Him all my troubles
Plus, other things on my mind
When I stop to speak with Him
I always take my time

I would never neglect Him
I would never reject Him
I would never disrespect Him
I would always select Him

I would never say his name in vain
Or ever put Him down
Because you see when I need him most
He's so easy to be found

3-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Would Understand

I know right now you hate me
I don't blame you a bit
I hope someday you'll find a way
To forgive me for what I've done

I tried to be your friend
I did that fairly well
But when we started loving
That's when we discovered hell

My intentions were not to hurt you
But hurt you I did
I know saying I'm sorry
Won't erase the hurt and pain

If I knew of a way how
To take the pain from you
I'd do it in a heart beat
But I know there is no way

Maybe one day down the road
You'll find room in your heart
To forgive me for all the things
I did to cause pain

But if you never forgive me
I would surely understand
Because I know what I did
Were not the actions of a loving man

5-5-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Wouldn't Know What To Do

I tell you that you're BEAUTIFUL
I tell you that you're FINE
I tell that you're SEPCIAL
I mean it every time

I tell you that you're WONDERFUL
I tell you that you're SWEET
I tell you that you're the GIRL
I had always hoped to meet

I tell you that I'm HAPPY
Whenever I'm with YOU
If you said we were OVER
I wouldn't know what to do

1-19-09/RjH

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10-16-16

Ray Hansell

I Wouldn't Want To Try

I could never love someone new
No one could ever replace you
Loving you
Is all I ever want to do

Other women caught my eye
But I never wanted to try
I just couldn't bear
To be the one to make you cry

My love for you has been so true
Everyday seems brand new
Loving you
I know will always do

Living life without you
Wouldn't be a pleasant thing to do
I know that it's true
So I wouldn't even care to try to

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Ray Hansell

I'D Be Next To You

So many nights I see you
When I close my eyes to dream
You are always there
Or so that's how it seems

I always see your face
Shining through the night
It always makes me smile
Because I know things are alright

Sometimes I know I reach for you
Because my dreams seems so real
But when I put out my hand
There's no one there to feel

I wish just once this dream I dream
Could somehow come true
I know for that to ever be
I'd have to be lying next to you

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Ray Hansell

I'D Like To Tell Someone

My pain is silent
But it runs deep
As deep as a river
With secrets to keep

My pain is constant
It never goes away
It lives inside of me
Each and every day

This pain I feel inside
Is heavy on my heart
I'd like to tell someone
But I don't know where to start

Sometimes it makes me feel
Like I'm going insane
I know that now until forever
I am destined to live in pain

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Ray Hansell

I'd Make It Through

If tomorrow should ever come
Without you
I'm not really sure
Exactly what I'd do

You have been
My days and nights
Life without you
Just wouldn't feel right

But I know that somehow
I would make it through
But please know that I'd be lonely
Doing it all without you

6-24-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

If A Man Would Ask

She lives her life in pain
She's never learned
To play loves game
She 's not looking
For stardom or fame
She'd gladly change her name
If a man would only ask her to

11-12-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

If Ever

If ever I need someone
To tell my troubles to
Would you mind at all
If I called on you?

In times of depression
When I need a friend
Would you mind at all
If on you I depend?

If I ever need someone
When I'm feeling insecure
Please let me know
If I can count on you for sure

If ever I need someone
Can that someone be you?

9-3-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

If I Could Fly

I wish that I had wings
To fly across the sky
I'd fly to where you are
As I soared so very high

I'd land on your window sill
I'd whistle you a tune
But, you know I'd wait
Until there was a full moon

The light from the moon
Would light your window sill
I wouldn't be afraid
I'd sit there nice and still

If I woke up your neighbors
I wouldn't really care
The only thing that would matter
Is that, I'd be with you right there

I would keep you company
For as long as you wanted me to
Then when it was time to leave
I'd whisper, goodbye to you

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Ray Hansell

If I Said

If I said I love you
Would you laugh at me
Or simply look into my eyes
Then say, you must be free

If I said I need you
What would your reaction be
Or would just respond
I just want to be free

Without you I'm certain
That I would survive
I know that I would live
But I wouldn't really be alive

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If I Were

If I were to die tomorrow
I would not shed a tear
I'd have no regrets
My greatest joy in life was
The chance to love you

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If I Were There

If I were there I'd spoil you
In so many ways
I'd bring your morning coffee
Along with the newspaper in bed
I would always listen
Remembering all the things you said

I'd pamper you when your sick
I'd lay in bed with you
I would keep you company
Until your illness was through

We'd chase our dreams together
Along a white sandy beach
There wouldn't be a star
That we couldn't reach

Share a glass of wine at dinner
Laugh at a joke or two
Then go home together
Love the whole night through

I'd open every door for you
I'd bring you flowers every day
Every moment shared together
A love beat never far away

Walks together in the rain
Holding hands as we walked along
Knowing that through all kinds of weather
Our love would always remain strong

Understanding each others needs
Doing our best to fulfill them
If by chance we didn't get them right
Then we'd have to start all over again

If I were there I'd spoil you
In every way I can

Then you would know by the things I do
That I would be your loving man

1-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

If I Were With You

If I were there with you
I'd hold you close to me
You would get to feel
Heaven on earth you see

I'd wrap my arms around you
I'd squeeze you soft and tight
I'd whisper in your ear
Everything will be alright

I'd stay there right beside you
In everything you'd do
I'd tell the world so all would know
I am there to comfort only you

The days would turn to night
I'd still be by your side
Because when someone really cares
Feelings should never hide

If I were there with you
Your problems wouldn't disappear
But they would be easier to bear
Because someone who cares is near

When the heart speaks
The truth is always spoken
Promises that are made
From the heart should never be broken

3-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

If It Were Up To Me

Loving you is easy
When you come my way
If I had my choice
I'd love you everyday

We'd stay in bed and pass the time
Making love and drinking wine
Loving you comes easy
That's all I have to say
If it were up to me
You'd never go away

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If That's True

Does this goodbye mean
That you and I are through
Well if that's true
From me to you
Thank you for the screw

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If That's Where You Want To Be

I want so much to have you
Always next to me
That's the way I hope
That it can always be

It would not be to show you off
So people know that you're with me
It would be because I love you
With me, you'd always be free

I don't want to own you
Or show you off for people to see
I want you right beside me
If that's where you want to be

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If There Wasn'T

Think how lonely
Two people would be
If there wasn't a you
And there wasn't a me

You give me cause to celebrate
You never make me wait
When it come to loving you
I'll never hesitate

If you could be me
And if I could be you
Then you would know why
I love you like I do

Ray Hansell

If You Believe

If you think you can
If you do believe
Then know in your heart
That you can achieve

If people say you can't
If in you they have their doubts
Don't listen to their words
Show them what you are all about

Show them that you can
Show them that you will
Put yourself on display
Show them you have skill

But don't you worry none
For some will never believe
Because you see in their lives
There was little they achieved

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Ray Hansell

If You Need

If you feel the need
To have to shed a tear
Fear not my love
For you I'll be near

If the days make you weary
You burdens too much to bear
If you ever need me
Just call and I'll be there

If you need a hand to hold
Just to know someone cares
Just reach out for mine
For you it will always be there

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Ray Hansell

If You Think

If you think I don't miss you
You had better think again
So many times my minds drifts back
Then I start to remember when

You and I first fell in love
The day that we first kissed
The time that you went away
I didn't know that I could miss

Someone so very much
The way that I missed you
Every time I heard your name
I didn't know what I would do

Soon you would return
Back to where you belonged
My heart felt so very good
I felt our love was so strong

Now once again you've gone away
But this time I feel
That you won't be coming back
How will my heart ever heal

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If You Were Here

The warmth of a summer breeze
Caresses my face
It feels as soft and gentle
As your hands upon me

The sweetness of your voice
Rings gently in my ears
Like a Sunday church bell
It always sounds so good

When your sweet lips kiss me
It always makes my heart smile
You make the birds all sing
The skies all turn to blue

Every day that you are near
That is a perfect day
I know my days would stay this way
If every day you were near

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Ray Hansell

If You've Found

Loving isn't easy
But it sure is fun
Especially if you've found
That very special one

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I'LI Always Be Back For More

You know I love you baby
I have from the start
You're the only woman
Who lives inside my heart

Every time we make love
It's better then the time before
You're the only one
Who keeps me coming back for more

I know there are probably others
Who could please me to
But none of them could take me
To the places that you do

You never leave me wanting
You please me through and through
That's the reason why babe
I will forever love you

Ray Hansell

I'LI Be Along In A While

So much to learn
So much to see
So much to know
What do I want to be?

Someday I'll love
Someday I'll grow old
Someday maybe
My story will be told

But I'll go slowly
I'll take it easy
For I am just a child
I know the world will wait
For it all will take me a while

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I'LI Cry

Now it's time to say goodbye
If you don't cry neither will I
But if I see a tear
Fall down from your eyes
I'll give it my best try
But I know I to will cry

4-18-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'll Forever Remember

I hope you get my message
As I write between the lines
Each day I search on the site
But nothing new from you I find

It would be so very nice
To read a word or two
Times just drags on
Not hearing from you

Hopefully everything has been
Peaceful and calm
Here's hoping that nothing
Has caused you any harm

I think of you every day
Wondering how you are
I look to the heavens in the night
Than, I wish upon a star

I wish there was a way
To see you face to face
I wish so much there was a way
That I could erase time and space

So I'll continue to dream
Until that dream comes true
But if it never comes to be
I'll forever remember you

7-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'll Live Life My Way

Life has many ups and downs
It feels like I've felt them all
Just when I thought I had it made
That's the time I'd fall

I would do things my way
No matter what people would say
But it seems that some people
Will always stand in your way

They will make a suggestion
Then tell me it's for my best
They'd also tell me to my face
How much smarter they were than the rest

When I would state my point of view
They'd jump up and say I'm wrong
Listening to them over and over
Was like a worn out song

I swear to God, I've heard it all
Everything they had to say
But I've only got one life to live
I think I'll live my own way

11-14-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'll Meet You

I saw you in my dreams
Once again last night
For a moment there I thought
I was holding you so tight

Suddenly I awoke
Again, taken by surprise
I thought that I would see you
Lying by my side

But again my mind played tricks on me
It's happening more and more
I want so much to be with you
Soon, I'll meet you at heaven's door

4-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'll Meet You At The Gate

When I get to heaven
I hope that I can see
You standing there by the gates
Waiting just for me

You'll already have your wings
Mine I'll have to earn
I know it will take time
For there are lessons I must learn

I must learn to be more patient
And to be more understanding
But what I must learn most of all
I can no longer be demanding

It's so much different here in heaven
Then it was back on earth
On earth we all had an expiration date
Starting from the day of our birth

Now when that date would come
Only God was the one to know
We just lived from day to day
Until it was time to go

When that day did finally arrived
The journey was short and fast
If there's one thing we learned on earth
It was that nothing seemed to last

11-1-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'll Never Say

We shared together
The morning after
Last night your touch
Meant so very much
We shared
Because we cared
Now it's tomorrow
So much sorrow
I know why
We sit and cry

Who's to blame
Say my name
That's okay
Have it your way
Put the blame on me
So others can see
That your hands are clean
I'll be the one who burst the dream

You can tell them all why
You and I just said goodbye
They'll all get a laugh
In time all will pass
But to you they'll say
I was wrong for you from the first day
They'll say he wasn't right for you
Now you see it's all come true
But I will never repeat
You're the one who had to cheat

3-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'LI Never Wonder Why

Sometimes I've won
Sometimes I've lost
But no matter what
I stayed the course

My heart has ached
My eyes have cried
I still believe in love
I'll never wonder why

So many times
I've played loves game
So many times
I've felt the pain

But I know one day
Love will come to stay
Then my heart will sing
Every single day

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I'll See You

My eternal love
How I miss you so
Sitting here all alone
With nothing left to show

You know that you were my world
My true one and only
Now I'm sitting here today
Feeling so lost and lonely

I don't know what to say
Much less what to do
I hope that before too long
I'll find my way to you

Together we'll walk hand in hand
Toward the mid-night sun
I'll once again be with you
When ever my life is done

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Ray Hansell

I'll Wait No More

I sat on the street
Waiting for you
But sadly to say
You never came into view

I waited a while
Then I moved on
It seemed like a flash
That I was gone

I wonder if you
Are with that guy again
That's just something
I can't comprehend

Why you would leave me
For some other guy
I should probably give up
Just tell you goodbye

12-30-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'M An Angel

I heard the church bells ring
I heard the organ play
I saw the stain glass windows
As I flew overhead
I heard the preacher ask
Does anyone know
Why these two people
Shouldn't be married today
I was an angel in the sky
It should have been me down there
As into her eyes I'd stare
Then slowly slide the ring
On the finger of her left hand
Her and I together
As husband and wife we'd stand
But we will never be
Because you see
I am now an angel above
Flying around with wings of love
No longer thought of
But she is happy
That's what really matters
Maybe now my ashes
She will finally scatter
Spread them out in the open sea
Now and then have thoughts of me
I'll be her guardian angel
As she walks through life
I'll watch over the woman
Who I wanted for my wife
I'm in heaven through no fault of my own
I was waiting for a train
It started to suddenly rain
As the train pulled into the station
I was nudged forward a bit
The next step I took was a slip
I grabbed onto someone for help
He lost his grip
I went under the train

Now my ashes
Are all that remain

1-23-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

I'M Glad She Stayed

I thought of giving up
I thought of giving in
I never want to go back
To a past that has already been

I thought I'd throw in the towel
My fight has reached its end
An obituary to myself
I thought I would send

I thought that I would tell love
I've finally given in
I guess I wasn't born to love
Because in love I've never been

I might as well end it all
Because there is no use
All love does is baffle me
Then keep me completely confused

I figured this would be the way
To finally move on
What's the use in trying?
When all reasons for trying are gone

But then all of a sudden
There appeared a face
When I first noticed her
I thought she looked out of place

Her beauty was breath taking
Her voice as soft as a summer day
A smile that told me
Love could be coming back my way

Suddenly I realized
She's who I've been looking for
I told myself that I could
Love her for a lifetime or maybe more

The first time we were together
She whispered, I love you
I held her close to me
I said, I love you to

It seems like many years have passed
Since that fateful day
I'm so glad she came my way
I'm so happy she decided to stay

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Ray Hansell

I'm Living

It seems that as the years roll by
I still give life a try
Though sometimes I wonder why

I know that life goes on
How quickly time is gone
Life is not a sprint, it's a marathon

Sometimes I'm running on empty
Just when I thought I had plenty
I see I'm down to my last penny

I don't know if I'll ever get ahead
But I cannot dread
That fact I may soon be dead

10-10-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'm Sorry

I know that I was wrong
To say the things I said
I was just upset
For a moment I lost my head

I want to let you know
Just how sorry I am
Now I can assure you
It will never happen again

The love that I showed you
I still feel deep inside
When I said, the things I said
I didn't mean to make you cry

I want you to know
Just how sorry I am
Please accept my apology
It will never happen again

10-8-05

Ray Hansell

I'M The Reason Why

Looking back
I now see
Our problems were
Caused by me

My love for you faded
Like a setting sun
Maybe too quickly
The end had come

I think the reason
Has to do with age
I know as we mature
We turn life's page

It's not like our youth
As we hurry along
But as we grow older
We want to belong

We want someone to love
As the years pass us by
But like all things
Sometimes the years just fly

What we have in our hands
Doesn't always stay
Sometimes love grows wings
Then just flies away

Why does love seem to fail
When it's love we seek
How what we all want
Seems so hard to keep

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I'M Thinking

I'm thinking if I were with you
I'd now exactly what we'd do
We'd be making love
Holding each other so very tight
As the day turns into night

We'd spend the night together
Hold each other the whole night though
Wrapped in each others arms

I'd wake up so happy
Because I'd be with you
And if you wanted to
We could make love again
Or just lay together
Until another day comes to an end

8-23-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'M To Blame

Where do you begin
When you break another's heart
What should you say
Where do you even start

Of course you say, I'm sorry
But does that replace the pain
That you caused someone else
When you know you are to blame

In their heart you know
The pain will live forever
Because you took from them
A reason to trust you never

You caused so much anguish
Unnecessary pain
You gave someone reason
To not want to participate in loves game

You hope with the passage of time
The wounds will somehow heal
You hope again they find love
A love that will be real

4-17-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

In A Nick Of Time

I was feeling lonely not doing fine
But you came along in a nick of time

I lost my words nothing would rhyme
But you came along in a nick of time

I traveled through life without a dime
You bailed me out in a nick of time

I thought that love would never be mine
But your heart came along in a nick of time

A love like yours was so good to find
You came along in a nick of time

If it weren't for you I'd have lost my mind
But you saved me in a nick of time

I no longer need a pick up line
You came along in a nick of time

Love was so hard to define
You came along in a nick of time

I'm so glad your in this life of mine
You came along in a nick of time

12-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

In Common

We have so much in common
Sometimes I can't believe
But I hope this feeling
Is never going to leave

We both like the same foods
We both like the same beer
When it comes to something new
There's no much that we fear

We like the same kind of comics
We like the same movies to
But I have to tell you
There's no one I like more then you

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Ray Hansell

In Dreams

Hands so soft and warm
Eyes that shine like stars
The way she makes love
It's like its only ours

She stands before me
Dressed so sexy
Almost to the point
Where she looks so deadly

She takes me to places
I've only seem in dreams
When it comes to loving me
She goes to extremes

Excitement takes a hold of me
From my head to my toes
All she does in between
No one else ever knows

5-12-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

In His Grace

As I fall asleep
You would see me smile
Because life has given me
So much that is worthwhile

As I lay and sleep at night
In my heart lives hope
Because God has given me the strength
To learn how to deal and cope

At night I sleep in a state of grace
As I sleep totally safe
Because you see with God
I am in the safest place

11-8-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

In It's Own Way

I wonder what
It is you see?
Every time
You look at me

Can you tell
What's inside?
Or am I
Able to hide

The things that I
Don't want to show
Do you see things?
You think you now

Am I right?
To conceal
All the things
Inside I feel

The rules of love
Are not complicated
In it's own way
Love can leave you liberated

5-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

In Love With Love

I went and did a foolish thing
I gave my heart away again

You'd think by now I would have learned
That I would show more concern

It's happened many times before
You'd think by now I'd shut the door

Turn around and run away
But no, like a fool I always stay

So, if I get hurt like in the past
I know the pain will not last

I'll be back on my feet again
Heading down the road and than

Running as fast as my feet can fly
Waiting to give love another try

2-11-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

In Love With You

Today I was thinking
About the two of us
Wondering why when it comes to you
I make such a fuss

It came to me quickly
Exactly why I do
The reason is because
I am so in love with you

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Ray Hansell

In Memory Of My Friend Rip Greg

I met a man
Who became my friend
I'm glad to say, it stayed that way
Until the very end

5-6-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

In My Thoughts

Alone in my room
Just me and my thoughts
Thinking of you
All the happiness you brought

My thoughts take me
To many places
I remember them all
Along with the faces

You light up my world
Like a beacon of light
Thoughts of you fill my heard
As I lay here alone at night

The memories are many
One's I'll never forget
Many more to be made
Just as good I would bet

Before you there were others
That I gave my love to
Just like I know
There were others for you

In the dark it's a good place
To lay back and reminisce
About days gone by
About things that I miss

With all of my thoughts
With all my beliefs
I now know what it is
That my life really needs

I've come to the conclusion
I know that it's true
That my life would be complete
If, everyday I got to hold you

10-20-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

In Need Of Something

I have real bad behavior
I keep looking for a savior
I'm filled with hostility
I long for some tranquility
My life is an agitation
I'm always seeking salvation
Most times I am so depressed
Myself I always second guess
Sometimes I'm suicidal
I feel that I'm entitled

Mood swings and changes
My mind rearranges
It seems the pills I take
Just don't keep me awake
Maybe it's better that I sleep
Then my sanity I'll keep
I really wish I had a clue
So then I'd know what to do
People drag me down
I end up on the ground
Can somebody help me stand
Because I don't think I can
Stand here on my own two feet
Because you see I'm mentally beat

I need to just get some rest
I just can't pass this test
That life just throws at me
Can't anybody see
I don't want to be here
Can I be any clear
My eyes are getting drowsy
This life I live is lousy
I don't want no more pain
I want to end this game
I declare life the winner
Mark me down as the sinner
Tell the world I tried my best

Now it's time to get some rest

I think I'll take all my pills
So I can feel all those thrills
I'll just lay down right here
Wait for the angels to come near
To carry me back to home
To a peaceful life I've never known
But please when I am gone
Everyone please carry on
Don't you stop to weep for me
Let everything just be
As it was before
I already knew the score
So live your life to the end
Don't let doctor's try to send
You to places you don't want to go
To them and their pills tell them no
No more pills will I take
I hope tomorrow I don't wake

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Ray Hansell

In Our Lives

Its strange how in our lives
So many people come and go
Some leave lasting memories
While other we never got to know

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Ray Hansell

In School

When I was young and went to school
I learned my lessons well
But in school they never taught me
That love could be so swell

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In The Arms Of Love

You make my heart stand still
You give such a thrill
You make me feel inside
Like no one else ever will

When I see your smile
I come alive again
You bring out things in me
That sometimes I can't contain

You chased my loneliness away
You brought love here to stay
The way I feel right now
Is how I want to feel each day

Love is so wonderful
That you have made me see
There's so much more in this world
When your spirit is set free

I don't know how I
Have lived up to now
But I came to love again
Someway, somehow

The only thing I know for sure
In your arms is where I want to stay
I hope and pray that you will never
Take your arms away

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Ray Hansell

In The End

In pain we laughed
In love we cried
Through it all
We always tried

In the storm
We found hope
Always a way
We could cope

In the sun
We found despair
But never once
Did we care

We always believed
Faith was never gone
We found a way
To carry on

We'd lose a battle
Now and then
But we'd win the war
In the end

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Ray Hansell

In The Morning

The days seem so lonely
Without seeing you
I've been wondering to myself
Exactly what I'll do

So last night I decided
To just keep missing you
I know again when I see your face
I'll still love you true

Because when it comes to loving
You're the only one I desire
In a world moving fast
You always slowly light my fire

You are full of surprises
You like to dress and then tease
But most of all I must tell you
You surely know to please

There's just one dream
I hope comes true
That would be to wake up
In the morning next to you

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Ray Hansell

In The Performance Of His Duty

Killed in the performance of his duty
That's all the paper said
He took an oath, he took a job
For doing both he's dead

Each day was a busy one
Going from call to call
Doing the best he could
Always, giving his all

But one night in the darkness there lurked a stranger
He thought he was on a mission against oppression
Tonight was the night he would kill a cop
To him, this had become his obsession

So he got his evil chance
When he saw a uniform of blue
He took aim, and pulled the trigger
There was nothing the officer could do

He died in the performance of his duty
That's what the paper said
But what the paper failed to explain
Was that a husband and father are now dead

In the performance of his duty
Bullets struck him down
The only thing to remind us
Is the badge shaped headstone in the ground

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Ray Hansell

In The Shadows

For too many years
I've lived in the shadow of love
Then you came along
You gave me a shove

So out of the shadows
Pushed into the sun
I was saved from despair
And you were the one

So I must thank you
For the love you brought my way
I hope I give to you
What you give to me each day

10-21-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

In This Life

A summer day with sunshine
Always reminds me of you
Both are so beautiful in this life
That I am walking through

Sometimes I cannot believe
That I'm sharing it all with you
So many things in life I thought
I'd never get to do

I never thought in a million years
Someone like you, would love someone like me
But now I see my dream come true
As you are the one who holds the key

4-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

In You

Many years of searching
Have finally reached an end
In you I found a lover
But more than that, I found a friend

I can tell you anything
I can tell you all my dreams
I can tell you all my fears
You can always tell me exactly what they mean

The gentle way you hold me
When we are alone
In you I found love and happiness
In you I found my way home

1-19-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

In You I Know

I see you from afar
My heart begins to pound
Of course I know why
The pounding is love's sound

That's the noise it makes
Each time you come into view
It always pounds
Every time that I see you

Would I stop it if I could
Probably not
The pounding lets me know
Just what I have got

Hopefully this love is here to stay
Hopefully it will last forever
Hopefully as time goes by
It will just get better and better

So every time I see you
My heart begins to pound
In you I know exactly
What it is I found

1-24-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

In You I See

In you I see so many things
I see the trees I see the flowers
I see a summer rain
I see the passing of the hours

I see hope for tomorrow
I see yesterday restored
I see in you that life
With me will not be bored

I see the mid-night sky
I see the stars shine bright
I see a harvest moon
I see peace and calm tonight

In you I hear music
Every time you speak
In you I see hope
In moments I feel weak

In you I see life
Living everyday
In you I see all that's good
Please, don't let another take it away

9-27-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Inconsiderate People

People called her an ugly duckling
Because of her looks
People would always say
She looks like a monster from a book

I would always talk with her
She was always kind
Her looks didn't matter
She was a friend of mine

Often her and I would walk
Talk of what was on our minds
I'd listen to her opinion
She'd always listen to mine

I told her that I didn't like
The things that people say
I told her it got me annoyed
When they spoke of her that way

I explained to her it wasn't right
In fact it was down right rude
For them to say the things they'd say
With their disrespectful attitude

She said to me, don't worry
I've heard it all my life
That's probably why to this day
I never became someone's wife

She turned to me and she said
If it weren't for people like you
Life would be so miserable
I don't know what I'd do

But you and other people
Have made my life's journey fun
I'll always be grateful
Until my life's journey is done

I said to her, I do believe
That every person is of value
Those who cannot see that
To me, are the people who are shallow

Every person is born for a purpose
Regardless of what that purpose may be
Every person born is beautiful
Just take a look around you'll see

So, don't judge people by their cover
You must always look deeper
Then you will probably find a reason
As a friend, they'll be a keeper

11-7-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Indeed

I sat and read her poem
'I'm a Lucky Duck'
It sounds to me like you have
A true love that needs no luck

A lucky duck you are
I see it in your words
It sounds like truth and kindness
Are the words most often heard

If that's the case then you are
So very lucky indeed
A life of love and happiness
Just what all people need

10-15-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Intimate

You and I naked standing together
Wrapped in each others arms
You feel me as I become aroused
You take me by the hand
You lead me to your bed
You softly whisper in my ear
Love me baby
Like I've never been loved before
The lights go out
The fire starts
It will burn through the night
Then you and I
Will be awakened
By the morning sun
The loving we shared last night
Has once again begun

3-2-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Into My Life

You came into my life
Very unexpectedly
You opened many doors
You helped me close a few
I left my troubles far behind
I owe it all to you

You helped me to understand
The past must be left in the past
Now I can clearly see
Just how much you cared

You opened many doors for me
You helped me close a few
Now I'll spend my life
Loving only you

Ray Hansell

Into The Setting Sun

Finally together
Alone you and I
No more times for wishing
No more tears to cry

All the time that you and I
Spent miles and miles apart
Never once letting the other
Disappear from our hearts

It was loved that helped us through
For we knew the day would come
When you and I would ride off
Into the beauty of a setting sun

9-11-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Intrigue

The mystery of not knowing
Who left the note on my car?
Asking, are you free for lunch sometime?
Or the person who left a donut on my desk
The secret pal at Christmas time
Or a greeting card left unsigned
It's the not knowing that is mysterious
What adds to the mystery?
The persons identity is never revealed
So, one is always left to wonder

12-4-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Is Justice Really Blind?

You say the justice system
Is very fair and true
But I don't believe it
Especially from you

Because when you have money
Freedom can be bought
That is a simple lesson
Early on I was taught

If you have great wealth
There's much you can achieve
Because without money
There's little reason to believe

That justice is really blind
And the law will treat you right
All these thoughts come to me
As I sleep in my cell tonight

(5-20-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

Is Love's Door Closed?

Lately I've been thinking
Wondering out loud
If it's alright to miss you
The way I miss you now

My days and nights run together
Like water colors in the rain
My heart had been hurt before
But, it's never known this kind of pain

I've had lovers in the past
Who have told me goodbye
But looking back I can say
Not one of them ever made me cry

But this time it was different
For me it was plain to see
You are the only woman
I ever let inside of me

I love you more than anyone
I've ever loved before
I'm hoping that you'll tell me
On us, you haven't closed love's door

06-26-09/RjH

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Ray Hansell

Is There A Place

Is there a place
Where all is good?
Where people live
Like they should?

Is there a place
Where no one hates?
Is there a place
Filled with faith?

Is there a place
Where love is alive?
Where people exist
And always thrive?

Is there a place
Where no one kills?
Where living life
Is still a thrill?

Is there a place
Where people stand?
Shoulder to shoulder
Hand in hand?

Is there a place
Where religion doesn't matter?
Where myths and beliefs
All get shattered?

Is there a place
People can go?
To live their life
Peaceful and slow?

Is there a place
That can be found
Where love and friendly people
Are always around?

Or maybe I'm just dreaming
Maybe I've lost my mind
Believing that a place like this
Would exist in the present time

11-4-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Is There Justification?

Is there justification
For this on going war
Can anyone explain
Just what we're fighting for

We know the politicians
Always have their reasons
But their explanations
Are never very pleasing

There are politicians
Who want the war to end
To the President
This is the message they send

But it seems all their talking
Is falling on deaf ears
I know no one imagined
We'd be there this many years

I think the time has come
For all of us concerned
It's time to bring the troops home
Look at all we learned

To never again charge ahead
Without a complete plan
That including starting a war
Then knowing how to bring it to an end

6-3-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

Is This You?

I hate the way I look
I hate the way I feel
I hate the way I know
That my hate is real

I hate the way some people
Seem to get all the breaks
I hate the way I don't have
What it seems to take

I hate the way some people
Never seem to lose
I hate the way it seems
I never get to choose

I hate the way some people
Think they know it all
I hate the way those people
Never seem to fall

I hate so much in this life
Sometimes I cannot see
Because I am so filled with hate
I sometimes even hate me

4-11-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Is You

Can I spend the day with you?
Then can we share the night?
I promise as you sleep
I will hold you tight

Before you close your eyes
To put the day to rest
I just want to love you
To give you all my best

Loving you would be so easy
Because I'm so in love with you
You know there isn't anything
For you I wouldn't do

I want to love you forever
I hope you know by now
Because I know in my heart
It will happen somehow

So, please always remember
These words I speak to you
Because one day you're going to see
All the things I say come true

I'll always pledge my heart
To always be true
Because the only one
I want to love is you

1-19-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

It Always Comes Back To You

Women do you know
Just what you mean to me
You are the only one
My eyes need to see

Sure I may look at others
But it always comes back to you
For no one has ever given me
All the joy that you do

The special way you hold me
When we're making love
You are the only woman
I constantly think of

You are the only one
On my mind both night and day
Deep in my heart I believe
That it will always be this way

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Ray Hansell

It Caused The Tears

I remember all the places
Where we use to go
I remember all the spaces
Where we always let love show

The memories we shared
Will last us through the years
The fact our love couldn't survive
That what brings the tears

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Ray Hansell

It Could Be You

A helping hand
For you to lend
What a message
That gesture sends

So many turn their heads
To look the other way
That by itself
Has a lot to say

So if you can
Lend a hand
So all alone
No one must stand

For the day may come
When your the one
That other people
Turn to shun

6-1-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

It Goes Both Ways

Give your heart
To a love that's true
Don't love him
If he don't love you

Hold him in your arms
If that's what your heart says to do
Don't show him affection
If he doesn't show it to you

Though his lips
May taste like wine
If he doesn't kiss you back
With him, don't waste your time

Love should be, shared by two
It should never just be one way
If you're with someone like this
Than pride should tell you to walk away

4-10-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

It Is You

The last time we were together
I remember it so well
Because since that time
I've been living in hell

I haven't seen your smile
I haven't touched your hand
Not being with you
Is more then I can stand

I can't wait for the next time
When I next lay eyes on you
That will be the moment
When I'll find that dreams come true

3-29-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

It Isn't Only You

Life is a struggle
Every single day
It seems new obstacles
Always get in the way

Just when you think
Things are going fine
All of a sudden
Something else is on your mind

If it isn't something personal
Then it has to do with money
Life at times can seem to be
So stressful that it's funny

Just when we think
We've got it made
Then realize something else
Has to be paid

Suddenly an unforeseen bill
Shows up in the mail
When it does, the money is short
It never seems to fail

Or a family member
In a financial jam
Comes to you
Holding out their hand

You feel they think of you
As some kind of bank
But when you helped them in the past
You didn't even get a thanks

Then one day on your way to work
You start to hear a strange noise
The car must go to the shop
You really have no choice

If you put it off much longer
You will pay even more
It's better to get it fixed now
It's nothing to ignore

So you see each new day
Brings another challenge or two
Everyone is tested
It's not only you

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Ray Hansell

It Makes The Heart Grow Fonder

She's been gone for a while
Because of that, I've lost my smile
But yesterday she touched base
The smile returned to my face
The part of me that had died
Has slowly come back alive
At least I know that she's okay
To spread her joy another day
I realize how living every day
Can sometimes get in the way
Of expressing just how we feel
When feelings we should not conceal
When you have feelings for someone
Let them know before life is done
Let other's know what's in your heart
Especially if they are a part
Of your life and you value them
Share these feelings again and again
Because when the sun finally sets
Another chance we may not get

6-28-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

It Reaffirms

The morning sun burns away the fog
I see you slowly come into view
It only reaffirms the love
I feel inside for you

You stand there in the sunlight
You look like an angel to me
Every time we meet again
You set my spirits free

The only thing I pray for
Is that somewhere down the road
You always be there for me
To have and always hold

I will always love you
That you can count on
The love I feel inside for you
I promise, will never be gone

So I hope you'll always love me
To want me there with you
Because loving you a lifetime
Is all I'll ever want to do

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It Was Me

My heart started crying
Because you are gone
It will be hard but I know
That I must move on

The years we shared together
Have passed us like a blur
I wish I had you back
So things could be the way they were

In my heart that's what I want
But in reality I know
That you'll never return to me
Because of the love I didn't show

The times I should have said,
That I loved you so
I didn't speak a word
It's not like I didn't know

I know it was my fault
No one else is to blame
What we shared long ago
Can never be the same

So maybe it was good
That you said goodbye
Maybe I did deserve
To be left behind to cry

My heart started crying
Because you were gone
But at least I know I'm the reason
That together we'll never move on

4-30-07/RjH

It Was Never Mine

The smile has left me face
My heart wears a scar
I will no longer ever see
The beauty of a falling star

Sadness rules my day
From morning until dark
Inside I no longer feel
The magic of loves spark

I'm not sure what happened
Or where I went wrong
I use to be a rock
But I'm no longer that strong

To me love seems like a burden
That I carry all the time
The one thing that's for sure
Is that love was never truly mine

12-22-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

It Was Time

She came into my life unexpectedly
Like the sun after a rain
Seeing her smiling face
I knew I'd never be the same

All the love she felt inside
I knew was just for me
All the time I spent with her
She always set my spirit free

The way she came unexpectedly
That's the same way she left
Not a single word was spoken
It was probably for the best

All she said, was that it was time
I knew just what she meant
I got up from my chair
I just turned around and went

There was no need for wasted words
Our talking was all through
I felt that turning and walking away
Was the only right thing to do

9-9-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

It Will Always Be This Way

I said goodnight to you
With sadness in my voice
I didn't want to leave
But I really had no choice

The night was getting late
The stars they shined so bright
And being there with you
In my heart I know was right

But you said, it's time to go
For you had to get some sleep
You said to me as I walked away
Make sure, in your heart my love you keep

I turned to you and I said
Your love is safe with me
Because in my heart I know
This is where you'll always be

9-7-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

It Will Happen To Many

What happened to the memories
That were yours and mine
Somewhere they've gotten lost
With the passage of time

There was a time that I remembered
Falling in love with you
I would always relive the memories
Of all the things we use to do

But it seems through the years
Things aren't as always clear
I see you here next to me
But, were you always this near?

It gets harder to remember
People and things from my past
Sometimes I will remember
But the remembering doesn't last

I see so many people
That I don't seem to know
But when they see me
They all say hello

When these people call me
They all seem to know my name
I don't know who they are
My memory is just not the same

It seems to be getting worse
As the years take their toll
Or is it just a fact of life
That I'm getting old

I think I know what's wrong with me
It's not just that I'm an old timer
I think I may be in the grip
Of that disease they call Alzheimer's

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Ray Hansell

It Will Happen To Us All

The one thing we can't escape
Is when our life reaches the end
Family and friends hearts will be broken
They will soon slowly mend

It takes time to recover
It takes time to believe
That there will come a day
When the heart will no longer grieve

It doesn't mean you've forgotten
The one who has passed away
It just means you've accepted
Death will soon call on us all, one day

6-21-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's About You

I like to spend my time
Writing a poem or two
They could about me
Or they could about you

I'll write about the world
Different things I see
Sometimes I'll also question
Why certain things must be

I question why we fight
In a war that can't be won
I write about the parents
Who have lost a daughter or a son

I question the politicians
For the dumb things that they do
Do they really represent
The wishes of just a few

They'll always be things to write about
I know this to be true
But my most enjoyment comes
Why I write about you

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It's All About You

I count the hours
Until I'm with you
Thoughts of you
Are never few

You start my day
You end my night
Imagines of you
Are always in sight

I daydream
I fantasize
When I miss you
I close my eyes

I'm so in love with you
I hope I'll always be
Forever in my heart
You'll always be with me

3-26-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's All Up To You

Thinking back I remember
How it use to be
Will it be the same way
The next time you see me?

Will your arms reach for me
To want to hold me tight?
Do thoughts of me
Creep into your dreams at night

Do memories of days gone by
Still live inside your head?
Or would you rather that it be
That memories of the past be dead?

How happy would you be
If I were in your arms some how?
Would your lips speak words of love
Or just stay silent now?

Would a smile cover your face
From cheek to shining cheek?
Would you have anything to say
Or would you rather not speak?

For me it would be easy
I'd hold you so tight
Remembering all the times
Holding you close at night

I would want to love you
Like I never loved you before
I'd stay awake all night
Hoping to love you more

I'd pray the star's would guide us
The moon would be our light
But you see it's all up to you
If we share the night

4-16-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's Alright To Be Alone

I must face reality
There's no one out there for me
I look all around
Couples are all I see

I think to myself
Is this how it's supposed to be?
Everyone else has someone
Everyone except for me

For so long I wanted someone
But now I've given up
The days are quickly passing by
I'm no longer a young pup

I always imagined myself
One day married with kids
Now when I think of the past
It will be memories of things I did

I'll have no one to hold me
On a cold winter night
I'll have no one to kiss
When I turn out the light

They'll be no one to greet me
As the morning sun awakes
They'll be no one around
For evening strolls to take

They'll be no one to whisper
Gently in my ear
They'll be no one to say
Those magic words we want to hear

So, as I live my life
I am truly happy alone
Do I need someone else around
To make my house a home?

I have all my poems
Plus, the one's I've yet to write
Instead of having someone to hold
My words keep me company each night

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's Because Of You

I'm able to cope
Because there is hope
As I carefully maneuver
Life's slippery slope

I learned to care
With you I share
I now know love
Is more than a stare

I learned about feelings
I learned about love
With heavenly guidance
Sent down from above

I'll love you through every season
You always give me reason
You make my life so pleasing
Forever in you I'm believing

I hope that you understand
You've made me the man that I am
When it comes to loving you
I'll always do all that I can

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Ray Hansell

It's Been A While

I know it's been a while
Since I last saw you
I miss you so much
I don't know what to do

It seems like an eternity
Since we've made love
It hurts so much
Because you're all I'm thinking of

Just to feel you close to me
Like we use to do
Just to do the things to you
That you know I love to do

The softness of your feel
As you hold me close
You always give to me
A love nobody else knows

I can't wait for the day
When again we'll lay together
Naked you and I
That's when all will get better

12-30-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

It's Best

I called you up
The other day
I didn't really
Have much to say

All I needed
Was to hear your voice
It made me happy
In my choice

When you said, hello
My heart knew
I wanted my life
To be shared with you

I asked you
To come see me
But you said
That can't be

I asked you why
Why can't you fly?
But all I heard
Was you cry

You said to me
I must go
I said, tell me
What I don't know

You said, I can't
It hurts too much
We can no longer
Keep in touch

I called you up
The other day
You said, it's best
If you stay away

1-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's Good It Didn'T Show

You thought about it for a while
You weren't sure if you should
The more you thought about it
The more you thought you could

He was someone special
You didn't want to lose
Now it was decision time
So now you had to chose

The more you thought about it
The more you felt you shouldn't
The longer the thoughts filled your head
You were convinced now you couldn't

It's good you never said a word
It's good he didn't know
It's good the love you felt inside
Was love you didn't let show

3-1-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's Lonely Being Lonely

Nobody loves me
Nobody cares
When I go home at night
Nobody is there

There's no one there to ask
How was your day?
There's no one to listen
To the things I want to say

It's lonely being lonely
Sometimes it's more than I can bare
I wonder if I'll ever see the day
When someone is here to care

Ray Hansell

It's Never Easy

The words will not come easy
As we prepare to say goodbye
It's going to be difficult
But I'll give it my best try

Please know how much I loved you
Please know I always will
The time spent together
Was a lifetime of thrills

But now the time has come
For both of us to go our own way
Knowing we can't change things
Knowing together we can't stay

Ray Hansell

It's Nice To Know

When things go wrong
As they sometimes do
It's nice to know
I can count on you

When the world outside
Turns unkind
It's nice to know
You will ease my mind

When I'm feeling
Down and out
You always seem
To erase all doubt

When things in life
Get turned upside down
It's nice to know
You'll always be around

9-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's Not Easy

Every time I look at you
My heart fills with love
There's one else in my mind
That I ever think of

When my heart is feeling sad
I always want you there
Because I know no matter what
That you will always care

I know that it's not easy
Loving someone a whole lifetime
But I'm so glad you stayed around
Giving all your love to this heart of mine

5-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's Okay

Every now and then
We all sit down and cry
It doesn't mean we're weak
Or that we'll not try

It's just every now and again
We all need that private time
To cleanse our souls
And to clear out our minds

Sometimes so many things
Hold and weigh us down
That we get and stay distracted
From the beauty that's all around

So many things in life to cherish
That's right before our eyes
Always remember that with living
Means at times we're going to cry

9-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's Over

Maybe the time has finally arrived
For you and I to say goodbye
I know when you read this
You will ask yourself why?

But just think for a minute
I'm sure it will come to you
You will not change my mind
No matter what you say or do

What we shared together
Was special from the start
But I think we'd be better off
If you and I just part

So many days pass us by
When we don't see each other
You were such a great friend
But you were an even better lover

We have so much in common
That, I can't deny
We make love too infrequently
That's one of the reasons why

I need to be with you
More than I am now
But I know that just can't happen
No way, no how

I know you try your best
To see me when you can
You've tried so very hard
To come up with a master plan

But every time we make plans
Something always gets in the way
I know you're not to blame
For the way things don't work out each day

There are other factors
That always interfere
Just when I think I'll hold you
My chances disappear

Because something else comes up
To get in our way
I get disappointed once again
So, this game I no longer want to play

This thing called love is over
We can't fool ourselves no more
It's time to go our separate ways
Each, to find something more secure

10-7-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's Up To You

I read the words you wrote
The things you has to say
I'm here to tell you
I'll be here for you each day

You don't want to lose me
I read that loud and clear
But don't you worry baby
For you I'll always be near

The last thing I'd ever do
Is to let you slip away
My love for you grows stronger
With each passing day

So I want you to know
That I'll always be there
But it's up to you
If you always want me near

Ray Hansell

It's You I'll See

I gaze up to the heavens
As I marvel at the stars
Wondering to myself
Just where you are

It seems like forever
Since our paths have crossed
Not being with you
I now realize my loss

I never thought that it would matter
Whether I was with you or not
But now that I'm not with you
My heart is in a knot

I feel like the life in me
Has somehow been sucked out
I now live a lonely life
Filled with so much doubt

The stars give me a feeling
Of peace and tranquility
They also represent a sign of hope
That one day again, it's you I'll see

7-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I've Been

I've been saving all my love
For a woman just like you
Now that I have found you
I want to love you true

I've been saving all my words
For that certain someone
Now that I have found you
Writing, once again is fun

I've been saving all my kisses
For a love so sweet
Finally you are the one
Who has swept me off my feet

I've been waiting to find
That special woman for me
Because inside I know
How difficult I can be

All the things that I've missed
All the love I've been missing
I needed someone to help me live
Instead of just existing

I am so glad you are the one
Who came to steal my heart
From this day and for ever
I pray that we never part

3-26-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I've Hurt Her Once Again

Every time I see her
My heart comes alive
Every time she goes away
My heart slowly sighs

I know how to turn her on
I know just what to do
I make my move
She won't refuse

Once again I'll hurt
When it's time for me to leave
I know that as I walk away
I'll feel her tug at my sleeve

But it never makes me stay
Or makes me turn around
I know that as I walk away
Her tears fall to the ground

7-28-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

I've Missed You're Words Of Wisdom

I just finished reading
One of your latest writing
It really made me smile
When I made the sighting

I sat spellbound for a moment
I had to read it twice
Just like all the others
It was so very nice

I read all the new one's
There upon your list
For so long your magic words
Were very sorely missed

I only hope that this means
You are back to stay
Because reading your poems
Without a doubt, makes my day

5-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'Ve Never Forgotten

I've never forgotten
Where I came from
I've never forgotten where I've been
Because I know for sure
I don't want to live there again

I grew up on the east coast
Summer rains and winter snow
Believe me the hard times
In my mind will never go

I'll never forget winters so cold
That trying to get warm
Was never very easy
Even with the clothes I'd worn

There wasn't enough heat to go around
Many things had to be shared
Going outside in the falling snow
Well, we never dared

Because of what I never had
Is why I'll not forget
Though I must admit my life's been lived
With very little regret

I left the east coast and did well
Today I have all I desire
But every once in the while
I get that burring fire

To go back east and revisit
My childhood once again
To help keep me grounded
To help remind me
Of all I did not have back then

7-20-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

I've Watched Love Fade

I've watched love fade
Like a setting sun
I remember the day
It had all begun

It wasn't that long ago
When my heart felt the twitch
You really got to me
You made my insides itch

I haven't felt like this
For many many years
In all of my life I've never
Cried this many tears

I've watched love fade
Like a setting sun
I was a fool to think
That you were the one

12-23-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Jersey City

When I think back to my youth
I can still recall
The people I grew up with
I honestly liked them all

We'd pass the days hanging out
Listening to music and sports
When it came to playing the games
We were all self taught

Some could throw, some could run
Some could hit the ball real far
Most of us one day believed
That one day we'd be a star

We may not have been that good
But we never refused to play
We were always playing something
On those long summer days

Stickball, kick the can and sometimes tag
This was how we passed the days
Doing so many things
Having fun in different ways

You see when I was young
Electronic games did not exist
So back in my youth
Those were things we didn't miss

So we'd do things to pass the time
So many games we played
Through the years the memories
In my mind have always stayed

BUT what made them special
Were not just the games
It was the people I grew up with
To this day I remember their names

Rickey, Bobby, Dom and Andy
Just to name a few
I think of them and I wonder
What they all went on to do

Each had their own talent
We all had to find our way
To one day make a living
As we lived from day to day

We knew all the people
Who lived in the neighborhood
Some were rude and mean
But almost all were good

Right there on the corner
Of Greenville Ave and Scott
We'd be there in the winter time
Also in summers that were so hot

You see that was the corner
Where we would all meet
It was there we tasted victory
Along with some bitter defeats

Back then we didn't think much
Of what was ahead down lifes road
We figured we'd always be there
With a story to be told

But some moved on and married
They had a kid or two
Some moved out to the country
Where the air is fresh and still smells new

Others went and left the state
Somewhere else to find a job
I'm sure that for a few of us
Life at times was somewhat hard

I know as long as I live

Where I was born is no longer pretty
But in my heart there's a special place
In my hometown of Jersey City

11-28-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

John Lennon

It was on a cold December night
When word spread throughout the land
That for some unknown reason
Someone shot and killed the leader of the band

December 1980/RJH

Ray Hansell

Journal

Here's book for you to write
Down your feelings every night
Just write down what's on your mind
It won't take you too much time
Keep a record of what you went through
Let others know what you had to do
Years from now when you're old and grey
You can look back and you can say
I had to fight this thing called cancer
Deep inside of me I held the answer
I had a heart strong and true
I kept my faith to help get me through

May 2009/RjH

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Ray Hansell

Joy And Cheer

You always pick me up
You never let me down
You always wear a smile
I've never seen you frown

You're always close at hand
You're never far away
Even when you're angry
In your heart love will stay

You make me so happy
Just by being you
You make loving you the best
Because of the little things you do

If the time should ever come
When you grow tired of me
Please just let me know it
What is, will no longer be

But the friendship that we've built
Will remain strong through the years
Because having you in my life
Bring me nothing but joy and cheer

1-17-79/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Just Being Kids

Walking through the day
You and I holding hands
Doing the best we can
In trying to understand

Exactly what love is
And what it's all about
Trying to figure out the rules
Trying to erase some doubts

Being all of fifteen years old
But, more confused than ever
Are we supposed to be doing more
With our new found endeavor?

It's not that we feel something is missing
But other friends keep asking
Have you guys done more than kissing?
Most times it's said in passing

We like each others company
We always have fun together
The way we both feel right now
We don't know how it could be better

Besides, we're both way too young
To think of doing anything more
The way we look at life right now
We're much too young to open loves door

Sure we hold hands when walking
We've come into each others life
But that does not mean for a second
That we plan on becoming husband and wife

The rest of our lives are in front of us
That's where it's going to stay
We would not do anything right now
That would ever take our futures away

1-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Call It A Day

It's been such a long time
Since I've heard from you
I'm feeling so lonely
I'm not sure what to do

The nights drag on forever
The days are not much better
I feel as though my life has been
Put through a giant shredder

I feel like I'm falling apart
Or slowly going insane
I just never believed
That love was meant to be a game

But now I am realizing
It's a game I no longer want to play
So I'll just say goodbye to you
Then we can just call it a day

8-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Forget Me

The pain is hard
To overcome
When you know your heart
Has been undone

The hurt just seems to linger
Like a tooth ache that won't go away
The love you just lost
Was the love you thought would stay

Now you sit there thinking to yourself
Exactly where you went wrong
Knowing that once again
You're going to have to be strong

You tell yourself this is getting old
If this is what love is supposed to be
I hope the next time around
Love does me a favor and just forgets me

10-24-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Getting Better

The memories that we've built
Will always last forever
I'll always love you baby
As life with you gets better

You're a strong and powerful woman
Who can stand on her own
The love between you and I
Is the best love I've ever known

The memories I have of us
Will forever live on
The love I feel inside for you
From my heart will never be gone

Even though some days may pass
When we don't see each other
Every time I think of you
It's as my wife and lover

7-2-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Happened

The love we shared just happened
It was never planned
But because it did happen
I am a happy man

2-5-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Know You Can Call

Lying here in my bed
Wondering just how you are
As I look out my window
I wish upon a star

I hope that you are doing well
Dealing with your private hell
Just what you are going through
You know I would never tell

Just know that I am here for you
If you need anything at all
Just pick up your phone
Knowing you can call

Know that every day
I send out of prayer for you
Hoping you can find the strength
To somehow make it through

3-22-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Knowing

I don't think I ask for much
When it comes to love
Just someone to share the night
While admiring the stars above

I don't want someone to control
Just a caring heart
Someone here to greet to me
When a new day starts

Just someone to hold my hand
As we walk beneath the moon light
Just someone who'll let me know
That the way I'm loving them is right

I will never ask for much
Just for someone to care
Just knowing in my heart
That she'll always be there

9-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Lending An Ear

If at times you're feeling lost
And don't seem to understand
You can always call on me
To lend a helping hand

If I cannot help you
Please know I will listen
I can be the strong foundation
From your life that may be missing

I will not judge you
Or even put you down
I will just listen
As a friend you have found

If you ask for my opinion
I will give you one
But if you don't want my advice
Then I will give you none

I do not have all the answers
Nor do I pretend to
I will sit and listen
As good friends are supposed to do

12-28-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Like Today

On a sunny day
Just like today
You're by my side
Our love don't hide
By the rules we abide

On a sunny day
Just like today
We lay in a field of green
Watching clouds roll by
Both knowing we really did try

It was on a sunny day
Just like the one today
I watched you walk away

1-20-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Loving You

Would it be all right
To spend a night with you
Do you think that's something
That you'd like to do?

Would it be all right
To make love through the night
Laying there with each other
Holding on so tight

Then when the morning comes
If you want me to I'll leave
But I think you'd want me to stay
Because in our hearts we do believe

That each other has finally found
Just what we've been looking for
I can't think of anyone else
I want to see walk through the door

I'd promise my love to you
To never ever be untrue
The searching for me is through
I want to live my life just loving you

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Ray Hansell

Just Me Alone

Walking down these lonely streets
In the dead of night
The wind blows, the rain falls
The street lights light my way

Cars speed by but never see
The shadow on the sidewalk
I walk along in silence
For there's no one there to talk

So many things run through my head
Round and round like a ferris wheel
The cold makes my body numb
It helps to ease the pain I feel

I have no desires theres nothing I want
I have no place that I have to be
As I walk along the darkened street
Stray cats are all I see

I could be at home right now
But then I think what for
There's no one there to talk to
No one ever comes to my door

It wasn't very long ago
When her and I shared a home
But that happiness and good times
To me are no longer known

So now it's just me alone
To walk through life each day
Believe that if it were up to me
I'd never live my life this way

Walking along the lonely streets
While the rest of the world is sleeping
It helps me keep my sanity
It's better then sitting at home weeping

6-3-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Just Right

It's not too hot
It's not too cold
A perfect day
To have and hold

The sun is out
Clouds are seen
It's still a day
To sit and dream

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Ray Hansell

Just Tell Me So

I wasn't going to write
Anything tonight
But than I got to thinking
That would not be right

You say you like to read
My poems in the morning
Even if they're dull
And they start you to yawning

I know sometimes I write too much
With nothing really to say
It's all right to tell me
Then, I'll just go away

I don't want to put you to sleep
After you just got out of bed
I don't want you to read my poems
Than sit there and shake your head

If you find them boring
You can tell so
I'll turn off my computer
No one will ever know

But, if you still want my poems
To keep coming your way
Please just tell me so
Than that's how I'll start your day

10-9-09

Ray Hansell

Just To Let You Know

I wanted you to know
That I miss you so
You are always on my mind
No matter the time
I dream of you through the day
That's how I pass the time away
At night when I'm alone
No sadder time is known
Because you aren't there
Into your eyes I cannot stare
But I know it won't be long
I just have to be strong
For very soon you'll be next to me
Then my happiness will be easy to see

6-8-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Just What I'm Going To Do

As you stood there talking
I couldn't help but see
That way that I was looking
When you looked back at me

I could sit and look at you
Oh, probably forever
People think I might get bored
But that would happen never

Your face to me is soft and warm
Your body thrills me so
I know you may not agree
But I know what I know

What I desire in a woman
You have them all and more
Because of you I found out
Exactly whom I'm living for

I was put on this earth
To share my life with you
If it's left up to me
That's exactly what I'm going to do

11-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Your Voice

I don't need that magic touch
That you somehow possess
I don't need your pretty face
For my hands to caress
Just to hear your voice when I'm down
Is all it takes to pick me up off the ground

1979/RjH

Ray Hansell

Keeping A Promise

Long ago he vowed his love
A promise to be true
Now as he remembers back through the years
He did what he said he'd do

He never loved another woman
She was the only one
He never lived one day in life
Ever feeling lonely

But now as the years are getting late
She's become very sick and fragile
Each passing day makes it clear
The she's slowly losing the battle

She's bedridden because she can no longer walk
She spends most days just sleeping
Each minute of every day
His promise to her he's keeping

He will not leave her bedside
He sits there holding her hand
He made a promise years ago
By that promise he's going to stand

He told her he'd always be true
To her, for all her life
He vowed the only one he'd love
Would be her, his forever wife

So, now as her days grow darker
He's right where he belongs
Sitting there next to her
Listening to her favorite songs

2-5-19/RjH

Kent State

You sprayed us with your mace
You hit us with your clubs
You knocked us to the ground
You treated us like thugs

You brought in the National Guard
Soldiers not much older than I
You armed them with weapons
As helicopters circled in the sky

You came onto our campus
Then you shot us down
When the smoke had cleared
Four students lay dead on the ground

Most people were so terrified
They were afraid to move
They didn't know if the guards
Were still in the shooting groove

Fear and panic filled the air
Students on the run
None of them knowing
If they could be the next one

When it finally calmed down
The carnage was clear to see
Four students dead others wounded
I thought in America we were free

But on that day in May (1970)
Under a burning sun
So many of us wondered
If freedom was lost or won

The demonstration was because
We didn't like the Vietnam War
Too many soldiers dying
We were questioning what for

We just wanted the war to end
That's all we were looking for
But they came onto our campus
They started their own war

It wasn't many years after this
There was a so called peace
The fighting came to an end
As Americans had to retreat

But who can claim victory
When so many lives were lost
I if the price both sides paid
Was really worth the cost

11-20-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Kent State Shootings

Who can forget that tragic day
The year 1970, the month of May

The National Guardsman's poised on a hill
Their rifles aimed, ready to kill

Gun fire soon filled the air
People screaming and running everywhere

The Guardsman's were shooting at will
People afraid to stand still

Gun smoke drifted in the air
Bodies were scattered everywhere

Four students lay there dead
Others wounded by the flying lead

By now the cops were moving in
People were asking, where had they been?

Untrained soldiers with loaded guns
Killing peoples daughters and sons

Many people wondered what gave them the right
To move against the students with that much might

Why did they shoot into a crowd like that
Knowing the students wouldn't shoot back

The students were armed with picket signs
But I wondered who committed the crimes?

The students were marching against the war
What were the guardsmen's even there for?

A demonstration that took a bad turn
I wonder if any lessons were learned.

From the events that took place that day
When four college students were blown away

11-11-71/RJH

Ray Hansell

Kids Must Learn On Their Own

Trying to deal
Trying to cope
Trying to find
A glimmer of hope

There's always one
Who needs to be lead
There's always one
Who ignores all that's said

Sometimes the lost one
Finds out on their own
That all they ever needed
Was to listen at home

It takes some defeats
Before you can win
One day they may look back
And see what might have been

Then they may realize
It's all been a waste
All the disappointments
Soon must be faced

They'll never admit
When parents are right
Hopefully they'll remember
Just how they lost sight

Of the things in life
That matter the most
That in order to succeed
One cannot coast

Through a while lifetime
The lessons are many
The things that they'll learn
Will always be plenty

One has to give
To get things in return
It's a very hard lesson
That some will learn

We all need time
To find our own way
No matter what else
Anyone may say

So give them some room
Let them fall on their own
But always let them know
They'll always have a home

With a little luck along the way
One day they'll wake up and see
That it wasn't everybody else
The problem was always with "me";

They'll need to admit to themselves
Just how wrong they have been
They must see through their own eyes
That life sometimes is a game you can win

Right now many things to them
Are completely unknown
That's why we must give them the room
So kids can learn on their own

8-31-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Killed By Hate

I've been crying
Rain been falling
Day is ending
Night is calling

In the distance
Music is playing
Many people talking
Don't hear what they're saying

I can't hear them
Because of the pain
Why does life
Have to be a deadly game

I heard the shots
I saw him fall
That's when his name
I called and called

I knelt near him
But it was too late
He lay there dead
Killed by hate

11-22-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Kiss On My Heart

Here I was today
Thinking about you
It's the nicest thing
My heart could ever do

I try to remember that smile
That's lights the world I'm in
I always remember the last place
That you and I had been

I close my eyes and hear you
Your voice tender as a song
I sing along with you
Our love forever strong

I whisper that I love you
You say, I love you to
I say, each day with you
Always is brand new

I want you to know
That no one has ever shined
Into my life the way you do
A love I thought I'd never find

So remember that your kiss
Is edged upon my heart
There it will stay forever
Whether near or far apart

4-25-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Knee Replacement

The day is getting close
When I go under the knife
Right now my only concern
Is that it all turns out right

They're going to take my left knee
Give me a brand new one
Made of metal and plastic
Hopefully, once again I'll run

It's been a long time coming
As the pain is now unbearable
Thank goodness for modern medicine
As most parts are now repairable

The recovery will take a long time
Just like it did before
But I know that when I'm healed
My quality of life will be restored

7-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Knot Hole

I went out to my backyard
To have me a smoke
That's when I heard
The Knot Hole as it spoke

I couldn't believe my ears
I couldn't believe my eyes
A talking fence
Now that was quite a surprise

As I puffed on my joint
Staring straight ahead
Listening to every word
That Mr. Knot Hole said

He told me buds are no good
Especially the kind I was smoking
He said, I should find a hobby or two
Instead of sitting around just toking

He said, if you keep doing that
It may become an addiction
So, if you keep on smoking buds
That will be my prediction

You will hit rock bottom
With such a thud
You'll regret the day
You picked up that bud

Your life will unravel
It will spin out of control
Remember you heard it from me
Your friend Mr. Knot-Hole

6-2-19/RjH

Know Again

Love is strong
Love is true
The only one
I love is you

If love is right
It will be forever
It will leave
Your heart never

But if the day
Should ever come
When you feel
That love is done

Your heart will mourn
As you will to
But know again
Love will find you

10-9-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Knowing No Age

She came and took him by the hand
Led him to the promised land

She taught him all about love
Underneath the stars above

She was such a gentle soul
He was young, to others, she was old

But he never once complained
But his parents almost went insane

They yelled at him, "but she's too old";
But over his life they lost control

He told his parents, "I'm in love";
They said, you don't know what you speak of

They told him you're just a child
It's your hormones running wild

He said to them, that's not true
I love her, she loves me too

He knows his parents will never believe
That happiness together they can achieve

10-24-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Knowing When To Leave

I saw the tear
Upon your face
In your eyes
I saw no trace

Of the love
We use to share
Now all I see
Is an empty stare

It seems at times
We can't let go
Of the love we had
That no longer shows

Time can be an enemy
More than we'll ever know
Sometimes we fool ourselves
Because we stay, when we should go

4-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Lady Special Lady

Lady special lady
I think you're really fine
Lady special lady
With you I love sharing time

Lady special lady
No one could take your place
Lady special lady
You move with style and grace

Lady special lady
You're like a morning sun
Lady special lady
You'll always be the one

Lady special lady
I love you all the time
Lady special lady
I'm blessed that your love is mine

11-20-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Last Dance

Please dance with me
Just one more time
Before you become
Just a memory in my mind

4-1-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Last One For The Road

You raise your drink
You tap your glass
You say one for the road
Well that last drink you take
Could truly be your fate

5-25-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Late Night Poems

Here it is
Late at night
The words all come
For me to write

Into my mind
They rush to me
Just like rivers
Rushing to sea

The words flow out
Into a rhyme
It happens at night
All the time

It happens most often
When I lay down in bed
The words dance around
Inside my head

So many rhymes
Come to me
I write them down
As fast as can be

But every now and then
I seem to lose a thought
Some do get away
As they can't be caught

Sometimes what I lose
Are more than just words
For somewhere down the road
It could have been a poem heard

10-1-18/RjH

Lean On Me

Here I was thinking
You didn't want me around
Now I feel so low
Lower than the ground

You can cry on my shoulder
You don't even have to ask
I never think of that
As even being a task

I wish I could be there
To hold and comfort you
To wrap my arms around you
That's what I want most to do

You could cry your tears
I wouldn't mind at all
There is even a chance
Mine to would start to fall

But that wouldn't bother me
If it helps to get you through
After all there are times
When we must do, what we must do

Sometimes just sitting and crying
Can help relieve the fear
I would love nothing more
Then to be the one who's near

So anytime you need a shoulder
To lay your head upon
I wouldn't mind at all
If it were me you leaned on

11-24-09/RJH

Leaning On Her

I wrote you a poem
Every word is true
I wanted you to know
All the good that you do

You always make me laugh
When we are together
When I'm feeling down
You always make me feel better

You have a special way
When you look at me
Your eyes speak to me
That you like what you see

I hope she sees in me
How she makes my world much brighter
When things get too serious
She has a way of making things lighter

She can take a rainy day
And turn it into sun
She has a special way about her
Making sure life is always fun

I hope she knows she's special
I wanted her to know for sure
Because sharing it all with her
Only makes me love her more

I can lean upon her
Whenever I need to
Knowing she'll always be there
To help me make it through

6-30-19/RjH

Learning

As I grew up
I learned the rules
So I wouldn't be
Nobody's fool

I followed them all
Did as I was told
For I knew if I didn't
They were going to scold

It seems no matter
How I tried
Most often times
I was denied

At times they said
I broke the rules
'Cause I made them look
Like the fools

At times I tried to tell them
That they were wrong
No matter how much I protested
They always stood strong

You see when I was young
Adults said, they know more than I
In some instances yes
But I always lost no matter how hard I tried

But I couldn't let on
At times I was smarter
Because then things
Could be become much harder

Soon I learned it was an ego thing
For they had this need to be right
That's when I learned early on
There's no use in putting up a fight

1-3-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Learning The Hard Way

I found out the hard way
That losing is difficult
Because what I feel for you
Are feeling I always felt

It's not that I didn't love you
It's that I didn't know how
I wish I had the chance
To prove it to you now

I think when we lose someone you love
It's so that we can learn
Another lesson in this life
As another page we turn

10-19-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Learning To Love Yourself

I know that love has found you
That I do believe
But I know it doesn't mean
That you are going to leave

I know the love you found
Is there inside of you
Learning to love yourself
Is the greatest thing to do

I feel before you can love another
You must first care for you
For if you cannot love yourself
In life, you'll very few

7-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Least Expected

So many times I've heard it said
Love comes when least expected
The only thing I know for sure
I'm so happy we connected

Why it was you I'll never know
But that's something I'll never question
I'll love you for all time
I say that without hesitation

The roads we travel during our lives
Take us in many directions
But the road that we are now on
Is paved with love and affection

5-15-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Leave Us As We Are

The hour is getting late
It's time that I must go
I can't let my feelings
For you start to flow

I know that you are married
You vowed your life to him
For you and I to get involved
Would truly be a sin

I know that you care for me
Just like I care for you
But I know walking away
Is the right thing to do

You are so very beautiful
So much fun to be around
But I know that we should not act upon
These feelings feelings that we've found

So I will just say good-bye
Let's leave things where they are
Had we met some other time
We could have wished upon a star

Ray Hansell

Lessons Learned

We've both been hurt
We've both been burned
But look at the lessons
We both learned

We found out
Nothing is for sure
That even sometimes
Love is not secure

12-6-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Let It Rain

I hear the rain falling
Outside my window
How long will it last
No one really knows

I just hope it keeps falling
To try to help us out
It seems like forever
We've been in this drought

The longer it does rain
The better off we are
As long as it rains
It fills up our reservoir

11-23-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Let Me Know

I wish for you
All the good
That you'll ever find
But most of all
I wish for you
That life's a happy time

I'll never ask
For nothing more
Then your honesty
So, please let me know
If your feelings ever go
And your heart stops loving me

9-16-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Let's Pretend

If on the street
We ever meet
Let's pretend
Love didn't end
For a while
We'll wear a smile
Even though the pain
Is still the same

5-8-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Letting The Man Up There In

Our hearts are always in conflict
About the things we should do
I'll do it if it's right for me
With very little thought for you

Our inner struggles at times
Causes tension and strain
We try to resolve our own issues
Often times our attempts are in vain

We are sometimes like the ocean
Our thoughts and ideas tossed about
The more we think and try to resolve them
The more we fill ourselves with doubt

We cannot have inner peace
With constant struggles of the heart
We need someone to light the way
That's how we make a start

We all have inner conflicts and lose our way
But never forget where you've been
There's nothing wrong with opening your heart
Then, letting the Man up there come in

11-8-05

Ray Hansell

Life

Go where your heart leads you
Give advice as well as taking it
But never think you're always right
Admit defeat as well success
You won't be the first to lose
You certainly won't be the last
Don't be consumed with what other people do
You don't live their life
They do not live yours
Don't be afraid to love
Don't be afraid to give your heart away
You never know when you'll receive one in return

9-23-83/RJH

Ray Hansell

Life Alone

Alone all night
Alone all day
I wonder if
It's supposed to be this way

Alone when I'm up
Alone in bed
All by myself
Not a tear is shed

The outside is empty
Devoid of anything for me
I always look around
But there's nothing to see

Alone is the way
My life's been lived
No one to care
No one to give

So I wonder all the time
Was life meant to be lived alone?
Or did I miss someone along the way
Who could have made my life their home?

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Ray Hansell

Life And Love With You

The full moon lights the sky
While your love lights my way
It casts a large glow
As I go from day to day

You fill my days with sunshine
You fill my nights with love
When you are not around
You're all that I think of

As we walk through the year's
With a child or two along the way
Hopefully the love we shared
Will lead us all a better day

4-10-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life Crisis

I wish you nothing but the best
As you face another life test
I know you must be stressed
You do need time to decompress

9-15-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life Lived

All I can say
To one and all
Life's been fun
With much to recall

I've tasted all
Life had to give
I would not
Want to re-live

All the bad
I had to see
Good memories
Live in me

I weed out the bad
Like most others
Hide me head
Beneath the covers

Blinded by what
I don't want to see
I know there are others
Just like me

So a fond farewell
Is what I'll say
Life's been great
Lived day to day

6-30-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life Long Endeavor

She said that she was nervous
As she had never been in love before
I told her maybe he could be
The one you want for evermore

I told her if she's lucky
She'll find the kind of man
That she'll want to share her life with
To love him all she can

I said, if God smiles on you
Your love will last forever
The life you live with the man you love
Will be a beautiful, life long endeavor

11-26-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life Long Lovers

I want to take you to a place
That's soft, warm and romantic
I want to see your pretty face
On a billboard that's gigantic

I want to hold you close to me
As we dance the night away
I want you near so you can see
That my love will never stray

I want to take you home with me
So we could love the night away
Wrap you in my arms and be
The man who gets to love you everyday

When the morning sun comes out
We'll be naked under the covers
In your mind I'll leave no doubt
That you and I will be life long lovers

12-27-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Life Of Hard Knocks

As I walk down life's road
I, like anyone have regrets
There are so many things in life
That I'd like to forget

Those times when things went wrong
As they sometimes will
All the mistakes that I made
Especially the one's that haunt me still

Not every road walked was smooth
Some were filled with pot holes and bumps
But just like everyone else
In life I took my lumps

I never did complain
I thought, what's the use
Because when people hear you
They think you're just making an excuse

So as you travel down life's road
You should always remember
That in this life of hard knocks
Everyone one of us is a member

10-17-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life With You

Just a touch
From your hand
Makes me such
A happy man

A little kiss
From your lips
When you're gone
That's what I miss

When you make
Love with me
Beauty is
All I see

The trip with you
Down life's road
Has been a blessing
To behold

If my life
Ended tomorrow
I'd know happiness
I'd know no sorrow

12-23/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life's Clock

The clock of life keeps ticking
Every second of every day
With each passing tick
Another slice of life taken away

When will our clock stop ticking
No mortal man can say
But rest assured you will know
When it's time face your judgement day

9-12-19/RjG

Ray Hansell

Life's Continuing Story Part 1

We casually walk along the street
Holding each other's hand
Sharing love and laughter
Enjoying a summer day
We people watch as there are
Crowds of people all around
Each with their own worries
Each with their own concerns
But, the only thing that matters
Is that we are together
By each other's side
Feeling the love we share
For each other
I listen to your every word
Your voice is music to me ears
Than I put my arm
Across your shoulder
To have you closer to me
We come upon a small café
We sit at a table in the corner
We gaze into each other's eyes
Knowing this love we share
Is as beautiful as the summer day
We're enjoying
Knowing
No one can take it away

2-7-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life's Continuing Story Part 2

You and I naked
Standing together
You feel me
As I become aroused
You take me by the hand
You lead me to the bed
You softly whisper in my ear
Love me
Like I've never been loved before
The lights go out
The fire starts
And it burns
Throughout the night
Until you and I
Are awakened
By the early morning sun
And the loving we shared last night
Has once again begun

20-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life's Continuing Story Part 3

As we walk along the beach
The sun begins to set
Where the ocean meets the sky
We walk and talk
Telling each other our deepest secrets
Our most intimate fantasies
Our worst fears
No topic left untouched
No dream left unmentioned
Our feelings for each other exposed
Like standing naked in a crowd
We tell each other all
Knowing neither one of us
Has ever been this close
To anyone before
Neither one of us
Has ever been this open before
Neither one of us
Has ever been this honest before
Neither one of us
Has ever opened our heart like this before
To allow someone else this far in
Neither one of us
Has ever wanted someone
The way we want each other now

2-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life's Continuing Story Part 4

Laying on the bed
The moon shines in
Through the curtain
It touches our naked bodies
As it casts a shadow on the wall
Our lips meet
Our hands touch
Our most waited for moment
Has finally arrived
You and I
In bed
Naked
Knowing love isn't far away
You reach out and touch me
You whisper very softly
Take me baby, make me yours
For tonight and forever
Our bodies together
Our lips meet
Each one being
Right where they want to be
Tomorrow is in the future
The moment is right now
I'm loving you
You're loving me
My eyes open
I find myself again
Alone

2-10-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life's Continuing Story Part 5

It's like I can almost feel you
It's like you're here with me
But in reality
You're many miles away
Yet my thoughts
Run to you
As I
Make my way through the day
I stop what I'm doing
To think about you
I wonder to myself
Is someone thinking of me also
But then I remember
What I was doing
So, back to work I go
But, then it happens again
I stop what I'm doing
Because I keep daydreaming
About you

2-11-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life's Continuing Story Part 7

A fall crisp night
A harvest moon
A man and a woman
Walking along
Holding hands
Words of love
Leave their lips
Joys of wonder
Fill their hearts
Love is alive and well
It can be seen
When you look
Into their eyes
Happier
Then they've ever been before
A man and a woman
Two people
Who happened to find
Each other and love
At the same time

2-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life's Continuing Story Part 8

A small table
Two beers
Two glasses
Two people
Two hearts
Beating together
Arms reaching out
Across the table
To hold each others hand
Exchanging glances
A constant smile
So much to share
So much to say
We will need
More than a day
As the sun sets
Darkness falls
Together we leave
Walking away
Holding hands
We will never
Have to look back again
Because our life
Lies in front of us
As together we'll walk there

2-14-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life's Continuing Story Part 9

Sitting in a courtyard
Of a small café
We eat our salad
Drink our wine
The sun beats upon us
Sweat forms on our brow
Rain clouds soon appear
Rain drops start to fall
Everyone scurries inside
From the light rain
To seek shelter
Everyone, except us
People look at us
Like we're crazy
Crazy we are
Crazy in love
Too busy
Just talking with each other
A little shower
Cannot dampen what we feel
It would take
Much more than rain
To get in the way of our love

2-15-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life's Problems

I often times wonder
How do we keep going
As we try to hide
The pain we know that's showing

The problems that we face
Sometimes makes us want to quit
But deep inside we know
That won't solve all of it

Time once again is the healer
Like it is for many things
That's probably the reason
We know we'll eventually win

No matter what the burden
No matter what the pain
This thing that we call life
Is forever an on going game

Things will and do get better
In no time at all you'll see
What had you down a week ago
Is gone and now you're free

12-21-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Life's Roads

I've traveled down life's many roads
With all their twists and turns
I must say each road I traveled
There was at least one more lesson learned

1979/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life's continuing Story Part 6

Lying in the sand
You and I
Kissing and hugging
Each Other
Not long ago
We both removed
Our bathing suits
As we lay in the Path
Of the waves
As they rush to the shore
And wash over us
The water so warm
So pleasing
The bright full moon
Gives us all the light
We'll ever need
Now, we lay exhausted
The water once again
Washes over our bodes
As if we're being baptized
The moon high in the sky
Now, you and I
Are also in heaven

2-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Lifting Weights

Use light weights
Do more repetitions
That will give you
A better definition

7-20-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Lights Out

We hope a New Year will bring us peace
Not just words from an empty speech

Let's not point fingers and play the blame game
Or the world could go down in flames

The politicians unfortunately hold this key
If the nukes were to fall there's no where to flee

Let's hope this year brings us closer to peace
So on living life we can all extend our lease

I do have hope and feel we can achieve
If we put our minds to it and all believe

Every year gives us a brand new start
It can be done if each country does their part

Hate in the world will always exist
It only goes away when people resist

If all countries decide to fight
That will turn out the world's light

1-2-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Like A Composer

I was a poem out of rhyme
But then you happened along
To make a few changes here and there
You helped to make me strong

You helped me to find my rhyme
With a coma that would pause
You put the punctuation where needed
You did all because

You are a writer of words
You know where things belong
You put me back together
Like a composer of a song

3-15-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Like I

I made a mistake
You called me a fool
I wondered why
Because, I've seen your mistakes
But I just let them pass by
Are you to than a fool like I?

1976/RjH

Ray Hansell

Like No Other Woman

You make me feel so comfortable
You put me at ease
You calm my soul
You take control
Like no other woman ever has

7-10-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

Like We Use To Be

Riding along in silence
Nothing left to share
Maybe we said it all
In the beginning
Back when we both cared

The silence can be deafening
The feeling have all but died
One day we'll look back and say
At least we gave it a try

Whenever we are together
I wonder who you are
I spend my days wondering
How it ever got this far

I know we could point fingers
But what's the use to blame
Love like life is real
It's not some silly game

But in my heart I know
True love we'll never see
Now we have to find a way
To be on our own like we use to be

1-30-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Listening Ears

The wisdom I've learned
Through the years
Was passed on to me
Because, I had listening ears

But it seems so many people
Already have their own plan
But watching the things they do
The less I seem to understand

They'll tell you they don't need advise
Because they have life figured out
But it seems the more they talk
The more I hear self doubt

Hopefully, before it's too late
They'll listen to what others say
Just like I did when I was young
And learned so much along the way

5-24-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Little By Little

I opened up my email
There you were
I wondered to myself
What had happened to her

I could not contain myself
As I quickly read each word
Almost for a moment
Your voice, I thought I heard

As I read your words out loud
I was the only one who could hear
But that was my own way
Of, wishing you were here

The more I read, the happier I felt
You took the time, you said so much
You even opened a small door
As on a part of your life you touched

A little bit at a time
As we each reveal more and more
About our lives from the past
As we do, the wider we open that door

12-26-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Little Did I Know

You and I together
Under the summer sky
You and I together
Watching the years go by

It seems like only yesterday
You walked through that door
Little did I know
Back then, I'd love you evermore

Ever since that fateful day
I've had not one regret
Because of your love for me
The sun will never set

The rain will never touch me
The cold will never chill
Even with the end of time
I will love you still

No matter what comes between us
No matter how far apart
The one place you will always live
Is here, inside my heart

12-29-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

Little White Pills

It comes in a little bottle
Sixty pills at a time
It seems when I take them
They make me feel so fine

I always lay on the bed
As the room takes to flight
As I start to take off
I know it will be a wonderful night

No more pain to deal with
I'm floating high you see
The little white pills in the bottle
Always seem to set me free

6-5-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Live

Enjoy the sun, enjoy the flowers
Enjoy each day you've got
You never know when the day will come
When you find that you have not

Live each day to it's fullest
Live each day like it's your last
So you'll have no regrets
When the time comes for you to pass

5-9-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Live Life

Some people call me laughing boy
Some say that I'm a clown
Until you've walked in my shoes
Please don't put me down

Some people worry 'bout growing old
But that don't worry me
In fact I hope that old age
Is something I get to see

Some day when I'm old and grey
I'll look back on what I've done
I can face the world and say
My life has sure been fun

Forget your disappointments
They'll vanish in the air
But when they passed out happiness
I hope you got your fair share

None of us ever know
When we will be gone
Hopefully we leave behind
Something that will live on

We all want to be remembered
In one way or another
By friends we made along the way
Or by a father, mother, sister or brother

11-25-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Live On

I hope that when
You talk with me
In my eyes
Love you can see

Thats all I feel
In my heart
Whether near
Or, far apart

My love for you
Always grows
That's something I
Want you to know

There is no other
Quite like you
Only you can do
The things you do

You make me happy
Just knowing that
The love I give to you
You always give back

So always remember
From this day on
Forever in my heart
You'll always live on

Ray Hansell

Living

Do you know there's no guarantee
When you close your eyes at night
That you will wake up tomorrow
To greet a brand new morning light

No one is promised tomorrow
You take each day a new
Do all that you want to do
Remember, live your life for you

Enjoy life as it comes
Remember to always have fun
Remember the life you're living
This is the only one

So live and love as long as you can
Treat others the way you want to be treated
It doesn't take much to get from life
What you feel is needed

Laugh and smile as much as you can
You see life goes by so quick
What our expiration date is
Well, we don't get to pick

Don't worry about the small things
They always work themselves out
Concentrate on living a full life
That's what living is all about

10-14-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Living For Today

I don't look past today
Because, tomorrow is not mine
That's why I just live life
One day at a time

I never plan too far ahead
Or look too far down the road
That's too far into the future
It's still something I can't hold

It's the present time I look at
Because, that's where I am right now
If I look too far ahead
I know I will be let down somehow

Plans made far in advance
Have a way of going wrong
Just when I think it might be safe
Life plays me it's sad song

So, I always try to stay focused
On what's in front of me
Because looking too far in the future
Is just something I can't see

Some may think me crazy
But, until you've walked in my shoes
You have no idea what I've been through
So please, don't criticize or accuse

Don't say that I'm short sighted
Just living for today
Because who knows tomorrow
It could all be taken away

Ray Hansell

Living In Hell

Just what you're going through
I really have no idea
But in my heart I know
To me it is so clear

My love for you knows no end
All it does is grow
In this life of mine
I want it to always show

I know I tell you often
Just what my heart is feeling
I see that without you
I just stare at the ceiling

I close my eyes and see us
I feel my heart rejoice
If I lay here very quiet
I can almost hear your voice

I must say I like the silence
Probably more than I should
When it came to love
There were things I never understood

Now that you have left me
I have time to sit and dwell
It's just now that I'm realizing
What life is like in hell

6-20-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Living In The Moment

Inside it's safe and warm
Flames dance in the fire place
They cast a shadow on the wall
They cast a light upon your pretty face

Outside a thunderstorm rages
Loud claps of thunder break the silence
The rain batters against the window
It sounds as if the world will end

But that doesn't matter to me
Because I'm here with you
Our bodies wrapped around each other
Loving, is all we're going to do

We want the rain to continue
As we watch the fire glow
Feeling deep inside our hearts
That our love will always grow

For the first time in a long time
We both feel so alive
Knowing exactly what was missing
Knowing with others we couldn't thrive

As the rain continues to fall
Day break begins to occur
I lie awake, she's fast asleep
I feel this good because of her

I wish I could find the words
To express the love I hide
I'm not sure how to say them
So they remain locked inside

But one day soon I'll let her know
The things that I want to say
But for now I'll say nothing
Just cherish the moments that started yesterday

7-21-07/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Living In The Now

I will not stand in judgement of you
As we all have a past
What we share right now
I want to see it last

I have no right to question you
Or ask you things you've done
The past is far behind
A new day has begun

So I will always love you
Regardless of your past
What you did in your younger years
For me will remain unmasked

12-9-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

Living Life

The desire to be
The will to succeed
The patience to wait

Questions to understand
Knowledge to learn
Learn just to learn

Lose gracefully
Be humble in victory
Never cheat just to win

Comfort a loser
Congratulate a winner
Recognize all participants

Have class
Have style
Always remember where you came from

Be proud of your accomplishments
Own your failures or short comings
Never brag or boast

Some people win
Some people lose
Sometimes we don't get to choose

4-25-09/RjH

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Ray Hansell

Living Life With You

Laying there just talking
With you close to me
It always makes me happy
As happy as can be

But what makes it even better
Is knowing that one day
That's how you and I
Will pass the days away

You see, I don't need much
To make me a happy man
Just being close to you
Just being able to hold your hand

I hope you feel the same way
As I'm feeling to
Because I know that my life
Will be so wonderful spent with only you

12-109/RjH

Ray Hansell

Living My Life

So many things I've seen
So many things I've done
So many times I've lost
Just as many times I've won

So many times I've seen the sun
So many times I've walked in the rain
So many times starting over
Yet, not knowing where to begin

Facing each new crisis
As it would arise
Knowing in my heart
I would somehow survive

No one knows just how life
Will play out as it goes
Of course we always hope for the best
But the outcome no one knows

2-2-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Lonely Neighbor

Talking with a neighbor
Just the other day
Telling me how lonely he was
Since his children moved away

He doesn't see his grand kids
Only talks with them once in a while
He said, living by himself
Just never was his style

Being married for sixty years
I got use to people being around
I know my children have their lives
I'm glad for the happiness they found

My kids live in another town
No more than twenty minutes away
But now I only see them
Usually, on the holidays

But I guess this is the way it will be
Until I reach the end
I wish the years would slow down
So more time together we could spend

7-2-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Long Distant Wishes

Here's wishing you a joyous day
Filled with love and fun
Hoping that your happiness
Lasts long after this day is done

May happiness and love
Consume you all year long
As you go through each day
May your head be filled with a happy song

Remember that I'm thinking of you
Each and every single day
May all the love I feel for you
Always flow your way

May all your days be sunny and bright
May the night find loved one's near
May your heart always be filled with love
May you shed one less tear

12-25-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

Longing For

Longing for the touch
Of someone very close
Longing for the touch
Of the one you love most

Longing for that person
That we lost long ago
Keeping them in our heart
Refusing, to ever let go

Sometimes those memories
Are all that we have left
Sometimes it's those memories
That always serve us best

5-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Look At Us Today

Look at us today
Acting like strangers
It wasn't that long ago
When you and I
Shared the same bed
We were in love
Or at least we thought we were
At least back then we talked
Look at us today
Passing each other on the street
Without even saying hello
Looking away from each other
Look at us today
How sad it is in every way

12-6-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Look Deep

The days would dragged
The nights would fly
Face another day
With the question, why?

When a heart is broken
All it want's is solitude
Kind of like a play
When there is an interlude

It's also like a sport
When you take a time out
You need to look deep within
To learn what you're all about

5-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Look In The Mirror First

Try not to be judgmental
About what other people do
I know you wouldn't want
Anyone doing that to you

Always try to put yourself
In their place if you can
Maybe then you'll realize
That criticism should not have begun

So before you judge or ridicule
Or put others down
Take a good look in the mirror
To be sure no flaws are found

8-1-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Looking Down The Road

I hope you think of me
If you think of anyone
I thought what we had
Had only just begun

Maybe sometime soon
We can pick it up again
Because I'll never forget
How you touched me back then

It was the magic words
That you would always write
You brought a peaceful end
To the day as it gave way to night

6-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Looking For

He was in love with the thought love
But yet, all alone
The loneliness inside of him
Is a pain that is well known

For he hopes one day to find
Someone to be his soulmate
Someone to walk through life with
Before life gets too late

5-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Looking For An Answer

Everyone is looking
For peace of mind
Often hard to find
In these troubled times

Trying to make ends meet
When prices are on the rise
Some people just can't take it
You can see the fear in their eyes

The people we put in power
From our state to Washington D.C.
They say they're looking out for us
But that I've yet to see

What I see are politicians
Who care about themselves
Of course their life is easy
While the rest of us reside in our own hell

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Ray Hansell

Looking For Fun

I didn't mean to make you cry
I didn't want to hurt you girl
I wasn't looking for love
I was just looking for fun

But then something strange happened
I began to fall in love with you
I was only looking for some fun
Falling in love, I didn't want to do

I'm sorry if I hurt you
I hope you can forgive
I hope you have a great live
As you move on to live

My heart is feeling empty
I thought you were the one
But then you told me
You were only looking for fun

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Looking For Love

I've been searching for love
Going on far too long
Once I thought I found love
But I turned out to be wrong

Oh, it's true I loved her
But she didn't feel the same
So there I was all alone
Again, lost in loves little game

I know that somewhere out there
There's someone just for me
But I'm afraid I might miss her
Then, we'll never get to be

4-15-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Looking For Mr. Right

Her ad was short and simple
It read, "looking for a friend"
Someone to share life with
Until life comes to it's end

She posted some pictures
She was in every one
You could tell from her pictures
She loved being in the sun

She wanted someone witty
Someone who didn't smoke
Someone to share a laugh with
When she told a joke

Someone who likes the movies
Someone who likes stage plays
Someone to walk the beach with
To help pass summer days

Someone who would be faithful
Someone who liked to dance
If you have these qualifications
She would be willing to take a chance

She says that she's low maintenance
That she lives a simple life
Hoping once again
To become someone's wife

But most of all she'd like to find
A man with a heart sincere
Someone to be there to hold her
When dark and cloudy days are near

11-25-18/RjH

Looking Forward To A Better Day

Even though we hoped it wouldn't end
It's better to leave than to pretend

Why go on living a lie
What we need to do, is say goodbye

There was a time I loved you so
But that love is no longer there you know

The love that you once felt for me
Is love that I no longer see

Sure it will hurt and cause great pain
But it's better than driving each other insane

Pretending to be in love when you're not
Takes much more than we've both got

So I wish us luck as we go on our way
Hoping tomorrow will be a better day

9-7-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Losing A Loved One

At times when it seems darkest
Family and friends can provide the light
They will stand beside you
Letting you know, things will be alright

They'll greet you warmly with a hug
Their smile will comfort you
It seems in times of need
Family and friends know what to do

But when you are by yourself
A million emotions will come over you
All those people who were around
From now on you'll only see a few

The hardest part of losing someone
Is that space they use to fill
Now you're at home all alone
Feeling like you've lost your will

But as time slowly passes
Fond memories will move in
In the course of a day you'll stop and smile
Remembering how life had been

You miss him so very much
Every day that you awake
Because of all the love you felt for him
His memory you'll never forsake

9-4-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Losing A Mother

Even when you know someone is going to die
It still hurts so very much
Especially when it's someone
Your whole life they have touched

For as long as I can remember
She was always there
Every day of my life
She showed how much she cared

Death is something we all face
It's one thing in life that's for sure
She was always there to guide me
She always made me feel secure

But now the time has come
For me to say goodbye
The pain in my heart
Will be seen by the tears in my eyes

I know it's all right to mourn the loss
Of someone who gave me everything
I'll now sit back and remember
The way my life with her had been

I'll think of her each and every day
No matter where I'll be
For she is the reason I am
As she's the one who gave birth to me

So I'll cry, I'll be sad but thankful
Remembering all the good times we got to share
It will make me happy because I will know
That she knew, just how much I cared

12-1-09/RJH

Losing A Parent

In a bed he lays
Family all around
His eyes are closed
He makes not a sound

The end is just minutes away
His final breath not yet taken
He'll not make it another hour
Many hearts will be aching

He slowly fades to the other side
As they say, he's almost home
His family left to deal with
A hurt and pain never known

Ray Hansell

Losing At Love

We all get bruised
We all get burned
Hopefully it's a lesson
That we'll all learn

7-27-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Losing Power

They'll be no moon to see tonight
As rain clouds fill the sky
We'll see the clouds full of thunder
As they're slowly drifting by

The storm has knocked out the power
Candles now give us light
I just might burn the mid-night oil
All through the night

Can't cook on the electric stove
Can't use the microwave
To all of our modern necessities
We've all become a slave

When the power will come back on
Is really anybody's guess
Now it's time for everyone
To speak up and confess

When we are without power
We can feel so very lost
But that's a price we pay
For a society that's gotten soft

Ray Hansell

Loss

So many things in life
Have quickly passed me by
The years are rolling past
Like the blink of an eye

My younger year's have left me
With only memories
When I sit back and close my eyes
Victories are all I see

As I remember it
I never lost at all
But than again remember
In my memories I never fall

But the biggest loss in my life
Are not the years gone by
It was the day I lost her
Ever since that day I cry

6-5-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Lost Forever

She use to give me kisses
Each and every day
But things started changing
Soon, her kisses went away

I asked, what's the matter?
She says, oh nothing dear
But I feel we're miles apart
When we use to be so near

Gone are the evening conversations
The love making in the bed
I know things are changing
But not a words been said

Could it be we've outgrown
What we use to feel
Could it be that love has died
And the reality of it all seems so unreal

We cannot even bring ourselves
To talk it out face to face
Maybe neither one of us
Wants to live with the disgrace

That the life we use to share
Has crumbled to the ground
We know our love is lost forever
Never again to be found

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Lost Inside Of Me

I spend the days missing you
I spend the nights alone
I spend way too much time
In a mental combat zone

Too many thoughts of my past
Still linger in my mind
The many things that frighten me
I think of all the time

I know there's something wrong with me
I know I'm not the same
So many times I sit and wonder
Could I really be the blame?

What happens to many people
That wind up in my position
Is that when we try to explain
No body seems to listen

The shrinks have all the answers
All you have to do is ask them
They have no idea at all
About my mental mayhem

What's wrong inside my head
Can't be fixed with a pill
It may take years to heal
As my fight is all uphill

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Ray Hansell

Lost Love

The pain I feel
Inside my heart
I feel it might
Never depart

When you lose
Someone you love
There's nothing else
That you think of

They say that time
Heals all wounds
But it will not happen
Anytime soon

3-24-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love

It fills the heart with joy
It fills the souls with meaning
It can make you feel
Like you've never felt before
When you get just a little bit
You want it more and more

Ray Hansell

Love And Loneliness

Loneliness fills my soul
When you go away
The love I feel will always stay
Then when you return
The loneliness goes away

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Love And Respect

Let words of love leave your lips
Every time you two meet
Always greet the other with a kiss
To quicken that heart beat

Along with love show respect
They go hand in hand
When you love a woman
When a woman loves a man

3-3-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love And Understanding

Holding you close to me
Always feels so good
I love you so very much
I hope that's understood

This life we live is short
Time just hurries by
I want to spend the days I have left
Just looking into your eyes

Sitting by a fire when it's cold outside
Holding your hand in mine
Watching as loves grows
Just living out our time

I'll never ask very much of you
I'll never be too demanding
All I ask, is that you care
With love and understanding

9-23-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Can

Love is grand, love is fine
Love is with us all the time

Love will start then love will grow
Where it begins we'll never know

Love can fade, love can die
Love can make you just sigh

Love can come and slowly grow
Love for all we should show

Love can conquer, love can destroy
Love is used by some like a toy

Love can burn and hurt so bad
Love can make you very sad

Love can grow and shine so bright
Love can get you through the night

Love can drive you to the brink
Broken love can drive you to drink

Loves emotions are so plenty
Loves benefits are so many

Love can last for a lifetime
That's the love I wish was mine

11-22-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Can Only Get Better

How long has it been?
I know we both can say
That we still love each other
To this very day

I know the way I feel
Probably will never change
The love I feel for you
Inside me will remain

I still get that special thrill
When you come into to view
The only one I've ever loved
To this day is you

Every time I see you
My heart starts to pound
I can feel a shaking
In my feet on the ground

No, it's not an earthquake
Or something from above
It just happens to be
The wonderful power of love

I know what I feel right now
Can last forever
What a beautiful thought
Knowing, love can only get better

11-20-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Can Return

A time to heal
Is when love goes
Why it happens
Who really knows

When love is right
The world is bright
When love dies
There's no more light

Sometime the heart
Cries for so long
When you're breaking down
Life feels so wrong

But one day
You'll feel the thrill
When that heart of yours
With love will fill

Life will go on
Just like before
Once again you'll be
At loves door

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Ray Hansell

Love Comes Unexpected

Take your time don't hurry
There's time to love don't worry

Don't try to rush things along
Love will show itself to be strong

Like most times it arrives unexpected
When it does you'll be ready accept it

All the times you were looking
All the fantasies you've seen
None of them will compare
When you find the person of your dreams

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Ray Hansell

Love Gone Bad

I have this place where I go
To chase the blues away
I sit at a table, I'm more than able
To face another lonely day

There are no tears left to fall
My pain has slowly died
All I can do, is think of you
Knowing, I really tired

But sometimes they say, we try too hard
Things are the way they're going to be
I gave my all, all I did was fall
Because you no longer love me

It's taken some time but I'm over you
I have finally moved on
It took me some time, to realize you're not mine
All the love that we shared is gone

I hope you're happy, I will be one day
Hopefully we'll both find love
With somebody new, who's not like you
So it's you I'll no longer think of

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Ray Hansell

Love In The Evening

Lying by the fire
Watching the flames
Dancing on the log
Our naked bodies
Pressed close together
As love fills the room
Music is softly playing
Gently I keep saying
I love you, I love you

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Ray Hansell

Love Is

Love is the smell of a summer rain
Love is a heart that's true
Love is the look I see your eyes
Love is a sky deep blue
Love is a song that never ends
Love is the oceans roar
Love is a road that never bends
Love is an open door

11-29-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Love Is A Smile

Love is a smile on her face
Love is the way she holds my hand
Love is the way she says goodbye
Love is the way she says, hi
Love is her soft and tender kiss
Love is the look in her eye
Love is a feeling so very strong
Love is a never ending song

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Love Is Alive And Well

The rain begins to fall
As we lazily walk along
The trees our only shelter
Under the dark and rainy sky
We have no worries
We have no cares
We have no place to be
Expect, where we are now
Here beside each other
Walking holding hands
Just two people
In love
To share life and love together
We know we are on solid ground
No one could come between us
We please each other
More than we've ever been pleased before
Our love is alive and well
Living
Inside the both of us

9-8-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Is As Beautiful

Love is as beautiful as a blooming flower
Love is as beautiful as a spring shower
Love is as beautiful as a tall oak tree
Love is as beautiful as the wild sea
Love is as beautiful as a bird in flight
Love is beautiful under God's moonlight
Love is as beautiful as a star filled sky
Love is as beautiful as the clouds that drift by
Love is as beautiful as virgin sand
Love is two people hand in hand
Love is beautiful so I hope you see
I'm very glad love found you and me

11-25-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Love Is Many Things

Love is beautiful
Love is kind
Love is wonderful
Love is great to find

Love is not me first
Love is not, look what I've got
Love is not a game
Love should never be for naught

Love is warm
Love is comfort
Love is a heart aglow
Love does take effort

Love is not a sacrifice
Love is not surrender
Love should not be dismal
Regardless of your gender

Love is strength
Love is vision
Love is something
All should be given

Love is not only good times
Love is not only passion
Love should never be part time
Hopefully love will be everlasting

Love, what a beautiful word
Love sometimes is never heard
Love should never be used
Love should never be abused

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Love Is Right

Lying in the grass
On a blanket with your love
As you watch the clouds
Drifting high above

Lying close together
Holding hands so tight
Right now in the universe
Everything feels so right

Smiling eyes
Laughing face
No one could ever
Take her place

My love for her runs deep
My love for her is strong
I knew that loving her was right
As loving anyone can never be wrong

8-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Is Right Tonight

The sky is covered
With a blanket of stars
Each one blinking
Like a person's eyes

The moon is also shining
So very big and bright
The feelings I have inside
Let me know I'm right

What could be more beautiful?
On a night like tonight
Then to be with the one you love
To being holding her so tight

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Ray Hansell

Love Is Speaking

When I am alone
Felling lonely
I think of you
My one and only

The loneliness
Does subside
My happiness
I can't hide

Once again
You've eased the pain
Once again you've made
Me whole again

All my pain and loneliness
All my doubts and fears
They all seem to blow away
When ever you are near

You softly take my hand
As we go off to bed
The room goes dark
Love is speaking, but not a word is said

Ray Hansell

Love Is Two

Love is two people hand in hand
Side by side together they stand
Love is two people kissing in the sun
Laughing, joking and having fun
Love is two people sitting by the oceans roar
Love never leaves their front door
Love is cheering the other when they're down
Love is a smile that erase a frown
Love is keeping the other in your heart
Whether together or apart

1-20-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love It

You can't touch it
You can't see it
You can't taste it
You can't steal it
You can't own it
You can't sell it
You can't trade it
But when you're in it
You know it

1-16-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Just Sometimes Dies

What happened to the days?
That was once filled with love
I wonder where they've gone
They are all that I think of

Her chestnut hair would blow wild
From a soft summer breeze
She was always here with me
Love came to us with ease

But as the years passed us by
I noticed a change
I could tell something was wrong
For she just was not the same

I asked her, what was wrong
She looked me in the eye
Before she could speak
She broke down and cried

She said, I no longer love you
My love for you has died
She tried so hard to hide it
But it couldn't be denied

All our years together
Blown away like a summer sand
As I listened to her explain
I still didn't understand

I asked, is there another man
Her reply to me was no
She said the love I once felt
I no longer feel to show

So she packed up all her things
So quickly she was gone
I knew that I would be alone
But I knew that I had to move on

Although it wasn't easy
I let her walk away
You see, I was still in love with her
It was the love I felt that let her walk away

So here I am wondering
What happened to the days?
When love was alive and well
In so many different way

Some people search a lifetime
Looking for that special one
I thought that I had found her
I thought my searching days were done

Will I look for another love?
To help me light my way
Maybe I'll just be alone
For now and every day

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Ray Hansell

Love Me Now

I love you
You love me
Together I know
Is where we should be

Please don't hesitate
Please don't delay
Don't say we'll make love tomorrow
When love is at hand today

12-6-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Never

Love is good
Love is fine
Love never
Seems to find

It's way to me
No matter how hard I try
Love remains elusive
Just like a butterfly

3-27-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Love Never Takes A Vacation

Love never takes a vacation
Love never takes a rest
Love is alive every minute
To this many can attest

The love we share right now
It has never rested
More then a few times
It surely has been tested

But our love has survived
That's so plain to see
I guess it's just because
I love you and you love me

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Love No More

I remember when you told me
That you and I were through
I thought to myself
What was I going to do?

You said, we were over
The best years had come and gone
You told me it was time
For your heart to move on

All I've been doing is crying
Since you said we had to part
Nothing has been right
Since you broke my aching heart

Nothing lasts forever
I know that to be true
But I thought my heart was safe
When it came to loving you

But I've learned the hard way
How quick things can change
Since you walked out on me
I don't want to play loves game

You left me here all alone
Since you walked out the door
I know my heart won't hurt again
If I don't fall in love no more

10-20-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Love On A Winter Night

On a cold winters evening
You're right here with me
There's absolutely no where else
That I'd rather be

There here with you in your arms
Softly kissing you
One of the things that we both love
So very much to do

As the evening grows later
We go off to bed
Once again you kiss me
We both know what lies ahead

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Ray Hansell

Love Once Made Me Cry

You don't have to tell me
The way that you feel
Your tears tell it all
I know they are real

You may not see me cry
But deep inside I do
I know the reason why
It's because I'm losing you

Now I'll never understand
The what for's and the whys
But I'll always remember
How love once made me cry

Ray Hansell

Love Passed Us By

You wanted love
Well so did I
We had our chance
But it passed us by

To this day
I don't why
We weren't more serious
About giving love a try

Look at us today
Two lonely souls indeed
If we had only taken a chance
Tonight we'd both have what we need

8-1-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Love Seat For Two

I wish that I were there
To share your evening
Being so in love
In my heart always believing

That I've found the one
Who my heart beats for
The one who gives me her all
I never have to ask for more

I wish that I were there
In your love seat built for two
The best part of being in love
Is because I'm in love with you

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Ray Hansell

Love Shared

Love is two people hand in hand
Side by side together they stand
Love is two people kissing in the sun
Laughing, joking and having fun
Love is two people sitting near the ocean's roar
Love is the reason their hearts soar
Love is cheering the other when they're down
Love is a smile that can erase a frown
Love is keeping the other in your heart
Love lives on, whether together or far apart

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Love Something

I hope that come tomorrow
The sun will finally shine
I hope that whom I'm holding now
Come tomorrow will still be mine

Life can pass in a flash
Where nothing ever seems to last
I'm hoping what we're sharing now
Will never come to pass

Love should last forever
Or, as long as we're alive
I feel a life lived without love
Is a life that may not thrive

7-24-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Still Lives

I wish that I could say
That I'm over you
I wish that I could tell you
That you and I are through

But if I spoke those words
It would only be a lie
Because my love for you
Still lives deep inside

6-21-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Will Be Strong

She's feeling down
She's feeling bad
Her heart is broken
That's real sad

Yesterday he told her
That there was someone new
She feels her life is coming undone
She's not sure what to do

She was so in love with him
She lived just for his touch
But now she sees that to him
She didn't mean that much

She's knows that she'll recover
She knows life will go on
She knows that true love
Will not forever be gone

She knows that one day soon
Someone will come along
She knows once again love will bloom
She knows that once again love can be strong

7-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Will Make

Love is a feeling
Love is a touch
Love is something
We want so much

Love is a thought
Of someone close
It could be someone
That we love the most

Love is a kiss
From someone we love
Love could be a glance
Toward the heavens above

Love could be in a hand held
Love could be a slow walk home
Love could be a feeling
That to some may be unknown

Hopefully we can all share
In the magic that love can bring
Love can chase the blues away
Love will make most hearts sing

4-11-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Will Never Die

Hold me tight
Don't ever let go
Through good and bad
I'll love you so

Nothing can change
What I feel inside
Never again
Will my love hide

No matter what happens
As the days pass by
My love for you
Will never die

10-13-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Won'T Be Denied

I look into your eyes
As you look into mine
We know we can't disguise
What we've known for some time

Your eyes say, 'I Love You'
My eyes say, 'it will be forever'
I know our love is true
As time makes our love better

You can see the heart
Through the windows of the eyes
In the heart where love starts
Your eyes show the love that won't be denied

10-24-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love You Again

The first day that we met
Seems like yesterday
Yet I still feel inside
What I felt that day

The first thing I will tell you
Is how happy I have been
If ever given another chance
I'd fall in love with you again

Through the years together
You've given me so much
But the most important thing
You gave me was your trust

You trusted me with your heart
You trusted me with your love
You are the only woman
I constantly think of

I have tried to repay you
By doing the things that are right
Like holding you close to me
As I gently hold on to life

I just wanted you to know
That you mean the world to me
Because every time I think of love
It's only your face I see

7-15-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Loves Flame

The flame of love
Lit long ago
Everyday it
Continues to glow

It burns so bright
For all to see
That our love
Guides you and me

It will burn
Like an eternal flame
Our love so steady
Stays the same

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Ray Hansell

Love's Gone

So much we shared
Back when we cared
Our souls we bared
When our love we declared

But, that was back then
Do you remember when?
But never again
Because we've reached the end

8-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Lovin Life

There is so much
I need to say
What's in my heart
Both night and day

You are the only one
Who's always on my mind
You are so very thoughtful
Gentle, sweet and kind

No one makes me happy
Like the way you do
Please, always remember
I love life 'cause I'm loving you

9-21-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Lovin' You

Loving you comes so easy
That, I must say
If it were up to me
I'd be with you every day

We'd stay in bed and pass the time
Making love and sippin' wine

Yes, loving you comes easy
That, I must truly say
If it were up to me
We'd make love every day

6-8-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Loving At The Wrong Time

Two adults who acted like kids
We fell in love when we shouldn't have
Two adults who acted like kids
Two adults who suffer like no kids ever did

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Ray Hansell

Loving For A Lifetime

Love lives inside us all
Though we cannot see
Love is a feeling
That takes a hold of you and me

We all know when we feel it
Because it makes us feel so good
I know if we had the chance
We'd keep it if we only could

But, sadly to say
Not all love will last
Some loves will die and drift away
To become part of our past

But some people are very lucky
As they live the're whole life through
They have what others wish for
A life of love enjoyed by few

I know it's not impossible
To love someone forever
The hardest thing to do in life
Is finding the one who'll give you that pleasure

3-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Loving You Again

I wish the night would find me
Laying next to you
I know the night will see
What you and I will do

So soft, warm and tenderly
Two people warmed by each other
Just you and me baby
Underneath the covers

That would be such happiness
My life would be complete
Loving you baby
As we roll in the sheets

When the loving is over
In my arms you would stay
I would never leave you
I'd be there to love you again today

8-24-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Loving You...

The days seem so lonely
When I don't see you
The nights aren't too bad
Although, I'm still feeling blue

I miss your laughter
I miss your touch
I miss the woman
I love so much

I miss you in my arms
I miss you laying next to me
I miss your pretty face
When I open my eyes to see

I wish I could just reach out
And feel you all the time
But I'm happy just in knowing
That your love is all mine

The days turn into months
The months turn into years
After all this time
I always want you near

3-1-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

Luckiest Guy

A long time ago I knew
What I felt inside for you

I'm so glad we got the chance
To be more than a passing glance

In you I found a love so sweet
A love I'll never mistreat

Everyday I know that I
Am the worlds luckiest guy

Ray Hansell

Lucky Man

I hear her walking down the hall
She's headed straight for me
As she enters the bedroom
A beautiful woman is all I see

She gets in bed next to me
Than, gently holds my hand
Can someone please tell me
Could there be a more luckier man?

I turn her way to kiss her
Then whisper, good night
She looks at me and says, sweet dreams
I'll see you in the morning light

Soon we both drift off to sleep
With love in our hearts
Knowing that come tomorrow
Once again a brand new start

9-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Lunching With You

Enjoying a spring like day
Just lunching with you
I could not have thought of
One better thing to do

Sitting across from you
Enjoying the lovely view
The park all around us
Was almost as beautiful as you

Sharing a day together
Is just like heaven to me
Always by your side
Is where I want to be

As I watched you slowly walk away
My heart began to cry
Just about an hour ago
We were both so sky high

But it seems there's always an ending
To everything we all do
But one thing that will not end
Is me, loving you

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Ray Hansell

Made It Through

I'm glad I had the privilege
To share life with you
Because if you weren't there
I don't know what I would do

All the years of loving me
Are locked inside my heart
Please always remember
From my heart they'll never part

You brought so much happiness
And joy into my life
There's no way I couldn't have
Asked you to be my wife

Now looking back through the years
It was an excellent choice
Because when you had to be
You were the other voice

You always stood beside me
When we needed to be strong
You never had a problem
Telling me when I was wrong

But I was alright with that
Because that's what partners do
Whether right or wrong, weak or strong
We were going to make it through

3-5-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Made Me Smile

I finally heard from her
But it's been a while
It really doesn't matter
Because her words made me smile

They were well crafted
As they usually are
I got so excited
I reached for the stars

It seems like it had been forever
But in reality
The last time she wrote
Wasn't too long ago you see

It just seems like a long time
Because we always want to hear
From someone that you care for
When they aren't near

So, until the next time
When I read you when you write
Always wear that smile
That shines so nice and bright

2-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Magic

Our love was magic
But then so were you
It's so sad to believe
That the love we knew
We'll not know anymore

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Ray Hansell

Makes Sense

She's feeling very angry
Upset and all alone
She shares with him a house
But says, it doesn't feel like home

Words of love are never spoken
Faces never smile
Laughter that once echoed loud
Now, is only heard once in a while

The warmth and happiness
Has all but disappeared
The happy hearts that use to laugh
Are hearts now filled with tears

She's known for a long time
That love has left her home
She wonders just what happened
She thought love was home grown

But it seemed the more she tried
The less she understood
She always felt that in her heart
That she was always good

But now she's come to realize
That what use to be, is no more
The only thing that makes sense
Is for her to walk out the door

12-18-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Makes Things Right

We know when we hit a nerve
By the way someone replies
You can hear it in their voice
Or, read it in their eyes

But since I can not see you
Or hear it in your voice
Then you have left me
With only one choice

I read it in your response
It came across loud and clear
At that very moment
How I wished you were near

I'd thank you for your kind words
I'd hold you with my hands
I'd hold you so you'd feel
The soft and gentle side of this man

Words can convey so very much
When we speak or write
But nothing ever says as much
As a hug, it just makes things right

2-21-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Making Love The First Time

I gently took you by the hand
As we walked toward the bed
I could feel your grip getting tighter
I could see hesitation in every step
There was a sense of fear
Because of the unknown
She had never made love before
But then, neither had I
My heart was beating rapidly
My hands began to sweat
We lay down on the bed
I took her in my arms
Slowly our lips met
Knowing that very soon
For the both of us
Our innocence would soon be gone

9-27-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

May

May love always live
There inside your heart
May happiness surround you
As each new day starts

May you always take with you
The knowledge in knowing
That from now until forever
Our love will never stop growing

4-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

May 21, 2011

I've heard the world will end
Come this Saturday
I wonder what I should do
There's still so much to say

I guess those who know better
You know, the one's who know it all
They are the ones who predict
That civilization is going to fall

So, I wonder should I worry
Should I be concerned?
That on May 21,2011
A dreadful lesson will be learned

(5-20-11/Rjh)

Ray Hansell

May I Always Remember

All the good times that I've had
All the bad times as well
For even in the bad times
There was always a lesson to learn

All the rain that has fallen into my life
All the sun that has shined as well
Always remembering that no matter what
Sooner or later the sun will always shine through

All the problems that I faced
All the problems that I didn't run away from
Always knowing, that all problems
Big or small can all be dealt with successfully

All the love that come my way
Good love as well as bad love
But never believing in my heart
That a bad love is better then no love at all

5-11-77/RJH

Ray Hansell

May I?

May I make love with you beneath the bright moonlight?
Then can we stay together all through the night?

May I always walk here by your side?
May my love for you never ever die

May I tell the world of this new love I found?
Please say forever, you always want me around

4-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Maybe I'll Remember

The night is almost over
So are my dreams of you
Come tomorrow morning
I don't know what I'll do

Maybe I'll remember
The dreams from the night before
But if I do not
Tonight, I'll dream of you some more

8-12-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Maybe Next Year

It's Christmas time once again
War's continue to rage on
I was hoping by this Christmas
The war's would be all gone

But I guess it's wishful thinking
I feel it's something that will never be
To have a Christmas day
When the world is war free

So to those who fight the battles
On distant foreign shores
We know that your being there
The decision wasn't yours

Hopefully the day will be calm
S that everyone can pause
To remember back to their childhood
When you wait for Santa Claus

But I know that with the dawns early light
You must get back to the task at hand
Be ready once again to fight
Be ready once again to make a stand

Maybe this time next year
You won't be in a foreign land
You'll be back home in America
With the one's you love close at hand

12-25-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Maybe Our Dreams Will Meet

The day has come to an end
The lights will all go out
Lay your head on my pillow
Release all your doubts

Gently close your eyes my love
Drift slowly off to sleep
Soon you'll be sleeping sound
You'll not hear a peep

You may even dream some dreams
As the night passes time
I hope that if you do dream
That your dream will meet mine

Together we can share a dream
Just like we share each other
Tonight we'll sleep and maybe dream
You and I, underneath the covers

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Ray Hansell

Maybe, Just Maybe

If getting hurt in love
Is a sign of growing up
Maybe, just maybe
I don't want to grow no more

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Ray Hansell

Me

I feel the coolness of the night time breeze
As it blows softly against my face
Hopefully no one will see
My tears that fell and left a trace

My cheeks are stained
From the tears that fell
I now know what it's like
To feel like you've fallen into hell

Love can sometimes can make you feel
Like everything in life is not real
Sometimes the smile that I wear
Is to hide the pain I must conceal

A heart that's broken silently cries
A heart that's healing again will try
Hoping one day soon to dry
All the tears that fell from my eyes

2-28-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Meaningful

She's lying close beside me
With her hand in mine
There are no sounds at all
As we are lost in time

She moves her head to kiss me
Our lips meet in the dark
I know that very soon
On loving we will embark

I wrap my arms around her
Hold her close to my chest
When I hold her in my arms
I know I'm holding the best

Making love is beautiful
That, there is no doubt
Being in love is meaningful
That's what love should be about

7-31-2007/RjH

Ray Hansell

Meant To Be

Of course I've made love before
I know that you have to
But I have to say in all honesty
It was never as good as it is with you

I hope that we haven't
Made love for the last time
For you have started a fire
That burns in this heart of mine

Holding you and loving you
Are the best things on earth
Nothing else in the world to me
Has ever had this much worth

When our lips come together
And our tongues collide
It's so very plain to me
That love just cannot hide

So I hope that you can see
How much you mean to me
I just hope that you can see
Loving each other was just meant to be

5-7-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Memories

The summer days
The winter nights
I held you in my arms
Are the greatest moments
My life has ever known

It seems when I'm with you
You give me one more memory
I just hope I've given you
Memories like you've given me

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Ray Hansell

Memories Remind Us

Missing you in the morning
Missing you during the day
But missing you most of all
As the night time fades away

Longing to hold you one more time
Longing to kiss you once again
I can't erase the memories
That we made back then

Why does the past always find us
When we're trying to move on
It seems like our past memories
Are never completely gone

Thoughts of you surround me
As I walk through the day
Something inside is telling me
It will always be this way

I do think of you often
Probably, more than I should
But I don't think I'd change a thing
Even if I could

9-9-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Memory In A Jewelry Box

There's a jewelry box I have
It's like so many others
It was a gift years ago
From my now deceased mother

It has so many things inside
Rings, tie clips and money
But there's one special piece
That I got from my honey

It is the most beautiful thing
My eyes have ever seen
So many times when I sleep
About this piece I dream

I keep it in a little pouch
So hands never touch it
I know that it's for real
It's not a counterfeit

People always ask me
What's your most prized possession
Sometimes I almost slip
But I stop before I make a confession

Luckily I catch myself
Before I do reveal
Exactly what it is I have
I know it's safer concealed

I keep it in my jewelry box
Under lock and key
Believe me when I tell you
It, you'll never get to see

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Mid-Night Shift

In the early morning hour
The sun is on the rise
I have to find a way
To try to shield my eyes

After working in the darkness
Having had worked all night
I really do not welcome
The early morning light

But soon I'll be home in bed
As the day is my night time
The windows curtains all pulled tight
So the daylight don't make me blind

Tonight I'll start all over again
Going to work at night
Again working my ten hours
Until, the early morning light

Than, once again I will complain
About the early morning light
But this is the price I pay
For working through the night

12-22-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Mind Cleanse

Like a TV show that went off the air
You have gone and disappeared
But I know one day, you'll return
To tell what you've learned
We learn so much living day to day
We hear so much of what people say
But I know you needed time
To clean things out in your mind
Sometimes a mind is like a house
It just needs to be cleaned out
That means, you throw out the garbage
To get back to what life's all about
Doing things to please your mind
Keeping your heart happy all the time
That can be difficult you see
That's why pleasing yourself is the key
Please take all the time you need
Your own well being is what you must feed
Don't worry about other's, they're on their own
Just be concerned with your own home
You live in your house as well as your mind
Neither one should ever, be too confined

12-6-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Misplaced

My heart raced
As love I chased
But my trust was misplaced
As all my hopes got erased

9-6-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Miss The Most

My heart is feeling lonely
Sitting here tonight
I'm wishing you were here
To make things feel right

To have your hand to hold
To have your lips to kiss
It's funny when you're not around
Everything about you, is what I most miss

5-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Missing Her

I'm finding out what
Loneliness really means
My tears have been falling
Like that of a running stream

So went somewhere
Very far away
I miss her dearly
Since she's been away from me

I wasn't sure if I knew
How lonely life would be
But now I'm finding out
Since she has left me

I wish she could come home
I'd like her with me
But deep inside I know
That will never be

I patiently wait for the day
When we'll meet once again
But until that day
Best wishes I'll always send

11-26-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Missing Her Forever

The nights become so lonely
The days make me want to hide
There's so much I don't remember
Most times I don't even want to try

It seems all I remember
Is the day that I lost you
I'm trying to get through it
But it's not an easy thing to do

Remember when I told you
Forever you would live in my heart
I promised to you
Nothing would ever make us part

But now my heart is broken
Since you've been taken away
The beauty in life that you brought
Is something I will no longer get to see

3-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Missing Love

Tonight I feel so lonely
Empty and depressed
I think I'll go to bed
Turn off the phone
Pull the covers over my head
Hide from the world outside

11-6-79/RjH

Ray Hansell

Missing What Others Have

I reach out my hand
But I'm all alone
I long to feel a touch
A touch I've never known

I miss the kiss of a woman
I miss that gentle touch
I dearly miss the closeness
That I long for so much

I miss telling someone
Goodnight to you my love
I always miss sharing
The stars in the sky above

I miss saying good morning
Did you sleep well last night?
I miss coming home from work
Hearing someone ask, was your day alright?

I miss all those things
That I know other people take for granted
I hope one day all the things I've said
Can all happily be recanted

9-17-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Missing You

It's been so long
Since you and I
Have been together
To make love
I miss your feel
I miss your touch
I miss your body
Naked
So close to mine
I miss hearing you say
I love you
As we make love
I miss being happy
That's how you made me feel
I miss our bedrrom talks
That we use to have
I miss
Laying bed
Holding your hand
But most of all
I just miss you

12-30-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Missing You Always

My heart is feeling blue
Because I'm not with you
You're many miles away
But, you're thought of each day
Even though the sun shines
Brightness I, still can't find
The clouds seem to follow me
I just can't seem to break free
From these days of misery
Until you're back here with me

2-24-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Mistakes

Lessons learned
Bridges burned
Another page
Of life we turn

As long as you learn
From mistakes made
That's part of the dues
In life that's paid

1-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Mixed Thoughts

I looked into your eyes
I could see the tears you cried
I asked myself why
Do I even try

Love died so long ago
Yet, it seems like you don't know
You come to me although
You only put on a show

I know you don't love me
That is so plain to see
From you I want to flee
So please just let me be

Go find yourself another
Someone else you can smother
I'm sure you'll your discover
For you the perfect lover

2-13-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Mommy, Where's Daddy?

Mommy where's Daddy?
Why did he go?
Why do you cry Mommy?
What was that car with all the flowers on the back of it?
Mommy why was everyone all dressed in black?
Who were all those people who came to the house?
They kissed you on the cheek and said they were sorry
Why are they sorry Mommy?
Mommy why do we go that place every week?
That has a fence all around it and big rocks in the ground
What is that place Mommy?
You always leave flowers there
You always cry when we go there
What is that place Mommy?
Mommy where's Daddy?

1972

Ray Hansell

Moods

If life starts to get me down
I may want you to come around
But if I can make it through
Then I won't need help from you
My mind right now is at ease
To think and feel as I please
Because right now I'm in a good place
You can tell by the smile on my face
But you know as well as I
My happiness could pass on by
Then you know what I can become
When all my feelings turn numb
My heart grows cold as the sea
That's the ugly side of me
But, please believe this is a side
That most people try to hide
Some can do this very good
Others wish that they could
So I know I'm not alone
Because there are others who bemoan

12-23-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Moon Dance

Thoughts of you fill my head
While love fills my heart
I think of you all the time
I have from the very start

For so very long
My love for you just grew
My feelings always strong
In my heart I knew

That you were for sure
The right one for me
I feel so secure
In knowing we could be

Then you took a chance
You shared your heart with me
Now across the moon I dance
Happy as can be

9-21-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

More Each Day

As you close your eyes to sleep
To dream the night away
Please always remember
My love is there for you each day

Though I may not see you
Or talk with you all the time
I hope you know it's understood
You're always on my mind

This heart that beats inside of me
Is yours to have and hold
I know you're handle it with care
As the years make us turn old

You brighten up my everyday
You light the night for me
Loving you is so easy
My heart glows for all to see

So, that's it plain and simple
Not much more for me to say
I love you with all my heart
As my love grows stronger each day

12-23-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

More Happy Days

All the lies you told me
Have caught up to you
Right now I'm not to sure
Exactly what I want to do

I do know one thing for sure
There is no way
You and I will ever
Share another day

If you had been honest
From the very start
Then maybe today
We wouldn't have to part

But now the time has come
For us to go our separate ways
I hope life gives to you
Many more happy days

7-15-09/RjH

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Ray Hansell

More Romance

I'm reaching for the past
For something that once was good
I know that I shouldn't
I didn't think I ever would

For if the past is forgotten
They say it will be repeated
Trying to find something
That I left uncompleted

You see, love was once mine
But I let it slip away
Maybe that's why I'm all alone
Sitting here today

So, I want to reach back
To ask her for another chance
But I vow that this time
I will show more romance

Ray Hansell

More Than

You're more than just a touch
You're more than just a hand to hold
Our whole life is in front of us
As our beginning starts to unfold

There are certain things
That I need for you to know
You're more than just a kiss
You're more than someone to just show

You are not a trophy
Something to be put on display
You're so much more than that
That's all I'm trying to say

You're the woman that I fell for
The one who swept my heart away
The one I want to share life with
Each and every single day

You're more than just a touch
You're more than just a hand to hold
You're someone that I want to
Go through life with as I grow old

12-23-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

More Than Happy

You're sleeping here beside me
I feel your body touch mine
My eyes are wide open
Looking at you so fine

A year ago I never knew
You even existed
But when we first met
My flirts you resisted

But soon you came around
You agreed to give me a chance
It wouldn't take us long
Before we shared a loving glance

Every since that day
That you captured my heart
I am so much more than happy
That in my life you are a part

I hope that we can love forever
But I know forever is a long time
But I promise this to you
To want only your love as mine

9-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

More Than I Could Give

I know that you deserved
More than I could give
But you took what I offered
Not once did you ever complain

A part time love can wear you down
Not physically but mentally
You wanted more than you were getting
You wanted more than I could give

You accepted the situation
You handled yourself so well
When we were together it was nice
But I know you lived in hell

You wanted a man full time
Not what I was giving you
So yesterday you said goodbye
There was nothing else you could do

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Ray Hansell

More Than Loving You

I love you in the rain
I love you in the sun
I love you heart and soul
For me you are the only one

I love you in the summer
I love you in the spring
I love you in the winter
Because you make my heart sing

I love you every day
I love you every night
I love you all the time
You make my world so right

I love you in good times
I love you in bad times
The only thing that matters
Is that your love is always mine

I love you through all the changes
That you have been through
You see, nothing matters to me
More, then loving you

12-24-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

More To Me

The end of another day
As a peacefulness comes over me
Laying back with eyes closed
The inside of eyelids is all I want to see

It's been a very trying day
I ache from head to toe
But knowing that you're waiting here
Means more to me than you'll ever know

10-17-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Mother And Daughter

Please tell me what happened
What have I done wrong
I thought that as a mother and daughter
We had a bond that was so strong

But somehow and somehow
We have lost our connection
Both of our worlds have changed
It's our pride we're protecting

Maybe I have done things wrong
But my intentions were always good
I know there probably were times
When things were misunderstood

But tell me is that a reason
To go and throw it all away
When you and I both know
We can build a better day

6-3-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Mothers And Wifes

You are the mother to my children
To me you are my wife
I have to say it now
It's been a wonderful and beautiful life

Through the years you've done so much
You've raised the kids and sometimes me
None of us would be who we are today
If it hadn't been you who held the key

You held everything together
When things started to unwind
A better woman in my life
I know I'd never find

So, I wanted you to know
That you are appreciated every day
Please know that none of us would have made it
Without you there along the way

2-2-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Mothers Day 2006

I hope you have a happy day
The day that's named for you
I hope you have fun
And do the things you like to do

I hope the sun shines real bright
All through the day
I hope happy wishes
Keep coming your way

I hope you get to do
Things that you desire
I know your love for your kids
Burns in you like a fire

So have a happy Mother's day
I hope you get all the best
I know your kids do believe
Their Mother outshines the rest

5-13-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Moving On

Sometimes I sit and wonder
Just where she might be
I wonder to myself
Does she ever think of me?

My thoughts run her way
I can still picture her face
In my heart I feel
Her love has left a trace

I sometimes wonder if her and I
Had been able to hold on
But that's when I realize
Reasons for her staying were all gone

It's hard sometimes to accept
That the one you loved is gone
That she had her own reasons
For wanting to move on

11-26-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Mrs. Brightening

Back when I was growing up
In a city on the east coast
Although living wasn't easy
From life we tried to get the most

Not too far down the street
There lived a widow Mrs. Brightening
To all us teenage boys on the block
We all found her so enlightening

We'd always see her on the street
With clothes that clung so tight
She's smile as us boys walked by
They say she wore less clothes at night

Well, some people said that Mrs. Brightening
Had a touch that was like lightening
Most of the men in the neighborhood
Said, she'd get you hooked and that was frightening

The wife's would all get jealous
When their husbands looked her way
It seems this would cause arguments
Nearly every single day

Now, Mrs. Brightening didn't care
What any other woman thought
She didn't listen to what they had to say
In fact, she would always cut them off

As far as she was concerned
It had nothing to do with her
She said, that she could not control
The way other people were

Just because their husbands
Would turn their eyes her way
She said, she couldn't help it
If they like to watch her hips sway

Then a strange thing happened
That remains a mystery to this day
It seems that Mrs. Brightening
Seems to have vanished or gone away

No one knows what happened
Most don't really care
The wife's are all elated
That she is no longer there

Was there foul play involved
Many people thought maybe
Or, were the whispered rumors true
That she was having a married man's baby

Every so often someone will ask
What ever became of Mrs. Brightening
No one responds with a word at all
But some would love to be enlightened

12-19-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Music

Words and lyrics make a song
For all who want to sing
But for a song to be great
Words are not everything

In fact a song can be great
With no words at all
Songs without words
Are the I most often recall

Music to a movie or a TV show
May have a catchy tune
One that stays in your head
One that never leaves soon

A song without words
Can be a big hit
But a song with words and no music
It wouldn't be a good fit

So you see you can have music
But you really don't need words
Can you think of a catchy tune
That you recently heard?

2-15-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Music Is Life

Songs that make us cry
Songs that have made us smile
Songs have taken us far away
If only for a while

Songs about today
Songs about our lives
Songs about our struggles
Songs about just getting by

Songs for everyone
Songs for girls with broken hearts
Songs that unite us all
Songs that can cause us to part

Songs that never fade
Songs that give some people hope
Songs that can help us see
When we're living on that slippery slope

Song about tomorrow
Songs about the past
Songs about you and I
Songs that will forever last

4-23-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Music Is The Medicine

Music is the medicine
That always seems to heal
We start to tap our feet
We like the way it makes us feel

Some people get up to dance
Some people stand and sway
While others clap their hands
As the music continues to play

Music tells a story
For both young and old
Music that is considered the best
Soon gets turned into gold

The singers sing their songs
While people sing along
Together joined as one
Music can make us strong

2-10-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Must We Be With Someone

What is happy?
Is it in the mind?
Or in the heart
How easy is happiness to find

Some people seem happy
At least on the outside
But if you look closer
There are things they hide

They have their home and family
Two cars in the garage
To others they seem happy
As they're living large

On the outside they are happy
Their smiles light the way
But a closer look may reveal
Misery is their every day

She was told when she was young
Find a man and settle down
Soon they'll be children
Running all around

You'll have your home
You will be set
You'll have a life
With no regret

That's what she heard growing up
Because that's how it's always been
Here she lives with all that
She's waiting for the happiness to begin

The happiness they said she'd find
She has yet to see
She lives the same life day to day
Wondering, is this really for me?

She remembers years ago
When she was single and free
She thinks back to those days
Pleasant memories they are to see

But back then she was taught
That we all need someone
Because going through live alone
Wouldn't be much fun

Finding that special someone
Is a challenge we all face
It seems many people just settle
With someone to share a space

So must we be with someone
To find our happiness
I may not have a wife and kids
But I feel there's not much I've missed

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Ray Hansell

My Beauty

One day not long ago
We were strangers
We didn't even know
Each other existed

But soon I would feel
A strange new feeling
A feeling I hadn't felt in years
It was heart that you were stealing

At first you didn't sweep me off my feet
You didn't have the looks of a beauty queen
I knew you'd never be on the cover of Vogue
But then again I would never be Playgirls centerfold

I never thought I'd get the chance
To love someone like you
When you came into my life
You brought with you a love so new

11-06-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Boys (For Yvonne San Carlos)

Thank you God
For my beautiful boys
There are without a doubt
My hearts pride and joy

Each day they surprise me
With something they say or do
Life with them is so exciting
Everyday always something new

They say the best things in life
Are those we get for free
I find this to be true
With the simple joy my sons bring to me

2-24-2010/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Colors

I wear the flag of my country
Because I live in the land of the free
It's America the Beautiful
Don't try to censor me

No one has the right
To tell me I must hide
The Red, White and Blue
That gives America's pride

You've heard the old saying
That these colors don't run
Well I'm here to tell you
I am a native son

I have no intention
To push my colors aside
People have defended them
So many have even died

So for all you people out there
Let me make this very clear
There are many American's
Who hold those colors dear

So to tell me I can't wear a shirt
With the American flag displayed
That is a form of censorship
That in this country isn't played

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Ray Hansell

My Cure

When I'm feeling ill
I don't need a pill

Just a touch from you
That will usually do

When I'm under the weather
Your loving makes me better

When I get a fever or cold
I just need you to have and hold

Medicine and pills are not my cure
You are my healing power, that is for sure

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Ray Hansell

My Dad

It was the month of August
Back in nineteen seventy two
When my father was gravely ill
There wasn't a thing anyone could do

I prayed every night to God
That a miracle would be found
Something that would delay
His final resting place in the ground

But it seemed the more I prayed
The worse he got
Then when I heard he died
I froze, although it was hot

Now I see him in his coffin
Surrounded by many flowers
I sat there thinking to myself
What a way to pass the hours

Tomorrow he will be buried
But I feel his story is untold
He died at age fifty-one
Now tell me, is that very old?

I saw the casket in the limousine
Draped with old glory
Another tragic ending
To another beautiful story

As I stood by the grave
My knees felt very weak
I'm glad I didn't have to
For I know I couldn't speak

The Pastor spoke his few words
As I gazed to the sky
All his words were lost
To the tears in my eyes

It was then it finally set in
That he was truly gone
But the memories I have of him
In my heart will forever live on

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Darkness

In the darkness of my world
I find my own solitude
I can't let the light in
I don't want that interlude

I need to be all alone
That's when I feel secure
It's the solitude you see
For me, that is my cure

I keep my doors always locked
The windows covered to
I separate myself from the world
Because that's what I want to do

All I ask of anyone
Is to be left alone
I appear to be a prisoner
Locked here inside my home

It's not my house that contains me
You see, it's really my mind
That's what controls me
All my waking time

(7-16-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

My Day Of Reckoning

As fragile as a light bulb
Held in trembling hands
The day that you left me
That's how you left this man

I stood there silence
For I could not speak
My heart had just been broken
I felt so very weak

I wonder what I'll do now
With no one here to love
I always thought my star
Would shine on from high above

But now it shines no more
At least not for me
My day of reckoning is here
The day I thought I'd never see

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Ray Hansell

My Dreams

The dreams I dream
Get the better of me
The dreams I see
Never come to be

I dream too much
This I believe
My dreams don't fill
Any of my needs

I need to sleep
But never see
Another dream
There for me

Dreams are just that
I never see them come true
Has a dream ever
Come true for you?

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Ray Hansell

My Escape

I didn't know if I was ready
To connect with someone new
But when I read your writings
I felt it was something I had to do

Your words seemed true and honest
About the topics you covered
The words you wrote about love
Came from the heart of a lady and mother

Your words seemed so poignant
Most times very precise
Don't take it wrong about what I'm saying
All of your poetry is very nice

You have a flair and style
Definitely all of your own
Your heart is filled with love
As I'm sure is your home

Each poem is a master piece
Like Picasso's brush across the canvas
All the words like colors come together
As they are always so very candid

I read you in the evening
More than I do in the day
I take the quiet of the night
To drink in all that your poems say

They always help to free my mind
They fill me with peace and content
All of your poems that I read
Is time very well spent

So, thank you for the escape
You provide to me each night
Your poems open up my mind
Some help me to see the light

2-18-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Eyes

If you doubt my love for you
Just look into my eyes
What you see in them
Will never tell a lie

The eyes are the window
To a persons heart
If love is alive
In the heart is where it will start

But the love in my heart
Shines through my eyes
That's why when you're in love
It's so difficult to disguiser

9-9-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Eyes Say I Love You, Your Eyes Say Forever

My eyes say I love you
Your eyes say forever
Could this love we share
Just keep getting better?

I love you with all my heart
You're all I think about
The love I feel inside for you
I wish could just flow out

I wish the world could see
What lives between you and me
I wish the world could see
That you make me happy as can be

Just spending time and talking
Being by your side
I know that life with you
Would be a wonderful and joyous ride

No two days would be the same
I know that for sure
But more than that I know
Our love would be secure

With you I have no doubt
What it is I feel
I know the love we share
Is a love so very real

Yes, I know this well
I can tell by the signs
That I always get from you
That let's me know you're mine

My eyes say I love you
Your eyes say forever
I know one thing for sure
I will leave you never

12-4-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Father

I know he didn't have much
But that didn't matter to me
As long as he was with me
I was always happy as could be

I know I took him for granted
Every kid does the same
But in my mind he planted
That life was more than just a game

But on that August afternoon
When I learned that he had died
I know he left far too soon
I remember how much I cried

When I saw him in the coffin
He seemed to be at peace
It was at that very moment
I realized his pain had ceased

He always had the answers
To any questions I'd ask
He knew so very much
Like who was under the Lone Rangers mask

I think of him so very often
I ask, why was he taken away
But I've come to learn the answer
So he didn't have to suffer another day

Now Lord, I don't if I should thank you
Or cut you down with words
But I guess you know what's best
At least that's what I've always heard

I know he went to heaven
For his final resting place
I know when I get to heaven
That I will see his face

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Ray Hansell

My Favorite Dream

I've waited for this night
It seems like many years
Now that it's here
I'm almost moved to tears

Laying by your side
Spending the night with you
I can love you through the night
Then, in the morning to

I've often heard people say
That dreams never come true
But I have to say
My dream came true with you

All I ever really wanted
Was to share my world with you
Now that I have the chance
That's exactly what I'm going to do

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Ray Hansell

My Feelings Haven'T Changed

The days are getting warmer
Leaves are on the trees
It was not like this
When you first said hello to me

In between winter and spring
So very much has happened
The only thing that hasn't changed
Are the feelings I feel for you

Will those feelings ever change?
I hope and pray they never will
I feel in love with you long ago
I hope you know I love you still

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Ray Hansell

My Gain

Just knowing that you'll listen
To me when I'm feeling down
Always make me feel
I was lost but now I'm found

I'm glad our roads in life
Just happened to have crossed
Because if they hadn't
It would have been my loss

12-3-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Greatest Fear

On the inside
My hearts begins to cry
I'm trying to find a way
To tell you goodbye

I never thought
It would come to this
I never imagined
I'd lose your kiss

Out times together
Indeed were magic
Why do good times
Always pass so quick

The passing years will hold
The memories that we've made
In my mind they will last forever
From my memory they'll never fade

The emotions that we shard
Came right from our hearts
I believe for that reason
We'll never truly part

With life comes change I know
With change we all grow
With growth we all learn
That we reap just what we sow

Please don't get me wrong
I'll treasure the times we had
I know that the happy times
Will always far out number the bad

You know I want what's best for you
Because you deserve that much
It will be difficult not seeing you
It will be worse not to feel your touch

You've been a part of me
For so many years
I know that I must go
But I still can't stop the tears

I hope you know I'll miss you
This makes me want to die
I now must face my greatest fear
That will be, to tell you goodbye

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Ray Hansell

My Greatest Find

I hope tonight was a sample
Of what I'll feel forever
Because the way I feel right now
Is a feeling I'll always treasure

I had no way of knowing
That you would be so kind
I believe in my heart
You are my greatest find

I have never felt before
Just what I'm feeling now
It's almost more than I can bear
Or more than my heart should allow

My heart has not been use to
Being treated so good
Usually on unsteady ground
That's where I always stood

But now I'm hoping that I've found
Someone who can be true
If you turn out to be the one
I'll live my life loving you

12-16-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Heart Has Been

My heart has been lonely
Since you've not been around
It spends all of it's time
Looking for what can't be found

My heart has been crying
Since you went away
It sheds it's lonely tears
Each and every day

My heart has been dying
A new death each day
It so much wants to see you
In so many different ways

My heart will not just settle
For anyone you see
I guess it just can't forget
How you and I use to be

It restless every night
When I try to close my eyes to sleep
That's because it misses
A love that was so very deep

6-22-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Heart Is At Ease

I haven't written for a while
I've had nothing to say
But at least I can smile
As I walk through each day

The reason for my grin
Is easy to explain
In love I'm going win
Whether in sun shine or rain

Since you came into my life
My heart has been put at ease
No more unnecessary strife
No more trying to please

We take it day by day
Sharing what we feel inside
Words of love we always say
Our feelings we never hide

Now my writings will increase
As I convey the love I feel
My feeling will not deplete
Because my love for her runs so deep

11-4-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Heart Is Closed

I told you
My heart was closed
I'm done with love
I suppose

The pains too much
For me to bare
This time I thought
Someone cared

But too late
I learned the truth
I'm long passed
The fountain of youth

She wanted someone
Who was young
It's plain to see
We are done

That's why my heart
Is now closed
And all love
Has been disposed

Now it's time
To live for me
I don't need another
For me to be

1-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Heart Is Somewhere Else

Lately things haven't been too good
I have not been myself
I'm fairly sure that the reason why
Has to do with someone else

There's someone else that I love
With all my heart and soul
It is through life with her
That I want to stroll

While I live with someone else
My heart is far away
It is this other woman
That I dream of every day

I've never loved anyone
The way that I love her
Like a kitten in your hand
That's how she makes me purr

My only hope is that one day
Her and I will get to see
Just how great love can be
When forever she'll be with me

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Ray Hansell

My Heart Speaking

I asked my heart the other day
If her love is here to stay

It responded that, I do not know
It all depends if I let it grow

If I feel it's good for you
Then you know that's what I'll do

But if I feel that it's not good
It will not grow like some love should

I think I know what's best for you
I know how you feel and just what to do

I have seen you give your heart away
The feelings lasted only one day

So that's why I'll take control
To spare you heartache in your soul

I'll let you know when love is true
That's the least I can do for you

12-24-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Heart Takes Flight

Just before I close my eyes
To go to sleep at night
I always think of you
As my heart takes flight

My heart soars through the sky
As it heads towards you
It flies in through your window
It knows just what to do

It lands upon your pillow
As you sleep the night away
It slowly beats for you
Just like it does each day

12-7-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Heart Tells Me

Sitting here just talking
Passing the time away
Looking into each others eyes
Listening to what we say

I could just sit and look at you
Not speak a single word
The beating of our hearts
Would be all that could be heard

I have a very deep love for you
Over time it's grown so strong
My heart always tell me
That loving you can't be wrong

I've loved you for so long
To me, you surly are a treasure
But we all know what feelings are
From them we get our greatest pleasure

I know your love is secure
It's locked inside of me
If I could live for ever
This is where I'd always want to be

9-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Hearts Wish

She put her arms around me
She warmed my heart with a kiss
I wrapped my arms around her
In my heart I wish
This moment could last forever

1-20-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Hometown

Jersey City is where I was born
I woke up to see many a dawns

It's not a bad city, it was a place to give
But there were many times it didn't forgive

The streets were tough, the winter's cold
It's a city you can embrace, but one you can never hold

The streets will own and rule you
There's not too much one can do

After some years you'll be ready to leave
It will no longer have the things you need

That's when you know the time has come
Because you and the city are no longer one

Now people grow up there and decide to stay
But so many many more just go a different way

6-18-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Journey

Long ago when I was young
I wondered where life would take me
But I knew at that moment
I would just have to wait and see

Well, now it been almost fifty years
I'm where I was meant to be
All I can say is that from there to here
Has been one incredible journey

Looking back at all that's happened
And all the years I've walked through
I would not change one single thing
Of all the things I got to do

4-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Life

Don't judge me
By what others do
You wouldn't want me
To do that to you

Special favors
I want none
I'll be indebted
To no one

I live my life
The way I see
No one has
To live like me

Live your life
As you see fit
To no one else
Must you commit

5-21-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Life Was For You

I see your picture
Dropped in back
So very bad
I want you back

I remember how
It use to be
All the days
You were with me

We would always
Laugh and smile
We were happy
All the while

But I can't erase
That tragic night
When the Lord above
Took your life

We though you
Had another year
But here we are today
Fighting back our tears

We said, goodbye
Under sunny skies
Everybody there
Had a tear in their eye

I'll never love
Anyone new
My life was lived
Just for you

4-5-07/RjH

My Life Without You?

You were lonely
I was to
My loneliness ended
The day I met you

I never thought
I'd ever find
Someone to satisfy
This desire of mine

But satisfy me you did
You still continue to
How could I ever want to live
My life without you?

10-29-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Life's Greatest Fear

You reach out and touch me
Gently you take my hand
You whisper softly in my ear
That I am your loving man

I love the way you hold me
Whenever you are near
Losing you my darling
Is my life's greatest fear

3-3-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Love For You Lives Within

I hope my words tell you
Just how much I care
I hope my eyes always show
All the love that's there

I hope my hands tell you
When I touch your skin
Just how much love
I always feel within

I hope you know
I always care
But most of all
Love with you I want to share

3-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Love Has Awakened

The love in me has been aroused
For the first time in a long time
I'm glad it's finally happened
With someone as beautiful as you

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Ray Hansell

My Lovely

From head to toe
In between
I hope you know
You're the best I've seen

I wouldn't change
Anything
Please stay the same
Like you've always been

I love the way
My heart smiles
To see you any day
I'd walk a thousand miles

Your body soft
Your heart so warm
I get lost
In all your charm

I love to stare
At your face
No one can compare
Or ever take your place

Remember the words
I speak are true
I know you heard me say
Just how much I love you

11-17-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Lovely Angel

Dream my lovely angel
As you close your eyes
Your mind will be
Until sunrise

Dream of many things
Castles and kings
Or fly through the sky
With silver wings

Or take that trip to the moon
Or deeper into space
Go anywhere you like
For you they'll always be a place

Sleep peaceful my lovely angel
With eyes tightly closed
You are my lovely angel
As beautiful as any rose

Come tomorrow you'll awake
With memories of the night
I'll be right here beside you
To greet the early morning light

2-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Loving Dog Jada

The pain in my heart
I know will pass
Because all hurt
Does not forever last

But sometimes I feel a pain
That I think might never heal
Because of the love in my heart
Because of the way death makes me feel

My tears will not stop from falling
It's like I've lost control
The pain inside runs so deep
That it consumes me to my soul

I know I'll get through this
The best healer is time
But right now I hurt so much
With the pain in this heart of mine

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Ray Hansell

My Mask

You'll never see me smile
You'll never see my tears
You'll never see my laughter
You'll never see my fears

This mask I wear helps to hide
This person that is me
My mask makes it's easy
For me to be who I want to be

Who I really am
What I'm all about
I let no one in
My feelings never get out

My mask protects me
From the world outside
Right here in front of you
I can so easily hide

4-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Mind Has Found

In the day time I get my thoughts
In the evening I write them down
When they are all put together
Another poem my mind has found.

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Ray Hansell

My Mind Keeps Working

Nothing to do
Just wasting time
So many thoughts
Run through my mind

Ideas, wishes and dreams
They all come and go
Where my mind is headed
I don't even know

Some of my thoughts
May become reality
Only time will tell
So I must wait and see

Nothing to do
Just wasting time
But the time wasted
Is all mine

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Ray Hansell

My Mistake

I'm sitting here wondering
Just what you're doing now
Wishing there was a way
I could be there with you somehow

But I know that's not possible
I know it can never be
Even though inside I feel
That you may still have feelings for me

But sometimes things just happen
That no one can explain
There's no one who's at fault
There's no one to blame

But lately you've been on my mind
More than you should be
I wish that just one more time
It was you I could see

But now you are married
With your home and family
The one thing I didn't ask you
Caused loneliness for me

11-26-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Most Trusted

So many times I wondered
What I was living for
Every new beginning
Brought another closing door

So many things just don't go right
No matter how hard I seem to try
But I start out every day brand new
But I always ask myself why?

Now, I know we make our own breaks in life
No one else is responsible for our loss
But looking over this lifetime
I wonder why I paid such a high cost

I lost myself a family
Then I lost a home
Now each night is the same
As I wander these streets unknown

I see no change in the future
All I see is yesterday's everyday
Just once I'd like to see things
Somehow work out my way

But I feel inside this is a blueprint
Of how my life was supposed to be
Just when I thought I turned a corner
Another obstacle is there in front of me

I know the days and nights ahead
Will soon be coming to an end
But through it all both good and bad
My faithful dog was my most trusted friend

3-4-17/RjH

My Natural Wonder

I've watched the waves
Rush to shore
They wet my feet
But I ignore

I've felt the rain
Hit my face
Alone I've stood
In time and place

I've seen the snow capped mountains
I've even skied a few
But all these natural wonders
Cannot compare to you

For when I look at your face
Your beauty rushes forth
A woman as wonderful as you
That's all I've ever sought

For now I feel the peacefulness
In the depths of my heart
I heard that's where love
Usually gets it's start

I know that's the reason why
I feel the way I do
I know that's the reason why
I always want to be with you

4-27-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Need To Thank You

I have so much to thank you for
More than you'll ever know
In my words people see
That my emotions for you show

When I sit down to write
Any time of the day
So many thoughts of you
Always come my way

Every time I think of you
The words just seem to flow
I know the reason why
It's because I love you so

9-9-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

My Poems

I sit and write my poems
In a room all by myself
I find that I don't really need
To be with someone else

I am perfectly happy
Just being all alone
It's the most peaceful place
That I have ever known

I don't need someone to talk with
To help me pass the time
I am very content
Being happy with my rhyme

My writing is my therapy
That I use each day
It soothes all my emotions
It takes all pain away

5-9-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Rebuilding

Caution everybody
I'm under re-construction
Or should I say
I'm being saved from destruction

It's the same ole me
But some things I must change
There are some parts of me
That must be rearranged

Through the years some things
Have gotten out of focus
I know I need to fix them
Right now that is a must

I found some things to be
What they really weren't
I must now pay attention
To make everything current

A couple of times my heart
Has been taken for a ride
As I traveled on the journey
I had no place to hide

I had already committed
After I said, the words I do
It just seemed from that point on
My happy days were few

So now I'm getting a retro fitting
I'm building up the walls
I want to be ready for anything
The next time I take a fall

The words I do will never
Be said in vain again
Because I know that I
Have been there and lost again

So I think I'll try it
On my own for a while
I know I don't need anyone
Just to wear a smile

Well I'm almost finished
With the re-construction job
To tell you the truth
It really wasn't that hard

1-20-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Rose And You

I went to my garden
To pick myself a rose
I found one bright red
That's the one I chose

I carefully cut the stem
I watched out for the thorns
I didn't want to get stuck
I didn't need to have my blood drawn

I took my fresh cut flower
I placed it in a vase
I placed it on the mantle
I truly was amazed

Right next to my rose
Was a picture of you
One beside the other
I see the beauty of you two

12-23-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Savior

I reached into the darkness
He took me by my hand
He tried to help me
To better understand

He said, there are people
So much worse off than you
You need to look into your heart
To see what you can do

You have to lend a helping hand
Do all that you can
Never turn your back
On your fellow man

I said, what can I do
To help the down and out
He said, just listen to them
To see what their life is about

Sometimes people just need
Someone to lend an ear
So they can speak out loud
To tell someone their fears

We all live with dread inside
Of things we did in the past
It's nice to set them free
So our burdens don't always last

So remember to be kind
To all that you meet
Let them know that failure
They can one day defeat

After He led me
From the dark into the light
I got a feeling deep inside
That things would be alright

I reached into the darkest
He took hold of my hand
It is because of Him
Today I am a better man

11-28-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Son And Daughter

The angels all cried
When the little boy and girl died
The tears they cried fell to earth
They watched over them since their birth
The angels prayed both day and night
Hoping the doctor's could make things right
But it seemed the harder the doctor's tried
All their efforts were denied
They did all they could to help them live
They gave all they had to give
Their little bodies was just too weak
From the beginning their outlook was bleak
But still the doctor's gave their all
They did their best and answered the call
They're now in heaven safe and sound
Two little angels newly crowned

1978/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Song Of Love

The songs they play on the radio
Keep me company when you're away
The song of love that fills my ears
Is your voice I hear when ever you are near

8-26-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

My Song Of Love To Her

I was writing her a love song
The day she passed away
She never got to hear
What the words had to say

So now I will sit down
To finish up her song
Now that it's complete
I will sing it loud and strong

Baby, I always loved you
From the moment that we met
What you gave to me
From other's I could never get

You were held in such high esteem
I always treasured your love
Now I'm here without you
As you look down from high above

Remember what I always told you
No one could ever take your place
Every night when I close my eyes
I always see your face

I know one day I'll join you
Then, we'll be together again
I will always think of you
Until I see you then

11-30-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Special Angel

Remember how love use to fill our hearts
It was in the air we breathed
We swore we'd never part
We swore we'd never leave

But time has caused a change
Because the love we once knew
Has found a way, to slip away
There was nothing we could do

Goodbye my special angel
I'll see you in my dreams
Goodbye my special angel
Life, isn't always what it seems

Always wear a smile
Upon your pretty face
Don't ever let your tears
Ever leave there trace

Goodbye my special angel
I'll see you in my dreams
Goodbye my special angel
One day love will be what it seems

3-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Special Lady

Where ever you walk
The sun always shines
When ever you talk
Your words all rhyme

With you I know no winter
Only summertime
I love you my special lady
The only one who lives in this heart of mine

10-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Thoughts For Today

I Love You
With all my heart
I hate it when
We have to part

I wish there
Was a way
To be near you
Both night and day

Of all the dreams
I want to come true
The one I want most
Is more time with you

Spending time
By your side
Lets me know
Love is alive

Love is a feeling
I have for you
Loving you forever
Is all I want to do

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Ray Hansell

My Today, My Tomorrow

I'm hoping that you know
Just how much I love you so
I hope that you can see
The love for you that comes from me
You are my today, you are my tomorrow
Your love keeps me free from all sorrow

I hope that you can tell
My life is a living hell
Because when we are a part
Sadness and loneliness fill my heart
I want you today, I want you tomorrow
I want true love, not love to borrow
I hope you know that in my heart
I consider you a true work of art

I want you to know, you must believe
For you I'll wear my love on my sleeve

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Ray Hansell

My Ultimate Dream

As I come home from work
You greet me at the door
I know what's going to happen
It always makes me want more

You take me by the hand
As you lead me to bed
We walk along in silence
Nothing need be said

You slowly remove my clothes
Now I'm just like you
Only you were naked
Now it's nakedness times two

Onto the bed we slowly fall
Each of us wrapped around love
All day long it seemed
This was all that I thought of

Holding you close to me
Making love tonight
Who cares about the world outside
In here, everything is right

Now we lay close together
As we talk and rest
Knowing the love we just shared
Truly was the best

I've never known a woman
Who loves sex the way you do
The one thing that I know for sure
I'll always stay right here with you

8-16-09/RjH

My Undoing

I once thought I knew love
But for reasons unknown
I let it slip away
I guess you could say I haven't grown

At times love is difficult
Other times quite confusing
But it always seems to me
I found it all so amusing

Just when I felt I had it all
Suddenly, things start to unwind
There I stood once again
Hoping love one day I'll find

But finding a lasting love
Can be a long road to travel
But recently I've come to the conclusion
Sometimes finding love is a losing battle

3-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Winter Years

I'm living in the winter years
Of my withering life
It was back a decade or more
When I lost my wife

Since then nothing matters
I'm just passing time
This life that I'm living
It is no longer mine

You see, God is now in control
Each day my mobility is less than the day before
I wake up each morning
Thinking, I can't take anymore

I know that I don't have many
Years left inside of me
My hearing is slowly failing
It's getting harder to see

So as winter slowly takes over
And slows me more each year
When my time on earth is done
I won't shed a tear

8-3-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Wonder

I've watched the waves
Rush to shore
They wet my feet
But I ignore

I've felt the rain
Hit my face
Alone I've stood
In time and place

I've seen the snow capped mountains
I've even skied a few
All these natural wonders
Cannot compare to you

When I look at your face
Your beauty rushes forth
A woman as wonderful as you
Is all I've ever sought

For now I feel peacefulness
In the depths of my heart
I heard that's where love
usually gets it's start

I know you are the reason
I feel the way I do
For nothing in the world
Can compare with you

1-30-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

My World

The swaying of the tree's
In a gentle summer breeze
Sets my mind at ease
Beauty is all I see

Hill tops covered green
As far as can be seen
Just like a dream
The feeling is so serene

I lay in the grass
Watch the world pass
Knowing it will last
Long after I've breathed my last

4-24-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

My World Transformed

Every time I look at you
My heart is always warmed
Since you came into my life
My world has been transformed

I've never known such happiness
Until you came along
In my heart I'll always know
That loving you just can't be wrong

Ray Hansell

Mystified

You called it "my" poem
You're exactly right
Because you were in my mind
When I sat down to write

I remembered many times
When your poems I read
The words to several of them
Swirl round and round inside my head

No need to talk about each one
Or about what they have to say
That type of discussion
Is better saved for another day

Sometimes things are better
When details are left out
Learning to read between the lines
Will tell you what it's all about

Mystery is good for the soul
As it can keep one guessing
Probably in our own way
That could really be a blessing

11-11-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

National Pastime

I've had this love for baseball
Ever since I was a child
I get great enjoyment at a game
It always makes me smile

What I like most of all
Is going to a game in person
With people screaming all around
A few of them even cursing

The cheering of the crowd
The lushness of the grass
I like a game that takes a while
I never like a game too fast

The crack of the bat
The flight of the ball
Watching as it descends
Over the outfield wall

The player trotting around the bases
As his team in the dugout applauds
Rounding third heading home
He has aided his teams cause

They appear headed for victory
To the home fans satisfaction
As they chase down the first place team
They must do it without distractions

2-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Needed A Break

She wasn't lost
Nor did she disappear
It's just that for a while
She couldn't be here

Was she missed?
Most definitely
Was she in my heart?
Most affectionately

Maybe she just needed
To take a time out
To get away and look at life
To erase and clear any doubts

3-11-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Neglect

I once held love in my hands
A love I thought would last forever
But some where along the way
I neglected the things in life
That once gave me pleasure

3-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Neither Cares

The tender words
We use to share
Are no longer heard
Because neither cares

The happy times
There were so many
But in my mind
I can't remember any

Maybe one day
When the hurt and pain
Are far away
I won't feel the same

If I can find a way
To let go of the past
Then the hurt and pain
I know will not last

5-11-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Neither Do Men

Is there a place
Where people go
Where it's okay
To let tears flow

Is there a place
Outside of a dream
Where one can go
To really scream

Is there a place
To go to cope
When you know
You've lost all hope

Is there a place
Where one can go
To let out all emotions
Free to show

Or must we continue
To always hide
All of our feelings
Because of our pride

Because in our youth
We were told back then
Boys don't cry
Neither do men

9-4-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Alone

You gave me your love
Your love gave me hope
The hope gave to me
The ability to cope

You gave me the strength
To stand on my own
Because of you I feel
I'll never stand alone

4-12-1/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Any Doubt

There's nothing wrong
When I with you
In fact I can say
Problems are very few

You chase away the sadness
That sometimes lingers within
You have that special way
To remind me of where I've been

You help me to see
All the good that does exist
When you reach for my hand
I just cannot resist

You've opened the door
Here in my heart
I am the one blessed
With a brand new start

No matters what happens
From here on out
When it come to loving you
In my heart they'll never be doubt

9-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Be Demanding

You gave all your love to me
I gently held it in my hands
You were the one to make me see
To help and understand

That love can be a fragile thing
As it can easily be broken
A symbol of love can be a ring
Along with words that are spoken

Love that exists between two
Will take work and understanding
Treat each day as brand new
Above all, don't be demanding

3-3-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Be Wrong

I want to touch
You so much
I want to give
You all my love

I want to lay
In your bed
As your words
Fill me head

I want to feel
Your body soft
In your love
I want to get lost

Like floating on a cloud
High up in the sky
We'll let the whole world
Slowly pass us by

I want to feel
Your tender lips
As you warm me
With a kiss

I want to love you
Like never before
I will always come back
To you for sure

Because your in
My heart to stay
I love you more
Each passing day

The love I feel inside
Remains so very strong
I know that us together
Could never be wrong

2-8-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Depart

I never ever question
Things my heart will do
Like the time it opened up
Then, I fell in love with you

I always follow my heart
I have since my youth
It helps me to see
When I need to find the truth

If I have some doubt
If I'm not too sure
That's when my heart
Will throw up a detour

Until I'm really certain
About what to do
I know my heart will eventually
Help me to get through

3-29-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Easy

It's not always easy
To admit when you are wrong
But by doing this
Doesn't mean you're not strong

There is no shame in admitting
That you've made a mistake
But, admitting that you did
Is the choice only you can make

So while you still have time
You should make amends
To let the one's you have hurt
Know, they still are considered friends

11-27-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Forgotten Love

I dream of you each night
I miss you more each day
This is how I cope
Since you went away

I sometimes stare at your picture
I re-read the poems you wrote
A long time ago
I gave up any hope

That one day you'd return
To walk back through that door
But as time passes by
I know you won't be back no more

At night I look to the heavens
Just like we use to do
I wish upon a star
I say a prayer for you

A prayer that what you wish for
Will one day come your way
When the night is over
Happiness will find you the next day

At the time I never understood
Why you were so intent on leaving
I know those first few days
I spent my time just grieving

But as the days slipped away
I started to realize
The loneliness I saw
Each time I looked into your eyes

So now I know that you had to go
Because of what was missing inside
Though it hurt to see you leave
I'm not too proud to say I cried

If you ever wonder
Why I just let you go
Letting go is also a way to show
Someone how much you love them so

True I may have lost you
But in my heart I know
That no matter what ever happens
I did the right thing to let you go

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Give Up Hope

For every bad day
They'll be a good
When we think we can't
We found out we could

When our heart cries
And feels the pain
When the pain passes
We see the gain

When we feel we can't
Take no more
That's when hope
Walks through our door

We find our strength
In many ways
Knowing that doom and gloom
Will soon give way to sunny days

3-21-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Give Up On Yourself

My life has been good
That I must admit
But there were times
When I did want to quit

But I always had someone
Telling me don't give in
Because when you don't give your all
That is the real sin

If you are blessed with abilities
That others do not possess
Then you must always give all
And strive to do your best

Living life is no secret
It's as plain to see as the sky
Those who are successful
Are the ones who are willing to try

And when things go wrong
As they sometimes do
That when people watch you close
To see just what you'll do

And if what they thought
About you is true
A little setback
Will never stop you

So never give up trying
Giving up is a sign of those who fail
And to give up on yourself
Is a sign of self-betrayal

3-25-11/RJH

Never Go

In you I found
A love so true
You make love
Seem brand new

I feel like
I've known you for years
We have shared so much laughter
So very little tears

You'll all I ever want
You'll all I'll ever need
I'll always walk at your side
I'll never be the one to lead

In you I have
Love, beauty, grace and style
You give me a million reasons
To always wear this smile

5-22-2007/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Going To Last

I'm trying to find the right words
That I want to say
I want them nice and neat
Not in total disarray

I have missed you lately
Probably, more than I should
But I wouldn't give you up
Even if I know I could

Your intelligent conversations
Always hold me spellbound
I just can't and won't give up
On what we both have found

Two hearts that seem to be
Going in the same direction
Two people who I am sure
Could use some real affection

So many years of near misses
Have haunted me at night
Right now I feel I'm so close
To the truth finally being in sight

I hope this doesn't shock you
Or, make you want to walk away
Because you know if you do
I will search for you each day

I hope you have no regrets
For reaching back to me
What I want more than anything
Is your face one day to see

But if my words frighten you
Than, turn and run real fast
Because a one way relationship
Is never going to last

12-23-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Going To Stop

Another day
With thoughts of you
What am I
Supposed to do?

I miss you so
Everyday
I wish you were here
In every way

I wonder if we can
Make up for lost time
Or will the days without love
Forever be, yours and mine

I think of no one else
Because, no one else will do
There's only one woman that I want
That happens to be you

I'm counting the days until
I see your smiling face
I'm counting the days to when
You and I occupy the same space

The empty time between us
Seems like it's been forever
But I know one thing for sure
Times with you can only get better

4-26-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Heard It Said

The arms that use to hold me
Hold me no more
The lips that use to kiss me
Are no longer here to kiss
The sweet words she use to say
As we lay in bed
Those words are only memories
That swirl inside my head

Clocks are made for telling time
Cars are made for riding
But you know I never heard it said
That a man was made for crying

3-1-09/RjH

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Ray Hansell

Never Learned In School

When I was young and went to school
I learned my lessons well
But in school they never taught me
That love could be so swell

2-6-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Losing Hope

Listening to the rain
Falling from the sky
Sitting here alone
Asking myself why

Each day is spent alone
Each night is so lonely
I lay in the dark and wonder
Will I find my one and only

Oh, I've been in love before
At least a time or two
But the bond of love
Must be felt by two

No sense to be in love
When you're the only one who cares
Then at night you lay in bed
Wondering why you're even there

Believe me I'm not bitter
Nor am I anti-love
I just think it would be great
To have a special one to think of

11-5-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Should Have

She let me, into her heart
Her life I slowly took apart
Looking back I now see
Love never should have had a start

7-17-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Never The Same

The pain of losing you
Is the worst pain I've ever felt
It's by far the worst hand
That I've ever been dealt

I never knew a broken heart
Could ever feel this much pain
Now that I have lost you
Life will never be the same

5-22-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Too Late To Find God

Can anyone step forward
To claim they are sin free?
Then please speak up
For you are greater than me

I know of not one person
Who can make such claim
If you're out there come forward
Please tell us your name

I don't see anyone moving
Or calling out their name
If you think about it
That really is a shame

No one has lived their life
Clean and sin free
I guess that goes for all of you
It also includes me to

But it's never too late
To cleanse your soul
You are never too young
Nor are you ever too old

Talk to God and ask Him
If it's too late to come clean
I'm sure He'll be happy
To help you change your scene

A kind, warm and sin free person
To help carry His word
When you kneel to talk with Him
I promise you'll be heard

Emotions will take over
Your soul will be set free
You will feel the happiness
That I felt inside of me

I gave my life to God
Then got it back in return
I was so glad to find out
It's never, too late to learn

1-16-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Never Win

I cried because I lost love
The day that I lost you
I cried for myself
For I didn't know what to do

You know you meant the world to me
For you I'd do anything
But it seems that when it comes to love
That's a game I can never win

But I know that I'll keep trying
To find the one for me
Hoping that one day soon
Happy, is what I'll be

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Ray Hansell

New Meaning

I hope someday
I can find a way
To think of you
And not cry

You said goodbye
I don't know why
But believe me
I will try

I have to let you go
Because that's what you asked
I never in a million years
Ever thought you'd become my past

I stood there as you walked away
Numb, from head to toe
It's funny how things work out
And the things we think we know

Goodbye is a word
That's heard every day
But it takes on a new meaning
As you watch the one you loved walk away

8-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

News Paper Blues

I read the daily paper
To catch up on the news
I don't know why I bother
Because it just gives me the blues

The head-lines say a murder
Happened late last night
So I read the story
Hoping it will shed some light

They say the motive was robbery
It was committed at the same time
I don't know why I read the papers
It seems it's just filled with crime

I guess it's go to know the news
Read it if you choose
But for me I think I'm done
I'm tired of the news PAPER BLUES

5-31-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Next Battle

So many times before
You threatened to walk out the door
What do you have in store?
For the next battle in love's war

8-12-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Next Sunday I'll Come Back

Lord I'm asking you
To please give me the strength
To make it through another day
Without losing my mind

Sometimes I feel so depressed
That I want to end it all
But when I get to feeling bad
That's when on You I call

I know that you can help me
To get through another day
I know from You I'll find the answer
To eventually find my way

I have searched for many years
In hopes of finding happiness
It took me until now
To realize, it was You I missed

So thank you for taking the time
To get me back on track
I promise You come next Sunday
I will once again come back

7-16-09/RjH

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10-16-16

Ray Hansell

Next Time

We met

We loved

Then went our separate ways

Next time

I hope that love stays

6-21-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Next Time Around

You had a love that you thought was strong
But now things are terribly wrong
You wonder if they'll be a second chance
To once again find romance
You've seen it happen to your friends
Happy beginnings, tearful ends
But you never thought you'd see the day
When divorce would come your way

Please know it's alright to cry
Let those tears fall from your eyes
Take all the time that you need
Because your heart is going to bleed
You're not the first whose ever lost
Sometimes love comes at a cost
We all know it's not nice
Love should never come at a price

But you'll pick yourself up and move on
Soon, the anger and pain will be gone
Before you know it they'll come a day
When tears no longer fall your way
I know one day you will find
That love in fact can be kind
For somewhere out there waits a man
Who'll come and gently take your hand

One day I hope you will see
The similarities between, you and me
You see, I to have lost at love
So I know what I speak of
This is why you must let go
Give a new love a chance to grow
If you remember to take your time
In the end things will work out fine

Because what you thought you'd never find
Is now with you all the time
You found that true love does exist

Right now you just can't resist
To scream out loud your in love
All the way up to the heavens above
This great new love that you found
You know this time it will stay around

10-18-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Next Time Around For You

I have lost at love before
I'm sure I'm not the only one
I'm sure there are many other's
Whose hearts has come undone

But, that's no reason to give up
And shut love out from your life
Who knows maybe the next time around
It will be extremely nice

1-22-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Next To You

Lying close beside you
I hold you in my arms
The world outside seems to me
To be, a million miles away
When you're lying next to me
Nothing else really matters
All that I want, all that I need
I have in you
Many times I thought I was in love
But I see now that wasn't true
Because what I feel right now
I've never felt before
Until I laid beside you

(5-16-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

Nice And Clear

I heard the words of love
You whispered in my ear
When you spoke them to me
They were so nice and clear

You held my hand as you spoke
Your words of love flowed free
The things you said were so amazing
Because they were meant for only me

4-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Nice To Know

Floating along life's river
Sometimes at a rapid pace
Things happen so quickly
I sometimes lose my place

The rushing of everyday living
Sometimes wears me down
But it's nice to always know
That I have you around

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Ray Hansell

No

No beginnings
No ends
No thoughtful messages
For me to send

No one to hold
No one to love
No one for me
To think of

Alone I start
Each and every day
Alone it ends
What can I say

No one to love
No one to kiss
My life is lived
With something missed

I don't when
This might end
It's like living life
On a descend

But I know
The day will come
When from myself
I'll no longer run

6-25-16/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Apology Needed

You said you were sorry
I wondered what for
You didn't do anything
That ever made me sore

So please don't apologize
One isn't needed from you
Because for the life of me
What would I do

I can't accept your apology
Not knowing what it's for
So please do me a favor
Don't apologize no more

5-2610/RJH

Ray Hansell

No Body Loves Me Like You Do

I hold you close
On a winters night
The candle flame
Our only light

I see the love
Glow in your eyes
The love in me
Is on the rise

The softness of your skin
As it presses against mine
Right now nothing matters
As we're lost in love and time

I wandered like a lost soul
With no place to stand
Then you came to me
You reached out your hand

Now the love inside both of us
Burns as hot as any fire
All the love you give to me
I will forever desire

I'll stay right here with you
Holding you so tight
Knowing my love for you
Burns bright on this winter night

To me it is so plain to see
In my heart I feel it to
I know that nobody can
Love me like you do

1-1-10/RJH

No Desire

Do you still feel the same
Late at night, do you call my name
Or has time dimmed the flame
Because you just don't feel the same
What was once a burning fire
Are now just ashes that lack desire
Our flame of love that burned so bright
No longer glows in the night
It's just a flicker of what use to be
Because you no longer love me
It's always sad to see love die
Because someone is always left to cry
Or maybe we just refuse to see
No one wants to admit, it's because of me
Why does pride get in the way
To keep us from saying things we should say

12-26-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

No Fire

Trying to find a way
To make sense of this life
It gets tougher by the day
Loneliness fills the night

No one to talk with
No warm hand to hold
As the years sail on by
They continue to get cold

The will is very strong
The need a burning desire
Sometimes when it comes to love
No one ever lights the fire

5-28-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Great Expectations

There are so many qualities
About you that I adore
Maybe that's the reason
I keep coming to your door

You never sit and judge me
You take me as I am
Although I know I have my faults
Just like any man

But you seem to overlook
My short comings that you see
You somehow look past all that
And accept me for being me

You have no great expectations
If you did, I'd probably let you down
When you are with me
I've yet to see you frown

Each day I think to myself
My world is a happy place
My heart over flows with love
Every time I see your face

Ray Hansell

No Human Race

I was born in 207hate
That was a cold and cruel year
I remember it so well
For the world was in fear

Wars raging everywhere
People dying by the score
Millions of people shouting
Please don't kill any more

But the killing never stopped
The wars just raged on
Very soon most of the people
Here on earth were gone

Not long after the last battle
About the time the last bombs fell
The last remnants of earth
Resembled a living hell

World leaders wanted war
They just couldn't wait
Well take a good look around
There's no one left to hate

Everyone predicted
That this would take place
The planet earth stands alone
Without a human race

RjH/2-20-07

Ray Hansell

No Hurry, No Worry

I use to live and worry
I use to live and hurry
But since I met you
My hurrying and worrying are through

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Ray Hansell

No Joy For Them

Once again it's Christmas
As festive times fill the air
People Christmas shopping
Moving about without care

People talking and laughing
Drinking their favorite lattes
Having themselves a good time
While misery lives not far away

For many Christmas is a celebration
A time for joy and cheer
But let's not forget the people
Surrounded by despair and fear

Not enough food to feed their young ones
Barely enough clothes to keep them warm
All the time their hearing
Those joyful Christmas songs

But the joy of Christmas
Is somehow lost on them
Hopefully one day this life
Will be one they can overcome

Ray Hansell

No Longer A Doubter

It was my darkest hour
I felt so all alone
I said to myself
I won't make it on my own

Suddenly my eyes
Were blinded by a light
I thought to myself
Things might be alright

It was at that very moment
That was when I knew
That no matter what
I'm going to make it through

At times we all need
Help from a higher power
Now, because of Him
I am no longer a doubter

10-14-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Longer Care

You said goodbye so easily
You didn't even flinch
You said it without a problem
It seemed like such a eynch

But for me to hear you say it
Hurt so very much
Because you did it so easily
I won't make a fuss

I'll leave it like it is
Me here, you there
That should make things easy
Now that you no longer care

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Longer Down And Out

You took this man
Who was down and out
You showed him what true love
Was really all about

You lifted his spirits
You made him smile
He can now see being in love
Can be so worthwhile

He hopes that you and him
Can somehow make it forever
As you take things that are good
You make them seem so much better

4-10-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Longer There

Where do you go when you're defeated
Where do you go when you're beat
Where do you go when reality
Knocks you clean off you're feet

You know it wasn't right
In fact some may think it cruel
Because you took love
You used it like a tool

You found out the hard way
That love is not a game
It can't be used or twisted
Or played with for personal gain

When love is right it's gracious
When love is true it's strong
When love gets used and abused
Everyone knows this is wrong

So if you have a love that's true
You must handle it with care
Because one day when you wake up
You may find it's no longer there

5-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

No Matter What

When in view
I love you
When out of view
I love you to
No matter what you ever do
My heart will stay
In love with you

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Ray Hansell

No More

She gave all her love to me
All I gave her was time
She promised me her tomorrows
All I promised her was rhyme

Then one night without a word
She walked out the door
You see I never gave her love
She'll give me her love no more

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Ray Hansell

No More Us

No more loving
No more touching
No more feeling
No more hugging

No more good morning's
No more good night's
No more goodbye's
No more hello's

No more love left to share
No more do we even care
No more hurt left to spare
No more will you see me there

No more chances
No more glances
No more dances
No more romance

No more

1-31-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Need For Someone Else

As I walk through this life of mine
I don't need anyone here with me
To some loneliness is hard to bear
I know I'm strong enough to go it alone
I'm not the kind who needs someone there

I'm sure it's nice to have someone
To tell you how much they care
Because when burdens trouble you
For some it's nice to have someone there

So many years I've been alone
To be honest, I like it this way
I never throw a pity party
I just live from day to day

Some people may say that's not living
It's just existing day to day
To them I would reply this way
I'll live my life my way you live life your way

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Ray Hansell

No Need To Pretend

As I've walked down life's road
The journey has been grand
My journey got even better
The day you took my hand

I love the way you love me
The special things you say
Everyday spent with you
Is like a summers day

With you I don't have to pretend
To be someone I'm not
I know the love we share
Is not a one time shot

The soft and gentle way
You kiss me on the cheek
I know inside my heart
The outlook isn't bleak

In fact I think the future
Is looking very bright
I know how great it would be
To hold you every night

I promise to be honest
I promise to be true
I want to spend my life
Loving only you

12-31-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

No Need To Roam

True love gets tested
Every now and than
If you push temptation away once
You can do again and again

If your heart belongs to someone
Than, there is no valid reason why
That when you go out in public
You should have a roaming eye

That ring on your finger is a symbol
Of your love pledged to another
That's the exact reason why
You don't need to find another lover

If you have everything you need
Waiting for you at home
Than there should be no reason why
You heart should ever go out to roam

2-17-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

No One

So many things to say
Yet, no one to say them to
So many things to do
But no one to do them with
So many places to go
But no one to accompany me
So many songs to sing
But no ears around to listen
So much love to give
But no one near to receive it
So many years left to live
No one to live them with
I guess that I was destined
To live life all alone

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Ray Hansell

No One But You

The day starts
With me alone
All by myself
You at home

We connect
Then go to eat
A day with you
Is such a treat

We sit at lunch
Our eyes embrace
To me this is
My escape

Alone with you
Love holds me tight
Life with you
Is more than right

I've given you my love
Please say you'll take my heart
Please come and take my hand
Together, let our life start

Loving someone forever
Is not an easy thing to do
But when it comes to loving
For me there's only you

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Ray Hansell

No One Else

Every time I think of you
A smile comes to my face
I always knew that no one else
Could ever take your place

So many years together
I've thought of no one else
Every time you kiss me
You know my heart still melts

I never thought this feeling
Of love could last so long
Not only has it lasted
It continues to grow strong

I am so very happy
That many years ago
When I hoped that you cared
I was so glad you let it show

You said, you'd stay forever
To love me for a lifetime
I said, I will do the same
If your love is only mine

3-25-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

No One Is Exempt

Who holds the answer
To the problems that we face
Is there a way
To find an escape

Go to a party
Or a picture show
So for a few hours
Your life is on the go

But sooner or later
It's back to reality
And eventually
Your problems again you'll see

It was so much easier
Back when I was young
Life had little problems
We were too busy having fun

But as we grew older
Responsibilities began to mount
Knowing sooner or later
On problems we can all count

Now people with no problems
Seem to handle what comes their way
But those who are not able to
Will live with problems everyday

So if life has you worried
Because problems are always there
The one to remember
Most face some kind of despair

8-18-06/RJH

No One Takes Me Serious

No one takes me serious
I guess I am to blame
Because what ever people say
I turn into fun and games

People always tell me
Hey, your a funny guy
They only see my smiles
They never see me cry

I have no one to love
No one to hold at night
No one to sit and tell
Things will be alright

All my fun and joking
Has gotten the better of me
I need love just like you
But that no one can see

No one takes me serious
I guess I am to blame
Because I always treated love and life
Like it was just a game

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

No Pretense

I know it might sound crazy
But, thank you for being you
I wanted you to know
That I mean this true

Too many people try to be
Someone that the're not
It's like they don't like
The way they are or what they've got

That's why I have to say
I love you for being you
All the things you say
All the things you do

You don't pretend to be
Anyone else but you
Remember, to yourself
Is the person you must be true to

12-6-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Santa

The children went to sleep
Hoping Santa would come
But if it's like last year
Christmas day will not be fun

Under the tree they'll not see
Christmas this year
It's always been like this
As they shed a silent tear

They'd be happy with just one
Present to have to open
It seems they spend so much time
Wishing and just hoping

You see, they were told to be good
Or Santa wouldn't come tonight
So they were good all year long
But things still didn't turn out right

While many people celebrate
The presents they received
Many more are left to wonder
Why they should even believe

12-25-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

No Seems To Know

Sometimes love comes fast
Sometimes love comes slow
But exactly when love will come
No one seems to know

5-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Sun Today

No sun today
Only clouds and rain
All this stormy weather
I know is to blame

For the way I'm feeling
All I want to do is sleep
What good is the spring time
If sunny weather we can't keep

The sun should be shining
The flowers all in bloom
But instead of a spring time feeling
It seems all there is, is gloom

5-17-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

No Surprise

I hold you close
In a warm embrace
WE look at each other
Face to face

We look into
Each other's eyes
What we see
Is no surprise

I love you very deeply
You love me the same way to
So I guess the best thing to do
Is to spend my life loving you

9-29-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Thoughts Tonight

My pen has run out of ink
My thoughts have all run dry
I can't find a rhyme
No matter how hard I try

I look for inspiration
Something to help me write
But I'm stuck in the darkness
Like a train in the night

I think I've hit a block
I've come to screeching halt
Is something wrong with me?
It it all my fault

I wonder have I reached the end
With no more thoughts to write
I wonder what I'll do
If my thoughts stay out of sight

6-3-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Trust

I hear her on TV
As she talk with a whiney voice
Giving her support
To the Party's choice

However, I do believe
The person that she names
Is just as bad as her
Playing their political games

I don't believe any of them
They are in it for personal gain
They do not care about you and me
I give all politicians my full disdain

11-4-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Winner

I hope one day to see you
Somewhere down the road
One day maybe we'll recall
All the love we showed

We said goodbye in such haste
No friendly words were exchanged
But what we felt those last few days
For months have remained unchanged

Hopefully some day down the road
Our hearts will be able to heal
All the trust that we lost
Was something that we couldn't conceal

Both of us have been hurt
That there is no doubt
Maybe the reason why
Because we didn't know what love was about

But time they say is a healer
For almost everything
When it comes to love that ends
No one will ever win

9-15-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Words To Say

I heard the piano playing
As it sang out it's sad song
Just for that very moment
I felt so sad and alone

As I gazed to the casket
With my watery eyes
It was still so very hard
For me to realize

That someone who was
A part of my life each day
Is no longer with me
There are no words for me to say

2-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

No You No Me

For the love in my life
Who lights the flame in my heart
The place that you will
Always be a part

Life is very brief
Time passes in a flash
But at least I know
Our love found a way to last

There were times when I thought
We had reached the end
There was a time when I thought
I'd lost my best friend

But looking back
At all we've been through
I came to the realization
There is no me without you

9-22-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Non-Committal

Could a day
Like today
Have been better
In any way?

I don't think so
How about you
Not with the things
We got to do

It's so plain
For me to see
That you're the only
One for me

True love comes
To those who wait
But true love
Never arrives too late

So right now
I say to you
That someday soon
That's what we'll do

I'll spend my time
Giving you my love
The only woman
That I'll think of

When the time
For us arrives
I know that love
Will still be alive

Because I know
That we'll belong
Always together
With a love so strong

Ray Hansell

Not Always Bright

Some days it's cloudy and overcast
Some days the sun shines bright
But we must all always remember
That we can't always stand in the light

Everybody has their dark days
When everything goes wrong
That's when you really have to
Stand tall and be strong

Of course when things are going right
Your sailing right along
Then all of a sudden
You run into one of life's storms

It really could be anything
Something at work or home
But when it will happen
That is the unknown

So, we must always be prepared
For anything at all
We'll never know when we'll need to answer
A crisis in life when it calls

So, always enjoy the good times
When that sun is shining bright
Because it usually doesn't take too much
For something to make us lose the light

1-2-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Not Always Shining

Some days it's cloudy and overcast
Some days the sun shines bright
But I must always remember in life
You can't always stand in the light

2-15-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Not Feeling It Yet

Often times I wonder to myself
How many years I have left
Because of the years already gone
They will be far from my best

I still get around very good
Still playing racquetball
I can still run all over the court
I rarely if ever fall

I can still beat people
Who are half my age
If I didn't know better
I'd think they were closer to a grave

But I know I'm slowing down
As the years take their toll
But still here inside my mind
I must say, I do not feel old

10-21-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Not For Every One

I thought love held the answer
Of what I was looking for
But I should have known better
As I had been down that road before

Love is not for everyone
That's so very plain to see
And if you doubt what I say
Just take a look at me

Each time I thought I found love
It slipped right through my hands
For me, holding on to love
Is like trying to hold on to sand

3-14-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Not Hold You

So many times I held you close
Never giving it a second thought
But now that you've gone away
Not holding you
Is what I miss the most

4-18-09/RjH

Submitted 3-28-14-

Ray Hansell

Not Meant To Be

I happen to see you today
Walking along the street
I was so very happy
That we would chance to meet

When we saw each other
Our eyes grew open wide
It was our excitement
That neither one could hide

It had been a while
Since our eyes had met
Knowing that what we shared
We will never forget

But it seemed like something
Inside of me was amiss
It's been such a long time
That I have felt like this

To be completely honest
I no longer feel the same
I don't want to say
That anyone is to blame

It seems the time between us
Has driven us apart
Inside my heart I believe
That we should both be smart

I believe we are better off
Staying where we are
I know it may sound funny
It may even seem bizarre

But what I once felt for you
It's not there anymore
I feel that long ago
We got what we asked for

You called an end to us
You made it very clear
That any time for us
Was no longer here

So, I have to tell you
Let's just leave it this way
I feel for you and I
This is the better way

So I wish for you
Nothing but the best
But I think the time is now
That we put us to rest

The love we use to share
Was truly a great love
But it's no longer you
That I always think of

That's not a bad thing
So, please don't take it wrong
But I believe us together
Is a place where we don't belong

9-1-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Not My Choice

I miss your pretty face
As it looked toward me
I miss that warming touch
As gentle as can be

I miss the wonderful lady
Who filled my life with joy
I'm sad as a child
Who lost their favorite toy

For I cannot see you
I cannot hear your voice
I miss you more each day
Because this was not my choice

I so much need to hold you
To feel your heart beat with mine
I so much want to hold you
If only for just one last time

8-6-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Not Needing Anything More

The hands of time may stand still
But I know our hearts never will
I can't think of anything else I'd rather do
Then spend my time loving you
Sometimes the world seems crazy
So hard to understand
But as long as we share love
I could never want for more

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Not Old Fashion

Love and passion
Are not old fashion
You know love can be
Sometimes, everlasting

A love that's true
In your heart
Is a love that will
Never part

Hold love close
Never let it go
A lasting love
Will always show

When you say,
"I Love You";
It should be
Heart felt and true

When you speak those words
They should come from the heart
After all isn't that where true love
Usually gets it start?

9-10-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Not Tempted

You tell me that you love me
I believe this to be true
But you know there's no way
I could ever love you

Back home someone waits
For me to return
I can't play this game
I'm not in the mood to learn

How to live a cheating life
Maybe break someones heart
Believe me when I tell you
We're better off to never start

I've often heard it said
Winners never cheat, cheaters never win
I'm happy where I am
That's the way it always been

10-11-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Not That Long Ago

It was a day just like today
Not that long ago
You came along and made me strong
You helped the love inside me show

You made my life come alive
Just by being you
Times when I needed you the most
You always came through

I don't know what I'd do
If the day should come
When I turned to reach for you
And I touched no one

It was a night just like tonight
Not that long ago
You came to me with loving eyes
And a heart that watched love grow

11-23-1977/RjH

Ray Hansell

Not The Same

I'm looking in the mirror searching
For the man I use to be
I remember him so well
He was a joy to see

But lately it seems so many things
Weigh so heavy on my mind
It seem I'm always feeling down
Just about all the time

I have no one to talk with
No one to express my feeling to
The one thing that I think about
Is the thing I don't want to do

I keep thinking I'd be better off
If I weren't here no more
At least the loneliness I feel now
I wouldn't feel no more

But for me to want to do that
I know would not be fair
Because in this world I have a son
For whom I deeply care

4-15-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Not Worth Another Try

I don't think that we should see
Each other anymore
I think you would be better off
If I just walked the door

Please don't ask me why
If I told you you'd just cry
So lets just say goodbye
I'm not worth another try

11-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Nothing But Pleasure

When I see you smile
It brings joy to my heart
I can't tell you when
This feeling had it's start

The gentle way you talk with me
The way you caress my face
I can't imagine at any time
Wanting to be in another place

So here we are
Living life together
Every day spent with you
Brings me nothing but pleasure

10-2-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Nothing Else Matters

You don't love someone for their looks
You love them for who they are
Someone who is kind, warm and caring
Someone who lights up your day
Someone who adds sparks to your night
Don't worry about what they look like
As long as you someone
Who cares what others think
As long as they love you in return
Does anything else really matter?

5-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Nothing I Wouldn'T Do

How can I ever Thank You
For all that you have done
You opened up the door
You let me see the sun

You gently took me by the hand
You showed me what life was for
For that I'll have to Thank You
I'll be indebted to you for evermore

So if a day should ever come
That I can somehow repay you
All you have to do is call
For you there's nothing I wouldn't do

7-18-09? RjH

Submitted 3-21-14

Ray Hansell

Nothing Is Forever

She stood there
With tears in her eyes
Pain in her heart
If she had known
That love could be so painful
She never would have given it a try

She believed that when they said,
I do
She believed that love would last forever
But she's found out the hard way
That nothing, lasts forever

7-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Nothing Left

I miss you
I always do
I close my eyes
I see you

But when they open
I'm so sad
All that's left
Is what we had

11-28-06

Ray Hansell

Now That We Are

I never thought of us as we
I never imagined you with me
But now that we are
I hope we go far
For all the world to see

9-9-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Nurses, Doing What They Do

She sat there holding hands
With a man she'd never known
Just so he wouldn't feel
Like he was there all alone

This man she had never met
Nor would she even get to know
As she sat holding a strangers hand
She was doing, just what nurse's do

5-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Of Course I Do

You told me that you loved me
As Tears fell from your eyes
I looked at you and asked
Tell me than, why is it that you cry

You said, I've never said those words
To any man before
Now that I have said them
In my heart I'm not to sure

You said, I wonder if you have
The same feelings as I do
That's when I told her
Look into my eyes, you'll see that I love you

4-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Oh!

I looked up and saw you there
Oh! what a great surprise
I couldn't believe I saw you
Right before my eyes

I couldn't have asked for more
On a beautiful sunny day
Then to have someone as lovely as you
There, walking my way

My day was now made complete
All because of you

6-25-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Oh, How I Miss You

Reflections of us
Memories of love
Yesterday is gone
Memories forever last

Good times, bad times
We've had a few
Today we're apart
Oh, how I miss you

A distance between us
My heart cries in pain
Will love come tomorrow
Or will I still feel the same?

1-30-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

Oh, To Be Left Alone

Why does it seem
I always get woken up
In the middle of a dream?

I'm sound asleep
Then I'm awakened
My dreams, I never get to keep

In the middle of a book
Someone has a question
I never answer, I just throw them a look

In the middle of a game
The phone seems to ring
The disruptions drive me insane

I wonder why it seems
That others want to bug me
Until I want to scream

Oh, to be at home
But never left alone

7-14-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

On A Clear Day

On a clear day
It seems like you can see forever
No clouds in the way
A deep blue colored sky
The bright sun to light the way

Soon the day gives way to night
The stars will shine so bright
The full moon begins
A wonderful night following a beautiful day

It should always be like this
Each and every day
Beauty all around us
Nothing to get in the way

On a clear day
It seems like you can see forever
On a clear day
Life just seems that much better

8-23-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

On A Sunny Day

On a sunny day
Just like today
You were here by my side
You're no longer here
So I must hide
So people don't see me cry

On a sunny day
Just like today
We'd lie in a field of green
To watch the world pass by
We'd wish those sunny days
Could somehow go on forever

It was a sunny day
Just like the one today
You said goodbye to me
I sat and sadly
Watched you slowly walk away

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Ray Hansell

On Any Given Day

I can some how feel you
I know you're on this site
I wish that you would tell me
How things are with you tonight

Have you gone into hiding
Or, is something else wrong
If you were to share with me
Together we could be strong

But I also know you have pride
A strong individual
I also know when you need strength
The route you take is biblical

I know you look to God first
That's a wise thing to do
You can get from prayer
What others can't give to you

Just know that I'm always here
Never that far away
I can be that ear to listen
On any given day

6-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

On Any Night

You are my heater
You are my fire
You fill my soul
With such desire

The way you hold me
The way you kiss
How could I ever need
Anything more than this

You give to me
All that I need
My love for you just grew
Like that of a planted seed

As the days pass us by
And the love we share just grows
I promise, my love for you
Is the one thing that will always show

I'll love, protect and defend you
I'll let no one cause you pain
When I hold you in my arms
It's there I hope you will remain

9-25-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

On My Face

The air is clear
The sky is blue
All my thoughts
Are of you

The many nights we spend alone
Just confirms what I've always known
That this love inside of me
For you has always grown

Love is not always easy
Love is not always calm
Love cannot be worn
Bracelet or charm

But the love I wear for you
Is always in it's place
I wear it always in my heart
People see it on my face

11-26-1977/RjH

Ray Hansell

On My Own

The genie said, I'll grant you anything
That your heart desires
Just give it some thought
That's all that is required

But there is one simple rule
Don't ask me to find you love
You must find that on your own
That's what true love is made of

You have to find your own love
So you'll know that's it's true
That is the only thing
I will not do for you

4-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

On Saying Goodbye

Everyone has a sad day
No matter who you are
There are certain days
That are the saddest by far

One of the saddest of all days
Is seeing someone leave
You don't want to but
In your heart you know you'll grieve

It's usually someone special
Someone who lives in your heart
You don't want to face the day
When you know they will part

You know you must be strong
Leaving is something they must do
They are doing it for themselves
Not to just hurt you

You have to stand back
You have to let them go
But before they leave
You must let them know

Just how much they mean to you
How much they have enriched your life
Even though you know saying goodbye
Is going to cut you like a knife

Let them know because of you
Your life was made better
You will forever remember them
Even as your eyes keep getting wetter

The tears that will fall
Will be tears of joy and sorrow
Joy, because you've known them
Sorrow, because they'll be gone tomorrow

But always remember the memories
You have because of them
When you sit back and remember
You'll remember all the fun back then

So let them go with grace
Wear a smile upon your face
Knowing that their place
In your heart is secure and safe

7-9-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Once Again

The quiet of the evening
Is shattered
By the firing of a gun
I run from the liquor store
With a hand full of bills

I run down and alley
I jump to climb a fence
I hear a cop yell stop!
I fail to heed his call

The night once again is shattered
By the firing of a gun

Ray Hansell

One For The Road

You raise your drink
You tip your glass
You say, "one for the road"
Well, that last drink that you take
Could be your life's biggest mistake

1-12-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

One More Kiss

My days are so lonely
My nights so very long
I thought I wouldn't miss you
But I was so very wrong

I miss all the things you gave to me
But baby I have just one wish
That just one more time
I could taste your tender kiss

Ray Hansell

One More Time

When does the suffering
And the pain go away
Or does it stay
Inside of us forever
When does the memory
Not burn in our mind
Do we ever accept
What has come to be
Or do we mourn
For a lifetime
Over something
We cannot change
Do the tears at night
Ever stop falling
Or does our life
Stay on hold forever
I know we must move on
I know we must still live
But how do you get over
Losing your only child
Do you hate
Do you pray
What do you think
What do you say
The sun doesn't shine
As bright as it use to
The star's in the sky
Look a little dimmer
A cold winter night
Seems a little colder
While the hot summer day
Brings back the memories
Of a child at play
The world still turns
While my heart still yearns
To hold him
Just one more time

9-7-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

One Of A Kind

Let's raise our glass to make a toast
To a good person who never boast

He was gentle, warm and kind
A better person you couldn't find

Always there when you needed a hand
Never alone would he let you stand

No matter the job, big or small
He'd always help you do it all

It didn't matter what the task
All you had to do was ask

So when I heard that he had passed away
It was a very sad and mournful day

He truly was one of a kind
So glad in life he was a friend of mine

1-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

One Of Those Nights

It's one of those nights
When you turn out the lights
You say to yourself
Something is not right

She's laying right here
Next to you
But there's nothing
That you want to do

You don't want to kiss her
You don't want to touch
Because in your heart
You love someone else so much

You lay awake thinking each night
Just what you're going to do
Knowing in your heart
The one you miss should be next to you

1-30-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

One On The Way

Remember the day not long ago
When you and I first said, hello

I smiled at you, you smiled at me
Together we couldn't wait to be

All the fun that we shared
Told us that we both cared

Soon we decided to make it forever
Ever since then life couldn't be better

Life was perfect for you and me
Just the two of us until, we learned we'd be three

We were so happy with the news
We needed a name so we had to choose

Soon we both settled on a name
Now we're done with that little game

Now it's time to raise our child
So he'll grow up to be worthwhile

We'll teach him right so he understands
Just what it takes to be a man

4-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

One Should Never Feel

A man all alone
No one to hold
Existing in a place
That's lonely and cold

The sounds of people talking
Were heard in every room
Now there's only silence
Like living in a tomb

Loneliness is something
No one should ever feel
If and when you feel it
You'd better have a heart of steel

It is the loneliest place
A heart can ever be
It is the saddest face
One will ever see

4-2-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

One Thing I Know For Sure

One thing that I've learned today
Is that there is no guarantee for tomorrow
Today could be filled with happiness and joy
Tomorrow, taken over by sorrow

What I've learned along the way
Is that no one is perfect
What may seem right today
Tomorrow, may be rejected

There's not much I know for sure
But one thing I know is true
Yesterday, today and tomorrow
I will always be in love with you

1-20-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

One Too Many

He lived his life
Inside a bottle
It seems the whiskey
Was his throttle

It got him going
It kept him running
The amount he could drink
People found stunning

He could out drink anyone
No matter the time of day
Just the bottle in front of him
Then watch it slowly go away

He was Mr. Happy when ever he drank
Always laughing having fun, everybody's friend
No matter who your were
A drink to you he'd always send

He was always the last one out
When it was time to close
It was his favorite place to be
It was simply just called Joe's

One night while all the patrons
Were sitting around drinking beer
They all suddenly realized
There was a voice they didn't hear

The man who always sat at the end stool
Was no where to be found
That end of the bar was quiet
No one there to make a sound

On nightly news was on the TV
The story was about a crash
They showed the drivers picture
But only for a flash

But in that instant we all recognized
The driver of the car
It was the man who always say
At the end of the bar

The story said, nine people died
But one person did survive
It was the man from the end of the bar
The only one left alive

They said he ran a red light
Then crashed into a van
When he got out of his car
The cops said, he could hardly stand

He was always Mr. Happy
Who was always in the bar
He should have been a smart man
And never gotten into his car

He will now have to pay the price
He must live with what he's done
All those years of so much drinking
For him they'll be no more fun

Ray Hansell

Only A Guest

The greatest love I ever knew
I found the day I met you
The greatest day in my life
Was when you became my wife
Then you gave to us a son
That's when life became great fun
Teaching him things he had to know
He got smarter as he continued to grow
As he got older it was plain to see
He no longer needed you and me
He was old enough to branch out on his own
He no longer needed the safety of home
The years passed by with such speed
As we were getting older indeed
Soon simple tasks were difficult to do
The pains of growing old we finally knew
The winters seem colder then they ever were
Life continues to pass in a blur
I've enjoyed it all both good and bad
The happy times even the sad
You see, in every life so much goes on
That before you know it, it will all be gone
So, I'll sit back and enjoy the time that's left
Remember, by being born here we are still only a guest

11-14-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Only For You

You let my love into your heart
In there I know it's safe
I wouldn't really want it
In any other place

You treat it kind and gentle
Just like it should be treated
Now because you love me
I have all that's needed

No one else could love me
The way that you do
The only love that I want
Is the love I get from you

4-6-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Only Getting Worse

I listen to the talkers
They all talk like they know it all
But yet, I don't hear
How to stop this economic fall

Gas prices just keep rising
Food prices do the same
But from where I'm standing
They say, no one is to blame

People losing jobs
At a record pace
The whole world is becoming
A very confused place

No one seems to know
Exactly what to do
Things are getting worse
For everyone including you

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Ray Hansell

Only Memories Are Left

The hands that use to hold me
Are now holding someone new
Life lived without her
What the hell will I do

I guess she doesn't need me now
That I can plainly see
This time will soon be our past
All that will be left will be just memories

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Only The Sky

The night was quite
Cold and still
I remember it well
As you gave me a thrill

Your love was warm
Like a burning fire
I knew together
We would conspire

I knew before
This night would end
To me you would be
More than a friend

Now here we are
Together you and I
Knowing our limit
Is only the sky

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Only Time Will Tell

I can't stay away from you
I don't know why I tried
The feelings that I have for you
Are feelings I can't hide

The thought of never touching you
Or kissing your sensuous lips
Or never hearing you whisper in my ear
Are things I don't want to miss

I think of you constantly
Your always on my mind
The thoughts I have of you
Are always soft, warm and kind

I don't want to lose you
But what am I to do
I love you far too much
To just say goodbye to you

My heart keeps telling me
Not to let you go
I think my heart is right
But how am I to know?

Only time will tell
If what I've done is right
Each day I always think of you
Then dream of you each night

I always felt deep inside
We'd share a life together
I haven't given up on that dream
In fact, that dream keeps getting better

So let me think about us
I must decide what to do
But I can tell you here and now
That in my future I see you

10-18-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Only You

Of course I watch the sun set
On warm summer nights
Of course it's most enjoyable
To do when holding you tight

Sharing all the beauty
Alone, just you and I
As we watch the ball of fire
As it slowly leaves the sky

I can't help but think to myself
I have finally realized
That my dream has come true
As you sit here before my eyes

Right now nothing else matters
In this world to me
I feel as warm as the setting sun
Content as one can be

You are sweet and wonderful
A beauty to behold
I'll always hold you in my arms
As the two of us grow old

8-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Only You Know

What I feel
Is so real
No one can steal

In my heart
It is concealed
Only for you
Will it be revealed

2-7-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Operating Room

The room was growing darker
My eyes wouldn't stay open
I drifted off just knowing
All I had was hope

It was out of my hands
It was no longer up to me
Other people had control
I could only wait to see

When I finally awakened
I knew all had gone well
I woke up here on earth
Instead of heaven or hell

3-3-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Opinions

You don't know
Who I am
Take the time
If you can

To know someone
Before you judge
Or dislike them
And hold a grudge

You don't know me
Yet you say
Bad things of me
Everyday

So get wise
Before you speak
To criticize
Shows you're weak

I don't speak
Bad of you
Or make fun of
The things you do

You see I don't
Know you at all
I have no reason
To make you look small

So please keep
Your opinions to yourself
Store them away
Like a book on a shelf

11-15-2009/RjH

Or Would You Just Wait And See

Will you stay with me?
Underneath the summer sun
Will you say the words?
That I'm the only one

Will you make me feel?
Like I've never felt before
Will love finally find its way?
To my hearts front door

Will you speak the words?
That everyone wants to hear
If you were to say them
Would they ring out loud and clear

Will you shout out to the world?
To say love has arrived
Or will you wait and just see?
If in fact we can survive

Will you play it cautious?
Then just wait and see
If the love you've found?
Was meant for you and me

No one knows for sure
How long any love can last
Too quickly a new love
Can just as fast become the past

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Others Will Never Know

I love the way you handle me
It's always with care
You are so very gentle
You treat me so very fair

You always pay attention
To all the small details
You're always at the top of your game
You never seem to fail

Your hands can work magic
Like I've never seen
The times we are together
Is like the birth of a dream

It seems the things I dream of
Are the things you always do
That's one of the many reasons why
I'm so in love with you

You take me to places
Many wish they could go
But the pleasures that I get from you
Others will never get to know

9-23-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Our Day Will Come

Sometimes work gets in the way
Of things we want to do
Just for an example
Look at what we were going to do

We had things all set up
To love the day away
But due to circumstances
Work got in the way

I guess that's what happens
When others are in control
The good time we were planning
Someone else just stole

But I always keep the faith
I know our day will come
When we can pass the hours
Making own fun

So for now we'll grin and bear it
We'll have to wait for another day
When I'll get to hold you close
As we love the day away

1-24-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Our Dying Day

You take me into your arms
You gently kiss my lips
When you go away
It's you I always miss

The way that you caress my face
The way you run your fingers through my hair
Your silent way of telling me
How much you really care

I hope that you and I
Can always stay this way
Living life in love
Until our dying day

2-15-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Our Last Night Together

In the darkness of the night
our bodies lay together
and we stay this way
all through the night
sleeping in each others arms
waiting for the sun to wake
as it starts a brand new day
we knew in our hearts
this was our way
to say our last goodbye
for once and for all

The love we once shared
couldn't survive
so this last night together
was what we wanted to do
but I know as I walk out the door
this will be my final goodbye
maybe we're crazy
maybe people wouldn't agree
but this was the way
we both wanted it to be

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Our Love Is Not

The past was great
And filled with times
I never will forget

Now we look forward
To whose knows what
Because our love is not

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Ray Hansell

Our Playground

Life use to be our playground
In all that we'd do
I really enjoyed my childhood
Especially, sharing it all with you

But what you never knew
Was the happiness I always felt
But than a bad thing happened
We both grew into adults

It seems now that our playground
Is not the same as it use to be
Life has become more complicated
Then the way it was for you and me

We both moved on and along the way
Lost track of one another
I met someone and fell in love
I heard you became a mother

I think back fondly of those days
When our lives were so uncluttered
Having no idea back then
All the things in life we'd discover

Never once did I ever think of you
As someone other than a friend
But the one thing I've come to realize
How much on you I did depend

I'll always remember our playground
Where we grew up as kids
It seems the simple things in life
Are the things we most often miss

2-26-19/RjH

Our Protectors

Deputies, Police Officer, Firefighters and EMS
Dispatchers, State Parole and Probation
These are the special people
Who on a daily basics protect our nation

5-13-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Our Secret Love

Am I blind
Or out of my mind
For loving you
The way I do

Openly we stare
Secretly we share
When no one else is there

9-9-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

Our Seperate Way

There was a time
When your heart
Was truly mine
But that was at the start

Time has passed
We both changed
Love didn't last
Now we must rearrange

The direction of our lives
As we go our separate ways
The past was built on lies
Hopefully we'll see better days

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Our Soldiers

Soldiers fight
Soldiers die
They never surrender
They always try

They fight for you and me
Against evil around the globe
But when they accused of wrong doing
People always want a probe

They call it misconduct
Many of us call it war
If you don't want them killing
What they hell are they fighting for

This war wasn't their doing
It was their governments call
But they seem to be the scapegoats
Who seem to have to take the fall

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Our World Of Love

A world no one else can penetrate
A world only we two share
A world full of memories all our own
A world where tears have been shed
A world where laughter has rung very loud
A world we built ourselves
Our own little world of love

11-20-75/RJH

Ray Hansell

Our...

You are my happiness
Our happiness
Is our togetherness
Our togetherness
Is our closeness
Our closeness
Is our loving
Our loving
Is endless

Ray Hansell

Out Run Your Past

My past always sneaks up on me
Like a stalker in the night
As I always get to wondering
If I can get out of sight

It seems no matter how fast I run
I just don't have the speed
To run as fast or as far
As I really need

I've always heard it said
You can't outrun your past
But now I must question
No one is really that fast?

But, should I keep trying?
Or should I just give in
Believing there's no chance
With a chance for me to win

3-5-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Over And Over Again

The first time that you kissed me
My darkened world lit up
You took me to places
I've never seen before
It's nice to think
It's nice to know
You'll take me to places
Over and over again

Ray Hansell

Overcoming A Double Mastectomy

There are psychological obstacles
That you must overcome
If anyone can do it
I believe you are the one

I know it will take time
For you to work things out
But you have to do it
So in your mind there is no doubt

You have to live with the belief
The choice you made was right
Though I'm sure when you're alone
You still shed tears at night

Believe me when I tell you
To me you'll always be
That wonderful beautiful woman
Who gave her love to me

6-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Owning Your Time

I wake up each morning
Ready to go through my day
I have no solid plans
No options I must weigh

I take each day as it comes
No need to make plans
Because each that I live
Belongs only to this man

You see, being retired
Your time is totally free
It belongs to no one
On that I guarantee

If someone needs a helping hand
You can be there to lend one
Knowing that when you're finished
Your commitment to them is done

You can then be on your way
Free of any obligations
Once again your time is yours
Exempt from any form of expectations

11-10-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Pain From The Past

Sometimes I keep my feeling
Locked up deep inside
I always keep them there
Where they are safe to hide

Sometimes when I open that door
So much hurt and pain comes out
Some times I don't understand
What my feelings are all about

I blame myself for my past
When maybe I'm not to blame
But I still do it
Hoping it may ease the pain

I have so much locked inside
I have no tears left to cry
I'll always remember my past
I often times wonder why

7-22-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Painful

Standing in the rain
A heart filled with pain
Will never be the same
If she don't come back again

8-25-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Painful, Good And Marvelous

When I'm holding you
I wonder to myself
Am I holding my future
Or will you be with someone else

Kissing you is wonderful
Beautiful beyond words
When our lips are meetings
I hear the singing of the birds

Loving can be painful
Loving can be good
Loving can be marvelous
When you treat it like you should

When we make love together
You take complete control
As together on the bed
We always rock and roll

When the loving is over
I lay there holding you
Right then at that moment
I'm doing just what I want to do

1-2-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Paradise Found

I've been searching all my life
For a place called paradise
I think I may have found it
The day that I found you

We climbed up to the mountain top
We looked as far as we could see
A feeling of exhilaration
Was washing over me

I've never felt this feeling
That I'm feeling now
I hope it last forever
And I'm thinking that somehow

That if you stay beside me
Take my hand and you will see
My love is meant for you
I know your love is meant for me

We can spend our lifetime
Here on a mountain top
Because what we share together
Most people haven't got

I've never seen love before
Until I looked into your eyes
It was at that very moment
That's when I realized

This love that I'm feeling
Is a love so very strong
I know it's not every day
That a love like this comes along

4-12-19/RjH

Paranoid?

Living each day
The best I can
Going alone
Following life's plan

Working each day now
Trying to survive
Sometimes barely making it
But somehow still alive

They slowly drain our paychecks
With new tax increases
They are taking away our lives
By breaking us in pieces

Before we all know it
We'll have nothing at all
That's when this country
From within will fall

It won't be another nation
That will take our liberty away
It will be our own government
Doing it slowly day by day

Things are slowly changing
But not for the best
We had better be worried
If things are left unaddressed

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Ray Hansell

Part Time Love

I never could give you much
But what I gave was real
All the words I ever spoke
My heart would always feel

I know that you deserved
Much more than I could give
I know you still have
So much of life to live

Loving someone part time
I know can wear you down
Because, when you love someone
You always want them around

You accepted the situation
With a lot of grace and style
But in looking back I can say
Not very often did I ever see you smile

Ray Hansell

Passing Me By

I feel like the hour hand on a clock
You are like the second hand
Always passing me by

5-5-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Peace Is At Hand

The lights are getting dimmer
As darkness falls all around
The end is close at hand
As peace has finally been found

He doesn't want a big fanfare
Made about his death
He just wants a quiet exit
When he is laid to rest

7-2-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Peace Of Mind

In my heart I'm sad
For you meant the world to me
But I guess in your heart
Some things weren't meant to be

I'm ok with what you're doing
I completely understand
If you were to go ahead
And take the hand of another man

I wish you all the happiness
I hope one day you'll find
All that you are looking for
But most of all peace of mind

8-6-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Peaceful

A quiet little place
Is a place we all seek
A place where one can go
Where voices never speak

A place so nice and quiet
The noise can't get in
It's a place I've never been
But if found I'd go back again

A quiet little heaven
Where one can find some peace
Far away from all the noise
To put your mind at ease

It doesn't have to be fancy
Just a little shack will do
As long as it's far away
A hideaway for you

10-15-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Peaceful Living

High up in the heavens
Among a billion stars
We'll walk along the Milky Way
Searching near and far

Off into the next galaxy
Never to return
So many places to explore
So much we'll have to learn

We can seek out a place
That we can call home
Maybe we'll settle down
No longer needing to roam

With earth far behind us
With all their war machines
Maybe we can find a place
That will exist by peaceful means

1-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

People

People laugh and people sing
They speak words that can sting

People shout and people scream
Because their life's been a bad dream

People talk and ridicule
Words can be so very cruel

People come and people go
Their emotions never show

People love and people hate
Either one can be their fate

People speak without thinking
Some just spend their life drinking

People commit suicide
They can't handle the pain inside

People kill to settle a score
Some forget what they kill for

All people make the world go round
When life is gone there is no sound

11-23-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

People Being People

The night is cold and dark
The full moon lights the sky
The people of the night
Slowly passing by

The hookers, pimps and junkies
Are the one's most in the mix
The hookers seeking customers
The pimps seeking the money
While the junkies, they want a fix

The people of the night
Come out after dark
Hanging in the streets
Doing deeds in the park

In the day time these streets are busy
With the working class folks
When they go home at night
They drink and take their tokes

They really aren't different
From the people of the night
The working class wears a different face
When they come out in the morning light

Oh, they'd like you to believe their different
From their counter parts at night
The only difference between the two
The working class do their deeds out of sight

Safe within their homes
So that they can claim to be
The fine upstanding citizens
With addictions they think no one can see

10-29-18

People Fear

People fear conflict
People fear change
People fear when things
Must be rearranged

People fear sickness
People fear disease
People fear that life
Will put them in a squeeze

People fear the future
Because it's the unknown
Because some can't control
Destiny on their own

People fear failure
Because it's always close at hand
People fear isolation
Because it's alone they will stand

People fear suffering
When they are in pain
People seek relief
By calling out Gods name

As the years make you grow old
The thought of death doesn't scare
That's because we all know
Sooner or later we'll all be there

So, if in your life
Fear has taken control
There is a way you know
For you to break the hold

Put your faith in God
For Him you need not fear
He can comfort you
But you must let him near

He'll walk with you in darkness
He'll stay right at your side
You will never go wrong
As long as He is your guide

1-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

People In A Hurry

He see's the world going by him
But he doesn't seem to care
He passes the time of day
Sitting by the window playing solitaire

He watches people hurry by
Each with their own special cares
He always laughs as he watches them
For he can see they are going no where

Everyone seems to be in a hurry
Living life faster then they should
But he knows they'll never slow it down
He knows they wouldn't, even if they could

So he just passes the time of day
Playing cards and watching people rush
He knows that deep inside of them
They have all lost the human touch

You see he knows they are so consumed
By their jobs they are owned
They always rush to get things done
They've forgotten what it's like to be at home

But he knows that come tomorrow
They'll pick up where they left off today
They'll hurry and they'll scurry
As they rush their life's away

12-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

People Leaving

It's funny when your young
We'd always use to believe
The people that you love
Are never going to leave

But leave they will
In many different ways
Some reasons will be sad
Some reasons will amaze

Some leave for personal reasons
They will just run away
Hoping maybe to find
A better life someday

Some will leave to marry
To start a brand new life
A woman will leave her husband
A husband will leave his wife

The reasons will be many
But that's just how life goes
As you enter into a marriage
No one ever knows

But the hardest one to deal with
Is when someone passes away
It's a pain felt forever
You re-live it every day

7-15-09? RjH

Ray Hansell

People Of The Night

I thought I'd sit down to write
A poem about the people of the night

Outside it's dark and eerie
Many people feeling leery

The homeless sleep in the park
It's rarely safe alone in the dark

Hookers walking back and forth
Customers always being sort

Junkies waiting to make a deal
Always looking for something to steal

The one thing they need is more dope
It's the money that buys then hope

The cops cruise by nice and slow
What's going on they already know

It's what some call, control policing
Or is apathy just increasing

Delivery trucks making their rounds
Roll up doors make crashing sounds

Delivering goods to the stores
Before the people come by the score

In a few short hours the light goes on
As darkness gives way to dawn

The quiet streets begin to come alive
As commuters start their daily drive

This whole scenario will be replayed
Tomorrow when daylight fades

Some people only come out at night
During the day they stay out of sight

They don't like the hustling crowds
They prefer the nights when it's not loud

The less people they see the happier they are
I sure to many this may sound bizarre

11-6-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Personal Victory (Over Breast Cancer)

Remember the weak
Always give in
It's the strong who think
They can always win

I know you are strong
I know you will fight
You'll give it your all
With all of your might

Giving up are words
You don't use
To fight on
Is what you choose

Soon you're going to see
The fight you fought has been won
Then you'll have your moment
That magical moment in the sun

6-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Play Me

I will be your love song
That you hear all day long
As long as you hear it
Our love will stay strong

When you need to hear me
You can turn me up loud
Or play me soft and gentle
As we drift slowly on a cloud

3-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Play The Martyr

Please don't say
That you still care
We are no longer
That happy pair

Long ago
Love faded away
Heartaches moved in
The're here to stay

I could go on
But why bother
I know you'll only
Play the martyr

4-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Please Be

Please be gentle with my feelings
I've been hurt too many times before
Please be gentle with your words
In the past I've heard too many lies
Please be gentle with your eyes
In the past I've seen too many deceitful looks
Please be warm and gentle with your touch
Cold hands are all I've ever felt
If you take my heart handle it with care
Too many times I've been left in despair

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Ray Hansell

Please Be My Last First Kiss

I want you to be
My last first kiss
I want you to be
The one that I'll miss

I want you to be
The one in my heart
I want you to be
The one who'll never part

I want you to be
The one who starts my day
I want you to be
The one who'll never stray

I want you to be
Always close to me
Than the world can see
That love is the key
3-26-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Please Don'T Ask

When the party is over
Please don't you ask
To come home with me
I think you'd better pass

I will say I love you
If that's what it will take
I'll give my love to you
Then be gone when you awake

You see it's true what women say
That most guys are all the same
Sex to them is a past time
To many just a game

So please don't aske me
To take you home tonight
You're so much different
Hurting you would not feel right

9-27-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Please Don'T Ask Me To Explain

I'll paint you a rainbow
Across the sky
I'll stay with you
Until your tears are dry

I'll play you some music
Nice and slow
I'll tell you things
That you don't know

I can tell you
Just about anything
I'll tell you stories
Of where I've been

I'll tell you about the people
That I met
I'll tell you things
But then yet

Please don't ask me
To explain love
It's more confusing
Then the heavens above

It comes and goes
At times quite fast
Many people wonder why
Love never seems to last

People meet, fall in love
Then they say, I do
But before they know it
The love they shared is through

Two people once again
Have tried and they failed
They thought that together
Through life they would sail

But today finds them
So far apart
Both of them live
With an unhealed heart

Love is something
Very difficult to keep
When two people lose it
Someone is going to weep

It can't be touched
It can't be owned
But when you're in it
You know you're home

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Please Don'T Ever

Don't ever lose that smile
You wear upon your face
Don't ever let a frown
Show up to take its place

Don't lose that sparkle
I see in your eyes
That's how I know
That our love is alive

Always have the happiness
That I hear in your voice
To be happy or sad
I know that's your choice

Don't ever lose the bounce
In your step as you walk
When you have something to say
You're not afraid to talk

Don't be afraid to love
Or give your heart away
It will bring you happiness
Forever and a day

Don't be afraid to be alone
For we all need solitude
It doesn't mean you're angry
Or that you're in a bad mood

When you look back on the years
I hope a memory of me will be there
I hope that you remember
How much I use to care

11-12-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Please Help Me Understand

I haven't heard from you
Going on far too long
But I know that something
Inside you is going wrong

I know your mind is occupied
With what you're going through
I'm sure you're always thinking
Of all the things that you must do

I'm sure it must weigh heavy
On your mind each day
I'm sure thoughts of your illness
Are never far away

I know you made a choice
When it came to me
I know you have decided
It's me you no longer want to see

I have to accept that
But I'm not sure I understand
Am I completely excluded
In all your future plans

I'm trying to reconcile
Within my own mind
I'm trying to understand
But the answers I can't find

You said goodbye to us
That must be accepted
But I must honestly say
It was totally unexpected

You called me your lover
You called me your friend
So please explain to me
Why we have to end

I know you must think things out
That I can respect
But casting me aside
Fills me with regret

If I am your friend and lover
As you always told me
Then I need for you
To try to help me see

Why would you push aside
Someone who really cares
With what you are going through
Wouldn't you want your friends there

But if you want me to walk out
Of your life for ever more
That's all you have to say
I will even close the door

I hate it that I won't see you
For I still think the world of you
But anything that you desire
You know that's what I'll do

I feel in love with a lovely woman
I found my world when I found you
But now my world is crashing in
Because I'm losing you

I'll never stalk or bother you
You know that's not my style
But everytime I think of you
Please know, I'll always smile

You know I hope you win the fight
Against your foe called cancer
I'll pray for you every day
Hoping, your doctor's find the answer

5-15-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Please Let The Sun Shine

I haven't seen the sunshine
Since I don't when
But I just cannot wait
For the sun to shine again

I'm tired of all the rain
The dark grey clouds
All the thunder and lightening
It's all so very loud

Please bring back the sunshine
Give us a nice spring day
After all if you look at the calendar
You'll see it's the month of May

We had a real harsh winter
We were so looking forward to spring
Now that it's finally here
We've had no reason to sing

The sun is still not shining
The temperature is still cold
Please give us some sun shine
Something warm we can hold

11-9-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Please Stay

The words of comfort
I'd say to you
Comfort and affection
I'd show to you

I'd hold you softly
Within my arms
Protecting you from
Any, and all harm

I'd whisper words of love
Softly into your ear
You'd feel the warmness of my body
As I would be holding you near

You'd have no need for fear
For now you will be safe
In your heart you would feel
You're in the safest place

No one here to hurt you
No one here to fear
It is only you and I
Please say that you'll stay here

3-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Please Take A Chance

Please take a chance with me
Hopefully you'll see
That my heart is warm and true
As I give my love to only you

Please take a chance with me
I know that we could be
Happy as everyone in love
Each is all we'll be thinking of

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Ray Hansell

Please Take Me Away

Please take me away from here
To a field of soft green grass
Where a gentle breeze cools the air
As white clouds drift overhead

Take me to a hillside
We'll climb up to the top
We'll laugh and sing each day away
While the sun washes our souls
As love fills our hearts with joy

I want to leave the city
With all its concrete and steel
I want to leave the dirty air
I want to leave the crowded streets
Won't you please take me away

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Ray Hansell

Please Take Me Home

Please take me home with you
There's so much for us to do

We have our lives in front of us
We'll forget about what once was

We'll take off together you and I
To the world we knew, we'll say goodbye

We'll go to places unknown
We'll make love all alone

We'll put everything else on hold
We'll warm each other from the cold

Please take me home with you
Let us try to start anew

9-25-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Poems Inspired By Others

I write my poems in the night
As I lay in bed
Remembering from the day
All the things I heard said

I pick up bits and pieces
Of things that people say
Than as I write them down
I arrange them in a poetic way

Creating a story
From words overheard
From the most mundane
To the most absurd

I find it to be a challenge
To come up with a poem
By taking words from others life
And I don't even know them

So when I write a poem
Whether non-fiction or not
I always try to include
All the tidbits that I got

4-10-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Prayer Answered

She married out of loneliness
True love she's never known
She was so afraid
Of growing old alone

Her lonely days behind her
At least she has someone
She married out of loneliness
Even if her life isn't fun

He said, he loved her
He wanted her for life
So when he asked her
She agreed to be his wife

He's in love and happy
She is now satisfied
Two lives brought together
Anything can be justified

She married out of loneliness
Now she's lonely no more
But she may end up more lonely
Then she ever was before

RjH/2-3-07

Ray Hansell

Prayers Answered

Of all the women I've known
I'm so glad it was you who stayed
You have no idea
How much for you I prayed

I prayed the Lord would find a way
To make you want to stay
For all the love you give to me
I promise, I will never stray

Every time I see your face
When ever I hear your voice
Each day I am so happy
That I was your choice

Ray Hansell

Praying For Help Too Late

Oh Lord, I'm scared and tired
I need some help from you
I just don't think I'll make it
I don't have the strength to make it through

Can I lean on You?
Can You lend me a hand?
I know that I'm strong
But alone I can't stand

Can You stay beside me?
As I try to walk
Please say a prayer
I need to hear you talk

Oh lord, can You carry me?
My limbs are very weak
Help and forgiveness
It's all that I seek

I know I used Your name in vain
More times than I should
But I had hoped here in the end
You'd help me if you could

I may not have the right
To ask of You the things I do
But I always hoped that in the end
That I could count on You

4-24-09? RjH

submitted 10-15-16

Ray Hansell

Present And The Future

The softness of your skin
The fullness of your hair
The gentle way you hold me
Always keeps me there

The sweetness of your kiss
The music of your voice
The way you make me see
You were the perfect choice

The happiness in your smile
The hue that surrounds you
You've made my life a joyous one
With all the wonderful things you do

You know when I'm happy
You know when I'm sad
You do all that you can do
To keep the good and forget the bad

When I look into your eyes
Do you know what I see?
I see my present and my future
Looking right back at me

2-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Probably Wouldn'T Last

My head told me to leave
But my heart said stay
I did not believe
That I'd see a better day

I wasn't thinking clearly
All I wanted to do was leave
I use to love her dearly
Her eyes pulled at my sleeve

I gave her one last glance
We weren't worth another try
I was not willing to take the chance
To have her once again make me cry

I guess it's true what people say
That all good things come to an end
But I'll be damned if I'll live another day
Being betrayed by someone I thought was a friend

Sometimes it easier to walk away
Then to try to fix the past
Knowing that if we tried to stay
It probably wouldn't last

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Ray Hansell

Problems

Problems, problems, problems
Every single day
I don't care who you are
Problems will come your way

No matter how hard we all try
Problems we can't avoid
When we have too many
We get quite annoyed

The best way to handle them
Is to tackle them one by one
Hopefully soon you'll see
Your problems now total none

But don't ever think they're gone forever
Because just when you sigh a sigh of relief
You'll get another problem
Once again to cause you grief

7-27-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Problems Will Exist

We all have problems
It seems they never go away
We get one solved
Another one arises
But now we're at the point
Where nothing surprises
You take problems as they come
Handle them one by one
Because hopefully the day will come
When your problem total none

Ray Hansell

Put It Out

Man against fire what a fight
This battle will last more than a night

Intense heat all around
As tree's are burning to the ground

Hoses, shovels and even planes
Try to stop the spreading flames

They're trying to stop a forest fire
But the flames just keep leaping higher

One thousand people have battled this blaze
To stop this fire it took sixteen days

Make sure you put out that flame
Or, other wise you could be the blame

1977/RjH

Ray Hansell

Putting It On Paper

I love to write down my thoughts
As they come to me
Never really knowing
What the final product will be

Will I write a poem of love?
Or one filled with regret
Or will I write a poem
About someone I can't forget?

Will I write of sadness?
That fills my soul
Or write about the years
That have made me grow old?

Or will I write of happiness?
That she brought to me
All the happy years
That she made me see

How she made me understand
That love is better shared
That life is so much sweeter
When someone is near to care

6-30-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Qualifying At The Range

Ear protectors on
Is everybody ready?
Remember to hold
Your hand nice and steady

Firing line ready on the right?
Firing line ready on the left?
Remember to take your time
Then try to shoot your best

Standing at the firing line
Now aim your gun
Squeeze the trigger slowly
That's the way it's done

Don't pull hard on the trigger
Or the gun will jerk
Then trying to hit your target
Just will not work

Line up your sights
Aim for center mass
Now slowly squeeze the trigger
As the bullets fly out fast

Now go forward and check your target
Add up your score
Then you will know
If you have to shoot some more

7-24-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Questions

How do we know when love is real?
Is it something we see or, just something we feel?

How do we know when love is right?
Is it something we feel all through the night?

How do we know when love is sincere?
Is it always wanting to have them near?

How do we know that love will stay?
As we walk through life each and every day

How do we know that love will last?
In a life that passes much to fast

We all want an assurance that love will forever last
No one wants to be the one who's just a memory from our past

1-24-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Quiet

The evening was quiet
Not a sound could be heard
No one was speaking
I heard not a word

I sat there in silence
Enjoying the peace
It was just perfect
I felt so at ease

But I know that in a short time
The quiet will come to an end
You see because of the silence
That's the reason this poem was penned

10-6-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Quitting Smoking

I feel a little desperate
A smoke is what I seek
It's been three days
I'm starting to feel weak

I'm trying to kick the habit
But I'm not doing to well
As I frantically search the house
That's becoming my own hell

Just one drag is all I ask
That will help me through
If I don't find a cigarette
I don't know what I'll do

I want to quit smoking
I know that I could
But the way I'm feeling
I don't know if I should

Starting was so easy
But stopping is such a task
I only hope I can hold out
So my resistance will last

I'd love nothing better
Then to be cigarette free
I also know the benefits
All the good it would do for me

6-5-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Rain Rain

Its strange how in our lives
So many people come and go
Some leave lasting memories
While other we never got to know

7-28-07/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Rapidly

I saw her today
For the first time in a long time
In seeing her again I learned
That the heart can beat very rapidly

1-16-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Reading You

My day is just beginning
As I move a little slow
What the day holds for me
I don't really know

I'll go on Poem Hunter
Read a gem or two
Hoping that I find
One that was written by you

If I were to find one
I'll drink in every word
I'll even read it our loud
So the gem can be heard

But if I find nothing
I will still have the thirst
When you post a new one
I will read it first

My day is just beginning
So I don't really know
That when my day is over
Exactly, what I'll have to show

But I know if I read you
My day will end real good
It will be a happy one
Just like I thought it could

11-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Reality Or Dream?

He was living on the edge
A life out of control
He seemed to have no feelings
He fell into life's black hole

He felt that he was losing grip
Sliding down life's rope
Not caring where he was going
Running out of hope

He felt his body go numb
His soul could no longer feel
Was he in a movie
Or was this all real?

His heart had grown very cold
Love has lost its grip
He's running through a jungle
So afraid he'll trip

He doesn't know if he's dreaming
He doesn't know if it's all real
But for now he's going to keep it
Deep inside of him concealed

1-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Reality Or Dreaming

Sitting in my living room
Watching shadows on the wall
I watch them as they run
I see them stumble and fall

I see many shadows running
Yet, I see some who walk
If I listen very carefully
I can even hear them talk

I see them on my ceiling
Falling down the walls
Have I ended up in an abyss?
I have I taken the great fall?

I'm wondering if they see me
Just like I see them
Or am I invisible
Never to be seen again

I wonder, have I died?
And have gone to who knows where
I'm thinking if I'm dead
Does anyone really care?

Or am I just sleeping
Stuck inside a dream
But I have to say I'll never know
What all of this may mean

(5-7-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

Realization

Here I am doing
What I said I wouldn't do
I'm passing the night away
Laying here thinking of you

I find it so very difficult
Not to think of you
But the feelings that I felt
Just grew and grew and grew

It's a funny thing when you're alone
The mind can wander free
Sometimes taking you to a place
You don't really want to be

When it comes to the matters of the heart
Some things are hard to explain
Because when you find you've lost at love
You now learned the meaning of pain

Now I realize many people
Have lost at love before
In their hearts they didn't know
Just what they were headed for

But I also know many people
Had love that lasted forever
To them I would say
Congratulations on your wonderful endeavor

Now I'm not giving up on love
That would be a foolish thing to do
No, I have come to the realization
That I just have to give up on you

9-11-18/Rjh

Realize

I always think about you
Almost all the time
Seems that every day
You always cross my mind

I didn't realize
That I'd miss you so
Otherwise I wouldn't have
Just let you go

I would have told you
That you were my world
Now I don't know what to do
Living here, without you girl

It's funny how you never think
You'll lose that special one
But when you do you then realize
You and her are over and done

Because, you realize too late
The world you had is lost
But the saddest thing of all
Is everything comes at a cost

So, here I am now all alone
So many things I thought I knew
But the one thing I never expected
Was not being able to get over you

12-2-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Recovering

Darkness fills my room
While sadness fills my heart
I am now the lonely one
Left to play the part

Of a man who is broken
Lost and all alone
On a lonely journey
Trying to find a place to belong

It's never very easy
When your world is ripped apart
I'm not sure of what to do
Sometimes one doesn't know where to start

I wonder if I'll ever recover
To get back to who I use to be
I wonder if that once happy man
Will ever again be carefree

I know I'm on my own
Trying to make it through
But deep inside I'm feeling
It's something I know I can do

9-18-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Recovering From Loss

In every heart
There will be pain
From a loss of love
We can't explain

Sometimes the reasons
Are never known
But after each loss
We've somehow grown

Loss is the one thing
Everyone will face
Some try to hide it
Not show a trace

But loss is seen
In someone's eyes
You can try
But you can't hide

I have lost
At love before
I couldn't hide
Couldn't ignore

The fact my heart
Was in pain
But still I never
Loved in vain

Before the pain
The times were good
They didn't last
Like I hoped they would

So from loss
We learn then
That love can live
In our hearts again

1-28-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Reflections

I hope you know I'll always care
About what happens to you
I'll always wish you great success
In whatever you chance to do

I know that our journey
Ended years ago
But some feelings that I have
I thought that you should know

Most times I express myself
Better, with the written word
I know that some things I write
From me, will never be heard

I always believed that you and I
Would travel through life together
I always believed that through the years
What we had would only get better

But I guess there were times I didn't say
Things that I should have said
Only now do I realize
How much I really dread

I miss the nights we shared together
Laying side by side
I miss the times of being close
Sharing the love we'd never hide

So much for me has come and gone
Since those happy days
I honestly do miss them
In about a hundred different ways

But through it all it's safe to say
We've never reached the end
Here we are years down the road
Still, we remain friends

11-26-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Refuge

She married him out of loneliness
She was so afraid
Of growing old alone
The one day he came along
Soon, they were married
He loves her
She is lonely no more

3-20-77/RjH

Ray Hansell

Regret

Holding you is a feeling
I just can't forget
Losing your love
Has left me filled with regret

To me you were so special
In many ways you still are
You were the greatest woman
I've ever loved by far

9-18-82/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remain My Friend

When I am with you
There's so much I want to say
But all my words get lost
Somewhere along the way

But the things I need to say
Are simple but they're true
If loves lives inside anyone
It surely lives in you

You can make a summer day
Always seem twice nice
Love is not expensive
But I know you've paid the price

So, now the time has come
For me to let you be
You have shared your love with me
Now my heart must set you free

I'm saying to goodbye to our love
But don't think this is the end
We were friends who became lovers
But now it's back to friends again

9-5-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remember When All

Remember when all is said and done
You're still around and cancer is not
Don't look back at what was lost
Look ahead and remember all that you've still got

Life now and then throws us a curve
It thrusts us from the light into the dark
Those who make it and survive
Somehow find a way to leave their mark

12-23-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remember Me

If you ever need a shoulder
To lean on when you're feeling blue
And all your wonderful friends
Have somehow forgotten you

Remember me

Ray Hansell

Remember Us

Remember me
When all is said and done
Remember when
You said I was the one
Who brought you out of the darkness
And helped you to see the light

Remember me
When I reach the end
And how we were life long friends

Remember me
When you say goodbye
Shed no tears, no need to cry
For I'll see you in another life
When you bid earth a final goodbye

11-26-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remember When

I think of you
Everyday
I think of you
Then I say

I miss her
I need her
I love her

Do you think of me?
Everyday
When you think of me
Do you say

I miss him
I need him
I love him

I think of you
All the time
I remember when
Your love was mine

But there you are
Here I am
I guess you and me
Will never be again

When you think back
And remember when
Always know
I loved you then

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Remember, You Are Not Alone

Remember, you are not alone
You have no need to fear
As long as you want me to
I will always be here

I will hold your hand
When troubles surround you
I will shield you from all pain
I will do all that I can do

I will keep you dry
When the rains move in
I will stay beside you
I know how it has been

I will be here for you
On that you can depend
I will never leave your side
Because I am your friend

Remember, you are not alone
I am always here for you
Because I've learned through the years
That's just what friends do

3-17-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remembered By You

If a day should ever come
That finds us far apart
Please remember darling
You've living in my heart

It's nice to know you're there
It gives me a warm feeling
Everytime I think of you
It sends my heart reeling

I don't think you'll ever know
How much you mean to me
But everytime I look at you
My whole world is what I see

How I wish I had you
To always kiss and hold
Believe me when I tell you
My love would never grow old

Being in love with you
Is the best place to be
It's a place you and I
Never get tired to see

If my life ended tomorrow
I'd die a happy man
Because you see honey
I got to hold your hand

I got to say, 'I Love You'
At least a million times
But much more than that
You inspired all my rhymes

Memories are wonderful
Stored away in our minds
But words of love written down
Can be held for all time

1-20-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Remembered Memories

I opened up the closet door
To clean out the mess
When I removed the first box
Happiness I would express

Standing in the corner
Was my old acoustic guitar
The one thing I always thought
Would help me reach the star's

I pick it up and held it
It truly was a godsend
Believing many years ago
This was my only friend

I turned it just a little bit
Then I started strumming
A little faster than before
Soon a melody I was humming

It brought back so many memories
Of wonderful days gone by
I remembered all the happy times
There were a few that I cried

I would always sing love songs
A certain "she" liked me to play
It seems like another lifetime
Back in my younger days

I'll always remember
That special song I wrote
When I use to sing it
Only to her it spoke

I sang, how her eyes of blue
Had always captured me
She said, if we stay together
Love for sure will set us free

Well, that never happened
Because we were both way too young
But at least for a while
My songs of love to her I sung

I moved out to the west coast
She stayed behind
What we thought we had
We could never really find

But holding this guitar
Is like holding her again
Remembering so long ago
How happy I was then

Leaving her was harder
Then anything I've ever done before
I put my guitar back in the closet
Then, I slowly closed the door

It felt like all my yesterdays
Came rushing back to me
So many dreams I dreamed back then
But none of them ever came to be

12-16-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remembering A Friend

All day long I think of you
You're always on my mind
I think of all you've ever said
It seems like all the time

I can picture your smile
When I'm feeling down
That's the time that I'd like most
For you to always be around

But I know that's not possible
Because you're somewhere new
But I just wanted you to know
That your friend always thinks of you

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Remembering Our Frineds

Sitting drinking coffee
Is now a lonely thing to do
The hardest thing you see
Is not sharing it with you

At times to me it seems
Losing friends in life
Are things that hurt the most
It cuts more than a knife

I got so use to
Just talking with you
But having coffee all alone
Is a lonely thing to do

At times we take for granted
That someone will always be here
But too often we are reminded
When their voices we no longer hear

8-12-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remembering The Past With You

Remembering the best of times
These memories of yours and mine
We had the world in our hands
But we just didn't understand
Now as we're growing old
All of our stories can now be told
Way back in the day
We truly lived life our way
We followed our own rules
We were never anyone's fools
We lived hard and fast
Not knowing how long we would last
But here we sit living today
So far removed from our yesterday's
Life was fun the times were great
But now our years are getting late
As the sun begins to set
My life isn't done just yet
A few more years to live through
Still loving each day that's new
Our journey was one of a kind
It was my greatest of all time

6-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remembering Us

Every time we meet
We always share a kiss
When our lips touch
It's pure heavenly bliss

When we are in bed
Your head upon my chest
What we're about to do
You always do it the best

To be so lucky
In one lifetime
Happily I say
Only one love was ever mine

5-28-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remembering When

That first time I'll always remember
How you felt so warm and tender
There was nothing I could do
As my heart surrendered to you

There's so much that I remember
So much I still recall
Never in my wildest dreams
Did I think, this far I'd fall

I thought that love had come and gone
Never again to return
But that first day that I saw you
Brought alive those feeling from way back when

10-10-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remembering You

I am feeling very sad
Because I miss you so
I just hope and pray
It's something that you know

I miss the lovely woman
Who loved me soft and warm
When I was beside you
I knew that I belonged

It seemed we fit together
Like a hand in a glove
My heart had never known
A more true and stronger love

All the things I ever said
I swear they still are true
My heart never loved anyone
As much as it loved you

I have lost at love before
But I've never felt this pain
I may never let my heart
Fall in love again

No matter what happens
From now until all time
You will always have a place
In this heart of mine

My days seem so empty
When it's you I don't see
At times I wonder to myself
Will I ever be pain free?

11-11-17/RjH

Remember?

Remember me?

Remember us?

Remember love?

Remember what we had?

Remember what we shared?

Remember how we cared?

Remember what we said?

Remember the tears we shed?

Remember when we said goodbye?

Remember how neither cried?

Remember?

9-25-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Retirement

I heard that you retired
You've hung up your gun
You've taken off your badge
You said, I'm finally done

Years of serving the citizens
Putting it all on the line
You performed your job so well
To most you were so kind

You always had a shoulder
Or a helping hand to lend
You were firm when you had to be
At times the law you'd bend

To fellow workers you were a rock
Always there to lend support
You helped in the good times
You helped when others were distraught

You always had a special place
Inside your heart for all
No matter the situation
You, always answered the call

But now your time will be your own
You'll wake up for yourself
They'll be memories forever
Like pictures upon a shelf

But most of all you'll look back
At a job where you had fun
It's takes a very special person
To do the job you had done

9-10-09

Returning Home

Last night I looked in the skies
I saw some angels flying high
I asked them to fly down
To please take me for a ride

They swooped down and scooped me up
We took off for the sky
We went high above the heavens
The place people go when they die

They carried me up and set me down
I stood there on a cloud
I felt I was among royalty
So I turned and bowed

They asked, what are you doing?
I said, showing you respect
For I am just a visitor
Here among your sect

They looked at me all puzzled
They asked, what do you mean?
You gave me a ride up here
I thought I was having a dream

They looked at me with saddened eyes
They said, we're sorry to say
That you are now home
You see, you died yesterday

We flew down to get you
To bring your soul with us
God told us you were heaven bound
It's us you must now trust

From now on this will be your home
You now have your own pair of wings
You made it up to heaven
Where we always rejoice and sing

Next you'll be the one
To fly back to earth
To bring someone else back home
To experience their rebirth

When it's time you'll know
For God will give you the word
Then you will take to flight
Like that of a majestic bird

2-14-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Right For Me

I hope you know I love you
I probably always will
You being in my life
Has been my life's greatest thrill

I've always adored you
Right from the very start
Knowing that for always
You'll live inside my heart

No one could replace you
I don't care who it might be
You are the only one
Who will ever be right for me

Ray Hansell

Right In Front Of Me

You showed me how beautiful
Being in love can be
You showed me if I opened my mind
Just what a lovely world I'd see

You said if I gave love a chance
I would be so surprised
You said sometimes love is there
Right before your eyes

Looking back I now see
What you were trying to say
I now realize the one I loved
Is the one that went away

Right in front of me
You were there the whole time
I was busy looking for someone else
I must have been out of my mind

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Ray Hansell

Rivers Of Love

The rivers of love are flowing
Like they never flowed before
I am riding their crests
Right to your front door

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Ray Hansell

Robert

I can't believe how fast
The time has passed us by
It was just a year ago
When we had to say goodbye

But you are thought of often
Like every single day
Every one remembers
Things you use to say

A smile spreads across the face
Of the one's who held dear
They would do most anything
To once again have you near

Sometimes it's hard to be strong
No matter how one may try
Every once in a while
A tear falls from an eye

Each time we glance to the heavens
We'll never know what we see
But just knowing you are at peace
Calms the heart in me

210-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Role Reversal

You were so warm and gentle
When I was a child
I know it was hard times
But you controlled my running wild

I grew up into a man
Who became very responsible
I followed all the rules
To make this life I live possible

When I was young and growing up
You took good care of me
I know if not for you
I wouldn't be the person I turned out to be

You taught me all the things
That go with living life
When it came to loving me
You never had to think twice

But now I see it's my time
To take care of you
Because when it come to our parents
That's just what children should do

It seems the rolls get reversed
Because now the parent is like a child
I know that I must care for you
In my mind that's long been reconciled

I will watch over you
The way you did for me
Because I know that when you're gone
I'll be left with great memories

Knowing that in the end
I was right there by your side
Doing what I was supposed to do
All the time doing it with pride

12-1-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Roses Are Red/Star-Light

Roses are red
My mood is blue
All because
I've lost you

Star light
Star bright
Please bring her
Back tonight

2-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Run Together

My days all run together
Like rivers to the sea
I wish you'd find it in your heart
To come and run with me

Come take my hand and we'll travel
The roads of life together
Who knows maybe someday soon
In each other we'll find forever

I can't promise you star filled nights
Or say the sun will always shine
But one thing you can be sure of
My love for you will age and mellow like wine

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Submitted 3-14-14

Ray Hansell

Running Away

She lays in bed fast asleep
Out the bedroom door I slowly creep
The floor boards squeak beneath my feet

I grab my shirts and my pants
Stuff them in a bag
I very slowly turn the door knob
As freedom I'm about to grab

Into the night I disappear
Never to be seen again
There's no use in going back
When love has come to an end

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Ray Hansell

Running For The Door

There you go again
Every time we disagree
You go running for the door
Because you don't want to hear no more

Problems must be dealt with
You cannot always run
They'll be a time you must decide
That you're running days are done

Face the problems head on
Deal with them as they come
If you do you'll see how quickly
Your problem may total none

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Running From Ourselves

Running from ourselves
Is what we all do best
It's our way to survive
Life's on going test

We try to fool ourselves
Into believing what we don't
We always believe things will change
When most often times they won't

6-26-16/RjH

Ray Hansell

Running Into My Past

I saw an ole familiar face
My heart beat very fast
Soon our eyes met each other
We were both back in the past

It was many years ago
When we were young and free
I though the sun rose in her eyes
She though she was in love with me

We were so very happy
Together doing our thing
Bothering with no one else
Just reading the I Ching

But as the years passed us
We both moved on
Each going our own way
The feelings were long gone

I hadn't thought of her in years
But now she stands before me
The days and years that have gone by
Have helped to make me see

We passed the time with small talk
But soon it was time to leave
What I once wanted so badly
Turned out to be what I didn't need

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Running Into Our Past

I saw her just yesterday
Oh, what a surprise
I could still see the sparkle
That twinkled in her eyes

I'd recognized that smile
As it spread across her face
I noticed her hair
For I could see a trace

Of the years that had gone by
And colored it grey
She still looked as pretty
As she did back in the day

We caught up on each other's life
We also shared a laugh
Some times it's very nice
Running into your past

10-8-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sad

Sad eyes
Sad heart
Sad days
When apart

Sad today
Sad tomorrow
Sad tonight
Full of sorrow

Sad goodbye
Sad ending
Sad me
Never mending

4-14-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sad Eyes

I always called her "Sad Eyes";
She meant the world to me
When we were together
I was happy as could be

She was always special
In her own kind of way
Whenever I would speak
She's listen to what I'd say

She would always comfort me
When I was feeling down
She had that special way
To always bring me back around

I would do most anything
To fulfill all her needs
Never once did she ever
Do any bad deeds

I walk the lonely streets at night
But, I walk them all alone
Because you see my "Sad Eyes";
Well, she has been called home

I miss her so very much
I know she misses me to
I could never own another dog
Because "Sad Eyes"; I loved only you

10-29-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Satan

He uses sin
The promise of power
He invades peoples soul
Every ticking hour

He'll try to erode your faith
That is his goal
But you can't let him
Find his way into your soul

He will disrupt your life
If given half a chance
He's not even worthy
Of a passing glance

He'll offer sex and drugs
To bring you to his side
I hope all your temptations
Will slowly start to die

So stand strong and don't give in
You know that is a must
For you know deep in your heart
God is the One you can trust

11-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Save Me A Place

Save me a place beside you
I'll be there real soon
We'll sit outside together
Under a harvest moon

We'll sit beneath the star filled sky
On this warm and muggy summer night
No one else will be around

It will be a perfect sight
I'll my put arm around your shoulder
To feel you close to me
Knowing that for so many years
You made me happy as could be

6-3-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Saved

I lived on the edge of darkness
But than you came along
With all my empty feelings
You still made me feel like I belonged

My heart has been torn and broken
My faith all but disappeared
For so many years
I wanted no one near

But than out of no where
You suddenly appeared
Now you're the only one I want
To always be near

I'll walk away from my past
Leave my ghosts far behind
Because now that you are here
You are the one I hoped to find

3-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Saved From Myself

I stayed awake all through the night
Just staring at you
I laid there thinking to myself
You've made my life so new

You came along
When things were wrong
You stayed with me
You made us strong

Looking back
I can now see
That it was you
Who saved me

You saved me from myself
You showed me what love could do
Now everything that I am
I owe it all to you

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Ray Hansell

Say Something

Say something so I know you're there
Please let me hear your voice
We could not have come this far
If we both hadn't made the choice

Say something so I know you're there
I need to know you can hear me
With all that we've shared through the years
We always helped each other to see

Say something so I know you're there
I remember it wasn't that long ago
When we loved each other deeply
Now all you say is, you want to go

Say something so I know you're there
Or just say you no longer care

2-11-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Say You'LI Never Go

I once spent a night in heaven
A night I thought I'd never see
It was the night that you
Slept right next to me

You were a lovely angel
Lying by my side
My love and excitement
Was something I couldn't hide

When you reached out your hand
Then slowly rubbed my face
I knew at that exact moment
I was in the perfect place

Then you whispered in my ear
That I love you so
I looked at you and asked
Please say you'll never go

4-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Scar's From Life

Scar's on my body
Scar's on my heart
Are the two ever really
Seperate and apart?

1-8-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

Scot Street

I heard a song the other night playing on the radio
It was "A Whiter Shade of Pale" by the Procol Harum
I remember how we danced to it in the middle of the street
How I swirled you around
The way your laughter echoed in the night
How your brown hair flew around
Like a flag on a flagpole
The way your eyes smiled
As you went round and round
Me holding on to your hands
Never wanting to let you go
Those were such simple and happy times back then
But then, as we got older those simple days
Were anything but simple
What we enjoyed so much as youths, was now gone
You went your way, I went mine
Never to see each other again
But what a year it was in 1967
For a little while we had us a taste of heaven
Now, every time I hear "A Whiter Shade of Pale"
My mind drifts back to that night
When we danced in the street as the car radio played
Though I may no longer have you to hold
What I do hold is that special memory
From a very magical year
That, unlike time it will never fade away

12-6-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Searching

Don't tell me that you love me
If that's not what you feel
Just speak the truth
If it's from your heart, it will be real

Don't lead me on or pretend
That you and I have a place to go
If we don't have a chance
I need for you to tell me so

So if you are unsure
Than don't take that step
You have a lot of time
To find what you want to get

Never rush into love
You should always take your time
Hopefully when the times comes
You'll find a heart that's kind

10-2-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Searching For Love

You lost at love
Once again
Treating it like
It was a game
You want love
But can't commit
You might as well
Just go ahead and quit

For love to stay
She must know
That what you feel
Is going to grow
But if you treat love
So cavalier
No woman will want
To get near

You must show
That in your heart
Love will always
Be a part
Of the life
That you live
That all your love
To her you'll give

3-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Searching For What's Not There

It seems everyone is searching
For true love to have and hold
Something they can latch onto
As the years make them grow old

But does true love really exist?
Or is it just a state of mind
I'm sure many people keep on hoping
That love they'll one day find

But if you truly love someone
There are things you must surrender
But how do forget loves pain from the past
When they seem to always be there to remember

To give true to someone
Means you also must trust
This you cannot debate
This is something that is a must

Some people search a lifetime
Seeking something they'll never find
But is love worth searching for
Is seeking love always worth the time

I know of some people
Who may grow old all alone
The only thing not in their life's
Was true love that others have known

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Ray Hansell

Searching Within

I know I should
I probably would
But who knows
If I even could

I will at least try
I'll try my very best
But if I fail
Don't compare me to the rest

It's alright to fail
What's important is that you try
If you never try
You should ask yourself why

I think I will
I think I might
Think it over
As I dream tonight

6-3-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Seasons Changing

Sitting here on a breezy Sunday
As the tree's sway in the breeze
Listening to the leaves
As the wind blows through the tree's

Blue skies with large white clouds
Moving silently across the sky
A day like this is priceless
As another season passes by

Soon winter will take a hold
As coldness will fill the air
The end of summer days
There is nothing else to compare

10-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Secret Love

So many things have changed
In such a short time
The love that we shared
Is both yours and mine

Though we no longer meet
To carry on our affair
It's plain to for each other
That we still really care

But for now we must wait
Until the time is right
When I can share with you
Both the day and the night

So, no more secret meetings
In places far away
We'll just have to wait
Until we can put our love on display

7-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Security Job

Sitting here completely
Bored out of my mind
Lately this is how
I spend most of my time

Working here is getting to be a drag
The same, do nothing every day
I know there has got to be
A more productive way

Sitting here on my butt
Watching time just pass
I really don't know how much longer
My boredom is going to last

I'm hoping that very soon
I'll be done with this task
I know they'll let me go
So I think that's what I'll ask

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Ray Hansell

Seeing My Past

I ran into her yesterday
Oh, what a surprise
I could still see the sparkle
That shined there in her eyes

I recognized that smile
That spread across her face
I looked at her hair
There I could see a trace

Of the years that had gone by
How it colored her hair grey
But, she still looked as pretty
As she did back in the day

We passed the time just talking
Catching up on each others life
She said she was a long time married
I told her I never did have a wife

She said, she had to go now
As her grandchild tugged at her sleeve
There was a look between us
That said, neither wanted to leave

So, I gave her a goodbye hug
Then she and her granddaughter walked away
Her and I had our chances
Back in our younger days

Funny how the years slip by
And fills one with regret
But as we grow older we realize
What we want we don't always get

10-8-18/RjH

Seeing My Past In Front Of Me

The steam rises
From the hot tub
A slight chill cools the air
We are submerged
In ninety eight degree water
The warm water
Warms me to my soul
A blue light lights our way
As it shines inside the hot tub
The moon in the sky
Is three quarters full
Its light shoots through the clouds
Giving it an x-ray like affect
I watch her move in the water
She's slow, but graceful
With the help of the light
I see her naked figure as she moves about
A figure that I am very familiar with
But yet tonight
It seems like I'm seeing it for the first time
Maybe because I'm looking at it
Through the eyes of a man
Realizing that when we were together
So many years ago
I was just a boy trying to be a man
The beauty I didn't see back then
Is so very visible to me now
The years have taught me
That strength and inner beauty
Will always last forever
While good looks and a shapely body
Slowly fade like a setting sun
Being naked in a hot tube with her
Has made me realize all the mistakes
That I made years ago

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Self Doubt

She sits at night and wonders
Could he be the one for me
After all I know so little about him
Also, what about what I can't see?

She wonders is he worth the risk
Do I really take a chance
Or am I acting like a school girl
Somehow, lost in a trance

I am well educated
I completed my degree
I feel a little uncomfortable
Because this isn't me

But then she thinks, why not
I think I'll give him a try
If he turns out to be who he's not
I can always tell him bye bye

11-14-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Self Maintenance

Perhaps you are alone
Sitting in your home
The future unknown
Is your future your own?

Do you sit and worry?
Does your life get blurry?
When you see people hurry
Do you feel the need to scurry?

Is your life lived on a limb?
Do you sing a daily hymn?
Do you do things on a whim?
Do you look at life as grim?

Or are you the kind
Who will let life go and unwind?
Just clean out your mind
Leave the day far behind

8-14-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Self Revelation/Disclosure

Each other we were satisfying
But, were we really trying
Or just falsifying
Knowing our love was dying

Myself I was applying
To the rules I was complying
So, why is it so terrifying
To be in a love undying?

I needed a shopping cart
To carry my broken heart
It's been torn apart
By one I thought, was my sweetheart

I was awestruck
With my bad luck
My life sucked
I was a schmuck

She was a flirt
In her short skirt
I was not alert
Now, I'm the one that's hurt

8-12-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Self-Centered

I look in the mirror
I chuckle to myself
Because she left me
For somebody else

What does she think
I'll sit here and cry
Because she has met
Herself another guy

I hope she is happier
Then she was with me
I hope that he's ready
When he gets to see

The other side of her
That she conceals
Then he will find out
That she doesn't love
That she doesn't feel

He's going to learn
The same way I did
How all her problems
She keep them well hid

She like to spend and
Spend and spend
That's when it will be
The beginning of the end

8-2-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Separation

Will I see it in her eyes?
Will I hear it in her voice?
Will I see it in her smile?
Will see just tell me/
After all this time
I wonder if she'll still care

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Ray Hansell

Serenity

I find my way to the ocean
To let all my cares run free
I sit close by the water
To feel the spray from the waves hit me

My mind starts to wander
Soon, I'm completely free
I let my cares and worry
All roll out to sea

The ocean is much bigger than I
It can handle all my stress
So just for a little while
I feel so very blessed

Because my head is so clear
No thoughts, no worries or cares
I feel safe and secure
Everytime that I go there

But soon reality rolls back in
Like the waves to the shore
I must return to myself
To face the day once more

But, oh how I treasure
The times I get away
I wish I could stay here
Every minute of every day

RjH/2-15-07

Ray Hansell

Serving The Lord

my world was very empty
and also very cold
i had no dreams
but one night while i slept
i heard a voice
i opened my eyes
and there before me
was the almighty Himself
He looked at me
and held my hand
He said, i understand
He told me that i must try
to turn my life around
He said, the best way to start
was for me to serve Him
He said, spread the word far and near
don't you worry
I'll always be here
i worked day and night
telling everyone i'd see
that the Lord is the only way
i'd tell them how He saved me
i'm no longer empty
i'm no longer cold
i have dreams
i'm alive once again

3-16-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Set Them Free

I wish my words could express
Everything I'n feeling
But my words stayed trapped
Inside of me
I wish I knew how to set them free

3-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sexy Lady

You dress up in your outfits
So sexy and so sleek
You slowly enter the room
To give me just a peek

Then I see all of you
You have not much to say
But I have to tell you
You take my breath away

Your body soft and warm
With a body stocking head to toe
Lady you are beautiful
That I hope you know

You move around so easily
With the gracefulness of a cat
But like a cat I wouldn't tell you
To ever ever scat

I love you in your outfits
Or with nothing on at all
Dressed or undressed baby
You drive me up the wall

7-2-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Shallow

Your words are so empty
They echo when you speak
The promises you make
Are so very weak

No one ever believes
The words that leave your lips
When you are not around
You are never missed

You should try speaking the truth
Believe me it would serve you well
But with all the lies you say
When you speak the truth no one could tell

11-1-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Share A Page

You found the time
To be a friend of mine
You came into my life
When I needed you the most
You never put me down
You never let me down
You let me share a page
From your book of life

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Ray Hansell

Share Another Day?

Here I am left again
To sit here and wonder
Did she fall asleep tonight?
Or did I commit a blunder?

Did I say the wrong thing?
To go and make her mad
Or is she just feeling down?
Maybe even a little sad

I do hope that she is alright
I hope it wasn't me
Should I apologize?
Or should I let it be?

I'll wait until I hear from her
To see what she has to say
That way I will know
If we'll share another day

7-11-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Share It All With Me

There are so many things
To laugh at and see
I know things would be funnier
If you were here
To share it all with me

6-25-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Share It With You

I want to make some memories
As we walk down life's road
Because I know you and I
Have a story to be told

There's much I want to share with you
So much I want to see
And as I get to see it all
I'd love you there with me

We can just take our time
Live life at our own pace
Walking along holding hands
Now and then stopping to embrace

What I feel in my heart for you
Is a love that's strong and true
But the best part of it all
Is together we'll see it through

9-22-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Shared With You

The sky is turning grey
The rains are coming soon
They say in the distance
A very large storm looms

We're safe inside from the fury
As a fire warms our soul
The love that we share
Always keeps us whole

All the years we have shared
All the things we have seen
As you and I together
Have lived out all our dreams

But the best dream of all
For all that we've been through
Was that I got the chance
To share it all with you

9-13-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sharing Life With You

It's early in the evening
Love has a brand new meaning
Because you're here with me

I thought of you all day long
My thoughts are so very strong
Whenever I think of you

When ever you are near me
I can plainly see
That our love is alive and well

When you say, it's time for bed
Nothing more need be said
Oh, how I love making love with you

But when it's time to go to sleep
In my heart your love I'll keep
When I close my eyes I'll miss you

I hold you close to me
This is how it should be
Until my life with you is over

Loving you comes so easily
I love you so very deeply
I'll always be in love with you

I always want you near me
I always want you to hear me
When I whisper, "I Love You"

It's early in the morning
We both wake up yawning
Another day to be with you

9-3-09/RjH

Sharing Our Hearts

I've given you my heart
I know it will not break
I know I put it out there
For only you to take

I know that my heart
Will be safe with you
I it knew from the start
It was the right thing to do

I put my heart in your hands
Hands so soft and strong
I felt safe and secure
I knew I could not be wrong

In return you gave to me
Your heart to have and hold
I promised to you that I
Would protect it like it were gold

I said, I won't abuse or use it
I'll hold it safe and tight
It will always stay with me
Morning, noon and night

I gave to you my heart
Not knowing what to do
I gave to you a heart
That will forever love you

12-18-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Sharing Our Love Together

Candles burn
Incense to
A quiet night
Just me and you

The music plays
As it fills the room
Through the window
We see the moon

You're next to me
As close as can be
Love is here
As we can plainly see

The music beats
Our hearts do to
Just spending the night
Loving you

But I know that come tomorrow
My heart will feel the same
As once again it will whisper
As it slowly says your name

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Ray Hansell

Shattered Night

The silence of the night
Is shattered by the firing of a gun
A store clerk falls to the ground wounded
I turn and run

Soon the sound of police sirens
Are heard everywhere

I run down an alley
I jump to climb a fence
I hear a cop yell stop
I fail to heed his call
The night once again is shattered
By the firing of a gun

3-4-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

She Kissed Me

The first time you kissed me
My lonely world saw light
You took me to places
I've never been to before
And it's nice to say
That everyday
My world keeps getting brighter

11-9-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

She Knows The Score

I call her on the phone
I ask, are you alone?
She answers, yes I am
I say, I'll be right over
She says, oh please hurry
I need a gentle hug
One that will put me at ease

I knock on her door
Before I enter she knows the score
She whispers, come on in
She asks, how have you been?
I said, that I'm fine, how about you?
She says, I'm still the same
When you're gone my hearts in pain

I take her in my arms
Knowing she'll hurt some more
When I leave to walk out the door

But as I go to leave
She grabs me by the sleeve
She asks, please can't you stay
Until the darkness goes away

I said, you know how it is
I have someone back at home
She cries as she asks me
Please don't leave me alone

But once again out the door I go
It's time for me to leave
Once again she's left alone
In her bed to silently grieve

9-27-05/RJH

She Lover Herself The Most

I loved her
With all my heart
Or at least
I thought did

When we were together
It was all about her
Words about other people
Never left her lips

She thought of only one
That was herself
Now she wonders why
She's alone like an empty shelf

12-27-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

She Made The Difference

Sitting on my front porch
Watching the world pass by
So many people walking about
Some stop, to just say hi

Long ago I never knew
Exactly what in life I'd do
But here I sit many years later
Still believing the best choice was you

3-15-19? RjH

Ray Hansell

She Makes Me Rhyme

She sat and read a poem
That I had just written
A whole lot of thought
To it I had given

A smile spread across her face
Her eyes glistened like stars
When I think about the future
I can see that it is ours

Every time I look at her
She makes my days all rhyme
It's true that all gets better
With the slowly passing of time

11-3-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

She Might Be The One

Golden curls that shine
Like diamonds in the sun
Cheeks that are rosey red
Like roses in a flower bed

A heart too young to know
What it's like to hate
Hands too young to hurt
But a mind ready to create

The world she lives in now
Is such a beautiful place
Even to people who are strangers
She wears a smile upon her face

But with each passing day
She grows a little more
Not knowing what life
For her will have in store

But who knows maybe one day soon
When she finds her place
She could be the one
To put a smile on everyone's face

Maybe she can rid the world
Of all the hate and wars
Maybe she'll make people see
Just how wonderful life can be

5-21-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

She Must Leave

I just saw her recently
Just the other day
It's plain for me to see
Not much has changed in any way

I saw she had a black eye again
Said she walked into a door
As I walked away I wondered
Will she ever tell him, no more! ! !

1-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

She Reached Her End

Cry out loud
Yell and scream
Life for you
Has been no dream

You are in pain
You're helpless
The reason why
Is anyone's guess

You don't try
Because you don't care
Because you say
There's no one there

No one to love
No one to hold
You see your face
Getting old

You say that life
Has been unkind
You say that love
You just can't find

In your house
You choose to hide
In your house
You committed suicide

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Ray Hansell

She Thought Marriage Would Have Been Nice

As the half way point of my life
Arrives before I knew it
I thought I wanted marriage
To that I must admit

I always imagined him and I
Sharing life and a porch together
Sitting there and reflecting
How the years for us got better

Remembering when the grand kids
Were kids and oh so grand
We look at them and see how they've grown
How the time passes like an hour glass of sand

I dreamed that we would reminisce
Of the places we had seen
All the things we got to do
Like living out all our dreams

But the hopes of marriage
Never came to be
That's when I realized
I don't need, another half to me

The way I am right now
makes me happy and content
I have all I ever need
Even, if I don't have a cent

You see what I have inside of me
Can't be taken or compromised
It makes me who I am
No one should be surprised

I don't need another
For me to live my life
Oh, I'm sure it would be nice
To have been introduced as his wife

Sometimes the things we most want
Are things we don't need
Life will go on just fine
My heart will not bleed

We can share the remaining years
They way we've shared the past
Always being together
With a love that will always last

Yes, marriage would have been nice
If nothing, just to share his name
But in looking back I see
That no one is to blame

I know some things are meant to be
While others are not
But I'll never give up hope
That one day we'll tie the knot

1-15-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

She Was Buried On A Sunday

She was buried on a Sunday
When the sun was shining bright
The flowers were in full bloom
But that still didn't make it right

She was buried on a Sunday
Everyone was there
She would have been so surprised
To see just how many cared

When the grave side service finished
Everyone turned to leave
But I remained behind
So in silence I could grieve

We shared our love secretly
No one ever knew
Now that she is gone
I don't know what I'll do

I talked to her all day long
Until I ran out of things to say
As the sun slowly left the sky
Then I went on my way

I didn't want to leave her
I didn't want to say goodbye
I knew at home, all alone
That was when I'd cry

The days we shared together
Were the very best of times
One thing the world will never know
Is that love was her's and mine

She was buried on a Sunday
When the sun was shining bright
Here I sit all alone
On a sad and dark Sunday night

6-26-09/RjH

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Ray Hansell

She Was Right

When I'm feeling lonely
A little down and out
I have you to lean on
To help erase all doubt

You will always listen
To all I have to say
You never let anything
Ever get in our way

You let me have my say
Until my rant is done
That is when you tell me
I don't listen to anyone

I begin to protest
But you put up your hand
That is when you tell me
To act more like a man

You say, you are a grown up
So, start acting like one
Listen to other people
Before you jump the gun

That's when I admitted
She probably was right
I said, I'll try to do better
As she said to me good night

4-7-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

She Watched Her Love Die

She sat and cried
Because she said
Love has died

She always try's
Not to hate
Since love has died

Her eyes won't dry
Since he left
Because their love has died

She wants to hide
Only because
Love has died

Because he lied
Both of them
Watched their love died

Ray Hansell

She Went Away

Last night I walked to your door
We talked then kissed good night
I had no way of knowing
That our end was in sight

The next morning when I woke up
I called you on the phone
Your mother said, I'm sorry
My daughter has left home

I stood there with the telephone
Clutched tightly in my hand
I felt like a king
Who had just lost his land

I asked her mother
Where did she go
Her mother went silent
As she softly said, I don't know

So now I spend my days and nights
Hoping for her return
Inside I have this feeling
All my waiting will be in vain

I just like to talk with her
Just to let her know
That I hope she's happy
Wherever she may go

7-22-05/RHG

Ray Hansell

She Won

She fought such a hard fight
Refusing to give in
When one fights for their life
All they want is a win

She fought for the right
To go on living
Knowing that in her heart
Her survival wasn't a given

We never know in life
How we will be tested
It's sad that anyone
Even has to be selected

The scar's that she wears
Shows what she's overcome
Cancer tried to beat her
But, in the end she won

10-14-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Shea Stadium

The skies were grey
With a threat of rain
But still they got
To play the game

You see this was
To be the day
The fans would say
Goodbye to Shea

Since nineteen sixty four
The Metropolitans called it home
But from the very beginning
The 'Mets' were how they were affectionately known

9-28-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

She'll Never Remember Me

When I look at you
All I ever see
Is beauty right
In front of me

I see you eyes
Your smiling face
I watch you move
With style and grace

Your sweet voice
Fills my ears
Like the finest music
One could ever hear

I know that no one knows
What life could ever hold
But I know that holding you
Would be like holding gold

A feeling so warm and satisfied
As my hands wrap around
Making sure to be careful
Of this beauty I've just found

People come and people go
In and out of lives
Some people stay themselves
While others wear a disguise

Now I know I do not know you
And I probably never will
But seeing you when I do
Always gives me such a thrill

You'll return back to your home
With never a thought of me
That's okay because I know
That's the way it's meant to be

In and out of lives
I said that's what we do
But you can be sure of one thing
I will forever remember you

Sometimes life gets us down
It's just a part of living
These simple words I wrote for you
Is just my way of giving

1-29-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

She's Also

I was with my love
Happy as could be
I know in my heart
That she does love me

She pleases me every time
It's what she loves to do
She always smiles and tells me
That I please her to

I guess her and I
Were meant for each other
Besides being my friend
She's also my lover

4-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

She's Lonely

She never asks for very much
Harsh words never leave her lips
She knows he loves her
He tells her with his kiss

She never asks very much
Though he knows she's not content
Since love has come their way
It stayed and never really went

But the days seem much longer now
The nights have gotten cold
He married someone else
She's lonely by herself and getting old

5-9-78/RjH

Ray Hansell

She's Made It On Her Own

Give the lady room
Don't stand in her way
Don't try to stop her
She will not be delayed

Give the lady room
There are things she will achieve
Even if in her ability
You really don't believe

She's a doer
She's an achiever
She 's a thinker
She's a believer

Give her room
Give her space
On her own
She'll earn of place

All the years of paying
With nothing in return
Now she's going to show us
Just how much she's learned

She has finally arrived
She's standing on her own
She deserves all the credit
For the perseverance she has shown

11-18-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Shining Star

Will you be my shining star?
One who'll take me far
Then bring me back again
I only want
To love you girl
Nothing more, nothing less
To me you have always been
Nothing but the best
I do love you still
I probably always will
Want you to be
My shining star

I want my shining star
To see me through
This life that I live
I only want to be with you
My shining star
You know you shine so true
My shining star
I live to be with only you

9-13-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Shooting Star

If I see a shooting star
I'll be sure to make a wish
All the while I'm wishing
I'll hold my crucifix

I'll watch the star as it shoots
Across the mid-night sky
I'll relish at the beauty
As I just softly sigh

For I will be a winner
If my dream comes true
If it becomes reality
I'd share it all with you

But if my dream should falter
And come crashing to the ground
Just like that shooting star
I would not make a sound

Ray Hansell

Short On Time

I'm way past my prime
Running out of rhyme
Knowing well that I'm
Very short on time

8-25-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Shoudn'T Have Done It

Now she's gone
She won't return
Here's the lesson
That I learned

When you love someone
Always be faithful and true
Don't let what happened to me
Ever happen to you

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Ray Hansell

Should Have Stayed Home

You know it hurts
Because I lost love
But at least
I had a love to lose

If I had to do it again
I never would have strayed
But I learned too late
Home, is where I should have stayed

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Ray Hansell

Should I Let Them Show?

The more time I spend with you
The more my feelings grow
Should I keep them to myself
Or should I let them show?

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Ray Hansell

Show Me

May I follow you
In your dreams tonight
Please show me how
Love can be so right

Show me how a man
Should make a woman feel
Show me the way
To show you my love is real

Help me find my way
Show me the things to do
Tell me what you want
Tell me how to love you

Tell me what it takes
For you to be satisfied
Lend a helping hand
I promise that I'll try

I want to make you happy
So you'll want me around
I always want to see your smile
Please don't ever wear a frown

May I follow you
In your dreams tonight
In the hope that I
Will learn to love you right

11-25-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Shy

I wish I could tell you
Just how much I care
At times I wish that I
Could pull the words out of the air

Whenever I see you
My mind just goes blank
I get so very nervous
Like someone who's robbed a bank

I know it might sound silly
You may not understand
Just once I wish I had the chance
To walk and hold your hand

But I know it will not happen
Because I'm far too shy
To just walk up and talk with you
I'm not that kind of guy

11-4-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sick

I heard you weren't feeling well
I heard you had the flu
Make sure to take care of yourself
Do the things that you should do

Take your pills, drink some water
Drink orange juice as well
Drink some tea and chicken noodle soup
As you slowly climb out of hell

But remember the more people who know
That you're under the weather
They will all have a cure
That they will make you feel better

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Similar

In all my years of living
I've done so many things
Been so many places
Heard the church bells ring

I've heard so many people
As their laughter filled the air
I could see concern on their faces
Because, deep inside we all care

That's when I came to realize
Just how much alike we are
We all have our private moments
When we wish upon a star

We all have our feelings
We all have our pain
It seems to me that you and I
In a lot of ways we are the same

We have all known heartaches
We've all had our dreams
So many times we all contemplate
When our thoughts flow like a stream

We have so much in common
More than we may realize
You can see hope for the future
When you look in peoples eyes

11-16-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Simple Man

My hands are yours
If you need to borrow
To comfort you
To chase away sorrow

My heart is open
To let you in
It doesn't matter
Where you've been

A smile I'll wear
To light your way
To hopefully brighten
A sad lonely day

Words of hope
Will fill your ears
I'll help dry
All you're tears

If you must cry
To ease the pain
I will stay
Just the same

I'll comfort you
When you're distressed
I'll hold you close
So you know you're blessed

You and I together
Will talk with God
We'll let Him know
Things have been hard

We'll ask of Him
Wants He wants to give
He knows our faith in Him
Will always live

Together life's burdens
We will share
Doing it together
Will get us there

So I promise
That you and I
Together we're always
Going to try

There is nothing
I wouldn't do
To ease the pain
That you've been through

So now you know
Just where I stand
Will you accept
This simple man?

3-20-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Since The Beginning

There was a time
Not long ago
When I said,
I love you so

You looked at me
Through hoping eyes
That my words
Weren't lies

How could I
Be untrue
With what I feel
Inside for you

You said that you've
Been hurt before
I said to you
We've all been through that door

You know, in love
Some have lost and some have one
That's how it's been
Since life begun

8-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Since We Met

From you I learned
To get love
You must give love
Back in return

The more you give
The more you'll get
This I've learned
Since we've met

3-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Since You Went Away

Since you went away the sun don't shine
Since you went away my words don't rhyme
Since you went away all it does is rain
Since you went away I live my life in vain
Since you went away the birds no longer sing
Since you went away my hearts been in a sling
Since you went away tears fall from my eyes
Since you went away I've learned how to cry
Since you went away the waves no longer wash the shore
Since you went away I've no reason to live anymore

11-25-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Since You've Been Gone

Where have you gone?
The days drag on
Since you've been gone

Will you return?
I have learned
To be concerned

I hope someday
You're back this way
Hopefully, to stay

4-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sing It One More Time

Sing me your song girl
Please sing it to me one more time
Sing about the love
That once was your's and mine

Sing about the happiness
The good times we shared
Sing about the world we knew
Sing about how much we cared

Please sing your song one more time
Sing it loud and clear
Come tomorrow you'll be gone
Then your song I'll no longer hear

3-4-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Sitting And Talking

Just passing time and talking
About nothing, but everything
The most important thing
Is the time we share together
I could sit and talk with you
Probably forever

Your soft gentle way
Your reassuring smile
That comforts me
More then anything in this world

You reach out and touch my hand
You gaze into my eyes
What now exists between us
Started so long ago

I softly whisper, 'I Love You'
You whisper back, me to
Life now means everything to me
Because of you

8-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sixty Eight Today

Today another birthday
Has caught up to me
The years are getting late
As I can plainly see

I may have lost a step or two
My hearing may be on the decline
My hair has long since gone grey
But to me that's just fine

I know some things we can't control
So, I don't even try
A new pain here, a new pain there
But, you'll never me cry

But through it all my mind is sharp
There's so much I still remember
I was able to write this poem
Remembering my birthday is in September

So, I guess there's much to be happy for
Even through the years are getting late
All in all life has been great
Looking back today when I turned sixty eight

9-23-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sleep In Peace

Close your eyes
Sleep in peace
As silence abounds
Throughout the streets

The moon will shine
Through the night
The stars will also
Shine real bright

You will hear
Not a sound
As peace will be
All around

The angels will protect you
While you are asleep
They'll be no reason
For you to have to weep

As you sleep
Always remember
My love for you
I'll never surrender

3-29-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sleep Peaceful

Sleep peaceful
In the night
In my heart
I hope all is right

Dream with the night
Before the day
Comes around to take
Your dreams away

May your day
Be sunny and bright
May peace again
Fill your night

8-23-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sleep Tight Tonight

Good night
Turn out the light
Sleep tight
Everything will be alright

Sleep well
Don't dwell
Under the blanket
Like a clam in a shell

Peacefully you'll sleep
In his arms God will keep
You protected from all harm
As you count the sheep

Good night
Sleep tight
I will dream
Of you tonight

12-4-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

Small-Town Gossip

The tears stream down her face
Somehow, she's lost her place

Once she was the toast of the town
Now everybody talks her down

Some people aren't to sure
Just how much she can endure

She used to be married with a family of four
Now, no one greets her as she walk through the door

What she once had, has now been lost
It has all come at a terrible cost

She had affair with a man in town
Like wild fire the word spread around

When her husband found out her soon left
Broken hearted and depressed

Her children went with him to get away
They all left in a hurry without delay

She though she loved this other man
Too late she came to understand

Some things in life can't be undone
You can think of leaving but there's no place to run

Sometimes we do things without much thought
Paying a price and learning, a lesson taught

Some may think life is better on the other side
You may run away but, from yourself you can't hide

10-27-18/RjH

Smarter Today

I use to be the kind of person
Who'd always take a chance
But lately it seems
I'd rather sit down than dance

I use to be so willing
To always try something new
But most times it seems
Certain things I won't do

Like for instance flying
I'd rather drive my car
But I know it makes more sense
To fly when you travel far

Maybe it's just getting old
Because we get a little smarter
We know the things we did in our youth
Now are so much harder

So, common sense rules more now
Then it did back in the day
Because the risks I use to take
Are no longer the order of the day

1-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Smiling Eyes

Keep those brown eyes smiling
Let the love inside you grow
May the happiness you feel
Always continue to show

Time will make the love we share
All that much stronger
I see you and I
Together so much longer

I love to share things with you
I know our love, faith and trust
Is so very strong
I know they will never rust

There may be times when tears are shed
Maybe only a time or two
But it would break my heart
If those tears belonged to you

Just remember that I love you
I know always will
Because every time I'm with you
It's another brand new thrill

4-2-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Smoke That Cigarette

Go ahead and light that cigarette
I'm sure you'll have no regrets

Inhale that smoke nice and deep
In your lungs it will safely keep

Tell everyone that you meet
That smoking is really neat

As you smoke two packs a day
You slowly puff your life away

You say a cigarette helps you relax
As they keep on raising the tax

Nothing will make you stop I see
Please blow that smoke away from me

When I see you in your coffin
I'll remember how you smoked so often

You said, smoking was no big deal
I wonder what the last thing was you got to feel?

9-21-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Smoothness

She sings me songs of love
As my day begins
Her voice sounds like angels
I love the way she sings

So effortlessly she hit the notes
Some say, you sound like Streisand
When I close my eyes and listen
Their comparison I understand

Your voice so smooth and gentle
Your feelings shining through
I've never heard anyone
Who could ever sing like you

3-17-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Snow Boarding

Playing on a field
A field of white snow
A board under my feet
As down the hill I go

I feel as though I'm gliding
Across a big white cloud
Down the hill I go
As my heart beats out loud

It's beating loud from the rush
I get when I'm snow boarding
I made it again without falling
Inside myself it's me I am applauding

4-15-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

So Close

To be so close
and not touch
To be so close
and not kiss
To be so close
and not holding hands
To be so close
Yet, seem so far away

4-4-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

So Did I

You wanted more than love
So did I
But the best thing we did
Was to just say goodbye

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Ray Hansell

So Do I

She went out last night
She never returned home
So now, as night goes into morning
So do I

11-9-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

So Easily Love Grew

Love came for us so easily
I loved you
You loved me
Today I can see
Just how much I lost
The day you went away

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Ray Hansell

So In Love With You

When I see you smile
I have to smile to
I love all the little things
You always seem to do

Like kiss me hello
And ask, how is your day
Then kiss me goodbye
When I'm on my way

The way you touch my arm
Whenever you speak
Then late at night in my dreams
I know you take a peak

The way you rub my face
With your hands so soft
The way I look into your eyes
Knowing love will not be lost

The way that you love me
A love so soft and true
That's the reason why
I'm so in love with you

2-20-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

So Right

Hold me close
Hold me tight
Don't let me go
Anywhere tonight

Say you want me
For your own
Give me the best love
I've ever known

Caress my face
Kiss my lips
As you run
Your finger tips

Across my chest
Through my hair
Let me hear you say
You'll always care

Hold me close
Hole me tight
In your arms
Love is so right

6-7-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

So Sure

I have never
Been so sure
I know for me
You are the cure

So many times
In the past
I found love
That didn't last

But ever since
You've come along
I finally feel
Like I belong

You have set
My soul free
By giving all
Your love to me

I will love
You forever
Knowing that it
Will only get better

When I close
My eyes at night
My heart is filled
With delight

Because you see
I go to sleep knowing
The love we share
Will forever be showing

4-14-10/RJH

So Unexpectedly

You came into my life
So unexpectedly
You opened my eyes
You helped me to see

The feelings you caused
Inside me were so brand new
I have been with other women
But none were quiet like you

Now looking back
I can truthfully say
None of them ever
Made me feel this way

4-10-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

So Very Glad

The summer days I held you
I did not want to let you go
The cold chilly mornings
Hoping you would know

Just how much I love you
Just what you mean to me
When I look into your eyes
Looking back, love is what I see

These are the greatest moments
My heart has ever known
I am so very thankful
For all the love you've shown

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Ray Hansell

So Very Thankful

In the darkness of the night
I feel you next to me
I am so very happy
As you set my heart free

I am so very thankful
That our paths did cross
For if I hadn't met you
It surely would have been my loss

4-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

So Very True

The clock on the wall
Say's it's time for me to go
But before I leave
There's something you must know

I love you so much baby
I know you know it's true
All the love inside of me
Lives there just for you

I love you so much baby
I do with all my heart
I'm so very glad
We let love have a start

7-28-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

So You'll See

I want to try to tell you
Exactly what you mean to me
I hope that when I'm through
Things will be clear to see

You always make me happy
When we are together
As time marches on
Life with you only gets better

You always wear a smile
Wherever it is we meet
Whether it's at your home
Or somewhere on the street

Your hands always let me know
What your heart is feeling
Because every now and then
A secret touch you're always stealing

Every single time we kiss
Whether making love or not
You never disappoint me
You always give me all you've got

Making love with you is great
Each and every time
It makes me so happy
Knowing that your love is mine

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Ray Hansell

Soft, Warm And Gentle

You're soft, warm and gentle
I'd handle you with care
You're soft, warm and gentle
I wish I could be there
When you close your eyes to sleep
So I could hold you in my arms

You're soft, warm and gentle
Always a smile upon your face
You're soft, warm and gentle
No one could ever take your place

You're soft, warm and gentle
It's a pleasure just knowing you
You're soft, warm and gentle
You know what I'd like to do?
Spend my lifetime loving you

12-19-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

Solitude

I live my life in solitude
It is self imposed
I like the quiet time
That's why I do it, I suppose

I don't like big crowds
They are too loud for me
Peaceful and quiet
That's how it should be

They say children
Should be seen not heard
The same goes for adults
There are no truer words

So I'll take the peace and quiet
You can have your noise
Go ahead and be loud and rambunctious
In the quiet I keep my poise

4-6-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

Some Answers

You only want answers
So you know where we stand
I know if I were you
I want some answers to

But answers I can't give you
Even though I know I should
If I don't answer your questions
Will you close the door on us for good?

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Ray Hansell

Some Day You're Going To Realize

Some day you're going to realize
That I was the one
Some day you're going to realize
That life once was fun

Some day you're going to realize
That loves not everywhere
Some day you're going to realize
Not all things in life are fair

Some day you're going to realize
You should follow your heart
Some day you're going to realize
That we all play a part

Some day you're going to realize
We all need someone else
Some day you're going to realize
We can't do it by ourselves

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Ray Hansell

Some Wonder

Love has a way
Of bringing two people together
But love has a stranger way
Of making people drift apart

Love brings them together
Love breaks them apart
Some wonder why they ever
Let another in their heart

Ray Hansell

Someday Soon

Her I sit
Bored to death
Nothing to do
Much to regret

I've made a mess
Many times
The fault was usually
Always mine

One day soon
I hope to learn
In love I won't
Always get burned

Someday soon I know
I'll find love somewhere
I'll find someone who'll say
That they'll always care

2-24-2010

Ray Hansell

Someone Asked Me

I'd like to ask a question
To all the people out there
What should a person do
When someone says, they no longer care

What is the best way
To handle these emotions
How do you help someone cope
When their heart has been broken

You can give them advise
Or just sit and listen
Knowing one day in their life
They may find what they're missing

10-4-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Someone Else They'll Find

Take me in your arms
Please hold me once again
Help me to remember
What we shared back then

Back when we were together
Back in the good old days
Back not that long ago
When we lived in simple ways

Love was true and heart felt
It lasted more than a day
Things seem so different now
Even love has changed in many ways

Promises don't mean much today
Commitments on the decline
They love someone for today
Soon it's someone else they'll find

1-15-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Someone Else's Heart

Missing you so badly
Here by myself
I always stop and pause
To look at your picture on the shelf

I often stop and wonder
To myself what if
You were still here
Would I still feel like this?

I guess it's a question
Who's answer I'll never know
Because instead of me
It's someone else's heart you set aglow

11-5-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Someone Nice

I think I've looked at your picture
About a million times
It always seems your smile
Is like a beacon light that shines

When you move your lips to speak
It's music to my ears
When you go away
That's when I want you here

For so I have watched you
But always from afar
To me you are like watching
The heavens brightest star

Now, I don't want to own you
Or control your life
All that I am looking for
Is just someone who's nice

3-8-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Someone Retiring

We shared so much
Through the years
So much laughter
So little tears

When I needed advise
You always came through
I knew that I
Could always depend on you

Now the days of working together
Will not be as frequent as before
I won't see you as often
Like I did when you walked through the door

But I have to say
That because of you
I'm now able
To do all that I do

1-6-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Someone To Listen

Having someone to talk to
To share the happenings of your day
Someone to open up to
When disappointments come your way

Someone to help guide you
When things are going wrong
That very special someone
Who has the strength when you're not strong

A person who always has the time
To listen to you when you're down
To share with you new ideas
When no one else can be found

Someone who'll listen
Someone who'll give advice
Someone who'll tell you the truth
Not just someone to be nice

3-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Someone Who'll Care

Let's take a walk along the beach tonight
We'll watch the sun turn out it's light
I want to feel you close to me
I want everyone else to see
That you and I are so in love
Walking beneath the stars above
Knowing that in happy times
Some sad days won't be far behind
But I know we'll ride them out
Because we know what love's about

I want to walk with you tonight
To let you know that we're alright
Because when I'm with you
Life and love seem brand new
As we walk holding hands
You helped me to understand
That love is better when you share
With someone who'll always care

7-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Someone You Want There

It's okay to surrender
Your love to someone else
You can let them protect you
Because their love is felt

It's not a sign of weakness
To let someone know you care
As long as it's someone
That you will always want there

9-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Something That Is Real

The hour is getting late
So, I have to go
But there are a few things
I just have to let you know

You have touched my life
In a way I can't explain
Even though we have not even met
And I barely know your name

It's funny when you meet someone
We're always on guard
Giving up too much information
At first is very hard

But who knows maybe someday soon
The barriers will all fall
We'll leave this all behind us
We'll walk and no longer have to crawl

When we finally know each other
With no more secrets to conceal
What a joy in living life
Finally, having something that is real

11-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Something We'll All Do

What will I do
As I'm getting old
As the world around me
Keeps turning cold

People have less patience
Then they did before
I really don't know
If I can take much more

So many things
I did before
Now seem so much harder
And so much more of a chore

Taking out the garbage cans
Walking to the store
I'm starting to wonder
What's it even all for?

Walking from the kitchen
Back from the bedroom
I always get there
But later than soon

I forget to turn off lights
Among some other things
I can no longer hear the birds
In the morning when they sing

I guess it's all a part
Of just growing old
This is the part of life
That young people must be told

They will have to learn
That the years move on
Because, before they know it
Their youth will be gone

They'll grow older to
They will see first hand
How cold the world can be
When you become an old man

1-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sometimes

Sometimes I'm happy
Sometimes I'm not
Sometimes I remember
Sometimes I forgot

Sometimes I am
Sometimes I'll be
Sometimes I'm blind
Sometimes I'll see

Sometimes I won't
Sometimes I will
Sometimes I'll save
Sometimes I'll kill

Sometimes I'll laugh
Sometimes I'll cry
Sometimes I wonder
Some time I'll die

1-19-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sometimes It Ends Too Soon

I saw you today
For the first time in years
I just stood there looking
Trying to control my fears

You still looked the same
As I called out your name
You turned to me and smiled
I almost felt ashamed

Quickly you stopped
For a while we stood talking
But you had to go
Soon you were off walking

You went your way
I went mine
For a brief moment
We were back in a different time

Its funny how time
Can heal all wounds
It's sad the way some loves
Sometimes end too soon

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Sometimes It Takes Time

Love had never found her
Back in her younger years
While other girls went out on dates
She spent each night with her tears

She always wondered out loud
If love would ever come her way
She thought about it often
Like, just about every day

She could never understand
Why love seemed to pass her by
She wasn't sure if it was her
So alone in her room she'd cry

But than one day in her later years
She met herself a man
Slowly they fell in love
Soon they started to plan

They picked out a wedding date
They planned it in September
Than together they agreed
It would be a wedding to remember

She had learned through the years
That finding true love took time
Like with anything else in life
Sometimes, we just have to stand in line

3-15-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sometimes One Just Knows

I could see the struggle
When I looked in your eyes
The fact that I can read you
Should not come as a surprise

People get to know each other
With the passing of time
It doesn't mean that I
Am capable of reading your mind

It's just from knowing you
Through the passing years
I see when you are happy
I can pick up on your fears

I'm sure that there are times
When you can do the same
But I know that you
Will never make that claim

But it's safe to say
That at a time or two
People can figure out
Just what others may be going through

It's not that we're mind readers
Or have a crystal ball
It's just at times you can recognize
When someone is about to fall

10-8-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sometimes The Hardest Thing To Say

I never told you I was sorry
For my hurtful words
I was speaking to someone else
What I said you shouldn't have heard

I know I was wrong
But too late I realized
That never once did I
Call you to apologize

Sometimes our pride
Gets in our way
Than we never speak
The words we need to say

So, now I'll say I'm sorry
From the bottom of my heart
Hoping you and I
Can have a brand new start

5-18-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sometimes This Life

Sometimes when I'm lost
I don't want to be found
Sometimes when I'm feeling only
I don't want anyone around

Sometimes this life
Doesn't seem like a friend
Sometimes I feel
I'm already at the end

The world can be so cold
The way it sometimes turns
With every new day
Another lesson gets learned

Sometimes I wish
There was a way
For the sun to shine
On everyone everyday

4-14-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Somewhere In The Heavens

Somewhere in the heavens
I know you're there tonight
Somewhere in the heavens
Your star is shining bright

Somewhere in the heavens
You're looking down on me
Somewhere in the heavens
I know that you can see

That I lived my life
Only for your love
I know that you can see that
As you watch over me from above

Yours was the greatest love
My heart has ever known
That's why so many years later
I still live all alone

Somewhere in the heavens
Your smiling tonight
Somewhere here on earth
That makes me feel alright

10-19-2014/RjH

Ray Hansell

Song In My Heart

The song in my heart
That plays each day
Was put there by the love
That you brought my way

It always plays louder
When you come into view
Listening to it forever
Is exactly what I want to do

1-19-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Songs

If I close my eyes I can hear
Songs from my past
All the sweet melodies
Are more than just a flash

They remind me of my first love
The one I thought would last
But soon I found out the hard way
How quickly someone becomes your past

Never think anything will last forever
Because we never know
That what we have here today
Tomorrow could quickly go

But some songs can take me back
To the days of my youth
All the lies we were told
So many songs told the truth

Music made us think
About so many things
Like fighting in a war
We knew we'd never win

Songs can fill the heart with joy
As they fill your eyes with tears
The great songs last forever
As we live through the years

6-15-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Soul Mate

All the days that I
Got to share with you
Were the happiest days
My heart ever knew

Now, I'll no longer see you
But your face is etched in my mind
Inside my heart is the place
Where you will live for all time

I didn't get the chance to tell you
All the things I wanted to say
I only wish I'd had a chance
To see you just one more day

I know that you are safe now
Behind heavens gate
You are the only one in this life
I ever considered my soul mate

9-16-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Special

The coldness of the night
Brings you close to me
I hold you nice and tight
Only you, me and God can see

All the love that fills our hearts
The happiness that lives within
From love I know we'll never part
I don't want to feel that loneliness again

The special bond I've found with you
Is so unique and one of a kind
The kind of bond that tells me
We'll be together till the end of time

1-7-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Special Feeling

There's a special feeling that I get
Every time I'm around you
I feel as if I've been re-born
You make life seem brand new

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Ray Hansell

Spring

Spring has sprung upon us
Like it does each year
So many smiling faces
Because it's finally here

The days of winter behind us
Warm days lay ahead
Winter coats and warm pants
Can now all be shed

Spring showers will surely fall
Just like the wind will blow
The flowers all around us
Will finally start to grow

Watered from the showers
Sent from up above
Beautiful smells and colors
Are what spring is made of

5-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Spring 2010

Spring is here
Time to cheer
Because the skies are clear

The flowers will grow
The trees will to
As natures beauty comes to life

The colors of the flowers
That bloom in day time hours
Close their pedals to sleep at night

But as a new day arrives
The flowers will come alive
In the sun they will strive

The leaves on the trees
Dance in the breeze
As it gently blows

Children playing
In the park
As they all run about

The parks are filled
The drinks are chilled
For sure some will be spilled

5-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Spring Time

On a sunny day
Just like today
Love found a way
To you and I

A gentle breeze
A rustle of the trees
Blows it's love
To you and I

A star filled sky
A full moon bright
On this blessed night
For you and I

A brand new world
Has just begun
At the perfect time
Love has sprung

4-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Spring's On The Way

I walked outside
To greet the day
I could see
Spring was on it's way

The flowers were blooming
The trees had their leaves
The morning was cooled
By a light spring breeze

As I walked along I'd see
So many people out doors
The winter thaw is finally here
We could not ask for more

So very soon I know we'll see
The signs of summer will be near
The days will be sunny and warm
While the nights will be so clear

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Ray Hansell

Squeeze Your Arms Around Me

Squeeze your arms around me
Hold on to me real tight
Please stay close to me
As we sleep through the night

Then we'll greet the morning sun
As it lights up the room
The loving time I spend with you
Will always end too soon

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Ray Hansell

Staying Home

Some people bemoan
The fact they are alone
Some feel the need to roam
Others are happy staying home

8-14-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Stephanie (A Young Life Taken Too Soon)

The city of Angels
Has lost one of their own
A beautiful soul
Who's been called home

A daughter, a sister, a wife and a mother
A friend to so many
Memories of her
They'll always be plenty

Days you will remember
The good times with her
How it seems it all passed
Just like a blur

Her memories will last forever
As her spirit will to
They'll always be a part of her
Living inside of you

For when you love someone
They live in your heart forever
It's such a powerful feeling
That you will never sever

So now, she's in God's hands
Safe from all hurt and pain
Although you know your life
Without her, will never be the same

Shed your tears let it out
It's no shame to show your pain
It's a heart breaking experience
After which we are never the same

There's nothing more tragic
Then a parent losing a child
I have been there
For a long time I lost my smile

But I did recover as you will to
It's going to take a while
But that's alright
Because in time you'll find your smile

5-24-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Still Alive

Don't worry about tomorrow
Live within today
For tomorrow is the future
For which we have no say

So don't worry for the days
That have yet to arrive
Live each day to the fullest
While you are still alive

6-4-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Still Climbing

I've come so far in the past few years
At times I thought I'd never make it
Dreams I dreamed so long ago
So many have come to be

But my dreams are far from over
I'll just be content
I'll never be satisfied
While unconquered roads lie ahead

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Ray Hansell

Still Missing

How are you doing?
I hope all is fine
Lately it seems
That you've been on my mind

I wonder where you are
I wonder how you are doing
I wish I had your picture
To give it a viewing

Than it would ease my mind
And put my soul at ease
Then I could sit back and enjoy
This summer evening breeze

So, until I hear from you
You'll be inside my mind
Hoping one day soon in my email
A greeting from you I'll find

5-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Stolen Moments

Stolen moments
We use to share
Way back when
We use to care

But as time
Passed us by
Our stolen moments
Could not survive

Gone are the days
Of a loving embrace
Gone are the smiles
From our face

Gone is the love
That brought us together
Gone is the love
That didn't get better

The stolen moments
We use to share
Lived back when
We use to care

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Ray Hansell

Stormy Night And Us

On a wintery night like this
I know for sure we would kiss
In fact I know that it's true
I'd be making love with you
As the wind blows and the rain falls
You would hear my heart call
It would softly whisper out your name
While our love burns like a candle flame
I'd hold you close to me
Together you and I would be
Lost in each others love
As the rain falls slowly from above
Yes, on a night like this
Being with you would be my only wish

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Ray Hansell

Straddling The Fence

Have you ever sat and wondered
If you've made the right choice
Or later do you hear
Your little inner voice

Trying to convince you
You should change your mind
Now you start to weigh it out
It dominates all your time

Soon you must decide
The correct decision to make
You think maybe you'll sleep on it
Then decide when you awake

Well, you may delay it
But it just won't go away
You have to make up your mind
To come up with a decision today

11-14-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Stranded From Each Other

A daughter stranded
So far away
A mother's heart crying
On Christmas day

So many hopes
Were dashed away
When plans fell through
Before Christmas day

A mother's heart broken
A daughter's soul in pain
Because things did not work out
Even though they tried just the same

Maybe for some reason
This year wasn't meant to be
But maybe Christmas twenty nineteen
Is the Christmas, together you'll see

1-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Strong And True

In a moment of closeness
Two hearts connect
The out pouring of love
Is what both hearts will get

But the key to making it work
Love must be strong and true
If you want her love
To always accompany you

9-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Struck By Loves Arrow

I felt a burning sensation
Deep inside my chest
I knew I had to sit down
I knew I had to rest

But even when I sat down
The pain didn't go away
I think I know the reason
Now I'm gonna say

I was shot in the heart
By the arrow of love
I get this feeling everyday
When it's you I think of

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Ray Hansell

Suddenly

It happened so suddenly
With no warning at all
Now because of your love for me
I stand so proud and tall

5-21-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Summer Heat

The days of summer
Can wear you down
In your sweat
You feel you'll drown

No relief for days to come
The sun just keeps on blazing
As the days pass us by
The temperatures keep raising

You try your best to stay cool
The harder you try, the less you succeed
A trip to an ice glacier
Now that's just what you need

But you know you must wait it out
For soon the hot spell will break
Then once again you'll relax
A collective sigh you can take

But just around the corner
Winter is waiting to appear
With its cold, snow and rain
Then you'll wish summer were here

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Ray Hansell

Sunny Days Sunny Days

Sunny days sunny days
I love it when the sun
Is shining nice and bright
It always makes a day feel right

Sunny days sunny days
No two days the same
So when the sun is out
I cannot complain

I don't mind the rain
But really just the same
I'd rather have the sun
Sunny days are much more fun

Sunny days sunny days
Always seem to amaze
Life is so much brighter
When we have sunny days

Sunny days always chase away
The rain and all the gloom
Cause when it comes to sunny days
I every life there's plenty of room

3-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Super Star

They said he was an icon
A super star to many
All said he was famous
His songs, there were plenty

He played before millions
He played for just a few
No matter how many people
He always got a great review

When the news had broken
That he had passed away
To fans he never knew
It was their saddest day

No one could have imagined
Just how much he was loved
I'm sure he's still performing
On a stage up above

2-29-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Surgery Pending

Your heart is feeling heavy
As your eyes release their tears
As far as you can see
Nothing is really clear

So many answers you can't find
No matter how hard you look
The answers that you need
Can't be found inside a book

Your mind races at a constant pace
It never seems to slow down
You try your very hardest
Not to walk around with a frown

As the time gets closer
Your mind drifts further away
Many people try to help
But it doesn't what they have to say

It's easy for others to say
Things will turn out alright
But they are no the one's
Losing sleep every night

I know that I've been one of them
But I don't know what else to say
I only want the best for you
As you struggle through each day

But I want you to know
I will be praying for you
Holding you in my arms again
Is the only thing I want to do

5-26-09/RjH

Submitted 3-28-14

Ray Hansell

Surrounding Us

The cool night
Chills the air
Sitting close
Without a care

The night for me
Is quiet time
Holding you
Frees my mind

Love surrounds
Everywhere
In our hearts
It lives there

I hope to live
As long as you
Living out dreams
That all come true

9-24-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Surviving Treatment

Every time I look at you
It breaks my heart in two
It hurts for me to witness
The pain you're going through

I can see the pain inside of you
Each time I look at your face
The happiness I use to see
Now, there's barely a trace

I see the way that you walk
It's very deliberate and slow
I'm praying for you to get better
This, I wanted you to know

12-15-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Survivor

Happy birthday to someone
Who's fighting the big C
I must say from what I've seen
You're so much stronger than me

I've never seen a man or woman
Who could do the things you've done
If I made a list of courageous people
You know that you'd be number one

Your strength and determination
Are something to behold
It always amazes me
Just how much you are in control

4-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sweet Lady

Of all the woman that I've loved
All the woman I have known
Please know that it was always you
Where I found a home

From the first day that we met
In my heart I knew
That when it came to loving me
There's nothing you wouldn't do

You were always there
When I needed you
For me there was no one else
Who could do what you could do

All the things you did for me
Yet, you never once complained
When I know there were times
When our relationship was strained

But soon we both could see
The light at the end
But I made it through
With the help of my best friend

10-17-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

To My Soul

A star filled night
A winter moon
I hold you tight
One this winter night
Because of your love for me
I am warmed to my soul

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Ray Hansell

Take His Hand

When life is over
You will know
God will appear
There to show

Where you will go
How it will be
When life is over
It will be angels you will see

Don't try to fight it
You'll only lose
You are the one
That God did choose

So go ever gently
Today's the day
God will hold your hand
As He leads you away

6-27-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Take My Heart

I can tell the way you're holding back
That you've been hurt before
But you must learn to trust
That love will come once more

I can tell looking in your eyes
That pain still lingers within
But look to where you're going
Forget where you have been

I will hold your hand through every step
I will kiss you on the cheek
It doesn't mean you're giving in
For sure it does not mean you're weak

I will reassure you
Show you that you were right
That you did not make a mistake
When we shared the night

Just to be close to you
Is somehow like a dream
Now that we have come to be
I now know, just what love means

Love needs to be shared with someone
For one can't love alone
But now that I have found you
I realize what I have always known

That if one waits long enough
Sooner or later the right one comes along
Together we will build a bond
That will forever be strong

4-3-14/RjH

Take Out The L

Take the L out of lover
And it's over

12-2317/RjH

Ray Hansell

Take Time

Quiet long walks
I like to do
It's not that I
Don't Want to be with you

It's just that at times
I need some alone time
Just so that I
Can clear out my mind

Get away from all the noise
And all the city sounds
To be by myself
With no one else around

It's something that we
Should all do
So at least for a while
Living again can feel new

Too many people
Don't take the time
To give time to themselves
As they walk life's fine line

So I say to one and all
Always make time for you
Because in the end when you run out of time
It's something you can't undo

10-13-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Taking Time

I see your face
My heart beats fast
Hoping that
This feeling lasts
I don't want
To be your past
So let's not
Move too fast

9-22-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Taking Vows

Tomorrow together
Both of you will stand
A man and a woman
Together hand in hand

The preacher will read
Words from the Book
Through loving eyes
The both of you will look

You'll share your vows
With family and friends
Vowing to love one another
Until the very end

Your day will be joyful
With food, drink and dance
You'll look at each other
With more than a glance

Right now the love you share
Is as strong as can be
But as the years go by
You'll be tested wait and see

But if love can survive
You'll both make it through
You'll see that love and marriage
Was surly meant for you

8-27-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Talking And Laughing

Warm cozy evening
Spent with only you
So many things
For us to do

Holding you
Kissing you
With you here in my arms
Nothing is ever missing

Long conversations
Laughter in between
The happiness together
In your eyes can be seen

Nights of loving you
Mean so much me
Just look into my eyes
Love is all you'll see

Spending all my evenings
With you by my side
The love I feel for you
Is love that will never hide

10-17-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Taxes

That time of year
Is finally here
The time of year
That people fear

Gather up
Your w-2's
It's the time
For you know who

Uncle Sam's hand is out
He wants his fair share
You know as well as I
It will not be fair

But people say
That's the price
That you pay
For a slice

A slice of the pie
To live here free
That's the cost
To you and me

1-25-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Tear's

Tear's in my eyes
Tear's on my cheeks
Please leave me alone
For when I cry
I have no desire to speak

3-4-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Tell Me

Tell me that you want me
Tell me that you care
Tell me that you need
For me to always be near

Tell me that you love me
Tell me that you'll stay
Right here by my side
Forever past today

Tell that no one else
Can do the things I do
Tell me that I'm the one
You always want with you

Tell me that I'm the one
You want to hold in bed
Tell me that no one else
Can say the things I've said

Tell how I love you
Whenever we're alone
Tell me the love I give you
Is the best you've ever known

Tell me our nights together
Are like none you've had before
Tell me the way I love you
Will keep you coming back for more

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Ray Hansell

Tell People How You Really Feel

Her memory still haunts me
Each and every night
What I did was so wrong
But at the time it seemed so right

I said, I didn't need her
Or so it seemed
Now each night she's the one
Who dominates my dreams

No matter how hard I try
That picture I can't erase
I can still see the tears
As they rolled down her face

Now as I stand over her
I make the sign of the cross and pray
I wish so much I could tell her
That I'll think of her each day

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Ray Hansell

Termination

We bow our heads to morn
With hearts that are torn
For the child not born
Some people filled with scorn

8-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thank The Men And Women

I'm thankful for the freedom
I enjoy each and every day
I'm thankful for the freedom
That lets me go my own way

I'm thankful for the freedom
To pray as I please
I'm thankful for the freedom
To satisfy all my own needs

I'm thankful for the liberties
My freedom has given me
I'm thankful for the red, white and blue
That flies to let me know I'm free

I'm thankful for the voice I have
When I want to disagree
Knowing I can speak out
And my freedom stays with me

But most of all I'm thankful for
The men and women who all fight
They give me all the freedoms
That makes my life so nice

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Ray Hansell

Thank You For Being There

I know that it's not easy
To find a special friend
One you can rely on
Until the very end

So I guess I'm lucky
Because when I looked in your eyes
It was so easy to see
That you wore no disguise

So we became trusted friends
It seems like it's been forever
I know the friend I have in you
I could not have found one better

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Ray Hansell

Thank You Forever

Thank you for the smile
I get from you each day
Thank you for the love
You always send my way

Thank you for the time
You always find for me
Thank you for the love
That you helped me see

Thank you for your words
They're always kind and sweet
But most of all I thank the Lord
That you and I had a chance to meet

1-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thank You Friend

We shared so very much
Through all the years
Times filled with laughter
Times filled with tears

When I needed advise
You always came through
I knew no matter what
I could always depend on you

Now our days of working together
Will not be as frequent as before
I won't see you as often
Like I did when you walked through the door

But I have to say
That because of you
I'm able to accomplish
All the things that I do

1-6-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Thank You My Friend

Hey friend please sit down
I have something to say
It will only take up
A small part of your day

I just want to thank you
For always being there for me
Whenever I was in trouble
Your smile always set me free

When I needed friendly advise
You spoke such magic words
All the things you ever said
I want you to know I heard

When I needed a shoulder
To cry a tear or two
You were always close at hand
You always let me lean on you

I just wanted you to know
I've never forgotten you
And all those wonderful things
That you would always do

7-15-09/RjH

Submitted 3-21-14

Ray Hansell

Thank You, Friend

As the days get cold
As my hands grow old
As my life nears the end
The single greatest pleasure I had
Was having you as my friend

RjH/1-31-06

Ray Hansell

That Call

I thought that I knew you
I thought I understood
I thought that I could separate
The bad from the good

I thought that I had known
Woman like you before
I was so convinced
That I knew the score

But now I see I was wrong
I didn't know you at all
For the life of me
I don't know why I made that call

6-11-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

That Day In November

Many times I think of you
Many times I remember
That very cold and cloudy day
In the month of November

That's the day you told me
That you and I were through
You said it didn't matter
That I was in love with you

You said you found someone else
Some one who needs you
I told you that I needed you
But I guess that just won't do

I hope you find happiness
Or whatever you're looking for
I know whatever he gives you
I could have given you much more

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Ray Hansell

That Seven Letter Word

You tell me that you love me
You tell me that you care
But when we are together
You never let me near

I know it might be crazy
To feel the way we feel
But deep inside I know
Our feelings are so real

What should we do?
Should we stay apart?
When deep inside we know
It would break both of our hearts

The love we feel
We can't even share
Because no one can know
That we even care

So it looks like our lives
Will be lived apart
But your kiss will forever
Be stamped upon my heart

Don't think it is easy
For me to say all of this
Living life with you
Is all I've ever wished

I wish we didn't have to say
That seven letter word
Because, 'goodbye' makes the heart sad
Whenever it is heard

9-18-09/RjH

That Sinking Feeling

I dialed your phone number
Hoping to talk with you
But your phone
Just rang and rang and rang
The more that it keep ringing
The deeper my heart kept sinking

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Ray Hansell

That Special Day

My life was enriched
The day that I met you
My life was made complete
The day you said, "I Do";

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Ray Hansell

That Special Feeling

I have you in my heart
Your face burned in my mind
I think of you constantly
It seems like all the time

You know how much I love you
You know I always will
Every time I see you
I always get a thrill

I hope that special feeling
Never fades away
I hope you are always the one
Who'll brighten up my day

I wish I could be near you
Every single day
Just so I could tell you
I love you in every way

12-25-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

That's What Friends Do

The stories of our lives
Are filled with happiness and pain
Regardless of the emotion
We must carry on just the same

Of course in days of happiness
It's so easy to go along
But it's in those days of pain
When we hope we can be strong

We may need someone to lean on
To help us make it through
But, there is no shame in that
Because, that's just what friends do

1-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

That's What It's About

She's lying close beside me
With her hand in mine
There are no sounds at all
As we are lost in time

She moves her head to kiss me
Our lips meet in the dark
I know that very soon
On love making we will embark

I wrap my arms around her
Hold her close to my chest
When I hold her in my arms
I know I'm holding the best

Making love is beautiful
That, there is no doubt
Being in love is meaningful
That's what love should be about

7-31-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

That's When

I went looking for gold
All I found was rocks
When I wasn't looking for love
That's when I found you

4-14-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Beatles

From 'Love Love Me Do'
To, 'The Long and Winding Road'
In between was the greatest
Musical story ever told

4-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Bench We Use To Share

I see the park bench we use to share
I pass it every day
Somehow it looks so lonely
For it has no one to hold
Maybe I should stop
Have a seat upon that bench
Then the world would see
The lonely bench and the lonely me

1977/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Best

I don't care
About the rest
Why should I
I'm with the best

I don't care
Who you are
You can't out shine
My shining star

Sure you may be younger
Sure you may be thinner
But to me you see
My girl is the winner

When I hold her
In my hands
I know just
Where I stand

She love me
For whom I am
She owns the heart
Of this man

Ray Hansell

The Best I Ever Knew

With you I need no defense
With you I don't need pretense
When you and I are alone
We can call that place home
Rivers rush to the sea
I feel your love rush over me
All my past fears are gone
Ever since you came along
I could see from the start
That you would capture my heart
You are a woman so strong and true
In fact the best woman I ever knew

5-8-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Best I'D Ever Find

I heard that you were happy
I heard your dreams came true
I heard that you've found someone
Who is the one for you

So I wish you happiness
I hope you do succeed
But I can honestly tell you
For you my heart still bleeds

I thought that you and I
Would be together forever
I knew I'd never find
Anyone who's better

But it looks like you have
I hope he treats you well
I hope that your life
We be lived in heaven not in hell

When I stop and think of you
My thoughts will all be kind
To me you were the greatest lady
I could have ever hoped to find

Ray Hansell

The Best Part

The best part of my day
Is when you look my way
The best part of the night
Is when I get to hold you tight
The best part of the morning
Is waking there with you
As new day is dawning
The best part of me
Is you, I hope you see

6-25-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Best Part Of Being In Love Is You

I wish that I was there
To share with you your evening
Being so in love
In my heart always believing

That I've found the one
Whom my hearts beats for
The one who gives her all to me
I never have to ask for more

Sitting there with you
In a love seat for two
The best part of being love
Is because it is with you

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Ray Hansell

The Blame Game

When love goes wrong
Cry without shame
Because when love fails
Both sides are to blame

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Ray Hansell

The Blues

Why do I
Sing the blues
Because it's not
What I'd choose

But some days
Are so bad
That it leaves
Me really sad

I'm hoping
One day soon
The sun will shine
Like it was June

So you see
Until that day
The blues I sing
Are here to stay

5-26-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Call

Last night
I dialed your number
But your phone
Just rang and rang and rang
The more it kept on ringing
The deeper my heart kept sinking

5-9-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Chance To Meet

Whether walking on a beach
Or, sitting by a fire
Spending time with you
Never seems to tire

Walking barefoot
In the sand
Side by side
Holding hands

Climbing on some rocks
High above the water
The afternoons get colder
As the days become shorter

Chopping wood for a fire
To warm us from the cold
Watching the flames as they dance
This life never gets old

Sharing time with the one you love
The one who makes your life complete
Every day I thank the Lord
It was her, I had the chance to meet

10-22-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Church

As I walked into the church
A calmness filled my soul
I felt as if I had just lost
My senses and all control

The church was small and quiet
The candles were all lit
I slowly walked down the isle
I found a place to sit

I come here when I need a place
When I feel all alone
It's safe, warm and comfortable
More cozier than a home

It's here that God and I
Have our one on one
I know that He hears me
Until I'm completely done

Then when I am finished
I always let Him know
That at the same time next week
Once again I'll show

But now it's time for leaving
So I must be on my way
But I will leave here feeling
Thankful for this day

4-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Coffee Shop

I read the poem you sent me today
Once again your words had so much to say

I didn't have to read between the lines
Because you never try to be sublime

You got the point and said what you meant
You clicked on the send button, and off it went

Remember the coffee shop where we use to go
You'd always leave saying, I love you so

As I read your poem I thought of the time
When love use to be yours and mine

But today finds us miles apart
Separated by miles but you're still in my heart

I think of that coffee shop each day
Where you and I had so much to say

Now once in a while as I stroll inside
The memories there just cannot hide

Though I know it's only been a while
So very much I miss your sweet smile

I walk through the door and what do I see
You sitting there smiling right back at me

My heart did back flips just like before
When I'd see your face as I walked in the door

I gaze at your beauty just like the first time
It's moments like this that live on in my mind

I think to myself how lucky can one guy be
That this beautiful lady is really with me

Every eye in the place glances her way
She's blessed with such beauty what can I say

We talk for a while and then we leave
Going some place to get what we need

It isn't alcohol nor is it drugs
We're going somewhere to share love and hugs

Once again our needs have been fulfilled
Once again we have both been thrilled

At the coffee shop we'll meet soon again
Knowing I'll miss her until then

10-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Creator

When I am in trouble
When everything goes wrong
I turn to the person
Who can help to make me strong

When my words all fail me
When nothing is going right
When I look to the heavens
I always see the light

When I feel lost and all alone
When all roads I walk are a dead end
I close my eyes and think of Him
Once again I found a friend

When life becomes too much for me
And I can't do it alone
I know that because of Him
I will always find my way home

I know he's not the answer
To all who are alive
But when it comes to me
He always helps me thrive

9-19-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Cycle

Birth

Life

Growing up

Going to school

Holding hands

A first kiss

Falling in love

I do

Children

Grandchildren

Death

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Ray Hansell

The Darkness Where I Sometimes Live

There are times I know
When I'm not fun to be around
Those are the days
When I'm feeling really down

I know that there are people
Who just don't understand
It seems they live their life
Most times in happy land

Some days just getting out of bed
By itself can be a task
Knowing that the day that lies ahead
Could possibly take forever to pass

The darkness that I'm in right now
Hopefully won't last forever
I'm hoping somewhere down the road
Things do work out for the better

But who knows when that will be
Or if my wish will ever come true
The only thing that I can say
Is that I hope the darkness doesn't get hold of you

At times life is a terrible place
This place where we all live
I try so hard but yet some days
I feel I've given all that I want to give

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Ray Hansell

The Daughter He Never Knew

The daughter he lost
Years ago
He'll see today
But he don't know

Will she reject him
Turn him away
Or just look at hime
With nothing to say

They see each other
Their eyes meet
A friendly hello
Is how they greet

They come together
With a gentle hug
She pulls his heart strings
With a gentle tug

Twenty seven years
Since her birth
Twenty seven years
He's felt the hurt

Finally united
For the first time
It will take a while
Before things are fine

Both are willing to try
To forget the years apart
Both of them realize
The heart is the place to start

Little by little they tell each ther
What's happened through the years
Silently both of them
Have shed their own tears

So as they try to build
A father and daughter bond
They know the lost years
Are forever gone

But they also know
That the years in front of them
Can help to bridge the past
Of the years they lost back then

They know it won't be easy
But they both want to try
With a vow to each other
To never ever say goodbye

12-18-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Day My Life Came Alive

I see her when she's working
What an awesome sight
I can't wait for the time
When I'll get to hold her tight

I see her with her visor
To protect her eyes from the sun
She wears it all day long
Until her work day is done

Sometimes her visor can hide
The sadness in her eyes
For the unexplained times
When she feels the need to cry

I know that she's been through a lot
Through it all she has survived
I know the day that I met her
That's the day my life came alive

I only live life with just one wish
That's to always be with her
All my dreams would come true
If that were to occur

(5-7-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

The Day You Went Away

I didn't want to see the day
When you would go away
Because in my heart
The pain will always stay

But I knew that it was coming
I was just in denial
Because in my heart I knew
I would lose my smile

I've come to love you very much
You were a part of my everyday
I dreamed about you often
In a million different ways

No one has ever touched my life
The special way you have
I felt so connected to you
It always makes me so very glad

That in this life of mine
I was blessed with the chance
That you and I were able
To share more than a dance

The memories of you are many
They always make me smile
I only wish I had one more chance
To hold you for just a while

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Doctor

The doctor said, there is no hope
There's nothing that can be done
The disease that she has
Well, it is a fatal one

She was told to get her affairs
All in a nice order
Because with each passing day
Her life will be growing shorter

The doctor gave her no hope
Nothing more would he do
I asked the doctor if
Have you ever had a doctor like you

He looked at me with surprise
He asked, what do you mean
I told him you are the worse doctor
That I have ever seen

I know the truth is good
That what people want to hear
But is there a reason why
You fill people with fear

You have no bed side manner
You seem to lack compassion
Just a little sympathy
Is all that people are asking

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Ray Hansell

The Drama Queen

She was a hot momma
But she was way too much drama
Everything was an ordeal
Though of her problems weren't real
It was all in her head
You could tell by the things that she said
But everyone else was to blame
According to her they were all insane
But very quickly I could see
She wasn't the girl for me
The headaches and grief
Lasted on beyond belief
So one day I said
What ever we had was now dead
It's time for you to go
Please don't put on a show
I will not be your fool
I can see that you were born cruel
I'd like to say, it's been nice
But I know you're feelings are like ice
Where ever you go, what ever you do
I am so glad I won't be with you

10-02-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Early Morning Light

The early morning sun light
Shines upon your face
For me this is really
The only perfect place

Next to you in the morning
To start a brand new day
I know I wouldn't want it
To be any other way

Before I leave to live my day
I get to let you know
The way I feel about you
Just how much I love you so

Please don't ever doubt
What I feel inside for you
I will try to make each day
Always seem brand new

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Ray Hansell

The End At Last

The sun sets on the city
People move about
He sits by his TV
Now and then he shouts

He holds his gun in his hand
The cylinder wide open
He sits there wondering
Deep inside he's hoping

That tonight he'll be able to do
What he's wanted to do for a long time
For the past six months
It's all that's been on his mind

The TV volume is turned up
The noise from the street he can hear
When he thinks about not being alive
He doesn't even shed a tear

Suddenly, people hear a gun shot
Someone runs to his door
They knock so very hard
But, he'll answer the knocks no more

Down on the sidewalk a crowd gathers
As his body is rolled out on a gurney
At long last he is content
As he takes his finale journey

1-4-2010/RjH

Ray Hansell

The End Result

You were walking down street
I turned my head to see
At that very moment
I saw you look at me

We stared for a moment
Then, continued on our way
I know that not too long ago
We had seem better days

It wasn't that long ago
We walked these streets together
But that was back in the day
When things between us were better

But look at us today
We're sad commentary
Remember when we shared love?
But now we act so arbitrary

I think it so very strange
That we once lived in each others heart
But now we can't even say hello
We're the end result of when two people part

12-8-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Face Of A Fool

When her tears start to fall
My heart sinks like a ship
I reach out to wipe her tears away
But I see the spot I missed
Her cheeks are stained from her tears
My heart is breaking in two
I took from her all her love
I gave her nothing in return
She tells me that I'm selfish
She tells me that I'm cruel
You know she might be right
Today when I looked in the mirror
All I saw was the face of a fool

11-24-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Falling Rain

The falling of the rain
Continues through the night
In it's own way
It's comforting delight

With it's soft and gentle noise
As it taps my window pane
Making love with a falling rain
There's nothing else quite the same

To feel the one you love
As close as they can be
The falling of the rain
Is a natural high for me

I love to hear the falling rain
As it falls from the heavens above
It sounds just like a lovers concerto
Those in love know what I speak of

There are words to describe
The feelings you feel inside
Once the rain begins to fall
In your lovers arms you want to reside

11-7-09/Rjh

Ray Hansell

The Fan

The heat of a summer night
Lingers in the air
Thank goodness for the fan
As I sit back in my chair

The breeze from the fan cools me
It blows the heat away
I now feel more comfortable
From the heat of a summer day

99-1-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Fight Goes On

It was on Mother's Day
Just a year ago
When the symptoms that I had
Suddenly began to show

I wasn't sure what to do
As I was in shock
The next day being Monday
I immediately called the Doc

I told her what had happened
She said, you should come in
I did as she requested
Soon all the tests would begin

Long story short they had found
What they were looking
Just how bad it was
Doctor's weren't really sure

First came surgery than treatments
To kill the invader inside of me
Six more weeks of waiting
For me to see what would be

But here I am eleven months later
The doctor said, I'm cancer free
When he spoke those magic words
Living life took on new meaning for me

3-28-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Fight Of Your Life (Cancer)

I hope your ready for a fight
A hard fought fifteen round bout
Because the way you handle yourself
Will tell people what you're all about

They'll see if you recover
After taking one on the chin
They'll watch you round after round
To see if you have a chance to win

Will you be able to fight back
As hard as you were hit?
Or will you fall into the corner
And on the stool just sit

Or will you bounce back
To fight another round
Waiting in your corner
Listening for the bell to sounded

Will you move against your foe
Like a storm across the sky
Will your attack be relentless
The more you must fight, the more you'll try?

When the bell rings to signify the end
Will your hand be held high in the air?
Will you be the only one left standing
As your opponent won't be seen anywhere

5-9-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Fuzzies

I have to tell you one thing
It's about the fuzzies
When your are away
They really miss your huggies

They love the way you handle them
Always with love and care
But what they really love the most
Is having you right there

So I want you to know
That they just cannot wait
To be held again by you
So please don't be late

10-8-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Garden Of Life

In the garden of life
Where we all live
The pickings are very plentiful
If you make the right choices
Life can be such a joy

12-1-77/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Great Outdoors

The mountains of rocks and trees
Appear to reach for the sky
God's natural beauty
So very pleasing to the eye

They surround a clear blue lake
Filled with water so cold
This is the kind of place
You'd want to live as you grow old

The winters can be very harsh
The summers unforgiving
But the one thing that will be known
That a place this beautiful is for living

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Ray Hansell

The Greatest

He floated like a butterfly
His punches stung like a bee
He started out as Cassius Clay
But was better known as Muhammad Ali

His feet were like that of a dancers
The way he moved about the ring
No one would disagree
That in the ring he was the king

He called himself the greatest
Because he truly was
When ever he entered the ring
The crowd was all abuzz

No matter when or where he'd fight
He'd always put on a show
He surely was the people's champ
No matter where he'd go

4-12-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Handy Man Is Always

The handy man is always
Just behind the door
Does anybody know
Just what he's there for?

Is he there to fix
Something in need of repair?
Will he fix it up
Using tenderness and care?

Is he there to mend
A wall, door or floor
Or is it something else
That's he's called upon for?

Could he be the one
To help mend a broken heart?
Will he have the tools
Or the extra part?

Or will he just lend comfort
To help ease the pain
Of a heart that's badly broken
That will never be the same

The handy man is always
Just behind the door
He can help to make repairs
To buildings and so much more

11-26-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Handyman

Lying on a bed
Two people all alone
Suddenly the door opens
By a person unknown

Screams fill the air
The intruder shocked
He quickly steps back out
They can hear the door lock

In a minute loud laughter
Fills and echo's in the air
Both parties shocked
But neither really cares

They find it so damn funny
As they lay there laughing
While slowly the time
Just keeps on passing

The intruder was a handyman
There to make a repair
Little did he know
That when he opened the door
He would get such a scare

I don't know if the fact we were naked
Added to his shock
But I'm sure the next time
Before he opens a door he'll knock

Ray Hansell

The Hardest Part

The best part of the day
Is when we say hello
The worst of the day
Is when you have to go

A hello greeting is easy
It comes from the heart
But when you have to leave
That's the hardest part

3-20-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Have's And Have Not's

Always remember
All that you've got
Because there are so many
Who have not

They all struggle
Just to make ends meet
Just hoping each day
They have some food to eat

They hope the night
Won't be too cold
They have no heat
No hope to hold

Every day another test
Just trying to survive
Some days they are so numb
They don't know if they're alive

But they push on
Because they believe
That one day
They may achieve

So don't complain
Because of things you lack
At least you always have
A soft mattress under your back

Always remember
All that you've got
Don't forget those
Who have not

For one day
The tables could be turned
You may become a have not
With a hard lesson learned

1-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Human Race

I'm a member of the human race
What a race it's been
I'm not sure where I'm going
Don't even know if I'll ever win

Sixty-six years I've been in this race
Just when I think I'm starting to gain
Life presents another uphill climb
On and on I push through pleasure and pain

I sometimes think it's just a test
To see how much I can handle
At times it causes me to melt down
Just like a burning candle

Just when I think nothing else can go wrong
Another problem hits me in the face
I feel everyone is waiting to judge me
Will I handle it with honor and grace

I'm a member of the human race
And I'm here to say
Being a member of the human race
I wouldn't want it any other way

11-06-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Hurting Will Be Through

I wake up each and every day
I say a little prayer
I send a message up to God
To let Him know you're here

I ask Him to guide you
In every possible way
I ask Him to watch over you
As you walk through your day

I told Him what you're going through
I asked Him to care
He responded very firmly
I've always been there

He said, I watch out for all my children
Especially those in need
So, you don't have to ask me
No need to beg or plead

He told me to continue to pray
Because that's the thing to do
When you love someone else
You want to see them make it through

So as I start each brand new day
I say a prayer for you
Knowing that one day soon
All of your hurting will be through

5-7-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Intruder

Lying in bed
Two people alone
Suddenly the door opens wide
By a person unknown

Screams fill the room
The intruder is shocked
He slams the door shut
Wishing he had knocked

In a minute laughter
Fills and echo's in the air
Both parties shocked
But neither really cares

They find it very funny
Laying there and laughing
While slowly the time
Just keeps passing by

The intruder was the handyman
There to make a repair
Little did he know
That when he opened the door
That he would get such a scare

I don't know if the fact they were naked
Added to his shock
But I'm sure the next time
Before he opens a door he'll knock

2-11-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Know It All

So many times you put your nose
Where it doesn't belong
When you open your mouth
Most often times you are wrong

Now you're not one to admit
When you make mistakes
But that's alright because we see
That you are just a fake

You bluff your way
Through every single day
But everyone can read you
No matter what you do or say

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Lady With The Words

I received an email
Just the other day day
It was plain to see
She had much to say

She told me why
She's been away
All her words
Just made my day

The reason's why
Don't really matter
She has returned
Time for all to gather

To once again
Cherish her words
That for far too long
We had not heard

So here's to you
And all you write
Once again your star
Will shine so bright

9-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Last

When I looked into your eyes
I got quite a surprise
You could not disguise
This was our last goodbye

9-9-18

Ray Hansell

The Last Chance This Time

I'm sitting here waiting, waiting for your call
So long I have been waiting, for the call that never comes
As I sat here waiting I wondered to myself
Why do I torture myself this way, every single day

You always say you'll call, but you never do
You would think by now, I would have that figured out
But deep inside something tells me, to give you one more chance
Well the last chance I gave you, is the last chance this time

I don't need the heartaches
I don't need the pain
I don't need to play
Your silly little games

I hope one day soon
You'll open up your eyes and see
That not all the men in the world
Will be as tolerant as me

So if you plan to call me, don't expect to hear
My voice on the phone, as you hold it to your ear
Call as often as you like, hanging up is easy
I've finally come to my senses, I don't want you near

So find yourself another, to tell your lies to
That should be so easy for you to do
Because when it comes to telling lies
I'm sure you know you would win first prize

9-12-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Leaders For Tomorrow

The younger people of today
Will be the leaders of tomorrow
Hopefully they'll be the ones
Who'll rid the world of sorrow

I think the future of the world
Is n very good hands
I think the young people of today
Could hold the master plan

Maybe they can rid the world of wars
Maybe they can rid the world of hate
Maybe they can save the earth
Before it's gets too late

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Ray Hansell

The Life You Want

I see I've lost it all
The day you walked away
I said to myself
I can find my own way

I said, I don't need her
I can go it alone
I wish I had that power
Like a King upon his throne

Just when you think
You don't need no one else
When your down and out
That's when loneliness is felt

I wonder were we meant
To live our life alone
I think that answer
May for ever be unknown

I know there are people
Who have lived the married life
I know they will say
For them it turned out so right

But like everything else
It's not for everyone
So, live the life you want
As long as you are happy
When your life is done

9-13-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Light Of Hope

Times when darkness fills our soul
We're always searching for a light
Knowing if we see it shine
Things may just be alright

It becomes a very lonely time
Because we feel we're all alone
When all we really want to find
Is that light to lead us home

So, don't give in and don't give up
For one day you will see
That light that you've been waiting for
Will come shining through for you
Just like it did for me

3-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Look Of Love

I saw the love in her eyes
I felt it in her touch
Looking forward to our years together
Still means so very much

Walking through the meadows
Filled with dandelions
Love is busting at the seams
As loneliness is dying

She's grabbed a hold of my heart
I hope never to let go
The way I feel when I'm with her
I can't help but let it show

She always knows what to say
She always knows just what to do
She's taught me many things in life
That I never really knew

Like how much you can love someone
When you let them in your heart
You love them so very deeply
You pray your world never comes apart

Every time you look at her
You see your world standing there
That's when you realize in life
Just how much you could really care

2-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Lord My Teacher

I ask You for help
I ask You to forgive
Even though I know
You don't like this life I live

I pray to You in times of need
Other times I don't pray at all
It's only in times of need
To You I even call

Sometimes my prayers are answered
Sometimes they are not
I never reveal to You
Just how much I've got

If You turned your back on me
I couldn't blame You at all
I know that there are times
You should just let me fall

But I know that's not Your way
As You help all You see
But maybe just one time
You should turn Your back on me

You should once make me see
What life would be like without You
You should once make me see
Without You I could not get through

4-24-09/RjH

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Ray Hansell

The Lord's Tears

Last night in the chapel praying
I heard the Lord as He was crying
He was sad and broken hearted
For He believed we were not trying

He sees all the fighting
He sees all the hate
In His heart He hopes and prays
That it's not too late

But He fears for all the people
Especially those who don't believe in Him
He sees the anger and the mistrust
Too many hearts are filled with sin

He cries for all the people
Every living soul on earth
Because He believes
That every life is of great worth

He hopes we'll find the answer
As He sees the world is slowly dying
His heart is sad and broken
That's why he can't help crying

2-4-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Man For You

I took you by the hand
To my secret place
I could tell you were surprised
By the look upon your face

I lay you down in rose pedals
Than covered you with kisses
I said, close your eyes
Than tell me of your wishes

You said, I want a man
One who is strong and true
I said, if you give me a chance
I can be that man for you

4-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Man User

You move across the bed
Like a cat on the prowl
You eye up your target
You're ready to pounce now

As you move in closer
You're ready to leap
When you catch your prey
It's them you always keep

You take them home with you
To put with all the rest
Little do they know
You'll put them to the test

You have so many to choose from
One for each day of the week
Then you have your way with them
Pleasure is all you seek

When you've had your way with them
You'll cast them aside
You'll look them right in the eye
Cold heartily you say, goodbye

You use them for your personal needs
You find that they amuse
The only use you have for men
Is to use them and abuse

9-29-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Mighty One

I close my eyes
I say a prayer
Knowing that
The Lord will hear

I say His name
With the softest of voice
When I seek salvation
He is the only one I seek

I know no one else
Can do what He can
In His presence
I never stand

I kneel down
I bow my head
I know He hears
Every word that's said

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Ray Hansell

The Mind Playing Tricks

In the darkness of night
Someone is walking in shadows
What are their intentions
You hope they don't get too close

As you walk down a darkened street
You hear footsteps from behind
Your heart pounds like a drum
A million thoughts run through your mind

You think to yourself as you walk
Just what your strategy will be
Will you fight or will you flight
You feel you'll just wait and see

The footsteps keep getting closer
Your body is racked with fear
You are not exactly sure
But decision time is drawing near

Suddenly you stop, now you'll take a stand
You are going to confront your fear
But to your surprise, he keeps walking
Funny how the mind can make things appear

11-5-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Neighbors

Don't bug me with your questions
Don't pry into my life
I know that you are nose
So much like your wife

You have so much free time
You don't what to do
You watch everyone else's life
But you should take a look at you

Your granddaughter is nothing
From boy to boy she roams
You have a son so worthless
At forty he still lives at home

He has never worked
He's got kids all over town
His half black child that lives with you
You don't even want around

When it comes to your grandson
The racist part in you comes out
That's when people really learn
Just what you're all about

Your wife I know is trying
To attract other men
I guess it's tough to grow old
When you can still remember when

You were young and attractive
Desired by the men you'd meet
Now deep inside she really yearns
To find another man and cheat

Her husband has long ago
Lost his sex appeal
She knows that in your heart
For her, he no longer feels

The love that use to live there
The love that once burned bright
Is now barely a flicker
That gives off any light

So before the two of you
Are so quick to criticize
You better take a look around
Then, open up your eyes

You two are far from perfect
Because perfect no one can be
Believe me when I tell you
Your faults other people see

2-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Next Time Around

We started out so happy
Everything was fine
I thought I had it all
I thought the world was mine

But as time slowly passed
Things began to change
What once was a happy life
Has somehow been rearranged

We don't talk like we use to
We don't have our time alone
I'm not sure what happened
Inside this once happy home

We were the perfect couple
So other people said
Things were always so good
Even in our bed

But as time passed us by
I watched as love began to die
Things now are so different
For the life of me I don't know why

At first I wanted to believe
That it wasn't me
I thought to myself
There must be someone else she see's

But I slowly realized
It wasn't someone else
It's just that the two of us
No longer feel what we once felt

Soon the talking stopped
Then we said goodbye
I spent so many nights
Wondering, why I never cried

I know that I'll recover
That in time the pain will heal
I know one day this heart of mine
Will once again feel love that's real

I hope the next time around
Is better than the past
I hope one day to get the chance
To find a love that will last

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Night

I heard the crash of thunder
As it woke up the night
I sat up in bed
Saw the flashing of the light

As the bolts of lightening
Split the mid-night sky
It looked like daylight
Being brought alive

The pounding of the rain
So constant and true
Pounds like my heart
Every time I think of you

7-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Night Screams

My past sometimes returns
To haunt me through the night
It won't let me go to sleep
My body shakes with fright

I can still see his face
I can still feel his hands upon me
If there is a God above
Why do these imagines I still see

I was young and didn't know
My innocence taken away
But why do these dark memories
Continue to hunt me to this day

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Ray Hansell

The Old Us

Here I am
On a cold December night
Lying here all alone
Oh how I wish
You were here for me to hold
To help chase away the cold
To warm me to my core
Like you use to do
Back, when it was you and me
Those happy days we use to share
Way back when, when we use to care
The only thing left from those happy days
Are the memories I have kept
To keep me company at night
But memories can't hold me
Or keep me warm at night

12-20-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Old Yankee Stadium (The House That Ruth Built)

The Old Yankees Stadium
From those death valley dimensions
In center-field
To the short porch in right
Fans packed to the rafters
On those magical October nights

To the legends who left their foot prints
On the field of this hallowed ground
Many may no longer be with us
But their legendary status still abounds

From the facade around the roof
The one The Mick almost cleared
In fact if you really listen
You can almost still hear the cheers

To the monuments in the outfield
To the numbers on the wall
The history of the Yankees
Has so very much to recall

The Babe, Lou, Joe, Yogi and The Mick
Just to name a few
There were so many others
Many fans never knew

Some will be forgotten
Others will live on forever
But the memories they gave us
Will always keep getting better

It wasn't just baseball played on this field
Football, boxing and visits from the Pope
This stadium has seen so much
Including Billy Graham offering hope

The house that Ruth built
Is what it became known

But it truly was the place
The Yankees all called home

7-14-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

The One Constant Thing

I look at you
My heart just smiles
I love you
All the while

Life's been great
Since you've come along
My life just flows
Like notes to a song

There are so many things
That I want to say
I want to whisper to you
In the day and night

To tell you that I love you
To tell you that I care
To tell you my darling
I'll always be there

I know the world
May let you down
But I'll be there
To erase that frown

You can count on me
When things go wrong
In times of weakness
I will be strong

Days will come
Days will pass
The one constant thing is
My love will forever last

Ray Hansell

The One I Can Depend On

When I feeling low
With no place to go
You're the one I call

When I'm feeling blue
When I need someone to talk to
You're the one I call

When I'm all alone
When I feel the need to roam
You're the one I call

When life is such a bore
When everything's a chore
You're the one I call

You're the one I turn to
There's no one else but you
You're the one I call

7-1-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

The One I Desire

I close my eyes and there you are
Shining brighter than any star

Sparkling eyes and tempting lips
The one I most desire to kiss

A beautiful smile I love to see
I'm most happy when you're with me

Our time together goes so fast
But I hope that love can last

But should our love ever die
I know for sure that I'd cry

It seems every now and then
That thought comes back again

Don't get me wrong I want you babe
It was my heart that you saved

Just when I thought I'd never love again
Another chance was waiting around the bend

To me your love is so unique
Happiness together is all I seek

10-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The One I Won't Forget

There are special people
That I've met
As I walked through life
Some were warm
Some were cold
Some were young
Some were old
Now as I think back
Remembering all those I've met
You're the one I'll never forget

1976/2008/RjH

Ray Hansell

The One That Got Away

I'm finding out the hard way
That losing can be difficult
I know I should have told you
The feelings for you I've always felt

It's not that I didn't care for you
I think sometimes we need to lose
So we can learn the one we lost
Should have been the one to choose

But hind sight is twenty twenty
That's the way it goes
Now I sit here all alone
With a loneliness no one knows

1-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The One Who Meant The Most

Talking to myself when I'm alone
Sitting in this place I call home
Wondering what I'm living for
I always thought life would hold much more
Working everyday just to make ends meet
Believe me, it's no small feat
It seems the more I try
The harder it is to get by
I don't drink because I can't afford booze
This isn't the life I thought I'd choose
It seems to get tougher everyday
Having to live my life this way
But I'll continue on as I do
In so many ways I'm not like you
I don't have money to buy a car
I've never seen a falling star
So therefore I can't make a wish
To get out of this abyss
Trust me that if I could
Making changes, I surely would
I always thought, my life would change
That somehow I could rearrange
The pieces of the puzzle that is my life
But, everything changed when I lost my wife
You see, she meant the world to me
She could always make me see
That regardless of all the bad
We should always be thankful for all we had
She calmed my world with her touch
I love and miss her so very much
Now, I'm hoping it won't be long
Till I'm where I belong
That is right by her side
No more tears need be cried

11-12-18/RjH

The One Who's Burned

Why does it seem
That every time
I give away
This heart of mine

You would think
That after all these years
I would have learned
But once again
In the end
I'm the one who gets burned

9-3-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

The One's Left Behind

Since you've been gone
I've learned how to cry
I can't help myself
No matter how hard I try

I cry in the morning
In the night time to
I know I'll never get
Use to losing you

My tears keep falling
Like a summer rain
All my heart is feeling
Is all the pain

Friends try to tell me
They say, you'll get by
But I sit and wonder
Will my eyes ever be dry

I know they all mean well
With the words they say
But the time is going to come
When they'll all be on their way

It'll just be and memories
To get me through each day
I know I'll have to find the strength
As I make my own way

I'll pray to the heavens
Every single day
Just letting her know
I'm sending all my love her way

5-21-19/RjH

The Only Choice

Take me in your arms
Never let me go
Please hold me tight
So that I will know

Just how much you love me
Just how much you care
Then whisper in my ear
That you always want me there

Tell me that the fire
That we lit long ago
Still burns brightly
And keeps your heart aglow

Please tell me your heart
Beats faster when you hear my voice
But flatter me the most
Tell me I was your only choice

6-3-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Only One For Me

Sitting here at work
With nothing much to do
You are in my thoughts
I guess that's nothing new

I think of you so often
No matter what the time
What makes me most happy
Is knowing your love is mine

I hope you know that in return
I'll give all my love to only you
Because when it comes to loving
For me, you're the only one who'll do

4-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Other Way Around

She looked at me with tear filled eyes
And said, I just don't understand
When a woman opens up her heart
It seems to always frighten the man

She said, I didn't go after him
It was the other way around
He pursed me
I fell in love
Now, hes no where to be found

1983/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Pain

The pain is real
The pain is deep
Relief is all
I ever seek
I wake up nights
Drenched in sweat
Peaceful dreams
I never get
The nightmares take control
I don't know how much more
I'll be able to take
I wish my demons would go out the door
But they never leave me
They live inside my soul
I feel they'll forever stay
Even as I grow old
Maybe an exorcism
Can help to get me through
Other than that
I don't know what to do
You see all my problems
Are from when I was a child
It was a nasty neighbor
Who took away my smile
So many times I see his face
Just before he dies
I hear him plead
I can hear his cries
But I turn a deaf ear
Just like he did to me
Seeing him in pain
Sets a part of me free
I watch him die slowly
Like I've been doing for years
That's why you see
I'm not moved by his tears
I never wished death on anyone
But on him I do
I know you maybe understand

If it's never happened to you
I know people say, forgive and forget
But that's something I can't do
Why does it seem to always be
People that you trust
The way I feel inside
Like I've just been hit by a bus
I hope someday to be better
But I don't know when that will be
But right right I know
When I look in the mirror
Many times I don't like what I see

1-13-10/RJH

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I hope someday to be better
But I don't know when that will be
But right right I know
When I look in the mirror
Many times I don't like what I see

1-13-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Pain She Hid Forever

Sadness filled her heart
As tears fill her eyes
The pain that she feels
She can no longer disguise

For too many years
The pain was locked inside
Even from herself
She tried to make it hide

But the pain got to be too much
No longer could she conceal
That when she was a little girl
Her childhood her father did steal

He took away her innocence
Her younger years destroyed
She lived her childhood
But the years she did not enjoy

Now she stands before him
As he's being laid to rest
For him she feels no sorrow
She's lived her life depressed

Because of him she's never trusted
The touch of any man
She believes that
She knows she never can

She's always heard it said
That it shouldn't hurt to be a child
Now looking back to her younger years
She now realizes, never once had she smiled

6-3-11/RjH

The Pain That Won'T Go Away

Why do we hide the hurt
That happened long ago
Why do we hold back the tears
That we really want to show

Why do we live in denial
When deep inside we know
The hurt and pain that we feel
Will surely one day show

Why does the mind make us forget
Things that happened years ago
Then one day for no reason
Old emotions start to flow

Memories come rushing back
Like a runaway freight train
Too soon you start to remember
Once again you live the pain

In the darkness of the night
Your heart pounds like a drum
Too easily you can recall
All the awful things that were done

What you once thought was forgotten
Has again reared it's ugly head
Just like all those years ago
Again you wish that you were dead

2-20-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Park

Sitting in the park
Waiting there for you
I watch as you approach
Oh. what a lovely view

Dark shorts and white shirt
Soft skin colored brown
The park looks very nice
But you're the best looking one around

We sit at a table painted green
The same color as the grass
This is a special moment
That I wish would forever last

We sit and talk in the sun
But then we move into the shade
Laughing, talking and joking
Right now we have it made

Right now we are all alone
But soon that will end
As children exit a car
To the park they descend

You said, you left your son
A note to call when he awakes
Already I feel the pain
As my heart starts to ache

As we talk you rub my leg
Exciting me so
I have don't to tell you
I somehow think you know

I want so much to touch you
Or maybe rub your leg
I'm ready to explode
Just like a powder keg

Soon your phone starts to ring
You answer it, hello
This is the call I dreaded
Because now I know you must go

You hang up and look at me
You say, I have to go
I look at you and I want to scream
No, no, no, no, no, no

But I don't because I know
That you really must leave
It's times like this when we part
That my heart starts to greive

Slowly we walk to the street
Over to my truck
We shared at least an hour
I treasure my good luck

We are so close together
I wish I could hold your hand
But I know if people saw us
They just wouldn't understand

So I don't reach for your hand
I don't even try to touch
I only wish I could hold you
But I know that's asking too much

So as we part to do our things
That will get us through the day
You look at me and say,
I love you, as you slowly walk away

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Passing Of The Store Clerk

When the priest spoke his last word
Everyone stood to leave
Everyone there had heavy hearts
As people continued to grieve

I still can't believe she's gone
It seems like only yesterday
That her and I first met
With but few words to say

It's true what they say about living
The longer you live the more friends you bury
She was such a special person
So far from ordinary

She always wore a smile
For people she didn't know
That was the side of her
That would always show

She will be greatly missed
By the many people she touched
When you shopped at her store
She'd never make you feel rushed

3-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Past Is The Past

I will not stand in judgement
Of things from your past
What we share right now
I want to see it last

I have no right to question you
Or ask you what you've done
The past should stay behind you
As a new day has begun

I will always love you
Regardless of your past
What you did in your younger years
Will always remain unasked

4-23-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Past Won'T Go Away

My past sometimes returns
To haunt me through the night
It won't let me go to sleep
My body shakes with fright

I can still see his face
I can still feel his hands upon me
If there is a God above
Why do these imagines I still see

I was young and didn't know
My innocence taken away
But why do these dark memories
Continue to hunt me to this day

Ray Hansell

The Police And Cupid Couldn't Help

Today I called the cops
To report a theft
I had to do it now
As I had no resistance left

They asked me what was taken
I said, someone stole my heart
The officer looked at me funny
And asked, are you trying to be smart

I said, no I'm serious
As serious as I can be
I said, take a look at me
Isn't it plain to see

He asked, who's the culprit
So I told him your name
Again he questioned me
Are you playing a game?

He said to me give Cupid a call
Maybe he can help
I said, what Cupid does
I've already felt

He said, well I'm sorry
I must be on my way
I'm not the heart police
Hope you have a good day

7-30-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Pretender

Go ahead and tell me
Just how great you are
Go ahead and tell me
How you're such a shining star

Go ahead and tell me
How you can't be replaced
Go ahead and tell me
How you never just take up space

I have sat and watched you
You keep me quite amused
The way you handle people
They don't even know they're being used

But please let me tell you
Don't try your game on me
I've been around for many years
Right through you I can see

9-9-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

The Proposal

I have a question
That I'd like to ask
But please know it's alright
If you want to take a pass

I would like to know
If you would marry me
I always picture the two of us
Together, happy as can be

I'd love it if you would
Please become my wife
Together we can walk
Hand and hand through life

So take a few days if you must
Until you decide
If the answer is no
At least I know I tried

But if the answer is yes
Which I hope it will be
Get ready for a lifetime
Of being loved by me

11-20-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Quiet Of The Evening

In the quiet of the evening
You're lying next to me
I only hear your heart beat
Your face is all I see

I feel your hands upon me
As you gently touch my chest
Making love with you
Has always been the best

I'll stay right here beside you
In all you'll ever do
I've always loved the life
That we've made, just us two

4-5-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Rain And Sanity

I feel the drizzle
Of a summer rain
It's so very calming
Maybe I should explain

The warmth of the rain
As it hits my face
I gently close my eyes
I go back to another place

Back when I was a child
I'd stand out in the rain
I'd always wonder to myself
When I'm older, will I play this game

You see, I always loved the rain
As it hit against my face
To me it was a happy time
To be me it was a happy place

No matter where I was
No matter what the day
I'd always get excited
When the rains would come my way

Maybe it was my escape
Or my special way of hiding
I'd spread my arms out like wings
Pretend that I was gliding

I'd to far off places
Places I know I'd never see
But I knew deep inside
The dreams that lived in me

You see when life treats you unkind
Any place is a better place to be
That's exactly where I went
To help me keep my sanity

7-18-09/RjH

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10-16-16

Ray Hansell

The Rain Makes Loves Music

The first rain of the season
Is a very good reason
For you and I to be
Where no one else can see

We'll get beneath the covers
We'll be stormy weather lovers
As the rain falls to the ground
Inside, we'll make our own sounds

Hopefully the rain keeps falling
As my heart keeps on calling
Calling out to only you
For no other lover will ever do

If the rain subsides
We'll both continue to hide
Underneath the covers
All night long we'll be lovers

10-2-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Rain's Music

The sweetest sound
I ever heard
Was played by the rain
As it slowly beat
Against my window pane

12-11-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Reason

Standing in your birthday suit
Trying to get warm
Loving you is the reason
I feel that I was born

Laying on the bed
Holding you close to me
Knowing in my heart
This is the way it will be

The softness of your skin
As it touches mine
Gives me a wonderful feeling
That I want to feel all the time

The beauty of your smile
Is burned inside my brain
The love I feel inside
I hope will always remain

I love the feeling that I get
When I'm close to you
I only hope that you feel
The same way that I do

11-22-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Reason Why

If you ever need someone
When you've lost your way
Just give me a call
I'll come any day

If you need someone to cry with
Just pick up the phone
Make that call to me
I'll come to your home

If you ever need advise
When life has done you wrong
Remember to count on me
Together, we'll make you strong

You can always call on me
You know I'll always try
To do all I can for you
Because we're friends is the reason why

7-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Richest Man

She is so soft and gentle
She brightens my every day
My happiness turns to sadness
Whenever she goes away

I always look forward
To the next time that we'll meet
Because when I see her
With a kiss we always greet

When I look into her eyes
Love looks back at me
I know that where I am
Is just where I want to be

Right there by her side
Holding her tiny hand
Because knowing she loves me
Make me the richest man in all the land

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Ray Hansell

The Right Kind

Welcome to my space
I hope that you can stay
I feel if you do
You'll have yourself a wonderful day

But if you must leave
I will understand
I guess for you I wasn't
The right kind of man

12-23-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Road Home

I love the road I'm riding on
It's the greatest road I've known
It's the only road I travel on
When I'm finding my way back home

The green hills are so beautiful
The trees provide much shade
Living in this wonderland
Can make a person feel they've got it made

It's always nice to travel
Visiting places far away
But nothing is more enjoyable
Than riding that road back home today

8-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Saddest Word From You

I thought I'd never love again
I thought my heart could not be captured
But then you came
I've not been the same
I don't think I ever will be again

You are that special someone
Who is now a part of me
The look of love in your eyes
Is a look I always hope to see

If goodbye should ever leave your lips
Then tears would leave my eyes
Because the saddest word I could hear from you
Would be the word GOODBYE

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Saddest Word Of All

It has been a while
Since I wrote you a poem
So now I'll try my best
So now I'll get going

I don't get to see you
Every single day
But 'm always looking
For you along the way

My eyes are always ready
Just in case I see
This very lovely woman
Who has this hold on me

My heart has been captured
You hold it so secure
My love for you keeps growing
Of this I am so sure

Not a minute have I doubted
My feelings for you
I love you so much baby
My words have never been more true

One thing I can say for sure
My love for you will never die
But most of all you'll never hear
The saddest word of all, goodbye

6-30-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Same Hand To Hold

I have seen love arrive
When it was least expected
But once you find it
You want so much to protect it

You want to hold it close
Safe within your heart
It's a wonderful emotion
You don't want to see it part

But sometimes we must face
The fact that love sometimes goes
If and when it will happen
No one really knows

So when love comes to you
Enjoy it all you can
But don't ever treat love
As just a flash in the pan

You may find someone
Who's love will last forever
Than you may just enjoy
A sweet life long endeavor

Sharing life through the years
With someone that you love
You may not realize it at the time
But this is what dreams are made of

I'm sure a lifetime of love
To many would sound pleasing
To have the same hand to hold
As life passes through it's season's

2-6-19/RJh

The Same Old Routine

Everyday I go to work
Everyday I come home
Everyday I take myself
To the quiet of my room
Locked inside these four walls
Locked inside my gloom
Another day will start
Another day will end
Once again it will be
The same old routine

10-20-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Scent Of You

The scent of a woman
Fills my room
I know that she left
Far too soon

The fragrance of her perfume
Lingers in the air
The beauty that she is
No one can compare

Just hours ago her and I
Were making love so sweet
I know I am the lucky one
Because we got to meet

She dresses so sexy
In stockings so smooth
When ever we're together
My loneliness she can soothe

No woman before her
Has made me feel this way
I wonder if she'd like
To be with me every day?

4-12-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Sea

I am the deadly sea
As my waves pound away
I suggest if you want to sail
You pick a peaceful day

Don't try to sail at night
Because you may not succeed
When I get done with you
Help, is what you'll need

I'll toss your boat like a toy
I'll snap it like a twig
If you want to do battle with me
Deep inside you'll have to dig

You'll need to find the courage
To fight in the dark and cold
Once I grab onto your boat
I'll not let go of my hold

The cold will be bone chilling
The dark, as dark can be
Though you're not able to see
For sure you'll feel the wrath of me

Some of you may even die
Others may wish they were dead
Because you encountered me tonight
I will forever live in your head

It's not that I am mean
That's not what I want to be
Just like others before you have learned
Terror can quickly strike on the sea

1-20-06/RJH

The Sea Of Love

When did it start
When did we know
What was the day
When love first showed

What were we doing
What did we say
When my eyes
Starting looking your way

Was it a sound
Was it a word
Was it something special
That we both heard

Was it a bird
That whispered in our ears
What was it
That drew us near

Was it your smile
That helped me see
That you had feelings
For this thing called me

Was it my voice
That opened your heart
Tell me if you can
However did we start

I'll never question why
We came to be
How can I question
What's been great for me

I've always lost
At love before
But now with you
I'll lose no more

I hope that you can see
All that you mean to me
From this moment on
Together is the way we'll be

10-19-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Season's

Spring time
Makes me feel fine

Summer is always hot
Looking for a cool spot

Fall brings the holiday's
Skies no longer ablaze

The winter will freeze us all
Buried beneath a snow fall

Once again we will spring
When the birds return and start to sing

12-1-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Show

I thought that life was a race
And I was falling far behind
But once I stopped and looked around
It was only then I'd find

That life was meant for living
Each and every day
You had to smell the flowers
Sometime along the way

So finally when I slowed it down
And I got the best from life
It was then I saw all I've been missing
That life became so right

No more rush and hurry
No more always on the go
Life has so much to give
You must take time to enjoy the show

3-19-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Singer

He tells stories
Using songs
His songs hold many truths
His messages are always strong

He sings about children
He sings about the earth
He knows the children are the future
From the moment of their birth

He's been so many places
Worked so many jobs
He's met so many people
Who have worked so very hard

When you hear his music
He'll set your spirit free
You'll drink in every word
A picture before you you'll see

He sings what he feels
He see's what we can't
He expresses with words
He never goes off on a rant

I listen to his music
Because it sets me free
I listen to his music
I feel his songs are me

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Ray Hansell

The Sixtes

People laugh, joke and sneer
Every time they see us near
Every time we leave a room
They talk about us real soon
It's too bad they don't know
That their hypocrisy does show
We don't know who they think they're fooling
Their the one's who need a schooling
They laugh at our clothes, our beards and long hair
You'd think they know that we don't care
But at least a new day has finally dawned
Their old tired ethics just made us yawn

11-22-67/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Soldier

A pack, a gun and a uniform
To keep the peace he's been sworn
In the sun, the rain or snow
Ready for action he'll always show
This isn't his way, he had no choice
He must listen to his government's voice
If it were up to him
He would go back home again
But he must wait until his mission is done
He must wait until this war is won

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Ray Hansell

The Songs Of The Night

As you close your eyes to sleep
You'll hear songs in the night
You'll hear the leaves as they rustle
From a summer breeze so light

You'll hear the sound of falling rain
Thunder that echo's in the night
But you'll be safe inside your home
Even if lightning strikes

You'll hear the cars on the wet roads
As they speed on by
Far off in the distance
You may hear planes in the sky

The songs of the night
Play for you and I
That's why we try our best
To try to get some shut eye

11-20-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Sparkle In My Eye

One day she came along
Like words to a song

When I saw her standing there
I knew one day I'd care

Her smile, soft, warm and true
She made the world seem brand new

When her touch I first felt
She just made my heart melt

The first time we kissed
I learned about heavenly bliss

I wondered if this lady
Would ever love me, maybe

I wondered why in my life
She had lived out of my sight

Why didn't we meet years ago
That answer we'll never know

It was in Gods plan that we meet now
The ending for us, He knows somehow

What's in store for her and I
We'll only know as time goes by

So for now I'll love her true
That forever I want to do

We come from different worlds I know
But we watched our love slowly grow

We love each other with all our heart
No force on earth could pull us apart

There's just one thing she should know
My love for her will always grow

As each day passes us by
She remains the sparkle in my eye

1-23-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Sparkle In Your Eyes

I use to think the stars
Only shined in the mid night sky
But I found that I was wrong
When I saw the sparkle in your eye

You didn't sweep me off my feet
You didn't do anything you see
But as I got to know you better
You were the woman I had always hoped to meet

I like the sparkle of the stars
In the mid night sky
But the sparkle that turns me on the most
Is the sparkle I see when I look into your eyes

8-1-2007/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Stars, Sun And Moon

May the stars in the sky
Light a path for you
To help you find your way
In all that you do

May the sun in the sky
Always find it's way to you
To always keep you warm
As the day you walk through

May the full moon light the way
As it rises in the sky
May the wonders all around you
Always capture your eyes

12-11-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Storm

I know the rain is falling
I hear it running down the spout
I am so very thankful
I do not have to go out

It's supposed to rain for a while
With no letup in sight
It's better off to stay indoors
On a wild winter's night

Inside it's warm and cozy
As love keeps us warm
Huddled together on the couch
Safe, from a raging storm

12-8-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Street Life

The wind blows strong at my back
It is only warmth that I lack
For these cold nights cut like a knife
In a life that's filled with nothing but strife
Peace will come to me one day
I presume that will be, when I pass away
I'll be laid to rest in the cold hard ground
Alone, with no one else around
But a life spent living on the streets
Was a life that was incomplete
If only a break had come my way
I might have lived a better day
But I know chances were there
The problem was, I didn't care
I probably could have built a better life
With a family, home and a wife
But it's too late life has come and gone
To the other side I have moved on

5-16-2015/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Strongest Link

A single face
A single tear
Runs down a cheek
With no one near

She just found out
Her time has come
In a very short time
Her life will be done

The years flash
Before her eyes
Soon she'll know
Her soul will rise

Her children are grown
Her job complete
The Lord her savior
She's ready to meet

She lays in bed
Just waiting for
To be taken
To heavens door

No more suffering
No more pain
She was the strongest link
In her family's long chain

11-3-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Sun Will Soon Be Setting

Looking out the window
From the waiting room
Skies of blue and white
The sun will be setting soon

People sitting and talking
As it helps to pass the time
Hoping that one day
Their health will be fine

To some their future may be in doubt
Will they have a tomorrow
Or will bad news
Fill their mind with sorrow

Their fate put in the hands of doctors
Who are only human after all
With most people believing
They'll help prevent our fall

Looking out the window
From the waiting room
Knowing in my heart
That we all face doom

11-2-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Supreme Court

Nine people sit
Nine people listen
Nine people will decide
Whether to overturn a law
Or just let it ride

Nine people can right a wrong
Nine people who make law
These nine people I believe
Have an unenviable chore

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Ray Hansell

The Sweetest Sound

The sweetest sound I ever heard
Was played by the rain
As it beat against my window pane

4-4-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Things I Miss

Your friendly face
Your warm smile
Your gentle touch
Your gentle kiss
These my love
Are all the things
I truly miss

4-24-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Thrill Is Gone

My tears keep falling
More with each passing day
I still cannot believe
The Lord has taken you away

My life came to be
The day that I met you
Now once again I'm alone
Not sure just what to do

The days go on forever
The nights fade into tomorrow
No matter how hard I try
I can't escape the sorrow

I know I must move on
I know someday I will
But living life each day
No longer holds the same thrill

1-22-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Time To Leave Is Now

I had to give up on you
It's time for moving on
All reasons that I had for staying
Well, those reasons are all gone

Loving is never easy
Leaving can be twice as difficult
But why should we continue
When, what we once had is no longer felt

11-27-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Time Was Right

we both felt it
we couldn't let it pass us by

So we took a chance
now together through life we'll dance
because we gave love a try.

1976/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Towers Speaking

I have to ask this question
Why did you attack me?
What is it you were doing?
What did you want to see?

You killed innocent people
Who had nothing to you
So please tell me what it is
That you wanted to do?

Did you want to send a message?
If so, then to who?
Did you want to fill our souls with fear?
Is that what you were trying to do?

Or were you trying to tell my country
With them you disagree
If that is the case
Then why did you destroy me?

We were just two tall buildings
Where thousands would go each day
To do their job and make a living
In a hundred different ways

You killed so many people
Some jumped to their deaths
Many did it willingly
Some I'm sure had regrets

You killed all races of people
Some from your own land
Why did you cause this carnage?
We just don't understand

You finally had your say
You had it all planned out
When your mission was finished
In many minds you left no doubt

Your goal was plain and simple
That was to kill as many people as you could
The only good thing to come out of this
Is that the suicide bombers died like they should

10-10-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Tree's And Me (For B.H.)

I remember as a child
I loved to climb up tree's
But whenever I did this
Sometimes I skinned my knee's

But I never let it stop me
Even if blood was seen
I'd still climb that tree
To find a place to dream

Of course I liked the big tree's
Because their limbs were strong
I'd find a way to climb up
But it never really took me long

I'd use the tree branches
Like people use a ladder
Sometimes it took a long time
But that didn't really matter

The only thing that was important
Was getting up that tree
I would sit there so proud
I'd be happy as could be

Now it may not seem like much to you
But to me it was a conquest
I'd climb all the tree's one by one
I'd pass each and every test

There was not a tree around
That I had not climbed
I had so much confidence
I thought I could climb them blind

Once I made it up a tree
I'd sit on a limb and dream
Sometimes the view that I could see
Was the prettiest I'd ever seen

I felt so safe and happy
High up in a tree
I felt as if I was in Gods arms
And that nothing could harm me

Even now that I'm fully grown
I still stop and look at tree's
I sometimes think to my self
I could climb that tree with ease

But of course being older
Tree climbing now is only a wish
But I'm here to tell you
My tree climbing days I miss

9-14-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Tv Wife

She wonders why her life
Isn't more like that
Of a wife on TV

The love they show
Seems to always glow
The whole family seems
Like a big happy dream

She wonders why her life
Can't be more like that
Of a TV wife

TV is not reality
Most of what we see
Isn't the way of you and me
That's why a TV life will never be

1-1-2010/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Two Of Us Part 1

The softness of your skin
As it presses against mine
Your breathing
Your gentle sighs
Told me what I needed to know
You lay there
Almost helpless
But not quite
You softly whispered
Oh baby, don't stop
I did not
I did as exactly as you directed
Soon your moves let me know
That you were pleased
You lay there
Contented and in love
You reached out your hand
We lay together
In each others arms
The place where we find
Happiness, satification and love

11-30-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Two Of Us Part 2

The two of us
Is all we need
For our day
To be complete
The two of us
Can take a day
And make it
Something special
Just by taking a walk and
Holding hands
Instills the closeness in us

We don't need entertainment
To get us through a day
As long as we have each other
To lean on along the way

12-8-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Two Of Us Part 3

Our lunch is eaten
Our time is gone
We both must leave
To be on our way
The hardest part
Of being with you
Is saying goodbye
I watch as you drive away
My heart sinks
Like a boat in the harbor
The only good thing
Is that I know
That it will be you
Who'll raise it again
To set my spirits free

11-30-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Two Of Us Part 4

Here we are
Sitting at a restaurant
Sharing lunch
After a morning
Of making love
You smile
Your eyes sparkle
You look so relaxed
You say
I look at ease
Maybe it's because
I had you to please me
Eating and talking
Sharing our lives together
Wondering what tomorrow
Has in store for us
I don't know the future
Nor would I try to predict it
But I do know this much
The love in my heart
That I feel for you
From me will never part

11-30-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Two Of Us Part 5

We dress to leave
We leave behind
An unmade bed
Sheets all wrinkled
The covers all untucked
It looks as if a struggle took place
But that is not the case
It was just two people
Who love each other
As they played on the bed
The only thing we take with us
Are the memories of this day

11-30-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Untrue One

My emotions are mixed
Can things be fixed?

Will love ever again
Live where it's once been

Or will love never return
Is that the lesson I'm to learn?

For doing what I've done
You see, I was the untrue one

I cheated on her I know
Faithfulness I didn't show

So for now I'll go it alone
Find a place to call home

My emotions are mixed
What I've broken can't be fixed

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Ray Hansell

The Verdict

The evidence has all been presented
There's no doubt about the verdict
Any jury would find me guilty
Of loving you with all my heart

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Ray Hansell

The Waiting Room (Part 2)

And still they come
With wheelchairs, walkers and canes
Walking past sliding doors
Hoping life can one day be good again

Some, walking very slowly
Others, unable to walk at all
While still others need assistance
To make sure they do not fall

Some wearing surgical masks
So as not to catch a bug
While other faces show the pain
That could be made better by a hug

Some come here seeing miracles
Hoping just one more could be found
But little do they know
There are only so many miracles to go around

Ray Hansell

The Way A Lady Should Be

You talk with class
You walk with style
You send me to heaven
With your pretty smile

You always have time
To talk with me
I know your heart
Is filled with generosity

There are people
Who are close by
Who should shut their mouths
Then open their eyes

They should take a careful look
Hopefully they will see
That just by watching you
This is the way a lady should be

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Ray Hansell

The Way It Must Remain

Deep within my soul
Are some stories untold

They must not be said
They must remain there dead

For if they were ever shown
My weaknesses would be known

But I can't let them out
That's not at all what I'm about

So inside they will remain
Deep inside my private domain

Maybe one day I'll share
When I no longer really care

But until that day
It must always stay this way

Do you have a secrets deep inside
One's that you will forever hide

Well then I'm sure you understand
Why I won't show my hand

11-06-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Way It Was Supposed To Be

I love you
You love me
Isn't this how
It was supposed to be?

But here we are
Down life's road
Our story already
Is so old

We met
We fell in love
We had kids
We divorced

What we both thought
Would last forever
Quickly fell apart
It never got better

But you and I
Both survived
Regardless of how much
We didn't even try

The kids are grown
All doing well
You remarried
Back to hell

I had already
Been there once
To marry again
Would make me a dunce

Marriage isn't bad
It can be good even now
I wish all of you luck
Who stand to take your vows

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Ray Hansell

The Words She Wrote For Me

I read the words you wrote
A tear came to my eye
But I'm not really sure of
The exact reason why

Maybe it was because you wrote
You'd always stand by my side
That no matter what anyone said
Your support for me you'd never hide

I found it reassuring
I saw it from the start
The way you would defend me
I know it came from your heart

How could I be so lucky
To have a friend like you
Someone who'll stand beside me
Regardless of what I do

I guess you are the definition
For the word friend
Someone who'll stay with you
Until the bitter end

A person like you comes along
Once maybe in a hundred years
If I had to cry from someone's words
I'm glad it was you who caused my tears

8-23-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

The World Of Love

The world of love is waiting
For you and I to share
The world of love is waiting
Just tell me that you care

The world of love is waiting
For two people to move in
The world of love is asking
Where have you and I been

The world of love is hoping
That we'll give it a try
The world of love has a place
For you and I to occupy

The world of love is shining
Because now we are a part
The world of love is living
Inside both of our hearts

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Ray Hansell

The Writer

You always seem so clever
With the words you write
You put them all together
They always turn out right

I noticed when I read them
They don't always rhyme
But one thing I must say
They flow every single time

Reading all that you write
Is like floating on a pond
It seems to take no effort
As your pen writes on and on

11-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Writer Of Poems

The beautiful words
That you write
Must come from the heart
As they are usually right

You have a style
All of your own
Compassion and caring
Are always shown

The words you write
Tell their story
Whether it's a defeat
Or raging glory

Your love poems
Touch the heart
Whether finding love
Or love falling apart

The poems of sadness
Pull at the heart strings
Knowing so well
That lost love stings

So please keep writing
With the abilities you display
I feel it's important
That we get to read what you say

3-26-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Younger People

The younger people of today
Are the leaders of tomorrow
Hopefully they'll be the one's
Who'll rid the world of sorrow

I think the future of the world
Will wind up in good hands
I think the younger people of today
Could hold the master plan

Maybe they'll rid the world of wars
Maybe they'll rid the world of hate
Maybe they can save us all
Before it is too late

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Their Love Is Through

Two people who once were lovers
Know, they don't have a chance
They both know right now
They'll never share the dance

Though the love they feel for each other
Will never reach an end
They must now try to live
As being each others friend

He loves her so dearly
You know she loves him to
But in their hearts they both know
This is the thing to do

She has spent so many years
Living by herself
He has spent a lifetime
Always looking for someone else

Most people would agree
They are the perfect pair
You can tell by their laughter
Just how much they care

When they are not together
Their sad beyond compare
But when they do get together
You'll never see despair

Their love is so very unique
Yet tragic in a way
They live to be with each other
They'll probably never get their day

They would love to stay together
Until their lives are done
They know for each other
That they are the one

Every night parting time
Always rolls around
He always leaves her standing there
As her tears fall to the ground

Just once she'd like to hear him say
That he's going to stay
Just once she'd like to see him
Stay with her for the entire day

But in her heart she knows
That's a dream that won't come true
That's why she had to tell him
That today their love was through

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Ray Hansell

Their Sunday's

He waits all week long
Just for Sunday night
Because that's when his world
Seems so very right

He gets to spend some time
With the woman that he loves
All week long she's on his mind
She, is all he can think of

They spend their Sunday evenings
Going out to dinner
When he's by her side
He knows what it's like to be a winner

The soft beauty of her face
Her happy to see you smile
That she always wears for him
Along with her special style

They know that when dinner is over
There love for each other will be confirmed
Because you see the love they share
Long ago it was affirmed

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Ray Hansell

There Are Times When I Need

There are times when I need
Someone to lend a hand
There are times when I need
Someone to help me stand

There are times when I need
To see a friendly face
There are times when I need
Someone to help me find my place

There are times when I need
Someone to ease my pain
There are times when I need
To come in out of the rain

There are times when I need
To try and find some hope
There are times when I need
To find a way to cope

There are times when I need
To just talk with you
There are times when I need
Guidance on what to do

There are times when I need
To have a word with God
There are times when I need
To let Him know life can be hard

There are times when I need
To laugh a little more
There are times when I need
To greet you at my door

There are times when I need
To tell my life's story
There are times when I need
To be less accusatory

So you see there are times
When everyone needs an assist
There may even come a time
When you wonder why you exist

10-8-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

There But For The.....

I'm cold, tired and hungry
I'm living on the street
When people see me
It's me they don't want to meet

My clothes are dirty and torn
I'm in bad need of a shower
I feel like I grow older
With every passing hour

My hair is messed and dirty
My teeth are rotting away
I hate my existence
As I struggle from day to day

It wasn't always this way you know
At one time I had a home and family
I lived on the good side of town
A place I no longer see

I use to make more money
Then I could ever spend
But the down turn of the economy
Put that all to an end

So now I beg for pennies
To get through each day
Some people aren't very nice
With the things they say

Get out of here you bum
Go on leave me alone
You're the one who chose the streets
It's not my fault you have no home

I once knew the warmth of a home
Everyday a shower and shave
But I guess my next real home
Will be when they put me in my grave

5-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

There For Each Other

Remember you are not alone
You have no need to fear
As long as you want me to
I will always be here

I will hold your hand
When troubles are on the rise
I will shield you from the pain
I will wipe your eyes dry

I will keep you warm
When the storms move in
I will stay beside you
I know where you have been

I will be for you
All that you want me to be
I will lead the way
I will help you to see

Remember you are not alone
I'm always here for you
And I know if I should need you
You will always be there for me to

3-17-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

There Then Gone

Holding hands
Kissing lips
Our bodies are on fire

A gentle nudge
A gentle hug
All of our clothes come off

The fire burns much hotter
As we're making love
Only one thing on our mind
There's nothing else to think of

Now the loving is over
Now I'm dressed to go
A kiss goodbye
A closing door
Alone, she sits on the bed

Her body aches
For another body
To burn through the night
With hers

7-6-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

There Use To Be

There use to be
You and me
But instead of two
It's only me I see

Together we
Shared it all
Never thought
I'd see us fall

But fallen we have
So far down
That where we are
We can't turn it around

I guess we're done
Me and you
The days of us
I know are through

But I must say
What we had
Made me smile
Made me very glad

No more us
No more you
I wonder what
I'm going to do

My life was built
Around us two
But our happy days
Now are through

So now it's time
For our hearts to part
We'll both now look
For a brand new start

I know that time
Can cure all
But it still hurts
To take a fall

2-8-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

There We Were

I thought love
Had passed me by
But then you looked
Me in the eye

I saw a smile
Cross your face
I finally was
In the right place

I said, hello
How are you?
You said I'm fine
What's new with you?

I asked, would you like
To maybe get some lunch
You said, not today
It felt like a knock out punch

For a moment
I almost froze
My heart sank
But only God knows

I realized
Right away
We'll not meet
On any day

But to my surprise
The next day you said
How about that lunch
I almost dropped dead

So we went to have coffee
We shared a bite to eat
I was so elated
That we got to meet

So from that day on
Little did we know
That just from that hello
Just how much love would grow

8-12-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

There's Always A Chance

You've been hurt so many times
You've grown numb to the pain
But in your heart you must remember
Not all experiences are the same

There's good and bad in everything
There's always hope in everyone
After every rainfall
We all look for the sun

So, never keep your heart closed
It should always remain open
We should never close any door
Because we should never give up hoping

2-25-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

They Didn'T Show

Another day
Another night
Something tells me
Things are not all right

Where are you
Where have you gone
How am I supposed to
Live life and carry on

I know for sure you are gone
But you never said, goodbye
I hope you don't get too upset
But you'll never see me cry

Oh, yes I did love you
In fact more then you'll ever know
But you see that was my problem
I never let my emotions show

Ray Hansell

They Found Me This Morning

I didn't wake up the other morning
They found me on my bed
That's when I heard someone say
I do believe he's dead

I felt a hand touch my skin
Someone said he's cold
Another person said, that's too bad
Because he doesn't look that old

It's funny but as I lay there
I could hear what they were saying
Their words rang so crystal clear
Like a song that was playing

I didn't wake up the other morning
They found me on my bed
But I thought to myself how strange
Because I can hear every word that's said

So was I really dead
Or was it just a dream?
I'll have to wait and see
What all this really means

11-26-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

They Made It

Yesterday I witnessed
Two people take their vows
The church was filled with people
The music played so loud

Rice was thrown everywhere
The people were all grinning
From the church steeple
You could hear the bells ringing

I hope their life together
Is a long and happy one
I hope they now realize
Not all days will be filled with fun

Yesterday I witnessed
Two people renew their vows
The church was completely empty
The silence was so very loud

9-3-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

They Won't Let You Down

Once in every life
A true friend comes along
Someone you can depend on
Someone who is always strong

They are there for you
In the sunshine or the rain
To them being a true friend
Is never ever a game

They are strong and true
Always there to see you through
In their hearts they know
For you there's nothing they wouldn't do

Friends like this are rare
Truly valuable
'Cause when it comes to helping
They'll be the first one there for you

They have a heart of gold
A faithfulness that's true
'Cause when it comes to being a friend
The're always there for you

10-1-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

They'LI Always

They'll never come a time
When you won't be on my mind
They'll never come a day
When I'll be far away
They'll never be a dream
Where you will not be seen
They'll never be a place
Where I won't see your face

They'll always be a kiss
From you upon my lips
From deep inside my heart
You will never part
I'll always think of you
In everything I do
You'll always have from me
That very special key
For you to unlock
All the love inside of me

8-6-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

They'll Always Be Me

What you're going through
I don't really know
All I can do to help
Is to let my love show

I can be there for you
To lend you my shoulder
I can warm you in the night
If the weather makes you colder

I can give you all the comfort
If that's what you need
I can sit and hold you
Just ask, I'll never make you plead

I don't know what you're feeling
Or even what you're going through
But one thing to always remember
For you they'll always be me

4-18-09/RjH

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Ray Hansell

They'LI Be No One

I have no one to hold me
On a cold winters night
I have no one to kiss
As I turn out the light

They'll be no one to greet me
As the morning sun awakes
They'll be no one around
For evening strolls to take

They'll be no one to whisper
Softly in my ear
They'll be no one to say
Those three words we all want to hear

So as I live my life
I CAN be happy all alone
I don't think you need others
To make a house a home

2-18-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

They'LI Be Others

I was your first
I won't be your last
I'm sure there will be others
Other lovers that come to pass

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Ray Hansell

Things Still To Do

There are so many things in life
Still left for me to do
The best one of course will be
Sharing life with you

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Ray Hansell

Things I Wish For You

I wish you strength when failures arise
I wish you warmth when there are cloudy skies
I wish you a rainbow after a summer rain
I wish for you that no two days are ever the same

I wish you modesty in times of success
I wish you good luck when you have to guess
On the darkest of nights I wish a full moon
And as you walk through life
May your head always be filled with a happy tune

11-917/RjH

Ray Hansell

Think Before You Act

I sometimes wonder why
I do the things I do
Because if I didn't do them
My mistakes would be so few

But it seems more times than not
I do things before I think
I think that's why so often
I feel I'm on a boat about to sink

So, I need to remember
Think before I act
Think it out, before I carry it out
That's one of life's cold hard facts

10-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Think Before You Speak

I live my life
From day to day
I never care
What people say

I know people come to
Their own conclusions
Even though their lives
Are mass confusion

They are very quick
To put others down
Without ever taking
A good look around

You see their lives
Are far from perfect
But in others business
They always get

So before you criticize
Things that you don't know
Look before you speak
Before you let your ignorance show

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Ray Hansell

Think First

Sometimes we speak out of turn
By saying the wrong thing
Never thinking of the harm
That our words could bring

That's why before you comment
Think your response through
Because than later on
No one can criticize you

3-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thinking

Thinking about today
Thinking about the past
Thinking of all the memories
That will forever last

Thinking about my youth
And all the things I did
Thinking about how lucky I was
Back when I was a kid

Thinking back that life was easy
With no worries or cares
Sitting here today and thinking
That nothing can compare

To those youthful days gone by
Stored here in my mind
It's a place I like to visit
When I have some spare time

I don't go there often
Because life is such a rush
But when I lay back and close my eyes
I can almost touch

All my childhood places
Where I use to go
I didn't know way back then
How much I'd miss them so

1-16-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thirsty For Love

It sometimes seems like a dream
But I know it's very real
Happiness like this is something
I thought I'd never feel

I can't remember in my life
When I loved someone this much
You always make me smile
I live for your gentle touch

It's sometimes hard to understand
What I feel inside
But this new feeling of love
Washes over me like a tide

Your kiss and your touch
I welcome each day
I never want you
To take your love away

I feel I'm on a pedestal
Whenever you're around
I feel like I'm walking on air
Because my feet never touch the ground

You give me a natural high
I feel like my heart will burst
I was so thirsty for love
You came along and quenched my thirst

4-5-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thirty Years Together

Thirty years together
Thirty years of love
Thirty years together
That's what I dreamed of

From the day that we were married
My heart always wanted you
Now here we are down lifes road
All my dreams have come true

I had always hoped back then
That I'd still be with you today
The way the years have treated me
I wouldn't have wanted it any other way

My love for you grew stronger
As the years passed by
Loving you was so easy
I didn't even have to try

When my life is over
I'll look back satisfied
Knowing that in all those years
Not once, did you ever make me cry

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Ray Hansell

This Affair

We kiss

We love

We part

Will this affair

Ever go anywhere?

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Ray Hansell

This Bad

I never thought a heart
Could ever hurt this bad
I never thought that I
Could ever be this sad

But that's just what happened
The day you walked away
I felt so lost and alone
I didn't know what to say

I never depended on anyone
Like the way I did on you
But now that you're gone
I don't know what to do

I feel like my best friend
Has up and disappeared
Since you went away
The skies still not have cleared

I feel so lost and lonely
All I do is roam
Because I don't have you
I've lost my way home

8-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

This Happens Too Many Times

You said you loved me
With all your heart
You said to me
That we'd never part

But now you say it's over
It's time we said goodbye
You said the love we had
Is not worth another try

Well, I don't want to lose you
So, there's only one thing to do
I'm going to kill you
Then, I'll take my life to

I promise it will be quick
You will feel no pain
The white painted walls
Will soon run red with brain

The first shot blows her head apart
I then turn the gun on me
When I pull the trigger
A flash of light is the last thing I see

It's over in an instant
The sad deed is done
Now both you and I
Will be together forever as one

5-18-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

This Heart Of Mine

I loved you from the beginning
That's been a very long time
You are the only one
Who has this heart of mine

I love it when you kiss me
Your eyes sparkle and shine
In good times and in bad
You have this heart of mine

We raise our glass to make a toast
With a glass of fine wine
The only toast I need to make
You'll always have this heart of mine

As the years pass us by
Our love will do just fine
I hope you always know
You own this heart of mine

When I've reached the end
On my headstone in words so fine
It will only read
She always had this heart of mine

10-21-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

This Isn'T What I Thought I'D Get

Many times I sit and wonder
If true happiness will ever find me
Or will I just live a life
That most others wouldn't want to see

Will the future that lies ahead
Be as bad as the past
Was the pain lived long ago
Forever supposed to last

Or will I find that special someone
Who will help me find my way
Maybe she'll be the one who will
Make the happiness finally stay

Well I have to tell you
It hasn't happened as of yet
Because where I am right now
Isn't what I thought I'd get

But I know I'll keep on searching
Hoping one day to find
That very special lady
Who will give me all her love and time

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Ray Hansell

This Joy

I've never known this joy before
But I know I want some more

I want to always be with you
There's so much that we can do

But the most important thing
Is the way you make my heart sing

You live deep inside my heart
Whether near or far apart

No one could ever take your place
I love to stare at your face

Holding you close to me
Has finally made me see

That what I thought was love before
Was just puppy love and nothing more

You are all woman as I can see
You are the only one for me

8-31-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

This Once Sad Man

I always think of you
As I go through my day
Memories of us together
Always come my way

I think of the nights
We've gotten to share
How all through the night
I could feel you there

The touch of your skin
Against my hand
Brings tremendous excitement
To this once sad man

You've taken my world
You've turned it around
You are the best
My hearts ever found

The way that you love me
Is so complete
You never disappoint
With your love so sweet

I always get the best of you
When we are together
Sometimes you leave me so damn weak
You could knock me over with a feather

Being alone with you
As night starts to fall
If you listen real close
You can hear my heart call

It calls out to you
Because you're the one
It wants to be near
Even after the love making is done

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Ray Hansell

This Thing Called Life

Laying on the couch
Eyes wide open
Somehow I feel
My feelings cannot hide

The world all around me
Seems like a mystery
I look for hope and answers
In everyone I see

So many things I question
So much I don't know
Many people seem so empty
With feelings that never show

Their faces always stoic
Their expressions never change
They live their life day to day
Always staying the same

But I can't tell by their face
If they even have a heart
You never see them smile
To me that's where it starts

To me they seem so very cold
They always keep their distance
It's like they like to feel this way
So they never show any resistance

I guess they can't be changed
But then why should they be
I don't think I'd like it much
If others tried to change me

I guess it's fair to say
We're really all the same
Just living our way through
Life's mysterious game

12-6-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Thought # 1

The painter paints his pictures
The singer sings his songs
But me I'm just an average guy
Would you still like to tag along

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Ray Hansell

Thought # 10

We tried to be lovers
But I think we've reached the end
Now we'll wait and see
If it's possible to be friends

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Ray Hansell

Thought # 11

We met
We loved
Then went our separate ways
Maybe next time
Love will come to stay

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Thought # 12

Sometimes I miss you so much
I wish we had never met

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Thought # 13

Love,
If I was sure what it was
I'd give mine all to you

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Thought # 14

When times are hard
When life gets rough
You sooth the edges
With your velvet touch

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Thought # 15

She tells me that she loves me
This I know so well
But how can she love a guy
Who puts her through hell?

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Thought # 16

When I recall great memories
I'll never forget
That wonderful spring day
When you and I first met

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Thought # 17

The sad thing about beginnings
Is always knowing
That there is always an ending

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Thought # 18

My heart has been broken once
My heart has been broken twice
I won't ever love again
I won't let my heart pay that price

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Ray Hansell

Thought # 19

I remember the years
When I was young
Growing up back then
Was always so much fun

But I never gave thought
Of life down the road
I never gave a thought
To the years making me old

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Thought # 2

The beauty of the morning
Is hard for me to see
Because the one I loved
No longer loves me

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Thought # 3

Don't give up
Don't be afraid
Because last stands
Are always made

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Ray Hansell

Thought # 4

I would never hurt you
I'd never cause you pain
I only want to love you
Is that such a shame?

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Ray Hansell

Thought # 5

Stay all day
Don't go away
If you stay
We'll share today
But if you go
Tears I know will flow

6-25-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Thought # 6

Every time I see you
My heart begins to pound
I have the hardest time
Just keeping my feet on the ground

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Ray Hansell

Thought # 7

I wish that you could walk
In my shoes for a day
Then you'd understand
Just why I feel this way

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Ray Hansell

Thought # 8

Sleepless nights
Because of you
I don't know
Just what to do

I toss and turn
I ache and I yearn
Now that you're gone
The hard way again I learned

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Ray Hansell

Thought # 9

We took our vows
We said, I do
But after five years
We don't anymore

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Thoughts #1

When my life
Gets to tough
She can sooth my pain
With soft and gentle touch

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Ray Hansell

Thoughts 2019

I have not been the same
Since you left my heart in pain
But I can't really complain
Knowing I'm the one to blame

Life can be a slippery slope
But please know there's always hope
As we walk on life's tightrope
At times we all push the envelope

9-15-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thoughts 3-1-09

Your laughter is my medicine
Your smile is my sun
A long time ago my heart told me
That you'd always be the one

3-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thoughts 3-1-09 #2

I'm not going to
Hurry, rush or pursue
I'm going to take my time
Just loving you

Ray Hansell

Thoughts 3-1-09 #4

I hope tomorrow
Is better than today
I hope my pain and sorrow
Tomorrow, can take away

3-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thoughts 6-28-09

Words don't mean a thing
Unless they are sincere
To you I always speak the truth
Because, forever I want you near

It's alright to shed tears of joy
As well as tears of sorrow
But just don't ever lose sight
Of the good or bad that can happen tomorrow

6-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thoughts 7-28-2006

We kiss

We love

We part

Will this affair

Ever take us anywhere?

7-28-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thoughts Of Yesterday

Too many times
I've felt the pain
Of love lost
That didn't return again

Too many times
The tears I've shed
Many times have
Filled me with dread

Love I know
Is lost forever
Will I love again
Probably, never

I know it sounds drastic
These words I say
But when I speak them
It's from memories of yesterday

I know the past
Is long gone
I know it's time
For life to move on

11-12-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thoughts Of You

So many thoughts of you
Rush into my mind
They get me through the day
Until the day is left behind

Than at night I lay in bed
Wishing you were near
To hold you in my arms
To whisper in your ears

I Love You
I love You
I Love You

4-28-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Three Am Morning Blues

It's three am in the morning
Soon the dawn will be calling
The sun will rise
It will burn brightly through the day
It will make me sweat
It will also wear me down
As I move through my day
A million thoughts run through my head
I'll somehow stumble through the day
To get my work done
But it won't be fun
In fact, it will cause me great pain
I'll always remember the shame
For all the pain that I caused you

But I love you now
Like I did back then
I wish you'd change your mind
And come back home again

I promise to spend the rest of my days
Giving all my love to only you
If you were to come home you'll chase away
My three am morning blues

7-23-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

Through Each Day

You gave to me
Your heart and soul
You trusted me
With your love to hold

I treasure every day
That we get to share
I hope we never see
The day when, we no longer care

But, if that time should ever come
When we turn our backs to walk away
Let's not forget the times
When love walked with us through each day

5-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Through The Years

We took our vows that said
We would love forever
That we'd stand beside each other
Through all kinds of stormy weather

We have keep our promise to each other
I never once abandoned your side
Through all the years, through all the tears
Our love has always stayed alive

3-3-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Throw Me To The Wind

I know soon I'll be leaving
On my way back home
I don't want no grieving
I don't want tears to be shown

When it's time for me to go
I'll be ready for my turn
You can take all my ashes
Just put them in an urn

You can spread where you like
I have no certain place in mind
Just that when you do it
Please, do not take your time

Throw me to the wind
Let me fly for evermore
I will soar through the air
Like I could never do before

For the first time in my life
My spirit will be free
To bad no one gets to the see
The happiness come over me

3-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Time Forgets To Fly

When ever I'm with you
Time just passes by
But when I'm not with you
Time loses its wing and forgets to fly

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Ray Hansell

Time Just Ran Out

Remembering all the days
That we use to share
Makes me wonder today
Why, we no longer care

It wasn't anything we said
Or anything we've done
Maybe time just ran out
On all the things that once were fun

1-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Time Keeps Moving

I feel sad and lost in a maze
Hours quickly turn to days

I feel lost if I don't hear you speak
Quickly the days turn to weeks

I feel lost without your touch
Months pass by I miss you so much

I feel lost as I shed a tear
You've been gone for a year

Time passes by with each beat of my heart
The pain grows stronger the longer we're apart

1-23-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Time Runs Out

As the year's pass by
We realize that precious time
Slowly ticks away
As it takes from us
Our youth
Our health
Our bodies
And in some cases
Our mind
Soon we are left with memories
About our youth
How strong we use to be
How good we always felt
How sharp our minds use to be
In some cases we don't remember at all

But our most precious losses
Our family
Our friends
And other loved one's
Soon, time has run out
As it will
For all of us one day

2-9-12? RjH

Ray Hansell

Time Stands Still

Whenever we're together
Time just flies right by
But when you are not around
Time loses it's wings and forgets fly

5-9-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Time To Grow

She asked me
If love is so wonderful
If love is so grand
How come I'm here alone
Without a man

I said to her
I just don't know
Sometimes love
Just needs time to grow

1-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Time To Move On

Sitting here wondering
Just what I should do
Now that you have left me
I'll no longer have you

My days will be so empty
The nights will be so cold
But the worst of it all
I'll no longer have you to hold

Now I pass the time
Reliving days gone by
Trying to figure out
The what for's and the why's

What's the reason that you left
You never did explain
But I guess now it doesn't matter
Who's at fault or who's to blame

I guess it's just better
For me to move on
Dwelling on what I can't change
Will only do me harm

6-3-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Time To Stand Back

She never asked for very much
Though I know she was not content
Love once lived between us
Passionately it came, sadly it went

You see I have someone
But she's been all alone
Now she has her chance
To build a life and home

So I know I must stand back
I know I must give her room
I have all that I need
She's found herself a love
I know it's come none too soon

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Ray Hansell

Tired

I'm sitting here so tired
I can hardly stay awake
I wish there was a chance
A short nap I could take

Just to lay my head down
To get some shut eye
I know I could sleep
But I know I won't get to try

Because you see I'm working
So I must stay alert
Because if I fall off to sleep
I could slip off the chair and get hurt

6-5-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Tired Of Being Awake

My eyes find it difficult
Trying to stay open
I keep looking at the clock
All the time just hoping

That before too long
It will be time for me to leave
Then I can go home
To get just what I need

Sleep, sleep and more sleep
I know that would help
Then once again I'll know
Just how good sleep has felt

I'd sleep all through the day
If I only could
But to sleep that long
I know would not be good

So for now I'll have to wait
Until the time comes when I can go
Knowing full well when I get home
My tiredness will surely show

8-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

To Always Remember

Love may not last forever
But the memories always will
To think back in time
When that special someone
Gave us such a thrill

That's how I'll always remember
All that you gave to me
The most powerful of them all
Are your wonderful memories
That forever I'll always see

3-24-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

To Be Always With You

Your slow and gentle kisses
Make my heart beat fast
I believe we have a love
That will surely last

I know in some life times
Love just comes and goes
Many times for reasons
That no one ever knows

I know that every one of us
Had a love that was lost
And only our hearts
Really know the cost

But now that I have found you
I feel love is here to stay
I want you with me forever
What more can I say

4-7-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

To Be Reminded

I haven't seen you in a while
I know I've missed your smile

If I could just see you again
I know that I'd be happy then

The time just seemed to pass us by
Did we give it our best try?

Memories of you and I
Can bring a tear to my eye

Time alone won't make me forget
Years ago when we first met

I think back to that winter day
It was overcast the skies were grey

I'll always remember your pretty face
Any where you went you lit up the place

My heart will always feel the same
As it lives it's life out in pain

I wish that just one more time
I could hold you in these arms of mine

Not to try to change your mind
Just to be reminded what I left behind

8-25-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

To Behold

You remind me of the clouds
That drift in the summer sky
Soft, warm and beautiful
A beauty to behold

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Ray Hansell

To Dance With You

I want to give
All of me to you
But loving you forever
Is what I most want to do

I know that will be easy
Because when it comes to you
No one has ever treated
Me the way you do

So I hope that you and I
Will at least have a chance
Because down the road of life
With you I want to dance

4-10-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

To Hurt To See

As I watch the sun
Slowly leave the sky
It reminds me of a picture
That once caught my eye

I sit and watch the children
Playing in the sand
I watch a new born pup
As it tries to stand

I watch the ocean waves
As they tumble to the shore
But today the beauty of it all escapes me
Because you don't love me anymore

11-29-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

To Love You No More

Here you are each day
Always on my mind
What a lovely way
For me to pass the time

Thinking only of you
The love we use to share
I would give anything
If we could go back there

My happiest days back then
Were any days with you
Your laughter and your loving
Was the medicine that made life new

The warmth of your heart
The softness of your touch
I must admit that at times
It was more than enough

You would drive me crazy
With all the things you'd do
But today life finds me
Here, alone without you

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Ray Hansell

To Me

Being with you is beautiful
Beyond the spoken word
The softness of your face
The sweetness of your kiss
The way your hair smells like a summer day
A smile that puts the sun to shame
As it beams across your face

The gentle way you touch me
As you take my hand
To me you are so beautiful
With skin so soft and tanned
And when your lips move to speak
It's the most beautiful music I ever heard

11-29-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

To Share With You

The stars are out tonight
They will be out tomorrow night to
From now until forever
I'll get to share them always with you

6-1-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

To Show You

I miss you so dearly
I just want you near
My heart feels so lonely
When your voice it doesn't hear

I want to hold you in my arms
Smell your freash clean hair
I want to always be with you
To show you I'll always care

Ray Hansell

To Us Two

Love is sweet love is fine
I'm so glad your love is mine

Love is good it can be sad
But our love is never bad

My heart sings yours does to
Because love belongs to us two

2-9-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

To You

There's no better way
To spend a day
Than being next to you
And wanting to stay

There no better way
To spend a night
Than to lay with you
And hold you tight

There's no better way
To spend a life
Than with you always here
As my loving wife

9-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Today

Lunch and laughter
In the afternoon
Happy times ending
Much too soon
Telling you my feelings
As we eat good food
Hoping you weren't thinking
That I was a fool

I spoke to you honestly
It all came from my heart
I opened myself up
With you that was the easy part
I've always spoken the truth
When I tell you how I feel
My feelings run so very deep
My love you did not have to steal

Any time I share with you
Is wonderful beyond belief
As you sit across from me
My hand to you I reach
Just a gentle touch from you
Lets me know you care
There's no other place I'd rather be
Then sitting with you right there

The road that you are traveling on
Is the road where I want to be
I want to walk that road with you
Together, just you and me
There's not too much that I know
But I know one thing to be true
The day is not that far away
When I'll be waking up next to you

8-20-09/RjH

Tongue In Cheek

I sit and write
In the dead of night
Wondering how
Wrong becomes right

Because you say you're sorry
Does that erase
The hateful words you said
Even if said in haste

Are people supposed to forget
All of your crude words
You may say you're sorry
But the words were still heard

That's why it's so much better
To think before you speak
Or you may consider
Saying it with tongue in cheek

9-25-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Tonight

Sitting here just thinking
Where you might be
Wondering what you're doing
What is it that you see

Are you happy at this moment
Or are you feeling sad
Or do pleasant memories fill your head
That right now make you glad

Are you sitting in your home
Or walking through a mall
Or talking on the telephone
With a most important call

Are you alone or with someone
Are you getting ready to have lunch
Id' like to guess where you are
But I don't have a hunch

I know one thing that's for sure
Where ever you might be
Or what ever you are doing
I close my eyes it's you I see

Maybe trying on a dress
Or a new pair of shoes
I know they will look sexy
What ever it is you choose

So I hope your day goes fine
Everything turns out right
Because if things go according to plan
You and I will be making love tonight

Ray Hansell

Too Good To Be True

It wasn't that long ago
That you and I first met
When you said to me
Enough of us you couldn't get

Everything was fine
Between you and I
The love that we shared
Could be seen in our eyes

Then one day you came to me
It was a different you
Something in my heart
Told me we were through

When you left that day
You said, goodbye to me
I knew then and there
There no longer was a we

So, here I am once again
Standing all alone
Knowing that all along
I really should have known

That when something seems too good
To really be that true
I think I should have known
That eventually I would lose you

9-8-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Too Proud

You know I hate to leave you
But you know I must go
What's the use in staying around
We both know love won't grow

She just turned and walked away
She didn't even say goodbye
I stood there like a wall
Too proud to let myself cry

11-29-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Too Young To Know

Girl, do you remember
When love use to fill out hearts
Love was in the air we breathed
We swore we'd never part
We vowed to never leave

But time has caused a change
Because the love that we once knew
Has found a way, to slip away
We just don't know what to do

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Ray Hansell

Tough Week Tough Life

Into every life some darkness must fall
Sometimes just for a while
Sometimes it seems to last
When it does we lose our smile

It seems harder to get out of bed
The days seem to drag out longer
The nights are times for wishing
That we could be a little stronger

We try to put on a happy face
As we face the world outside
When secretly we are hoping
That we could find a place to hide

Now everyone has setbacks
As we live one day at a time
But to some people it just seems
Easy living days are hard to find

Life to some can be so cruel
All we can do is wonder why
But as we struggle along the way
Eventually, tough times will pass us by

3-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Treat Love Like A Game

The nights I spent with you
I could never match again
The days you lay by my side
Were happy times back then

But today we find ourselves
Each with someone new
The reason for our break up
We didn't see love through

Somehow I know I'll make it
You will do the same
But now we must not treat
Love like it's a game

8-7-77/RjH

Ray Hansell

True Love To Share

Don't love me as a favor
Love me because you care
Let me know if you are always
Willing to be there

Hold me because you love me
Not because you think it's right
I don't need you to feel sorry for me
I want comfort each and every night

In life we all get lonely
No matter who you are
In life everyone has had
A love that left a scar

12-9-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Truth Or Lie?

I keep searching for love
Hoping I'll find
Someone who will love me
All of the time

Not long ago you said you loved me
But now you're telling me goodbye
Were the words you spoke yesterday
The truth or just a lie?

11-29-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Try To Be

Try to be tolerant
And understanding
Try not to be
Too demanding

We all make mistakes
Because we try
When someone makes an error
Don't let out an exasperated sigh

Try to show patience
To one and all
No need to get angry
Or act appalled

The day may come
When all will see
The error you've made
As plain as can be

You wouldn't want
Someone to ridicule you
Next time stop and think
Before, that's what you so

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Ray Hansell

Trying

When tears fall unexpectedly
I know it's because of me

I am speechless and don't know what to say
I wish I could change everyday

But it seems no matter how hard I try
All I ever do is make you cry

6-30-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Trying To Cope

Peace of mind
What a treasure
If we could all find
That wonderful pleasure

The cry of the heart
That begs to be heard
It's needing a start
Who will say the word?

An inward peace
That transcends all
Hoping in love
We never fall

The agonizing cry
Through the years
No matter how hard we try
Our souls still fill with fear

Peace, happiness and joy
That's all we ever seek
It's really no ploy
But so many are weak

They give into a hurting heart
They're not sure what to do
They think it's an end instead of a start
But they'll still not try anything new

Years of anguish and hurt
Far too many years of pain
They feel it's easier to desert
Then continue to play the game

They feel life has passed them by
They feel their best years are gone
They don't even know why
They should even carry on

You always have to at least try
Only God can decide
Who will live and who will die
So those thoughts you have you should hide

1-15-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Trying To Forget

I try to find different ways
To occupy my mind
I try to keep myself busy
So I don't think of her

It's not an easy thing to do
When you're trying to forget someone
It seems the more you try to forget
The more you still remember

But I'll keep on trying
To erase her from my mind
I have to find things to do
To occupy my time

7-4-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Trying To Justify

The card I bought says
I miss you a lot
Won't you please come home
The next line says
I love you
This you've always known

The picture on the card
Shows a man on a hill
Looking to the sky
As if searching for his will

I am like that picture
Each night I search the sky
Looking for some hope
Like a twinkle in an eye

I wonder where you've gone to
I know I'm the reason you left
I have learned the hard way
By losing you, I've lost the best

I have that card for you
I will keep it right here
I will give the card to you
The day you come home my dear

Or am I just a fool thinking, you'll return
I now the things I did were wrong
I never should have hit you
But if you come home, I'll try to be strong

I'll try my best to keep my cool
To not raise my hand to you
But I can't promise you all that much
You make me do the things I do

I know you said, it's my fault
You said you'd never come back home

Please give me one more chance
For me to show you I have grown

9-1005/RJH

Ray Hansell

Trying To Make Sense Of It All

Often times I wonder
What I'm living for
Sometimes it seems my life
Is like a revolving door

Just going round and round
It never seems to stop
Sometimes I'm not too sure
If I belong here or not

But I'll keep on struggling
Trying to make things right
Knowing that I may not
Ever win this fight

12-3-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Trying To Say Goodbye

On the inside
My hearts begins to cry
I'm trying to find a way
To tell you goodbye

I never thought
It would come to this
I never imagined
I'd lose your kiss

Out times together
Indeed were magic
Why do good times
Always pass so quick

The passing years will hold
The memories that we've made
In my mind they live forever
From my memory they'll never fade

The emotions that we shard
Came right from our hearts
I believe for that reason
We'll never truly part

With life comes change I know
With change we all grow
With growth we all learn
That we reap just what we sow

Please don't get me wrong
I'll treasure the times we had
I know that the happy times
Will always far out number the bad

You know I want what's best for you
Because you deserve that much
It will be difficult not seeing you
It will be worse not to feel your touch

You've been a part of me
For so many years
I know that I must go
But I still can't stop the tears

I hope you know I'll miss you
This makes me want to die
I now must face my greatest fear
That will be, to tell you goodbye

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Ray Hansell

Trying To Understand

Standing on the edge of darkness
Looking for the sun
Trying to make some sense
When something senseless was done

Looking for some answers
Trying to find a reason why
Someone that you cherished
For some unknown reason dies

You want to how
You want to why
You can feel the heartache
That just makes you cry

But there comes a time
When you must accept
That your life still goes on
With wonderful memories kept

10-22-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Tuesday

Waiting for Tuesday
What more can I say
It will not be
Just another ordinary day

I have many things
That I have to do
The most important one
Well that will be seeing you

9-22-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Turn Back The Clock?

Would I turn back the clock
If I could
Thinking about it
I don't that I would

I'm happy in life
Where I am right now
Turning back the clock
Would be wrong somehow

All the things I've accomplish
All the things I've done
I would have to start all over
But that's a race I've already run

Would I turn back the clock
I know I would say no
But thinking about it sometimes
Is very tempting you know

9-9-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Turn Out The Lights

Turn out the lights
Come take my hand
Lay right here beside me

Forget the world outside
I'll love you tenderly
Let me give to you
What you've given to me

Stay with me
We'll share the night
Until the early morning light

I've got your hand
You've got my heart
Hopefully love will never
Let us have to part

7-22-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Turn The Page To A New Day

Today is over
So turn the page
Tomorrow is in sight
As another day we age

What happened today
Is over and done
Maybe tomorrow
Will be the one

The day where everything
Will go right
Troubles and sorrow
Far out of sight

So always remember
Today is just one day
Sooner or later
Things finally go your way

107-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Twenty Five Years Later

Remember when I told you
Many years ago
That my love for you
Would surely always show

Well, here we are years later
Still going strong as ever
Didn't I always tell you
That our love would only get better

I love you as much today
As I did way back then
And If I ever had the chance
I'd do it all over again

Life with you has been wonderful
More than I could have ever hoped for
Because now just like back then
It's you that I still adore

11-5-16/RjH

Ray Hansell

Two Instead Of One

Life isn't always perfect
The road not always smooth
But it can be made easier
With the partner that you choose

It's nice to have someone
Standing at your side
Someone you can count on
Someone who won't run and hide

Someone who will stay
When things are going wrong
Someone to support you
Someone to be strong

If you have that person
With you through thick and thin
In the end you'll be the one
Who'll come out with a win

So if you have that special person
Who's always there for you
Standing together will show
There's nothing you can't do

9-9-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Unanswered

An email written
An email ignored
So one wonders
What's it all for

You write someone
To say hello
It's not a stranger
It's someone you know

Or someone you thought
That you knew
But no answer comes
So what can one do?

I guess it's a chance
That we all take
So, I ask, why bother!
For any sake

3-17-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Uncivil

I cannot help the things
That I say to you
It seems so many times
I don't like the things you do

The way you talk to people
Is so down right rude
When you talk to women
You are so very crude

You are always inappropriate
No matter what the event
You take too many liberties
Without peoples consent

You always wonder why
You don't get more invites
Maybe it's because
You start verbal fights

You say you speak your mind
And what you say is true
But the only one who believes that
You know is only you

I think we would be better off
If you just stayed away
I think that would make people happy
And brighten up their day

9-22-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Under The Sun

Of all the things
Here on earth
You are the one
That has so much worth

Not wanting anything
Not wanting anyone
You are the greatest woman
Underneath the sun

If there was a way
I would make you see
All the love I have for you
Living here inside of me

5-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Under The Weather

I heard that you were under the weather
I surly hope that soon you're better

If I were there I'd help for sure
To try to help you find a cure

I'd give you aspirin and a nice back rub
Then I'd draw you a nice hot tub

Filled with water in it you can sit
All of your scented candles would be lit

The atmosphere would be relaxing
Nothing would be on your mind that's taxing

You'd just relax and get a good soaking
Not a word need be spoken

Time and space would be your own
As you take it easy healing in your home

11-23-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Unhappy In Heart And Mind

The road ahead may get rough
The journey may be long
But I know you'll make it
Because you are so strong

Some people may come to doubt
If you can do it on your own
Those who'll have the most doubt
Will be people you have known

But you can't let them sway you
Don't let their words fill you with doubt
Because no one else knows
What you are all about

You have no doubt in your mind
That you can and will succeed
Because when it comes to others
Their help you'll never need

There is only one who needs to believe
In you and that is you
Your back has been against the wall before
But you know just what you can do

So, don't listen to the doubters
Because they never took a chance
Although I know deep inside
They envy you for your stance

They will never say it
But in their minds they know
Your strength and determination
Is something they could never show

It's not to say they are weak
It's just that they are the kind
Who are warm and cozy in their home
While they live unhappy in heart and mind

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Ray Hansell

Unreliable

Struggling through the day
Waiting for the night
In the darkness I hide
Hoping to make things right

But I know that come tomorrow
I once again must face
The struggles of the day
That I just do not embrace

Living life is treacherous
Going from day to day
Sometimes it's very difficult
As trust begins to decay

Those that you believed in
Start to let you down
That's why you feel the need
To shut your emotions down

It seems the one's you trusted
Are the one's who hurt you the most
That's why from now on
You'll never let anyone get to close

6-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Until

Until we met
I never cared
Until we loved
I never shared
Myself with anyone

Until you came
My heart was cold
Until we touched
I was never bold

When you smiled
Then I knew
When we kissed
Love just grew

Until we met
I never cared
When you loved me
I knew my life was spared

9-29-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

Until Day Is Done

I always miss you
When I am away
I feel this pain
Every single day

I want to hold you close
I want to kiss your lips
I want you to know
Just how much you're missed

I want to lay with you
In a field of green green grass
I want our special moments
To forever last

I want to be with you
To watch every setting sun
I want to stay with you
Until each day is done

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Until The End

Don't leave me
Please believe me
When I say, I love you so

You're my only
My one and only
Please don't make me lonely

Please say that you'll stay
Right here with me each day
Promise never to go away

You are my friend
You are my lover
Please stay until the end

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Until The End You And I

My feelings for you
Grow stronger everyday
What I feel inside for you
No one could ever take away

You have been the best friend
Anyone could ever ask for
With all that you've done for me
I could never ask more

You have stood beside me
In my darkest hour
You were always telling me
Together we had the power

I always protested to you
I said, you don't know that
You didn't say anything
But you always put out the welcome mat

For that I have to thank you
For the way you handled us
No matter what was said or done
There was always that binding trust

So, as I travel through life
I couldn't have asked for a better friend
But what makes me even happier
Is knowing, you'll be there until the end

4-1-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Ups And Downs

Life has it's ups and downs
It's valley's and it's peaks
But a constant way of life
Is all we ever seek

The trials of everyday life
Can start to wear you down
But you see you're not alone
Just take a look around

You'll see people in distress
You'll see people in pain
You'll even see some people
Who'll never love again

So don't think you're alone
When things are going wrong
You have to hang in there
To show the world you're strong

10-18-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Us

I try each night
To read the stars
Searching for a clue
As to the reason why
I fell in love with you

But I realized there is no clue
Nor is there a special reason
It was just the time of year
And love was in season

11-22-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Us Today

The steam rises
From the hot tub
A slight chill cools the air
We are submerged
In ninety eight degree water
The warm water
Warms me to my soul
A blue light, lights our way
As it reflects on the water
The moon in the sky
Is three quarters full
Its light shoots through the clouds
Like an x-ray
I watch her move in the water
Slow, but still graceful
With the help of the light
I see her figure as she moves about
A figure I am very familiar with
But yet, tonight
Seems like the first time I've seen it
Maybe because I'm looking at it
Through the eyes of a man
Realizing, that when we were together
Years ago, I was just a boy
Trying to be a man
The beauty I didn't see then
Is so very visible to me now
The years have taught me
That strength and inner beauty
Will always last forever
As good looks and a shapely body
Slowly fade like a setting sun
Yes, being naked in a hot tub with you
Made me realize all the mistakes
That I had made years ago

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Us Two

Everytime I love you
I want to love you more
I have never felt
Love this strong before

I hate to be away from you
I hate to say, goodbye
Sometimes when I do
I feel like I will cry

My feelings are so very strong
That I want to tell the world
Take a look at her
Isn't she a beautiful girl

She sets my heart on fire
As she sets my spirit free
I am so damn lucky
That she gives her love to me

I know I'm nothing to look at
I know she could do much better
But oh how great she makes me feel
Ever since the day I met her

I'll give all the love I have
But to her only
Since she came into my life
My nights are no longer lonely

I hope she knows how much I love her
I hope she knows my love is true
As we go through life I'll show her
But only when it's us two

8-12-06/RjH

User

Your love was electrifying
That, there was no denying
Everything was satisfying
Until you started lying

8-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Valentine's Day Thoughts For You

Visions of you
Thoughts of us
The woman I trust
With all my love

Her gentle hands
Cradles my heart
Whether together
Or far apart

A kiss from her lips
Just blows me away
I love her more
With each passing day

We love each other
We can't deny
It seems so natural
As the sun in the sky

True love seems to happen
Once in every life
Most love affairs
Are a roll of the dice

But what we share
Is so precious and true
A forever true love
Shared by few

2-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Vanished Dreams

Where are my dreams
Where did they go
Someone tell me
So I know

Have they vanished
With the night
Are they forever
Out of sight

Will they come back
For me to see
Or are they gone
To never be

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Ray Hansell

Verbal Abuse

He yells he screams
He calls me names
I know my friends
Are not treated the same

He never ever hits me
All he does is yell
I keep it to myself
Living in my own private hell

I know that abuse
Comes in different forms
Most times with him
It like the calm before the storm

Things will be just fine
Nothing will be wrong
But then he flies into a rage
It's then I wish I was never born

His voice gets loud as he yells
He jumps out of his chair
Sometimes I feel he'll hit me
As he looks at me with a blank stare

Most times it takes a while
Then his yelling comes to an end
But the fear he has instilled in me
I know will never mend

I want so much to leave him
But yet, I don't dare
I think in some sick way
Deep inside he cares

But I know for my own well being
I must break free
I know that if one day I don't
The outcome will be bad for me

12-11-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Very Few

Of course the words I wrote
Were written just for you
In my heart I felt
It was the thing to do

What I need to say to you
I say to you in verse
Hoping my words are understood
That they don't make things worse

I know sometimes the message
May not come through too clear
But what I have to say
Are things I want you to hear

The respect and admiration
That I hold for you
Is a respect and admiration
I hold for very few

9-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Very Quickly

My heart is broken
It's in pieces
I know it's my fault
I always said
I'd never give my heart
To anyone again
But you came along
So beautiful
So full of life

But now you've left me
So broken
So full of pain
That I may never
Recover again
Love for me
Will always be
A constant reminder
That good can turn
To bad very quickly

6-30-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Vietnam Era

Why are people crying?
Woman and children dying
Young men going off to war
Many will die in their prime
Maybe this is the crime

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Ray Hansell

Visit Again

There are so many places
That you and I have been
Some we have revisited
Over and over again

We sit at a table
Discuss many things
Like, where we are going
Where we have been

The talk is light as we laugh
Recalling things from our past
Sometimes it gets very serious
No questions ever go unasked

Neither one of us gets upset
Because of the love we share
No matter what is ever said
Because of our love we're always fair

Our words are never spoken in anger
To each other we never raise our voice
We're always willing to listen to the other
It's something that's done by choice

What I feel in my heart for you
Will forever live inside of me
I been around enough to know
With you is where I want to be

There are so many places
That you and I have been
I know these special places
We'll for sure visit again

10-4-09/RjH

Visit From A Ghost?

I woke up last night
I thought I heard you call my name
I laid there for a moment
Thinking, am I going insane

I lay there and listen
But I didn't hear a thing
Just then I was startled
As the phone began to ring

I answered the phone, hello
But no one answered me
I wondered to myself
If a ghost came to visit me

5-30-2015/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting

Her life is lived in pain
She's grown tired of the game
She's not looking for
Stardom, fortune or fame
She's gladly change her name
If someone would ask her to

11-29-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting For A Word

I waited for a message
But nothing ever came
But that's alright
I still feel the same

I didn't get to speak to you
Like I usually do
But you know in my heart
I always think of you

So until you write again
I hope all is well
The moment that I hear from you
I will escape this hell

7-16-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting For Love

My bed is big
But it's cold
Because I sleep alone
I've yet to find
Anyone
To bring to my home

So many times
I had a beginning
But soon it would end
So here I sleep
Every night
Alone, without a friend

I've heard it said
A million times
There's someone for everyone
Well, if that
In fact is true
Then my searching should be done

But it's not
So I'll go on
Waiting for the day
That true love
Finds its way
To come to me and stay

11-22-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting For The Angels

She sits by her window
Day after day
All alone just looking
Nothing much to say

She is in the golden years
Of a long and wonderful life
Looking back over the years
She loved being his wife

She recalls very vividly
They were such happy years
Filled with love and laughter
Once in a while a few tears

Yes, there were some hard times
Which all people had
But through it all we survived
That always made us glad

Raising the children
Running the home
They were the happiest years
Her heart had ever known

As the children grew older
Soon they both moved on
Before they both it
It was just him, her and the farm

As the years passed he grew sick
Each winter he got worse
For the first time in her life
When she spoke, she would curse

Damn him getting sick
Damn him leaving me alone
Alone in this aging house
That once was a happy home

She says, I'm waiting for the angels
To come and take me home
These last twenty years
Have been the loneliest I've ever known

The house now sits empty
Her children too busy to care
The house just deteriorates
As no one is living there

The shutters and the window
Are all cracked and broken
The wind howls through the house
Where words of love once were spoken

She's in her final resting place
By her husbands side
A woman so very strong
A woman filled with pride

5-25-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting For The Next Time

Days when I don't see you
I remember our previous time
When we are not together
That helps me just fine

The memory of you
Is forever burned in my mind
I always remember the last time
I got to see your smile
I got to touch your hand
You send me to heaven
You make me a happy man

Not everyone knows someone
As lovely as you
I know that I am lucky
Though the days with you are few

But I don't worry none
I don't let it bother me
Because I know the day will come
When it's you I get to see

9-30-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting For You

You'll know when you are ready
To take that next step
You'll know when you are ready
To want what you're going to get

All the love I have been saving
Here inside for you
I'll give it all to you
That's what I want to do

But take your time no need to hurry
I'm not going anywhere
I'm going to wait right here
That's what you do when you care

When you love someone
And you know they need some time
You give them all the space they need
Knowing, things will turn out fine

So please take your time
I'm not rushing you
I'm going to wait right here
Because that's what I need to do

11-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting For Your Call

I sat by the phone
Waiting for your call
When the phone didn't ring
I felt my heart fall

I wanted so bad
Just to hear your voice
Not hearing from you
That was not my choice

I wished that you had called
Just to say, hello
I waited all night long
But then, how were you to know?

10-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting Here

I feel like I'm locked
In a prison far away
I haven't seen your face
For far too many days

All day long I think of you
I feel that I should be
Right there by your side
Along, just you and me

Laughing and joking
Like we use to do
The happiest times I've ever known
Were always spent with you

I hope the love you felt
Is still alive and well
For if you no longer love me
It would be like sending me to hell

Just so that you know
My love for you is still strong
Everytime I think of us
My heart sings a song

I want so much to see you
I want to hold you once again
I know that when you're in my arms
The world is right and then

Everything is perfect
You'll be where you belong
Holding you in my arms
With a love that is so strong

So you see I'm counting the days
To when we'll be together again
A day I cannot wait for
The day I'll never want to see end

4-13-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Waiting Just For You

You're going to have those moments
When you just sit and cry
Realizing what has happened
As the days slowly go by

Your body will heal that you'll see
But the mind is a different story
As each passes you by
You'll take inventory

But take your time think each thought out
Now you'll really find what you are all about
You'll get to know yourself so much better
Even though at times you may have doubt

Don't ever wonder if what you did
Was the right thing to do
Because when all is said and done
The only person you have to answer to is you

So take all the time you may need
Do all that you must do
No matter how long it takes
I'm here, waiting just for you

6-6-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting Room

Watching all the faces
As people come and go
I can say for sure
None of them do I know

People of all races
Old, middle aged and young
Sitting here and waiting
For appointments to be done

It's a very quiet place
A doctor's waiting room
They try to make it cheerful
But there is an underlying gloom

So many people here with hope
That life will still go on
Silently hoping and praying
That life won't be done too soon

10-31-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waking

Sweet dreams to you
My tiny one
Your day is over
The time has come

To close your eyes
And go to sleep
Yours dreams are yours
Alone to keep

When the sun shines again
A new day will be breaking
Slowing your eyes will open
To a new day you'll be awaking

11-22-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Walked In Their Shoes

I've forgotten all the people
That I've hurt along the way
If I had the chance right now
I don't know what I would say

I also know that in life
There are those I disappointed
It seems that this life I live
At times seems so disjointed

Sometimes we're only thinking
Of no one but ourselves
Keeping things I feel inside
Like books upon a shelf

I know that I may need to change
But it's not as easy as it may seem
Because most people roll through life
Like the running of a stream

I'm sorry for the people I hurt
As that was never my intention
But I live life on my own terms
Without any apprehension

It's seems as I've walked through life
Few have cared about my feelings
That's why I live the way I do
Never being very revealing

Some may disagree with this
They're welcome to if they choose
But please always remember
You don't know someone
Until you've walked in their shoes

9-11-18/RjH

Walked My Way

Going through my day
Like I usually do
As I turned the corner
That's when I saw you

Seeing your smiling face
Made my heart skip a beat
What a perfect day
Because we got to meet

At that very moment
I knew I'd have a wonderful day
Because you see the one I love
Happen to walk my way

6-2-10/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Wanting

Inside a cold dark room
Snuggled under the covers
Wishing I was warmed
By a soft and gentle lover

Someone to hold real close
On a deep dark winter night
Someone here to tell me
Everything will be alright

Someone who'll whisper in my ear
Someone to tell me true
Someone to say that I
Am so in love with you

But, I won't hear those words tonight
Because I'm lying here all alone
No one here to hold me
To make me feel I'm home

12-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wanting Out

Red eyes
Of one who cries
Broken heart torn apart
Trying to be strong
In a world all wrong
Reality
So hard to see
She wants him gone
So, she's safe from harm

9-20-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wanting To Just Decompress

I'm heading out to dinner
To get something to eat
I may have a salad
Or a nice cut of meat

My hardest decision
Will be where to go
I don't want to be bothered
By seeing people I may know

So I think I'll look for
An out of the way place
Where I know I'll be assured
Not to see a familiar face

1-17-19? RjH

Ray Hansell

Wanting To Read You Again

It's been quite a while
Since your poems made me smile

Lately not a new word
Nothing have I heard

Not even a little peep
No new poems for me to seek

It looks like you've gone dark
But on PoemHunter you left your mark

Are you on the run?
Hiding from someone?

Hopefully real soon
We'll read your words again and swoon

But until that day
We'll wait the time away

6-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wanting What You Can't Have

She has found a new love
But she loves someone who is married
She wants so bad to make love with him
But she knows she can't or
That she shouldn't
She knows he's committed to someone else
She knows she has no right
She loves him very much
She knows he loves her to
Although, those words have never been said by him
The feelings between the two are so powerful
Sometimes loving someone when you can't be with them
Makes me wish we'd never met at all

11-9-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wanting You

Holding you so tight
Safe within my arms
But when I turned around
I saw that you were gone

Each and every night
I squeeze my pillow tight
I wish that it was you
That would make my night

10-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

War Is People Expensive

The talking is all over
The words don't mean a thing
Two nations start a war
Who do they think will win?

Bombs start falling everywhere
Buildings crumble to the ground
People run, yell and scream
But their cries don't make a sound

Soon both nations agree
They must try to talk again
They each accuse each other
As the finger pointing begins

But soon there is a ray of hope
As both sides leave no doubt
They have to stop the fighting
A compromise must be worked out

The bombs no longer fall
But the damage has been done
Destruction is seen everywhere
Does either side think they've won?

Thousands of people lay there dead
Hopes and dreams all lie shattered
But to the nations both involved
Once again, the people didn't matter

7-10-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

Was It Him?

I walked into an empty church
I wasn't sure what to do
So I went and had a seat
There, in an empty pew

I put my hands together
Slowly bowed my head
I know I mumbled something
But I wasn't sure what I said

I stayed there for a while
My soul was at peace
The anxiousness that I felt
Slowly began, to decrease

All of a sudden I was at ease
Complete calm had come over me
Was it because of where I was?
Or was it Him who set me free

2-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Washington's Finest

Officers getting ready for duty
The reason they were hired
When the shooting started
Only one could return fire

When the smoke had cleared
Four officers lay dead
As word spread in the community
A thousand tears were shed

The killer managed to get away
As he had someone drive the getaway car
So many people only hoping
That he didn't get to go to far

The next night an officer all alone
Saw a stranger start to approach
So before this person could kill again
The officer exercised oath

The one that says
To protect and serve
That's just what the officer did
As he had steel for nerves

The suspect had one of the officers gun
He was going to use it on a cop
But before he could kill again
The officers shot, made him stop

Thousands attended the funeral
Officers came from everywhere
Standing in solidarity
To show the world they care

A sea of blue with red mixed in
Shoulder to shoulder they stood
Wanting to do so much more
If they only could

5-22-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Wasn't Meant To Be

Is there any hope?
Is there any way?
That you and I
Can somehow save today?

Or has time away
Been our enemy?
Or have you and I
Simply reached our destiny?

5-18-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Watching Her Fall In Love

What brings two people together
Who ever really knows
It's like one day it starts to build
Then feelings begin to show

You realize how much you miss him
When he's not around
But still you're not too sure
Of what it is you found

Soon your heart lets you know
Just how much pain it's in
Because it hurts so very much
When you're away from him

The person you thought of as a friend
Has become so much more
The feelings you now feel
Are much stronger then before

You start to feel love for him
You always want him around
You just cannot hide
This new love you have found

Someone that you see each day
Has crept into your heart
But you're still not sure
How it got it's start

But right now that's not important
What's important is how you feel
You only hope that his heart
You'll have a chance to steal

But little do you know
He feels the same way to
All the times that you watched him
He's been watching you

Finally it happens
Alone, they meet and kiss
Now they both realize
It's the other one each will miss

One day soon they'll make love
What a happy day it will be
Never in their wildest dreams
Could this, they ever foresee

Her life was already planned
Living happy in her home
She never ever dreamed
That her heart would roam

But roam it did and here it is
Entwined with my heart
Who knows how it will end
We're only at the start

RjH/5-16-14

Ray Hansell

Watching Love Slowly Die

The time has come
For us to part
It was fun
Right from the start

We shared many good times
Our laughter rang loud
Our feet never touched the ground
As we both walked on a cloud

From that first moment
We thought we had something great
We'd always be together
From early morning until very late

But lately things seem different
The fun has all subsided
Together for so very long
But now we seem so divided

The laughter no longer ring
Our feet are back on the ground
Honestly I have to say
I don't miss you when you're not around

But I will always remember
All the fun that we used to have
But to tell you the truth
To watch love die is sad

9-4-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Watching The Years Go By

We sat and watched the sun's set
On warm summer evenings
We sat and watched the rain's fall
From our bedroom window up high
We sat and watched the days
Slowly pass us by
We watched the season's changed
Passing one by one
Together we have watched
A million setting sun's
The best thing about it all
Is that we got to do it together

1-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Watching Things Unfold

So much is unfolding
Right before my eyes
I just hope that you and I
Can be so very wise

I have told you so much
I opened the door
Told you about a part of me
I want to tell you more

But, I have no regrets
So far things are going good
Something here inside of me
Told me that it would

Sometimes our intuition
Seems to prove us right
It can turn a darkened world
To a room full of light

Who knows what tomorrow
Has in store for us
For now I'll just enjoy the ride
With nothing further to discuss

12-1-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Watching Tv

Sitting next to you
As we watch TV
I can't think of another place
That my heart would want to be

You reach out your hand
You gently rub my chest
I don't need anyone else
Because I'm with the best

The love I feel for you
Grows stronger every day
When I look into your eyes
Words of love is what I say

No woman has ever touched me
Quite the way you do
What I feel inside
Are feelings caused by you

I wish that I could spend
Everyday next to you
Then my lonely days
Would be so very few

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Ray Hansell

Way Back When

You are the one who makes me smile
You are the one I love
If it were up to me
I'd give to you the heavens above

You are the one who starts my day
You are the one who ends my night
I know that loving you
Will always feel so right

If we had the chance
To start all over again
You know I'd still be with you
Starting from way back when

9-25-2000/RjH

Ray Hansell

We

We kiss

We love

We part

Will this affair

Ever take us anywhere?

7-28-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

We #2

We walk together under the sun
We admire a bright harvest moon
We wish upon a falling star
We mourn when a life ends too soon

We laugh when we are happy
We cry when we are sad
We always wear a smile
When something makes us glad

We seek shelter from the storm
We bundle up for the cold
I want to always share these things
With you as we grow old

11-22-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

We All Get To Go Home

As I read the paper
It seems like everyday
Someone else that I know
I read about them passing away

Each time I read an obituary
It once again reminds me
How precious life really is
I think of my own mortality

Some deaths take us by surprise
While some others do not
That doesn't mean their living and dying
Was all for naught

It's just that some people
Are in bad health and sick
As the clock of life for them
Each day loses another tick

No matter who they are
All will be missed
Hopefully they were able
To live the life they wished

Some will die disappointed
Some will die all alone
The only common denominator
Is in the end we all go home

1-3-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

We All Have A Story

I'd like to write a story
Based upon my life
Tell you about my son
About the day I took a wife

But I think you might get bored
As I write all the details
I'll have moments of victory
As well as moments when I fail

I'll have plenty of jokes to tell
Some might even make you laugh
I have a whole lot of stories
That tells about my past

You might find it entertaining
You may well be amused
Or maybe you'll just shake your head
Because you are totally confused

But now I'm having second thoughts
I now have changed my mind
I'll do something more constructive
With all my extra time

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Ray Hansell

We All Make Them

Correct your mistakes
When you are wrong
From your failures
Learn a lesson
A mistake corrected
Before it's noticed
Truly is a blessing

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Ray Hansell

We All Need Humor

Humor in the dictionary says,
Mood or state of mind
That doesn't mean now and then
I think it means all the time

You better have a sense of humor
As you walk through this life
Because I'm telling you if you don't
Life, will carve you up like a knife

Taking life too seriously
Will take it's toll on you
Sometimes just a good laugh
Is all we need to do

Most times the best laugh
That you'll ever do
Will be when you know
That the laugh is on you

So, show a sense of humor
Don't always be serious
Never laughing or joking around
Could lead to weariness

So, do yourself a favor
Lighten it up a bit
Cause when you get down to it
Life itself is just skit

2-17-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Always Knew

I kiss your lips warm and tender
To your love I will surrender

I'll hold you close and won't let go
Every minute of the day you'll know

My love for you will never end
Life together we will spend

We'll share the years as they go by
We'll never have to wonder why

Our love lived long and did survive
But to us it was no surprise

We both knew our love ran deep
In our hearts we'll forever keep

A promise we made years ago
To always let our love grow

Love each other like it our last day
Hateful words we'd never say

Never cheat or run around
A happy home is sacred ground

We lived these rules through the years
Of many smiles and very few tears

Someday we know we'll both be gone
But our love will live in the beyond

1-13-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Are All Unique

NO matter who you are
No matter what you do
There's one else in the world
Who is just like you

Two people may be similar
In thoughts and in looks
But when it come to each of us
We are truly our own books

Each chapter will be different
Then, the chapter before
Just like the years passing
We are always seeking more

11-27-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Are Still Friends

Life use to be so lonely
The night were very cold
I thought I'd never find love
As I was growing old

But one day my life was changed
That's when I knew I've found
The woman I wanted to love
Then build my world around

So quickly our love grew
With each and every passing day
I'd always find a reason
To wander down your way

Then before we knew it
Together, love we shared
We both found it so easy
To love the other and care

But the world we were sharing
Was a dream world indeed
We both knew we were wrong
But we filled each others need

As fast as we started
Faster we watched us end
We went our separate ways
To this day we still are friends

5-31-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

We Believe

I will never leave
I will always believe
That our love will never die

You'll never leave
For you to believe
Our love will never die

But if one day
Love fades away
Then so will I

7-28-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Both Knew

It was clear
Love was near

We both knew
What we had to do

Then we felt
Our hearts melt

Now we both cry
As we bid a tearful goodbye

11-24-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

We Both Thought

My dreams of yesterday
Have all come and gone
Lovely thoughts of you
Will, forever live on

It was a dream come true
That you and I did meet
But looking back now
Our meeting was bittersweet

We both thought back then
That love was here to stay
We had no way of knowing
That it would soon fade away

So now we both keep busy
Putting our lives back together
Hoping very soon
That our lives will be much better

We parted on friendly terms
That's the least we could do
There so much that I learned
Just from loving you

So as we go on our way
I wish you all the best
These parting words to you
I do not say in jest

5-2-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Can At Least Say We Tried

I stare at the star filled sky
Trying hard to understand
The war's that scar the land
Why man keeps killing man

When will all nations realize
That the people within want peace
They're tired of all the fighting
They want the killing to all cease

Men, women and children
Pray, looking to the sky
They know too many people
Have already died

They'd like to see all fighting
Come to it's end
They'd like to see the whole world
Standing together as friends

They're tired of all the heartaches
Too many tears have been cried
I believe it can one day happen
Let us at least say we tried

5-24-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Can't Delay

Death will come
To one and all
No one knows when
Anyone will fall

But I do know
That when God calls
There's no way
We can stall

When the time
Has finally come
Darkness will
Replace the Sun

6-30-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Did Belong

So many happy years
So many happy smiles
So many happy travels
So many happy miles

We've seen it all
We've done it all
Been through it all
But yet, we didn't fall

Our love is still strong
We still sing our song
We knew we weren't wrong
Together, we did belong

10-27-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Didn'T Make It

You came into my life
What a sweet surprise
The moment that I saw you
I captured by your eyes

When I saw you smile
My heart began to melt
My heart was feeling something
That it had never felt

Then your hand reached out
To take a hold of mine
For the first time in my life
I lost track of space and time

This feeling that has come over me
I didn't want it to ever end
When you looked into my eyes
It was like being born again

Then when you moved to kiss me
I did not try to resist
It had been far too long
Since the last time I was kissed

But when you took me into your arms
I felt like I belonged
We fit together so perfectly
Like words and notes to a song

So now I find myself each day
With great memories of our past
The only thing I have to say today
What a shame we didn't last

6-3-10/RJH

We Didn't Say

I saw her yesterday
Not a word did we say
When I looked into her eyes
I saw memories of days gone by

The times that we shared
Were times when we cared
But, somewhere along the way
Words of love we forgot to say

1-19-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Didn't Surrender

I see the time to part
For us has arrived
Can we both say goodbye
And walk away with dry eyes?

It's going to be difficult
That I hope you know
I know that it's alright
To let our emotions show

We shared so much together
In a very short time
In my heart I always believed
Love would always be yours and mine

Inside of our hearts
I thought love would live forever
The day we say goodbye
I thought would happen never

I know you'll always have a part
Of me inside of you
I'll always have a part of you
Inside of me no matter what I do

I never loved anyone
The way that I loved you
It was always special
It always seemed so very new

The times that we shared love
Or just laid there and talked
The times that we loved
To just go and take a walk

The best times that I had
Were times I shared with you
It seems our times together
Were oh so very few

But the memories that we made
Will last a lifetime for me
You see, spending my life with you
Is how I thought it would be

But now today finds us
Each heading down a different road
But the love we built together
I know, will never erode

I know that years from now
When I sit and reminisce
There's no doubt in my mind
These are the times I will miss

So please take care of yourself
Please always remember
Maybe we had to retreat
But our love we didn't surrender

10-16-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

We Doubt It

This is the best part of the day
As a slight breeze blows
Cooling off the air
From the sun baked day
You and I
Lay under a tree
In the cool of the shade
Wondering if tomorrow
Will be as hot
As our love will be tonight

4-10-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Had Some Time Together

The world is a better place
Now that she is here
From now until forever
I always want her near

But I know that decision
Is not mine alone to make
I know it will be her choice
If it's my love she'll take

But if she doesn't want me
If she turns me down
That will be alright you see
You'll never see me frown

For I had the chance with her
To share some special times
And those times to me will be
Forever memories in my mind

Ray Hansell

We Never Came To Be

When you said goodbye
A tear never left your eye
To this day I wonder why
Could it be, there's another guy

I guess there's no use in wondering
Because it would not change a thing
When you told me goodbye
You gave me back the ring

Thinking what could have been
I'm sure is a waste of time
I guess there's no use to sit and dwell
When her love will never be mine

5-9-78/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Stand There

A hug and a kiss
Is how we greet
It happens each time
That her and I meet

Then there's a pause
As I look in her eyes
The feeling I get
She also gets likewise

We stand there and hug
Like two lost friends
But this is a beginning
No where near an end

The way she holds me so tight
With hands soft and warm
Like she's protecting me
From a bad approaching storm

I love the touch
I love the feel
I know it all
Is so very real

11-25-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Tried

We loved
We shared
We cared
But somehow
We were not spared

It all ended
Way too fast
I know we tried
But love just couldn't last

RjH/5-29-07

Ray Hansell

We Walked Along Together

We walked along together
In the pouring rain
We walked and talked until the sun
Finally came shining through
As we walked all the trees
Glistened from the rain
The rain drops laying on the leaves
Looked like diamonds in the sun
From the summer shower
Steam drifted up from the wet pavement
Like steam in the air of a hot sauna
As we walked under the summer sky
A sky as blue as the ocean
Big puffy white clouds drifted over head
The day has become almost as beautiful as you
Your eyes so soft and your smiling face
The feel of your hand in mine
At this moment I wish that I
Could some how stop the movement of time

4-30-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

We Will Be

You have meant so much to me
I don't think you'll ever know
Just how deeply I love you
Because I never let it show

I've never been the kind
To open up my heart
Because every time I did
There was an ending before a start

So many times I've tried
To say, "I love you"
But I always found it difficult
A hard thing for me to do

Many times in the past
I thought love was here to stay
But it seems every time
Those feelings would fade away

So, don't be disappointed
If my words of love are few
I know what it's like to be hurt
That's the last thing I want to do to you

So let's just give us time
To see what comes to be
Words of love will be spoken
If there turns out to be a you and me

6-15-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Will Tune Them Out

How about a quiet dinner
At a table just for two
A soft burning candle
As the flame burns blue

Two glasses filled with wine
A basket full of bread
A light hearted conversation
Where, nothing earth shattering is said

The people all around us
We'll just tune them out
Just you and I together
Is what tonight is all about

I sit and stare at your beauty
As the candle lights your face
We're quietly secluded
Far away from life's hectic pace

I slowly reach out my hand
To gently hold with yours
The silence is suddenly broken
By the slamming of the a door

Once again you and I
Pick up where we left off
I reach out to hold your hand
So tiny and so soft

When the evening is over
We'll be back home by then
But I just want you to know
That I'm going to love you all I can

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Wealthy In Money Only

No matter whom you are
No matter what we've got
You're no better than I am
So please, don't like a big shot

You may drive a fancy car
Your house may sit on a hill
But when all is said and done
All you'll behind is a will

Your pockets may be filled with money
All your jewelry made of gold
But not even all your riches
Can stop you from growing old

So please don't flaunt all you have
You see, it isn't very nice
What good is it going through life?
With a heart as cold as ice

We all get our just rewards
Come the judgment day
I know that I won't have to worry
Is that something you can say?

1-1-11/RJH

Ray Hansell

Weary` `` `` `` `` `` ``

A one bedroom apartment
A table and a chair
A black and white TV
Why doesn't someone care?

I wear the latest styles
I think for myself
But yet, here I sit alone
Like a book upon a shelf

I hope one day I'll be happy
I hope it's very soon
For I am growing weary
Of this same ole tired room

8-1-2007/RjH

Ray Hansell

We'LI Always Care

When you go away
I'll think of you each day

Thoughts of you will fill my head
I'll remember every word you ever said

I'll remember your pretty smile
How it always drove me wild

I'll remember your hair blowing in the wind
I'll remember you as, a lover and friend

I'll remember the way you always looked
I'll remember the day on you I got hooked

I'll remember the way you touched me
I'll remember the way you helped me see

I'll remember the love we'll always share
I'll remember the day we took a vow, to always care

11-23-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

We'LI Be Through

If our hearts remain true
And you love me
Like I love you
Then I know we'll get through

But if our hearts
Are not true
Then you and I
Will be through

7-14-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

We'LI Connect

I missed the opportunity
To talk with you last night
But please don't you worry
Everything is all right

Hopefully later on
We will connect
Soon we'll carry on
We'll have some fun I bet

So stay alert
For some mail
My love for you
Will not go stale

4-1-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

We'll Make It

Roses are red
So are my eyes
Crying my tears
I won't disguise

Tonight I learned
What I didn't want to know
You love someone else
Soon you will go

Please don't wait to leave
You can be on your way
In case you didn't know
I loved you everyday

So, as you leave
It's all right to smile
We'll both be much happier
I believe for quite a while

Roses are red
So were my eyes
But now that you're gone
My tears will all dry

12-12-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

We'LI Meet Again

I see your picture drapped in lace
I wipe the tears from my face

I remember how it use to be
When you were here with me

We would always laugh and smile
Toward the end I know I was in denial

Then one day when I came by
I could see your mother cry

Through tear stained cheeks
With a voice that could hardly speak

She told me that you were called home
I lost the best love I've ever known

Now I look at your picture every day
I think to myself and I say

Sometimes I think you're here with me
Even though it's you I cannot see

But I know when my time on earth is through
I'll be so ready to be back with you

9-3-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

We'LI Never

I look at you
You look at me
Something fills the air
But I know we'll never be

7-30-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

We'll See

I feel you next to me
I hear you softly sigh
I know the love we share
Somehow will never die

Tomorrow night might find us
Right back here again
Staying together forever
Until the very end

6-7-10/RJH

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Ray Hansell

We'LI See If We Can Be

What I am, you're not
What you are, I'm not
Lets you and me
See, exactly what we've got

Come take my hand
Walk with me
Together we'll see
If you, me and love can be

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Ray Hansell

We've All Been There

There was a time
Not long ago
When I said
I love you so

You looked at me
Through hoping eyes
Praying that my words
Weren't lies

How could I
Be untrue
With what I feel
Inside for you

You said that you've
Been hurt before
I said to you
We've all been through that door

4-1-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

We've All Lost Before

You fell in love
Then got hurt
Please tell me, who hasn't?
The important thing to remember
Is that somewhere out there
Someone is waiting for you

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What About You?

When I cried you were there
To wipe the tears away
When I hurt you were there
To help ease my pain
When I was a winner
You were always there
When I was a loser
You were there twice as fast
When I was wrong and you knew it
You never said a word
When I was right
You made sure everyone knew
When I, when I, when I
It was always about me
There were so many times
It should have been about you

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What Am I To Do?

I tell you that you're wonderful
I tell you that you're sweet
I tell you that you're the girl
I had always hoped to meet

I tell you that I'm happy
Whenever I'm with you
But now you say it's over
Tell me, what am I to do?

9-3-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

What Are You Doing Today?

Sitting here wondering
What you're doing today
Are you at home
Or, have you gone away

Maybe you are walking
Along a sandy beach
Just enough distance away
Where the water doesn't reach

Maybe your lying on a lounge chair
Soaking up the sun
I know to many people
This would be so much fun

Or maybe your at your home
Putting things away
Today is not allowing you
To go and play

I was just wondering
What you were up to
This should let you know
That I'm here thinking of you

9-24-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

What Could Be

It's over between us
You were the one
You brought it to an end
No matter what I say
I know there isn't any way
To bring back Yesterday
The best thing to do
Is to wish each other well
Then just be on our way
Goodbye to you, goodbye to me
We'll never get to see
What could have been for you and me

5-8-78/RjH

Ray Hansell

What Do I Have To Do?

What do I have to do?
To show my love is true
What do I have to say?
To convince you today
I thought that you knew
All the love I felt for you
I've told you many times
Just what was on my mind
I told you from the start
It was you who stole my heart
But I guess along the way
You forgot what I had to say
I'm not sure how to convey
How much I want you to stay
One thing will forever be true
I'll never stop loving you

6-26-09/RjH

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Ray Hansell

What Does Forever Mean

Sometimes things
Never seem
To be just what they are
What does forever mean?

I close my eyes
You are seen
Can someone please tell me
What does forever mean?

Sometimes late at night
As I drift off to dream
It's you that I see
What does forever mean?

I wish you were here
I miss us as a team
Now I surely know
What forever means

2-29-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

What Happened To

What happened to the love?
That we use to share
What happened to the days?
When we use to care

What happened to the smiles?
That we always wore
What happened to the kisses?
That we both lived for

What happened to the passion?
That use to burn so bright
What happened to the love?
That we use to make every night

What happened to us?
When did things start to go wrong
I though we had the strength
To weather any kind of storm

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What Happened?

It seems I'm never happy
No matter what I do
I spend most of my time
Dat dreaming of you

Since you went away
The days just drag on
I still can't believe
That you're really gone

I still can't get over
The way I heard the news
I would have done it differently
If it were up to me to choose

But the choice wasn't mine to make
I didn't have a say
But I know one day real soon
I'll get over how I feel today

It's going to take some time
Maybe longer then I thought
But I never dreamed
I'd ever be this distraught

But when I remember you
I can't help but smile
Because the time I spent with you
Was oh so worth while

3-30-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

What I Feel Within

My words always tell you
Just how much I care
I hope my eyes tell you
That I always want you there

I hope my hands tell you
Every time I touch your skin
Just how much I love you
All that I feel within

I hope you know
I'll always care
For you I promise
To always be there

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What I Get

You always have much to say
Your words are so very clever
I read you just about every day
I could read you forever

Your poems are well written
Each and every line
The words always fit
Into a beautiful rhyme

I would like to one day see
One of your beautiful poems
Written all about me
Your words like rivers always flowing

Each and every sentence
Would end in a rhyme
I understand the essence
Until my end of time

The love shines through in your writings
Here on earth, and in the stars beyond
Your best works have yet to be written
Maybe one day we'll correspond

But that won't be for quite a while
As we have never even met
When I read your work I always smile
In fact, happy, is what I get

2-28-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

What I Miss About You

See the sadness on my face
In side my heart is broken
It's all because you and I
For so long haven't spoken

My heart has been very heavy
It's also in great pain
Read a little more
I will try to explain

I miss you so very much
I miss hearing your laugh
I miss your smiling face
I miss the way you look

I miss the way you smile
Everytime you look at me
It give sme such a feeling of joy
Knowing, your smile is genuine

I miss sitting across from you
As we share a cup of coffee
The happiness inside of me
No one else ever gets to see

I miss giving you a goodbye hug
I miss your wonderful kiss
I miss watching you walk away
Knowing exactly who I'll miss

With all the things that are wrong in life
I have to be honest with you
You for sure are the one
Who makes my life and love feel new

12-30-09/RJH

What I Needed

I'm making it on my own
I'm coping with being alone
I do fine expect
When old memories creep up on me
That's when I feel the loneliest

At first it was hard getting over you
But as each day passed
So did a little more of the pain
Now I'm at the point
Where I accept our separation
It's not what I wanted
But it's something that I needed
I still love you
That won't ever change
But parts of my life
I have to rearrange

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What I See In Your Eyes

If I said I love you
Would you turn away
Or would you stay with me
To help pass the day

Would you walk and hold my hand
Or sit on a bench to talk
Sharing with each other
Much more than when we walk

I would look into your eyes
To see how far I could see
Looking for a future
That might happen between you and me

But if you feel your not ready
Because things are moving fast
All you have to do is let me know
We'll slow down so things will last

But if you want to leave
Just turn and walk away
I will completely understand
If we have to wait for another day

2-3-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

What I Thought I Needed

My heart started crying
Because you have gone
It will be hard I know
But I must carry on

All the years we shared
Have passed by like blur
I want so much to have you back
So things can be the way they were

In my heart that's what I want
But in reality I know
That you'll never return to me
Because of the faithfulness I didn't show

There are times I should have said
How much I love you so
I didn't say those words
That why now, I feel so low

I know that it's my fault
No one else is to blame
What we started long ago
Will never again be the same

So maybe it's a good thing
For us to say goodbye
Maybe I do deserve
To be left here to cry

My heart started crying
But I'm the one who cheated
I thought that somewhere else
I would what I thought I needed

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What If God Appeared

What if God appeared
And took you by the hand
And whispered softly to you
You are going to the promised land

Would you resist him?
Would you put up a fight?
Or would you just go quietly
Off into the night?

Ray Hansell

What Never Came To Be

Two wise fools that we are
We fell in love
All that's left
Are the scars

We both found out
The hard way
Love doesn't happen
In just one day

So look at us now
A faded memory
A very sad reminder
Of what never came to be

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What Once Was

Another day, another time
To think about what was once mine

A home that was lost
At a very high cost

A marriage that failed
All hope sailed

Into the dark of night
Where nothing is in sight

Children left with a broken home
A childhood lived with much unknown

What will the future hold in store
Who can really say anymore

No second chance to fix what's been broke
You can't take back words you spoke

6-27-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

What She Does To Me

When I'm walking beside her
My feet never touch the ground
When I hear her speak
It's the worlds most beautiful sound

When I hold her hand
I'm happy as can be
When I kiss her lips
Stars are all I see

My world is so right
With her by my side
She always makes me smile
With a smile I can't hide

9-28-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

What Time Will Tell

Do you think it's time
For me to move on
Is the love that we once shared
Completely all gone

It seems out time together
Is becoming less and less
We're starting to unravel
Like the hem on a dress

I think now is the time
To bring us to an end
There is no use to go on
If we are just going to pretend

Pretend what we had
Is still alive and well
We both already know
What time will soon tell

12-16-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

What Tomorrow Holds

Sitting here just wondering
What road I'm going to take
Wondering if my decisions
Will be good one's that I make

Wondering if tomorrow
Will be as good as today
Or will I just be happy
That each day passes away

Each day holds a new adventure
As we walk down life's road
Each one of us with our story
That will somehow be told

8-3-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

What Use To Be

In your eyes I use to see
The love that use to be
And that love
Use to be you and me

Now all I see
Is no more you and me
You have set me free
From a love that use to be

Ray Hansell

What We Feel Inside

The world outside is cold
As snow flakes fly
Here we are together
Alone, just you and I

The fire in the fire place
Keeps our bodies warm
But it's what we feel inside
That keeps our love so strong

11-29-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

What We Have

You holding me
Me loving you
The way it should be
As no one else will do
The night is ours
To love all night
We have the power
Till the morning light
No one else can take away
What you and I have today

8-27-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

What We Haven't Learned

The world is full of sorrow
Everywhere we turn
You'd think after all these years
By now we would have learned

But it seems the more we see
It seems the less we learn
We just seem to shrug it off
As the world continues to turn

We all have a hand to lend
And smile we can share
To let people who need a hand
Know that some people do care

I wish I knew the answer
Or had the words to say
Maybe I could lead us all
To a more promising day

11-29-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

What We Now Seek

I've never seem you look so happy
Like the way you did today
You wore a smile from ear to ear
As you went about your day

I remember when it was you and me
That smile you never wore
Maybe I should have let you know
That it was you I truly adored

But words like that I never said
For I thought I would look weak
Sometimes the past that we've lost
Is what we now so badly seek

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Ray Hansell

What We Say Or Do

The road of life at times can be
A very unsafe place
The things we sometimes say and do
Can bring such untold disgrace

3-27-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

What We'LI Do

Tonight you came to my bed
You stayed all night long
I thought I could resist you
But I see I was so wrong

I thought that I could make it
Finally, all on my own
But a house without love
Is really not a home

So now until forever
Each night I'll share with you
The moon, the stars and all my love
We'll do what people in love do

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Ray Hansell

What Will I Do When I See Her?

What will she do when she see's me?
What will her reactions be?
Will she still feel inside
What she once felt for me?

What will I do when I see her?
What will my feelings be?
Will she still feel the same?
I guess I'll just have to wait and see

It's funny how time apart
Can put doubts in your mind
Because when that person returns
You don't know who you'll find

4-22-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

What Will Today Bring?

Sitting here just wondering
What tomorrow might bring
Will it be a day of sadness
Or a day where I can sing

Or will it be a day
That gives me much to do
That I won't even have time to think
Or spend any time with you

Some days we can't control
The way the day will go
We wake up in the morning
And we never really know

Will today be the best
Of any day I've ever had
Or will it just be a day
That turns out all bad

3-21-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

What You Can't Hide

The golden rays
Of a morning sun
Look better on you
Than anyone

Your eyes shine and sparkle
Like stars in the night
Your smile so warm and bright
In the dark, it's a beacon light

As you walk down the street
Your feet don't touch the ground
You offer, good mornings
To those all around

It's funny how being in love
Can make one's heart feel
Every day is beautiful
Your happiness you can't conceal

11-17-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

What You Do To Me

I'm sitting here just wishing
You were here with me
Because then you'd see
How happy I can be

Just to see your smiling face
To touch your soft brown skin
I would forget everything
Every place I've ever been

Just a gaze into your eyes
I'm a million miles away
When you speak so softly
You have so much to say

You whisper that you love me
That you always will
Everytime I hear those words
It gives me such a thrill

When I feel your body
Pressed up next to mine
You always send shivers
Running up my spine

Everytime I'm with you
Happiness fills my heart
Whenever I am with you
I never want to part

2-6-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

What You Get From Life

I know there are times
When your heart feels the pain
But don't let it get you down
There's so much in life to gain

Even in times of sorrow
When you are at your worse
You never just sit back
And watch the bubble burst

You stand up and fight
To live another day
You never let anyone else
Take your happiness away

The pleasures that you get from life
You get because of you
If you really think about it
That's not such a hard thing to do

3-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

What You Like To Do

Do you feel wanted?
Do you feel needed?
Have your desires
All been exceeded?

Do you feel?
Do you touch?
Is one man
Ever enough?

Does he make you sweat?
Does he make you sigh?
When you close your eyes
Do you still see other guys?

Does he make you squirm?
Does he make you hot?
Does he give to you
Everything he's got?

Maybe you should consider
Knocking on his door
Whisper in his ear
That you'll be back for more

Tell him all the things
You use to say to me
Tell him the way it is now
Is the way it will always be

Tell him that no one else
Does to you the things he does
Ask him if he has a great memory
So he'll remember what once was

Tell him that in no time
You'll be gone with someone new
Tell him when it comes to pleasing men
That's exactly what you do

11-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

What You've Seen

I woke up this morning
With the sun on the rise
Sat on the edge of the bed
Wiping the sleep from my eyes

You were still sleeping
Off somewhere in a dream
The smile on your face
Makes me wonder what you've seen

9-13-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

What's Going On?

Pain in my heart
From a loved that failed
I feel like a train
That's just derailed

I feel like my world
Is coming to it's end
I look all around
But I can't find a friend

I've never felt this way before
I can't even describe how I feel
It's a strange feeling is all I know
It's something that I can't conceal

Someone please tell me
What I'm going through
Is this what happens
When love's done with you?

11-12-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

What's In Store This Year

I wonder if the New Year
Will be better the last
I wonder if the future
Will somehow resemble the past

It seems the only things that change
Is that I keep getting older
Although I have to admit
That the world keeps getting colder

Will there be new friends
Waiting out there for me
Or will it be the old stand by's
The one's I always see

There's nothing wrong with old friends
I believe they are great treasures
Through the years they've given me
So many of my life's pleasures

With old friends you can be yourself
There's need to pretend
Old friends will always be there
Until the very end

1-1-11/RJH

Ray Hansell

When Does

When does the love
I used to know
Come back to me
To say hello

When do the arms
That once held me tight
Say to me
It will be alright

When does the sun
Shine again
The way it did
Way back then

When will love
Hold me again
When will my heart
Feel love within

It's been too long
Since loves been here
The words, I love you
Have disappeared

10-21-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

When Ever You Are Near

Whether in the sunshine
Whether in the rain
It doesn't really matter
With you it's all the same

I don't care about the weather
I don't care about nothing else
Because when I'm with you
I don't care what hand I'm dealt

You make all things right
You make all bad go away
When ever I'm with you
It's always a perfect day

That's why I never let anything
Ever interfere
I don't need nor anything else
When ever you are near

8-21-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

When God Calls

I've done so many things
In this life of mine
I've been so many places
Maybe not as far as you
Life is meant for the living
That's what we all should do

I think too many people
Worry all the time
But I have to tell you
That's not a past time of mine

I live my life to the fullest
Because I never know
When God may place that call
And say, it's time to go

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Ray Hansell

When I Die

I hope I go to a place
Full of love and joy
Where no one is around
To bother me or annoy

A place to be left alone
A place quiet and safe
A place where all the people
Wear a smile on their face

A place where rush and hurry
Does not exist
A place like that would be
First upon my list

I know that when I die
I'll experience another birth
I know I'll go to heaven
Because I've been through hell on earth

1-25-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

When I First Saw Her

I remember when I first saw her
Up there on the stage
Although she was so young
She was matured beyond her age

The words flowed out so effortlessly
Like rivers rushing to the sea
I sat there in total silence
For I felt she was singing to only me

She described what I was feeling
But yet, we'd never met
But it seems the more she sang
Deeper inside of me she'd get

She sang about my childhood
My past pains rang loud and clear
The more that she kept singing
The more I could feel my tears

Her voice so soft and soothing
Her words came out in thyme
And for a magic evening
She took me back in time

But I guess what I had realized
As I sat there listening that night
Is that so many peoples past
Though bad, THEY still turned out all right

Ray Hansell

When I Found You

I found life
When I found you
Living
Is all I want to do

Sharing busy days
Than quiet nights
Makes the heart
Always feel right

I found love
When I found you
In life I found
A love so true

So together
We'll take this ride
Loving life
Together, side by side

9-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

When I Know You're Hurting

When I know you're hurting
And your heart is in pain
The sun seems to go away
All it does is rain

When I now you're hurting
Gloom fills your room
That's when all the flowers
All forget to bloom

When I know you're hurting
I wish I could be there
Just to let you know
That someone really cares

When I know you're hurting
I wish I could make the pain go away
But I know it's part of living
Hurt's take hold of us some days

When I know you're hurting
This is what I would say
The hurt and pain you feel
Will one day go away

Ray Hansell

When I Win

Because I lose
Doesn't mean I'm defeated
When I win
Doesn't mean I have it all
For who knows suddenly
I'm liable to take a fall

12-6-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

When I'M Feeling Love

Ever since I've met you
I feel something deep inside
I know that I don't do well
When it's something I try to hide

Every time I see you
A smile covers my face
Every time you speak
All my pains are erased

The only time I feel this way
Is when I'm feeling love
Could it be a magic spell
Has been cast upon me from above

If it's truly love
That I feel inside
Should I let it out
Or just let it hide

If I should display it
Then something goes wrong
I know I'll feel the pain
Because I'm not that strong

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Ray Hansell

When I'm In Your Arms

When I'm in your arms
I feel so safe and warm
When I'm in your arms
I know that's where I belong

When I'm in your arms
The world is a safe place
When I'm in your arms
A smile warms my face

When I'm in your arms
The sky is clear and blue
When I'm in your arms
My troubles are always few

When I'm in your arms
It feels like heaven to me
When I'm in your arms
In your eyes, love is all I see

When I'm in your arms
I want the world to know
When I'm in your arms
My love for you will always show

When your in my arms
Please feel safe and warm
Our arms wrapped around each other
Is where we belong

1-2-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

When Life Was Best

Every night I sit
All by myself
Staring at the pictures
Upon an empty shelf

Wondering where
The years have gone
How quickly it seems
They have passed on

Remembering the years
Of my youth
When life was fun
That was our truth

Sometimes pictures and memories
Are all that we have left
To help us to remember
The times when life was best

4-15-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

When Relationships End

I lost at love before
But I guess that's nothing new
Most likely the same thing
Has also happened to you

You feel like your world has ended
You feel lost and all alone
No matter what you do
You never feel at home

At work you can't concentrate
Because you can't hold a thought
You know it will be a tough fight
But a fight that must be fought

You know you'll get through this
You've gotten through things before
But what makes this a little harder
Your heart has become a closed door

It doesn't help to remember
All the good times that you shared
Even though some days were bumpy
In your heart you always cared

But as the years pass us by
Some things just don't stay the same
People as well as circumstances
Will for ever change

It's sad to see a relationship
Come crashing to an end
You only hope you can salvage
Your heart, and maybe a friend

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When The Rain Falls

As the rain fell
It reminded me of you
And how much
You liked
To make love
To the sound of the falling rain

As the rain fell
It reminded me of us
And how much we liked
To make love
To the sound of the falling rain

When the rain falls
I'll always remember
Just how much
Loving you
Will always mean to me

10-4-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

When We First Met

When you and I first met
I didn't think we'd ever get

As close as we've become
My heart tells me you're the one

That I have been searching for
I'll give my heart to you forever more

You make my life feel so good
I never thought that love could

Feel so fresh and exciting
Your smile to me is so inviting

I want to spend my time that's left
Giving you nothing but the best

Other women may catch my eye
As you will surely look, at other guys

But all the looking that I do
I know no one could replace you

With you is where I want to stay
I vow to you to never stray

9-7-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

When You Are Close

I take you in my arms
I softly hold you close
When you're in my arms
It's like holding a rose

Your fragrance fills my senses
It always makes me smile
Holding you close to me
Makes it all worthwhile

The softness of your skin
As it touches mine
Makes my heart sing
With you all the time

A love like this comes along
Once in a life time
To me you are the one
That makes the words all rhyme

2-3-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

When You Have The Best

Every time I see her
Excitement fills my soul
Every time I'm near her
It's her I want to hold

Every time I kiss her
She never turns away
Every single morning
She begins my day

When I have to leave her
She wishes me the best
Ever since I've been with her
I don't care about the rest

7-10-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

When You Near

The warmth of a summer breeze
Caresses my face
It feels as soft and gentle
As your hands upon me

The sweetness of your voice
Rings gently in my ears
Like a Sunday church bell
You always sound so good

When your lips kiss mine
They always make smile
You make the birds all sing
The skies all turn to blue

Every day that you are near me
Is always a perfect day
I know my days will stay this way
When ever you are near

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Ray Hansell

When You Wrote To Me

I opened up my mail box
I saw your message there
It made me so happy
All I could do was stare

It was great to hear from you
I read your message many times
Every word I focused on
They all seemed to rhyme

I always get a great pleasure
Whenever you write to me
It always picks my spirits up
It makes me happy as can be

So please know that when I sit down
And it's my email I'm going to read
When I see that it's from you
It always gives me what I need

It puts a smile on my face
It puts joy in my heart
Who would ever have thought
That words, could become a work of art

(5-15-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

When You're Gone

A warm face
A friendly smile
A gentle hand to hold
A tender kiss
These are all the things
I'm most going to miss

2-18-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

When?

When do life's lows
Turn into a high
Why won't life let us
Just sit back and sigh

When does the dark
Get replaced by the light
When you can't sleep
All through the night

When does the life
That we all live
Return to us
All that we give

8-11-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Where Did I Go Wrong?

Coffee and a cigarette
Watching late night TV
Hearing different sounds
But the noises I never see

Another cup of coffee
Another cigarette
I listen to the music
On my small cassette

Another sound
Another hour
Another lonely song
Another smoke, another cup
Just another night
Where did I go wrong?

9-1-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Where Did They Go

Where are the dreams
That use to be
In the dead of night
They'd come to me

I'd dream of you
Most of all
I'd hear your voice
As you softly call

Your rich brown eyes
Would look at me
In their reflection
Love is what I'd see

The smile that you wore
When I saw you there
Please tell me
How could I not care

But now it seems
That all my dreams
Have deserted me
If you know what I mean

Gone are the dreams
Where I would see your face
Loneliness and emptiness
Have taken their place

Where are the dreams
That use to be
They're gone with the night
Just like you and me

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Where I Want To Stay

On a cold winter night
The rain starts
Falling slowly to the ground
The temperature is cold
As the rain hits our faces
You and I walk along
Alone together
Hand in hand
We comment on the weather
But only briefly
We are more concerned
About being alone with each other
The one thing we have learned
Is that, dreams do come true
I always dreamed of finding
Someone just like you
Now that we are together
That's where I always want to stay

5-21-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Where Is Love?

Where is love?
I need to know
The love inside of me
Would really like to grow

Where is love?
Where can it be
I need to share
The love in me

Where is love?
Why must I wait
I will lose
If I hesitate

Where is love?
Where can she be
I have this aching pain
Deep inside of me

Is there someone
Out there for me
Or is this the way
It's going to be

Living life
All alone
Never feeling love
Other people have known

5-31-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Where Will I Go?

When my life is over
I wonder where I'm bound
Will I go to heaven
Or far beneath the ground

Will I live with angels
Or go somewhere else
The only place left you see
Would be with the devil himself

4-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Which Is It?

Till death we do part
Do they mean life's death
Od the death of love?

Ray Hansell

Who Are You

I read the words you'd written
They took me by surprise
Maybe if I'd seen you in person
I would have read them in your eyes

I always read you when you right
Because you have so much to say
At times I often wish
You'd write a new poem every day

Your ability to take some words
Then arrange them in perfect sequence
Sometimes keeping the reader
In an unintended suspense

Maybe one day soon who knows
You'll receive critical acclaim
But I would never know it
Because, I don't even know your name

11-26-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Who Are You?

I love her pretty smile
It always drives me wild

When she looks at me
In her it's love that I see

She tells me all the time
That her loving is only mine

When I feeling empty
She always fills me plenty

She gives me all I need
Her words I'll always heed

I want to love her all the time
I want it to be hers and mine

I hope one day it will be
Forever after her and me

I'll love her with all my heart
I know I have from the start

I have no plans to let her go
That's because I love her so

There are times I wish that we
Could always be together you see

So I'll wait to see what transpires
Between me and the one who lights my fire

9-3-18/Rjh

Ray Hansell

Who Knows

I woke up to the sunshine
Shining in my room
She's lying here beside me
She'll be waking soon

We spend time together
In the hopes that we'll know
That what we share right now
In the future will continue to grow

But we realize only time
Will tell if what we feel is true
Will she be the one for me?
Will I be the one for her to?

If the answer is yes
Than, we're off to a great start
If the answer is no
Just two more people who will sadly part

8-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Why Did?

Why did you take me in your arms?
Why did you say you cared?
Why did you let me in your house?
Why did you let me in your bed?
Why did you let me in
When I came back for more?
Why did you give me a key
To unlock your front door?
Why did you buy me gifts?
That I treasured more than gold
Why did you say goodbye
After doing all of this?

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Ray Hansell

Why Oh Why

I try and try and try
But why oh why
Does love always pass me by?

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Ray Hansell

Why Tell

I want to write some words for you
But I'm not sure where to start
Do I tell everyone just what you're like?
Or should I tell them how you stole my heart

Do I tell them how you make me smile?
Or how you please my every need
Or do I tell them nothing at all
And let them plant their own seeds?

But, then I think, why should I tell
For they don't need to understand
I just want you, you just want me
As we hold each other with loving hands

1-14-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Will Always Last

When the roads are long
And the nights are cold
When everything goes wrong
And friends are hard to find
Remember me

When strangers faces are all you see
When everybody lets you down
When you spread your wings and try to fly
But can't get off the ground
Remember me

Remember me and always know
I'll always be there for you
Because if the tables were turned
I know exactly what you'd do

You would be there for me
Just like you have been in the past
That's why the friendship that we have
Will forever and always last

11-06-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Will Always Sing

My imagination runs wild
When I think of you
I see the two of us
Always doing something new

My imagination is wonderful
It's really a splendid thing
Because every time I think of you
You always make my heart sing

5-25-77/RjH

Ray Hansell

Will Come To Last

Everyone wants to find love
Someone of their own
Someone who gives them that feeling
That they finally at home

Love makes you feel wanted
Love makes you feel complete
Love makes you believe
That life can be so sweet

Because you finally found that someone
Who's heart beats with yours
You finally found the love
That has opened your hearts door

You want it to last forever
In your heart you feel it will
For every time you see him
You get that heart pounding thrill

But one day you notice, things start to change
You're not really sure why
The nights are long and loveless
The days you use to cry

The happiness you once shared
Has been replaced by loneliness
Why things had to change
You are only left to guess

You fight through the hurt and pain
Once again you find your smile
You know that you'll recover
You also know it will take a while

You know you can't forget
Someone who treated you unkind
That's one thing that you
Must always keep in mind

But as each day passes by
Slowly things will get better
But you that doesn't stop
Your eyes from still getting wetter

But soon the day will arrive
When the hurt and pain are in the past
Then, when you least expect it
The love that you've been looking for will finally come to last

11-4-2014/RjH

Ray Hansell

Will God Forgive Us?

Will God forgive us?
When we do wrong
Will He stand beside us?
To help make us strong

Will He be a sign of hope?
When good fortunes turn bad
Or will He desert us?
Because we've made him sad

Will He turn his back on us?
When we need him the most
Or will He just disappear?
Like that of a ghost

Can He forgive us?
For what we have become
Will He take us in his arms?
When our life is done

1-5-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Will I Be Saved

If I change my ways
If I do repent
When I pass away
To heaven will I be sent?

What do I have to do
If I want to be saved
Will I be accepted
On the way to my grave

Will Jesus look upon me
Will He tell me I am blessed?
Will He tell me it's alright
I have passed life's test

Or, will He ignore me
Even though I changed my ways
Will He say it's too late
For me to be saved

1-27-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Will I Find

I know I hurt and ache inside
But I know that I'll recover
But will I ever find someone
To replace my lover?

8-1-2007/Rjh

Ray Hansell

Will I Heal

Eyes cry
Heart dies
Love no longer
Is alive

What went wrong
I don't know
Her caring for me
No longer shows

Did someone else
Steal her heart
Now with him
She's a part

Was it something
That was said
That's why love
Is now dead

Is it safe
To assume
My days ahead
Will fill with gloom

I loved her
With all my heart
Now she has
Torn it apart

I know in time
It will heal
So much better
I will feel

Time heals
All wounds they say
Will my wounds
Heal one day

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Ray Hansell

Will Never Die

She will never leave
We will always believe
That true love will never die

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Ray Hansell

Will One Day

The warmness that I feel
Inside of me for you
Is the kind of feeling
We want it to stay brand new

I never grow tired
Of feeling this way
This feeling stays with me
Day after day after day

Each and every time
That you and I meet
It's when we have to part
That makes it bittersweet

Will there come day?
Will there ever be a time?
That what we share right now
Will one day be yours and mine?

3-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Will They'll Come A Day?

Visions of us
Memories of the past
Yesterday is gone
Memories hopefully will last

Good times, bad times
We've had a few
Today finds us apart
Oh, how I miss you

The distance between us
Causes my heart pain
Will they'll ever come a day
When I find love again?

11-24-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Will We Ever Be?

I don't see how
I could love you more
Then the way I love you now

I don't see how it could be
I need no one else
There's only you for me

When I look into your eyes
Each and every time
I get a big surprise

I see love is alive and well
I hope it's waiting there for me
But, can you please tell me
Will the two of us ever be?

4-23-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Will You

I love it when you touch me
With fingers feather soft and warm
I close my eyes and enjoy the time
With you, where I belong

You run your fingers through my hair
You rub my chest real slow
You softly nibble at my ear
So many things I need to know

Will you stay and love me
Through the good and bad?
Will you help me wear a smile
When I'm sometimes feeling sad?

Will you stand beside me
When my world is crumbling down?
Will you stay with me
When friends just can't be found?

In return I promise
To love you for who you are
To always be there for you
To never wander far

I'll always protect you
I'll never leave your die
But most of all I promise
My love for you will never hide

11-19-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Will You Take Me As I Am?

Will you take me as I am?
An incomplete man
Will you hold my hand?
Help me to understand
So many things I don't know
I never let my feelings show
But I know that if you stay
You can help me change my ways
So, if you take me as I am
I know you will complete this man

(5-13-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

Winds Of Change

I remember when the winds
Of change began to blow
I was still a youngster
So much I didn't know

But as I grew older
I very quickly learned
The closer to the fire
The more chance of getting burned

The years continued passing
Still I didn't understand
How people could love the baby
While they could hate the man

One thing I was always told
Was that, the more things change
The more they stayed the same
This saying always struck me strange

I have nothing against change
I don't think anyone should
By opening my mind
It helps me see all the good

11-22-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wish That I

I sometimes wish that I
Could just go back home again
Back to my younger days
As life was so much simpler back then

I'd give up everything I've got
Just to get once more chance
To go back in time
When life was a slow dance

When I was young no one said
How fast the years would pass
I miss those years of innocence
I wish I could have made them last

I miss my younger years so much
I think about them all the time
Those memories are forever
Embedded here inside my mind

4-8-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wishful Thinking

Living a life
Care free and light
Out all day
Then, all of the night

Up in the morning
Greeting the sun
Life to me
Is nothing but fun

No worries, no cares
Not having to be anywhere
I answer to no one
As I lean back in my chair

Life is a party
I am it's host
Sliding along
As I live life and boast

11-25-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wishful Thinking?

First a glance
Then a dance
Hopefully soon
They'll be romance

4-20-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wishing For Only You

So many thoughts of you
Rush into my mind
They get me through the day
Until the day is far behind

Then at night as I lay in bed
Wishing you were near
To hold you in my arms
To whisper in your ear

I love you
I love you
I love you

1-13-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wishing I

You put your arms around me
Then, warm me with a kiss
I close my eyes as I hold you
Wishing
I never have to let you go

11-27-2005/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wishing You A Happy Birthday

Another year has passed
Once again too fast
Your hair shows no sign
Of the grey that may, live beyond
Though the years keep passing by
They couldn't catch you if they tried
You stay so youthful looking
It must be good home cooking
A smile adorns your face
It's always in it's place
A loyal friend to those you know
A caring heart you always show
Enjoy your special day
That once a year comes your way
You wear the years so well
But your secrets, you never tell
Staying young and looking good
The way we wish we all could
Have a very Happy Birthday
Is all I wanted to say

6-12-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wishing You A Merry Christmas

I hope that you're Christmas
Is all you want it to be
I wish there were a chance
That you I could have gotten to see

But I know that won't happen
You have other things to do
But I wanted you to know
That I am thinking of you

So here's hoping your Christmas
Is filled with peace, love and joy
Hoping that you got from Santa
That special little toy

I hope your day was joyful
I hope the day was bright
I hope you had had a good time
By the time you go to bed at night

12-24-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Wishing You Were Here

I'm happy when I see you
I'm glad when you're around
But when I don't see you
My face wears a frown

There are so many times
I just can't wait to see
The big bright smile that you wear
Every time that you greet me

On these cold and lonely nights
I wish you were close by
Just so I could hold you
To feel you by my side

6-10-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

With My Savior

There's a place
With an empty space
Where I say grace
And leave no trace

I talk with God one on one
The Savior and his son
With my life so undone
I keep searching for the sun

I hope one day
When skies are grey
I'll be on my way
In heaven to stay

9-6-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

With Only You

When I'm away from you
I'm a stone
I'm alone
I'm a face without a smile

When I think of you
I'm a quiet guy
I wonder why
Love makes me feel so high

When I go to meet you
I smile
I have style
I feel like a captured bird set free

When I'm with you
I'm happy
I'm at peace
I'm in love
With only you

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Ray Hansell

With You

Whether sitting in front of the fire place
Or walking along the beach holding hands
Or starrng at the star filled sky
Or watching the moon slowly rise
All of these are beautiful things to see and do
They are made so much better
Because I get to do them all with you

4-27-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Without A Friend

He sits alone and suffers
In a deep depressive state
Knowing deep inside
He already knows his fate

He wonders that, when he's gone
If anyone would miss him?
He thinks, probably not
Because that's how it's always been

Once again his birthday passes forgotten
By those who say they care
On his special day
No one was there

No birthday wish
No present to open
No candles on a cake
To blow out hoping

He wants so much to end it all
He doesn't want to go on
He figures what's the big deal
He will not do anyone else any harm

His head is always hurting
His heart in constant pain
He no longer wants to play
In life's painful game

That's why he has to wonder
Who'll miss him when he's gone
Everyone else is so busy
With things they must do and carry on

So, he's thinking tonight might be the night
When the pain all comes to an end
He came into this world knowing no one
He'll go out without a friend

1-1-2010/RjH

Ray Hansell

Without Any Warning

When I wasn't looking
Someone stole my heart
I have to say, it's been great
Right from the very start

You've handled my heart with care
You've given it your love
When it comes to women
You're the only one I dream of

You've held me through the night
Until the early morning
It's always great to be loved
When there isn't any warning

One day I saw you standing there
Before I knew it, I was holding you
Now holding you forever
Is all I want to do

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Ray Hansell

Without Further Ado

I opened up my heart
And I let you in
If I had the chance
I'd probably do it all again

Sure we're not together
Even though I'd like to be
Maybe some time later
You again I'll see

So I wish you well
In every thing you do
I hope all your wishes
Some how all come true

I wish you all the best
As the years run away
So without further ado
I am leaving today

9-16-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Without You

I can't say I miss you
When you are not here
I can't say I love you
When you are standing near

I can't say that I want
For you to share my life
I would not even ask you
To become my wife

But what I will say
Is so very true
My life would be better
If it's lived without you

9-905/RJH

Ray Hansell

Wondering

I often sit and wonder
What lays ahead for me
In twenty years from now
What or where will I be

But I guess there's no use
In worrying about that now
I know one day I'll wonder
How and why
This thing called life
Has so quickly passed me by

11-22-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wondering Lately

So much has happened lately
In a short amount of time
Wondering if the light of happiness
Will ever, again shine

It just seems like tragedy
Is the order of the day
It seems that so many people
Are hurting in so many ways

I have several close friends
Who are dealing with misfortune
Believe me when I say
The facts are not a distortion

For now I offer them my prayers
For them and their family
Hoping sometime very soon
A light of hope they'll get to see

Bad things happen to good people
I've heard that said many times
But why does it seem so many people
Often have an uphill climb?

5-19-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Won't Always Be This Way

We all hurt
We all feel pain
In this thing
Called life's game

We all shed tears
When we hurt
We put our souls
On high alert

To somehow try
To protect
All of our feelings
We can't neglect

We must somehow
Find a way
To get through
Another day

Though at times
It's difficult
To express
Just what is felt

Our thoughts get jumbled
Nothing is clear
At times like this
We don't want people near

Things get confusing
When they shouldn't be
I hope you never feel
The confusion that lives in me

I know we all feel pain
In living day to day
But we must all remember
It won't always be this way

10-18-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Won't Matter

A heart of gold
To have and hold
It can't be bought
It can't be sold

If the love
Inside is true
That's all you need
To get you through

But if your love
Becomes worn and tattered
What went in the past
In the future, won't matter

5-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Words Alone

Words alone cannot express
What I feel inside
Will a kiss confirm
What I cannot hide

I know my eyes must tell you
Just what you need to know
That I am the one
Who truly loves you so

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Words I Whisper To You

I felt the sun caress me
Like the softness of your hand
I felt the breeze against my face
It helped me to understand

That no matter where I am
No matter what I do
The many thoughts I have
Always seem to be of you

Whether a day filled with sunshine
Or the sound of a falling rain
When it comes to you and love
My heart knows no pain

When I am alone
Thoughts of you fill my head
Those three words I whisper to you
Forever, will always be said

4-29-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Words I've Heard

There's so much
I'd do for you
But you must try
To do it to

I'll lend a hand
Anytime of day
I would never
Just go away

I'd face with you
All the bad
To bring back
The good you had

I'd stand by your side
Both day and night
Nothing could ever
Dim the light

So, if you want
My helping hand
Here's what you
Must understand

I'll always come
When you call my name
But don't ever look elsewhere
To put the blame

You're in this mess
Because of you
I'm here to help
Not to do

3-20-19/RjH

Words Just Can'T Replace

The love I feel for you
Grows stronger every day
There are so many things
That I want to say

But how can words replace
The gentle touch of a hand
How can words express
What's inside this man

A tender kiss
A gentle touch
A loving hug
Say so much

Words cannot replace
All that I feel inside
I'd rather express my love
Then to ever let it hide

11-27-2005/RjH

Ray Hansell

Words Not Said, Tears You Shed

I never made an attempt
To tell you goodbye
I didn't say those words
I didn't even try

I should have whispered
"I'll see you in my dreams"
I know how much I miss you
As my tears flow like a stream

There was a time not long ago
I wondered when, I'd see you again
But I was thinking to myself
Your life is far from the end

But now I see how things turned out
In my heart, all is not well
I wish I could hold you again
Rescued, from this lonely hell

There are so many things
I never got to say
So if you care for someone
Let them know today

4-14-06/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Words Of Love

Words of love should ring out
So very soft and true
It's words of love that I speak
When ever I'm with you

Words of love can lift a heart
They can also make one smile
Words of love should last forever
Not just for a while

If you truly love someone
You should let them know
Words of love are words
That we'll never out grow

5-26-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Words Of Love For Me

I read the words you write
All the nice things you say
When I read your work
It brightens up my day

I know the words you write
Come from your heart
I knew from the beginning
That's where they got their start

But I would never share
Or let anyone else ever see
The beautiful words you've written
For your words of love are just for me

5-9-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Working For The Lord

I got a job the other day
But you see, I don't get pay
My rewards come in other ways
I enjoy them all every day
You see the Lord has hired me
To spread his word to all I see
He saved me and took me in
And saved me from what I might have been
A sinner living with no hope
He saved me from that slippery slope
So now spread the word to all
To let the Lord in before you fall
I love my job and I do it well
I'm glad the Lord saved me from hell
I want you all to know
Love the Lord and let it show
For you to can be saved
From that hot and hellish grave
I know that I'm heaven bound
I hope to see you all around

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

Worn Down And Out

He's a hundred years old
If he's forty five
He walks down the street
Like he's half alive

He's been unlucky in love
Most of his life
Been married three times
Now with his fourth wife

He's been trying all his life
To connect the dots
In his heart he knows that he has had
More than a couple of shots

He blames no one else
Because he has failed
He believes many years ago
That his ship had long sailed

He feel the affects
Of a life that's been rough
A long time ago
He gave up on being tough

Now he'll just wait and watch
As his life just sails on
He feels in a way
That he's been a pawn

He feels he's been used
Often times played
But that's how it feels
When you fix life with a band aid

He feels really sad
For his kids and his wife
They shouldn't have suffered
Because of his life

He looks in the mirror
He sees what he knows
This life he has lived
It's the one that he chose

He's hundred years old
If he's forty five
He walks down the street
Wondering, how he ever survived

12-1-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Would Be Too Late

She said her heart was broken
Like it's never been broken before
She swears this time it is the end
She'll never love anyone more

She says she doesn't need to feel
That kind of pain again
She says for her it's over
Love for her has come to an end

Her heart will never open
The way it has before
She says that it will remain
Closed just like door

No longer can she ever give
Her love to anyone again
Some days she will look back
To remember way back when

Love was new and exciting
It made her feel so great
But the years have hurried by
Loving now would be too late

5-12-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Would It Matter

I never thought I'd lose
I never thought you'd choose
To turn and walk away
Like you did yesterday

I always thought that love
Was what we were made of
But now I see I was wrong
I guess our love was not that strong

So now I guess it's time
To erase you from my mind
Should I say goodbye, or just walk away?
Or would it matter what I say?

11-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Would You Be My Wife?

We've only been together
For a short time I know
But what I feel inside for you
Just continues grow

I know what we share now
We can share forever
That's why I want our lives
To be lived together

So I'm asking you
If you'd become my wife
I promise to keep you happy
As together we travel through life

10-20-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

Would You Change Your Past?

If we could all go back in time
And change the things we've done
Would you change anything?
Or, would you change none

I don't think I'd change a thing
I would just let it be
Because my past is all a part
Of the person who became me

The life that I have lived
Makes me who I am today
Not for any reason
Would I change that in any way

My past may not be perfect
Maybe it wasn't even good
But I have so many great memories
Though, at times misunderstood

Sure I had disappointments
A few heartaches along the way
But I would still have to believe
The sunny days outshined the grey

It's nice to remember what use to be
Every now and then we all day dream
But deep inside I do believe
Some days weren't as bad as they seemed

So, I wouldn't change my past
Even if I could
Because in my heart I believe
The bad was out weighted by the good

So as I scan back over the past
To see where I am today
There is no doubt in my mind
I wouldn't have lived any other way

10-21-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Would You Consider

I lost control
I lost my head
I now regret
Things I said

I know that I
Said to leave
I must admit
My heart grieves

Would you consider
Another try
With this sad
And lonely guy

But if you
Tell me no
I promise that
I'll turn and go

But if you feel
Something for me
Can we again
Try to be

Two people
Who really care
Who want the other
Always there

5-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Would You?

Would you hold my hand
Like you use to do?
Back when love to us
Was something very new

Would you kiss my lips
The way you did back then?
Maybe we can spark the fire
Then fall in love again

Would you make love with me
Like the golden days?
When loving came so easy
In so many different ways

Or has too much time
Already passed us by
That what we shared long ago
Isn't worth another try

11-30-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wounded

I guess there is no reason
For us to keep believing
Because of the deceiving
All that's left is leaving

8-12-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Writers Block

My thoughts are running dry
Nothing left for me to say
Why does this seem to happen
At the end of every day

I'd like to write a poem or two
To share with all to read
But it seems impossible
I'm not sure what I need

A thought or inspiration
To help me get started
But it seems all my attempts
Are only half hearted

So I guess I'm finished for the night
I'll try again tomorrow
Maybe between now and then
A thought or two I can borrow

3-2-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

Writing

The thoughts come from my mind
Through my fingers to the keys
Sitting here and writing
Comes to me with such ease

It seems no matter what
I can always make a rhyme
I seem to be able to do it
In a very short amount of time

Some people say it's a gift
But sometimes I have to wonder
You see, they just see the finished product
They never see me make a blunder

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Ray Hansell

Wrong Choice?

It seems her life is a lie
She doesn't know why, she even tries

She lives with someone in a home
But most times feels all alone

She feels like love left years ago
Affection for her he doesn't show

The lust, passion and desire
It just seems like there's no more fire

What once burned hot, long ago
Today there's not even a glow

It's not to say she hasn't tried
But what hurts most are the lies

He says, he cares and wants to stay
She like to try things another way

The words "I love you" are often heard
But actions speak louder than words

The act of love is over fast
A loving passion should always last

Lay in bed and hold her close
Let her know she means the most

But when the loving itself is over fast
How can anything else really last

She wishes he could make her feel
That the words he speaks are real

Then she'll believe what he has to say
When he say's "I love you" everyday

But it seems the good only lasts so long
She wonders if her choice was wrong

She thinks, could the one who's right for be
Be someone else that I can't see?

Could there be a man out there
To lead me from my despair?

Or, has her life already been cast
Her unhappiness to always last

She knows that only time will tell
If she finds heaven or, remains in hell

4-24-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Yes, I've Watched The Sun Set

Yes, I've watched the sunset
With a sky of crimson red
It reminded me
Of the things to you I've said

I remember all the times
I whispered in your ear
'I will always love you'
Forever keep me near

I'll love you no matter what
Life may throw at us
Because when I think back
I remember how it was

Living my life in a loveless world
No one to make life matter
But since I found you
All my bad memories have been scattered

The place I'm in right now
Is a world happy and true
That is all because
Of the love I receive from you

8-11-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Yesterday I Miss You

Yesterday, oh yesterday
Where did you go?
Yesterday, oh yesterday
I really need to know

Life use to be so easy
I had not a care
Because I always knew
My parents were always there

Yesterday, oh yesterday
I wish you would return
Yesterday, oh yesterday
The things I never learned

I didn't pay attention
As the years were passing by
But now in looking back
To myself I lied

Yesterday, oh yesterday
I wish I had you back
Yesterday, oh yesterday
I clearly see what I now lack

11-27-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Always Believe

Your life is in pieces
Your dreams lie broken
Shattered on the ground
But still you keep hoping

Your tears are always with you
No matter what you do
You never stop Believing
That one day your dreams will come true

Ray Hansell

You Always Believed

Your life is in pieces
Your dreams lie broken
Shattered on the ground
But still you keep on hoping

Yours tears are always with you
No matter what you do
But you keep on believing
That one day your dreams will come true

9-25-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Always Take The Time

I have this place inside of me
That no one else can fill
You are the only one
Who gives me that special thrill

The soft and gentle way
You always talk with me
The way you explain things
Always helps me to see

You help me to understand
Things I just don't know
It's gentleness and kindness
That you always show

You always have time to talk with me
You never seem to rush
I love when you express yourself
With your feather soft touch

I always look forward
To meeting you each day
I love to listen to you talk
I love the things you have to say

I have this place inside of me
That only you can fill
In my heart I'll always know
That you're the only one who ever will

11-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

You And A Rose

The rose is a pretty flower
That any garden can grow
A rose placed next to you
I now have two beauties in a row

12-19-05

Ray Hansell

You Are

You are the wings that help me fly
You are my treasure in the sky

You came and lit my soul on fire
I know we can both soar higher

You set my heart all aglow
My love for you over flows

You are the love of my life
You are everything that's right

You make my world shine and grow
Like flowers lined up row after row

Your voice and laughter are so sweet
You sweep me off my feet
You never give me cause to weep

Your fragrance is like a field of flowers
I could sit and smell your scent for hours

4-19-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Are A Woman

Blue is the color
Of her eyes
They almost match
The deep blue sky

Red is her hair
So soft and long
She is a woman
So pretty and strong

She knows the score
She knows the game
She stands her ground
She stakes her claim

She's always cautious
She takes no side
From no one
She will not hide

You are an example
A model to all
With head held high
As you stand so tall

Blue is the color
Of her eyes
She is a woman
So young and wise

9-18-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Are Always There

Every time I run to you
You're there with open arms
Every time I'm close to you
You fill me with your charms

When I kiss you to leave
You never turn away
When I want to love you
You're ready anytime of day

When I need to talk with you
Your words help me find my way
You're a friend and a lover
That I know I'll need each day

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Ray Hansell

You Are Here To Stay

I saw you standing there
On a warm summer night
The love I was feeling for you
Made the evening feel so right

You kissed me with passion
In my heart I knew
I found the love I've been searching for
I knew my searching now was through

Your lips kissed me all over
I was filled with great delight
That's how we pleased each other
Loving all through the night

I'm so in love with you
I think of you and say
Deep in my heart I know
That love is here to stay

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Are Like No One Else

No matter who you are
No matter what you do
There's no one else in the world
Who's exactly like you

Two people may be similar
In thoughts and in looks
But when it comes to each of us
We are truly our own books

Each chapter will be different
Then the chapter before
Just like the years passing
In each chapter we will show more

11-27-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Are The Poem Of My Life

You're the poems that I write
When I sit up late at night
I think about the day
And all you had to say
I close my eye and I see
You walking there next to me

You're the poems that I write
In the early morning light
As we walk in the rain
People think we are insane
You know, maybe it's true
Because I'm insanely in love with you

You are the poems that I write
Everything about us is right
Whether near or far away
In my heart you will always stay
You are the poetry I write
You are the poem of my life

11-1-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Are The Songs

You are the songs
That I write each night
You are the words
That feel so right

You are the rhyme
That makes the bridge
Your love gives me strength
The longer I live

You are the melody
That fills my head
My songs are the words
That you have said

As long as you give
Your love to me
The songs for you I write
People will always see

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Ray Hansell

You At My Side

Hello there pretty lady
May I inquire of you
Where are you going?
What are you going to do?

I was thinking if you were lonely
That maybe you and I
Could go out to dinner
To give us a try

But probably someone as pretty as you
Already has plans for the night
But, on the chance that you are free
I thought that we could go out for a bite

With a smile river wide
She said, that would be nice
She said, the moment you asked
I didn't have to think twice

Now life could not be better
No matter how hard I tried
I've always been so happy
Having you right by my side

10-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Brought To Me

You brought sunshine into a life
That had only known rain
You brought happiness and smiles
To a life once filled with pain

You brought blue skies and smiling eyes
Into a life on the decline
You were the miracle in my life
That you saved just in time

You brought hope and understanding
You brought patience and love
Because of you every single night
I thank the good Lord above

3-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Can Do This

Go ahead and live your life
You don't need me around
Just to make things right

I have always told you
You can make it on your own
Now that is something you'll have to do

I won't be there anymore
To pick up all the pieces
Like I've done so many times before

So, I'd like to wish you all the best
As I go on my way
I know that you be put to the test

But you shouldn't be concerned
It will not be that bad
Considering all the things you've learned

But if you cannot make it
May I offer you advise
Do like always and just fake it
Don't even think twice

9-3-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Can't Be Replaced

I really need to see you
I hope you believe that's true
Loving you forever
Is all I want to do

Time or space can't replace
You laying next to me
Us, always together
That's all I ever see

I'll never say goodbye to you
The one I love so true
Without you in my life
My happy days would be so few

11-29-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Can'T Change The Past

I saw her yesterday at the store
I have to say, she looked so good
The love we shared not long ago
Didn't last like I thought it would

To this day I'm still not sure
Exactly where things went wrong
I promised her my love forever
But we didn't last that long

In so many ways we were so alike
Our lives were a reflection of each other
We made sure to give each other space
So our love wouldn't smother

I'm not sure what but something happened
Somehow we lost our way
Little by little the love we shared
Started to slowly slip away

I thought that we could hold on
I was sure we would survive
Both of us made it
But it was love that we watched die

But seeing her again today
Made old feelings come alive
But I knew when it came to us
Love would never have a chance to thrive

Who's to blame, let's say no one
Maybe the time just wasn't right
No matter what I may feel now
I know we'll never reunite

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You Can't Run Away

You thought that by running away
It would help ease the pain
But you know that come tomorrow
You'll still feel that pain again

Because you know in your heart
Running, is never the thing to do
No matter how far you run
You'll never out run you

What you have to do
Is listen to your heart
As far as I'm concerned
That's where your recovery will start

Our hearts will always lead us
In the direction we must go
It's best to follow your heart
Because a heart just seems to know

Soon time will tell you
If you were right or wrong
Time will let us know
If we'll be weak or strong

10-18-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Cast A Spell

You have cast a spell on me
A spell no one else can see

You drive me wild in many ways
Thoughts of you get me through the days

You're like no one else I've ever known
Since that first day my love has grown

You kiss me hard, yet with affection
In your arms, I feel protection

Protection from failed loves of the past
The loves I thought would but never did last

When I read the words you write
Can't help but think that all is right

Please help me tell me what to do
So I know how to please you

You fill me with intense desire
You're the only one who can put out my fire

At night I close my eyes to dream of you
These dreams are so very few

You bring out feelings I've never shown
You give me love I've never known

How could I ever ask for more
From the woman I adore

When I gaze into your eyes
I know our love is not a lie

So many times I'd like to say
Come take my hand let's run away

I've heard it said, love will stand the test of time
Today that love is yours and mine

8-12-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Caught My Eye

So many times I knew
Love had passed me by
But all that changed
The day you caught my eye

You opened up your heart
Than you let me in
I am so very happy
We let love begin

4-26-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Didn'T Give In

Everybody watched you
As you staged a gallant fight
Everyone praised your efforts
As you struggled through the nights

Giving up was a saying
That never entered your mind
Even though in your heart
You knew there wasn't much time

People will remember you
And just how hard you fought
All your friends and family
Will keep you in their thoughts

So now your finale journey
Is about to begin
You'll find a place in heaven
Where we'll all meet again

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Ray Hansell

You Didn'T Know I Loved You

You are sweet
You are kind
You are always
On my mind

You're my angel
With silver wings
You always make
My heart sing

When tears fall
When I'm in pain
You're the one
Who'll stop the rain

When all hope
Appears to be gone
You're the one
Who helps me carry on

If the world
Should suddenly end
I know in you
I had a friend

But I know
In reality
That you were
In love with me

I hope for sure
That you know
That I was always
In love with you

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You Have Control

The path you take in life
Is there for you to choose
You will be the one
To decide if you win or lose

Please don't blame others
For things you haven't got
Why don't you turn your life around
Then give it your best shot

It's easy to sit and complain
When you feel deprived
You can do something about it
It's up to you if you want thrive

Take a good look around
Look at those who have succeeded
You rarely hear them complain
Because, they went and got what they needed

They achieved it through hard work
Sometimes with sweat and tears
Never did they ever say
They wanted to hear the cheers

So you have full control
As to your failure or success
Because those who do succeed
Are always giving their best

Ray Hansell

You Helped Me To See

You came into my life
So unexpectedly
You opened many doors
You helped me close a few
I left my troubles far behind
I owe that all to you

You helped me understand
The past must be left there
Now I can clearly see
Just how much you care

You opened many doors
You helped me close a few
Now I'll spend my life
Loving only you

7-23-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Holding Me

When I'm in your arms
I feel so safe and warm
When I'm in your arms
I know that's where I belong

When I'm in your arms
The world is a safe place
When I'm in your arms
A smile warms my face

When I'm in your arms
The sky is clear and blue
When I'm in your arms
My troubles are always few

When I'm in your arms
It feels like heaven to me
When I'm in your arms
In your eyes, love is all I see

When I'm in your arms
I want the world to know
When I'm in your arms
My love for you will always show

When your in my arms
Please feel safe and warm
Our arms wrapped around each other
Is where we belong

1-2-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Hope

Life comes with no instructions
We're kind of on our own
We decide what is right
As we build a family and home

There are no manuals to direct us
When it comes to raising our young
You won't know if you did a good job
Until their growing is done

You'll make important decisions
Every single day you live
You only hope your choice is right
You hope you gave all you could give

So many things in life you see
Always come with directions
But when it comes to living life
You hope you make the right connections

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10-16-16

Ray Hansell

You I Miss

Sometimes I want to call you
Just to say hello
As I dial your number
I tell myself no

Sometimes I want to see you
Just to see if you have changed
But I stop before I go
I know our lives are not the same

Sometimes I want to hold you
To help ease the pain
But I tell my arms forget it
We're no longer in that game

Sometimes I sit and wonder
Who you might be with
I can't help myself
Because it's you I still miss

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Submitted 3-21-14

Ray Hansell

You Just Keep On

If I were there in the morning
I want you to know
As you get ready for work
I'd make you not want to go

Slowly I'd pull you toward me
I kiss you softly on the lips
I'd whisper in your ear
That today work you should skip

You look at me and say I know
As you start to undress
I lay there in my birthday suit
Against me you slowly press

Then before we know it
Again we're making love
You getting ready for work
Is not what I'm dreaming of

We take our time like always
No need for us to hurry
It was great you called in sick
We have no need to worry

So here in bed we will stay
Because outside it's freezing
Under the covers with me
All day you'll be teasing

10-10-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Know Her

She is extraordinary
Far from ordinary
A million dollar smile
She's blessed with grace and style
She always says, hello
To those she don't even know
She's never in a hurry
Her life is lived without worry

7-23-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Know What's Best For You

There comes a time in every life
When we decide who and what matters
Because we all must move on
After our hearts have been shattered

So many people from our past
Will always stay right there
The ones that we care about
Will always stay in our lives to share

The pains of life we all feel
As we live from day to day
Loved ones we lose along the way
Forever, in our hearts will stay

If someone doesn't want you in their life
Don't ever let that bother you
There's probably more than an even chance
You don't need them in your life to

I've heard it said a million times
Things in life happen for a reason
Just like spring follows winter
Life can be ever pleasing

So don't live life filled with regrets
Don't dwell too much on the past
Although past pains and heartaches
For a while are going to last

There will be times when things go wrong
This happens so you will know and appreciate
That when things do go right
That's when the world looks great

If you get the opportunity at a second chance
Never let that second chance pass you by
Give it your best shot
At least people will know you made a try

Try to live life to the fullest
Put all you can into living
Take all that life will give to you
But along the way do some giving

Love the people who treat you right
While you learn to forgive the rest
No matter what anyone may say
When it comes to you, you know what is best

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Ray Hansell

You Know When It's Gone

Another lonely day
Sitting here alone
You know an empty house
Isn't really a home

No one here to talk with
No one to share a thought
I felt that it was love
That I finally had caught

But somehow I lost it
As it slipped through my hands
There are some things in life
I will never understand

Love can be so complex
Yet, at times so very simple
But you know that it's gone
When her eye's lose that twinkle

5-4-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Know You

Don't listen to others
For they think they always knows what's best
But believe me when I tell you
You're just as smart as all the rest

Sure there will be other people
Who will always criticize
But remember, these are people
Whose own faults they don't recognize

So, don't let other people
Run your life for you
You are the only one who can decide
What is and isn't right for you

11-23-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Look Out For Yourself

Praise the good
Weed out the bad
Live life your way
That will make you glad

Don't let others
Tell you what to do
You decide
What is right for you

Others may try to tell you
That they know what's best
But they should look at themselves
Before they criticize the rest

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Ray Hansell

You Love Me

To you I am devoted
My love is strong and true
For there is no one else
I want to love only you

When I'm laying next to you
I feel your kiss so tender
When it comes to loving you
I always will surrender

Under mid-night skies of blue
With stars scattered about
In my heart I am so sure
My love for you is never in doubt

Let us take flight on wings of love
For all the world to see
Let them all know that I love you
And that you love me

2-12-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Love Someone Else

I'll sing you my song
Though I know that it's wrong
Together is where we belong
But together is where we'll never be

2-21-78/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Made

I have said I love you
At least a million times
Is there any doubt within you
What I feel in this heart of mine?

Do you ever get tired
Of hearing those words I say?
Do you still want to hear them
As we live from day to day?

I tell you that I love you
Because I want you to know
That because of you
You have made the love inside me grow

10-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Made Me

You asked me what I wanted
Most of all in life
I said that I would like
For you to be my wife

You looked at me through tears
Your hands started to shake
I knew that your feelings
Were real and not fake

I reached out my hand
I took hold of yours
At that very moment
I knew, I wanted no one more

You looked me in the eye
you asked, are you sure?
I looked back at you
I said, I want you for ever more

Then you said to me
I'd love to be your wife
Nothing would make me happier
Then you and I sharing life

I said, ok lets do it
Let's get married right away
I can't wait for it to happen
For that will be life's greatest day

I have to tell you one thing
You've made me the happiest man
I promise now and forever
By your side I'll always stand

12-8-09/RjH

You Make

The warmth of a summer breeze
Caresses my face
It feels as soft and gentle
As your hands upon me

The sweetness of your voice
Rings gently in my ears
Like a Sunday church bell
You always sound so good

When your lips kiss mine
They always make smile
You make the birds all sing
The skies all turn to blue

Every day that you are near me
Is always a perfect day
I know my days will stay this way
When ever you are near

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Ray Hansell

You Make Each Day New

My face lights up with joy
When ever I see you
The love I feel inside
You make it feel so new

I always look forward
To the times that we'll meet
You always wear a smile
When it's me you greet

I've been in love before
I know that you have to
But I've never met anyone
Who can makes each day seem new

The softness of your smile
The kindness in your heart
Makes me always believe
That we'll never drift apart

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Ray Hansell

You Make Life Right

Without you my day
Is so incomplete
When I am with you
Life is so very sweet

Something was missing
Things just weren't right
Then you shined into my life
Like a beacon of light

All that was wrong
You made so right
I always dream of you
Each and every night

But here I am alone
My heart missing you so much
I need you, all of you
I need your soothing touch

Time away from you
Sometimes is hard to take
But what gets me through the day
Is knowing you're not a mistake

So for now the memories
Get me through life's maze
I love you so much honey
I will always sing your praise

3-30-06/RJH

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Ray Hansell

You Make Me Feel

You make me feel
Comfortable
At ease
Peaceful
Somehow you calm my soul
Like no one else has ever done
I know that in my heart
For me you are the one

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Make My Heart Sing

My poems are so special
Well, that's what you say
I wish I the ability
To write you one each day

When I get to see you
There's so much that I see
The sheer joy of excitement
Takes control of me

I can't wait for each time
When we get together
Because everything that had been wrong
All of a sudden gets much better

I don't want you just for sex
One can get sex anywhere
I want you because I love you
And because I care

So writing about you
For me is an easy thing
How can I not write words of love
About the woman who makes my heart sing

12-20-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Make My Life Complete

You came to me
With arms wide open
In my heart
I was hoping

That you and I
Could share the day
Watch the hours
Roll away

We'll spend our time
Maybe fall in love
This is mostly what
I dream of

1-30-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Mean

Baby, you're the sunshine
I welcome you each day
You are like the blue skies
I hate it when you go away

Baby, you're a summer day
You always make me smile
A summer day doesn't last forever
But I now you'll be around a while

When you are angry
You're like a hurricane
When you're feeling sad
Your tear drops fall like rain

You're like an autumn moon
Shining so big and bright
You're like a cozy fire
On a cold winters night

Baby, you live your life
So happy and carefree
I see the world in you
Because, you mean the world to me

7-26-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Must Always Believe

Stay relaxed
Keep your focus
I know that you
Already know this

In you I do believe
There's nothing you can't do
That's how much faith
I'll always have in you

I know that you are strong
You have a will of iron
I know you are determined
I know you'll never quit trying

You believe in yourself
But you put your family first
You know before its better
Things can for sure get worse

But I know you're a fighter
I know you'll never give up
One day your drink held up high
Success you'll taste from your cup

So keep on going don't you stop
There's far too much at stake
Another battle will be won
With every day you wake

I know that you'll fight
No matter what it takes
You can look back to lean on the past
To avoid future mistakes

One thing you should always know
Is that I'm on your side
I'm your own private rooting section
You'll never see me hide

Remember that I'm here for you
Ask anything and you shall receive
I was the one from the start
Who said, you always must believe

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Ray Hansell

You Must Believe

When ever we're together
I never want to leave
I want to stay with you
That you must believe

But when the time comes
For me to have to leave
Every time it does
My heart always grieves

But, I'm thankful for the time
That we do get to share
I hope the day will come
When I can stay right there

8-31-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

You Must Leave

The sound of his voice
Is music to her ears
But, the way he treats her
Is the cause of all her tears

When their love is at it's best
It shows in her eyes
But when things are going bad
You hear her as she cries

She stays with him hoping
That one day love will stay
But she has no way of knowing
If in fact it will ever be that way

10-23-88/RjH

10-23-88/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Must Take The First Step

There is no hope for me
I often hear people say
I look at them and ask
Have you talked to the Lord today?

They look at me with puzzled eyes
A frown upon their brow
The they ask me the question
When, where and how?

When, is anytime you like
Where, anywhere at all
How, well that's easy
Just give His name a call

No matter where, no matter when
He's always there for you
But taking that first step
Is something you must do

And when you call upon Him
He'll never let you down
Then when you take Him into your life
He'll forever be around

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Need Trust

I think the time is finally here
For you and I to say goodbye
We thought that we could make it
We gave love a valiant try

But the problem that we had
Had to do with trust
It took the love we had
Then turned it into rust

When we were not with each other
Your mind was filled with doubt
Love cannot exist or survive this way
That's not what loves all about

You have to trust the person
That you claim to love
You have to always remember
Trust are what relationships are made of

But you have no trust in me
And you haven't for a while
I can't go pretending
To keep wearing this fake smile

You may feel the same way to
I'll tell you, that's all right
But when I was not with you
I was home every night

But I don't want to get into that
The ole tit for tat
I know we're both too old
To want to go through with that

So let's do the sensible thing
Say goodbye, wish each other well
We both know life holds something better
Then living each day in hell

2-26-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Never Know

I always tell you
Exactly how I feel
When I express my love
My words are very real

I tell you that I love you
Every chance I get
Because who knows come tomorrow
I don't want no regret

I may go to sleep tonight
And never see tomorrow
That's why I say I love you
Because we just never know

4-23-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Opened Loves Door

The door of love was opened
With you on the other side
The love I feel for you
Is a love that will never hide

Love has once again
Shined its light on me
And when I'm with you
Love is all I ever see

When I close my eyes at night
It's dreams of you I see
Being in love with you
Is all I really want to be

Loving you comes easy
Holding you is life's biggest joy
When it comes to loving you
You'll never see me acting coy

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Ray Hansell

You Opened The Door

The door of love has opened
With you on the other side
The love I feel for you
I promise to never hide

Love has once again
Shined its light on me
It is because of you
That love is all I see

When I close my eyes at night
It's your face I see
Being in love with you
Is what I want to be

Loving you comes easy
Holding you is my life's greatest joy
When it comes to loving you
You'll never see me acting coy

Ray Hansell

You Question

You question if there's a heaven
You question if there's a hell
The only thing I can tell you is
Give it time for time will surly tell

9-17-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Said Goodbye

The tears in my eyes
Out number the stars
That shine in the sky at night

My heart is broken
In a million pieces
Since we haven't spoken

The days all run together
But that doesn't matter
Because I'm not getting better

You spoke the words
I still can't believe
What I know I heard

You said we were through
We've reached the end
You longer want me with you

I'll go away
But I'll remember today
The heart breaking words you had to say

8-27-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Saved Me

My life has had it's ups and downs
I've had my share of smiles and frowns
But all that has now changed
Ever since you've been around

I wake up each day to be with you
There's so much life to share
I know I'll always want you there
Without you, life I couldn't bare

Some people live a lifetime
With happiness never known
It was my life you saved
Because of the love you've shown

How will it all play out
No one really knows
But I pray that you and I
Share a love that just grows

9-29-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

You See

I fell in love
With you one day
I know This feeling
Is going to stay

So walk with me
Hand in hand
Sharing our
Where ever we stand

Forever with you
Is where I'll stay
I now have a reason
To never stray

All the love
You give to me
Is the only love
I need you see

6-29-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Sexy Woman

You wear your sexy outfits
All I have to do is ask
You make me believe
That it's no big task

I do appreciate it
More than I can ever say
Because when you dress so sexy
Oh how it makes my day

Whether in a body stocking
Or stockings and garter belt
It matters not what you wear
I feel things I never felt

And when you wear nothing
You're just as sexy to me
Because no matter what
Sexy you'll always be

The outfits that you wear
Please me deep inside
Never will my love for you
Ever want to hide

I love you so much honey
No matter where you are
In this life I found you
To be my shining star

12-25-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Showed Me

You showed me the beauty
Of a summer day
How the sun, the moon and the stars
Are there for everyone to see
You showed me what I could be
If I really had the desire
You showed me how life can be so wonderful
When it's shared with someone as wonderful as you
You showed me and for showing me, I thank you

3-22-77/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Showed Me Happy

I thought that I was happy
I thought that I was satisfied
But then I met you
And I knew
I wasn't happy or
Satisfied at all
You became my friend
Then we became lovers
And you loved me
Better than I've ever been loved before
And you always leave me
Wanting so much more
I thought that I was happy
Until you showed me
What happy really is

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Showed Me Love Is Fun

You tell me that you're amazed
With the words I write
You say you think of them
As you lay in bed at night

Sometimes you say it seems
Like I'm inside your head
Or know just what you're thinking
No, I just listen to what is said

I hear every word you speak
I wait to see just what you'll say
I remember everything
From each and every day

I remember everything about you
I watch your every move
I memorize your smiling face
Your cheeks so soft and smooth

The relaxing way in which you dress
How your clothes fit so right
When I sit and remember you
The picture is such a beautiful sight

I think that both you and I
Want the same things from life
We think so much alike
I think that's very nice

Two people who were in need
Of finding someone new
We're finally taking care of the person
You have me and I now have you

What we found is nothing new
Its been around for years
I never been in love like this before
It almost moves me to tears

They would be tears of happiness
For you give me no reason to be sad
You in fact only give me reason
To be so very glad

So don't be surprised
By the words I write
You give me every reason
To make them sound all right

Love brought us together
In love one day we may part
Please remember darling
You'll live forever in my heart

I never felt this way before
Not about anyone
But I'm glad that it was you
Who showed me that love is fun

12-16-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Start And End My Days

When you close your eyes
To go to sleep at night
I'll be there to hold you
Until the morning light

I'll be there beside you
When you start your day
I will be the one
To kiss your sleep away

As I go through my day
I'll carry thoughts of you
I'll keep you in my heart
In everything I do

When the day is over
I'll be back with you
We'll do all the things
That we love to do

3-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Stole My Heart

The maker of music
The teller of tales
I hope and pray
My songs never fail

I'll always sing to you
The love my heart feels
Because it was my heart
That you happened to steal

7-20-79/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Take Me

The first time you kissed me
My darkened world saw light
You took me to places
I've never been to before
It's nice to hope
It's nice to believe
You'll take me to those places
Hopefully for ever more

3-24-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You To

The sun has already faded
The moon is on the rise
I can see the future
When I look into your eyes

You tell me that you love me
I know this to be true
You also know just how much
That I love you to

12-1-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Took The Chance

You came into my life
So unexpectedly
You opened my eyes
You helped me to see

The love that you gave
To me was so brand new
I had been with other women
Before I was with you

But looking back
I can truthfully say
None of them ever
Made me feel this way

You took a man
Who was down and out
You showed him what true love
Was really all about

You lifted my spirits
You made me smile
I now see being in love
Can be so worthwhile

I hope that you and I
Can somehow make it forever
You make things that are good
Seem so much better

I want to give
All of me to you
But loving you most
Is what I want to do

I know that will be easy
When it comes to you
Because no one has ever treated
Me the way you do

So I hope that you and I
Will have a fighting chance
Because down the road of life
With you I want to dance

4-10-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Want Me Loving You

Please don't shut me out
Don't turn your back on me
I know given half the chance
That our love can be

Don't make me promises
You know you won't keep
I hope I'm in your dreams
When you go to sleep

So many times you have said
You want to love me forever
Please don't push me away
When things are getting better

Now's your chance to show me
That your words are true
Now's the time for you to say
Forever, you want me loving you

1-19-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Wanted Me Gone

I never thought I'd lose you
I never thought you'd walk away
But I'll never forget that day
When you said you couldn't stay

But here I am right now
Alone without you
I can tell you right now
I'm not feeling blue

I got over you so quickly
But I don't understand
That, as deeply as I loved you
I'm not a lonely man

I find that I don't miss you
I rarely think of you at all
The day you walked away
I didn't need no alcohol

Sometimes it scares me
To get over you so fast
Because as I write this
You are already in my past

I haven't found someone new
It's only just been me
When I look into the mirror
I like the man I see

It's nice to be over someone
It's nice not to dwell on them
But every once in a while
I'll be happy we met back then

I've realized one thing
That life must go on
No use wondering about someone
When they're the one who wanted you gone

9-9-18? RjH

Ray Hansell

You Watched Over Me

God, why was I chosen?
Why was I the one?
I haven't exactly been
Your most faithful son

If You look at my life
I'm sure that You'll see
I haven't always been
The one others want to be

But so much good has come to me
Things I don't deserve
I know that there are others
Who's prayers You must have heard

Now as the years make me grow old
It's only now that I can see
Just how much You cared
Just how much You watched over me

4-27-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Were My Cure

The empty days I use to live
Have gone away and how
Better days and happier times
Are the days I'm living now

Maybe you're wondering
Why I seem so sure
It's because you came along
From loneliness you were my cure

10-2-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Were Never There

You told me that you loved me
You told me that you cared
But when I needed you
You were never there

When you cried I stayed with you
In bad times I was always there
The way I treated you
Told you how much I cared

Whenever I was down
Feeling very low
I was home alone
I had no place to go

I always thought that caring
Was a two way street
Looking back I have to say
Why did we ever meet?

8-6-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Were The One

I thought you really loved me
I thought you really cared
But this morning when I woke up
I didn't find you there

What a strange sensation
Waking up all alone
My heart felt so empty
The worst hurt it's ever known

With all the dreams we shared
All the times we said we cared
Now when I wake up
I'm filled with despair

Please know that I still love you
I probably always will
Because loving you
Was my life's greatest thrill

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Will Love Again

You wipe the tears from your face
But in your eyes there's still a trace
Of a love that lived not long ago
Your pain and sorrow still shows

The man you loved told you goodbye
For some reason you feel, you still must cry
You know he didn't treat you right
The love he professed was never in sight

One day soon your scar's will heal
Love for someone else you'll feel
Then the hurt and pain will be gone
You'll love again and then move on

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Will Make Them

The hour is late
I know you're asleep
I hope in your heart
My love you keep

I hope you dream
Through the night
In my dreams
I hold you tight

The morning will come
The sun will shine
Once again a new tomorrow
Together we'll find

I pray all my nights
Will be spent with you
I know the dreams I dream
You will make them come true

5-12-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Will See It's True

You know it's still true
That I get a thrill from you
I'm so happy to say
That it will always be that way

Whether I hear your voice
Or I get to see your face
Forever in my heart
You'll always have a place

When I think of the good times
It's the times we were together
Those will stay with me
From now until forever

I could never love someone else
The way that I love you
Just look deep into my eyes
You will see it's true

8-12-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Would Have Been The Last

You are not the only one
Who's ever held my hand
You are not the only one
Who's ever kissed this man
You are not the only one
Who's ever made love to me
You are not the only one
Who's ever helped me to see
You may not have been the only one
But how I wish you had been the first
Because if you had been the first
You would have surely been the last

11-17-77/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Wrote To Me Asking

You wrote to me asking
If we could get together again
I'd like to say yes
But I have to tell you no
I don't want to revisit
Where we have already gone
A long time ago we vowed to move on
We're both in a much better place now
So, let's stay where we are
It was several years ago
When we wished upon a star
That star came crashing down
For we never got that far
Back then we didn't last
Let's just leave us in the past

9-5-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

You+me=love

The image of you
That's burned in my mind
Will stay with me
Till the end of my time

Seeing you dressed
Like a little hottie
I know you and I
Are going to get naughty

A woman so pretty
Exotic and strong
Together each night
Is where we belong

In bed together
We light love's fire
The love that we share
Takes us higher and higher

As the hours pass
Our love keeps growing
Deep in our hearts
Each of us knowing

Each time we make love
Is better than before
We cannot stop
Because we both want more

But soon the time comes
And we both know
We'll soon have to part
And be on the go

I look at you now
All dressed to leave
Inside my heart
Is starting to grieve

You reach for the door
Then turn toward me
One beautiful woman
Is all that I see

An 'I love you'
A kiss goodbye
Why does time with you
Always seem to fly

12-16-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'LI Again See The Light

Thank you for your gratitude
And your very kind words
It seldom seems today
That those words are ever heard

They say when the going gets tough
That when the tough get going
But you find out when the going is tough
It's compassion people start showing

People you least expect it from
Astound you with their deeds
They are always there for you
Asking what you need

Many people respond in different ways
That's just the way we are
But one thing you can be sure of
Each person has a wish for you
High upon a mid-night star

Some will share their sadness
By the show of tears
Some will share their counsel
Of pain they suffered through the years

Some will offer words of encouragement
Some will be there to share an embrace
While still others will always try
To put a smile on your face

No matter how people respond
To other people's tragedy
The most important thing of all
Is that they all make sure you see

That they are there for you
To lend a supporting hand
In your heart that should let you know

Exactly where you stand

They share with you in your sadness
Even though they cannot feel your pain
But just to know they think of you
Gives your heart a special feeling just the same

My prayers are always with you
As you struggle along the way
Knowing that He will eventually
Help you see the light of day

8-13-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'll Always Care

Love is a feeling
We all get
Love never finds
Some of us but yet

The feeling still exists
As it lives inside
To some a brand new feeling
That never does subside

Some may never get the chance
To share just what they feel
But they'll always have this feeling
For it's something no one else can steal

So, if love lives inside your heart
You should always keep it there
As long as love is alive and well
You'll be someone who'll always care

3-15-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

You'LI Always Find

Look up to the heavens
For the brightest star
Always remember baby
I'll never be very far

Like the star in the sky
That's always there to shine
The love inside of me
For you, you'll always find

11-23-07

Ray Hansell

You'LI Always Live

I'm sitting here typing
with many thoughts of you
I remember all we've done
and all that we've been through
I'm sitting here hoping
there's still so much more
for you and I to do
and share together
what I think of the most
is us watching
our love for each other grows
knowing that what we now share
can and would only get better
I love you with all my heart
you live inside my soul
I start each day
with thoughts of you
and end the nights
the same way to
no one has ever
captured my heart
the way that you have
and I have to say this feeling
feels so very good
I always wonder what if
what if we met years ago
would love still find us
together years later
somehow I believe love would
we have many things in common
and for sure we'd always keep
the other one so satisfied and happy
but all the wondering
and the what ifs
I hope someday we'll be
but if it never happens
believe me when I tell you darling
inside of me you'll always live

12-8-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'll Always Shine

You came along as they say
Just in a nick of time
Because of all you've done for me
In my eyes you'll always shine

People come and people go
In and out of lives each day
But I'm so very happy that
With me you decided to stay

You brought to me so very much
With a heart so strong and true
So now I'll spend the time that's left
Loving no one else but you

3-16-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

You'LI Be Able To Tell

Have you done evil
Have you done good
Have you lived your life
The way you know you should

Were you there to help
A person in need
Or did you turn your back
Because of your greed

Did you refuse to share
What you have with others
Would you do the same
To your sister or brother

It really makes no difference
If they are family or stranger
We should always lend a hand
When someone is in danger

The little deeds that you do
As you live from day to day
Will make a Hugh difference
When God comes to have his say

Will you go to heaven
Or will you go to hell
The way you lived your life
Is how you'll be able to tell

2-1-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'LI Be Glad

Praise the good
Weed out the bad
Live life your way
That will make you glad

7-6-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

You'LI Be Missed

We're going to miss you when you go
Your leaving is for the best we know
My hurting heart will never show

I'll miss that smile that warmed the room
An eerie sadness will loom
I think you're leaving much too soon

I hope somewhere our paths will cross
With you leaving, we'll all feel the loss
At times I know we will be lost

So I want to wish you all the best
Just wear that smile, you'll outshine the rest
I know for sure you'll handle any test

Is this a blessing in disguise?
Is your boss being wise?
Or is she looking through blinded eyes?

Very soon we'll all know
The proof will soon start to show
Was she right to let you go?

But if you feel it's best for you
That this time is long overdue
That you must try something new

So as you get ready to leave
You'll feel my eyes tug at your sleeve
That's just my silent way to grieve

Goodbyes are so tough to say
As someone goes on their way
A sad ending to any day

5-10-10/RJH

You'll Fall In Love Again

Somewhere in the middle
Between love and sorrow
You and I both lost sight
Of our plans for tomorrow

Somehow we've forgotten
The things we wanted to do
Somewhere along the way
I fell out of love with you

I'm not sure when it happened
Or for that matter the reason why
I'm not telling you all of this
Just to make you cry

But I think you should know
My love for you is gone
Now I know that it's time
For each of us to move on

You can go your way
I will go mine
We'll both feel much better
With the passage of time

But please do not dwell
On what could have been
I know somewhere down the road
You'll fall in love again

8-7-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'LI Find Another

After several attempts as lovers
We've finally reached the end
Now lets wait and see
If we can be just friends

If that doesn't work out
Well, life will still go on
Hopefully they'll be
No ever lasting harm

But if a heart
Has to break
Look at it
As a mistake

For down the road
You'll find another
That you'll take
As your lover

5-10-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'LI Know She's The One

When you are in love
You must be a true believer
You must feel it your heart
That you would never leave her

If your feelings are true
If your feelings run deep
Then you know she's the one
In your heart you'll always keep

7-27-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'll Know What To Do

Love sometimes can leave us
Alone, broken hearted and crying
Wondering why we were left
When we thought love was undying

You'll suffer alone in silence
With no one's hand to hold
You'll have to get through it
With a heart growing cold

You'll find a way to love again
Just like broken hearted people before you
The best way to help you to heal
You do things you like to do

One morning you will wake up
With a heart that beats anew
That's when you will know
The hurt and pain has left you

A new day will dawn
Your heart will be open to love again
The morning sun will shine
To help melt away the pain

You'll see that love again
Will find it's way to you
And when you hold it in your hand
You'll know exactly what to do

1-29-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

You'LI Never Keep Us Kids Down Again

You'll never keep us kids down again
You'll never keep us kids down again
You did it before
But you'll do it no more
You'll never keep us kids down again

We carried out Pickett signs
To wake people up to the changing times
You shot us at school (Kent State)
You were the fools
You'll never keep us kids down again

Oldsters said our music was bad
The news about us was always sad
Well, we helped stop a war (Vietnam)
On far and distant shore
It took us years to win
Some will never know where we've been
You tried it before
But you'll do it no more
You'll never keep us kids down again
No, you'll never keep us kids down again

The Vietnam war era my youth.

Ray Hansell

You'LI Never Stand Alone

It doesn't really matter
If your rich or poor
When you believe in God
He'll never close the door

If you have your health
Or your on your death bed
Praying to God
Will be the best words said

If you are famous
Or just a simple man
Right by your side
Is where God will always stand

You see it doesn't really matter
Who you are or what you own
Because if you believe in God
You'll never stand alone

5-10-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Young And Foolish

When I was young and foolish
I didn't understand
That I once held love
In the palm of my hand

She was right there with me
Always by my side
But when she showed affection
My foolishness made me hide

I didn't want others to know
Just how much I really cared
I guess I was self conscious
If I knew that people stared

I was never into holding hands
Or kissing, so others could see
That may have been wrong
But then, that was always me

But when I look back at what I had
Compared to what I have today
It's true, when we're young we're foolish
Because of what we sometimes let slip away

2-21-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Your Eyes

I looked at the stars
In the mid night sky
But they just can't match
The sparkle in your eyes

When I look into your eyes
All I see is love
They shine much brighter
Then all the stars above

I hope you never lose
The sparkle in your eye
I hope that forever
I'll be your loving guy

5-10-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Forever

The days are very cool
The nights so very cold
Oh how I wish
I had you to hold

I'd take you in my arms
Hold you so very close
There would be no need
For us to wear nightclothes

The heat from our bodies
Would warm us so much
The thrill that we'd feel
Would be from each other's touch

We could lay there all evening
As the music softly plays
Sharing the night together
As well as all our days

The time I spend with you
Gives me memories everlasting
I know the love we share
Will never be passing

I pledged my heart to you
From now until the end
I always be your lover
And your forever friend

5-9-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Guardian Angel

I am your guardian angel
Sent from up above
I'm here to watch over you
To give you all His love

My job is to keep you safe
As you sleep through the night
I'll stay right here above you
Until the morning light

When the morning comes
I will fly away
But when the night returns
I'll fly back again to stay

9-29-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Healing Days

Sometimes the hardest healing
Is when we need to heal inside
We're torn apart with many thoughts
No place to run or hide

I know it will take time
For you to go through this
I know it won't be easy
Just know it's you I miss

I know that you need time
Along with some space
Every night when I go to
In my dreams I see your face

But the most important thing to me
Is for you to just get well
When you have recovered
Only that you can tell

Take all the time you need
There is no need to hurry
You need to clear your mind
So you have no more worry

I guess what I can offer you
Is to tell you this
I still love you so very much
It's only you I miss

So go ahead and get better
So your smile will return
When you've crossed over the healing bridge
You'll look back at all you've learned

8-2-09/RjH

Your Heart Is Telling You

You tell me we'd be better off
If we were to part
But are you forgetting
That we live in each others heart?

You tell me that you love me
You tell me that you care
You tell me that you won't forget
All the good times that we shared

I ask you, is there someone else?
You respond by saying no
You say it's your heart
That's telling you to let go

10-19-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Home

If you must
Shed a tear
Do it when
I am near

I'll hold you
As long as I must
In me baby
You can put your trust

I'll stay there
Until the tears
Have dried up
With your fears

When you say
You feel better
Another tissue
Won't be getting wetter

I'll be on my way
So you get time alone
Remember I love you baby
Inside my heart is your home

1-18-08

Ray Hansell

Your Journey

I see the darkness
In your eyes
You say it hurts too much
To even cry

You've tried so hard
To no avail
You look back on your life
To see, all you've done is fail

It seems the more you try
The less things work out
You've all but given up
On a life filled with doubt

You say you are content
To live life the way you do
You say that by doing this
You feel you'll somehow get through

7-16-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Your Lips

Your lips of wine
Kiss my cheek
Loving you
Is all I seek

I know our love
Will stand the test
When you're with the one
Who's truly the best

4-22-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Your Love Fo Me

You made me feel
Feelings I haven't felt
For a long long time
I feel like a part of me
Has been reborn again
Because of your love for me
I didn't realize
For so long I had no feelings
I didn't realize
For so long I didn't care
I didn't realize
For so long no one was there
But now that we have found each other
My world has once again come alive
My heart sings
My face smiles
I feel ten feet tall
It's all because
You gave your love to me

RjH/5-31-14

Ray Hansell

Your Love For Me

You made me feel
Feelings I haven't felt
For a long long time
It feels like a part of me
Has been reborn again
Because of your love for me
I didn't realize
For so long I had no feelings
I didn't realize
For so long I didn't care
I didn't realize
For so long no one was there
But now that we have found each other
My world once again has come alive
My heart sings
My face wears a smile
I feel ten feet tall
And it's all because
You've given your love to me

5-9-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Love Is Safe With Me

Every time I see you
I feel so warm inside
This wonderful feeling that I feel
Is something I can no longer hide

I have to let you know
That my heart is yours
You're the only one
Who can unlock its door

The door that leads to my heart
Where your love is safe with me
That very special place
No one else gets to see

The love that's there inside
Is a special love indeed
The love I get from you
Is the only love I need

9-7-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Your Love Takes Me Away

I hold you close to me
Your body soft and warm
Gently you kiss me
To you my heart is drawn

Your kind words fill my ears
As calmness fills my soul
I feel like I'm drifting
But I know I'm in your hold

I feel like a butterfly
On a warm and sunny day
Just floating about
As your love takes me away

You do something to me
Something I can explain
I hope you keep doing it
Again and again and again

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Ray Hansell

Your Love To Me Is

Your love to me is precious
I hope you always see
My love is alive and well
Every time you look at me

I think of you each morning
Every afternoon and night
When we are together
You are my sweet delight

You always wear a smile
Every time we meet
Then you always kiss me
With kisses oh so sweet

With you I don't have to pretend
That my feelings are real
A long time ago
My heart you did steal

You stole it because I let you
I wanted you into my life
I couldn't bear to see you leave
That would have cut like a knife

So always remember
No matter what the day
Thoughts of you constantly
Always come my way

I hope what we have now
Can somehow last forever
Because if it were up to me
I would leave you never

5-9-10/RJH

Your Loving Heart

A heart that's warm
A heart that's true
Is the heart
You want in you

One that's loving
One that's caring
A heart that is
Always sharing

A heart filled with love
Always stays true
It was your loving heart
To help you see things through

5-6-19/RjH

Ray Hansell

Your Only Choice

Take me in your arms
Don't ever let me go
Please hold me tight
So that I will know

Just how much you love me
Just how much you care
Then whisper in my ear
That you always want me there

Please tell me the fire
That was lit long ago
Still burns brightly
To keep your heart aglow

Please tell me your heart
Burns brighter when you hear my voice
But most of all stroke my ego
Say, I was your only choice

5-9-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Own Masterpiece

Take some words
Arrange them
Try to tell a story
If you have the skill
Try to make them rhyme
Although it won't be easy
To do all the time
But give it your best shot
Give everything you've got
Who knows maybe
One day soon
Everyone will see
The masterpiece you've created

10-20-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Own Sorrow

It's sad to fall out of love
Like an old magazine you just get tossed
Others may never know
Just how much you have lost

Everyone has their own sorrow
Everyone has a price they pay
Others may never know the cost
Or the pain that won't go away

8-29-18/RjH

Ray Hansell

Your Shining Light

It lights my way
Through the night
I see it when
I hold you tight

It greets me in the morning
It helps me end my day
I always love to see it
As we go through the day

I always like to see it
It's always in style
I will always love to see
Your bright beautiful smile

Ray Hansell

Your Sons

They are your heart beat
Your breath of fresh air
For them you will always
Always be right there

From now until forever
They are a part of you
No matter what their needs
There nothing you wouldn't do

From now until adulthood
When they have children of their own
As they journey through life
Your love will always be shown

At times they'll make you angry
But that's just what kids do
At times they'll break your heart
But that won't be anything new

They'll forever feel your love
Long after you are gone
From now until forever
You'll always be their Mom

1-8-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Tears Told Me

You didn't have to tell me
The way that you feel
Your tears told it all
I knew that they were real

You may not see my tears
But deep inside I cry
I want you to know
Losing you is the reason why

Now I'll never understand
The what for's and the why's
But I'll always remember
How love made me cry

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Ray Hansell

Your Voice

Hearing your voice on the telephone
Ease's the pain of being alone
At least I can have you near
When it is your voice, that I hear
Like music on the radio
That's how your voice sounds to me you know
The sweetest music my ears can hear
That's why I want to hear you dear
Your voice is like a symphony
One that always pleases me
If I had the choice to make
Listening to you forever, I would take

8-23-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Wall

I can tell by looking in your eyes
That you've been hurt before
I can tell by the way you speak
When it comes to love you're not sure

You say that you have built a wall
To keep your feelings in
But is that really living
Even though being hurt is where you've been

Not all people will hurt you
There are some who'll actually care
But if you don't knock down your wall
You'll never know what's waiting there

1-4-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Wedding And Your Life

Soon you'll say your vows
With the words I do
Then you'll start your life
With the man who was born for you

Your vows will be sacred
You must follow them forever
Then if you are lucky
Your marriage will get better

They'll be some bumpy roads
That you can count on
But as long as you survive
They'll be no lasting harm

Soon you'll want a child
Life's greatest joy
You will never care
If it's a girl or boy

As long as the baby is healthy
That's the most important thing
Then when you hold your child
It will make your heart sing

So good luck as you travel
Down the road of married life
May all your days be happy
Lived with little strife

5-9-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'Re Company

Spending time with you
Is what I
Most like to do

Weather making love
Or just drinking wine
Either one with you is fine

Sometimes just your company
Is what really suits me

I can stand to be away
As your love gets me through the day

1982

Ray Hansell

You'Re Going To Be All Right

Cry if you must
Feel sorry for yourself
You've earned the right
Because you've been through so much
The changes that have taken place
Will require time for you to adjust
Take all the time you feel you need
Remember, it's your heart you must trust
So, there's no need to hurry
Please don't be in a rush
Cry all the tears that you need to cry
Only you will know when you're better
All of the emotions you're now going through
Will for sure take a toll on you
But remember one thing
When all is said and done
You're going to be just fine.

11-20-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You're In Control

A troubled heart
A troubled mind
It might be God
You need to find

Satan ruled
Your life too long
Now it's time
To be strong

Let God in
To your heart
That's the first place
You should start

With God's help
You'll soon say
Satan no longer
Will rule my day

Good wins
Over evil
Your life no longer
Will be in an upheaval

Calm will fill your mind
Peace will fill your soul
Now you will be happy
With God you're in control

2-5-08RJH

Ray Hansell

You'Re Waiting For What?

If you're waiting to hear me say
'I Love You'
You'll be waiting for quite a while
Because even when I see you
You don't give me reason to smile
There aren't many good things
One could say about you
In fact all your good points
Number just a few
And you're waiting for me to say
'I Love You'?

5-9-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'Re What I'M Living For

My love for you grows stronger
Each and every day
Every time I'm with you
There's so much I want to say

But sometimes the words get lost
But somehow I think you know
Could it be my actions speak
When I let my feelings show?

With you I'm not ashamed
I know I can be me
Even when I'm feeling sad
It's me you still want to see

I love you so very much
I hope that you know
When ever I'm beside you
I never want to go

Your touch means so much to me
But your love means so much more
Now that I have found you
I know just what I'm living for

10-30-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

You've Always Got

I love you
I always will
You give my life
Such a thrill

When you take
Hold of me
Love fills my heart
I hope you see

When your lips
Are kissing mine
I cannot think of
A happier time

When you make
Love to me
A better place
There couldn't be

So always remember
No matter what
From me, my love
You've always got

1-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You've Come Back To Me

I thought of you today
Just when the thought of you
Was drifting away
My phone rang
I answered it
You said, hello
Once again
You've come back to me

5-19-78/RJH

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