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Anger

The sadness gives way to anger so quickly,
I vaguely remember having loved you once,
I vaguely remember you loving me.

I remember the pain, the hurt, and so many tears.
But it's hard to remember our happy years.

I see your back to me, your cold stare, you walking away.
I hear your disdain, your lack of concern, your hateful words.

I see you not caring that your kids long for you.
I hear them cry "Where's my Daddy?" "If not now, when?"
I know not what to say. This is not how things should have been.

I see you walk on to a new life. A life of fun and freedom that I just can not give.
A life that doesn't include your wife and your kids.

I hear you say you love me and that I mean the world to you. But, I see you
leaving us behind for something exciting and new.

I hear you using your anger as an excuse to shirk the responsibilities you made.
You don't even care what that means for us. You do not value the love we gave.

You don't know what it's like to see tears in her eyes and try to explain that
Daddy changed his mind.

These poor kids, used to seeing you everyday, convinced as I was that you loved
them and would never leave.

I'm kicking myself for your dedication and commitment, your lies that I believed.

I see you convincing yourself that you aren't wrong, that the decisions you're
making are for the best.

But, it's just that. You're trying to CONVINCCE yourself that you aren't like the
rest.

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How

How am I supposed to breathe,
How am I supposed to move,
How am I supposed to live without you by my side?

How am I supposed to mother,
How am I supposed to play,
How am I supposed to live without you by my side?

How am I supposed to smile,
How am I supposed to laugh,
How am I supposed to live without you by my side?

How am I supposed to push,
How am I supposed to provide,
How am I supposed to live without you by my side?

How am I supposed to drive,
How am I supposed to go,
How am I supposed to live without you by my side?

How am I supposed to dream,
How am I supposed to hope,
How am I supposed to live without you by my side?

I can not.

I can not breathe, I can not move, I can not mother, I can not play.
I can not smile, I can not laugh, I can not push, I can not provide.
I can not drive, I can not go, I can not dream, I can not hope.

I can not live without you by my side.

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If You Can'T Be There

You said that you could be there,
You said you'd always help.
But, all you really care about
is your mother-fucking self.

You said that I could talk to you
About anything.
But, what you really meant was
Only the pleasant things.

You say that you will fix it,
That it will be better tomorrow.
But, tomorrow has come and I still have to deal
With the same dumb bullshit and sorrow.

You get upset when I don't believe you,
But the very next day, you prove my words true.

If you can't be there, just say that shit.
Because I'm sick of running in the same damn ditch.

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Love, Hate

Love is what I feel inside each time we are together.
Adoration that can't be broken, regardless of the weather.

Sadness is what I feel inside each time you look at me.
Devastated by the fact that you and I are no longer "we".

Shame is what I feel inside each time you say goodbye.
Embarrassed by all your promises that turned out to be lies.

Anger is what I feel inside each time you touch my body.
Furious at the feeling that you, obviously, just don't want me.

Hate is what I feel inside each time you pretend to hug me.
Utter disdain and hatred for the commitment you did not keep.

Hope is what I feel inside each time you smile my way.
Optimistic that perhaps, with time, you'll love me again one day.

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Please Remember Me

I stand and wait here patiently for you to remember me,
I saw her name on your phone and it felt like the death of "we".
Please remember.
Remember our laughs, remember our smiles,
Remember our hopes and our dreams.
Remember our love.

I hurt for you every single day,
I have tried to get you to remember in every single way.
Please remember.
Remember our vacations, remember our holidays,
Remember our movies and our songs.
Remember our love.

I hear your evasiveness about your plans and I know what's going on,
I want so bad for you to remember our special, sacred bond.
Please remember.
Remember our secrets, remember our dedication,
Remember our hugs and our kisses.
Remember our love.

I'm waiting for you to remember.
Please remember.
Remember our passion, remember our tears,
Remember our forgiveness and our trust.
Remember our love.

Remember I love you, remember you love me,
Remember we can do this.

Please remember me.

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She

I see her staring out the window pondering the way things should have been.
There wasn't one of her plans that didn't include him.

Her life was wrapped up in him, she knew no other way.
Her life, she thought, was for another day.

She left with no friends, only her two babies.
She's feeling overwhelmed, it's getting lonely lately.

Stuck is how she feels, she has no way to get out.
Most of the time she just misses him, it's all she can think about.

She's talked, and tried to beg, plead, and fight.
But, he fights her back with all his might.

Her desire for him now overrides any self respect she ever had.
She lets him hurt her because she scared that she'll lose him, but would that be so bad?

She's turned into a person that she doesn't even like.
She's puts up with everything he gives, she doesn't want to lose her Mike.

I try to tell her that she deserves more, hurt is not love.
She can not listen. In her eyes no one, even herself, comes above.

She takes care of her kids alone. No help with dinner or baths.
But, she does it willingly waiting for the day that he comes back.

She's on her own, and though it hurts, she just can not move on.
Her love and dedication to him keeps her loyal and perpetrating a con.

She could just let him walk away, it what he wants to do.
But, how to live with out him, she doesn't have a clue.

Her fear is paralyzing her, she can not take one step.
If she really loses him, she fears she'll have nothing left.

Her fear and love has her in a constant state of shock.
She feels that she could fix it, if only he would talk.

Can't she see that his unwillingness is indicative of his care.
If he can't even respect her then his heart must be bare.

He lacks the ability to treat her the way she deserves to be.
But, still I sit and wait until the day that he chooses me.

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What I Feel

Pure relentless anger inside regarding the ignorance of my ways. The realization that I will never again have a truly happy day.

The fact that you are no longer mine "come whatever may".

Unbridled stupidity for not just saying what I wanted to say.

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What I'LI Do

I will show you a love that you've never known,
I will stand by your side till life's end
I will demonstrate daily how much I care
A love this pure there's never been

Nothing that you ever do or say
Can change how hot my love burns
I will show you unending dedication
Expecting not a thing in return

I will absorb your anger and
All the hurt that you can dish
For one day the anger will be replaced by love
And that's a day I will not miss.

I will show you all the support in the world
And back you up like you've never been backed.
I will give you the power and strength that you need
Should there ever be a time that you lack.

When your sad and feeling down
I'll be your smile and laughter.
I will think of you constantly,
Waiting for our happily ever after.

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What You Said

You said you don't know if you want me, you said you don't even care.
But, when we're alone, I swear, there are times when I still catch your stare.

You said that you love me and that I mean the world to you.
But, then, you do the unthinkable, what I thought you'd never do.

You said that you needed some space and some time, so I back off and leave you
be.
And, you hook up with her in less than a month, already she's replacing me.

You said "it's not like that, she doesn't get better, she doesn't mean more than
you".
But, your actions and choices and lack of concern prove that statement untrue.

You said to be patient and not fall apart, my hurt you can not handle.
But, you also said she's not better than me, that to me she can't hold a candle.

And, yet here I sit pining and hurting for a love that I thought was mine,
While she gets Jade's birthday, your feelings, your texts, and, ultimately, your
time.

So, I'll do what you asked and I'll give you your space. You do whatever you'd
like.
Because I love you I will hurt alone, I'll do that for you, Mike.

But, remember our promises, our commitment, and our love.
Something you said no one else would ever come above.

Remember the faces of our children as you do the one thing you swore you'd
never do.

Remember the deal that you have with our kids while you're with her doing this
and that,
That they would never have to hurt because they deserve better than our Dads.

And, we'll wait for you. I'll allow you to hurt me because I want you back.
We'll live without a father and a husband and your love. For you we will lack.

We'll deal with the pain of losing you, and I'll suffer through how my heart burns.

And, we will be standing right here waiting for the day when you return.

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You'Re Gone

The room is dark, all light is gone
I hear your voice and turn only to remember
That you left before the dawn

I'm laying on the cold, hard floor
Staring at the ceiling and imagining your face
Wishing to God that someone, anyone would open my door

I pray that I will be saved from this doom
That a small light might come
And save me from the terror that looms

But, deep within my soul I know
That the one who can save me will not come
You're my past now, My life's lost it's glow

So, here I lay in my lonely abyss
Trying to find a reason to press on
Yearning for the love I so miss

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You'Re Leaving? ?

This doesn't make sense
I can't make it real
You cant just leave knowing how I feel

I'm so sick of crying
Tired of pain
After all these years how can you just walk away?

Did u forget that you love me
Did u forget our kids?
Can't you remember our plans and the life we were gonna live?

It won't be better when you're alone
One day you will see
But for now I don't know what is to become of me

Your angry. Your mad.
You want your space and time,
But don't you see that is giving away a love that was always mine?

I can't let you go
I can't live with out you
You're asking me to do something that I just can't do.

But none of this matters
For you I will yearn
Because you want what you want, but one day you'll learn.

Just do me this
Don't wait too late
Regardless of your anger you are my soul mate.

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