# **Poetry Series**

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# If You Had The Opportunity

If you had an opportunity
The ones they call "once in a lifetime"
Would you take it?
Would you leave everything behind?

If you could do everything you'd ever wanted But then you had to die Would you do it?
Would you leave your life behind?

Some say yes
I'd do it in a flash
I'd do it in a minute
Without a second glance

Others say no
I wouldn't do it
Leave my friends and family behind
No, I'm not that selfish, I certainly wouldn't do it.

But can you really tell?

Do you know what you would do?

If the opportunity arose?

Of course not! You can't really tell until you get there!

#### Leave Me Behind

You've heard me say it a thousand times
I've even made a thousand rhymes
To tell you every single day
That I will love you always
But I have to tell you now
To read my lips when I say
There is nothing left for you here
So please, just go away
I don't want to hurt you anymore
So I'm telling you now
To walk out that door
And don't look back
Don't look back
Don't look back
At me here again

#### Mid-Life Crisis

You've gotten old You've got no friends And now you think This is the end

Let me tell you something You don't know This is only the beginning Of this show

You think its bad for you today
But let me ask you
What's to say
You won't get hurt by somebody else tonight

You've been hurt by unspeakable pain So what you meaning? You do things although you've got nothing to gain What's you purpose?

# **Mixed Feelings**

Sometimes I can't believe that these things happen to us. But then I look into the sky...

The sky is just so blue
The sun is just too bright
The clouds just floating by
Let me know how I'm feeling

The sky is just so black
The moon is just not shining
The stars just sitting there
Let me know how I'm feeling

The sea is just so blue
The sand is overwhelming
The waves just splashing there
Let me know how I'm feeling

The sea is just so black
The sand is oh so morbid
The crashing, ranting waves
Let me know how I'm feeling

I just don't know how I Should tell you these things Other than in a song... Or in a poem...like this

I guess you could say that I'm just a little confused About the way that this Is working out

Infact I don't even know
If this is working out so
I might as well
say it straight out now

I don't know who I am
I don't know what I'm feeling
I don't know where I am
Or even if I'm healing

I love you and I want to make you free Free from me Why is that so hard to believe?

# Once Upon A Time

Once upon a time
I would have cared.
Once upon a time.
But now I'm left with nothing but despair.

Once upon a time
I would have loved.
Once upon a time.
But now I'm left with nothing but hate.

Once upon a time
I would have laughed.
Once upon a time.
But now I'm left with nothing but tears.

Once upon a time
I would have sung.
Once upon a time.
But now I'm left with nothing but wails.

Once upon a time You were alive and well. Once upon a time.

#### You Call Yourselves Dads?

A spring time flower
The morning dew
You couldn't come out for half an hour
You missed it all...

A summer rose
A windy day
Right under your nose.
You missed it all...

The new autumn leaves
A walk in the park
Even after I begged on my knees.
You missed it all...

The first winter snow
The first snowman on the block
You didn't even know.
You missed it all...

You call yourselves fathers You call yourselves dads While you talk to each other Oh God! It drives me mad!

So tell me you fathers, You "Father's Day" dads When's the last time You played tag with your lads?

I bet you can't even remember The last time you sat And watched your "princess" Perform a marching band number.

So don't come to us, Your forgotten children at 21 In your time of need For when me needed you the most...you just waved us off.