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12 Months

December! ! ! The year has finally rolled out,
I thank you January, for making February a shorter month than you were,
February for giving me a shorter route to March and for the love you share
March for taking her time to prepare me for the wet seasons and helping me
understand April
April for making a lot of us fools but a lot more thanks for staying faithful to the
Easter Holidays you have always provided
May Day! May day! for letting us a restful first day at home after several months
of hard work,
June for ushering us into the warmth of the summer time and making us look
forward to the second half of the year
Hmmm! July my month of sun shine and rain, you set our hopes high with your
wonderful mixed feelings
August! you are practically the end of the whole months put together cause you
give us us away into the "ember" months and my sunshine is at its peak, tank
tops and shorts are my favs
O September, just like my mother, you are the best, i start to look back at my
achievements over the last two quarters and try hard to amend my mistakes
October i just love the smell of the new season, though its as constant as my
father's perfume
My darling November i have finally made it all the way, i have the last minute
rush to do all my shopping, gather gifts for loved ones and well wishers and say
thank you to people who have been there round the year.
Year end! ! ! ! December is here, 'there is a reason for this season and 'the
season is for a reason' a time to say thank you, cause i have summed up a lot
of I O u's through out the whole year,
A share my time to share my gifts through support and physical gifts to the
needy, and at christmas all i hear are sweet voices and church bells. all for the best.
Ah! here comes January again.

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A Horses's Neigh

The wind whips through my mane like wild fire
For across the earth is nothing in my mind but freedom
I am free and I am wild
I can not be tamed
My breath is beginning to get shallow
I've been running for so long
My pace is still the same
The solid rythm turns to hollow thuds
I leap over the brush to escape
The beast is after me
I was born here and I know the land well
I can out run any predator without misplacing a step
I am different. But changes make my heart skip a bit
This beast is mounted on a brother and its coming fast
I slowly start to hear an echo in my foot steps
My muscles strain and my lungs grasps for breath
I make one last attempt
Suddenly I have new found strength and I surge ahead
Iturn and weave and follow secrets paths
Until I am out of breath and out of site
Mus racks my body as I walk towards a pool of water
I drink deeply and when I am satisfied I face my fears
That was close
I have known life this way all along
I cannot bear to think of what my life would be like
Without running free.

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A Letter To Your Heart.

I seek for the nicest of words to write you
Still none equates what I feel deep down for you
I try to express myself with the most beautiful words
But I would rather show you the most beautiful piece of my heart
A heart of gold and a heart of ruby
Much love I bring but much more I seek.
I wish to give you my all and have it back in return.

I would rather wait till when you're comfortable enough to show an atom of love
back in return than have someone else fill up your space
My heart is drawn and my heart is made up.
This is not lust, this is not infatuation
Give me an open arm and you would have no cause to regret.
But your silence is blur and your reactions are yet unknown
I find it hard to fathom
I wish you would let me give you my all and get it back in return.

Every time you come my way, the passion burns deep inside like wild flowers
I wish I could explain in the simplest of terms how the best things come from
the rarest places
Not even your distance would kill how I feel about you,
Not even your silence would push me away from you
Cause I feel so lonely without you

You say it's something you ain't used to.
But I say it's something rare, you can explore
But if someone else has your heart
I want you to know you have someone else's heart
A heart that would bleed till you show that love in return.

I pray you get to read this someday, if you ever do please write back.

From a heart that longs for you.

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A Sad Love Note

I write to you a sad love note because:
My heart beats just at the thought of u
My heart skips cause of what i feel for u
I wish you would understand my plight
My heart begs for your subtle light
Not a day goes by without the thought of you in my head
I try to fathom the reasons i feel this way
But Its unexplainable just like how night becomes day
Even i marvel at the feelings inside me
I have gone to battle with my heart
I have tried to subdue my heart
But the more i try the more i become restless and helpless
I understand your stance on what i ask
But helpless heart begs to be loved
Rejection would cause me more pain
The feeling would make me mundane
Give me a reason to write you a love note the way it is supposed to
Give my heart a reason to make happiness its antidote
With your name tattooed on my wrist
I did not plan it this way
I have always been the one to be chased
But now the tables have turned
I really wish you would understand and
give a helpless heart that chance
That's why i write this sad love note to you

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Blown Away

I was blown away, i couldnt stand the wave
as soft as it came yet stronger than a quake
it shattered every thing that came its way
i tried to hold on but i couldnt bear the pressure
i was hoping to watch the effect it would leave
but all i could do was to hide from its rage
i was broken like clay over-baked in a furnace
all i could do was watch in awe the anger of a raging storm
i could make a move, i was blown away.

I flash back way before your rage came, you were so amazing,
your stillness and gentleness was nothing to be compared
i thought i fell into an ocean i had always known
and that it could never go wrong.
you made me believe peaches could never go sour
you were my teacher; i smiled at everthing you thaught even if i was bored
You were my eight wonder of the world
not until you came that day with you raging words
just like in the movies, i was blown away.

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Coup D'Etate

A loud bang woke me
although with my blurry eyes, the bright light I could see
it sounded like firer works in December,
but it was only June if could remember
the irregularity of the vibration, i could feel.
Alas, pandemonium let loose
but, i wasn't the only one who got bruised,
the whole community was involved
a situation we, the civilians could not solve.
armouries and missiles everywhere
both on land and in the air, causing alot of snare
chaos, anarchy and doom becomes the order of the day
with nobody willing to pay the price to lead the way
wailing and sorrow, tears and pain,
screaming for help, but to aid is not the aim.

another chapter of brutalist is here,
the men on green have appeared,
the civilians, they say have had their fair share
money and fame, power and loot
despotism and ruthlessness, anyone against their will they would shoot.
O' its a phase of despair,
we know not how long this regime would last,
because it is not aperiod to jubilate neither is it a period of fun fare
it is the time of the military,
a time where its all black

Hey you! ! ! ! what are you writing?

I...I...

I would have loved to continue, but my pen and paper i have to hide.
if you have experienced it finish complete this...
to whom it may concern.

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Gone For Too Long

When I wandered away, I went deep, way deep
I couldn't find my way back from the trip
I had no idea; I had been gone for too long
So many things I did, but with them I saw nothing wrong
You cried so many tears, yet all I did was ignore
I had been gone for too long like a drunk man lost in the bottles of his liquor

The vigor of your love I could not help but bare
Even in the land of unknown I saw the light in your heart was rare
I could not help but trace back my steps
It took me two and half years for this trek
I wanted nothing else but you, alas I was a little too late
I had been gone for too long; the heart of another has taken my place

I miss you so much but your heart is after another, for you waited too long in
tears
And I can not totally blame you for your heart was full of fears
I am heart broken but You deserve to be happy so I'd let you go
In your eyes I see, together we could have grown so old
You waited on that spot where I left and another found your heart,
I was gone for too long; now I lost the one who for so long was after my heart.

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Green

If the green guys have gone low profile
is it enough for minority to deceive the majority with lies,
when they know the green guys are still part of the majority
promises are not kept, but they want unity,
monies are stashed up in their private accounts,
tell me if that is not vanity.

the green guys have gone under ground,
through the sweat and blood of the innocent
and the selfish interest of the politicians
now, the power, they have found
they rule without being decent
tempting the green guys to come back and rule like magicians

will the green guys come again, with their iron fisted rule
whether yes or no, it's left to the minority, to choose
because they represent the majority,
and the majority is part of the green
so in truth since democracy is about the majority, majority would win
and what will be, would definitely be.

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Happy Birthday

This day, decades ago u brought a smile upon the face of U̅ ̲ ̶ ̥ ̊ я mom and the whole family But i do not wish to be the 1st to say happy birthday o u today, Cos God comes first

Second place would not do either Cos U̅ ̲ ̶ ̥ ̊ я family fills this space.

i just wanna be that friend who has not gold or silver to offer. But the very best of wishes

May this day ñ beyond yield the fruits of your heart desires and may it be filled with gud health, joy n happiness, blessings n long life
tha Lord is your Shepherd u shall not lack anything!
Happy Birthday

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Heart Break

I gave out the best i had
You gave me your worst, your bad
Each time i remember everything you did, it breaks me more than the Berlin wall
did
i thought in you i could trust
But my heart and soul with spears of lies you thrust
Even though i loved you so i just had to let you go
i hope you would move on cause i have.
i cried myself out at nights
In silence and pain, till i became emotionally tight
With each tear dropp i realized all you said were lies
i thought in you i could lean on
It turned out that you pushed me away the very day we started
It sad but i had to Let you go
i hope you find that one who would love you like i did

i smile when i look back at what we had so many ups and down, tears and joy
But We weren't just meant to be
Even though i tried to give you another chance, my mind was ready to go
i thought i wouldn't survive loneliness
A long walk of loneliness, now i made my way out of it
I'm happy i let you go
i know you would find that one who would love you, cause I've found that
special one.

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In Love

i never thought love would come my way
But u did and is truly here to stay
You make me feel brand new
Clean and fresh as the morning dew
both our minds flows to the rhythm of our heart beat
Like disco, on th dance floor we create a passionate heat
Love is great, love is blind, but it leaves me wanting more
The days of walking alone are all over
My heart from being troubled is sober
We would go all the way and never look back to our mistakes but look ahead
into our future of happy endings
Like we live in the ferry tale world
i would give 101 percent but all i need is 100 Percent.
i promise i would give my all

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In Memories Of.....

i sit at the roof top with a piece of paper and pen thinking of what to write
but the only thing i think about is the memories of you
so dear were you to me, i can never forget all we shared
in times of trouble you would come to my rescue
when i needed someone to talk to you were ever ready to listen
i loved you so much and still love you.

still at the roof top, uncontrollable tears roll down my eyes
i cannot believe the fact that you are no more
the only thing i can do is hold on to your loving memories
those of love, kindness, perseverance, patience unity and truth
because to you, those were important keys to hold onto life
for these i still love you

i try to console myself, but i find you doing the consoling
telling me you are in a much more better place
because you have found solace with GOD
and that you wish we all would stop crying but instead laugh
and thank GOD that you are with his angels watching over us
i still love you and you would forever be in my heart.
rest in the very perfect peace of GOD.

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Its My Pleasure To Meet You....., .

I close my eyes to ponder and wonder about you
i never thought i would come across you
your effects are such that ti brings a whole new meaning to life
things i thought could never exist anymore you showed me in reality
you are as peaceful as the shores of the pacific oceans where you lay me down to
think more and more about you.

you are more than wonderful
you speak and show the truth more than words itself
you are like an enclosed tunnel filled with lights and beautiful things of life
you affect me life a virus which i choose to have
and you make me fall not into hurts but into the depth of your care.
you make me forget about the sorrow around me
you make me speechless and you leave butterflies in my stomach
you engrave my feelings which i haven't experienced in a long time
you make me wanna hold on and definitely would i, as long as i live

Thank you for coming into my life
thank you for showing me that you are real
thank you for the patience you have towards me
thank you for making me find you
thank you for telling me your name and who you are
its my very pleasure to meet you, LOVE

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Just Tell Me

I sit in the serenity of the night
Soft music playing in the back ground
My mind clogged with thots of u.
Flashes of Your adorable eyes haunting me
Your eyeballs as dark as chocolate
Yet I felt its swift glances through me at my every move
The feeling inside me deeper than words can explain
Yet so faraway from my reach
Just tell me what to do to draw u close to me.

Still in the serenity of the nights cool serenade
This feeling too powerful to be subdued
I seek the nicest words to write you
And your sensual lips I long to feel its tender brush against mine
Your smile feels so magical and endearing
I do not seek to flatter you
I'm only trying to pass a simple message
Even if I had them on mine for only a second
I will hold on to d memories until I finally make u mine
But I don't wanna lose the friendship
I am yet trying to build
Tell me what to do to quench this fire burning so fiercely inside of me

I patiently wait for the day when I would have your body close to mine.

That special moment when our bodies meet.
I Will adore your body and touch you in ways u have never been touched before.
Please forgive my uncouth words
Can't think of how best to pour my heart out to u.
Can't carry this burden any longer unless I'd crumble.
Tell me what to do to win u over my Love.

Tayo

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Life Is A Journey

life they say, is the essence of living
living they say, is the essence of life
life thus, is a journey, that we live through
in the journeys we make, we are faced by the reality of brute
in the reality of brute, we come face to face with our fairy tales
in our fairy tales we get to learn from our experiences
in our experiences whether sweet or bitter, we learn to live by
and face the opportunities tomorrow brings.
with the opportunities of tomorrow we survive
when we survive, the damaged things we revive,
and the reconstructions we live by.
Life can be beautiful, life can be sweet
if only we live by her rules,
then life would treat us fairly,
and we would walk back home at the end of this journey
whether long or short, whether good or bad
back to where we all belong
to the great beyond.
Life indeed is a long way home.

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Lost In The Bottles

In a split of a second
Minutes have passed and hours have gone by
I was lost deep in thoughts
How would I undo what had been done
No one seemed to give any reasonable answer
I needed a way out of my mysries
Then I found the bottle, it was my best friend
One glass a day, and for a few hours my troubles were gone
Because I was lost in the bottle

In a spilt of a minute
Days have passed an months have gone by
I found passion with various bottles
I have wandered away from my conciousness to my unconciousness
Nothing seems to bother me about my travails
But I have moved from being followed to a loner
Everyone thinks I need to divorce my bottle life
Because I am lost in the bottle

With months gone by
Years have passed and decades gone by
I find myself struggling to go back to sanity
Problems I though were solved have tripped up in years
With no one around, but me alone left to fight out my habits
Almost ruined but for His mercies I have life and I'm hopeful
I break every bottle I have and act blind to every bar around
I will fight till I have my normal life back
Because I'm through with the bottles.

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May Be

May be the world would be a better place tomorrow
May be it would be a place filled with sorrow May be the stars would shine like
the sun
May be the sun would glow like the moon
May be we would all be happy
May be we would never do things sadly
May be we could all fall in love
Maybe we would only find lust
May be the rich would become richer and the poor, poorer
May be the rich would become poorer and the poor, richer
May be there would be a time when there would be no more wars
May be it would be for eternity
May be it would only be for a short while where there would be no more
adversities
May be all the countries today would unite and become one tomorrow
May be none of them would be in existence tomorrow
May be freedom would be for sale to be free
May be freedom would only be heard not seen
May be the words we have written would never be read
May be all have that has been written would forever be passed on
May be one day we would walk on the seas
May be one day we would swim on land
May be we would even walk in the clouds
Or may be everything would remain the same as it is.
We could never know what tomorrow holds for us
If we knew what tomorrow would bring the may be the world would be a better
place for us all
Just may be.

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My Thoughts

if there is something to behold at my non-existence,
it would be my existence.
if there is something to behold at my existence, it would be my life.
if there is something to behold at my life,
it would be my breath.
if there is something to behold at my breath,
it would be my hope.
if there is something to behold at my hopes,
it would be my future.
if there is something to behold at my future,
it would be my success.
if there is something to behold at my success,
it would be my seeds.
if there is something to behold at my seeds,
it would be my old age.
if there is something to behold at my old age,
it would be my rest.
if there is something to behold at my rest,
it would be my good deeds.
if there is something to behold at my good deeds
it would be my death,
And if there is something to behold at my death,
it should be my eternity.

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Tell Me

Tell me i do not meet your criteria
Tell me i do not meet up with your pace Tell me i am not the right person for you
Tell me i can not be the one you love
Tell me i am not that person you can lean on
Tell me i do not understand what you want
And i would let You go

Tell me you do not want me
Tell me you cannot love me
Tell me you do no see us together
Tell me you are not the one for me
Tell me you belong to someone else
Tell me you are in love with another
And i would let you go

Tell me what your heart desires
Tell me what your mind thinks
Tell me what your feelings are
Tell me what your mouth would utter
Tell me what your body & soul longs for Tell me what your fears are
And i would let you go

Tell me your heart belongs to someone else
Tell me your mind is some where else
Tell me your body belongs to another
Tell me your soul thirst for something else
Tell me your feelings and i would understand
And i would let you go

No hard feelings, but it sure hurts
That the one my heart is after chases another
That the one i care about, care about another
That the one i love, loves another
That the one I'm happy with is happy with another
That the one i long for, longs after another
I just have to let you go

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This Life Is...

This life is wonderful
Life is beautiful
some say it's unfair
why complain when you have air
you get to feel the breeze
some cant even breathe with ease
you walk around with sticks
what say the man with no hips
You have your life to live
what say the man with no life
Life is wonderful
depends on how you view it
what you sow out of life
is what you'll reap out with time
whether good or bad, beautiful or ugly
you choose to live life smugly or snugly
life is too short to waste
too precious to be mis-used
no matter how long we use it
we still get to lose it
So make the best out of life
she would give the best you deserve
This life is most wonderful
This life is most beautiful.

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When I'M Gone

When I'm gone, I think to myself
I wouldn't make any more sense to life
Only the works of my life time would be left to be seen
Because I would have exhausted my usefulness to mother earth
The only room I would have to behold would be six feet beneath
Whatever goes on above my box would mean nothing to me
Because from birth to death all was a long journey after all

When I'm gone I think to myself
Would I be remembered as one who had a heart
A beautiful heart who was willing to help all that I met along the way
Or would I be remembered as one who has no heart
Or a blunt heart who said as it was
Or would there be nothing to be remembered about me

When I'm gone I think to myself
Would there be anyone to miss me dearly
Because we shared valuable conversations, tears and joy
Or because I got them out of trouble
Would I be buried with my darkest secrets that was never known
Or would people say ill things about me
Because of my mistakes and wrong choices I made when I was alive

When I'm gone I think to myself
Would I be called good, bad, proud, humble, unknown or legend
But I think again whatever would be said
I would not care about because I won't be alive to know what their opinions are
about me are
I would only have done my part in the fulfilment of humanity
Now I bear in mind that when I'm gone somethings cannot be changed
I can only wish now that I'm alive, do and undo somethings as long as I have air
in my lungs
But until the day the air would stop
I would do my part to humanity's greatness.

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Window

In the stillness of the night
When the day light glows soft and low
There is always a special window
In my heart is where I go
As I pull back the curtains
Memories of you so clear flows through me
Wondering if you would treat me better
Though distance separates us now
But looking through my window
All I see is you
I wish this is real
I wish we have the time to heal
Start afresh and leave our past behind
A window of love and a window of truth
All I want is to be with you
Start a new one together
Where we would hold hands looking through a crystal clear glass
The window of our love and life

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Wish.....

Sometimes wish that I could be alone
really alone, where neither friends nor foes would be close
just me and the air I breathe, a pen and paper, Searching for the right words to
write how I feel
to ponder and fathom what life has in store for me, staring into space I begin the
journey like a wheel
And I would travel in my mind towards my future, quickly make penitence for the
mistakes ahead
A world within a world where anything is possible.
Although, my thoughts would be as silent and sequential as my breath, yet the
roar of reality blooms in my head
and, like my breath, aspire to a world with renowned sensation.
Such thoughts would make me quiver, not fear, but anticipate for my dream to
be reality
A world where I may enter and plan everything like I want.
Making even rocks give way within, and I walk through
yet I stay still in my revelation, nobody having any idea of my thoughts, i.....
Snap out of it! ! ! , the voice of my friend or do I say foe
For interrupting my thoughts.....

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