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Beautifully Traggic

A reflection in the glass
Shows me who I am,
A rock at the window shatters
All of me,
Leaving me with bits and piecies
To put back together,
God there's so many
This is gonna take me forever!
Where should I start?
Hands and knees as i begin,
Will this cutting and tearing ever end?
Will it be worth all the agaony and pain,
Can I ever be whole again?
Now this reflection,
This partial insight to my soul,
Is strewn across my floor
Revealingwho I was but am not anymore,
Unveiling the broken self
The once beautifully traggic life thats
been scattered,
The broken sould that didn't matter
Which only took one crack to shatter

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Black Sun

Hold tight, as we go along this ride,
Don't move, close your ears close your eyes,
You're just a victim, one among all the dead,
Keep on falling it's in you mind, in your head

The endings soon, your time will come,
The sun turns black, all comes undone,
Every thing happens for a reason,
Reason for me, I'll wait out another season,
Seasons change, but its all the same
Everything dies, all your riches all your fame

See the light, feel your way though,
Go find a way, or heartache will find you,
Be afraid, but don't be scared,
Its just a game, and here's your dare

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Bleeding For You

I lay my heart down
Just to hear your voice
You are the only one, the only one for me
And you, you make my heart cry
Just to see your smile
You are the only one, the only one for me

So tell me why, it has to be this way
Am I the only one, the only one for you?
You make me cry, This pain inside
Makes me, makes me want to die
Am I the only one, the only one for you?

Tell me now, Before it's too late
And help me now, before this heart breaks
Just to see your smile,
Its been a long while-
Here with out you

(so I'd....)

Run, just as long as I can get to you
Just to see your face and feel your breath
You know I'd do anything, anything for you
I'll hold my breath, until I can feel you breathing next to me,
Just to hear your voice and tell me you won't ever leave
You know I'd do anything, anything for you

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Blind And Lost

Eyes closed as you search all alone
Darkness surrounds you,
Nothings heard but a deaf tone,
Quietly you scream for someone to hear you,
Though your cry is silenced all too soon,
Don't be scared, but be afraid,
Not much longer and this memory will fade,
Hold tight to this hope that you've lost
Don't let it go no matter the cost,
With out it you have nothing to hold
Empty handed you'll search all alone,
Regretfully lost, alone, empty and cold

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Bottle Of 'Happiness'

It's all the same, nothings changed
They say time changes things
What do they know?
You still the same old 'father'
If the name can even be used
More like abused!
Are you scared, afraid, hurt?
Do we have any of this in common?
Or am I the only one sobbin',
What the problem, what's the cure?
Should I let go and forget
Erase it from my past, never too fast?
'No pain, No gain'? Who the hell said that? !
I think the first no was a mistake
At least in my case,
Maybe it's just a phase
Something I'll come out of and learn from
Something I'll just over come
Just drink it all away like you do
Your happiness is at the bottom of
every bottle,
Every one down brings another around
Until these painfull feelings are drowned,
No one crying, no one making a sound,
Your Never ending search,
Homeward bound is never found

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Comfort

Close those eyes, and open up your mind,
The clock is ticking and we're running out of time,
Don't burn this all away as if you didn't care,
It's time to realize, it's just you and I standing here,
So stay still and keep your hand in mine,
Stop your crying it's all going to be just fine,
Don't be afraid, there's nothing here to fear,
Lean a bit closer, so I can wipe away you tear

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Dancing Hearts

Tonight I wanna hold you
Turn off the lights,
Put on some slow music
Dance slow and hold you tight

I wanna feel you breath
I wanna feel you smile,
I wanna get lost in love
And dance a while

We don't need to say
A single thing,
Just slowly sway with me
And feel our hearts-sing

I know this feeling
It feels so right,
In my arms you'll stay
And we'll dance the night-away

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Empty Handed

What's this I'm holding on to?
Seems like nothing
Seems like nothing at all
My life's foundation
This empty hope
Search for a way to cope

Life's short life
Leaves no time to leave aside
Time wasted
Tears I've tasted
Can't hide these lies
The feelings this heart hold to
Leaves me empty-
Wanting-
It's bound to make me fall

The heart that beats life into
These empty viens,
The culprit to the murder of an empty love
Has left me stranded
Reaching to heaven above

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Everything

Should we stay, should we go
The question we both want to know,
I tell myself we should stay
Work through this together
We'll get to that sunny day,
You're my all, my everything
You're the stars in my night sky
As I find myself gazing at the moon
Wondering if you are too
The first thought on my mind
As i wake up to antoher lonely sunrise
And the last thought before
I close these tired eyes
You're the one I hope to find
Waiting for me in my dreams
The one I spend every second thinking about
Or so it seems
I pray to the One, we are learning to trust
For Him to take both our hands and guide us

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Far And Red

A winding road, a blowing wind
A bleeding heart beats harder at every bend,
Wet and cold as I press on
A shivering body desperately awaits the dawn,
To feel the desired warmth from the sun
I march harder and harder but my bodies done,
Blood rushing from every wound
Causing sudden weakness,
death is too soon
But I must press on, I have no choice
If I stop now, no one will ever hear this voice,
The end of this road is much too distant
The bleeding from these wounds much too constant,
The trail I leave behind me is far and red
All these regrets all the blood I've shed,
I can't give up, I must march on
Until then this desperate heart
Desperately awaits the dawn

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Game Of Life

The hands wind down
As the world goes round
This world only gives you one chance
So hold strong, and make your stance
Love ones are bound to come and go
So remember to stand tall and
Try to enjoy the show
Hold tight to the truth that you find
Keep it on your heart
Not in your mind

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Glass Prison

I'm sitting here at the bottom of this bottle
Where everything is less obscure
Old footprints of my father, can be seen from here
How'd I get here, I'll never know,
But now I'm alone with no where to go
I can see the sun shining through the glass
A golden glow reminding me of my past
This paralyzing stillness overwhelms me
The world's blindness, it's deadly fee
Now I sit here behind these bars of glass
Where time never goes fast
The clocks ticking echoes of these walls
The lonely last drop silently calls
My bodies numb and I can now barely crawl
I unsteadily try to stand but I always fall
God please help, throw me a line
I swear I'll only ask one last time
I wearily look up and through this golden haze I see
The line you've already thrown
Hanging before me

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Hope

There's a light at the edge
Of every shadow,
There's a hole in the heart of
Every soul,
And if you keep on looking for tomorrow
Today will never let you go,
So don't hold on to every breath
As if it's your last,
You can't move on to tomorrow
If you keep living through your past

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Insomnia

Down to my last cigaret
This sleepless night full of regret
I'd pray a prayer but I don't have any left

In the past nights like this have come and gone
But this one won't seem to show the dawn
So I'll just stay up and sing this song

The faded writing on the wall
Tells me to stand fast and tall
But it's hard when you're feeling so small

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Left Alone

Heart and soul
Where'd it all go?
Now I look, now I see
That I'm losing control,
I think I'm falling
Shit! I must have let go!
Or maybe I was never holding on,
Maybe this all wasn't real
But now I'm here now you're there,
Can't find the pain that I feel.
God I wish this would all go away
Give me piece give me silence
Just for one more day,
How did I lose the only thing that
I thought that I knew,
Now it's gone, I'm all alone
What should I do?
Should I, turn around and walk back up hill?
Or should I just stay here, remain and stand still?
What I wouldn't do to only know,
To have directions that I could read
That could show me where to go,
If I just stand here, maybe I'll be found,
Or should I run, Should I yell
All the while not making a sound

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Lessons

Push me down
Hold me under,
These feeling won't
Let me go,
Give it up
Must surrender
These feelings
Blind emotions,
Start to control

Where to go from here
It's the void I fear
A lonely heart
Lives in this empty house
Once full of life,
Destroyed over night

Can't go back now
Why even try
Must swallow my pride
Start over again

So here I go
To start again
Find another love
Make new firends
So here I go again

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Lost The Color

The steam of my evening coffee
Dances across my face
I sit here alone, silently in this serene space
If the picture I am painting were to be a photo
It would be black and white,
Not because I am empty or sad
But because I have lost the color to my life,
The colors have all faded and are nearly gone
And all i can do is pray for God to repaint them on

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Lyrics Of Memories

The music pushes it all aside
All the pain the melody hides,
The lyrics carry the memories away
And the beat makes sure they stay,
Songs help but then they end and
All the hurt rushes to me again
Some songs do nothing but twist the knife
With words reminding me of our old life
All the things that have come and gone
Are brought back to me through every sad song
Surely time will heal all my hurt
And i'll keep fighting for all it's worth
So I'll let my heart ride the rythem of every song
And Pray the pain won't last long

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Missing The Colors

I hurt your heart
I hurt your soul,
I left you crying
With no where to go,

My words cut
Like a double edged knife,
I tore away the hopes
The dreams of our dreamt up life,
I wish there were words to say
That could bring us back together
And take the pain away,
I know you know i love you
Atleast this much to myself i say,

Often i pray so hard
I'll stay up nearly all night,
Begging for our strength
To not give up this fight,
I miss the colors
Of the life in which we had,
I hate how all my words now
Just end up making you sad

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Never Give Up

For you I won't stop tryin'
'Till I fall over dyin'
In your arms or at your door
It doesn't even matter anymore
So find me while
I'm outside lloking for you
From the clouds up high
To the earth beneath your feet
I'll ride every rain dropp
Till it's your heart that I meet

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Quietly Too Loud

You have to see, all this
Controversie and all these lies,
All the sorrow and all the pain
That's in this world,
Because maybe, maybe then
You'd see me,
Just look close
Don't be scared,
Close your eyes and I'll be there,
Leave me alone,
But please don't leave,
Why can't you see?
Please don't open you eyes,
I'm afraid, but I'm not suprised,
I'm alone, but you're right here
Why can't I move?
Why can't I just stand still?
It's a scary place
Especially when you alone,
But I'll be here when no one's home
Just leave me alone

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Rain For My Sunshine

Well the Rain is comin'
And the clouds are rollin' in,
There's no one around to save me
Not a soul, not a friend
So I'll sit here and drown my sorrows
The only way I know

I was just a young boy
Living in a broken home,
My father left me
And every one I know,
Well they don't understand
What it's like to feel the pain,
They told me to forgive him
And that it would wash the pain away
But that won't do a damn thing
No matter what they say

Well now I'm getting older
And I don't know how to live,
No ones ever showed me
How to love and how to give,
So I've pushed everyone away
Just like my father did

Well now I'm a young man
And a lonely life I live,
There's not a soul around here to talk to
And I don't have anything to give,
I lost the one who knew me
In the deepest part of my soul,
And still I didn't know it
And I let her go

Well now the rain is here
And the clouds fill the sky,
There's still no one around to save me
My lifes been a living lie,
But I won't sit here in my sorrows

It's been far too long,
I'll just pray she understands me
Through the lyrics of this song

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Reflections Of You

Let's go back
To that saturday night,
You know the one I'm talking about,
The time I asked you for a light

It wasn't love at first sight
When it all began,
But it wasn't long
Till love settled in

Well i was just a nobody
A kid from a broken home,
Most my nights were empty
And most were spent alone,
I didn't have much to show
For my mere twenty years,
Just some busted knuckles
And a hidden pool of tears

Everything changed from that night on,
Everytime we were together
My troubles seemed so long gone,
It never took much,
To make the perfect night,
Just a bowl of candy and some popcorn
And you cuddled up tight

I often reflect on these thoughts,
It helps to soften the pain
Of all that I have lost,
I pray this time apart
Will give us a second wind,
I pray even harder
That our love will never end

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Remembering Dreams

These words I write
For you,
The one who my soul
Loves,
If i didn't have this pen
I would spell this out with blood

My heart aches for you
And my sould is growing cold,
I can't believe I pushed aside
The dream of together growing old

In our dream house
Somewhere far away,
Where we'd come home from work
With seven puggles in our way

Remember staying up late,
To watch Jepordy at eight?
And making bets on who would
Have to wash the dinner plates,
I often miss the times
When i would find you fast asleep,
Those pictures of my angel
This soul will always keep,
You always took care of me
Even when I was such a bum,
I remmeber you using the vaccuum
To pick up all my crumbs

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Self Afflicted

Hold me still
While I'm still here,
Don't let me go
This reflection in the mirror
Is much to similar
This broken heart and soul
Much to familiar,
What's the price I have to pay
Day after day, why won't this
All go away?
I do it to myslef
All this pain that I've felt,
All these tears couldn't possible
Dorwn away all these fears,
I had come so far
Then I turned around
All this desperation has
Cause me to loose
The only realy thing I had found,
Eyes closed as i travel along
This desolate road,
Is there an answere to this
Life some kinda code?
If I could only take it all back now I would
Well maybe I wouldn't
But then again,
Maybe I should

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Shore To The Water

Wanting so much more
Should I jump in the water
Or should I just stand here on the shore?
I think I'd be happy here
Or is it what's in the water that I fear?
I guess I'll never know,
Unless I take a chance and go head and go,
What should I do, why am I so confused?
Isn't it plain to see, that what's in the world
Isn't really meant for me,
So why can't I go, my heart wants to
But my body, it still says no
Father make it clear,
Close my ears and let me hear
Only what you want me to hear,
Whisper softly to my heart
If you don't I swear I'll fall apart,
Put me together, hold me forever
Don't ever let go
I pray so hard but hardly enough,
So no wonder this is so damn hard!
Be with me now, be inside my heart my head somehow,
Help me walk off this shore, I don't want
To be who I've become anymore

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Smoke Filled Room

Smoke fills the room
As I feel my way through,
Somewhere there's a cry
But it's hidden so well,
Across the room sits a sillohett,
A father holding a guitar,
Off in his own world he sings
Songs about me and the way
Things were supposed to be,
Or so I assume, the words get
Lost in this smoke filled room,
Should I approach him or should
I wait for him to reach to me?
I've been standing here forever
Reminising of what life was like together,
He seems to be fine all alone,
Maybe he's content calling this home,
If I leave now I'm afraid I'll be to soon,
But there's nothign for me in
This smoke filled room

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Tears For A Reason

I've gone through every tear
Looking for a reason for them
being here,
All they tell me is that it's 'cause or me;
I asked them to come
And I've done everything to
Show them the way,

Everytime I hurt you,
Every time I made you cry and
Every night I pushed you aside,
They would all get together and hide

Well, the day came when you walked away
And they decided thy wouldn't stay,
At the sound of the door
They decided they couldn't hide anymore,
They came out of hiding
As fast as they could,
And there on my cheek
Alone they stood,
It took them many days to
Pour out into the open,
And now my cheeks are left soakin'
They come back to visit
every now and then,
And for my heart, they're here to mend
They say they've always been here for me
And in the dark part of my heart
They will always be

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Tell Me

Sittin' here with
The one I love,
She doesn't know it
But she's sent
From above,
So take my hand
Don't let it go,
Come on darlin' lets go,
Hand in hand and
nice and slow,
Tell me everything you want,
Tell me everything you need,
Tell me everything about you,
Tell me those things that I cannot see,
Tears have been rollin' all night long
But we're here today and now there gone

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Time And Tears

Twisting the knife
With every word you speak,
Unlocked from inside
All the secrets you keep,
You have hurt all the ones
You say you loved,
You have turned aside all
The things given to you from above

You lied, cheated and stole,
So much from so many
different people,
no one there to hold you anymore
You have ushered them all out the door,
Second chances have long passed you by
Now all alone you'll sit and cry,
How can this get any worse
you ask yourself,
This pain will surely
Rot you from the inside,
From all the hurt you have delt,
The only cure now is time and tears
To mend the shattered soul
Could take years

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Today's Problem Solver

Lights dim, the war within
and we just closed our eyes
We suffer now, we suffered then
This pain inside kills us over and over
again

So we held on, held our breath
Didn't even breath
We closed our eyes, we didn't peak
We didn't even move

We put the barrel to the brain
Pulled the trigger to numb the pain
Took our pills, washed this all away
Then blamed it on mommy and daddy
For raising us this way

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