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4 Long Years....Almost

Almost 4 long years I've known of your existence But I didn't Get It Didn't get how even though I've never met you Face-to-face In the palm of your hands My heart I wanted to place My love would never be misplaced See for 4 long years I've yearned for you Soul's calling out your name Your presence is a constant stain See every night-I visit you in my dreams And everyday I scheme Figuring out a way to get closer to you I don't care about your titles Educator, Activist, Poet, Soul Writer But they are vital To the world You give so much of yourself To everyone else Just chill for a while and let me give you me It's not concrete But I believe You and I could be For almost 4 long years I've loved you I'm not in love with you But ya still my boo No matter who Is in your life I will-at ya approval-be a silent partner You never see me, or hear me But you take comfort in knowing

I am here if you need me

For almost 4 long years

You've been my muse My inspiration You inspire the words to flow Out of me Onto a page Inspire me to get on a stage And spit a poem About you Yeah you cute But you got substance And that's what keeps me attracted Like a magnet My Brother, My Brother Hope you hear this So you can know I'm serious For almost 4 long years 4 long years, I've been feeling this I want you so bad, it's killing me But I'm sitting here writing this Thinking what life could be If I had "One Wish" It's been 4 long years Almost

A Letter To God

God, Please take this pain from me! Please! I can't think straight I can't think of anything else Just how bad he hurt me How much I gave up I'm coming to the conclusion That maybe I imagined it all That he really didn't love me Maybe the tattoo was more for his benefit than mine Maybe I was stupid to believe that anybody could love me Why did I have visions of us having a beautiful life together? Kids, marriage, happiness Why did he have to come into my life and snatch away from me the last bit of happiness I had left? Just when I started to get some lil' peace Some serenity He comes to hurt me I wish I could be ground level with YOU and The Angels Cuz there is no hurt, no pain there Only beauty, peace, tranquility, happiness Oh Lord! Please take this pain from me! Please help me let go! Let go of the idea of him Let go of the lies he told Let go of the broken promises Please God! Help me flush him out of my system I need you God! More now than ever I need your strength Courage Self-respect To walk away From the deceit From the betrayal From the anger

Please God! Heal my soul My soul is..... My heart.... broken My spirit.... broken My eyes devoid of emotion My life in confusion now 2 years of my life gone Can't get it back Need to have it back How is it that the greatest love I've ever known could break me? How is it that I gave everything I could, only to get nothing? How is it that a person could lie to your face with no remorse? He told me he'd never leave me You heard him He told me he'd always love me You heard him! He told me I was the one he wanted to spend his life with The one he wanted to bear his children You heard him! Why he do that to me? He gave me his word that he'd never hurt me That he'd never cheat That he'd never lie That he'd always treat me like a Queen His Queen Now I don't want to love I don't want to trust I don't want to give I just want to live This pain unbearable Don't know what to do I want to believe that you'll bring him back to me New and Improved Ready to love me right Ready to make up for time lost I want to believe But it seems the more I believe it The more likely it seems, he's never coming back It hurts so bad More so because I wasn't trying to be in love Because I never succeed in love

Never! I'm tired of being alone I'm tired of loving Only to be heart broken in the end God please heal this pain! Please take it away! Please give me the strength to walk away! The strength to let it go! Please give me the courage to say goodbye! Please show me a sign If we are not to be I still believe in my heart that he is my life's mate Am I wrong? Please tell me! Maybe it ain't right now But will it be at all? Please Please Please God Please! Help me let go Of the pain Of the hurt Of the lies Of the deceit Of the idea Of the dreams Of the Of the Please help me let go and let God! God please bring him back to meRight!

Amen,

ME

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A Letter To My Love Angel

You went away Too suddenly You were my earthbound angel But It took me too long to see Too long to realize That you were the apple of my eye You tried to show me Real love But I was too immature to accept it You gave me what I needed But I gave you nothing Treated you like shit Life was truly unfair To both of us It seems when I was ready to love you When I truly understood what that meant I couldn't because you were gone You flew to the sky I know you are in heaven Because you are one of God's Angels You were a beautiful spirit Inside & Out When your mother called and told me I broke down & cried I was so sorry, am so sorry Because I should've been there Should've told you I cared Didn't even find out you were gone until 3 years later Felt something was wrong Instead of being selfish I should've called.

My Angel,

I'm sorry, Wish I could turn back the hands of time Wish I could've loved you the way you deserved I'm sorry you had to go But I know you are getting all the love you need and deserve now I know you are making the Angels laugh and God chuckle No matter what you will always be in my heart I will move on and love again But I will always hold you close to me You will be my love always Sleep well my Angel I can't wait to meet you on The Other Side Until then, know I love you & I'll be thinking of you always

Love, Your love, your friend, Aaliyah aka Nu-Nu

A Poem For Kamal

Damn boo... It's crazy All I do lately Is think of you and wish you were mine Damn you fine I know you don't know my name Like Alicia Keys Make it so I can't breathe Maybe you don't care to know how I feel But this shit is real Heart stops beating every time you're within 2 feet of me Crazy I know, right? But I'm feeling you More than I'm willing to admit I'm lusting for a man who ain't mine Crazy cuz you never gave a hint A thought to think you would be interested My strength tested Cuz from the moment our eyes locked You topped Them all I see myself fallin' But I don't know why I'm all geeked You probably think I'm a freak Not realizing you make me weak But I know we'll never be Half the time you don't even notice me So for now I'll bow out And continue to meet you every night..... In my dreams

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Another Life

*Note to Readers: Now I know half of ya'll, maybe a little over half (LOL), will think I'm nuts once you've read this book. However, this will surely take the cake in your eyes. LOL! This is NOT a poem, more like a short story. It was a dream I had once. Once I read up on it, I heard it was called "Past Life Regression" or something like that, where your subconscious mind causes you to remember significant parts of a or an entire lifetime that you've lived. It was almost like I was watching a movie inside of a "lake" or something of that nature. It was like watching myself but I could still feel everything-the hurt, the pain, and the adrenaline. It was like I could see from behind the eyes of myself (if that makes any sense), like it was present day and I was actually the woman walking. My soul "recognized" many people from that life time as people in my present life too. Kinda weird? Maybe! I believe so. But with my imagination, who knows where this came from? Hope you all enjoy reading this as much as I enjoyed dreaming it, recalling it and later, writing it down. Try to remember your dreams and write them down. You could be recalling a past life....

Peace and all the love in the world,

Aaliyah Santiago-Joseph aka Nu-Nu

Another Life

It was a beautiful day. Sun shining, birds chirping. The type of day that would make you feel at ease. I remember walking through this house (it was huge). It was a beautiful home (put you in the mind of the Johnny Tapia character's home in Bad Boy II-minus the rats-LOL!) . I knew I had to come from some type of wealth because as I walked down the hall, I was greeted by workers (maids, butlers, etc.) and people I assumed to be friends, like I was important. I came upon a room that would classify as a living room according to today's standards. I stopped and spoke to a man who I assumed was my lover or husband because he greeted me with a passionate kiss. We looked into each other's eyes lovingly and smiled. He swatted me on my rear and went back to a man I suspected to be his best friend. They were playing a game that looked quite familiar, like checkers or chess. I walked over to an older woman and gave her a hug (it seems as if she was some type of mother figure) and a kiss on the cheek. We talked for a while at the bar in the living room. We had a couple of drinks. All of a sudden shots rang out. (Now for some reason, although I know I never saw anyone outside of the house, somehow I knew there were or should've been guards outside of and throughout the house.) I thought to myself, 'Where are the guards? They should have been in here by now! ', as I ran behind the bar along with my "mother figure". When the shooting ceased, we emerged from behind the bar to see 2 people dead (my guards). I ran over to my man to see if he was okay. He and his friend said they were okay but a little shaken up. I patted him down to be sure and as I did this someone kicked the door in and several men came into the room with guns drawn. One man in particular, stood out as the leader but I couldn't figure out who he was or what he wanted either. (The funny thing is, my soul "recognized" him but in my "dream", I really felt like I didn't know him but my man did.) He approached me and in a calm voice he told me I had something he wanted. I told him I had no idea what he was talking about. He said, "Yes you do Princess." I looked him in the eye and told him, "No I don't." He stopped caressing my face and slapped me so hard, I fell. I grabbed my face and looked back at him like he had lost his mind. He walked over to my man and looked him in his face and said, "If you value her life and yours, tell me where "it" is." (Two men were holding my man back, by the arms.) My man replied, "I will never tell you anything, so you'll have to kill me but as for her, if you lay a hand on her, I'll come back from the dead and I'll kill you all." The guy just laughed this cynical laugh. (By now I'm up against the bar, holding my face and the "mother figure" was holding me.) His friend was kind of like "just tell'em

man! "He kept shaking his head no. The leader shook his head and whispered, "Kill him." His troops held my man as the leader walked away. He stopped at the door though and said, "Kill Everybody! " He kept walking and walked out of the house and left. It was like once confirmation was given (they had some kind of communication devices) that the leader was safe, they held my beloved and put a gun to his head-I started crying because I knew he was going to die. I told him I loved him and always would. That everything was going to be ok. With tears in his eyes he said, "I love you'-and before the "too" came out, he was gone. I felt my heart breaking in a million and one pieces. Shots rang out and we had to take cover, I had a gun in my leg holster and came out shooting. In the process of the shoot out, everyone (almost) got killed. Most of the outsiders did get killed as well. There was only me and my 'mother figure' left. We were back behind the bar, and she hugged me. She asked me, "Have I ever let you down? " I said, "No." She said, "I won't let anything happen to you-I promise! Let's kill these bastards and get it done already." She reached under the bar and grabbed a box or should I say an arsenal. The box had two machine guns,6 handguns, and 4 smoke bomb/grenade looking things. She threw the smoke bombs in each corner of the room, handed me a machine gun and 3 of the handguns. We crawled around to the front of the bar and started shooting. We used the machine guns first. Once those we exhausted, we used the handguns. It was almost as if we were protected by Angels or someting because we were standing back to back and just kept shooting until we heard nothing but silence (we were never injured). We sat underneath the bar until the smoke cleared. Once it did I walked over to my man and held him. With a guttural sound from deep within my soul, I screamed a piercing scream. Then I cried. I cried and cried until I couldn't anymore. Until the sun arose the very next day.

That's all I remember.....

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Could It Be You?

Could it be you? Could you be one for me? Could you be the one who can fulfill all my needs? Could you be all that I've asked for and more? Could you be God's one true blessing? What he had in store? Could you be? Could it be you?

It's funny how we met and It was unexpected Took you a few days to call me But when you did it didn't take long to see You could be the one for me Maybe we were meant to be I swear I saw you before I even met you In my dreams, Cold Prophetic Live and in living color Wonder if another Can make me feel the way you do? Just hearing your voice Soothes my very being It may sound crazy I'm feeling the title So make me your lady Never do you shady Only love you And treat you like a thoroughbred's supposed to Hold you and caress you Hold you down Rep for the crown Stay true and loyal So come'on papi What you trying to do?

Loving each other won't be easy As long as we stay real, never greasy We'll be good Love the hood in you Love the way you rock them Timb boots Got a big heart Knew from the start Your swagger-so sexy When I look into your eyes-God help me Might make me think some thangs Do some thangs Make ya wanna buy rocks and rings Make me wifey Place no one above me Honor vou Be subservient Never defiant Cuz you deserve all that and more Damn could you be? Find myself thinking of you At my job, at school When I lie at night in bed Fantasies run through my head Wishing you were all mine To the end of time Not in love but I'm loving you Wanna show and prove We can make it do what it do Maybe I can be on ya team Help you get that cream Have you callin' me mami You should make me one Have 2 or 3 of ya youngin's Wonderin' how deep this'll get But the reality is hittin' me Like a ton of bricks You haven't even met me And you're just a fantasy So the question I ask myself is.... Could it be you?

Dreams

Dreams I have dreams I dreams of you and I Dreams of us making time fly Dreams of us making love Dreams of our souls taking flight Dreams of our bodies locked tight Dreams of us dreaming about us and Dreams about the last time we busted Dreams of your beautiful skin Dreams of you being all up in Dreams of hearing you say, "Mi amor, Yo te quierro, Yo te quierro" Dreams of you saying, "This some good ish, yo" Dreams of you making me your wife Dreams of you changing my life Dreams of you making me high Dreams of you taking a shower Dreams of you making me holler My Columbian papi I dream of you If any of my dreams are any clue I want all them muthafuckas to come true Please believe I'd do anything for you God's gifts are truly blessings You are mine, now I ain't stressin' Just waitin' for you to see it too To see me thru the same eyes I see you Until that happens, we'll be doing our thing But only in my.... Dreams

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Freedom

Why do I feel discouraged? Why do I feel like giving up? And hiding in the shadows of my sorrow Nobody's supposed to be here But they are Or should I say were There is a higher power punishing me All I want is the light at the end of the tunnel Show me my purpose and lead me to thee I want LOVE POWER RESPECT REALNESS A FEELING OF COMPLETENESS Something profound What is it? Emptiness Nothing but emptiness I'm blind to seeing Deaf to hearing Unable to walk Unable to talk What is my motivation? Is it you? Is it me? Who and what is my soul's inspiration? Don't nobody hold me Don't nobody kiss me As I walk through darkness Bumping into walls made of stone I know I am lost Can't shake confusion Why am I here? Somebody tell me please Happiness is all I seek Completeness is my #1 goal I promised I would never dance again But what I really meant was I would never feel again Sometimes I look in the mirror

And I wonder if I am really there Help me, I'm crying out I WANT I NEED KNOWLEDGE IS POWER But why is it that I have so much knowledge but no power My mind is gone I can't comprehend There is a stranger trapped in my mind, heart and soul Please release them All I want is freedom To whom it may concern Please set me free!

Let U Go

My momma told me

I gotta get you out of my system

Probably the best wisdom she ever gave me

Gotta let you go

But the pain runs deep

Thought I was wide awake

But I was fast asleep

For 18 months I gave you what you needed

Should've listened to my mama

Should've heeded

Can't believe it

You the one I gave my all

Told me we would never fall

Now you never call

I know it's wrong

But sometimes I like to wish you dead

Cuz I don't want no one to have you at all

Crazy

But I know you never gave a damn about me

How could you have lied so freely?

How could you hate me so much?

Claim you don't

Then how come you can't just pick up the phone

Just check on me

You just too busy doing ya thing

Sent letters to my peoples telling them it's over

I thought I told ya

Don't ever try to play me boo

Cuz you'll come out looking the fool

The only reason I hollered at you is because of my Bro

He was so convinced you was thorough

Now he know better though

All I do is think of you and us

Although I know there's no more us

Feel like 'ringing the alarm'

Ain't trying to fuss

Just gotta move on and

Dust my shoulders off

Get you out my skin

I told you I gotta get you 'Outta My System' Like my homie Bow Wow Damn I thought I would've had your child Your complexion, my smile But since I know we can't be Since my eyes are open and I can see I'm letting you GO! Yeah-Now I'm FINALLY FREE! Peace!

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My Black Man

My Black Man I know times are hard for you I know you got dreams and goals too I know you feel pain but I do too No one truly knows what you go through But I know you've got the blues (Repeat 4x's) My Black Man Its okay cuz mama loves you My Black Man Its okay cuz I love you Your children do too We got ya back when no one else do You're beautiful From the top of your head to the bottom of your feet Your love so sweet Baby no need to run from me I just want to love you tenderly STAND UP KING! Show us the way The path to brighter days You are our souljahs Warriors So fine, you take my breathe away I pray you stay cuz we need you We need you I need you

Your skin, your smile, your eyes, your style, the way you kick game, the way you wild out, your chin, your clothes, your Timbs, your scent, Damn, you drive me wild Ooooh Chile' Ooooh Child Things are gonna get easier Things will get brighter Black Man My Black Man Stop treating "us" bad The women who died to have you Who struggled to take care of you

And your brothers too Love Is me, Love is you Get rid of the anger and let some of it grow in you I love you I love you I love your intelligence Your perseverance To do what you have to, to make it Natural Born Hustler, My Brother Always cool, calm and collected Until someone cross'em, then they be vexed Love the swagger No matter the hood cuz it's all good Pray you stop blaming "the man" for your issues No excuses Cuz he didn't put the gun in your hand Tell you to pull the trigger Didn't tell you to rob the local drug dealer And he didn't tell you to rob the pizza man Can I get a AMEN? Your decisions impact not only your life, but those around you Come'on dude It's like a Domino effect One fall, we all fall We are a family Extended maybe But family, all the same Black Man, Black Man Stand up beside your Black Queen And show us what a man is supposed to be What Black Love really looks like Show our sons what it means to be a King Show our daughters how a King treats his Queen Raise her self-esteem so she can't tolerate BS Shit life is so stressed I just wanna be your safe haven The one you can trust Your Bonnie to your Clyde The one with who you ride Get it together Black Man Love who you are and who we be Let's expand this family tree

I love you Black Man How about loving me?

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Pining Away

The pain I'm feeling now is crazy The day you walked out of my life Could have been maybe, the worst day Now I'm just trying to find my way Can't seem to get through it Can't seem to get over you I'm depressed, I feel stressed Don't have the energy to do anything All I do is sleep Hoping that this is just a dream That you'll come back to me If I did something, I'm sorry I just need you so much I need to know why we weren't strong enough Why we couldn't just hold on to our love No one can take your place Nor erase my love for you You were my best friend So in love with you Couldn't wait to say 'I do' Now I don't wanna go on alone Cold without you Sometimes I wish you and I Could've seen eye to eye Instead of saying our goodbyes Don't know if I'll ever get over you Been pining away now for 8 years Put away all my fears I stood by you You by me Loving you unconditionally I can't speak it anymore Cuz I felt it was real "It" being the "spark" between us and the feelings I had for you Gotta go now Cuz I'm all cried out Just know I love you still But I gotta bounce

UNO!

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Revenge Is Sweet

How can I trust you? I really just wanna bust Ya dumb ass in your face Spray ya ass with mace Like Dawanna did DeDe in 'Next Friday' But that would bring me Down to these young chicks level A hood rat Never that! So I just sit back And wait for you to feel God's wrath See my wrath ain't nothing compared to HIS So I'ma sit back & just wait for the fireworks to begin Cuz TRUST-THEY WILL!!!!!!!!

Sometimes...not....I Wonder...

Sometimes..... I feel like we are soul mates Sometimes not Sometimes I see us happy and in love Sometimes not Sometimes I see us with children Yeah 4 of them mafuckas Sometimes not Sometimes I see our courage, ability to take risks, and ambition coming between us Sometimes not Sometimes I look at your smile and I cry Sometimes I wonder why I'm alone and hurting without you Sometimes I just want a husband-a family to call my own Sometimes I feel as if I'm gonna end up a bitter young woman Sometimes I wonder..... Sometimes I wonder if my moods will push you away If my tears will make you stay If God will make a way Sometimes I feel your presence Sometimes not Sometimes I feel as if no one and nothing can break us Then I wonder if hip-hop can do it The poppin' and lockin' Even a hip-hop plie' got me wondering ... Is our love built on a foundation of principals, morals, and understanding? Is it touched and anointed by God or is it just "there"? A spectacle for all to see? We got some decisions to make Before sometimes becomes always Then us will be no more So let's think, pray, and communicate Let's preserve what we have Let's preserve what's beautiful Let's preserve our love Wake up...Come on lover...

We got work to do!

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The Realization

If loving you is all I have to do I don't wanna do anything else But since I can't love you I ain't doing nothing else The pain won't let me I try day after day To let your essence go But somehow you got a hold On my heart Wishing we could continue where we left off Cuz our love never had a chance to grow I've never felt the things you've made me feel Our connection is one that most people only wish they had Or wish they could ever know The Passion The Intensity The Love It's all there The only thing lacking is commitment On your part, and it's not fair I'd give my whole existence Just to spend one night in your arms But all I can do is watch from afar While you love another Until you see for yourself what you've lost And when you do, I'll be here with open arms.... Waiting

Waiting Just For You (An Ode To Jay)

I can't believe I'm sitting here all alone I keep sitting here by the phone Hoping it will ring All I do is think of you Hoping in my mind that we're not through Wishing we could go back to days when we were in love You used to me feel so special You used send me cards and love letters Now I barely get a phone call I know you're busy and you got 2 jobs But it makes me feel as if I've been robbed Of the sweet, sweet man I fell in love with I'm tired of being dissed All I ever wanted was to be with you To love you even though I've never even met you It doesn't matter to me There is no "I" in team, this is a "we" situation I know you're the one And I know what's done is done But I want; no I need you in my life You are my sunshine You are mine You are so much The only man I want to touch Just can't wait to lay eyes on you Just please tell me we aren't through I can't go through this life without you You are my Latino Papi Chulo And it's like that, you know? I'm trying to take on your last name Make it two strong in the game You're the only man I'm tempted to touch Baby I love you so much Just know that I am not going anywhere And I'll always be here WAITING JUST FOR YOU! !!!

You Are The Man

You mean more to me than you'll ever know More than the moon and stars in the sky I can't wait to look into your eyes and hold you close Hey boo, I feel you Can't wait to speak to you everyday I wanna be with you in everyway We made a vow to take it slow and let it flow Yet when I hear your voice, you're all I know When I hear your voice, I become one with you Your vibe feels like electricity flowing through my veins

Your vibe makes me wanna hold you Your voice engulfs me and envelopes my soul You got me open like a bag of chips And oooh, the way you touch my hips You are a breath of fresh air Don't know what to do You move me and soothe me I love making you laugh I hope this path...of friendship is worth every rule I'm about to break Too much is at stake Just wanna be all you'll ever need Hope that you'll always care and one day you'll fall in love with me

Knowing this is just a dream Makes me wanna scream Driving me crazy Got me calling you my baby You didn't hesitate to give me your number Since then all I can think about is you and me On the beach in the middle of the summer In a matter of minutes I knew But conclusions I didn't wanna jump to I confess to wanting you before I really knew you

Can't take my eyes off you Loving your smile and cocoa butter skin Oooooh, Honey Chile-your complexion I'm loving this "new world" you're showing me Now I "see" how "real" is supposed to be You're a beautiful brotha and "together" We can build a dynasty like no other

Do I want you because you're wonderful, Or are you wonderful because I want you? Are you the sweet invention of a lovers dream, Or are you really as wonderful as you seem?

You Are...to Me...for Me....

Like sugar Like chocolate You are so sweet So sweet to me Like an old man that's blind Or woman who comforts a baby that cries You are kind So kind to me Prayed all my life to find Yes to find someone like to find Tried to ignore it but there are feelings growing in my soul... For you Yes for you, only for you Every time I hear your voice I know to rejoice Cuz you have my heart I never want us to part You are so sweet So sweet to me You are so kind So kind to me Beautiful inside and out I don't have to meet you to know what you're all about You got me hoping for this to last Hoping we can make it past 2 or 3 years Release your fears I will not hurt you Just want to love you Protect you and take care of you in ways only I know how to If it's not too much or no shame Maybe one day I can carry your last name But I don't want to push Cuz you and I are ordinary people We can take it slow I'll be here and just so you know I'll love you til' the end of time, if you let me Let's just be and if it's real Then let's jump in the car and peel

Cuz baby you got that 'Whip Appeal' Just know I'll never cheat, lie, or hurt you Don't matter what them other chicks do I'm down and ONLY FOR YOU! Cuz you are sweet So sweet to me You are kind So kind to me ONLY FOR ME! ! !

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