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A Simple Bye.

When you left in the morning
Why didn't you say that you won't be coming?
When I told you to buy me a gift
Why didn't you say there you won't get

You just walked away
And I wished you a good day
Then you disappeared away

I hate to remember the rest
For my heart has never known a rest
In my life you were the best
But away you went in haste

I wish to smile
But I remember the mile
I wish for laughter
But my teeth clutter

The memories are old
The times too cold
If you were aboard
My hand you would hold
But forever you are gone
As if you never were known
But tomorrow a flower I will buy
And where you lie pass-by
To wish you just a simple bye.
My love, goodbye.

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Another Moment.

In the land where my umbilical cord was buried
In the land where my mother was married
There; my dreams were buried
For in that land
My dreams were killed
By men, pot bellied

Now I am far away from home
Looking for a gem but I get a tomb
That always reminds me of my dreams back home.

A sound of a gun I loathe
And I wont bring myself forth
When I remember the aftermath

Closely on the ground
I lie as hearts pound
But still the memories of home haunt
Yet will never a place like home find
Its yet another moment
For another dream to torment.

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Far Far Away.

The rain and thunder outside
Remind me of her; I beside
When she wanted me outside

I have always hated thunders
For they are her laughs

I have always hated it fall
For its her tears that fall
For on that day when she said in a hurry
And I could see her merry
Nothing in this world to worry
She came to say bye
Before she could fly high
But...
I even do not know how to say
But I will try anyway
She is gone away
Far far away.

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Goodbye.

Yesterday-
Just yesterday-
You said to me
That you were fine
And you helped me dream
About many things that I loved

How should I feel
When everything you kill
With every moment
Of your absence?
For today
Where the beautiful flowers grew
Grows the red soil
And within the earth
You are planted
Hoping that one day
You will grow into green grass
That you will grow into a beautiful flower
And lick the red soil
The blood in my heart-
A wounded heart

Nothing is left
But the memory of you
I cherish every moment
You created in my life
And every laughter we shared
Now has a new meaning.
That life has two sides
For sure I have learnt
Sweet and bitter
Hello and goodbye
I wonder why

I said hello to you
A long time ago
Now I guess
I got to let you go
And allow you
A peaceful sleep
As I say
Goodbye.

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Memories

Like grotesque shadows
These memories are black
The shadows of the times back
The moments we shared back

You were tender
My love
Just everything about you
Is what I called tender
Your smile;
That of a baby-
Innocent.
Your eyes
A blue sheet of love
That could rupture
If not tenderly approached.
Your voice
The melody of our times.
And your flesh, love
I never had enough

How was I to know
That you were not real
But plastic
That you were not tender
But core?
Oh,
I should
I think I was just stupid
Or maybe drunk by your smell
For the first day I knew you
My heart you stole
But this I swear
I didn't know you capable
To throw it to the rocks
Now its in pieces.
You are tender no more
If you ever were
And everything you were

I break them to pieces
Even these memories of you
I'll try,
Though stubborn they are.

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My Hero.

Hold my hand
When you suspect that I will fall
Call me softly
When you sense that I am lost

Teach me the things
You always wish that I knew
Give me time to learn them
For I cant start running right away
I am a child
Understand.

I may do stupid things sometimes
Do not hate me
I will bother you most of the times
Just pretend that you understand
So that I may not feel
That you do not care.
But remind me of who you want
To see me turn into
And you will be my hero.

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One Year

A year I have known you
One year you have gone

You made me gay in that year
But now you've left me here

I always wonder what you do some hours
And just wonder if you remember those that were ours

The times, the plays and laughters
Are now nothing but painful offers

I am now just thinking of the things we used to do
And painfully wonder if the same you do

For a year you were here
But now gone for a year.

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Remember.

Remember the first day
You saw me at the bay
You wanted to sing, jump and play
Clear eyes, a sweet smile; you were gay
That picture has come to me again
But...
Many things are the same no longer
And this I cant stop to ponder
For far away in the land yonder
You cant feel my hunger
You cant hear my heart thunder
You cant see me wander
And always in a wonder
Why today we are asunder.

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Sound Of Goodbye.

The voice is distant
Times are flying away
And eyes-
Too-
Are looking away
And i do not know what to say
Neither knows when you will be back

It may be the truth
Or just a simple lie-
What is carried in this sound
This distant sound
The sound that used to be
Mine-
Ours-
But it sounds to me
A sound of goodbye.

Goodbye, my love
If to go you must.

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Times.

Times
My love
Make me sick
I do not know why

I know I have you-
Forever will
For this
Dear
You have promised me
But the sounds-
The sound of
A crack
Then breaking glass
Shuttering times
Make me shudder

Broken glasses
Broken times
And maybe
Dear
Though not sure
Broken promises-
Broken hearts-
Broken times-
Ugh,
They all hurt.

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Tomorrow

I have always
Wanted to say this
To sing a sweet and special song
To my darling mama
And I have never had a chance
But now
I'll do it
Tomorrow.

Yes
Tomorrow
How I have waited
For this day-
Tomorrow

I'll take a rose
A sweet rose
To her
Oh
The beauty of it-
Tomorrow-
Tickles my heart
And makes me yearn for it
But all these
Everything
Ill have them tomorrow
Oh
Tomorrow
Sweet tomorrow
A special day
Tomorrow

I wait for you
With love in
My heart
And tears in my eyes-
Tomorrow.

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