

Poetry Series

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Married to Maureen 1967, We have four children 2 daughters and 2 sons. Have 9 granddaughters and 1 grandson.

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Conclusion's made in haste
Truthfulness laid to waste
No foundation for such acts
Knowingly ignoring facts
Media rules over the globe
Telling untruths we all know
Power greed money controls
Our own fault we are told

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2016

2016 is fast approaching
What's before us is unclear
Celebrations ahead of schedule
As we head to an other year
Men and Women rebelled and died
So we would have our freedom
To free Ireland of a foreign force
The might of the United Kingdom
Men who signed the treaty
Thought they achieved democracy
Successive governments from that time
Destroyed what had been achieved
Again our democracy is abandoned
Now ruled by European Union

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A Troubled Mind

A troubled man
A troubled mind
No end in sight
No end to fear
Meds not working
He's all alone
Friends long gone
No family around
He see's no light
To guide him
He see's no path
To take him back
Fear has a iron grip
Only one way out
A troubled man
A troubled mind

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A.

A life she lived
A life she lost
A beautiful smile
A broken heart

A soul so pure
A love so rare
A friendly face
A cheeky grin
A beautiful nature
A flawless skin

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Abuser

Behind doors no one knows
The plight families suffer
Some beaten into submission
By hands of an cruel abuser

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Alone

Growing old was once honourable
Today its just plain horrible
Once you aged with dignity
Today its just plain misery
Once considered man of the house
Today its just get them out
People have no sense of duty
To love or honour their elderly
Family can be the worse of all
Neither visit neither call
For us the welcome mat is gone
You hear them say we pong
Sitting in what once was home
Some times hungry most times alone
Visits from loved ones is all we crave
While alive and not in a grave

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Alone I Stand

Alone I stand before thee Lord
Remorseful for my wrong deeds
I choose to ignore your word
Now iam begging for my soul

You came down from heaven
Sent here by your Father
To save us from the dark side
To forgive us of our sins

You came as our redeemer
Ten commandments bestowed upon us
But I was one who didn't listen
I walk on my path to evil

Your light has found a way in
It Reached inside my soul
Forgive me Lord for my evil deeds
Grant forgiveness of my soul

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Alzheimer's

I sit beside her
As I do every day
I speak as usual
She stares away

I show her photos
As I do every day
Shows no recognition
What else can I say

I tell her stories
As I do every day
Shows no understanding
Sad to see her this way

She's lost in a world
No one can explain
Watching her fading
I suppress my pain

She does not know me
No glimmer of hope
She shows no emotions
I feel I can not cope

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An Alcoholic

Funny the way things turn out
Where had your dreams got lost
You had your life before you
Knowing now this is your lot
Aspirations you had many
Though you knew what lied ahead
Life had many twists and turns
Its here you made your bed
Working in a dead beat job
Your future gone astray
Choices you made in life
You rue them everyday
Your dreams slowly faded
Aspirations out the door
Taking that first drink
My life ruined for evermore

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Anguish

He held her tightly in his arms
Soon he would have to say goodbye
A doctor came and said its time
It was then the tears filled his eyes

Both families went in two by two
To say goodbye in their own way
Comforting one another also
None will forget what happened today

A girl so young and full of life
So cruelly taken away from us
Leaving behind her a newborn child
A child who will never know her mother

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Anywhere City

My city my home by the lee
Its a sight for all to be seen
Has been my home for 70 years
A home I once held so dear

Now we have drugs
Gangs of young thugs
Young lives snuffed out
Because of these louts

Dreams gone up in smoke
To some its all a big joke
At night out everywhere
Selling their wares

Political will lacking
To stop this trafficking
Some will have to cry stop
Destroying my city with pot

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Austerity

The country is out of recession
Our leaders would have us believe
The homeless are filling our streets
And some sleeping rough in the fields

They tell us our debt has improved
Unemployment almost a thing of the past
Dole queues by the day are shorter
But the figurers are not adding up

Ministers blowing their trumpets
Spinning us lies most everyday
The elderly the sick and the family
Suffered most by cruel austerity

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Babysitting

Babysitting my grandson
Watching a Disney movie
Chilling out together
Just like two old fogies
Bottle of juice in one hand
Tub of popcorn in the other
Couple of burgers in the oven
Now this is what I call Heaven
he's my one and only grandson
To young really to have a chat
Laughing along at the cartoon
Together on the soft soft mat

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Ballybunnion Our Benidorm

The Towers in BallyBunnion
For a few weeks our Benidorm
Where the crack is mighty
Their are all up to ninety

Reserved for a great bunch of people
Unsung hero's of our health system
They care for their love ones daily
Need this break to recharge batteries

Met at the door by Margaret
A kinder Kerry lass you wont find
Welcomed there with opened arms
There you leave your troubles behind

Catch up with old friends
Some shed a few tears
Make a few new friends
You have them for years

The staff treat you like royalty
Making your stay one to remember
The entertainment they put on
Helps us to join in the sing along

The carers have one thing in common
That binds them together there on
They care for their love ones daily
Not thinking of their own well being

So role on BallyBunnion this May
You can be sure we'll enjoy our break
No one deserves it more then carers
To unwind enjoy and have fun

Thank you all involved in BallyBunnion
For turning it in to our Benidorm
You went up and beyond your remit
We carers agree that ye nailed it

THANK YOU ALL

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Behind Her Smile

No one sees the sadness
Behind her smiling face
No one sees the wounds
She hastily covers up

To admit the beatings
Was to admit she failed
Brainwashed so much
It was all her fault

No friends to talk to
They stopped calling by
Most knew what was happening
But just turned a blind eye

She puts up with the beatings
She was afraid to speak out
She thought no one would listen
Ashamed to let people know

Those friends who looked on
And knowing the truth
Are as guilty as the bully
Who caused all this misery

Stand up to the bully
And they will back down
A bully is a coward
Controlling but weak

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Bird Of Prey

A bird of prey
Circling around
High in the sky
Eyes on the ground

Once prey detected
A silent swoop
An amazing sight
Its prey it scoops

Back to the nest
Hungry chicks await
Hungrily they feed
First of the day

Soon their ready
To take to the sky
Like their parents
Become birds of prey

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Birds

Which ever way I look
Which ever way I stare
Every thing looks so different
Every thing looks so clear

Looking from my window
At the garden down below
A carpet forming on the ground
With leafs of rustic brown

I place feeders on the trees for birds
Not forgetting our feathered friends
Who gave such joy to all of us
Little tits and the wrens

Finches of different colours
Taking turns as they feed
Magpies trying to mussel in
Getting nowhere with their greed

Robins with their bright red breast
chirping by the door
Blackbirds thrushes and the odd tomcat
Free of charge putting on a show

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Black Hole

The darkness is coming back
Like a black hole in the sky
Not sure if I want to carry on
Or just lay down and die

Life has thrown up struggles
Don't know how to turn too
Getting way on top of me
Don't know just what to do

I know there is help out there
If only I could focus my mind
This moment I don't know where
Soon with help I hope to find

This is a horrible feeling
I've been through this before
Depression is my darkness
Guaranteed not my friend

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Breaking Up

My love for you is fading fast
Your betrayal I can not forgive
My love for you was steadfast
Until you broke my heart
People say it was a once off
And that I should forgive her
The trust I had for her is gone
Her betrayal has left me numb
No one knows how I feel
I dare say no one cares
Although we still live together
We pass one another on the stairs
No words have passed between us
Since that almighty row
Its only a matter of time
We'll go our separate ways

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Brightness

Feeling very strange this morning
The darkness is getting brighter
See light at the end of the tunnel
Where a black hole existed before

A friend has helped me no end
I know I can rant and rave at
She takes it all in her stride
She holds me tight when I cry

I feel God has me in his heart
Knowing how much I suffered
I felt him hold my hand and say
You will feel no hurt today

His presence has lifted my spirits
I feel my life is back on track
I also know that forever more
Jesus will stay close to my heart

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Broken Heart

Alone among the presents
Stood a broken hearted father
He faced a lonely Christmas
Trying to keep it all together

A Christmas like no other
Brought misery to his door
Two police men had bad news
He collapsed to the floor

His partner and his daughter
Killed in a hit and run
The driver when arrested
Was discovered to be drunk

What should have been a festive day
Was one of sorrow and disarray
Two lives were taken from his side
By a driver to drunk to drive

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Bugs Life

Am feeling very lonely
stuck here on my own
Seeing at depression
And how it takes hold

Restriction on visitors
To see how I am doing
All because of a bug
Hospital in lockdown

A week has passed
Since I saw my wife
Not good for my recovery
I can imagine how she feels

Staff here comes as they pleased
What precaution they take or do
At least they see their families
Before going and after work

The amount of elderly patients
Stuck within those walls
That one time protected us
Now they act as prison bars

Their trying to segregate patients
Keeping the healthy and weak apart
Making sure not to pass the bug
Future down the wards

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Burden

As dusk began to fall
The loneliness begin
Another night alone
Slowly going insane
Cast aside by society
Does anybody care
No one will speak up
Nothing but despair
Once age was honourable
Now seen as a burden
No callers no visitors
Not even your children

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Captains Pet

the Captain said I had to move
To make more room for the crew
He moved me to the upper deck
Watch by gulls with long necks
The Captain bought me I was small
Now much bigger no use at all
My colours were what attracted him
Red Brown multi coloured skin
A pinch of food that's all it takes
To keep me happy through out the day
Spend my days going round and round
Colour pebbles scattered round
Sunken galleon upon them stand
A fish a friend to have at hand

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Caring Love

I call around each morning
As I have done for many years
To help you wash and clean yourself
And assist you wash the ware

It started out as a job to help and care for you
But when I see your smiling face it makes it all worth while
To know I have made a difference
When I see that welcoming smile

In all the years I cared for you
Its become more then just a job
We sit and chat or read a book
And see how happy that you look

I can see how frail your getting that dreadful day draws near
I would gladly change places just to ease your fear
Until such time that day arrives we will soldier on
Together and forever our love will be as one

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Chains Of Fear

Today I take my life back
Free from the chains of fear
No more Punch's no more slaps
Standing firm no turning back
Brain washed I was ugly
I believed it was my fault
Unable to fight my corner
Violence not my nature
Every day the same routine
Argue from early morning
Not wanting to control the anger
Preferring just to hurt me
Brought up to respect women
Treat them like a princess
So unprepared for this duress
Became a battered husband

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Christmas Day

Christmas morning had arrived
Children were up at dawn
Excitement filled the house hold
Not sure if Santy came or not
All were shouting Mam and Dad
Unlock the sitting room door
So we can all go in
Finally the door was opened
The children all ran in
The look of joy upon their faces
When they saw the Christmas Tree
Santy had not forgotten the
Their presents stacked nice and neat
They sat with Mam and Dad
On the sitting room floor
Opening up their parcels
Their faces were all aglow
Kisses were flowing freely
Happy Christmas every one
They shouted with delight

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Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve in the household
The children had their baths
Thoughts are all about Santy
Hoping he won't forget to call
Excitement is at fever pitch
About what they hope to get
One wants a talking doll
While an other a painting set
The youngest wants Postman Pat
The eldest wants an Ipad
Time for children to go to bed
Still talking about Santa Clause
Soon they close their eyes and sleep
Happy Christmas one and all

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Christmas Time

Christmas time is here again
Excitement in the house hold
Letters to Santa already sent
Telling him they are not bold
Its a time of great rejoicing
Pantomimes for all the families
Nativity plays in the schools
Watched by mummies and daddies
Its also a time of loneliness
For people young and old
No family around to visit
No friends just to say hello

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Copd

Each morning is bonus if I awake from my sleep
You see I am a sufferer of C.O.P.D.
An illness of the lungs that can affect most anyone
No matter rich or poor weak or strong

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Copd [2]

COPD is a illness
A warning please heed
A illness of the lungs
Bottled oxygen you'll need

Ways of life change for ever
Things you did, can not do
Infections second nature
Hospitals your second home

Age groups are not exempt
Smokers are first in line
Think your hurting no one
I though the very same

I was once a smoker too
I'am in a wheelchair now
Families suffer much as me
Because I did not heed

My advice to you is simple
Give up those cigarettes today
Or you will end up just like me
A chronic sufferer of COPD

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Copd [3]

Since I became a member
Of a COPD site
I was shocked to discover
Millions just like me

Some not quite as bad as me
Lots worse I could see
A few things we had in common
The main one cigarettes

Most of us gave them up
Alas it was too late
Already contacted COPD
We dug an early grave

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Darkness

Dark nights creeping on us
Like the tide coming in
Nocturnal creatures venture out
Where we humans fear to go
Something about the darkness
Elderly lock their doors
Forget about evening walks
Afraid as to what they meet
Night sounds can be frightening
Youngsters playing pranks
Like playing runaway knock
Things we did our self's

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Deafness

Stop look around you and listen
For sounds not heard in awhile
The fast lane you live in
You forgot how to listen

The sound from the bee hive
As bees make its honey
The bird in the nest
As she welcomes her chicks

The snail on the trees
Chewing at leafs
The butterfly flutters
From flower to flower

The sights all around you
Are there to behold
Not to be shut from your life
So stop look around you and listen

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Defenders

We have come to take for granted
The wars around the globe
Where there our uniform soldiers
Men and women lose their lives

They fight the unknown enemy
Following orders as trained to do
No matter if the cause was right
No matter if it was wrong

Most will return home
When their tour of duty ends
Hugging kissing loved ones
Thanking God they survived

The soldiers who do not make it
Are considered casualties of war
They died not for their country
But in someone else's war

Our soldiers were sent out there
To protect people under threat
But we took it all for granted
Which is sad but very true

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Demons

I am haunted by my demons
Every night I lay awake
I am haunted by my demons
Every night I pray and pray
My past has resurrected
Now I must pay my dues
My past has resurrected
It is long, long over due

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Dictator

Dictatorship reign
Political distain
Transparency lost
Democracy the cost
Tyranny curse
Peace has died
Enemy within
Deaths mounting
Borders closed
Checkpoints abound
Citizens leaving
Little belongings
Homeland behind
Children hungry
Cities destroyed
Communities ruined

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Division

A river divides its people
All bridges long destroyed
Where once they were comrades
Distrust weights heavily on them

War broke out between them
Started by a tyrant lord
By force he took the land
He ruled with an iron hand

Peaceful people forced to fight
To defend their rights and land
Against this tyrant leader
Fought him man for man

They kept him on the other side
Posted guards along the river bank
They kept the enemy force at bay
For peace on their side come what may

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Dometic Abuse

Across the bed she laid there
As he continued to beat her
Terrorised her every night
Tears gushed from her eyes

She spoke with a quiver in her voice
Careful not to make further noise
She submitted to his advances
Her confidence at its lowest

Satisfied an other dig
Turn over and fell asleep
Left her shaking in the bed
As silently she wept

He made her feel rejected
Ashamed to venture out
Not to let the neighbours see
Her batter black and blue eyes

Friends no longer visit
No one there to help her
No one stood by her side
To stop further beatings

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Dusk

Sitting in my relaxing chair
One evening after a hard day
Shadows moving over rooftops
The sun shinning its last few rays

Starlings amass in their hundreds
For a display of aerial manoeuvres
Wondering how they don't collide
As they skirt along the evening sky

Listening to the last round up
Of the chirping of the swallows
Flying from tree top to tree top
Soon the chirping sounds hollow

Moths rise in their thousands
Around the freshly cut lawns
The first bats make an appearance
They will feast away till dawn

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Dyslexic

I am not an educated person
People called me a wally
All word pronunciations
Became very hard for me
Looking back to my schooldays
Even reading was a chore
Some words made no sense to me
Seeing ones that were not there
Did not finish my education
This caused another situation
Found the strain away to difficult
No one knew what the heck was wrong
I think I've solve the problem
Why try be someone that Iam not
I worked hard to make a living
I don't think I did to bad

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Election Time

This is the month for elections
When we will get to cast our vote
This government has run its course
So Ministers please take note
Five years ye spent in government
Squandered billions like confetti
Austerity ye imposed on the poor
Ye sold out our very democracy
Ye heaped misery on the vulnerable
Ye stole what dignity they had
Ye have us believe things are good
Believe us Ministers its just as bad
Ye made promises to get elected
Of which not one of them was kept
Ye proved ye were not fit to govern
In government for sure ye were inept
Two parties formed this government
In reality it was hard to believe
Quangos and cronyism for the boy's
Increased twofold for all to see

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Emigration

Looking into weeping eyes
As I hug and said goodbye
I'am off across the water
No work for me this side
Despite hearing of recoveries
Of unemployment numbers down
Figures just don't add up
Austerity still all around
As I leave my wife behind me
Its certainly not by choice
She stays to care for our kids
For awhile ill missed their smiles
Praying this slump won't last for long
And I can return home to them for good
Greed and corruption caused austerity
Caused the break up of the family home

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Excitement

Mommy baby is born
Come and see him Mommy
Look he's in the crib
Mommy oh he's lovely
What's his name
Did Santa bring him
Is that his Mommy
Is that his Daddy
Kneeling by him
Mommy see the lamb
There beside them
See the Angel Mommy
Over the baby's head

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Extinction

Walking around the zoological gardens
A beautiful collection of animals
Scattered around are breeding dens
For animals under threat of extinction

Breeding enclosure's are necessary
In the wild their hunted excessively
Hunters know by their actions
That specie's face extinction

The Tigers are just one of many
Three breeds already lost
Hunting and erosion of habitats
The cause of ongoing tragedies

The Cheetah, the Lion the Mountain Gorilla
The Panda, the Polar bear the Artic Fox
The leopard, the Snow Leopard
In the wild beautiful to see

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Fairy Fort

A fairy fort is a magical place
Interfere with one at your peril
Guardians will curse those who do
Bad luck will always follow you

Fairies are beautiful being's
Very mysterious in their ways
With wings of many colours
fluttering around the flowers

Adults see only butterflies
As they stroll around a fort
Children see the fairies
As they prance among the daisies

Fairies accept the children
In their presence they feel safe
They allow them inside to play
Children know its a magical place

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Faith

I seldom sit alone at night
Someone always with me there
Someone very close to me
A friend in my hour of need

He'll come if you need him
Just pray and he will come
Jesus will not turn you away
As long as you have faith

We betrayed him on Calvary
Yet forgiveness he passed on
He knows all our failings
Yet no one saw his feelings

Have a little faith my friend
He will become your friend to
Call him when you need him
He will come trust him

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Faith Healer

She placed her hands upon me
Closing her eyes knelt down
Praying Jesus would protect me
I felt his graces all around
From the darkest hole
To the brightest light
Power flowing through her hands
As quietly she prayed over me
Felt my body shutter
Healing through my body
A feeling like no other
Healing hands upon me

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Farewell

Its hard to say goodbye my friend
In time someday we'll meet again
As you sail the clouds in the sky
It's hard for me not to cry
When you reach the pearly gates
You'll find them opened wide
Standing there with opened arms
welcoming you inside
You will bypass all protocols
An angel you soon will be
God knows he took the best
Ahead of all the rest
So until we meet again
Farewell to you my friend

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Fathers Day

Another year has passed Dad
Another fathers day is here
I wish you were here today Dad
Our house feels empty and bare
If only I could see you Dad
Just to talk for a little while
I would wish you happy fathers day
Like I did in these years gone by
You were one in a million Dad
You were treasured every day
Happy fathers day Dad
Until we meet again

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Fear

I though I knew what fear was
As most of us think we do
No one even thinks of it
Until it comes and faces you
As we sat waiting for the doctor
I saw this fear in her eyes
He came and gave her, her results
I tried to assured her she'll fine
Hard as I tried to help her
This fear would not leave
I would take it from her
Help her to some relief

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Feel His Presence

To feel his presence
Makes you feel peace
To feel his presence
Makes you feel love

When you need Jesus
Just kneel and pray
Ask him for mercy
And pray every day

No favour to big
No favour to small
Believe in Jesus
He's there for us all

Just feel his presence
He's all around you
Offering friendship
Peace love forgiveness

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Financial Leaders

Financial leaders
Have no shame
Austerity to all
With money games
Created anarchy
Breed terrorist
With their greed
Their own interest
Corrupt officials
Ruining nations
Power rules
Their intensions
Faceless humans
Spreading evil
Weakness dies
Strength prevails
More Gandhi's needed
Peaceful resistance
Mandela's also
Be persistence
Rid this scum
From within
Financial leaders
Have no shame

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First Love

Since you went away
Years have passed by
No tears have I left
Since you left my side

Remembering that day
My heart aches with pains
As I look at your photo
In a gold colour frame

My world fell apart
When they said you were gone
My father beside me
Saying I had to be strong

By the graveside that morning
As I cried my last goodbye
Knowing god has you above
Goodby mum my first love

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Forgetful

My mind i'am slowly losing
My brain is going off track
I want my wife to know today
While my memory is still intact

Without you I would be long gone
You filled me with your love
Things you did and do for me
Are way and beyond above

Remembering when I first met you
More then fifty years ago
My love for you is not the same
Its more and more and more

The day I asked you for your hand
While on my bended knee
Caught you off guard I did
But you said yes and then a kiss

A lot has happened since that day
Thank God together we did stay
We enjoyed the good times
Took bad times in our strides

I choose today to tell you
before my memory fades away
My love for you has never waned
Since the day you took my name
I LOVE YOU

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Forsaken

God has not forsaken us
In our hour of need
Evil is trying to take a hold
Yet evil will not succeed
Committed by faceless men
assisted by women to
No one knows where or when
It strikes from deep within
The day draws near
And all will hear
God will make it known
He will not abandon us
In our of need

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Friend

My friend introduced me to poetry
Now I sit and write poems as a hobby
Some are good some are bad
Bare with me you maybe glad

Nature birds and friendship
Illness love and sadness
Are points of interest in my life
To share between you and I

When once illness ruled me
Until friendship made a stand
And pushed the sadness from me
Replaced by a loving hand

Nature found an entrance
To get inside my mind
To reach the source of all my ills
In my head it made me blind

Birds are an other story
Maybe ill write a play
Thank you if you had faith in me
I hope I made your day

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Garden Birds

The wild birds in the garden
Are a welcome sight
Flying from feeder to feeder
Is a bird watchers delight
The Goldfinch with a red face
Yellow streaks going through its wings
The Bullfinch with its black head
Proudly showing off its red breast
The Blackbird bopping up and down
Its yellow beak white circled eyes
The Rock Dove and the Wood Pigeon
Know the difference know your birds
The Thrush Nightingale with its melodies
With its white and brown spotted breast
Remember in this cold weather
They need a helping hand
Fill your feeders daily
Let them know you care

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Girl Bully

What does one do to get notice
My friends keep passing me by
Explanations were not forthcoming
So I ask some the reason why

Taken back by most of their answers
I could hardly keep in the tears
Thinking at first they were joking
Soon all I could do was stare

I though I was leader of the gang
Not realising thats how they saw me
I though I was one of the girls
But informed I had turned into a bully

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Girlfriend

I am a married man with a girl friend too
She is not my mistress nor is she my lover
My friends say its wrong but ive done nothing wrong
My wife says no worries its her who I married
Shes your friend so you carry on

We kiss and hug when we meet
Like brothers or sisters on the street
We laugh and we chatter like all friends do
So its wrong to think of her like you

We met while holidaying last year
It was clear she needed an ear
So we sat down to chat
Came friends after that
And now to everyone its clear

Just because your friend is a she
Doesn't mean you have to cheat
If you find one like her don't let her slip by
because true friends are hard to find

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Gods Dove

Above, above soared a dove
Pure white as white can be
Beside the rambling brook
He lands so close to me

Loudly the brook flows
We sit there in silence
Felt an inner peace within
Knew I was in an presence

Dove wings began to flutter
Just as if to let me know
God is here beside us
Its not your time to go

Your work here is not finished
Return home fulfil your destiny
God will stay close beside you
To guide you on your quest

No words between us were spoken
Yet somehow I could understand
The dove of peace instilled in me
As he flew off above the land

My fight for life was ebbing
My little dove restored my faith
God has given me a lease of life
Where once I only saw death

Have faith in Jesus
Have faith in faith
Love your Jesus
Love your faith

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Gods Forgiveness

My friend he called around today
His presence fills me with joy
We hardly speak when we meet up
Our thoughts just intertwine
At times I feel his sorrow
The burden he carried on his back
A lady once tried to help him carry
She nearly joined on the cross
When I feel his happiness then
His love shines everywhere
He is letting the world know
My forgiveness he casts on us

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Good Bye

His health was fast deteriorating
His family were called to his side
The pastor administered counselling
While they waited and they cried
A hard working man all his life
Suddenly stricken in his prime
He told of chest pains to his wife
Too late there was not much time
Two days later on life support
His family could not understand
How their young and healthy father
Could fade away they held his hands

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Goodby

I called around just to say hello
But god had called her she had to go
A though a prayer while at her side
My friend had passed without saying goodbye

Thinking back when we were young
Of happy days together
The games we played the fun we had
As I laid down and cried beside her

Life has no meaning since you went away
My heart still breaks everyday
Was our friendship such a lie
You had to leave without saying goodbye

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Grandchildren Nicknames

First granddaughter I shall call T. nicknamed her Doll
My second one I shall call D. nicknamed her Daisy
My third one I shall call S. nicknamed her Freedom
My fourth one I shall call C. nicknamed her Baby
My fifth one I shall call S. nicknamed her Tulip
My sixth I shall call L. nicknamed her Precious
My seventh I shall call A. nicknamed her Ally
My eight I shall call K. nicknamed her Blondie
My ninth I shall call N. nicknamed her Beauty
My tenth I shall call L. nicknamed him Buddy
These are my grandchildren 9 girls and a boy
Remembering the day when each one was born
With each one I cried and gave them a kiss
Put the mark of a cross on their little forehead
To those who might read my little story
Be proud feel blessed for your grandchildren
I LOVE THEM ALL

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Grandson

Our little grandson who is almost four
For devilment he knows no bounds
A rogue if you ever met one
In the house as he plays around

He has a form of autism
Non verbal until he was three
He started school three months back
The difference is for all to see

He tries his best to communicate
Slowly but surely hes getting there
The first time he called me granddad
My eyes filled up with tears

A boy a lad and my buddy
He is a very special child
His mum and dad adore him
His grandmother's pride and joy

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Grandson [2]

Today is a very special day
As a boy take's centre spot
My grandson who is four today
In school he's at the top
You see he's on the spectrum
Creating milestones every day
I'am so very proud of him
As is his grandmother to

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Grandson [3]

My little buddy is coming on
Creating milestones every day
To know him is to love him
He has come on a long, long way

Determination to get on in life
He's still in infant school
He's not to be underestimated
For sure he'll be nobody's fool

He has a long road ahead of him
Fantastic people have his back
Parents, teachers schoolmates too
Want of trying he will not lack

A loveable rogue a beautiful kid
My grandson I call my buddy

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Greed

I find it impossible to understand
How greed and power destroy nations
How its left carry on unabated
People power has to call a halt
The media owned by multinationals
Feed us with what we want to hear
Oil companies don't want competition
Going green is not to them an option
In Ireland a government was defeated
For trying to privatise their water
People there fighting the big boys
Setting an example all over Europe

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Guardian Angel

A visit from a stranger
He seemed to know me well
I have a message concerning you
May I come in and I will tell

We sat down by the fireside
When he began to speak
And for some unknown reason
I felt quite upbeat

I am your guardian angel
Come to take you by the hand
Your going to meet our saviour
Leave behind this land

You've grown tired and weary
The love of God you always bore
Now is the time for you to sleep
Your pain will be no more
Jesus Christ has called you
To hold forever in his keep

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Guidance

I know at times I don't understand
My existence here on earth
What God has in store for me
I don't know where I stand

I pray to him for guidance
To him I kneel before
Not because I fear him
Its because I love him so

He lets me know what's right or wrong
He leads me on a righteous path
Of that there's is no doubt
My faith in him is so strong

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Heartless

I approached him with caution
The poor little mite
Chained to a railing
Along way out of sight
He cowered as I neared him
He looked all skin and bone
Someone heartless left him
Rather than take him home
Intentions were to let him there
Hoping he would not be found
Not caring for his welfare
Could have put him in a pound
I almost went and passed him
Until I heard him whine
A pitiful sight before me
Tears flowed from my eyes
I broke the chain that bound him
Lifted him up into my arms
His tortured eyes look at me
Unsure would I do him more harm
He's on the road to recovery
Since that fateful day
He is now my constant companion
My dog Lucky my best friend

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Heros Past

For those who dared to rebel
Many a tear has been shed
Executed behind prison walls
Our leaders long laid dead
Men and women who fought and died
To free this country from tyranny
Will forever be in our hearts
To give us all our democracy
The signatories of our proclamation
Faced the might of our sworn enemy
To a man they stood their ground
Out gunned by their artillery

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Home For Christmas

Airports, Ferries are filling up
Christmas time draws near
Excitement fill the terminals
With people of good cheer

Emigrants returning home
Some from far off shores
To see again their loved ones
Share Christmas time once more

Fathers Mothers Sons and Daughters
Soon fill the air with laughter
Embracing happy families
Tears of joy flow freely

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Homeless

Life can be a struggle
For those who are in need
Trapped in a concrete jungle
To begging on the street
Lots of them are homeless
For one reason or an other
Use cardboard boxes for their beds
Where they lay down their wary head
They are the forgotten people
Some down on their luck
People pass them by each day
Pretending not to look
Next time if you see one
Give them a bob or two
Thank the Lord above
Its them and not you

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Hopeless

I returned to the institution
Its a second home to me
To be treated for depression
Or so i believed

Nothing much has changed there
The treatment as before
I'am still just a number
No one seems to care

With their pills they subdued me
Behind closed doors they put me
To me no one seems to care
A junky I soon will be

Still not getting answers
As to why I feel this way
No one here cares to much
They've seen it all before

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Humorous

This evening I was in for a shock
A nurse came to work in a frock
With a mischievous glint in her eye
I taugt I was in for a surprise

But boy was I never more wrong
She glared at me excessively long
She said I hope that your happy
I must have looked extremely worried

A computer she took from a case
Before me a cold misty haze
Then she said with a grin
Just for laughs I'am going to log in

Not sure as to what was going on
I asked what was this all about
Unprepared for what happened next
As she proceeded to read out a text

Things fell into place quite quickly
The situation getting rather tricky
When she mentioned poem hunter site
Seems we are both members you and I

'Just for laughs' was the title I choose
For a poem I put up on the site
But I know I should have known better
For me its going to be a long, long night

Making fun of the nurses can be fatal
For when they give out the meds.
You'll be thinking all evening
The times you had to get out of bed

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Infidelity

As I rounded the corner
Our bedroom lights were on
My partner was not alone
I was not expected home
Silently I let myself in
And quietly crept upstairs
Not to sure what to find
Unable to keep an open mind
Voices from the bedroom
My temper began to boil
I barged into our room
Scared them half to death
I feel so broken hearted
Betrayed by the one I loved
Trust in love is gone for good
Alone ill stay forever more

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Ireland

Come on over to Ireland
See the forty shades of green
See our mountains and our valleys
See our forest and our lakes
See our beautiful golden beaches
See our rivers still running free
See our different cultures
See our world famous Dublin Zoo
See our fota Wild Park in Cork
See our famous Blarney Stone
See our book of Kells in Tara
See our Mountains of Mourne
See our fishing ports
See our Cities big and small
See our towns and villages
See our thousands welcomes
Come on over to Ireland

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Isolation And Alone

In isolation waiting
Fretting as I wait
Not good news iam afraid
Bad news the doctor says
Talking to my sibling
as if I wasn't there
Get his house in order
While he's still here
Am I hearing right
Or is this a dream
Inconsiderate timing
What do they mean
In a coma since the day
Cannot really communicate
He's still my husband
I heard my wife say
His heart still beating
He's breathing on his own
So back off from him
Soon I will take him home
Because his eyes are closed
And he cannot communicate
He's not ready to go
To the Pearly Gates

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Joy Of Christmas

Christmas morning has arrived
Grandchildren on their way
Can't wait to see their faces
When they call this special day

Spent hours Christmas wrapping
Placed them neatly by the tree
But just like every other year
Opened before you count to three

When you see their smiling faces
As they gather around the tree
The months it took preparing
Made it all worth while

To have your family around you
On this most special day
Reminds us of the gift of life
Christ is here to stay

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Just For Laughs

I was admitted to hospital recently
Got a shock would put it mildly
It was years since last I was there
And the changes were a shock to my system

Where you once looked forward to nurses
Giving your meds wearing very short dresses
Some would bend down up come the dress
Well me been a man yes you gusted

Where once nurses were big chested
Now most are just plain Janes
Patients looked forward to been treated
It now feels your locked up in jail

At that time no need for page 3 girls
If so would never be a shortage
Just go to any ward and your eyes would pop out
Seeing nurses showing off their cleavage

I'am sure their were under instruction
To tease men so they would recover faster
But the opposite was true if docs only knew
Our temperature kept rising a lot higher

I penned this for fun not to offend anyone
But to bring a smile to those who read this
So head off now and have a good day
Iam in a hurry to get back to my nurses

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

King Brian

Come over here and listen
A story to you i'll tell
A story of King Brian
King of the Leprechauns
A right little bugger
Your ever likely to meet
He loves his Irish Whiskey
His jigs and his reels
He guards his crock of gold
Stays out of sight by day
At night inside his fairy fort
He sings and dance away
They say at the end of a rainbow
You'll find his crock of gold
But no one has ever found it
At least i've never heard told
Somehow its only children
Who see and speaks to him
It seems King Brian only trust
The imagination of a child

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

King Of Kings

A child is born
A welcome birth
A future King
To save the earth

A mother informed
Of this special gift
Attended by Angels
With the Holy Spirit

No rooms available
An expecting mother
Took refuge in a stable
A birth like no other

No fanfare preceded
Few in the know
Sent by his Father
Jesus was born

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Limirick

There was an old man
From Timbuktu
Didn'T know what to do
He shaved his cat
Fell on the mat
Now has a sore ass
He went to the doctor
See what he could order
The doctor turned him away
That poor little cat
You shouldn't have shaved
You fell on the mat
Now you have a sore ass
Somehow you made my day
He went out the door
Cursing his luck
Meeting a doctor
Having an off day
Heading back home
To Timbuktu
Should have told him
It was a ratcoon

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Limirick [2]

Me name is Fighting n
A warty old leprechaun am I
No wishes me grant ye
Me has a shillelagh
Me pot of gold
I can tell ye
Stays in me potsy
Me take none of yere Blarney

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Limirick [3]

Iam Stumpy Mc. Clumsy from Killarney
A thunderous bleary Old dizzy
Me favourite spot McTaverns Owickless
A whiskey, and an old pint of Guinness

Ye yanks all come try to find me
Shur yer'e all full of the old Blarney
All ye want is me crock of gold
Hidden at the end of me rainbow

McGreenie McCharmless and O'Clover
A warty old toad stool they cover
Guarding me crock with their shillelaghs
Come over try your luck in Killarney

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Limirick [4]

Me name is Sprinkles Mc Daffodil
Me lives inside me old tavern
In me right hand a whiskey
In me left my shillelagh
Stay away cause iam peevish
Me be sure to waylay ye
With me friend Tater Mc Spud
We take yer'e your few bob
Drink a Guinness or to
With Wacker O'Toole
At yer'e exspence happy to say

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Litter Louts

My heart is heavy
As I walk the beach
See the sun setting
Water under my feet

Last of the town folk
Leaving the beach
The train filling up
Kids already asleep

There's a chill in the air
Coming in from the sea
As waves crash down
On almost now empty beach

A few of us old folk
Surveying the beach
Seeing the litter
Dare not to speak

People should remember
The amenity that's there
Is opened to all
Should use it with care

On with the gloves
As we do every evening
Clearing the litter
Tomorrow's a new beginning

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Lost Beauty

Looking way down the harbour
The landscape has changed so much
Once a place of beauty
Now a distant memory

Kids played in the river
Some even ventured a swim
They even played round the castle
As robin and his merry men

Further down the river
Where once were fields so green
Now stands a concrete jungle
Of cement and steel

Beaches all around us
Picnics were the norm
The island invites everyone
It was our Benidorm

Now all is lost for ever
No more will i see
We let the greedy build and build
No more fields or trees

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Lost Fun

I used to love to stroll on the beach
Feel the ocean flow over my feet
See teenagers freeze by the chill of the sea
And children jumping back and squeal

Its sad to see less people around
On beaches that held so many stories
Like Lee by a rock pool fishing for crabs
And Margaret with her bucket and shovel

Those were the days we used to have fun
Yesterdays are long gone by now
Iphones and mobiles and other nick knacks
Sadly has put paid to all that

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Love

My eyes closed tightly
Deep in thought of you
The way you once looked
The way you once smiled
Holding back my tears
Inside my heart is breaking
We lived for one another
Our love was like no other
Your final resting place
Filled with floral tributes
Willow trees gently sway
Sleep my precious darling
For soon we'll meet again

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Mahi

Memories and a silent prayer
To have known you was a joy
Today is not the only day
I thought of you and cried

You were once so very happy
And it rub off on all of us
You greeted us every day
And always with a smile

You left us so suddenly
No chance to say goodbye
I know if you had, had a choice
You would not want to see us cry

We now have memories of you Mum
That no one can take away
I know we will all meet up again
Until that day arrives Mum
Rest In Peace

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Material Possessions

I forgot my God was out there
Inside my soul was crying
I worked hard all my life
My faith now slowing dying

Status was all I though off
Material possessions I craved
Money cars and holidays
Showing off my wealth

One day as I looked in the mirror
I didn't like what I saw
What looked back at me
A person I hardly recognized

That night my heart was heavy
Knowing I had forsaken God
I need my faith to guide me
And stop my soul from dying

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Memories

With time on my hands
I penned this poem
Of the day I married
At the time was the norm
I walked up the pathway
In the church door
My best man beside me
As we walked down the aisle
My heart was thumping
My best man said relax
She will arrive very soon
She did I was over the moon
I turned around to take her hand
With a firm handshake from her Dad
My best man responsible for her wedding band
As we nervously knelt at the Altar
When at 11: 10 that morning
We were both declared Man and Wife
That decision we made back then
Our new life started to begin
While in all that time together
Like all we had ups and downs
I've never regretted
When we both said I do
We are still together
Still going strong as two

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Memory

You long to hear her voice
Just for a little while
You long to see her around
Just to see her smile

You long to hug her
As you did not long ago
You long to kiss her
As in the days of yore

Alas she is but a memory
You hold close to your heart
Although she may be gone
Let memories linger on

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Memory Lane

Memories bring back many a smile
As you walk down memory lane
Things we did may look stupid now
You'd have to laugh all the same

Memories of school going years
The pals you made back then
Playing cowboys and Indians
Cowboys would always win

Memories of your teenage years
Going to the hop try get a walk
Girls on one side boys the other
Eyeing up each other across the floor

Then you were old enough
To go and see the show bands
The Dixies, The Eagles to name but two
Brendan Boyer with the Huckle Buck

It's great to have memories
To share and pass them on
And let your children know
Memories are a treasure

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Motherly Love

I have two children whom I love
I would not trade them for the world
A brother and a sister
So very much alike
Yet strikingly they differ
In more ways than one
One is very outgoing
The other very shy
While one plays outside
The other stays inside
Sit them at the table
They fight like cats and dogs
But put them in the play room
You would not hear a sound
When its comes to bed time
Both kick up a fuss
I sing a little lullaby
Soon all is very quite
I give both a little kiss
As I whisper to each goodnight

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Mountain Side

Up high on the mountain side
Looking down along the valley
Is a Chapel built of stone
Earth and mud for its mortar

Built in the time of the famine
With donations from rich and poor
Men and Women gave their time
Children chipped in too

No fancy exterior to greet you
Has a steeple tall and proud
People come from far and near
On Sundays as the bell sounds

Beside it, a little graveyard
With headstones very old
Weeping Willows around them
Plenty flowers on each grave

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Mum And Dad

Remembering the time
Of years gone by
Sitting at the table
Grace said before each meal
As we all dined together
No distractions like T.V.
Mobiles not yet invented
Just talking of day we had
Father always spoke first
Spoke about his working day
Large families were the norm
Among the working class
We knew he worked very hard
To provide for all of us
We never knew how tough it was
For Mums and Dads at the time
But one thing we knew for certain
Just how much each one was loved
We loved them back as much

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Mums Love

Do you tell your Mum you love her
As often as you think you do
Do you visit to see how she's doing
As often as you think you do

Do you ring to ask what's she up to
As often as you think you do
Do you ask does anything needs doing
As often as you think you do

Do you remember you've only one mother
As often as you think you do
Remember Mums don't live forever
Tell her NOW how much you love her

Don't let it go to long
Before you tell her
Don't end up like most
Often thinking they did

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

My Beautiful Maureen

Left behind a precious gift
That only God can bestow
My darling wife Maureen
Who he bestowed on me
She cared for me through illness
While others turned away
No one knew how hard it was
For her to see me fade every day
I knew this day was drawing near
The truth be told you knew it too
You put your life on hold for me
Gave me comfort before your needs
I hope you did not see me suffer
That day I left you behind
I got so tired of been tired
Seeing your worried eyes
The fight in me was winning
My body telling me its time
Thank you love my darling
For all you done for me
For that I was always grateful
You gave me a life of dignity
Don't mourn for me to long love
You have a life ahead of you
With my blessing my eternal love
Go and enjoy the rest of your life
Don't be afraid to talk to me
Air your troubles or your thoughts
If you feel my presence around
That's letting you know Iam O.K.

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

My Copd Friends

I have joined the COPD site
I have friends worldwide
A site where no one judges
We are all on the same side
We can rant and rave
Or just sit and have a chat
We share one another's story
As no one else gives a rat
I started by introducing myself
Outlined briefly my condition
Soon I was welcomed on a team
I knew I made the right decision

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

My God

I've known for weeks what I must seek
Find true love from the heavens above
God is my saviour from this impending danger
Send down his Angels to flush out this peril
With God in my life he'll put an end to strife
Through him I will never again commit sin
My saviour is so near ill never again will fear

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

My Granddaughters

I have nine beautiful granddaughters
Favouritism does not come into play
From the eldest to the youngest
Are unique in their own way

I look forward to their visits
They keep me on my toes
They twist me around their fingers
Knowing granddad will not say no

If I get sick or feel unwell
No doctor would I visit
My grandkids will call around
And soon they lift my spirits

I am blessed to have those grandkids
I remember them in my prayers
That God will lead and guide them
To have a life of good cheer

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

My Little Buddy Lee

Sitting here on my own
Staring at four walls
Thinking of my grandson
I love his very bones

What lies ahead for him
He has a form of autism
A bright little spark
Certain to make his mark

What we all take for granted
He fights with all his might
I wish you all could see him
I know you would understand

Spelling words with his letters
While sitting on the floor
Repeating them as he spells
Numbers are his equals

Milestones he will have many
With God to help him out
You see I love my grandson
I love his very bones

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Nature's Beauty

Nature and beauty surround you
Take time to check and see
Lakes scattered over the land
Mountains stand tall and grand
Forestry walks, guided tours
Castles of ancient times
Houses of majestic grandeur
Floral gardens in all their splendor
Wildlife around in abundance
Getting more urbanized everyday
Their habitat's are dwindling rapidly
Nature will always find a way
Safari parks to walk around
View animals in the wild
Take in the zoological gardens
Nature has no bounds

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Neglect

Teach me Jesus what I need to do
To get to heaven and be with you
Neglected your Gospels and my soul
My life has spiralled out of control
Forgiveness I seek I thought I was strong
Not thinking nor caring that I was wrong
I was thought you were tortured and crucified
On the third day you rose from the dead
The dark side controlled from the inside
My body my mind my will easily lead
I beg you Jesus show me the light
Do not forsake me during night
My life before me is fading away
Not expected to see an other day
Send your Angels protect me from harm
Direct and guide me to your loving arms

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Never Forget

Memories of a love
Are all I have left
A love once so pure
I will never forget
A love once treasured
Taken suddenly away
Left everyone in shock
Left all in disarray
The hardest of all
Was saying good bye
To a person you love
You will never forget

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Night Lady

A lady of the night
Walking the streets
Looking for clients
To make ends meet
Put her life in danger
Night after night
Watched by her pimp
Counting her clients
Got hooked on drugs
She knew it all
To pay for her habit
Reduced down to this
Pimp took her earnings
Gave her a fix
A vicious circle
No way out

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Nocturnal

The forest is dark
The moon is bright
Nocturnal animals
Out early tonight
Elusive creatures
Branches twitching
Yet still unseen
Yet still there
Set up a tower
Cameras rolling
Capture a glimpse
Night dwellers
Pine Martin sprints
From tree to tree
Owls stay alert
Small rodents aware

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Not Knowing

Alone ill stand
Alone ill fall
Pick myself up
Rub myself down
Gather my thoughts
Not knowing why
Predicament iam in
Not by choice
Brain is muddled
Memory gone
Body is weak
Mind is spent
I ask myself why
It happened to me
My life was good
Depression set in
No help out there
No friends around
Suffering in silence
Is this my lot

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Nurse Appreciation

Nurses are angels of mercy
For me there is no doubt
They work 24/7 to help us
Smiling above all the rush

Nurses checking on patients
Checking for any complication
A calming demeanour about them
Restore confidence in our system

Nurses help with our recovery
Their caring and gentle hands
Their voice so softly spoken
With authority yet very calm

So three cheers for our Nurses
Our sweet guardian angels
Hip, hip hurrah as they say
We all need our Nurses some day

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

Old Lady

I was doing work for a little old Lady
A Lady well into her eighties
A quaint little house in the country
Surrounded by a beautiful boundary
One morning I went in the door
The old Lady sprawled out on the floor
She didn't look well as beside her I ran
Called an ambulance come as fast as you can
It arrived at the gate already to late
The little old Lady passed away
On her face a beautiful smile
As she whispered before she died
My lovely husband is waiting for me
In a new home up over the sea

Daniel Bernard Kelleher

On The Spectrum

School time in the fifties
Was a fairly hard time for me
My grades at times were very low
For that I was considered slow
I could not grasp the English
The Irish was just the same
Teachers would ignore me
To them I was just a pain
Numbers were my strongest
Algebra was my best
To them it made no difference
To them I was just a pest
The other children knew all this
This made things much worse
They used to call me stupid
And no one to back me up
You see I was 'On the spectrum'
Those words unknown back then
School time left its mark on me
But thank God I pulled through

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Our Grandson

Today I felt really humble
A little lads major hurdle
From preschool he graduated
For which has to be stated

Extremely proud and tearful
This lad can be a handful
To see him receive his diploma
Mannerly beyond his years
His parents in floods of tears

He is my grandson and best buddy
His grandmothers seconded to none
You see he is autistic young boy
Now you see why we are overjoyed

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Our Saviour

Our hearts are full of happiness
We wish to share our joy
An Angel came from heaven
To say a child was born
We travelled far to greet him
We were laden down with gifts
For this most precious infant
A child who would be king
We celebrate a gift from God
Born on Christmas Day
A child like no other
Our Saviour Jesus Christ

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Outside Looking In

A carers work is never done
Most times they feel alone
Hands that once felt smooth to touch
Now old and wrinkled very rough
They work from morning till very late
Helping to make for a better day
The smile that sits upon their face
For friends and neighbours everyday
They ask how is the cared for doing
Never asking how the carer is
Take for granted all is well
Don't see the turmoil in which they dwell
A carers lot is a lonely one
Depression can and do in will creep
Men and Women do this job
No thanks required do they seek

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Parolee

No one there to meet him
When he came out the gates
A young man when he entered
He came out old and grey

Imprisoned for a serious crime
His sentence was not harsh enough
No visitors went to see him
Alone he had it rough

His family had long disowned him
No friends to call his own
Segregated within the system
He did his time all alone

He moved from his home town
He will always be unwelcome there
His crime will not be forgotten
That's a cross he has to bear

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Passion

I held her in my arms
Embracing as we kissed
Promising to love no other
As we made our way to bed

I laid down beside her
Looked into her eye's
A night of passion
Few tender moment's

We made our choice
To love and cherish
In that little chapel
We became man and wife

We look to a loving future
Conquer what's before us
We both left our comfort zone
To make our way on our own

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Playtime

Play time in the school yard
While teachers walked about
A game of soccer we used to play
A can used for the ball
Jumpers we used as goalpost
Every one was the ref.
We gave ourselves famous names
Like Pele, Best or Law
To score a goal caused uproar
It always caused disputes
The goalie shouted it was wide
While others should 'are you blind'
Those were the good old days
When kids knew how to have fun

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Political Landscape

The political landscape is changing
Here in this small country of ours
The uprising won our freedom
Future governments sold it away

Our shame is we allowed it
Undeterred we played along
Politics rife with corruption
Left them not caring carry on

Austerity imposed on the weakest
While Bail Bonds paid out in full
Now they want to charge for water
Under is our basic right

A group of community activists
From the rebel county of Cork
Started a peaceful movement
To regain our dignity and pride

Elections only three months away
Politicians telling us, all is well
Time is fast running out for them
At least half will lose their seats

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Poverty

I have cross many oceans
I have travelled many lands
Seen many different cultures
Shook many many hands
The one thing that upset me
On my travels far and wide
Seeing slums people lived in
The poverty they had to suffer
Oil producing countries
Where the elite got all the wealth
Their people felt the hunger
Their children starved to death
Organisations try to help them
With donations from outside
Cloths food and medical supplies
With clean water are very scarce
The problems are enormous
Trying to get to those in need
Before you close your eyes
Pray for them tonight

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Power Corrupts

They died that we would have freedom
Would they have done so had they known
The corruption created not their doing
Vibrations been felt in each city and town
Pregnant women been treated as unclean
Imprisoned in mother and baby homes
Behind high walls no one could see
A tragedy no one could foresee
Babies been buried in cesspits
Neither christened or baptised
Hundred of unmarked graves
litter this country side
Church to be held accountable
These we held in high esteem
They instilled the wrath of God
To cower mothers into submission

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Puppy

We bought a little puppy
When she was 8 weeks old
Now she's old and feeble
Getting weaker by the day
While we were all prepared for it
The speed took us by surprise
We knew her life was fading
We were shocked by her demise
As we all gathered around her
No one wanted to move away
She gave us each so much joy
When we sat and saw her play

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Rebellion

2016 a centenary since rebellion
Celebrations well to the fore
Back then they knew the enemy
Now a new enemy from within
Our freedom was hard fought for
Their victory was they tried
Have those people died in vain
Corruption taken over since then
Our people have rebelled once again
But this time by democratic means
To rid this country of traitors
Who sold our freedom by their greed

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Redeemer

Christmas comes once a year
To celebrate a birth
The birth of a special child
Our saviour Jesus Christ
It is a day for families
To celebrate this day
Visiting Christmas cribs
Saying a little prayer
He came down among us
To live in human form
He was mocked and ridiculed
For teaching us his ways
Ways of Jesus Christ our Lord
Born on Christmas day

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Reformed Thug

He was once the domineering type
And he was always right
No one dared to cross him
So afraid of him were they
Then one night he had a dream
The strangest of all dreams
He dreamt he was a boy again
Been bullied by a thug
He tossed and turned on the bed
And he awoke in a sweat
It was then he realised
That thug he had become
Swore he would change his ways
Make up for all his wrongs
To those he loved and hurt'd
To regain their love and trust

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Rejoice

Rejoice Rejoice Rejoice
Our Savior has resurrected
He died on the cross
Put to death by unbelievers
Crown of thorns put on his head
They mocked, jeered and laught
As blood flowed down his face
His blessed Mother looked on
His resurrection dispelled
The lack of faith within us
His apostle's gathered together
Found the courage to preach his ways
Unbelievers are again attacking Him
We have to stand and face them
Never again to hang our heads in shame
Rejoice Rejoice Rejoice

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Remembering

Where have the years gone
Why have they gone so quick
Sitting here and wondering
Where have the years gone

It doesn't seem so long ago
We played games in the street
Like all kids we played along
Where have the years gone

We couldn't wait to get older
And do what older kids did
Stay out later having fun
Where have the years gone

We wanted to grow up to fast
We were outgrowing kids games
We felt we would have more fun
Where have the years gone

It seems as you get older
The time goes way to fast
Or is this just a phenomenon
Where have the years gone

So kids while you are young
Don't wish your life away
Enjoy your youth have fun
Not like us wondering
Where have the years gone

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Return Visit

I went around to see my friends
Not to sure if they remember me
Walking around the fairy fort
Seeking out my friends the fairies

Happy they had not forgotten me
They danced and squealed with glee
I brought along my grand son
To introduce him to the queen

Soon he was like one of them
Playing games like hide and seek
Soon memories came flooding back
As tears rolled down my cheeks

The queen approached with a smile
Waved her wand to dry my eyes
Thanked me for bringing my grand son
And keeping the fairy forts alive

We headed off after saying goodbye
My grandson waving back happily
Asking when he will see them again
Like me in your dreams Buddy

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Robin Redbreast

My friend the little robin
Lands on my window ledge
Pecking at the window
impatient to be fed
Every day the same routine
Every day the same
I hear my little robin
Pecking at the window frame
I open out the window
He lands upon my hand
His redbreast he exhibits
I feed him little titbits
If you see our feather friends
Around your window ledge
Throw them out some titbits
As their looking to be fed

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Rose

Today I gave my wife a single rose
To let her know how much I love her
She is forever there beside me
Loving me unconditionally

A simple rose I choose for her
Was given from the heart
To show the world that I care
And will never break her heart

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Sadness

Its lonesome here on my own
I feel like ending it all
No one to talk to not even a dog
Its lonesome here on my own

Its lonesome here on my own
looking at photos of times that have past
No one to share with not even a cat
Its lonesome here on my own

Its lonesome here on my own
My family have long left the nest
No to look at not even a bird
Its lonesome here on my own

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Salvation

My dreams are my salvation
My nights are my release
To wonder off to dreamland
As I drift away to sleep

Sitting down to breakfast
As the sun begins to rise
The day ahead will soon begin
My depression starts again

People try to help me
Saying its all inside my head
That iam looking for attention
So head off back to bed

A mental home iam locked in
A patient against my will
In bed they want to keep me
Iam not mad but I am ill

Waiting for the night time
So I can go back to sleep
My dreams are my salvation
My nights are my release

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Seclusion

Walk along this winding lane
Until you come to a secluded lake
There you will have peace of mind
No finer place on earth you'll find
Watch elegant swans and colourful ducks
If your lucky see a leaping salmon
See anglers casting out their lines
Hear tales of the one that got away
Sit and relax and pass away the time
Until its time to call it a day

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Second Chance

Its not often you get a second chance
If so grab it with both your hands
Been and back from the brink of death
Its not my time for the promise land
Jesus said ' you must return back home'
As there so much I want you to do
Spread my word so they will know
Forgiveness I will depart on you
Iam giving this world one last chance
To stop the killing of my children
Evil is mounting all over the globe
Your last chance you must let them knpw

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Self Pity

Today is like any other day
Rigged up to a machine
People call day and night
To see how I've been
I wear a smile upon my face
To hide the pain inside
I put on a brave front
I don't want to see them cry
I get tired very easily
At times just cannot cope
Nurse Isobel calls and tell
The visitors 'it's time to go'
She says 'He needs his beauty sleep'
Knowing its not in me to be rude
Visitors call and mean well
But I wish they stayed at home
I also know if I had that wish
And not to see my children grow
It must be twice as hard for them
To see Daddy dying slow

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Shorter Days

It seems as you get older
Days seem to get shorter
Your life is speeding on
Is this an phenomenon

You tried to make sense of it
But no matter how hard you try
Common denominater is old age
You have to ask yourself, Why

You've worked up to retiring age
Had not enough time on your hands
You think now that you've retired
The opposite would be the case

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Sights

The sight of beauty
Like a rose in bloom
Scented petals fall
Are delights for all
The sight of beauty
Like chicks in a nest
See their first flight
Capture the sight
The sight of beauty
Like young in fields
Lambs, Calfs and Foals
Sights there to behold

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Silent Night

Silent night, Jesus Christ
See the star beneath he's born
Surrounded by angels and Mother Mary
Wise men came to pay homage to him
Simple gifts upon him they bestowed
Christ our saviour is born
Silent night, Jesus Christ
In a stable you were born
In time upon you they place a crown
A crown of thorns as they mocked you
I stood by and watched you die
That day on the cross you were crucified

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Snowfall

First snowfall of the year
No school for me today
On with my warm winter gear
Head on to the snow and play
I'am not the only child outside
A few snowmen already built
A snowball fight had started
Between the girls and the boys
The boys were full of gusto
And fell sure they would win
Mammies joined in with the girls
Soon the boys were on the run
Snowfalls are expected
For the next few days
The boys will try to avenge
The defeat by the girls today

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Suffering Alone

This is the time, he suffers alone
Taken from him, no last goodbye
4years ago, on that fateful night
Will remain forever in his memory

No explanations, how could it happen
All their technology, who's to blame
All were happy, enjoying their flight
All unprepared for what was to come

The first indication all was not right
Came over the airwaves, a plane gone down
Then came a phone call, he feared the worse
The plane she was on, crashed into the sea

So this time of year, sadness and tears
Bring back memories he finds hard to bear
His love was taken by so tragic a tragedy
He suffers alone he suffers the pain

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Sunshine

Today the sun is shining
The sky blue as the sea
Animals start out the day
With a frolic around the lea
Birds rise from their roost
As if to say good morning
The dawn chorus at its very best
To the delight of all around
Milk bottles placed on doorsteps
Children stirring from their beds
Get up ye'll be late for school
Mothers shout from every house
Fathers face an others days work
As he races out the door
For his wife a quick kiss
Shouts back at the kids
Get up its a grand old day
Children now gone off to school
Mothers day just beginning
Starting upstairs working down
Now its time to call next door
For a nice cup of tea with Mary
A bright little spark old soul
We sit outside in the sunshine
Wave at neighbours as they pass by
Greet them all with a smile
Mary says its a beautiful morning
With the sun high in the sky

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Technology?

I'am sitting on my thinking chair
Knowing things have changed so fast
Thinking of times scratching my hair
Has technology over taken us at last

The personal touch has since long gone
Shopping was a treat now just a chore
Once greeted with a smile at the till
All you hear now is ding, ding next please

The games we played were full of fun
Our technology was a can for a ball
Our mobile was 2cans with a string
You used your brain to think up games

We played glassy allies at the kerb side
We played hopscotch/picky on the road
We played runaway knock for a chase
Cowboys and Indians in the fields

The boys went fishing with their dad
While the girls played with dolls
At the end of the day we sat down to eat
Each recalling what happened that day

The laughter and fun at the table
Was there for everyone to share
Sadly those times we will see no more
Technology good or bad has seen to that

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Terror

Today for me is upsetting
The world today is unnerving
The terrorist attacks
These inhuman acts
For some god
So they say

Are those people to blind to see
Or do they actually believe
That killing and maiming
Of adults and children
Absolves them from all
In the name of their god

The deeds committed today
Will continue until someone will say
Lay down your arms and listen
Your attacks are killing
And maiming the innocent

The struggle for peace will continue
More important than your terrorist agenda
Terror attacks will never achieve
No matter what god you believe

My world is changing
And not for the better
Not knowing what will come next
Knock some heads together
And forget the terror
At the end no one will win

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The Hunt

I watch from a spot
Over looking the valley
Hear the baying of hounds
Ready for the hunt
See men and women
On finely groomed horses
As in the town square
You see them rally
The vicar gives them
Their final blessing
As the villagers
Young and old look on
The master sounds his horn
The order for the off
And stirs the hearts
Of all those watching

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The Lone Piper

The lone piper leading the cortege
Carrying the hero to his final place
The haunting melody of the bagpipes
They arrives at the already dug grave
Comrade in arms come to attention
As the Chaplin last prayers recite
A volley of shots fired over the grave
The last post played on the bagpipes
They lowered the casket for the last time
It was then the tears started to flow
All remembering their gallant hero
Who lost his life in the hills around Wexford
Fighting the injustice of an occupying force
Seeking freedom for the people of Ireland
Out numbered out gunned by a superior force
Fought gallantly to the last standing man

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Three Words

Those three words means so much
When spoken from the heart
Lets them you need them
Lets them know you care
Repeated almost every day
Whispered or aloud
Make sure you really mean them
Never mind who's around
Let the world hear you
When you say 'I LOVE YOU'

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To Late

Thinking today of a love one
Remembering as I said good by
Though you would live for ever
Tears streaming from my eyes

As I sat beside your bedside
Holding your hands to my heart
Praying God could let you stay
Deep down I knew we had to part

I knew your heart was fading
I clung to a glimmer of light
Somehow you wake up and smile
That every thing is alright

Memories of you I hold dear
Mostly of happy times together
As I kneel and place the flowers
On the grave that holds my rose

If you have a love one
Treat her like a princess
Don't wait until she's gone
Tell her that you love her
In death it will be to late

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Tragedy

No one even bothered
No one even cared
No one saw the danger
No one even watched

The beech full of children
The sun high in the sky
A beautiful summers day
Tragedy was on the way

A child was reported missing
At once the search began
Lifeguards combed the water
Converging on one spot

An eerie silence descended
Along the beech that day
The missing child was located
Taken from the water

Medics fought to revive her
Alas it was to late
A family lost their daughter
Tragically in a horrendous way

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Trust In God

God is watching over me
In his hands I place my trust
To protect me from all evil
And keep me save from all harm
Jesus is my best friend
Your friend he could be too
A silent wish a little prayer
Tell him of your fears
He will send to you an angel
From the heavens high above
To tell you he has heard you
Now he is your friend too
Place your trust in Jesus
False idols cast away
Plead for mercy on your soul
Christ will do the rest

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Two Words

You often hear in passing
You hear them most everyday
Does anybody listen
Does anybody care
Those two words good morning
Greet people on the street
People you never met before
Again you will never meet
Sometimes said with affection
Sometimes as an after though
Next time you hear those two words
Return them with a smile

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Unconditionally

Mothers love unconditionally
They teach right from wrong
From the day of your birth
To the day of their death
They nurse and protect you
They feed you when your hungry
And hug you when your lonely
There for every beck and call
Ask for nothing in return
Love her now before its to late
Before she's in the grave

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Uneducated

I am not an educated person
People called me a wally
All word pronunciations
Became very hard for me
Looking back to my schooldays
Even reading was a chore
Some words made no sense to me
Seeing ones that were not there
Did not finish my education
This caused another situation
Found the strain away to difficult
No one knew what the heck was wrong
I think I've solve the problem
Why try be someone that Iam not
I worked hard to make a living
I don't think I did to bad

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Unholy

Today has been a strange day
France has been the topic
Terrorist made themselves known
No mercy had they shown
Those terrorist shot to kill
They left a terrible scene
The innocent were the victims
Of this most cowardly deed
Day of judgement drawing near
They must face their god
Maybe he will show them mercy
He's the only one who can

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Unknown

My saviour beside me
In my hour of need
Fear deep within me
Near by my family
Emotions of every kind
Running through my mind
Isolated from reality
Not understanding why
Quietness all around me
Broken by the odd sigh
Friends gather outside
Not seeing what's inside
Screaming yelling pleading
Vibrate along the landings
Visiting time about to begin
The quietness starts again
Time has come for my release
Treatment has worked a treat
My saviour beside me
In my hour of need

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Vengeance

The signs are there for all to see
Terrorist atrocities are on the rise
The evil among us comes from within
Our world is at war with Satanism

This is a war that cannot be lost
Righteousness dare not fail
Greed and power sees no wrong
Greed and power must not prevail

Remember this and remember it well
Jesus our saviour will come again
This time with a vengeance
The likes never seen before

Good people of this unholy world
Must gather to our saviours side
Fight side by side to rid the evil
Help send it to the pits of hell

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War

Our world at war
Will we ever have peace
Many more will die
The evil within
Will never cease
Condemnation world wide
From east to west
One thing in common
United in grief

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Water

After it flows into the sea
Where does all the water go
Its a question I often ask myself
Out of curiosity I'd like to know
Does it evaporate to the sky
Form clouds back over the land
Does it erode the shore around us
And shrink the land we live on
Millions of years of rain fall
Where does the water go

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Water Birds

Do you see the beautiful Swans
Swimming gracefully in the lake
Or watch frenzy Seagulls
Feeding out in the bay
A solitary Heron Standing
Patiently by a river side
The Ducks as they fly by
In formation in the sky
The little Terns is an other
That flap their wings with speed
Or birds who visit our shores
Like the great Canadian Geese

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Waterfall

Silently I sat by the waterfall
The sound of its thunderous might
As it cascaded down the mountain
One of natures magnificent sights

A number of man made viewing areas
At vantage points scattered around
Drawing tourist from far and near
Appreciating natures beautiful sights

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Weakness

As I sit by my hospital window
Watching people passing by
Its raining cats and dogs below
I wish I was by their side

At the moment I am very ill
As my illness has laid me low
Your prayers would be much appreciated
To help me through this blow

I know that people mean well
As they try to cheer me up
They say there is people worse in here
That I should not despair

I know my illness has got a hold
I can feel it in my head
With Gods help I will recover
As I lye in my hospital bed

My friends in the p/hunter site
Iam asking for your help
Remember me in your prayers
So that I may get well

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Why

I arrived on a bus at a unfamiliar town
The driver informed me this was my stop
He handed me a card as I went to step down
The directions will guide you to the spot

Some unknown reasons I was filled with dread
Each corner I turned I could feel the sorrow
My instinct told me I should be afraid
To carry on I felt there would be no tomorrow

I came to a church and entered inside
Got down on my knees at a statue of Jesus
I prayed for help as I broke down and cried
A vision descended and dried my eyes

Take my hand and I'll guide you home
Your pain has ended now you must rest
Your days of roaming has drawn to a close
Centuries of looking as the world kept changing

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Why Jesus

Jesus loves us

Why?

We deserve it

Why?

We love Jesus

Why?

He deserves it

Why?

Jesus loves us

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Why Now

I spoke to my friend last night
His views were full and grim
Explained unless we turn back
Our world will revert to sin

The terrorist are taking hold
Believing what they do is right
Not in my name do they fight
They say their god is right

Innocent children slaughter
Taken from their homes
Executed outside their doors
The poorest of the poor

Such savagery taking place
Its hard for us to understand
The killing and the maiming
In a foreign far off land

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Winter

Days are getting shorter
Winter is coming in
The coming of the thunder storms
The howling that is the wind
People stocking up supplies
For the days and weeks ahead
Children with warmer clothing
To keep the cold at bay
Wild animals seek out shelter
From this weather they have to hide
Pets are brought indoors
Outside they would surely die

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Wishing

My wish is to walk beside you
To hold your hand in mine
Feel your closeness to me
Just for one last time
To see the light in your eyes
See the smile upon your face
Happiness you brought to others
In your own unique way
The special days you set aside
So our love would never die
To share those tender moments
Only known to you and I

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Without A Home

Asleep in a doorway on a cold winters night
Around him an old blanket wrapped up tight
People pass him without a care of his flight
Odd one says but for the grace of God go I

Homeless through no fault of his own
Austerity the cause of his downfall
Our European masters played the music
Our puppet government danced to the tune

In every city, town and village
Homeless people gather around
On street corners begging
Called all sorts of names
Winos, druggies and scumbags
Are just some they are called
Give them their right title
HOMELESS

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Wonder

You may not always see the wonder
Of friendships you hold so dear
Nor thinking of their value
Yet knowing they are always there

Do you ever wonder sometimes
How they impact on your life
They take the sorrow from your heart
Replacing it with a smile

Your best friend is beside you always
And when trouble comes to your door
Their the first around to help you
Showing you they really care

Stop whatever you are doing
Take a moment to consider
how your best friend think of you
Maybe like a loving sister do

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Work And Toil

Tonight I'll close my eyes and sleep
Praying God will hold me in his keep
In my sleep I always dream
Same dream of what might have been
Tomorrow will be an other day
Head off to work without delay
The shop will open up at nine
Every morning right on time
The door is opened no time to waste
Serve the punter in their haste
Betting on horses they hope will win
Losing money it was all in vain
The job I do I take no delight
Anguish punters in their flight
If I finished school and did exams
Not to do the job that is a sham
It was the system that let me down
In the sixties it was work or drown
My advice to all school going kids
Study hard to get results
Education will see you reach
Don't dream of what might have been

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World Imploding

My world is imploding around me
My voice is just but one
Can anyone stop these atrocities
More voices need to be heard

Terrorist killing and maiming
Bringing shame on Muslims worldwide
They create panic on our streets
Cowards they are for all to see

Attempting to justify their actions
They blame the west for all its woes
No winners will come out of all this
Except death to innocent bystanders

I beg of you to take a step back
Consider what options are there
Terror only creates more terror
See reason and end your attacks

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Wren Boy's

Wrens boy's out and about
Knocking on the doors
Celebrating ns day
As in the days of yore
A tradition slowly dieing out
So very sad to see
Just like all the rest
Becoming a distant memory

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Years Of Old

Does anyone remember
Not so long ago
Keys were always seen
Hanging on front doors

When children went to play
We knew they were always safe
Respect was shown by everyone
No backchat was condoned

Teachers were addressed as sir
Kids looked in awe at them
The top table they supervised
With their all seen eyes

Studied and you got along
Woe to those who tried it on
Out came the dreaded cane
Three whacks across the hand

All sitting down to dinner
Use be a family get together
A crackling radio at the side
No such thing as a TV guide

One toy you got for Christmas
Be thankful for what you got
Off to mass on Christmas morn
To see baby Jesus in his cot

Does anyone remember
Although things were tuff
Life was so much better then
Now its a lot more worse

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Your Welcome

In my eyes I hold your face
In your smile I see your grace
In my heart I hold your love
In my soul we will shine above
Deep in my thoughts I roam
to the day I will come home
To meet you at the gates of heaven
Your welcome as I enter home

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