I have been writing poetry for over twenty years now. This collection of poems hopefully will inspire, encourage or uplift someone in their daily walk with life and that you will have an enriching and rewarding experience after reading them. I have also written poetry locally for family and friends. A poem titled A Land So Fair, Home at Last, Journey Home and Heaven Sent was printed on obituaries. Another poem titled “My Quiet Corner” was posted in a local newspaper over fifteen years ago and was also selected to appear in a Mirrors of The Soul edition with the Modern Poetry Society in 1995. Numerous poems have also been recited at family reunions, other social gatherings and at worship services. Additional poems titled A Faithful Friend(twice selected) , If I Could Fly, and Simple Pleasures were chosen as Member Poem of the Day. A poem No Room For Hate(was also chosen as an International poem) . Another poem titled “Stay in School” was printed in a class reunion booklet.

Philosophies in life are: Love of God, Fellowman and Preservation of Family. Hobbies are reading, listening to music, singing, writing lyrics for music, spending time and reciting poetry for family & friends and taking long walks. Special interests are: tutoring, mentoring, motivator, volunteering and by all means writing poetry and short essays. Many heartfelt thanks to all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to read some of my works.
A Beautiful Flower

You held a dried flower then laid it on the cold ground
With your head bowed lowly the tears began to fall down
He felt your pain and sadness then said to you with a smile
Lift up your eyes unto the hills then live life on my child

Lay your every concerns and cares gently upon My breast
Sorrows sure to come your way so try to stand lifes test
The light will always shine on you each and every day
Then you'll be able to say with joy come whatever may

A beautiful flower that had grown carefully picked from above
Planted in His lovely garden to always be looked at with love
Will never have to be nurtured nor ever to be watered again
To grow and flourish upward always having never ever to bend

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A Faithful Friend

How many of you can find a faithful friend? 
That will stick close by you unto the very end 
When trouble comes they will never forsake 
Always ready to give more than they will take

A friend like that is so very hard to find 
One you can count on to talk and unwind 
Someone that's concerned about how you feel 
Cares for you deeply with a love that's real

A friend when in need is a friend indeed 
Show yourself friendly by sowing the seed 
How sweet are the words spoken between friends 
Just like a balm that heals or a needle that mends

A friend that sticks closer than any brother 
Very trustworthy and not the same as another 
You can count on them to answer when you call 
There to help you when your back is to the wall

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The family all gathered around the heavy laden table
Their hands clasped together with heads bowed down low
Giving their many thanks for another chance to be able
To receive all the blessings that the Father would bestow

Many tasty home made dishes were passed from hand to hand
Sounds of laughter coming from every woman, child and man
Conversations around the table would never seem to end
Others wondering when they’ll ever see each other again

Children running to and fro in each and every directions
Everyone showing lots of love and many unbridled affections
Families coming together in a great display of much unity
Allowing others to see how a family should really ought to be

The time has been much well spent and now it is time to part
Seeing loved ones once again had really touched their heart
Goodbyes and farewells were one of the hardest things to do
Looking forward to another reunion and another new year too

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A Land So Fair

A land that's overflowing with milk and honey
No need for food, clothing, goods or money
Neither sickness, sorrow, death nor pain
Nor shelter from the storm not even the rain

The cities are paved with streets of pure gold
Rivers of waters flowing with riches untold
There will be no sun to shine ever so bright
Stars that used to twinkle on a starry night

Angels will sing songs so glorious and gay
There voices can be heard all night and day
A trip that's eternal never more to return
Where you'll live forever no more to yearn

Traveling to a land that is ever so fair
Where the Heavenly Father will meet you there
A place where life will never have to end
The journey is over a new life to begin

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A Lone Sparrow

A lone sparrow begins to build her warm and cozy nest
Searching for materials to stand the harsh weathers test
Gathers moss from trees, dried leaves and some sticks
Builds a home for herself and her soon to be chicks

She finds a place where instinct says that it's secure
Carefully weaving it together, that is her only chore
The days began to pass and then turned into weeks
Leaving the nest only when there is food she seeks

The time had finally came when her eggs began to hatch
Protecting them from being objects of an untimely catch
Gone for just a little while can't leave her nest for long
Must return home right away until her chicks grew strong

Don't trouble that lone sparrow, it's hard to guess her mood
Will fly right out and peck you when you disturb her brood
From that little lone sparrow some feathered friends were born
Perched under an old oak tree until the sweet and early morn

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A Lovers Stroll

Two lovers strolling on the beach walking hand in hand
Barefoot and scantily clad upon the bleached white sand
Their sweet words are many as the sand is on the shore
They held each other tightly as if to part no more

The love they shared is like honey flowing from a tree
True love that is experienced tis but a mystery
When you have finally found true love give it all you got
To have and to hold as the saying goes why not give it a shot

Just like the fish in the ocean love can seldom be caught
Like seeking a precious jewel it's always and ever been sought
No one wants to say farewell especially to love so soon
Whispering softly to each other they stayed and watched the moon

Alas! the true meaning of love who can know it all
No one can give the answer not even the crystal ball
Ah! my love the time has come for us to finally part
Love pierces the heart like an arrow and sears like a dart

The love they shared is as rich as a goldmines treasure
It's deeper than the ocean and is far beyond measure
They continued to stroll with a hint of gleam in their eyes
Saddened only by the fact they had to say their goodbyes

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A Member To Remember

May never get to see your face
Will love you ever just in case
Visits to PH as a big family
A Poet member we will always be

May never get to hear your voice
Responses or requests is our choice
Fitted together like a hand in a glove
Tightly woven in a band of love

We'll always strive to do our best
Be ourselves and not like the rest
Displaying of poetry for all to see
A Poet member we will always be

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A Memorial

Risked their lives to protect and defend
Separation from family took time to mend
Walked on mine fields, waded through waters
Left behind many wives, sons and daughters

Fought for our country to keep it free
All are the heroes who died for you and me
Some battles was lost and others were won
Toiling until the rising and setting of the sun

Looking to the flag that will ever stand tall
The red, white and blue means freedom for all
To all who died or continues to pay the cost
The star spangled banner ever echoing our loss

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A Salute To Soldiers

Marching on to battle in the land and home of the free
Far away from family and the love ones they long to see
Yearning to be with the ones at a place they love at best
Braving the harsh weather just to pass freedoms test

The seeds of war and unrest had already been sown
Fighting the battles with dangers unaware and unknown
Crouching at attention in a ditch so deep and narrow
Wading through waters so high and sometimes very shallow

Secretly stalking the enemy under the dark cover of night
Forever on the watch with all their strength and might
Treading ever so cautiously over booby trapped mines
Careful not to cross over to the side of the enemy lines

Waiting for the time when the battles will begin to cease
All Hail! to the brave soldiers fighting to keep the peace
The high cost for freedom can never be paid at the most
Many had lost their lives and others stayed on their post

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A Shelter

An old abandoned building stood alone across the street
A haven for the homeless is where they always would meet
Everyone gathered together for a place to lay their head
Safer to be under cover than having to sleep outside instead

Just to keep their bodies warm they try to stay huddled together
A shelter from the rain and snow or any kind of stormy weather
The tales that are always told is always 'what could have been'
All their family and loved ones they haven't seen since when

Warming all their hands and feet in front of an old smoky fire
Wearing of shoes so worn that had withstood all the muck and mire
Many times these words were spoken 'so just come whatever may'
Always living life on the edge or whether they'll see another day

Then the moon or stars at night loomed near like a silent friend
The long and dreary days of survival seemed never to have an end
As the sun begins to set they can still see a faint light that glows
If ever there was an end to their plight only the homeless one knows

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A Treasure Chest

I searched for many treasures that reminded me of you
Your precious heart of gold and your radiant smile too

Saw the grace of your steps as you strolled into a room
Walking like you did when I was the bride and you the groom

Looked for you out the window when the rain started to fall
Listening so intently for it seemed that I heard you call

Stared at your footprints that you left behind in the snow
Watched you shake and shivered as cold winds began to blow

Gazed at the glint in your eyes as you peered up to the sun
Looked at hands so rugged having toiled until the day is done

A lovely treasure you are to me and yes a whole lot more
A precious jewel waiting ever at the threshold to the door

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Always

Just like a fresh breeze cooling the night air
Is your soft whisper flowing through my hair
Your sweet words encircle my heart like an halo
Lets stay here forever where love will ever grow
Always!

When it's time for us to part there'll be lots of sorrow
Can't wait to see you once again, hoping for a tomorrow
Our days together was well spent and life was at its best
Hoping that our special bond will stand lifes harshest test
Always!

Creating our special garden will harvest a love so sweet
A place made only for us, is where we will always meet
We exchange our vows to each other with words so kind and true
This day forward we promise each other it'll just be me and you
Always!

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An Angel Just For Me

As I was walking through the woods on a warm Summer day
Then saw an Angel up ahead as I went along my way
My reaction to this Angel was not borne out of fear
I began to speak softly for I knew that she could hear

She looked at me with eyes of love but did not say a word
Then bowed her head solemnly that told me that she heard
A Heavenly messenger just for me sent from God above
To guide and protect me with an abundant shower of love

We often began to wonder if Angels really do exist
They appear to us in many ways by a hug, kind words or a kiss
When I got to the end of the path she said to me with a smile
I traveled with you along the way and guarded you all the while

The path that I had chosen to take apparently without a care
This was the way I had to go for my Angel was already there
An Angel just for me I said as I headed back for home
Always with me wherever I go and however I choose to roam

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An Angry Sea

As the sea rose up and down wind and tempest tossed
Hands on board began to shout we'll be forever lost
The captain of the wavering ship began to take a stance
Set the sails and man the helms there'll be no other chance

Sea waves became so violent as if they had no fear
Some sailors manned the front and others covered the rear
The ship began rocking to and fro on top of the rugged sea
None could ever have imagined how an angry sea could be

They said to one another we must act quickly to be saved
Fear began to grip some then others soon ranted and raved
Water began to rush in and covered the deck round about
We must all abandon ship and they soon began to bail out

They threw their rafts into the water and shouted with a roar
Then jumped overboard and stuck together then soon began to oar
Their ship began to waver and started very slowly to sink
The Lord of the Seas had spoken as they all began to think

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Be Encouraged

When you have been inspired to do great things in life
The road ahead will be filled with many a trouble and strife
You've tried to succeed many times but always seem to fail
Maybe the path you have taken is worn so try another trail

The path that is set before us is filled with many a gravel
There is many a curves set before us and can be difficult to travel
So don't give up and keep the faith, not accept failure as your fate
That is when success will step in and open up the gate

Many signs are set before us to show us the way to go
We ignore the very things that keeps us in the know
It seems like success takes a long time to enter in
When you feel like giving up is when faith steps in and win

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Be Thankful

You woke up this morning
To see the bright sunshine
You had food on your table
Was in your right mind
Be thankful

Had shoes on your feet
Clothes on your back
Money in your pocket
Enough for a good snack
Be thankful

Family and friends
A good pal too
Some live far away
Others near to you
Be thankful

A stroll in the park
Some trips to the store
Who could ever ask
For anything more
Be thankful

The day is far spent
About to come to an end
To see the sunset
Just around the bend
Be thankful

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Birthday Blessings

To all who have a birthday many blessings to you
Many years have passed after all you've been through
Some days were good and there were bad times too
Troubles and sorrows from people you thought you knew

Make it a great day one that you will never forget
Do something special that you won't live to regret
Sing a favorite song or talk about the good old days
Live life to the fullest and feel the bright sun rays

Greet each day with a smile until God's kingdom come
A happy day for others and also a sad day for some
Yes this birthday blessing is a gift from me to you
If not for His grace and mercy what would we all do

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Broken Mirrors

Behind every broken mirror
Many dreams have been lost
The ones that came through
Came at a very high cost

They are constant reminders
To what things may have been
Some memories ever before us
How things used to be back then

A life that has been broken
Can sometimes be amended
By kind words that's spoken
Broken mirrors are soon ended

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Bullying

Frightened and bewildered you feel so all alone
To fend for yourself all your friends are gone
Ran for cover but you left behind a trail
You tried to defend yourself but to no avail
Be encouraged, stay focused and be strong

Dear God please help me and give me the courage
To share my problems and not to be discouraged
I can not fight these battles all by myself
Need to tell somebody not place it on a shelf
Be encouraged, stay focused and be strong

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Burden Bearer

As I was walking down one day on an old rugged road
Wondering how I would make it with such a heavy load
My burdens are so many I cannot bear them all
Thats when I needed a Saviour to answer my every call

When troubles are so many and seems so hard to bear
Call on the name of Jesus and He will answer prayer
It only takes a moment He is only a breath away
He will always hear your cry no matter what you say

Your burdens will be lighter if you let me walk with you
I will brighten up your day and will make your life anew
Cast all your care on me for I know that you are here
Come to me wherever you are for I'll always be right there

When days seems long and dreary and you feel you can't go on
I'll be right there beside you so you won't have to go alone
I can see the little sparrow when it falls upon the ground
Will also lift you up for you were lost and now you're found

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Butterfly And The Bee

Stepped into the ring without a trace of fear
Fists held high as if to say would anyone dare
Bobbed his head up and down then looked around
No greater boxer in the world can ever be found

Pommeled his opponents then knocked them to the floor
The harder he boxed the more the crowd would roar
His opponents fought bravely and gave him all they had
Some won the prized belt and others went away sad

The bell then sounded had to take some time out
It was rung again for they had to go another bout
Winded and weary still had that smile on his face
Stepped to the left then right with a steady pace

The boxing match was soon over had to call it a TKO
Many of the fans applauded and others were ready to go
Hands held high for the winner, head bowed low by the foe
How many rounds a match can go no one will ever know

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Carefree Days

The seeds of love was already sown and slowly began to grow
We had to learn from each other is how we stayed in the know
Brothers and sisters were we, a special gift to one another
Growing up together as children with a loving father and mother

Hide and seek and playing tags was two of our favorite games
No time left for bullying or calling each other out their names
Rolling around an old worn tire with just a tiny piece of stick
Racing and trying to get ahead you had better be more than quick

We never had the time to say that our life was just a bore
Playtime we had were many other times we were given a chore
Climbing the many tall trees was only just a part of the fun
Lying in the thick broom grass face up to the shining sun

The neighbors who lived next to us was a part of our family
An extension of love and devotion is how our friends should be
We all lived in a community that always tried to stick together
In good times and bad times or in any kind of stormy weather

Winters fury finally came and the gusty cold winds began to blow
Ground was a blanket of white we slipped and slid in the snow
Blessings were plentiful we only had to reach out to receive
Were already placed there before us we just only had to believe

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Cherish Each Day

Spend precious moments with a love one
Take the time to give a word of cheer
Then live out your life to the fullest
Knowing He will always be right there

Sees the birds when they fall from a tree
Cares for them as He does for you and me
Give shelter from the storm and also the rain
Never have to worry about troubles ever again

No more darkness see only the bright light
Keep walking by faith and not by your sight
To live with Him forever where life has no end
Cherish each new day that He will ever send

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Child's Play

When the children goes outside to play
So happy just to see a brand new day
They're color blind in each and every way
In love and peace or come whatever may

Love can come in all kinds of shade
Like the hues sparkling from the rainbow
In the image of God is how we are made
Called the human race that we all know

After running or playing hide and go seek
Hungry, tired they're all humble and meek
Learning from them we can unite as one
Child's play goes on until the day is done

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Dear Old Dad

You were the kind of daddy that nurtured us to grow
We were taught early in life you reap just what you sow
Hard work you would always say never killed anyone
You rose early and toiled all day til the setting of the sun

When you came home from work all day tired and worn out
You gave your love so freely without a shadow of a doubt
We could never begin to imagine how much you loved us so
The more you had to provide for us the further you would go

Spare the rod and spoil the child was not your thing to do
You showed how much you cared for us with a love so deep and true
Granted that we as children were nothing but hard headed
We felled into mischief many times wherever we so treaded

To a great Dad that meant all in the world to us
A loving God that called you home must have wanted you thus
On this vast Earth of ours you were created to show your love
A Heavenly gift to us from God sent so lovingly from above

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Diamonds In The Sky

The bright sun rises above the earth like a sparkling jewel
Shines its light with such radiance and warms the air

Then sets in the west to make a way for the luminous moon
That casts its brilliant shadows all through the night

Her heavenly glow is hidden so that the bright stars can shine
They display their twinkling lights to brighten the universe

Brilliant and radiant clouds suddenly turns blue to gray
Shedding their tears with raindrops that fall softly upon the earth

Saturating the parched ground with its life sustaining water
The rainbow appears in majestic splendor after the rain

Shaped like an arc through the skies with its splash of colors
Reaching across the Heavens like a painter's work of fine art

Draping the sky like a portrait that was painted by the hands of God
Reaches to the end of the earth like a flashing diamond in the sky

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Differences

You may think one way 
I might think another 
We began to separate 
Start to say why bother 
Uniting with each other 
We're bound to one another 
In unity there is strength 
When we go the extra length 
My ways are not your ways 
Your ways are not mine 
Still we can come together 
Our differences we will find 
Other paths may also be taken 
May lead to the same destination 
Love and peace are not forsaken 
Time to stop our procrastination 
My ways can be your ways 
The flag of freedom is flown 
Your ways can be my ways 
As we rise to heights unknown

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Down Under

Life is flourishing under the deep sea
Dolphins and whales swimming with glee
In a vast world that is mostly unknown
Amongst reefs and corals so freely grown

A safe haven for many mammals and fishes
An abundant catch is what a fisherman wishes
Some sunken treasures that's forever lost
Many lives were paid at a very high cost

Home for wrecked ships lies under the ocean
A burial under the sea forever their portion
Entombed in a watery grave is where they'll be
Only Divine intervention will ever set them free

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Emotions

Love is a deep emotion we have for one another
It is shared by a friend, father, mother or a lover
The giving of ones self of something tried and true
Can either break the heart or make you feel like new

Happiness is a feeling that may only last for a day
Lots of money and many friends come whatever may
Might only stay for a moment and can quickly fly away
Depends on how you are treated and what others might say

Joy will last forever, something you won't have to mend
Wells up like a spring of water that seems to have no end
Won't depend on how you feel or what might happen to you
Always there when you need it so very faithful and true

Peace is like the rivers of water flowing calmly down the Nile
Sitting on an old park bench just to relax a little while
Staying calm when trouble arise or able to withstand lifes test
Getting together with family and friends when love is at its best

Hate at last can destroy you or can eat away at your heart
Try to put it far behind you and make a brand new start
The choices that you make will determine how you live
Will always be a part of us to accept or either to give

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Fallen Angels

They left behind family and friends
So that others could remain free
Holding back tears trying to be brave
Gave their lives for you and me
Never looking back just marched on ahead
To a place unknown filled with fear and dread

Hoping one day to return to home sweet home
To a place where their love ones dwell
Reminiscing and talking about the good old days
What went on during wartime no one wanted to tell
When darkness covered the untrodden path up ahead
Would rather be at home with loved ones instead

The casualties of war had already taken its toll
Grim stories of the dead and dying began to unfold
Lives are enriched by their unselfish gifts of love
What was taken from us was restored from up above
Our fallen angels have lost their earthly wings
Died for our freedom but has gained as heaven sings

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From One To One Hundred

The very first poem that I wrote
Is titled 'My Quiet Corner'
Would like to add a little note
I felt just like a loner

As I progressed at my poetry skills
Feeling nothing but lots of thrills
Later made many friends and bonded
Fears and woes have now absconded

Feeling quite now the bard at heart
Now I am able to be a vital part
Many thanks to PH and my poet friends
A circle of comfort that never ends

Your kind comments meant so much to me
Though your faces I'll never get to see
My latest poem titled 'Differences'
Hope it appeals to all of your senses

When all of the poets can come together
We will withstand any kind of weather

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Grandma's House

Grandma lived so close near by just a few steps away
I always went to visit her house each and every day
She opens up the back door and greets me with a smile
Tells me to come right in and talk with her for awhile

A sweet aroma from her kitchen wafted up into the air
Came from her homemade biscuits made with love and care
Child you better hasten now your mother will call you soon
Yes Grandma I'll hurry but I will be right back at noon

Treasured moments that we shared they meant so much to me
Can't wait until tomorrow for her face again I will see
Grandma's house was built with love a special place to be
Still sits there nestled under that enormous old oak tree


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Haiku.1 - Be Happy

Learn to laugh at yourself
Take life by the horns and ride
Leave the excess baggage behind

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Haiku.2 - Stay Calm

Don't sweat the small stuff
Take one little step at a time
Don't bite off too much

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Haiku.3 - Listen Up

Two ears for a reason
More a listener
Only one mouth
Less a talker
Listen up!

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Haiku.4 -  Aim High

Reach for the stars
Don't look back
Stay focused

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He Cares

Cast all of your cares on Him
When troubles come your way
Lift up your eyes unto the hills
Then see a bright new day

Knows about your broken heart
Sees all your silent tears
Will be right there beside you
Stand by you through the years

Would never leave you all alone
Hands that's always opened wide
A comfort in the time of need
Be your Healer and your guide

Days can be so long and dreary
Seems it'll never come to an end
When it's more than you can bear
His Angels He will always send

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"heartbeat"

A little baby slowly crept
Onto her mothers warm lap
It was now that time again
To take a nice noonday nap
She then laid there for awhile
Just like a sweet loving child
It's time to get some needed rest
Lays her head upon mom's breast
Then she listened to her heart
So very happy just to be a part
Thump, thump and pitter, patter
Nothing else seemed to matter
Like music with a steady beat
Safe and secure on a soft seat
Soothing sounds tickled the ears
Taking away all of life's fears
Looked at mom with eyes of love
An Angel sent from Heaven above
Then she started to nod her head
And was lovingly placed in bed
Took a deep sigh and sneaked a peep
Dropped her head and went to sleep

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Heaven Sent

A special gift from God above
Sent to you to show His love
Passing through just for awhile
Will say one day there is my child

The time has come to return home
Journey is over no more to roam
Hoping to see you again someday
In His bosom is where I will lay

Try not to worry or grieve too much
Lived my life have savored your touch
For now I am happy and free from pain
An earthly loss but a heavenly gain

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Home At Last

Life was but a shadow that was soon cast aside
Around the throne with my Father is where I will abide
Where joy is eternal one I will never have to forsake
A promise that was made that no one can ever take

This earthly tabernacle was only meant for a while
A heavenly home made ready for His beloved child
No more setting of the sun all of life's fears are gone
Will live with Him forever and never to be left alone

Some days were dark and dreary had some happy days too
If it wasn't for His mercy I could never have made it through
Dreams have since vanished and memories a thing of the past
My Father and I are now one; home at last, home at last

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Honor

To all that gave their lives so that others could be free
Gone but not forgotten are those who died for you and me
With their loved ones left behind and all they held so dear
None could ever take their place nor wipe away our tear

Forever etched within our hearts can never be erased
Will always lift the spirits high nor ever to be abased
Those of us who still remain we'll continue to hold fast
Lifting up the blood stained banner gripping e'er the mast

Tis the casualties of war fought in the name of peace
O'er the billowing waves abound battle cries never to cease
Alas, alas the bell still tolls ringing out its endless peal
Remembering our heroes past, old wounds just beginning to heal

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I Gave You My Heart

Since I met you for the very first time
My heart began to tinkle just like a chime
As I looked into your eyes so deep and true
It was then I knew it was just me and you
I gave you my heart

We knew there were times we would have to part
When this happened we'd make a brand new start
The love we shared was deep just like the ocean
Captured by its spell and dipped in its potion
I gave you my heart

When we are together time seems to stand still
Being with one another is our greatest thrill
Can't wait until tomorrow until we meet again
Same place, same time, whether sunshine or rain
I gave you my heart

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If I Could Fly

If I could fly high in the air like the birds up above
Then seek out any person that doesn't know how to love
Looking down upon the earth and seeing all of its glory
Take to the sky like the morning dove and tell the all time story

When flying far beneath the clear and brilliant skies
Listening to the hungry and hearing their solemn cries
Rising high above the rooftops and trying to see within
People fighting for their freedom and wanting ever to win

Soaring high like the eagle that is sharper than any bird
Spreading of food to the hungry and speaking a kind word
Darting up and down like the sparrow to and fro in the air
Flying around the whole wide world spreading nothing but cheer

Sing like the robin perched on a fence near the gate
Peck at the heart that is filled with so much hate
Gather up the dried grapes hanging on the vines so free
Circle around the lush green forest and rest upon a tree

Coasting and careening up to the greatest of heights
Seeking to understand mankind and his enormous plights
Finally to rest in a place where daylight turns to dark
Yearning ever to fly again a new flight to embark

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If Walls Could Talk

If walls could talk what would they say?  
Anything and everything come whatever may  
Forget about the past and live only for today  
Life is very short and will soon pass away

Walls cannot see nor can they hear  
A cry for help or the shedding of a tear  
When you need a friend and you're all alone  
No one to talk to because all have gone

If walls could talk what would you say?  
Please send me someone that I don't have to pay  
To talk awhile with me then go on their way  
Then I'll see the sunshine on a brand new day

Some walls are invisible and can't be seen by another  
We know that it's there so we begin to say why bother  
Walls can be torn down and with such a great fall  
We're created to live together here on earth after all

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If We Ever Meet Again

You go your way and I'll go mine
Miss you sorely but will be just fine
If we ever meet again
Maybe we'll sing a sweet refrain

Parting can be full of sorrow
Feels like there is no tomorrow
If we ever meet again
Perhaps it will be better then

A love so special that we shared
Only lasted just for awhile
If we ever meet again
We'll greet each other with a smile

A love so true that's freely sown
Will take a little time to grow
If we ever meet again
Then love we will forever know

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In Full Bloom

A fragile rose bush remains invisible
Worn and tired under the summers heat
It lies dormant under the frosty snow
Was treaded upon by countless feet

Lifeless and frozen, not its time to grow
Until the cold winter had begun to pass
Its icy blanket soon begins to melt away
The earth is covered with fresh green grass

A warm breeze cause trees to swivel and sway
Leaves reaching out with an imaginary hand
Slowly peeping out amidst stems and thorns
Birds chirping as loud as they possibly can
Awakening the peaceful and sweet early morns

The bright sun shines and warms the chilly air
Some delicate rosebuds slowly begins to appear
Then bursts forth with their fiery red petals
More beautiful than a thousand gold medals

An array of colors in red, pink, yellow or white
Natures fine painting what a wonderful sight
Adds grace and sparkle to a room filled with gloom
Fresh picked from a garden that's still in full bloom

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Just Imagine

Just imagine the snow on a cold Winters day
When old man winter have had his say
Then Spring has sprung and its flowers begin to bloom
Dandelions and croakers are a plenty is there still room?

Now the long hot days of Summer begins to swelter with heat
It's hard to find a nice cool place just to kick up your feet
When Autumn shows its many colors in brown, yellow and gold
Then Fall comes to tell the story and Winter begins to unfold

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Keepsakes

Fond memories of loved ones gone
Moms voice was such a sweet tone
A hardy shake from dads strong hand
Showing us that he was our great man

Sitting outside on a wide screened porch
A shelter from the hot suns scorch
Nighttime is over and the day is new
Peeking at the grass laden with dew

Birds happily chirping with their songs
Crows flying around in huge dark throngs
Banging out many tunes on some old tin cans
Daydreaming about visits to some faraway lands

Waiting anxiously for a knock on the door
Someones outside who's never been here before
Watching the beauty of flowers as they bloom
Just like the colors of yarn weaved on a loom

Crickets are chirping and lightning bugs glows
Brightening the earth as the north wind blows
What touches the heart there really is no end
May only be a part of day that we can only spend

For some there are many and others there are few
Take some time out so that you can enjoy them too
Love was spread around just like a hot wild fire
The bountiful keepsakes of our many hearts desire

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Le Lunar

Illumines the dark and starless skies
With its luminous light that never dies
A romantic background amongst deep sighs
Looked upon in awe with the naked eyes

It shivers and shimmers as it glows
Controls the tides in ebbs and flows
To the moon gazer what an awesome sight
Viewed by the astronomer with pure delight
For others an object of utter sheer fright

A comfort to the lonely highway traveler
As they journey quietly along their way
Takes a deep bow for the sun to shine
Heralding a bright and brand new day

Thought by many to be an old harbinger
Of the countless changes in our moods
At times ones acts just like a swinger
Another time one rather sit and broods

Casts an eerie shadow over all the earth
Just as sorrow covers the hearts mirth
One of the universe most vital reasons
A catalyst for the changing of seasons

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Life Is Short

Live the life you love
Love the life you live
For it is very short
And can never be bought

Life can be good
Or it can be bad
You've gotten many things
You wish you never had

A really nice house
Even a very fine car
Those fancy things in life
Won't get you very far

Life is for enjoyment
Live yours to the fullest
For it is very short
And can never be bought

Striving for big riches
Maybe a waste of time
Make the best of what you have
While you're still in your prime

You've gotten many things
You wish you never had
Life is made for living
Whether it's happy or sad

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Lifes Curve Balls

As we go through this journey called life
We’re thrown many curve balls along the way
We can either catch them or let them fall
You may run fast, slow or even not at all

The choice is up to you whatever it may be
Caught unawares you may not see them coming
Other times you’re ready to face the challenges
The race is not always won by the fastest
But for the ones who holds out the longest

You may lose your footing but get back on track
Keep on moving ahead and try to stay focused
Soon you will find yourself making great strides
Then you look back to see how far you have come

You then took a deep breath and let out a big sigh
Yes life may have thrown you some fast curve balls
It is how you run with life and keep up with its pace
If you don’t life will soon pass you along the way

So whatever your curve balls are in life stay at
the bat and keep on swinging

You can either:

Miss it or hit it
Tap it or dodge it

Just keep on playing!

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Limerick.1/The Well

The Well

I went to the well
Then in I fell
Had some water to drink
Hope I don't sink
Oh well! Who will tell?

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Limerick.2/A Curious Cat

Went outside one sunny day  
And behind a tent I hid  
The cat was quite surprise  
By the glare in her eyes  
Then soon sped quickly away!

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Limerick.3 - My Shadow

It follows me wherever I go
Believe it cause I told you so
The only time I get to see it
Is when the evening sun is lit
Tis' my shadow this I know

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Limerick.4 - One Of A Kind

That old hungry crocodile
Ate our only rooster
Don't roar like he used to
Now sings croca-doodle-doo

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Lost And Found

Love that was lost
Is filled with pain
Love that was found
Has blossomed again

Love that is true
Is made just for you
Love that went wrong
Might hurt all day long

True love will last
Won’t live in the past
May grow like a tree
Try to wait and see

Will come back to you
If you let it go
Then flourish and grow
Only you will know

Love that was lost
Came at a high cost
Love that was found
May rise or fall down

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Love Blind

Heart has felt what the eyes could not see
Found true love never thought it would be
A tender whisper that means so very much
Blinded by love from your gentle touch

The air that I breathe, the light of my life
You're my midnight turned into a bright day
Hoping that soon I'll be your loving wife
Blinded by love but can still find my way

Such a love like ours is sweeter than honey
Can never be bought with loads of money
It reaches up to the highest mountain
Blinded by love as an overflowing fountain

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Love Is

Love is a many splendored thing
The joy that a newborn baby can bring
Love is what makes the world go round
When two lovers take a stroll downtown

It's better to have loved than not at all
When love beckons we answer its call
It can either build up or tear you down
Love can either save or let you drown

Love is not by chance or a rolling of the dice
Before you take the plunge you better think twice
Love is searched for in many a places
At a bar a club or even at the races

Love is priceless and can never be bought
Rarely given freely and is always sought
If the love you seek is so hard to find
Will it be selfish or a benefit to mankind?

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Love Potion

Love has cast a spell on me
Drowning in its deep blue sea
Mesmerized by a love so true
Fresh and sweet as the morning dew

True love will last forever
Will never ever say no
None can even try to sever
Only meant to grow and grow

My love for you will never die
It was made just for you and I
Our love and trust will always be
Love has cast a spell on me

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Love Scorned, Love Forlorned

Love took a long stroll down to the beach
Is there anybody here that I am able to reach?
Love then showed her grace with a beautiful smile
Is there anyone here that would stay with me awhile?

Love then asked a question how much do you love me?
Someone answered hold on love let me wait and see
She then began to say my love you know that I am free
Yes I am priceless and there is no charge to thee

Love then answers with a frown and said that I give up
I offered my love to you freely even overflowing your cup
Love can only enter if you open wide the door
It will not be forced upon you and will leave you as before

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Love Seesaw

Love is like a seesaw that goes up and down
Just like the ferris wheel it goes around and around
Sometimes you maybe happy and at times maybe sad
You played the game of love and lost everything you had

Love can be unsteady and sometimes topsy-turvy
Can be bold and beautiful and also kind of nervy
Here today and gone tomorrow a never ending battle
Will either make or break you until you start to rattle

Love can either break your heart or tear it all asunder
Thrown out and cast aside then left outside for plunder
A seesaw kind of love you see can also be unsteady
Never go for a ride on love unless you're good and ready

Love can make you a loser and may sometimes let you win
Whatever it takes to keep it try playing again and again
When you have had enough tell the love seesaw goodbye
Give your self sometime to recover and give it another try

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Memories Long Ago

Memories continue to linger on about days long past
Peering at many reflections in an old looking glass
Time can never erase all the love that was shared
Many hearts were laid open plenty souls were bared

Time it is often said does not wait for any man
So make the most of it and enjoy whenever you can
For days long ago will soon be just another memory
Like the end of a rainbow where eyes could never see

So remember the good times and even the bad times too
Life will be much better for God will see you through
Keep looking forward but never forget memories long ago
A better day is just up ahead for the Bible tells us so

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Metamorphosis

Found under the eaves or corners of a house
In a crevice, crack or just out on a wall
Far out of reach and from the prying eyes
Safely secured so that it will never fall

Spins a soft and silky weave around itself
As beautiful as a bride adorned in her dress
Wrapped in its cocoon till the passing of time
In order to withstand the cold winters test

When the powdery white snow begins to melt
Then the first signs of spring is surely felt
It emerges from its warm and cozy built nest
So little time to wander or even take a rest

With rainbow of colors splashed on its wings
Wonders that shows the beauty nature brings
Flits and flutters in the warm and balmy air
Alights on colorful flowers without even a care

Its time on this earth seems to be so very short
Like a tale that is told will soon come to naught
Transformed from caterpillar to a butterfly free
If it can change so then why can't you and me

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More Than You'll Ever Know

Be a shoulder for you to lean on
Sail across the ocean just for you
Ever so lonely when you are gone
Love you more than you'll ever know

All that I've ever hoped for
A rare jewel I have found in thee
Like a bird is how our love will soar
Love you more than you'll ever know

Will be forever and always thine
Love for you grows more each day
Say that you'll always be mine
Love you more than you'll ever know

Two hearts that are woven together
Will withstand the test of time
We've come through the stormy weather
Love you more than you'll ever know

Love that's true will ever be bright
Like diamond found in a piece of coal
That's how my love for you will grow
Love you more than you'll ever know

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My Best Friend

Rises up at the break of day  
Wags his tail wanting to play  
I open door then he bolts out  
Jumps up, down and all about  
My best friend

Heads on paws when I am sad  
Runs in circles to show he's glad  
Naps nearby when time to unwind  
No better pal anyone can ever find  
My best friend

A good companion when you're all alone  
There with you always when all are gone  
Anxiously awaits in front of the door  
Who could ever ask for anything more  
My best friend

Sniffs out rubble for human remains  
Licks our hands to soothe our pains  
Calms the thoughts of a troubled mind  
Comforts the lonely and leads the blind  
My best friend

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My Mother, My Friend

You have given so much of yourself and still have more to share
When others close their hearts to love you always seem to care
My mother, my friend how gracious you've shown your love to me
You give of your heart so freely for all of the world to see

A beautiful rose and petals from a flower, the root of the family tree
My mother, my friend a gift from God you mean all the world to me
There is no replacement for the unconditional love of a mother
When God formed her he broke the mold for there could never be another

You're just like a tiger in a den that's protective of her lair
The sharing of your countless love shows others that you care
We sometimes forget that a mother is a blessing from above
My mother, my friend a deep well of never ending love

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My Quiet Corner

A quiet corner means to me
Just sitting under a big oak tree
Watching the birds in the clear blue sky
Soaring up high and perching nearby

When gazing to the left of me
I see a beehive full of sweet honey
As I look to the right of me
Waves are forming from a deep blue sea

When looking up toward the sky
Beholding God's creation with the naked eye
Then looking down toward the ground
Oh what beauty that can be found

Look all around you in your quiet corner
For there is no room for the thoughts of a scorners
Each of us should have a quiet corner
With all that surrounds us we never are a loner

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No Room For Hate

I went to a house and walked up to the gate
A man came outside and his name was called Hate
He asked me a question would you like to come in?
I then thought for a moment hate is no kin

He then wanted to know what do you think of me?
I said in reply I still have no need of thee
Hate stood for a moment and began to shake his head
Maybe I'll try and ask for his soul instead

Then he looked around and winked like a troll
What would you accept in exchange for your soul?
I looked at Hate with the blink of an eye
You'll live in this house until the day you die

Hate said my house is large with lots of room
I told him where he lives is filled with doom
He then decided to give up on his quest
And said I will try to persuade another guest

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Number One Mother

She is number one
She is my mother
My one and only
Not like any other

A woman of strength
Just like the lovely rose
A special gift from God
You wouldn't dare to oppose

When she was formed
The mold was broken
She carried her load
And not just a token

A woman that's so full of grace
None can ever take her place
She is number one
She is my mother

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On A Mission

He woke me up this morning
To see a brand new day
So grateful for His mercy
I then knelt down to pray

Food to feed the hungry
Alms to give to the poor
A helping hand to someone
Never to want no more

Shelter for the homeless
That have no place to go
A comfort to the lonely
Say how I love them so

Bestow my earthly goods
To those who are in need
Giving of some precious time
Then sow some nurturing seed

Time that is much well spent
Is an important part of living
Show our concern for others
Seek a chance for our giving

Teaching the love of Jesus
To those that's eager to learn
Always going on a mission
My Angel wings I would earn

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Peace

Like a needle in a haystack peace in the world is hard to find
Discord and unrest has taken its toll on most of mankind
You can close your eyes and your heart or choose to do nothing at all
Or you may choose the road to make peace and answer its every call

If the part that you play to make peace seems so very small
Remember it takes one step at a time to gain a mile at all
So answer to the call of peace when it beckons you to respond
Then peace will come to all of mankind in an inseparable bond

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Peer Pressure

You went along with the unruly group just to be a part of the crowd
Then started walking toward the school and began to yell out loud
It was time to go to the classroom but you lingered out in the hall
The bell rang loud for the second time so you responded to its call

Algebra and Social Studies was the first and second of your classes
In a rush to be with friends you forgot and left without your glasses
The Teachers taught you all day long and tried to give you their best
Will want to see what you have learned when time to take their test

School was finally over for the day but you did not want to go home
You just wanted to hang out with friends and later decided to roam
Learning began to be a bore so you decided to just skip a class
No need to stay in school all day don't need Physical Ed to pass

Freedom from peer pressure is your chance for a future that's bright
Keep your mind on the prize ahead and never let it leave your sight
Diplomas and certificates will be given out with joy on graduation day
Awarded to those who studied hard and not those that went just to play

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Poetry In Motion

Pen, pencil and paper in hand with lots of smooth ink flowing
Thought and ideas pops up in the mind well worth the knowing
Then typed or written on paper not always in an orderly fashion
The making of rhyme and rhythm is one of our greatest passion

Putting these poetry in motion shows proof of the writers art
In order to make it a worthy write you give it all of your heart
Poetry is a like a river of water you go along with the flow
If you're unable to keep the pace you'll get lost in the undertow

It comes in all kind of titles wisdom, peace, love or hate
Then finally put together so that others may read and relate
They can encourage, provoke deep thoughts or may be uplifting
It is solely up to you the reader to do all of the fine sifting

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Precious Moments

Time waits for no one like the flower that will soon fade away
Spend some moments with loved ones before the end of the day
Have a long talk with friends and chat about the good old times
Pick up a book and read to a child or sing some nursery rhymes

Precious moments just like a vapor will soon begin to disappear
Days and weeks will be no more then will lead to a brand new year
The time you have will pass away so visit the ones you hold dear
Stay in touch with family and friends whether they live far or near

Opportunities passed along the way can not be recovered again
Relationships torn apart by time will take some care to mend
Lending an ear to someone and listen to what they might say
You may be that special person that may touch a life that day

If you're ever given the chance to help take sometime to do your part
Reap the harvest of love that is sown in a lonely and barren heart
Save and cherish each precious moment as if it were to be your last
It too will be just a memory and another thing belonging to the past

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The clouds began to turn a steely gray
It looks like rain as they begun to say
As the winds tossed them around and about
A downpour soon without a shadow of a doubt

Pitters and patters heard on top of the roof
Saturating the dry soil is its only proof
A life giving nutrient to all living things
Miraculous wonders that only nature brings

Innumerable droplets to quench the arid earth
Refreshing the air with unexpected rebirth
Raindrops dancing as they fell to the ground
Sweet music to the ears like a soothing sound

Overflowing the oceans, streaming down the mountains
Replenishing the springs, filling up dry fountains
Rain dance, rain dance making melodies from above
A gift to all showing God's abundant mercy and love

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Reflections

Look in the mirror what do you see?
A different person or what you used to be
Some things remain the same others are new
Changes can be many and some are few

The mirror does not lie it tells you the truth
If your hair is receding or you're missing a tooth
Can you tell how old you will live to be?
Many have tried but have failed you see

Look again in the mirror have you made a change?
Or are you careful not to step out of your range
Take another look don't step away too soon
Past hurts and ill feelings can reopen a wound

Life can't be lived by just casting a net
Never happened by chance or making a bet
Throw away the stone let bygones be gone
Dig a deep hole and bury the old bone

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Refreshed

Wake up and smell the sweet roses
Nice aromas wafting up your noses
Rise up from your slumbering sleep
Open the door and take a big peep

The sun has risen and shines anew
Earth renewed from the morning dew
A day appears just for me and you
Arise and see another day through

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Seasons Of Change

Trees begin to bare their limbs as their many leaves are shed
Chameleons changes color from the tail to the top of their head
Animals go into hibernation before the first cold winter blast
So it is with our lives we must never try to live in the past

The sun begins to casts its shadows heralding the close of day
A flock of birds flies south creating great shapes along the way
Squirrels scurrying and searching about gathering and storing nuts
If it wasn't for the seasons of change we would all be stuck in ruts

The wind may blow in any direction north, south, east or west
When the storms of life has passed all have withstood its test
Everything must change when it's time to step out their range
Sow and reap, build up, tear down, this is our season of change

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Sharing Is Caring

To show you care for someone is to lend a helping hand
A need to be concerned for every woman, child and man
Share whatever you can to help someone in need
Then you will be happier and a better person indeed

When you share with others you unselfishly give of yourself
Then love is given freely instead of sitting on a shelf
Hands that are always clenched nothing can ever get out
Ones that are open and gives is what love is all about

Sharing is caring when given from the heart with pleasure
The good returns are many and the rewards are without measure
Goods given freely brings a smile to the needy person
Holding back when you can give will only continue to worsen

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Simple Pleasures

Watching all of the sweet smiles on a loved ones face
Running around the race track and keeping up the pace
Touching the dew drops glistening on the wet ground
Going out to dinner then stepping out on the town

Getting together for a picnic in a lush green park
Laughing and playing many games long after the dark
Walking barefoot over the soft warm sand at the beach
Looking up at the stars at night that's too far to reach

Sitting and talking on the porch gazing up at the moon
Wondering how awesome not wanting to go to bed too soon
Humming a lively tune or singing a medley of love songs
Thinking about what went right and not about the wrongs

Tasting sweet honey from a hive freshly made by the bees
Smelling the fresh aromas emanating from magnolia trees
Listening to the voice and sounds of every living thing
Enjoying the many blessings that a brand new day can bring

Remembering the good old times that you and others shared
Hugging and kissing in showing others how much you cared
Giving a helping hand to some who show they are in need
Sitting there with the lonely showing someone a kind deed

Savoring the taste of a succulent and very delightful dish
Watching a shooting star at night and then making a wish
Reaching out your hands to others always with a tender touch
Telling your friends and loved ones how you love them so much

Reading a bedtime story to a young child sitting on your lap
Getting together with the youth just for a little time to rap
Wrote a letter then picked up the phone to dial an old friend
Enjoy the simple pleasures in life for soon it'll come to an end

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Sleep

When the things of this world seems hard to bear
Remember there is a God who really cares
He watches over us as we lie down to sleep
He knows our every thoughts no matter how deep

The blessings of sleep can only come from above
As sweet as the sounds of the lovely morning dove
If you find yourself unable to sleep at night
Thinking of nothing but fear and fright

Looking in the corners of a dimly lit room
Thoughts and ideas appears as gloom, gloom, gloom
When the events of the day seems a bit too much
A good nights sleep has its own special touch

You got up and paced the floor all night long
Then read a book, watch TV or even sang a song
When you have tried everything, just begin to pray
Thats when He will lead you to the break of day

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Snowflakes

A chilly blast of air rushes through the trees
They begin to sway to and fro as if in a trance
The skies change from clear blue to a misty gray
Cool air began to rise and then it began to snow

Winter begins to show its magnificent wonders
As the cold rain turns to brilliant snowflakes
Gently falls to the ground with sparkling majesty
Blanketing the earth like a sea of white glass

Falling to the earth twinkling like crystal stars
Fleeing as the sun peeps out of its hiding place
Melting each snowflake thats unique in every way
Just like a shining jewel fading into the sunlight

Then cleanses the earth with a burst of fresh air
So that the atmosphere will be refreshed and renewed
To be enjoyed and appreciated by every living thing
Fell like frozen tears then warmed by the hands of God

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Sonnet.1/Looking For Love

Where are you oh! my love, oh! my love?
I have searched every corner every cove
Have spent my life waiting, anticipating
Just to get a very first glimpse of you

You're the star that lights up the ebony skies
The reflection of the moon beams in my eyes
Oh! my love my love, words can never be enough
To tell you how much I long to be a part of thee

Finally, at last I have found a love so true
A love that was only meant just for me and you
I've looked for love in all the right places
Your love has solely filled all the empty spaces

You came knocking and gladly I opened the door
My love, oh! my love, having to search for you no more

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Sonnet.2/Loves Embrace

The first time I ever saw your face
Wanting to be always in your embrace
To gaze upon your beautiful smile
Longing to stay and talk awhile

Hold your hands and never let it go
Then tell you how much I love you so
If I could look deep into your heart
Search each corner and touch every part

I know someday you might have to leave
With loves embrace we'll forever cleave
Like two love birds lets fly far away
Not at noon nor night, but right now today!

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South Carolina

Lush green forests and winding trails
Teeming with wildlife, abundant in quails
Deep sea fishing over the clear blue waters
A variety of birds and home building otters

Bridges that spans so high above the oceans
Withstanding the winds or any kind of motions
Amusement parks and islands are seen all around
Many exciting places to stroll out on the town

Watching the golden horizon as the sun goes down
Listening to the nightingales soothing night sound
Basking in the sunlight on a warm and sandy beach
Gazing at blue clouds that's too faraway to reach

Where life is filled with many family and friends
Possibilities and opportunities that never ends
This haven called home is where I will want to be
Forever looming high is the states palmetto tree

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Sowing The Seeds

Sowing the seeds of forgiveness
A life that is so full and sweet
Casting the bread of kindness
To all that you meet and greet

Spreading great bounties of love
Showered with great gifts of care
Basking in the rays of gladness
A loving heart that's made to share

Showing lots of grace and mercy
Then lace with a handful of peace
Reaping the ripe and golden harvest
Sowing that will never have to cease

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Spreading The Fire

Spreading of secrets all around town
Will not build up can only tear down
Striking of words with such heavy blows
When someone gets hit everybody knows

Destroys everything that lies in its wakes
The costs are high whatever the stakes
Those who practice it always seem to win
Whatever the reason gossip is still a sin

Can be very deadly no good it ever is
No respecter of gender not a hers nor a his
Stay far away and keep it out of your lives
With no fuel in the fire gossip never thrives

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Stay In School

When all the children left for school
They went to learn the Golden Rule
Reading, writing and arithmetic
Studying hard to make things stick

The clock struck twelve it was time for lunch
Some played alone others went with the bunch
They could swing, run or ride on the pulley
There was no time left to act like the bully

Waiting for your turn to slide was the best of all
Anyone could go on it whether they were short or tall
Recess was now over it was time to go back to class
Listen to the teacher or you won't be able to pass

The children began to squirm as the day was about to end
Thoughts about home sweet home was just around the bend
Then came the days of summer and time for a carefree break
Stay in school whatever the cost your education is at stake

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Stepping Stones

As you start your journey and begin to cross the dale
Be like the wise old owl and master every trail
The path might be rough and the going may be tough
Keep on crossing the stones until you've had enough

The road can be very long and you may begin to think
Some stones are not so steady and others may begin to sink
So hang on in there and stay right on your course
A strong will for survival is your only source

Accept failure as your lesson and continue down the road
The further you decide to travel the lighter will be the load
Success will soon appear as you come to the end of the line
Then you will look to the future and say victory is all mine

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Sunrise And Sunset

When I awake in the morning and see the sunrise
My heart skips a beat as I begin to clear my eyes
My soul says what a mighty God I serve
To be in the land of the living and to feel every nerve

You can imagine the beauty in everything you see
To smell the odor of the sap flowing from a tree
When the sun goes down and the darkness comes soon
The whole world is lit by the light of the moon

When all is said and all is done
To see the day pass and the setting of the sun
As I go deep into the realms of sleep
I know that my God will watch and keep

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Tale Of An Unforgiving Heart

Plunged into the darkness of a very deep hole
Then left into the harshness of the freezing cold
Unable to break away from this mighty power
Bound beneath the shadows of its massive tower

Where one is unable to see the bright sunlight
Not enjoying a good sleep when day turns to night
Burdened down by the heavy thoughts of the day
Forever at a lost for something kind to say

Gripped by the pangs of being unable to forgive
Lost in the ability to enjoy the life you live
Singing of many songs that is wrought with sorrow
No good thoughts of the day nor of tomorrow

Pray your way to forgiveness as fast as you can
Life is to enjoy and is a gift to every man
You will then destroy it and bring it to an end
Will not enter in until the door is open again

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Tear Drops

Into each of our lives a little tear must fall
This is a gift from God that is common to all
It cleanses the wounds of the troubled soul
When the burdens of life has taken its toll

If you have never had to shed a single tear
Then the beating heart will be hard to bear
The troubles of life brings on constant care
Remember theres a God who is always near

If problems have never entered into your life
That sears the heart and cuts like a knife
If you never had any tear drops to shed
Tears may fall in the days that lies ahead

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The Chosen Few

There are those special people that rises to the occasion
Others that persevere and some that need no persuasion
Refusing to look the other way when troubles start to loom
Remaining positive always when some others only think of doom

Won't ever turn down a challenge when the opportunity arises
Sure to stand out from the crowd without the use of any guises
The ability to withstand the storms on dark and gloomy days
Never giving in to adversity no matter what anybody does or says

Remains ever on the battle fields of life just to win their war
Always fighting for a worthy cause no matter how near or far
They are those silent heroes who've fought unknown by me or you
May not be on the front lines but still they are the chosen few

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The Discarded Tree

A bare Christmas tree stands all alone
Decorations and presents all are gone
That joyous time a thing of the past
The gift of Jesus will sure to last

Was a beautiful sight for all to see
Bought together friends and family
Lots of food and bounties of cheers
Family tradition down through the years

Now lies discarded at the bottom of the heap
Tossed into the ocean sinks down to the deep
Haven for corals, sea mammals and fishes
Floating listlessly no more santas wishes

Once stood tall the center of attention
So wonderful a thing that all could mention
The greatest story has already been told
God sent us a Saviour that'll never grow old

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The Earth Sings

The clouds bursting forth with their cascading rain
Fields overflowing with the harvest of golden grain

The shimmering sun radiantly showing all of its glory
Mountains raising their voices just to tell their story

A moon that shines ever lighting up the darkness of night
Stars twinkling with brilliance oh! what a beautiful sight

Thunders clapping their hands aloud beholding with such glee
Lightning striking up in the air with a sound of sweet melody

Wonders of the universe breaking out with songs of love
Earths beauty and magnificence are heard coming from above

The rainbow flashing with colors across the misty blue skies
Just like music to the ears and with sounds that never dies

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The Eyes (Ayes) Have It

The eyes are the windows of the very soul
Hiding tales of the many stories untold
Can tell if someone is maybe happy or sad
When a person is feeling either good or bad

Will gaze at a bright and star filled night
Looks at the rising sun with pure delight
Wars the ocean and ebbing of the tide
Adoring a loved one sitting by your side

In all shades of color just like the rainbow
Created to behold all things just as we know
Can casts caring glances at a playing child
Gazing at them lovingly with a sweet smile

Seen many houses and buildings quickly leveled
Stared at many places that was quite disheveled
Seeking for human remains in a city ravaged by war
Searching for precious life in a badly burnt car

Yet there is still hope for all of our eyes to see
A flag that's flown and stands for all that are free
Still longing to see a world full of love and peace
The eyes(ayes) will have it never wanting to cease

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The Family Tree

A tiny seed is sown with care into the fertile ground
Then a small tree pops out slowly from its earthly mound
With care it is nurtured by the life giving soil and air
The branches then began to reach as if to someone near

Its roots can grow and flourish as far as the eyes can see
Just like the many members that makes up the family tree
The leaves are like the children that's born of mothers and fathers
The tree may be hewed down but root remains in sons and daughters

The mighty trunk of the tree is what keeps its limbs together
A family should remain steadfast in any kind of weather
Is your family like the one that can't withstand the storm?
Or is it one that doesn't care to be within the norm?

Everyone who lives on earth is born with a family tree
We have no choice in the matter it's part of our history
A tree can grow to unknown heights as if to touch the sky
The family tree will always flourish whether we live or die

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The Fiery Tongue

Who can quench the tongue in its fiery flame
That member of the body known only by its name
Not easily subdued nor always able to tame
Stirs up strife and stays ahead of the game

It sets the heart aflame, oh! so many time
Stirs up the emotions at the drop of a dime
Known to be the cause of many a great fall
Words spoken are sometimes as bitter as gall

A part of the body that can either wound or heal
Can speak cruel words of hate or of love so real
Will build up high and can also tear down
Speak words that can save or either let drown

The words that are spoken can do harm or good
Its lies and deceits is not always understood
A tongue can be tamed whether you believe it or not
Put out its burning fire and give it all you got

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The Greatest Gift

A wonderful Saviour was born in a manger
To all that knew Him, He was no stranger
He gave His life so that we all might live
To love and cherish and also to forgive

A special gift from God sent to you and me
One that is not found under the Christmas tree
Came down to earth so that we all could be free
An unwrapped present placed for all of us to see

Many showers of blessings and joy to another
Love for each other like those from a mother
Be like an Angel to someone that's in need
Food for the hungry or some other kind deed

Remembering the happy times of Christmas past
The fondest of days that seemed to last and last
Spending times with family and old friends too
Sent down from Heaven just to be with me and you

So have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
As you go along your way spreading lots of cheer
Many special blessings sent to each and every one
The greatest gift given to all was in His only Son

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The Homeless

Treading the highways and byways seemingly without a care
Walking about the streets alone nobody knows you're there
Pushing a cart so ladened with all of their earthly goods
Sleeping under a bridge at night or camping out in the woods

When you come into their presence all you can do is just stare
They return the look that shows only emptiness is lurking there
If only something you could say but you're caught at a lost for words
Remember God watches over them the same as He does for the birds

Even the homeless have a place to lay down their weary heads
They pile their clothes up so high just to build makeshift beds
Catching water from a leaky faucet just to get a cool drink
Survival is a constant struggle always living life on the brink

They also have a circle of friends and gather together as a group
Sometimes food is plentiful and at times just a cup of soup
They will always be a part of society that's called the human race
Lets not look at the outside but on the inside that is full of grace

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The Human Chain

We were all born not just merely to exist
But to be an important link to humanity
Some obstacles in life can be quite difficult
There are links in the chain that are weak

When the chain is broken somethings are lost
The substance of the chain is lacking in power
Then the enemy finds a way to get a foothold
To survive this we must all forever hold fast

For in much unity there is great strength
The human condition will always be with us
It is only sustained by our perseverance
Our universe is powerful yet is still fragile

We all have a part to play in it for its survival
A chain that is unbroken is a very formidable foe
Everyone of us are unique in each and every way
Still becoming united as one will happen one day

Great things will happen when all can come together
Will bind us tightly when we began to love one another
Strong links are vital in the creation of this human chain
Linking back together will also help strengthen us again

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The Journey Home

As I traveled along the way
Met an Angel who began to say
Take my hand and follow me
Where I go you shall be free

I went and left it all behind
Saying goodbye to all mankind
Heaven's my home is where I'll be
A beautiful place it is to see

No more pain and no more sorrow
Never have to worry about tomorrow
Be happy always and rejoice with me
I've gone to live with Him eternally

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The Porch

As I rock back and forth in my chair with ease
The trees began to sway with the sweet Summer breeze
Just thinking about what could have been
Deep thoughts of the things hidden deep within

I begin to ponder the events of the past
Ever so long ago they never seem to last
Memories of things past are only for a season
Whatever the problem there's always a reason

I stopped rocking a while and began to think
Life is for living, humanity is but a link
Your favorite hobby maybe reading, walking or fishing
Whatever your reason maybe for living
Enjoy what you can it is better than wishing

The earth and its wonders are created to enjoy
To love and cherish and not to destroy
As the day began to fade and my rocking cease
Will the world continue to exist if there is no peace?

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The Roads Of Life

As we travel back and forth down the paths of life
Sometimes we wonder if we're going to meet with strife
Always asking the question whats around the corner?
Just keep on moving and quit acting like a mourner

Why waste time trying to figure things out
Walk by your faith without a shadow of a doubt
The paths of life seems long and dreary
Roads can be tough so never grow weary

For we are all a part of this walk together
Lets flock together like birds of a feather
Wherever our path leads us lets make the best of it
It's better to keep going than just to say I quit

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The Valley Of Despair

Lost and trapped in the valley of nothing but despair
Hands held high for help and grasping nothing but air
Alone and much abandoned no one knows you're there
All have turned their backs and none seems to care

You can choose to stay down and wallow in your sorrow
Or speak words that says there is always a tomorrow
Then you will see the sunshine on a bright new day
Rise up from the valley no matter what they say

When others try their best to keep you burdened down
Rise high above their heads with a smile and not a frown
The life that you want to live is solely up to you
So get up shake off the dust and start your life anew

Despair like a vine can creep back into your life again
Loosen its hold and see the sunshine and not the rain
If you know of someone else whose back is to the ground
Take their hands and lift them up for you was also down

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Then Comes The Night

When the sun goes down and the day is done
Some battles are lost and others have been won
The toils of the day have gotten the best of you
Ready for another chance to start your life anew

Night is getting closer you can hardly see the light
Troubles were many so you gave it all your might
Hoping to make it through the long and lonely night
Things look dark and dreary but soon will be all right

The stars light up the night and twinkled in the skies
Sleep crept up slowly with lots of blinking of the eyes
You tossed and turned all night then got up out of bed
Filled with the worries of just what might lie up ahead

You went and got back into bed and finally went to sleep
Then slept until daylight and opened the shutters to peep
Overcome with great joy that you made it through the night
A good night’s sleep is a blessing and more than just a fight

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Top Of The Mountain

You came upon a mountain that seemed so hard to climb
To undertake a task so great will really take some time
As you held your head up high peering up to the top
Your heart began to race and your courage started to drop

I need some time to think you said and then you began to ponder
That mountain that I started to climb is very high up yonder
Get to the top of the mountain by taking one step at a time
No need be in a hurry since you did not commit a crime

Take a deep breath with all your might and start to move ahead
Success in life is up to you no matter what others have said
Continue to climb that mountain until the top looms near
It takes a strong will for survival and also many a tear

Every inch was a struggle many heartaches along the way
The time it took to reach the top did not happen all in a day
You finally achieved the goal in life that you always wanted to do
Others might help you along the way but the rest is up to you

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Tribute To The Men And Women In Blue

Patrolling the streets every night and day
Protecting our livelihood come whatever may
Flying an airplane or even riding in a boat
Throwing a life jacket to keep someone afloat

Sirens can be heard ringing loud and clear
Everybody knows that a fire is burning near
Climbing a ladder to put out the fiery flames
Searching the buildings and calling out names

Responding to calls with all of your might
Walkie Talkies never leaving your sight
Safeguarding our homes and our loved ones too
All hail to the brave men and women in blue

Tireless and unwavering in all that you do
Worthy of your calling and lots of honor too
Leaving your loved ones in the time of trouble
When disaster strikes sifting through the rubble

To all the great men and women in blue
Words can never express our love for you
So very tried and true many thanks to all
Responding to our needs and to our every call

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Truly Amazing

Bright sunshine rises heralding a brand new day
Dew drops glistening on a bed of grass they lay
A cool breeze flows as it drifts through the air
Leaves dancing and floating with lots of flair

As the time passes by there's a calm and quiet hush
Birds nesting and preening in the thick underbrush
A solitary blackbird is peeking down from its perch
Animals resting quietly until their nightly search

The grass begins to wither under the searing heat
Scorching sun bears down on a field of golden wheat
Nature has its own reminders when it's time to change
Like an old fashion tune that's played outside its range

Planet earth continues to revolve just as we so believe
Then the sun begins to set in her familiar place at eve
Closing its brilliant curtains as it slowly takes a bow
Always called it home then as we continue to call it now

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Twin Cinquains - Birds/Animals

BIRDS
Wise as an owl
Humble as the dove
Graceful as an eagle
Swift like the sparrow

ANIMALS
Bold as a lion
Fast like the cougar
Ferocious as a bear
Cunning as the hyena

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Under One Roof

A good neighbor way back when
Wasn't so very hard to find
They shone like a rare jewel
And was only one of a kind
Gathered together as a family
Were united in love and peace
Sat and sung under an old oak tree
Laughter never seeming to cease
Some gave freely of their bounty
What their Father had to bestow
Shared what was in their garden
Whatever they were able to grow
Life wasn't always a bed of roses
Was sometimes up and at times down
Had no time to look down their noses
Lived only where love and peace abound
When time of heartaches and sorrow nears
Bowing of heads and shedding of tears
Bounded together as if under one roof
In a bond of love was their only proof

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Walk By Faith

As you begin your journey
To start a brand new day
Thoughts of what might happen
You continued on your way
Walk by faith

Got in your car
Then began to think
Started to ponder
What lies up yonder
Walk by faith

Went for a short ride
Just to clear your head
Stopped at the red light
Mind filled with dread
Walk by faith

You got out the car
Then shut the door
Breathed a sigh of relief
That's what faith is for
Walk by faith

Got home safe and sound
Sat and relaxed for awhile
You started to look around
Then thought with a smile
Walk by faith

Where is your faith?
Then thou saith
I walk by faith
I walk by faith

'Walk by Faith'

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Wildlife Night

Hunter at night and a sleeper by day
A lonely coyote pounces on its prey
An old gray bat is zooming all around
Some sly foxes going out on the town

Hyenas laughing and fighting for the dead
Animals scurrying eyes filled with dread
A ferocious tiger goes out on the prowl
Sounds are echoing from a screeching owl

Lions roar cause they’re king of the jungle
Catching their food is without any bungle
Noisy baboons hung freely from the trees
Disturbing the hives of sweet honeybees

Night is the time for some wildlife flings
Songs breaks forth as the cuckoo bird sings
A wide eyed cougar searching for its catch
Crossed path with a bear and met its match

Leopards sleeping or basking out in the sun
Waiting for the chance to make the nights run
A pumas large glaring eyes lights up the dark
Searching and crouching then leaps on its mark

Wildcats anxiously stalking some weary deers
Celebrating their catch without any kind of fears
A pack of hungry wolves hovering over their kill
Beware of dangers for night life is never still

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Will You Love Me Then?

Will you still love me when I grow old
When life's problems have taken their toll
With secrets uncovered and tales unfold
From this day forward to have and to hold

We cannot tell how our life is going to be
Some things that are hidden from you and me
Bound together by love and tied like a knot
Two perfect individuals is what we are not

I'll still see your shadow when eyes grow dim
Feel your tender touch at each and every whim
Basking in the warmth of your gentle embrace
Loving you ever none can never take your place

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Wind Song

As the waves violently crashed against the white seashore
An invisible but quite ferocious wind still blows forever more
Its mighty power rises up and stretches like a rushing wonder
She held back her reckless visage then only seemed to ponder

Mariners, boaters and fishermen alike all brave that stormy sea
From the north, south, east and west or wither the gusty winds be
Relentless winds that never cease is out of the seafarers control
Caught in its fearsome currents may God have mercy on their soul

Seagulls soaring high up above searching the deep sea for fish
Winds whistling their woeful tunes as if they're making a wish
Its forces begins to diminish then the water becomes calm again
Wistful songs will always be heard but no one will ever know when

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Without A Trace

You went away without a trace
If I could only again see your face
Looked for you at every corner
Grieved for you just like a mourner
I saw you in the stars up above
Twinkling in the sky, just like my love
Saw you in the waves over a stormy sea
Sitting alone under the weeping willow tree
Fleeting thoughts of you always came to mind
Searching for a jewel that's so hard to find
Walking down a dark and lonely narrow street
Saw some faceless strangers that I happen to meet
You went away without a trace
The fear of never having to see you once again
Bought a ticket and got on the morning train
I went to visit a place where we always met
A special place we shared I could never forget
You went away without a trace
It finally came to a stop that was my destination
I began to feel a tingling and a sweet sensation
A warm and tender feeling raced up and down my spine
You ran towards my open arms and was forever mine

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Words Spoken

Kind words spoken is like health to the dry bones
If given with love and cheer and not with undertones
Like a cool drink of water that refreshes the arid soul
Bubbling up like a fountain filling the top of the bowl

Given freely from the heart without any kind of measure
Worth more than gold and silver or whatever the treasure
Brings a cheery countenance that lights one up with a smile
Not ever given with deceit nor meant with any kind of guile

As you go along your journey try spreading a word of cheer
Per chance might be an Angel that was sent to meet you there
When you're at your lowest point and you feel so all alone
An Angel will appear to you sent down from Heavens throne

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