

Poetry Series

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I am 16 and live in Brisbane, Australia. I am studying to be a nurse. I enjoy running, netball, volleyball, swimming and reading. My fav band is Westlife. The best band ever! ! ! And my fav single singer is Micheal Buble. HOT! ! Growing up poetry was my venting system and has seen me thru alot of tough times.

A New Way To Fly

Like birds on a high line
They line up at night time at the bar
They all once were lovebirds
Now bluebirds are all that they are
They landed in hell
The minute they fell from love's sky
And now they hope in the wine
That they'll find a new way to fly

A new way to fly
Far away from goodbye
Above the clouds and the rain
The memories and the pain
And the tears that they cry
Now the lessons been learned
They've all crashed and burned
But they can leave it behind
If they could just find
A new way to fly

By the end of the night
They'll be high as a kite once again
And they don't seem to mind all the time
Or the money they spend
It's a high price to pay
to just find a way to get by
But it's worth every dime
If they find a new way to fly

They'll leave it behind
As soon as they find
A new way to fly

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Being Old

Yes, my body is old
But it's not the real me.
The real me is as young as you
In fact the real me never changes.

Yes, I'm trapped in a body
That won't obey me
But don't let it fool you.
I'm aware of everything around me
And I want to be included.

So don't look at me with pity
Or talk to me as you would a child
Please don't make me feel useless
And ignore me.

I have not changed
Not really.
Time has just taken its toll.

The real me is just like you.
With a need to be
Wanted and accepted.

So be patient with me
If I am a little muddled,
Or deaf, or need a strong arm to lean on.

For inside I am fling
Free and young and mobile.
Please.....
Try to see me,
See me as I really am.

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Blank Peice Of Paper

I'm just a blank sheet of paper
This fool's about to write you a letter
To tell you that he's sorry
For the way he did you wrong
To ask for your forgiveness
For leavin you alone

He's been lookin down at me
It seems like forever
He takes the top on and off his pen
It's like he can't decide
What he wants to say
If he'd just tell the truth
I'd be on my way

But he just stares at me
And I just stare at him
He don't know where to start
To say he doesn't want it to end
Now its one hour later
And I'm still a blank sheet of paper

The sunlight is comin through the curtains
He's almost asleep pen in hand
There's a tear in his eye
That refuses to fall
If it would land on me
That would say it all

But he just stares at me
And I just stare at him
He don't know where to start
To say he doesn't want it to end
Now it's four hours later
And I'm still a blank sheet of paper

Oh but he just stares at me
And I just stare at him
He don't know where to start

To say he wants you back again
One broken heart later
And I'm still a blank sheet of paper

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Bridges

Burning bridges one by one
What I'm doin' can't be undone
And I'm always hoping someday
I'm gonna stop this runnin' around
But every time the chance comes up
Another bridge goes down

Last night we talked of old times
Families and home towns
We wondered if we'd both agree
On where we'd settle down
And I told him that we'd cross that bridge
Whenever it arrived
Now through the flames I see him
Standin' on the other side

Burning bridges one by one
What I'm doin' can't be undone
And I'm always hoping someday
I'm gonna stop this runnin' around
But every time the chance comes up
Another bridge goes down

Like ashes on the water
I drift away in sorrow
Knowing that the day
My lesson's finally learned
I'll be standing at a river
Staring out across tomorrow
And the bridge I need to get there
Will be a bridge that I have burned

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Distance

There is now more distance,
Now more sorrow.
What we said will come today,
May not even come tomorrow.

But you are gone,
A new life you'll lead
Forget about home,
And what we had.

Its all ahead,
They always say that it will get better.
But know its too late,
You've already made your bed.

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Drive It Home

I've been out on this highway of hearache
Hopin' that somewhere down the line
I could find somebody who
Could rev' me like you do
So grab onto my wheel
And I'll be fine
Take the keys to my heart
And drive me crazy
I've been runnin' on empty way too long
Honey you got the touch
That heats my motor up
Take the keys to my heart
And drive it home
I don't know where this road is gonna' lead us
But what a beautiful night for a drive
Baby put your mind at ease
Drop the top and feel the breeze
Just follow the signs to paradise
Tonight were gonna' set these wheels on fire
And find out just how far this thing will go
Honey we don't need no map
Cause where we are is where its at
Take the keys to my heart
And drive it home
Baby make my motor yearn
I long to feel that rubber burn
Take the keys to my heart
And drive it home
Drive it home

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Gone Are The Days

Gone are the days my sister

That I could hold you when you cry.

Gone are the days my sister

That we played all the night.

Gone are the days my sister

That I could wish upon a star.

Gone are the days my sister

That we are no longer as we were.

Gone are the days my sister

Of being best friends.

Now contact is rare and talks are short.

I beg you my sister,

Let me hold you when you cry.

Let us play all the night.

Let me wish upon a star.

And let us be as we were.

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How It Is

Though it's true,
And I'm here for you.
There's things you've done,
That make me want to turn and run.

A song too sad,
Love gone bad.
Its amazing that I'm still here,
Sharing it with you- fear for fear.

To hold in my arms once more,
To say a few words without you running out the door.
And that my dear is how it is.....

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If I....

If I could love you that way,
And let you say all you have to say.
If I could hum your song,
And believe its in your arms I belong.
If I could feel the desire,
And let your love carry me higher.
If I could listen to you,
And regard our moments as to few.
I think I'd know how to love you.

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In Another's Eyes

In another's eyes
I'm someone who
Loves him enough
To walk away from you
I'd never cheat
And I would never lie
In another's eyes

In another's eyes
I can do no wrong
And he believes in me
And his faith is strong
I'd never fall
Or even compromise

In another's eyes
Starin' back at me
I see a sinkin' soul
Tryin' desperately
To turn the tide
Before it dies
In another's eyes

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It Always Ends

He'd popped the clutch on that old red Ford
My daddy would holler and run to the door
Dust would fly as we flew down
That old gravel driveway
And lookin' back I can't believe
He let me run with a boy like him, He said 'You better get her back by ten or
there'll be hell to pay'
I can still feel his lips on mine
It's all so real
But lost in time

Ain't that just like a dream
Runnin' wild and runnin' free
We were rebels chasin' time against the wind
Sometimes I long for just one night
Of the way I felt back then
But ain't that just like a dream
It always ends

Saturday nights we could all be found
Radios up and our windows rolled down
Hearts on fire and holdin' hands
Sights set on forever
We never thought those days would end
We'd never be the same again
Summer would be the last time we would ever be together
I never knew I'd wake up some day
In a brand new world so far away

Sometimes I long for just one night
Of the way I felt back then
But ain't that just like a dream
It always ends

Ain't that just like a dream
It always ends

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Mum

Though the road is rough,
And the past relationship tough.
My love for you grows more and more,
And your loving ways open yet another door.
I don't know what I'd do,
If push came to shove and I lost you.
Please believe that your my world, my heart, my soul,
And when we die, towards Heaven we shall roll.

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My Best Friend

I never had no one
I could count on
Ive been let down so many times
I was tired of hurtin
So tired of searchin
til you walked into my life
It was a feelin
Id never known
And for the first time
I didnt feel alone

You stand by me
And you believe in me
Like nobody ever has
When my world goes crazy
Youre right there to save me
You make me see how much I have
And I still tremble
When we touch

You're more than a lover
There could never be another
To make me feel the way you do
Oh we just get closer
I fall in love all over
Everytime I look at you
And I dont know where Id be
Without you here with me
Life with you makes perfect sense
Youre my best friend

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My Dad

He is the one I look to

The one I run to

The one who made my family complete.

A new person, a new day, a new experience

My life is complete now that you're here.

I love our time together

The sunshine in your smile

The love that's in your eyes.

You make us all complete and I know that there are many more years to come.

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My Mum

My mum is my best friend

The one who's always there

Who wipes away my tears

And gets rid of all my fears.

She is my world and I love her so much.

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Not A Moment Too Soon

I was standing
At the end of my rainbow
Nowhere to go
And no pot of gold in sight
All my wishes
Were just way too much to hope for
But when I saw you
I knew I'd seen the light
And not a moment too soon
Without a minute to spare
You touched my heart

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Papa Loved Mama

Papa drove a truck nearly all his life
You know it drove mama crazy being a trucker's wife
The part she couldn't handle was the being alone
I guess she needed more to hold than just a telephone
Papa called Mama each and every night
Just to ask her how she was and if us kids were alright
Mama would wait for that call to come in
When Daddy'd hang up she was gone again.

(chorus)

Mama was a looker
Lord, how she shined
Papa was a good'n
But the jealous kind
Papa loved Mama
Mama loved men
Mama's in the graveyard
Papa's in the pen.

Well, it was bound to happen and one night it did
Papa came home and it was just us kids
He had a dozen roses and a bottle of wine
If he was lookin' to surprise us, she was doin' fine
I heard him cry for Mama up and down the hall
Then I heard a bottle break against the bedroom wall
That old diesel engine made an eerie sound
When Papa fired it up and headed into town.

Well, the picture in the paper showed the scene real well
Papa's rig was buried in the local motel
The desk clerk said he saw it all real clear
He never hit the brakes and he was shifting gears.

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Please Don'T Take The Girl

Johnny's daddy was taking him fishing
When he was 8 years old
A little girl came thru the front gate, holding a fishing pole
His dad looked down and smiled, he said we can't leave her behind
Son i know you don't want her to go, but someday you'll change your mind
And johnny said

Take Jimmy Johnson
Take Tommy Thomson
Take my best friend Bo
take any body that u want as long as she don't go
take any boy in the world
daddy please don't take the girl

Same old boy same sweet girl
10 years down the road
he held her tight and kissed her lips in front of the picture show
stranger came and pulled a gun
grabbed her by the arm
said if you do what I tell you to there wont be any harm
and Johnny said

take my money, take my wallet, take my credit cards
heres the watch that my grandpa gave me
heres the key to my car, mister give it a whirl
But please don't take the girl

Same old boy same sweet girl
5 years down the road
Theres going to be a little one
and she says it's time to go
The doctor says the babies fine
but you'll have to leave
cause his mommas fading fast
and Johnny hit his knees and there he rayed

Take the very breath you gave me
Take the heart from my chest
I'll gladly take her place if you'll let me

Make this my last request
Take me out of this world
God please don't take the girl

Johnnys daddy was taken him fishing when he was eight years old

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Smiling

The cover of a magazine, nothing but a paper dream
Just another fantasy for sale
Telling me what I need, what I should do, who I should be
That stuff don't matter to me at all

The sky is blue and the sun is shining
I feel like a bum with a pocket full of diamonds
I'm free as a bird and my spirit's flying
That's enough to keep me smiling

Guru man on my TV set, selling the secrets to happiness
1-800-Change-Your-Life-Today
Dreams, I've got my own; I ain't looking for a yellow-brick-road
I'm just gonna go my own way

The sky is blue and the sun is shining
I feel like a bum with a pocket full of diamonds
I'm free as a bird and my spirit's flying
That's enough to keep me smiling

The sky is blue and the sun is shining
I feel like a bum with a pocket full of diamonds
I'm free as a bird and my spirit's flying
That's enough to keep me smiling

I'm still smiling, gotta keep on smiling
I'm still smiling

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The Best Friend I Never Had

Late nights, mad parties.

Telephone calls sleep over parties,

The things we never did.

A friendship that never grew

A rose that never bloomed.

She never knew I needed a friend

Someone to lean on, someone to trust.

And one day I'll tell her

She was the best friend I never had

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The Night

That night will live forever
Their first time to lie together
They were finally where desire dared them to go
Both belonging to another
But longing to be lovers
Promising each other that the night will only know

Parked on some old backstreet
They laid down in the backseat
And fell into the fire down below
But they would pay for their deceiving
For a deadly web was weaving
Why they picked that spot that evening
Lord, the night will only know

Well within the innuendos
Just outside the steamy windows
The night was shattered by a woman's scream
Motionless and frightened
The grip of fate had tightened
And with trembling hands they wiped away the steam

They saw a woman pleading
Stumbling, begging, and retreating
'Til she became the victim of a foe
And they watched her fall in silence
To save their own alliance
But the reason for the violence
Just the night will only know

And every paper ran the story
She was stripped of all her glory
And they told exactly how the woman died
Abandoned and forsaken
Too many pills were taken
And they ruled the woman's death a suicide

Bound by their behavior
They could have been her savior

Now guilt becomes an endless debt they owe
But another crime was committed
And it's never been admitted
Have the guilty been acquitted
Lord, the night will only know

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Victim Of The Game

Well, it took a little time
But I guess you finally learned
That promises get broken
And bridges do get burned
You've been siftin' through the ashes
Just tryin' to find a flame
Holdin' on to nothin'
You're a victim of the game

You were standin' way too close
To see it all fall apart
And there were things you couldn't hear
'Cause you were listenin' with your heart
But you can't say I didn't warn you
Now there's no one else to blame
There's on one quite as blind
As a victim of the game

And it don't matter who you are
It treats everyone the same
All you need's a heart
To be a victim of the game

You know it's really gettin' to you
When you take to tellin' lies
And you can try to fool your friends
But you can't look 'em in the eye
There ain't no standin' tall
In the shadow of the shame
When everybody knows
That you're a victim of the game

Oh, you know, when I look into your eyes
I can really feel the pain
Starin' in the mirror
At a victim of the game

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Watching Over Me

She was my friend

The best I ever had.

Her smile was my world

And her heart was pure gold.

She tried to be strong

Be it was stronger than her.

You would never have guessed that something was wrong.

We hid her terrible secret

Till the day she passed on.

Three months on,

I still can't believe she's gone.

But I know that she is watching over me.

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Why Do I Love You?

Why do I love you?

I don't even want to.

You're just always there.

To whisper in my hair

"It'll be alright"

And you keep me safe at night.

You say you love me

But I dunno what to feel.

Endless nights of fighting, pushing and screaming

Makes me ask myself the question

I ask so many times a day

Why do I love you?

And now I know why.

I love you for you.

I can't live without you.

You're a part of me now.

So I know why I love you.

But why do you love me?

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Wouldn'T Want It Any Other Way

Without me
Maybe you'd find somebody else
A little wiser
With a lot more wealth
And without you
It's true I'd be free
To go chasing all my dreams
Without any strings

But I wouldn't want it any other way
Having you to come home to at the end of every day
Your tender touch puts a smile back on my face
Wouldn't want it any other way

Hard times
May never let up on us
And maybe all we'll ever have
Will barely be enough

And babe you know
How cold the wind can blow
Love's never let us down
When we needed it the most
Oh baby
You know I love you more each day
Any other way

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