**Poetry Series** 

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### Fragments Of A Ninth Birthday

Fragments of a red balloon Hang limp on the rail. Like the echoes of a birthday tune They're now remanants of a birthday tale.

The Green Machine sets in park. Its reverie grows dim. Like a broken heart, silenced in the dark. Waiting, waiting, just for him.

Gift boxes and ribbons, ripped apart, New toys left on the floor, Like the little boys' lonely heart, They're now locked behind a closed door.

#### I Saw The Holes

I folded his shirt. I saw the holes, He had nervously chewed the rim. My heart goes out to him... It too was left behind. How could they be so unkind?

I placed the shirt aside, Much like what they did to him, Hoping to patch the holes.. Not knowing how to manage This irreparable damage.

#### **Oxymoron Of Trigeminal Pain**

Just a call, need money can't work, feel lonely. Pain acute, everlasting. Fell from grace

Wife may leave me. Her burden too tall because of my fall I'm losing it all

Pain won't leave. Encircles its tentacles of my orbital cavity distorting my reality

Throbbing, throbbing stabbing stabbing, knife-like attack cutting away my life

Ah the nerve of trigeminal pain taking my life driving me insane

Pushing the pill tasting the bitter aftermath of it. Oxicotin, can't quit

It's the only relief from pain but its fall is greater yet.

#### Stop The Abuse

Behind locked doors... Concrete walls and cement floors... They created my cell. I call it jail.

Only because they fail to see What they have made of me. This heinous environment I face, Is an unforgivable disgrace.

Stop the Abuse! There is No Excuse!

In this foreign school They treat me cruel. Five boys kicked me until I fell. 'You are a retard.' They would yell.

But still, with pride, An ice bag I denied. For I am already numb. This unforgivable wound, I've succumbed.

Stop the Abuse! There is No Excuse!

This parade of life needs a rest. So, I'll close my eyes and do my best. Perhaps they will surely see All I want is a loving family.

Maybe, they'll hear my cries. Mabye, there will be no more lies. Maybe, my Mommy will love me And my Daddy will set me free.

There is No Excuse For this abuse. I'm only eight years old. Can't you see?