## **Poetry Series**

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## **Bitterness**

Greet me with your bitterness
I'll greet you with my sorrow
and as our dreadful love doth bloom
so shall it die tomorrow.

## **Books Not Bought**

You were a book that I've only ever heard of,
Never once have I been able to read you
But when I did get a chance
I studied your cover and fell in love with your spine
And I chose to put you back instead of buy you.
I did love you though.

# **Daughter Who Darkness**

Daughter of night, sister of war. The goddess of chaos, strife and discord.

#### **Dear Self**

Dear Self Be kind to yourself, as you are with others. You have these grand expectations of yourself and at times, those around you. It's good to have goals and hunger for betterment, but you must also be vigilant to keep them realistic Because, while you are indeed fierce and strong-willed, you are also soft and at times, fragile. You are human But that doesn't mean you are without superpowers. Your sensitivity is your greatest gift, but without training, can also be your greatest downfall You must learn to master your craft. This means to be patient with yourself as you would with others, To show compassion as you would with others, To show love, grace and humility to yourself. This in practice is to truly understand and epitomise, that self-care is not selfish That it is okay to say no or to ask for help, Or to be truly vulnerable To embrace the lows; for making the highs even sweeter To acknowledge that fear is the root cause of bitterness and resentment To let the good wash over you, the same as the bad And embrace the micro changes,

the same as you believe

as the meta stays the same;

To believe you are worthy of a great love,

another's worthy of yours To embody the idiom that one can only truly love another, after they learn to love themself And thus allow yourself the hard-earned victory of grounded, stable understanding To know the difference between support and advice, love and hate friendships and partnerships To have faith that you will find your way, because you will; Because you live your life with generosity and authenticity. This is my vision for you, that you will make this your reality.

#### Garden Of Eden

Delightful, a beauty in sight

With no distractions

No sounds of chaotic city life drifting in over some nearby wall

The garden is vast

And nothing intrudes on its peace

Better yet, your mind is clear of worries

Your body untroubled, free from any trace of illness, allergies and pain

Senses free to take in surroundings

You feast your eyes on the vivid hues of the blossoms

Then on the sparkle of a stream

A myriad greens of foliage

And grass in sun and shadow

You feel the mild breeze on your skin

And take in the sweet fragrance of the Queen night flower.

You hear the rustling of leaves

The splash of water tumbling corner rocks;

The calls and songs of birds,

the hum of insects at work...

Do you not long to be in such a place?

## Goodbye To Pain

In the dark streets of unhappy endings, where needles numb the pain in a dying vein. The missing and the lost light the skies as colours flash and dance, waving their goodbyes to pain And say hello to HOPE!

## **Hey There Audrey**

Hey there Audrey, What is it like to roam the city When people are looking at you, thinking; 'Isn't she so pretty? ' Well yes you are.. You're the prettiest soul in the world by far, but why are you so far? Hey there Audrey What is it like being on your own? I'm at home today writing this for you, But I know you'll be just fine. Give it all you've got... Be at your best: ') Like I'm there to watch But, what happened to us? Cause how I've been missing you so much And my care was never enough But it's stronger now than it ever was And I can promise you That by the time you read this through I would have tried to live my life and get somewhere without you, But I'd rather go back to square one with you... I hope you always find a reason to smile, Even if that smile is no longer because of me, I'm glad I meant something to you for a while And I'm still writing to you, Every single day when possible!

## Say My Name

I like the way you moan
try and hold it in
or bite your lip;
breathing ragged with just the tip
its sensual, so attractive
I slide it in
making you gasp,
clutch the sheets
lips open up
let it go
that's right baby
nice and slow
say my name
I'll go again.

## We Aspire

How did you end up flowing in my veins?

I breathe you with every second that passes and I cry with tears that taste like you.

Pathetic, right?

I should make myself a cup of tea and calm down... as if this could heal me...

How can you heal with an ordinary tea, a chronic problem?

Doctor, give me ten boxes of aspirin
I have to overcome the cold.

## Yes, Make Me

Make me your emblem Adopt my colours Let them be seen Through actions and verse. Make me your flag Fly me high upon the sturdiest masts, Watch me billow with purpose Catching the wind that forever lasts. Make me your anthem With truth in words that rings so clear, Sing me loud and true; Sing me always for all to hear. Make me your creed Pledge yourself to always uphold My name in thoughts and ink, Emblazoned across as your brand in gold. Make me your home Your shelter for when the day is done; A safe haven to return to With the setting of the sun. Make me someone So at least I know that I exist, Make me a simple somebody in your life Not just a name on a forgotten list.