

Poetry Series

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Andre

I take the big pieces and place them in a cup
And sweep away the ones that's not big enough to pick up
As I sit here and tape the pieces together
I wonder if this is a storm I can weather
Although I have Jesus on my side
I still look for a place to run and hide
Physically from this Earth you were erased
But in my heart you can't be replaced
I ask that you take my hand and guide me through this journey of life
And make sure the direction in which I'm going is right
As I think about the last eighteen years
My eyes begin to fill with tears
But these tears are of joy
Because in my life you are a blessing that they can't destroy
Two months and ten days of time went by
And up above with the angels you fly
As I close my eyes and see your smiling face
I know you're in a much better place
Rest In Peace Andre Reginnald Jones I Love You

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Dametrus

DEVOTED is what I am to you,
I will ALWAYS be loyal
I fell Madly in love with you
And I was ELATED that you felt the same way too
You gave me your TRUST and I won't take it for granted
No one can ever REPLACE you in no kind of way
My love for you is UNCONDITIONAL
And your love is SENSATIONAL

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Emotional Abuse

How can I hold on
When there's nothing left to hold on to?
You played with my heart and my mind
And like a fool I let you
Mad at myself more than I'm mad at you
Because I believed your feelings were true
And I just don't know what to do
I felt stupid and looked dumb
Because I let you abuse me until my heart felt numb
You hurt me with your word and not your hands
But it was still something my heart couldn't stand
You called me a bitch and said I was a hoe
Why those words? I'll never know
I was only with you
And you should've known it was true
You knew my every move
Just like every morning we knew the sky would turn blue
I felt as if I was a lost cause
But as I stood up I heard an applause
I dusted the dirt off my clothes and threw your words back at you
Because your emotional abuse was something I refused to go through

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How Many?

How many lies do you have to tell
Before you finally tell the truth?
How many times do I have to cry
Before you realize these tears are real?
How many times do I have to apologize
Before you forgive me?
How many ways can I show you I love you
So you'll know my love is true?
How many times do I have to leave
For you to realize I'm the one to keep?
How many days do I have to be by myself
Because you'd rather be with someone else?
How many times will you accuse me of things untrue
Because you're trying to hide all the wrong you do?
How many lines do I have to write
Before you understand what you're doing isn't right?
How many secrets do you have to keep
Before you finally tell me you're done?
How many times do I have to ask the same question
Because my intuition is telling me I wasn't the only one?

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Mixed Emotions

One minute you tell me you love me
And the next minute you don't
You say you'll always be there
But I know you won't
You say that you care
And you want me to believe you
But the feelings aren't there
You say I'm your everything
And I'm the only one
Tell me if this love is real or just for fun
Your emotions, they're mixed
And that's something I can't deal with

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My Dream Come True

Being with you is all I've ever dreamed of
You're my number one and no one comes above
I love going to sleep and waking up next to you
Loving you is something I'll always do
I'll do whatever it takes to make you happy
Because your happiness means that much to me
No one can ever take your place
And the love I feel for you won't ever erase
I love you more than life itself
And I don't wanna spend it with no one else

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Questions

My trust I took it and placed it in your hand
Is that enough to know where you stand?
Or with that should I place my heart?
Not knowing if we'll ever part
If I give my all to you
Are you ready and willing to see me through?
Shattered into pieces like a glass
I don't know how much longer I can last
Ripped apart and torn
My heart and I, we've been scorned
Yes I know we all make mistakes
But my heart just can't take no more beaks
I also know nobody's perfect
But when its all said and done, are you worth it?

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Something That Was Nothing

Something that was nothing from the start
Became part of my heart
Thoes everyday feelings that grow
I'm afraid to show
I don't wanna fall, because I might fall too deep
For something that's so hard to keep
Those words of loyalty and trust
We built on feelings of lust
The feeling of joyfulness
Is now nothing but bitterness
So here I stand
With a knife in one hand
That I put to his throat
And in the other hand a suicide note
Two families crying over two taken lives
As they the coroners bag the knives
As they zip our body bags and get ready to go
No one will ever truly know
That this was all over something that was nothing!

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Things About You

Looking into your eyes
Is like waking up every morning to a beautiful sunrise
Your lips are as soft as a cloud
And your kisses make me smile
You gentle touch send chills down my spine
And your smile is bright like the sunshine
The rhythm of your heartbeat
Makes my soul speak
It says: Without you I would be lost and all alone
So tightly to your love I will hold on

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To Love

To love is to cherish
To hold and never let go
Of the heart to the one who's captured your soul
To love is to express how you feel inside
To look into their eyes and see the sunshine
To love is to give your all
And be there to catch them before they fall
To love is to search deep inside
And reveal the feelings you once tried to hide
To love is to see and believe
That with your partner you can do anything

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Untitled

I looked as it smashed into the wall
Through teary eyes I watched the pieces fall
All I could do was cry
As I looked up to the ceiling and asked God 'why? '
You always said you wouldn't hurt me
But yet you walked all over me constantly
You insisted on shattering my heart
But after the second time I played it smart
I exhaled and wiped my eyes
At that moment I could see clearly and I realized
You weren't worth my time
I finally let you go and now my heart is mine

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W. C. Traylor

June 22,1925 On that day a blessing was born
June 28,2006 It flew away and left me torn
But being sad and angry: Why bother?
When you were called to be home with our Heavenly Father
After our final 'I Love You' I watched you drive away
And I'll never forget that day
It was the last time I had seen you alive
And since that day For the best is what I have strived
I didn't know you would leave so soon
It seemed as if it was as quick as the sun becomes the moon
I felt as if I was lost without a clue
Then five years later I met someone and he's almost another you
I wonder if you sent him to me
To fill my heart eternaly
I miss you more every single day
So with nothing more left to say
My final words would be
I love you Granddad and Rest in Peace

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Words Of Love

From the moment I laid eyes on you
I knew you were someone special
Your loving words put a smile on my face
And it's one that can no longer be erased
When I'm down and filled with gloom
You know exactly what to do to turn my grey skies blue
I love to listen to the sound of your heartbeat
As I lay down to sleep
The feelings that I have for you are true
And my love for you is unconditional
I now know the meaning of true love
It's like you were sent from above
When I'm with you everything seems so wonderful
And because of that Dametrus Cotton I Love You

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