

Poetry Series

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A Second I Missed -

A second I missed -
and the door closed.
He reached the other side
and I stood alone.
I looked at him,
he looked at me,
We tried to hold each other
but for the glass in between..
I felt a sudden
emptiness in life
without him,
how will I survive?
My heart screamed
to stop him.
But my hands
cudn't reach for him.
Will he return
some day?
and will it be for us?
-as he said.
Faster ishe moving
away from me
and more stagnant
is my life getting.
No longer
can I c him,
but in my heart
I feel his love breathing.
The fear that
I might lose him
is engulfed by
th e love he has left for me.
I may not be with him,
but my love will be in his vibes
Someday we will b together
-the hope keeps me alive...

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Benumbed

She stood as silhouette
In the twilight of the moon
Her red bridal attire
Made her look all the more beautiful
She was called upon
To vow the seven promises of marriage
But she couldn't manage to take
Even a single step ahead
Her eyes were fixed
at the tears of his eyes
Now they had to fall
On her wedding night
The love she longed to see
is in his eyes today
the commitment she wanted to hear
is in his voice today.
But today someone is waiting
To tie a wedding knot with her
Somebody whose hopes for life
Are already engaged with her
Is this a dream come true
Or a nightmare? - she wonders
Her true love is back to her
But for marriage she is summoned
Put everything at stake for him
Or marry a chosen someone
What if he leaves her again
But what if he doesn't?
Is that a question raised by God
Or an answer to all the complications
Is that a voice of love she hears
Or a call for obligation
She stands there benumbed
Indecisive of where to go
Her steps tend to move one direction
But her heart doesn't follow....

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Birthday

The room was decorated with flowers
Candles were lit everywhere
The colors were flying
She stayed quiet but smiling

All guests had arrived
Cake was about to cut
The birthday song was rhyming
She stayed quiet but smiling

They had brought so many gifts
The dinner was one of those rarest feasts
Dessert was mouth watering
She stayed quiet but smiling

The feeling of heaven was bound to surround
The music made it a beautiful night
All were singing and dancing
She stayed quiet but smiling

They looked at the star in the sky
They looked at her photo to say a goodbye
She always wanted her birthday to be happening
She stayed quiet but smiling

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Confession

Dear God, can I make a confession?
Will you forgive me for what I have done?
How did I forget you are always around?
Or may be no other option I found.
Please consider me as an ignorant
Like children of yours make mistakes
The burden on my heart doesn't go off
As people say sins take the sleep off
The courage I lack to say it to all
To you, I want to admit once for all
I know it cannot be undone
But in your haven, it makes me better
Will the mercy be bestowed on me?
I swear I'll not reiterate this
A new lesson of life I learn here
However beautiful the pleasures -
some of them take us no where...

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Don't Let Me In...

If your soul does not live within me
In your life, don't let me in

If heart beneath your skin
does not feel for me
And the breathe u take
does not bring my love in
don't let me in...

The prayers u make
if does not include me
And the wishes u make
do not wish for me
don't let me in...

My tears that fall
if does not hurt u little
My laugh that is loud
if does not make u wink
don't let me in...

If the words I think to speak
doesn't come out of your lips
and if your soul
does not live within me
don't let me in...

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Dreams...

When I unlocked the door
there was a web of thoughts -
No road to success I knew
but I knew which direction to go.
Juggling through projects,
I managed to play it safe.
Some days I were all alone,
Some days I had somebody to back.
My dreams I followed
Some fulfilled, many yet to achieve
However hard the season is
I am determined am not gonna leave.
I can see the target up there
and I have several plans for the way
People might come and go
but I'll keep on walking always
All I promise to take with me
who have been parts of my crew
The destiny will unfold one day
to make my dreams come true..

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First Long Rains

The first long rains
They remind me of you
Of falling in love for the first time
Of being in love with you

Winds are different each time
When they hit my face
Some blow loud
Some are gentle instead

Drops of rain
As they slide down my neck
It feels your touch
Rushing through my veins

As if you are near by
Holding me in your arms
The cold of thunder
Shadowed by your warmth

As they wet me all
You stand strong against me
They shall pass through you
If they want to reach me

I am close to you
But there is an urge to be closer
To say the unsaid
Or say it through the gestures

The first long rains
They remind me of you
My world had been so different
Had I be with you...

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Had I Tried...

If my love is true
and Gods up there believe,
She will bless my love one day
and give my life a new meaning...

Each passing day I wonder
there's some link between me and her.
A wish that she b all mine,
no one else shall own her.
A love very honest -
wants to always see her smile.
In my arms she will be safe
for only her I'll survive
We are the ones as they say
perfectly made for each other
She is my sweet heart
and I must be her destiny's word.
A little more I shall try
and am sure my prayers will be heard
If Thy chose me to love her
He will someday get me to her.
If my love is true
and Gods up there believe,
She will bless my love one day
and give my life a new meaning...

Each passing day I question
if I am the dream she is waiting for?
Or may b some more love in heart
and some more depth at the core.
Thee evaluated it to be lesser
the love I had developed in years,
Smiles I wanted to give her
Laughter is what she deserves.
May be my lord or be it destiny
I wonder if my love shall survive?
As I walk on and leave her behind
Up there He says, a little more had I tried...

Happy Birthday

Quiet besides the window
Looking at the sky
If you are wondering
Who will wish you tonight?
Winds will softly
whisper in your ears
Happy birthday
as you begin a new year

Sky hasn't forgotten
And stars too know
There is light very luminous
Contained in a soul
So as Gods unite
To shower their blessings tonight
Life will sing a beautiful song
And bring all the happiness along...

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He Smiled

He smiled
I blushed
I walked off
He didn't let me go

He touched
I moved
I closed my eyes
He held on tight to make me smile

He hugged
I confided
I wanted to hold on
He released to shed my tears off

He kissed
I kissed
I moved a step back
He wrapped me not to let me break...

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Hold Me Close

Hold me hard
Stay with me close
Take my hand
Don't let me go
Look into my eyes
I look into yours
Call my name
Like nobody has called before
Wrap me in your arms
Confide me in your soul
You promise to be mine
I promise to be yours

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Hope Forever

Its not in his eyes
Neither the love
Nor the pain
But still when he looks at me
His stare cuts my veins

Its not in his words
Neither the commitment
Nor the ditch
But still when he talks
His voice gives me a relief

Its not in his touch
Neither in the pat
Nor in the hug
But still when we shake hands
It gives me a sense of possession

Its not in his heart
Neither as crush
Nor as infatuation
But still when he says he doesn't love me
It gives me a hope forever....

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How Incomplete I Am

Silver line behind the cloud
has been hiding all this while
The roses have lost their fragrance,
All the birds have been quiet
The sand castles we built together
are washed off by the waves
The shells we gathered
found no room's place
Streets we crossed hand in hand,
road to love I walked alone
Lines I remember that you talked of,
went unheard the words I spoke
For the smiles we shared,
tears today make perfect sense
For how complete you are
and how incomplete I am

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I Adore You

A day I wish
To spend it all with you
Not to impress you
But just to watch the whole of you
The way you live
The way you smile
The way you carry yourself
The way you walk every mile
To live the way
you have been living
To learn whatever
You have been preaching
You would never be able to see
The brilliance of your own eyes
You would never be able to hear
The tinkling of your own smile
I want to see it all
The whole of you
And love you for what you are
And to adore you
To appreciate how beautifully
God created your heart
And to love you
For what you are....

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I Love You Enough To Let You Go

so what if love I wanted did not follow
i still love you enough to let you go

if from tomorrow I don't call u up
or avoid meeting you by giving some reason
suddenly if I stop wishing you best of luck
or after your exams I don't accompany you for fun
I know you hardly care
But if in case, please don't fear
So what if sharing time was a story long ago
i still love you enough to let you go

if in pain, your tears flow
and I don't come to wipe them off
if u need help to move on
and I am not there to walk along
I know you hardly care
But if in case, please don't fear
So what if I am not with you in your sorrows
i still love you enough to let you go

no more if I say I love you
or if I go out with some friend new
if I pretend to be happy without you
and ignore when in a group of few
I know you hardly care
But if in case, please don't fear
So what if no love I show
i love you enough to let you go

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I Wish I Cud Say - How Crazy I Became

I wish I cud say
How crazy I became
Every day in love am
falling.. falling..
Since you are with me
Simply can't imagine
Without u how had I
Been living..living..

How do I tell you honey
What do you mean to me?
You are the destiny I want to meet...
The journey will so be easy
If u would walk with me baby
Nothing more will I wish...
Joys I will give
Till the time I breathe
Ever I will keep u
Smiling..smiling...
I wish I cud say
How crazy I became
Every day in love am
falling.. falling..

When you laugh around
Bells ring a soothing sound
Flying those birds come to ground
Tears if they ever sprout
They worry even the clouds
Something I could do to help you out..
When I c your eyes
My heart makes a dive
Deep in the sea
Am drowning..drowning
I wish I cud say
How crazy I became
Every day in love
Am falling.. falling..

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I'll Love You My Angel

I'll love you my angel all through my life

Around the fire as we tie the knot
Our destinies will be linked with the wedlock
I'll hold your hand softly in mine
Not for a moment I'll leave you my wife
Blessed my home will be, with your divine smile
I'll love you my angel all through my life

All the tears that flow down your cheeks
I'll wipe them out with a tender kiss
Fears that could have ever haunt you
I'll hug them all to protect you
Never will someone look at my pride
I'll love you my angel all through my life

I'll make your life a garden of flowers
But none as beautiful as you, my beloved
You'll always be gorgeous like an old wine,
And I'm so very glad that you are all mine
The candle of love will always shine
I'll love you my angel all through my life

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I'm Going To Miss You

With the twinkling eyes
and generosity of a wish
She smiled and said
"Bbye, I've to leave..."
How do I stop her?
the love of my life
I held her back to say-
"Please stay a little more while"
I looked at her
and pulled her in my arms
To have the feeling of her presence
forever in my heart.
She blushed, she laughed
softly she pushed us apart.
"See you tomorrow, my love"
She said and kissed my heart.
How do I tell her?
the love of my life
I'm going to miss you
Every moment till we meet next time....

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If Tomorrow Am Not Gonna See

If tomorrow am not gonna see,
and if I have just a day to live
Will u be a part of it?
and enrich my life before I leave?
Will u b able to love me,
just for a day?
and I'll die in assurance
you never loved anyone else.
For a day make me believe,
you wish for me in your every wish,
Look into my eyes to tell me -
you always longed for me.
Walk around with me
as if you possess me,
And shout It out to the world
till eternity together we will be.
Every word you speak
talk of only me.
Make me smile such that
tears of my death are healed.

No am not gonna die tomorrow
years more I may have.
But after a day when we will separate
I may not be able to accept.
After being so close to you
life without you will be lifeless,
A day I want to rejoice
and celebrate the love selfless.
It's not about the reason I spoke,
It's about the love I hope
for a while keep me in an illusion
may be that is all I want..
Make me believe you love me
just for a day
and I'll die in assurance
you never loved anyone else...

It Was His Way To Bring Her Close To Him

It was His way to bring her close to Him
A handful of joys, a pinch of pain
To remind her that He exists
And its all part of His game

She had forgotten Him long ago
When in the name of destiny He had left her all alone
He had brought her good time as well
But she was too tired of finding reasons behind them
He lost her or she lost Him
The truth was they were separate
She did not know why
But some hollowness her heart felt
She had given up
Seldom she prayed or fought
Anything that hurt her heart
She would cry and let it go

He did that again
Placing her in a difficult situation to face
She tried on her own
But no way so easily He would let her go
Then in a moment it clicked
It was His way to bring her close to Him
Without Him, she was incomplete
She knew that and He forced her to accept it
She had no way to go
Than to go back to Him
Once again she joined her hands
Closed her eyes
And prayed Him
to make her survive the pinch of pain
and hold her hand along the life when it rains

PS: He is God.

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Its Back

Its back

The same known feeling
Of being close to you
Of being in love with you

Its back

The same emptiness of heart
For being away from you
For being waiting for you

Its back

The same ecstasy of soul
On meeting you after days
On feeling the touch of your hand

Its back

The same eternal longing
For spending my life with you
For being "Us" instead of Me and you

Its back

The same pure faith
On God for making you
On destiny for letting me meet you

Its back

The same known feeling
Of being close to you
Of being in love with you

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Its Over

A moment later
my world will be shattered
and I am the one
who has to execute this set up
Heart just wants to delay it
or sometimes to end it in a blink
Of which the heart itself does not know
how do i know which is a better wish
Let me live in illusion
of another day in peace
As long as I can
let me delay this breach
But then I know
I cannot avoid it all
will this look like
a cheated call
How do I tell him
that its all just over for us
There is no way I find
that we can work out together
Or maybe I have no strength
to fight anymore
Why doesn't he fight instead
and prove me wrong?
Is that all required
if its destined to end?
If there's no way
I can stop the damage
The sooner, the better then
let me open the windows and call in the storm then
Let me be shattered, let me help myself
Let me end this illusion in a moment...

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It's Windy Again

The clouds had shed their tears
Heart had overcome its fears
The sky was set clear
Looked hollow in the mirror
Birds left their resting planes
Search for nothing began
Boats floated on the sea face
Ended the laid back phase
But here it goes windy again
All efforts go in vain
Closed the doors and window panes
In it comes like an old pain
All the shelters are blown off
Back comes the love note
Leaves detach, trees bow
May be a little fighting more
Away the mighty sun goes
Who knows what's in the store
A lil shade and a few drops
As the destiny unfolds...

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Job

Days busy
Evenings tired
Lot of projects
Deadlines on fire
Moments of achievement
Minutes of failure
Missions to accomplish
Initiatives to dare
Reporting to manager
Subordinates to guide
Client on call
Meetings inline

A wonderful job it is
The kind of work I always wanted
Lot of roles, lot of money
New responsibilities to look for

A life of dreams may be
But a life without feel it is
Lot of things to take care
But eventually no time to spare
People have turned into tasks
Problems into bugs
Happiness is all about performance
Lagging targets the only failure

I have forgotten my favorite song
How is that important anyways?
The rains, the wind, the twilight
All is same when seen from my bay

The food is still the same
But is not eaten for taste
The drinks are taken before Releases
Only to release the work pressures

No longer I sit and think
About myself and people around me

Instead it's always about
My project and my team
No friends for chit-chat
Everyone is undergoing the same change

Not the days in the calendar count
It's the Mondays to Fridays that pass by
Not the birthdays or anniversaries
Celebrated are the project kick-off days
Lot to add to these lines
But I hurry up to wind
May be days will come to rejoice
Not the projects but the life
People, feelings, relations,
All will be back to feel the emotion..

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Just Another Love

I know you are not around
But your presence still surround
Oh yea, looks like just another me in love
But with you, it is very special

Should I bend down on kneels
Or take you out on wheels?
To ask will you like to be
My love, always with me
I'll give you all d joys
No tears- I swear, for the broken toys
Oh yea, looks like just another me in love
But with you, it is very special

How about a lunch?
Recipes I'll cook some
Sounds like I want to impress
I'll be glad, if in case
I'll not let you alone
Even after I am gone
Oh yea, looks like just another me in love
But with you, it is very special

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Last Poem

I am the last one in the book
No one will probably give me a look
Swapping through hundreds of pages
And reading as if it has been ages
They must be bored of the lines
And some stanzas that don't even rhyme
Few poems hold no meaning
Pinned down just for the sake of some feeling
Some of them contains weird concept
why would people bother to accept?
Ballads somewhere had memories of past
Who wants to look back when life is moving so fast
I know i have no readers for me
Some poems are lucky to be in top three
For me the last one in the book
No one will probably give me a look
If someone still manages till this page
I want to thank for the patience immense

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Love Chase

The water under her feet was cold
She shivered and moved aboard
The touch of his hand moved her again
And this time in the direction of the waves
She ran and he ran behind
It was a love chase and they were going to fight
Both but had the same wish in the heart
Let me loose and rest in the loving arms
And that's when he found her and pulled her close
Breathes were high and eyes were closed
The chase had ended but the love hadn't
They kissed and a silent promise was written...

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Love Me The Same

She closed her eyes
and took a deep breath.
In my heart I knew
She will not wake up again

She had filled my heart
With her sacred love,
But they said
there was tiny hole in hers'.

I prayed,
I cried,
I bowed,
I tried,
I strived to change
Something destined.

She didn't weep
She didn't wail
She knew whatever is destined
No one can change
It didn't even fade
The brilliance in her eyes
For she knew
She was going close to Thy

I was almost lost
She kept me strong
I attempted to care
She asked me to dare
All she placed
Was just one small request
'Honey as long as I live
Please love me the same'

Last night
I held her close
She lied in my lap
Our fingers crossed

She looked at me
As she looked the first time
My heart sank
This shouldn't be our last night

Her glossy skin
Her bright eyes
Her soft lips
Her divine smile
I still find her
As pretty as ever
Nothing will separate us
Neither the earth
Nor the heaven

She had smiled in my arms
A few seconds back
'I love u very much'
Was her last sentence

She closed her eyes
and took a deep breathe
In my heart I knew
She will not wake up again

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Love Promise

Long I had waited
to hold her close to me,
care for her
and tell her
how much she means to me..
Everything she thinks of
I'll bring it to her feet
All the darkness she had lived
I'll brighten
With the love candle
forever lit..
She had put all her faith
in my hand
And I promise I won't
let it go vain..
If only I could tell her-
She gave me my life
by reciprocating
with a Yes word.
I promise
I'll prove her
decision worthwhile
Be a strength to her
and give her a joyous life..

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Man Of Dreams

She looked outside the window
Finally she was going
Long has she suffered here,
Now far off she will be travelling

He was not the type of man
She thought of in her dreams
But when the marriage was arranged
She had no space to put her wish
She was a lady of fantasy
And he was no romantic
She was cheerful and exciting
And he was no fanatic
She still learned to love him
Waiting for the same in return
Two different people lived together
Until a day when destiny takes a turn

He was reading a letter that said
They will have to soon separate
She was diagnosed with an illness
The one that would take her life away
She was upset but quiet
He was holding her hand
A tear rolled down her cheek
"I love you" as he said
He would take care of her
Not for a moment she left her alone
All expectations she had from him
He had exceeded them long ago

Probably, he was always kind – she thought
He couldn't express and she couldn't see
God gives us not what we want
But all that we need

There were times tough for her
When her body fought to sustain
All this long that she lived

Is because of his love and perseverance

She knew she was going
But with a realization very profound
For a man so full of love and care
Few incomplete dreams don't count.

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Missing Lines...

The more we get closer
The louder gets the distance between us
The relationship is probably over
But the clouds of love still hover
Something doesn't let you go off
May be your eyes, your touch or your soul
Or the things that were ever a part of us
The cards, the flowers or the chocolate of almonds

Each time I visit your place
I remind myself we are just Friends
I see your room, I see your bed
And I remember we are no more engaged
Every time I come and go
I forget I should Knock
You move in and out of my dreams
Uninformed – u wake up my feelings

How do I begin
To end this silent rhythm
Nothing needs to be told
Yet everything is still under fold
No one can ever get me to you
Except every small thing that reminds me of you
While my feet move on for a new ride
My eyes still search for missing lines...

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Mother's Day

As I opened my eyes every morning
She stood in front of me carrying a glass of milk
Making an excuse I threw it off
And she ran behind calling me sweet

Before I opened my wardrobe to get ready
She stood there carrying my shirt
I cried for not going to school
And she promised to give me a chocolate when I return

I came back home in a dirty uniform
And she waited for me to offer some food
I threw my bag there and bottle somewhere
And ran away to play with my group

I played different pranks to avoid my homework
And she derived ways to develop my interest
When she held my plate to make me eat
I kept myself engrossed in Mickey and Donald

A good night sleeps when I went for
She came to check if I was well covered
Before I would wake up the next day
She would have all my things in order

So before she goes to sleep today
I want to stand there for her
Not with a gift, just the wishes
Thanking her for what she has done
What am I today, wherever am I
Is all because of her love and care
Not for her, but for myself
I thank my life, I thank my mother.
Even I forget, she won't mind
For her, I'll always be her sweet little child
To a lady, whose love is so eternal and pure
I promise to take care of her for sure

My Heart Isn't At Rest

My heart isn't at rest
may be bcoz m talking more and listening less
you showing me all the directions to move
i cannot see them from behind the presumed views
how do i say 'my wishes be fulfilled'
for this heart doesn't identify its dreams
There's a lot to be done in time
still an aspiration is missing in life
nothing really brings up a smile
nor there is any urge to cry
I better be broken as I am
for am not used to ways mended

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My Heart Was Tore Into Two

My heart was tore into two,
One I carried with myself,
The other I left besides you...

My steps missed the direction,
The left took me to the reality,
The right towards the illusion...

Your stare pierced deep into my heart,
In one I melted,
In another I froze hard...

Your hug owns my life and soul,
My arms you gather,
My body tends to fall...

Our love is no longer the same,
Yours is lost in the air,
Mine has grown more passionate...

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Please Don'T Go

She thought she would
not let herself go weak,
no matter what happens
she would not say a yes to him.
She had loved him
all these days
but she was afraid
if confessing
was the right step.
She believed he would
never say it
even if he did,
she will not accept it.

She was leaving
was glad
she will be away from him,
deep hidden feelings of her
she would bury them forever.
Just a last
good bye meet
and he will be
lost forever...

It was raining
and so were her eyes wet.
As he appeared to come
her heart felt some
thrust of waves.
She thought
what is she gonna say,
what is important
is to be left unsaid

He came closer
and stared her for a while
Before she could say anything
he held her hand tight..
Her heart beats

were shooting high
'Please don't go'
he said with a crying smile...

A tear
rolled down her cheek
she didn't know
what to speak
she wasn't scared
nor was she weak
she felt secured
and more relieved
something had touched
all over her soul
The words were not needed
everything was
so clear and pure...
The smiles were crying
the tears were all over
the fear had ended
and the love prevailed
forever...

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Reward Of Love

The marks that the feet left
were washed off by the mighty waves
The sand looked like a flowery garden
as I took a step with his step

The breeze welcomed us with a brush of love
birds left us alone in our special world
The sea aroused an eternal thirst
Sun was calling upon a beautiful dusk

He hold me close to say nothing
my love wish was just about to complete
He moved my hairs off my face
I happily closed my eyes waiting

The water below felt cold
The warmth of his breathe gave a comfort
But then his hand started leaving mine
and i realized he was no longer standing close

Backwards were his steps moving
His hand stretched out and mine shaking
As the depth of the sea took over him
I froze, helping with nothing

Shocked and panicked as I opened my eyes
my hands reached for bed on his side
to realize its been empty since long
he has left me alone on this life's ride

I meet him in my dreams daily
I see his face in our sweet little baby
from the ugly nightmares as i wake up
our child reminds me of his sweet memories

He lives within my soul
He once took me on life's most beautiful roads
as our baby would learn to walk
i would revisit the life's course

When his small hands will hold my fingers
I know I'll be safe in his world
I'll take care of the beautiful reward he left for me
From behind the clouds, I know he is watching us...

Ritu Shah

Rings Of Love

She bought two rings from the fete
when she was nine and he was just ten
One had Krishna's image, other had Radha engraved
she thought themselves to be in the same way engaged.

She moved aside
the lovely fruit basket
and picked up the strawberry,
he had dropped down
As her tongue tasted
the first dropp of juice,
Her lips smiled like
a flower wet in dew.

Her friends pulled her to the swing
But she secretly rushed to the library wing
Hurriedly issued the book
he had just returned
before gets lost from it,
the touch of his fingers.

When everyone walked out of the night camp
She went up alone and sat next to where he had sat
In the witnessing half moon
and the rising sun
She held her hand close to the heart
and married her love forever...

Ritu Shah

Some Memories Of Life, I Have Lost-

Some memories of life, I have lost -
the efforts I had put in I forgot.
The prayers I did to give it a start,
to win my love over several other hearts...

Like a fairy tale, once upon a time,
I wished you had be only mine.
I wanted to be the pearl of your eyes,
I believed it would suffice.
For all the joys and the pains,
together we will hold hands.
Who says it won't work out?
On our love we will always be proud.
We left several relations behind-
part of family and some friends in line.
God did choose us to be in love
and I promise to stay with you forever...

Some memories of life, I have lost-
How madly in love with you I was
Oaths of love we swore to each other,
but surprisingly today I don't bother.

Did I promise to stand in decisions you make?
Oh, possibly I said that by mistake.
It were you before the rest of the world -
but I just placed myself first
I couldn't have imagined my life without you
Today, I have reasons to avoid you.
Were we to hold hands together,
but for the separate cities and their borders.
Sometimes, it just doesn't work out
and why should I be the one to sort it out?
May be God wanted it that way
Everything I don't do, I have Him to blame...

Some memories of life, I have lost-
Where I am and what did I want?

I think I am falling out of love
Just because my ego doesn't let me surrender
I feel like forgetting everything and move ahead
For am too afraid to mend my mistakes.
May be you also have been waiting long
If I don't realize, I'll miss the shot.

Ritu Shah

Some Prayers Are Heard

Some prayers are heard,
Some are not
The castles of sand
do not always fall..
The winds are hard,
The sun shines strong
But the birds always know
their way back to home..
The hopes fail,
The strength often breaks,
But there is a faith
that always sustains..
Dreams are lost,
Wishes are forgotten
But the heart would lead
its way to altar..
Days are few,
no roads to move on
But there is a destiny
that would bring them close..

Ritu Shah

The Date On The Calendar

The date on the calendar
looked a little familiar-
What could it be he thought?
no occasion he remembered.
It wasn't their anniversary,
not his son's birthday either,
no important meeting he had today,
then what made the day look so special?

Curiously, his mind
wandered through the books of past.
Something important for the day
had he ever planned?
Oh yes! it clicked
but he tried not to recall.
Some pages of life
better be unknown.

She was the most
pretty girl he had ever met.
Her eyes, her laughter
had stolen his heart away.
It was the last day of the college
when he had decided to tell her -
what she meant to him,
without her, he would die forsaken...
After many rehearsals
and a lot of courage
He walked up to her
to say the unsaid..
She responded with
the most divine smile ever.
A quiet yes was said
and his hand held hers.
It was the best day of his life,
he had all he wanted.
He showed it off to the world
the love he was gifted.
But as the days passed

their relationship changed
so did their priorities
and they chose to separate ways.

A big chapter of his life
flashed like a story today
and he wondered
how relations in life change every day.
Once, who was his life
is nowhere on his life's course
and who stayed unknown all these years
is now so very close.
What his life is today
was once his biggest fear.
Its still very beautiful
though it went into an unexpected gear.
How he went through relationships
and out of each he learnt a new lesson.
What once seemed very random,
is now moving in perfect rhythm.
The date on the calendar
looked a little familiar
telling him what never was so important in life
and what he should not lose further....

Ritu Shah

The Touch Of Soul

For a moment if you will
Hold me close to heart
Not in a hug, not in a kiss
Bind me in your breathe hard
May we exist in the world
Like no one else does
Not a minute before this was beautiful
Not a second later shall ever come
Let us be so near
That words whisper into each other
Let my eyes read your lips
And let yours read my fears
Our breathes be so intervened
Every moment deep in love we fall
Not the touch of the body
Be it the touch of soul.

Ritu Shah

The Wish For The Day Is- Please Do Not Fulfill My Wish

The wish for the day is-
Please do not fulfill my wish
Today, whatever he prays for
Bestow my share of your blessings to him
He doesn't want to see me
May be my presence bothers him
My heart will always want to be with him
But give him what his heart seeks
I'll not be broken I promise
You will hold me strong I believe
How can I steal a smile from his face?
If that is what I cannot give
Give me all the strength to pretend
Hide me from his sight if he says
Never shall I force my feelings on him
But in my heart, let him stay

Ritu Shah

You Closed All The Doors

Closed eyes, cute smile,
I was dreaming of you,
you held my hand
to take me with you,
A place far off
the world left behind
near sea of love
the land touching the sky
Hands crossed, lips quiet,
your arm wrapped me,
Heart secure, soul safe
All joys down to my feet
Fathoms of love discovered
as we walked the shore
Never will we part
You closed all the doors

Closed eyes, cute smile,
I was dreaming of you
You woke me up
to face with a truth
A land so empty
a night left alone
I confess my love
to realise its a wall
Fingers crossed, words quiet
waits the day you'll accept
Hollow heart, scattered life
Smiles to pretend,
facets of love discovered
as I walk life alone
No one will enter in
You closed all the doors

Ritu Shah

You Don'T Love Me

I quietly surrender to the destiny's verdict
Memorizing the very fact that you don't love me

I read your name in all the lines across my hand
And one day you ask me 'sorry, I forgot your name'

My eyes search for you wherever I go
You look through me as you have never known me before

I waited for you like you are my ultimate harbor
You walked past like I was no part of your travel

I walked around with you as though I possess you
You waved a Good Bye, without realizing the parting wound

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You Learn To Let People Go

You learn to let people go
When they no longer need you in their lives
You learn to walk alone
When they no longer walk by your side

Beautiful are the moments
when you are together
But they aren't touched
however hard you care
You learn not to care
When they don't need you there
You learn not to bother
When they don't want u near

They are precious to you
you might be important for them
But for everyone to grow
you need to empty your hands
You learn not to hold on to them
When they have walked far off
You learn not to chase them
When they don't take you along

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