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Well, about me. I'm just a simple down-to-earth gal, from the South. I love God with all my 'heart, soul, mind, and strength...and to love my neighbors as myself' Luke 10: 27.

My Spiritual Birthday is Aug.21! And my real Birthday is Aug.19.

I love to be with my friends, and I love to serve others. Just to help others out, and to help meet some of their needs, just puts a smile on my face. Lets see, I'm part of a wonderful family: my Dad, Mom, Little Brother, and Bailey (my dog) .

I love Skittles and Starbursts. There's a lot more I could say, but I just don't feel like writing it all out. But honestly if you have a question, or if you want to know somethings about me; JUST ASK ME! I'll tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Well, Love ya!

A Letter From God...

I've created this universe, and i've created
you,
and i'm very sad and brokenhearted to
see, all the evils that you do.

I've created each of you in my own image,
to love each other, and to show respect
and care,
but you've turned your backs on me
i'm watching you, just be aware.

I will come like a thief in the night, and strike
the evil ones with all of my might,
you know not of the hour of my coming, the
day or even the night.

For the righteous ones.

For those that paid heed to the reasons why
my only son had to bleed,
I promise you that on judgment day on your
behalf he will definitely intercede.

He will really keep fast hold of you with
his right hand of righteousness, (ISIAH 41: 10)
he will be there faithfully for you, under any
and all circumstances.

Do not be afraid oh you righteous ones, for he's
always walking with you,
and don't ever lose sight of me, and him no
matter what you do.

So, turn from any evil ways, and start doing
what is right,
or forever you will walk in limbo, in eternal
darkness of the night.

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A New Me

I've always love you Father
Although sometimes I slip away
Now that I've trully discovered You
I'll live a better day

Followed by tomorrow
And the day after that
I won't let you down
And that's a fact

Through Christ anything is possible
Anything can be done
I found my glorious Father
Now my life has begun

A whole new me
A whole new tomorrow
No longer I live in worldly fear
No longer I feel worldly sorrow

Live everyday to the fullest
That's what I've always been told
Now I know the true meaning
And my new life is ready to unfold.

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A Prayer For My Friends

Dearest Father up above
This prayer's for all the friends I love
Some are near & some are far
But Lord no matter where they are
Watch & keep them safe through
Each day and night & I pray that you would
Bless them most abundantly
For they are...Special Friends to me...

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Apology

Did I say some thing a little close to home
Did I make your father curse and disown
Did I look you in the eyes and lie
But see me here, I'm still right next to you

Will you, will you just run and leave me be
Will you, will you stay here and torture my soul
Will you, will you avenge your pride
Or can you try, try to forget how I can be?

Live, Live until night blends with day
Die, Die when you can say hey
Didn't we meet long ago some place
So I can forget and just say I'm sorry

I can't try to apologize for what I did
But I can keep walking down my own path
If it helps to see me torn up inside,
I'm sure I can stand to hear your wrath

Should I just pretend I didn't see
Should I believe it's just a fantasy
Should I make the world stop for you
But that's just a one-time trick for now

Live, Live until night blends with day
Die, Die when you can say hey
Didn't we meet long ago some place
So I can forget and say I'm sorry
So I can forget and just say I'm sorry

*Sometimes the hardest thing to do, is finds the words for an apology.

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Blood On The Rose

Blood on the thorns blood on the rose
Blood on the cross everyone knows
Blood on the hands blood on the brow
Blood shed for everyone somehow

The garden of Gethsemane we can't forget
Blood on His forehead beaded like sweat
What was then, is now and ever shall be
Sorrowful mysteries of the rosary

Rejecting divine love by unholy thoughts
Dividing His garments by casting of lots
Blood on the hands blood on the rose
Rendering to each what it bestows

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Broken Hearted

Why does tonight have to end
Why don't we hit restart
And pause at your favorite parts
We'll skip the goodbyes

There is beauty
In the breakdown

There's those occasional nights
When you breakdown and cry
Because you know things will
Never be the same!

The worst feeling isn't being lonely!

It's being forgotten by someone
You could never forget!

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Can We Still Be Friends?

I was cold and hurting
lost out in the night
wandering and searching
for heaven's light

I saw the night sky clearing
when you spread your rainbow wings
But little did I know
what joy you would bring

From that moment on
a friendship did start
you kissed away my tears
and sheltered my heart

I bless the day God
sent him from above
But then I grew fearful
for I had fallen in love

I told you this feeling
and what did you say?
You said you liked our friendship
and that's how it would stay

I cried for a friendship I thought I lost
But then felt your warm, gentle hand
You then whispered in my ear
that by my side you'll forever stand

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Can You See It In My Eyes?

You don't know how I'm feeling.
I have yet to vocalize
Desire deep inside me.
Can you see it in my eyes?

I tremble when I'm near you
Heat travels up my thighs
and I want you with an urgency
That I just can't describe.

Dare I reach out to touch you?
Do you think you'd realize
How much I want and need you?
Can you see it in my eyes?

I long to say, 'I love you, '
But am scared of your reply.
Terrified like a child
I've become paralyzed.

The camouflaged emotions
Lead to pain and silent cries.
And yet I just can't tell you.
Don't you see it in my eyes?

Confessing through this poem
My dilemma summarized.
The feeling's quite cathartic,
But will lead to my demise.

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Complete

I'll tear off these robes,
And throw down my crown,
Wilt into nothingness,
And fall to the ground,
On my hands and knees,
I'll crawl to your feet,
Broken and partial,
But in Your presence complete.

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Daddy's Little Girl

Little girl of mine with eyes of shining blue
Little girl of mine, I love you, yes I do
No one else could be so sweet
You have made my life complete

You're the end of the rainbow, my pot o' gold
You're Daddy's little girl, to have and hold
A precious gem is what you are
You're Mommy's bright and shining star
You're the spirit of Christmas, my star on the tree
You're the Easter bunny to Mommy and me
You're sugar, you're spice, you're everything nice
And you're Daddy's little girl

You're the end of the rainbow, my pot o' gold
You're Daddy's little girl, to have and hold
A precious gem is what you are
You're Mommy's bright and shining star
You're the treasure I cherish, so sparkling and bright
You were touched by holy and beautiful light
Like angels that sing, a heavenly thing
And you're Daddy's little girl

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Fade To Black

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Over Generations afar and throughout time, there have always been heroes.

Rugged and narrow was the path that they chose. We believed in them and hoped they'd remain... These heroes lived for their cause and died for our gain.

However, some of them failed and left our hearts. They died with old dreams and they scattered in parts. They died right along with the life they once lived...they were corrupted to death by the things they did.

If only the Angels could pay for their soul...to quickly bring back what the darkness stole. Through toll and torture of character that came, they lose everything and forfeit their name.

Memories they have, but hearts they lack. Once as white, they fade to black.

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Falling

Chorus:

Find me a star
Find me a cause
To find You

Why am I wishing
Without a star
Why am I falling
Withouth a cause

Chorus: (2x)

Find me a star
Find me a cause
To find You

Why am I floating
On the ground
I am hoping
With no guarantee

Chorus: (2x)

Find me a star
Find me a cause
To find You

You took a chance
To know my soul
You found the way
Into my mind

Don't walk away
Just wait in time
No one else can know me
Like You do

Chorus: (6x)

Find me a star
Find me a cause
To find You

A cause to love You
A cause to love You
I love You

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Feelings Locked

Why do I have all these feelings locked deep inside of me?
Only to bang on my heart to be released, to be free
It's the feelings of love, fear, hate, confusion, and hope
To feel like I'm being pulled along by a rope.
Why do people like to play with my emotions like they do?
To lead me on to think that they love me too.
Am I just a toy?
A toy that likes to be pushed and played around with by a boy.
Am I just a roommate?
That can be stepped on and feel like there's no escape.
What have I done to deserve such confusion from you all?
When I try to call to give encouragement to call to find answers to all this
confusion, you just don't answer or you screen my call.
I'm not just that blonde girl that can be pushed around.
Better realize what you are doing before it's too late.
Can't you see I'm not as happy as I used to be,
So please Lord all I'm asking is to SAVE ME!

(2007)

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Feelings Of Love

I have feelings of love for the guy I see
Does he love me too, what does he think of me?

I wish I could tell him he makes me whole,
but I'm a afraid to say what's deep in my soul.

I don't want to lose him, for I would be alone,
And someday I just can't wait to hear his voice on the phone.

He does certain things to make me feel loved,
Somedays he wants to be alone and my heart is shoved.

I want to feel as though I am his safe guard.
The one he can come to when things get hard.

I will always be there to help him along,
And before we met I wasn't as strong.

I wish I could tell him what I feel inside,
But I'm afraid of what he'll say, how he'll act on the outside.

(2007/To the guy I long to be with)

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Finding You

You make me calm, you make me serene
You're the cutest thing I've ever seen
I never get nervous,
I never get shy
But everytime I see you, I let out a sigh
You didn't know it but I loved you
You didn't know it and neither did I
I realized how safe I felt with you
I realized the fun we had when it was just us two.
So now I've told you how I feel
Now I know your feelings are also real.
You were my friend, but now you are more.
My love for you goes right to the core.
My intentions are good
My intentions are pure
I had a disease and you were my cure.
So now I am complete and finally sound
Because of all the people in this world it's you I've found.

(2007)

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Foot Of The Cross

His feet were bare
On the road to Calvary
As He slowly made His way
I watched on bended knees.

And He kept walking
So I kept watching
Surrounded by hate and thorns
My Lord, my God was torn

Chorus:

I fall at the foot of the cross
Next to those who scorn You
Who ask, 'Why can't He save Himself? '
Lord they don't know what they do
Their punishment, suits their crime,
But Your death is something true
They ask, 'Why can't He save Himself? '
It's 'cause He's saving you.

I am lost in the shadows of my sin
Such an enteric paradox
That when I lose I win
So I'll keep living
And He'll keep giving
Surrounded with His love and trust
I've found that I must

(Chorus)

Bridge:

The pain in His eyes
Is too much to bare
As I watch Him bare my sin
The tears they stain both our cheeks
As He died so I might live

(Chorus)

So I walk down that dusty road
And in the distance hear
'I am with you
Forever in Paradise'

(2007)

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Forbidden

Forbidden pleasures
Who makes the rules
Unfound treasures
And beautiful jewels

Can that line be crossed
What could we truly be
And at what cost
Do you see what I see
I know there is more there
Waiting to be found
Can you feel how much I care
I feel like I'm being drowned
If you knew the amount of desire
That I feel for you
My burning fire
That wants one to become two

Forbidden pleasures
Who makes the rules
Unfound treasures
And beautiful jewels

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Friends Forever

We are best friends
That's who we are
Our friendship will last
And it will go far.

We'll laugh and play all day long
We'll listen in our car to the hottest new song.
We'll go to college and keep in touch
And though that time
We'll miss each other very much.

We'll get jobs and get married
And maybe have some kids.
Hopefully we won't have to wear any wigs.

But through all those years
No matter how hard they may be
We will always be BEST FRIENDS forever
That's who we'll be!

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Friendship Redo

Look what the lies did between you and me
Assuming that this is the way things ought to be
We were barely talking as it was, and yet you wanted to back-off even more.
I don't think that's fair, and I don't think that you are sure of anything anymore.

I want things to go back to the way they were before.
Before the lies, the tears, before we both walked through that church door.
It would've been better if I had never met you
To see you act silly, talk, laugh, and even smile the way you do.
Before I loved your family as my own
Before we ever had that long conversation over the phone.

Why did you come in my life?
Why did you have to know how to make me laugh, when all I wanted to do was
cry?
And what's with all these childish games you play with me?
You tell me that you want, you want friendship or even more, then tell me to
back-off for a little ease.

I'm not some toy, Mr. McClain.
I'm not some girl that you can play with her heart, and in the end cause more
pain.
Yes, there were lots of forgiveness between you and me
I forgave you, but did you really forgive me?

Because true friends, make the friendship noticable; clear.
But you, you just want one of us to disappear.
Well, I'm not going to run or disappear, no matter what you say or do.
Because as a true friend, as your sister, and more importantly as a disciple; I
will always be here for you.
All I am asking for, really begging for is a friendship redo.

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He Is There

Whenever I got lonely,
You would always be right there.
You would take me by the hand,
And go with me anywhere.

You would listen to the things
That were going through my head,
And guide me through the worst of times
And all the things I'd said.

I know that You do care for me,
Because I feel it in my heart;
And I pray that You will stay with me,
And that we shall never drift apart.

I know that I shall meet you,
And when I do I will cry;
But until that wonderful day does come,
I can just pray and look up at the sky.

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I Am...

I am a child at heart.
I wonder if Alf is an animal.
I hear 'How to get to sesame Street', but I don't have directions.
I see Mr. Rogers change his shoes and wonder if I should too.
I want to be either the Pink or Yellow power ranger.

I am a child at heart
I pretend I'm a Ninja Turtle
I feel scared when I see ET
I look for Waldo in his mixed up world.
I worry if the boogie man really hides either in my closet or under my bed.
I sometimes believe that I am made of sugar and spice and everything nice.

I am a child at heart
I understand that if I lie, my nose won't grow.
I say, 'one day my prince will come'.
I dream of munchkinland and ruby red slippers.
I'll try green eggs and ham, maybe.
I hope I fly way to Neverland.

I am a child at heart.

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I Know I Can'T Have You

Everything was simple
Everything was fine
I knew I couldn't have you
And I knew why.

I tried to move on
I liked other guys
But then we'd hang out
And I knew, to myself I lied.

You noticed me drifting
You said 'please explain'
But, I didn't want to loose you
So, I tried to deal with the pain.

It's hard to be with you
It gets harder each day
When I look in your eyes
I feel my body floating away.

I miss the way it used to be
You don't feel the change?
You don't know I really love you
I'm sure to you, it's just a game.

As I close my eyes tonight
I'll pray as I was taught to do
I'll pry that you realize that
I love you, but I can't have you.

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I Need You To Love Me

Why, why are You still here with me?
Didn't You see what I've done?
In my shame I want to run and hide myself
But it's here I see the truth
I don't deserve You

But I need You to love me, and I
I won't keep my heart from You this time
And I'll stop this pretending that I can
Some how deserve what I already have
I need You to love me

I, I have wasted so much time
Pushing You away from me
I just never saw how You could cherish me
'Cause You're a God who has all things
And still You want me

Your love makes me foreget what I have been
Your love makes me see who I really am
Your love makes me forget what I have been

But I need You to love me, and I
I won't keep my heart from You this time.
And I'll stop this pretending that I can
Some how deserve what I already have
I need You to love me.

(Great Lyrics By: Barlow Girls)

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If The Feeling Is Gone

If the feeling is gone
Please don't pretend that you still love me
I can see it in your eyes
And it hurts to admit it
I can't tell that the feeling is gone

All I ask is just a little honesty
Though I know that you're not coming back to me
You know I'll do anything to make you stay
But I just have to let you know
If the feeling is gone

There is sadness in your smile
Though it tries to convey it
I can't tell if the feeling is gone

All I ask is just a little honesty
Though I know that you're not coming back to me
You know I'll do anything to make you stay
But I just have to let you know
If the feeling is gone

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In God's Sketch Book

Before we are born,
We are in God's sketch book.
Pictures of who we are drawn by the creator.
When we are born,
He takes our picture and breathes into us the breath of life.
As we grow up,
We become the person in the picture,
That God drew.

After we die,
Our memory remains,
Etched into the minds of people we knew,
Forever we shall be in God's sketch book,
Our picture is surrounded by sketches of our good deeds.
Big and small
That changed someone's life for the better.
God continues sketching.

People that will be born
Bringing them into life,
The never-ending chain
That is connected by the spiral of His sketch book.
We are all connected
In God's Sketch Book!

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Inspired

The things that she took with her
Were the things he needed most
She took along her body and soul
Now to him, she was a ghost.

From the day she left him
All he did was grieve
No more love was offered
And none did he receive.

She took along her body
She took along her soul
She took along her heart
Which was what made him whole.

She took along her smile
She took along her hair
She took along his gift
of someone always being there.

He had no more hope
He didn't want to try
He had given up everything
All he did was cry.

No more did he listen
To what anyone had to say
He lost his entire life
When she died that day.

But what he didn't know
Is that God saw it all
Saw him grieving for her
And saw him slip and fall.

'You've got it all wrong'
God whispered to the man
'Let her go, she is free
Go do all you can.'

The man was then inspired
So he decided to write a book
Of how God had spoken to him
About the life he took.

It wasn't that He took her from him
It was that God needed her more
But there was more in this man's life
That he needed to explore.

No need to feel discouraged
Or like you're at the end
Eventhough you've lost someone
Lost your only friend.

There are people out there
Who truly care for you
And they will help you out
When you don't know what to do.

Often times things are overlooked
The people who really care
You think they will leave
When you need them there.

The man then found his friends
And he made new ones, too
Without God in his life
He hadn't had a clue.

The book was then published
First day on the shelf
Number one and best seller
The man was proud of him self.

These miracles they do happen
God had helped him through
And if you just seek Him
He can help you, too.

*What one of my best friends went through, Love you, bro! *

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Just Friends

We're just friends
That's all we'll ever be
I don't think there's
Ever going to be a you and me

You think of me as a friend,
But I think of you so much more
You don't know that in my dreams
You're the only one I'm searching for

Whether it's early in the morning or late at night
My feelings for you seem to always grow

Grow each day and seems more right
Why did I let me heart unbend?
I feel like I have to put my feelings
To an end

I never thought I could be your friend
With the way I feel for you
I never thought it was possible to have
A dream come true

But I guess that dream
Has a long way to go
Because if we're just friends
There will be no room for love to grow

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Let's Become Old Ladies Together

Let's become old ladies together-

We'll stay up late looking at old pictures, telling 'remember when stories', and laughing til our sides ache.

Let's become eccentric together-

The kind of old ladies who take long walks, wear silly hats, and get away with acting outrageous in public places.

And if anybody should ask how long we've been friends, we'll say, 'Oh forever-since before you were even born'!

Let's become little old ladies together because a friendship that's as special as ours can only grow better through the years.

(2007/To all my girls)

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Long Distance Love

Long Distance Love

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When it hurts so bad,
why does it feel so good?
I wish this all made sense,
I wish I understood.
Not having you here with me is tearing me up inside,
but I can't stop thinking about you no matter how hard I try.

You know how I feel about you,
and I know I want to spend every moment with you,
but it's so hard to do when I can't even be next to you.
Why does it gotta be so complicated?

Loving you feels so right,
but at the same time,
knowing I can't have you keeps me awake at night.
I just want this to be simple,
I just want you here with me,
to look into your eyes,
be held in your arms...then I'd truly be happy.

Right now this distance between us is out of our control,
but I'm still hoping one day soon,
I'll get what I'm wishing for.

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Long Time Friend 'Crush'

You and I have been through a lot
And I'm amazed how God has kept you in my life.
We had some rough times
And some good ones too
But now I can't explain these feelings that I have for you

I used to not care what other's thought of me
But now your opinion means the most to me
I used to not care about my looks
But that was until you told me you liked me all dressed up
Everytime I see you I just want to stop and stare
And now my mind is racin' about how we could make the perfect pair.

At first you were like a brother to me
Now I want you as more
But I don't know how to tell you
Without breaking the friendship up, that we have now.
I wish I could read your mind
I wonder what it would read?
Would it say if you have the same feelings towards me?

I know the truth will come out one day
But until then
I'll have to keep my distance
And keep my feelings hidden from you
And I'll keep dreaming of that magical day when you say to me, 'Sarah, I love
you, too! '

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Lord Please Take My Hand

When I die Lord
Please take my soul by the hand
Guide me toward the light
To the promised land

Embrace me with open arms
Never let me go
Keep me safe now
Fear I shall not know

Pour your love into me
Making me light enough to fly
Raise me to the heavens
Wipe away the tears I cry

Take me for who I am
Accept me for me
I know I've made mistakes
So now I'm on my knees

Your forgiveness I am asking
A smile from your heavenly face
Forgive me of my sins
Consume me with a warm embrace

Stop the flow of blood
Take away my sorrow
I want to be in your grace
With no need to worry 'bout tomorrow

Lord, can you say everything is fine
...every-thing's alright...
I want to be where I belong
Please guide me home tonight

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Meant Every Word

We never doubt each other
and I am glad for that
the years that have passed
just look where we're at

Now I am going to tell you
even if you have heard before
just wait and listen
because there is so much more

You mean everything to me
without you I would die
I believe everything you say
I know you would never tell a lie

If you ever needed me
I would just say come on over
then I would open my door
and lend you my shoulder

Everything I do for you
I know you'd do for me
it just shocks me sometimes
the friends we turned out to be

I would never hurt you
and I will always be near
I would do anything for you
just so you won't shed a tear

I know sometimes life is hard
we'll be together through it all
if you feel you're on shaky ground
I'm here to catch your fall

When I say friends forever
I mean through thick and thin
and when you feel you've been let down
I'm here to lift your chin

Whenever you need to talk
just pick up the phone and call
it doesn't matter what time it is
I'll be there to hear it all

My ears are here to listen
when you feel the need to talk
I would even be happy
if you just wanted to walk

Whenever you're in trouble
you know I have your back
even if we're outnumbered
fear is what I'll lack

If you ever get stranded
I won't be very far
I won't even think twice
I'll just get in my car

I'm here to support you
I hope you understand
when you're taking a big step
I'll gladly hold your hand

If something goes wrong
I'm there to wipe the tears
no matter how long it takes
I can do it for years

Now I don't know about you
we will always talk about the weather
only because in my heart
I see us growing old together

So in case you didn't know
but I'm sure you know you heard
if not then read this poem again
because I meant every word

My Crush

I have these feelings deep inside
Feelings that I have to hide
I don't know if he feels that way too
And I don't know what to do.
When we're together, I feel uptight
When he's around I feel so right
I dream about what we can do
And all the things we can pursue
I yearn just to feel his touch
And when he leaves, I miss him so much
I want to feel his lips against mine
And feel our bodies, our hands, our fingers, intertwine
So for now I'll love him from afar
One day I'll express how special you are
So until then I will retain this rush
And until then I'll contain my crush.

(2007)

SarahLaney Long

My Friend

I feel like I've known you forever
Although I only met you sometime this past year
But our friendship will remain forever
No matter what shall cross our paths and hearts

The best thing that's happened to me
Is finding a forever friend like you
You're there to listen, help, and talk to
And best of all, I know I can confide in you

Some say the best love is one sprung from friendship
So I feel this is why we should try
Time leads us in this direction
Should we follow on down the line?

Friendship and love are always intertwined
Too close which sometimes causes confusion
But if we don't try, we will never know if it was meant to be
But forever you will remain my friend

I don't know if this is going to work
I'm not totally sure we should try
But I have all these mixed feelings
Bottled up inside

I love you both inside and out as my best friend
And I know that you love me that way too
So when I say 'best friends forever'
That even means when I'm saying 'Goodbye, I love you, too.'

SarahLaney Long

My Gift To You

I live through my dark existence
only to bask in your beauty
your eyes that shine like sapphires
your smile that brightens even my sad existence
I envy the wind that runs through your hair
that touches your lips
I long to touch you
to hold you in my arms but I cannot
for your heart belongs to another
so, I can only love you from afar
your friendship means more to me
than anything this world provides
but like an angel you touched my heart
in a way that I've never felt before
cause I've never known what love is until this day
I know that we are only friends
but my heart wishes it to be more
so I will still hope and dream
that one day I can feel your lips pressed to mine
to hold you in my arms and say, 'I love you'

SarahLaney Long

My Love Is For...

My love is for my mom
Because she keeps me safe from harm
My love is for my dad
Even when he makes me mad
My love is for my brother
Because he'll be there for me when things get harder

My love is for my friends
Because without them I don't know how my world could spin
My love is for the homeless
Because they teach me to be grateful and not selfness

My love is for all the people who surround me
Because they inspire me
My love is for all the teachers
Because without them we couldn't have any great leaders.

My love is for my greatest love of all;
My God, and Him alone
Because without him
My love couldn't be shown.

SarahLaney Long

My Only Savior: Isaiah 43

You gave me life, You created me
All for Your glory
The one who formed me in the beginning.
You summon me by my name,
And I am Your claim
Promising that nothing
Not fire, rivers, nor people, will harm me.

I am precious in Your sight, You say.
And honored everyday.

You tell me You love me
Promising to exchange men for me.
And people in exchange for my life, me.
How can I be afraid, when You are always with me?
You demand for me to be free.

I was chosen by You
To humbly serve You.

So others may believe
That You are the Majestic, He
The Father of all things
Yes, and from ancient days, You are He.

You are my only Savior.

(Based off of Isaiah 43)

SarahLaney Long

Never Alone

I waited for You today
But You didn't show
No, no, no
I needed You today
So where did you go?
You told me to call
Said You'd be there
And though I haven't seen You
Are You still there?

I cried out with no reply
And I can't feel You by my side
So I'll hold tight to what I know
You're here and I'm never alone.

And though I cannot see You
And I can't explain why
Such a deep, deep reassurance
You've placed in my life.

We cannot separate
'Cause You're part of me
And though You're invisible
I'll trust in the unseen.

(Great Lyrics By: Barlow Girls)

SarahLaney Long

No Matter

She wants to start by saying
That she knows what cannot change the past
But none-the-less she is praying
Unsure if He will take her back
Her heart had run to an unjust cause
But the man just grabbed her hand
And said this, this is love

He said I will keep you
No matter what you've done
And I'll hold you through your struggles
Until your heart has won
I won't let go
No matter your fall
I love you, my Beautiful

Her heart is painfully consumed
With confusion and regret
Understanding to forgive herself
Is proven to be the hardest test
But she lifts her sword
To battle life's hardest heart
Because her love for Him is greater
Than a motion's guilty mark

She said I will find You
No matter what the cost
And I promise You
My changing heart
Till the day my life is lost
I know it takes time
But I'm ready to live
So for You alone here's my love I give.

She took a breath and she left her past
Mistakes are replaced with one more love

But say I will love You
No matter how long the race

Faith is all we need
For an all amazing grace
I won't leave You
Forever I'm Yours
That is what it means
To live for something more

(2007/about loving a man (Jesus/God) , who loves you even though you've made
so many mistakes...)

SarahLaney Long

Nothing Compares To You

I'm sitting here filled with wonder
At the amazing things You do
How the waters stay in the oceans
And the vast beauty of the view

How the stars are hung in the sky
Within them is written Your word
How we are the following sheep
And You are the only Shepherd

How the sky is painted with color
Bursts of orange in the sunset glow
How much knowledge it took to make
And how little us humans know

How intricately You planned it
There was nothing you left unthought
From the delicacy of a baby
To all the sins of ours You bought

There's no other love that's out there
As deep and as faithful and true
No other comfort to be found
Because nothing compares to You

Nothing compares to your miracles
Or the listening time you spend
How You always take good care of us
And our broken hearts that You mend

To us, our problems like mountains
To You, they're no problem at all
You're ever so watchful and there
To help catch us, when we do fall

I'm just sitting here filled with wonder
At the awesome things that You do
At being our Lord and Savior
Because nothing compares to You!

(2007)

SarahLaney Long

Nothing Without Love

O Lord, You know we are nothing without Love
Your Love is like the Sun that shines from above
Without that warmth we are nothing worth speaking of
Love as mighty as a lion, as gentle as a Dove

It is so beautiful when a lonely spirit believes
And finds a faithful Love that never leaves
A mighty Love that satisfies, a Love that pleases
We can feel this Love sometimes, as gentle as breezes

Maybe it is true Lord, that you sent Your Son for me,
But if my Love is true Lord, My Love is for all to see
Love is never jealous. It seeks not to selfishly possess Thee
Lord let Your Light of Love pass through, and bless me

Love only passes through us' and we know it comes from You
Cleanse our dusty prism, and let our true colors shine through
Anointed with the chrism, all of us can see the beautiful sky of blue
As Light passes through the Trinity, we can see the colors that are true

Lord, You are the only One, Who can remove this unholy dust,
That comes from the evil spirits that no one or nothing can trust
We cannot be forgiven by anything we accomplish through our merit
When we accept Your gracious gift of forgiveness we must share it

Sometimes it's hard to forgive, but when we don't, our prism becomes hazy
It is difficult to see the true colors of love pass through the spiritually lazy
Searching for the true colors of Love will not make us go insane or crazy
Every rose has its thorns. Many see a rose as having more beauty than a daisy

We do not have to like the lowly and despised that God has chosen
The ones that we think are nothing, the ones that we think are our foes
God chose them so no human can stand before Him and boast
That salvation can be earned without the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Thorns are sometimes thought of as an evil because they lack tenderness
But God does not create evil, the thorns protect the rose from the wilderness
Some say evil is not a reality. It is just something that we lack
Let us shake the dust off of our feet, and not look back

SarahLaney Long

Ode To Finals Week

Twas the night before finals, and all through the college,
The students were praying for last minute knowledge.
Most were quite sleepy, but none touched their beds,
While visions of essays danced in their heads.

In my own apartment, I had been pacing,
And dreaded exams I soon would be facing.
My roommate was speechless, her nose in her books,
And my comments to her drew unfriendly looks.
I drained all the coffee, and brewed a new pot,
No longer caring that my nerves were all shot.

I stared at my notes, but my thoughts they were muddy,
My eyes went a blur, I just couldn't study.
'Some pizza might help, ' I said with a shiver,
But each place I called refused to deliver.
I'd nearly concluded that life was too cruel,
With futures depending on grades had in school.

When all of a sudden, our door opened wide,
And Patron Saint Put-It-Off ambled inside.
Her spirit was careless, her manner was mellow,
She wore a white toga, she started to bellow:
'What kind of student would make such a fuss,
To toss back at teachers what they tossed at us? '

'On Cliff Notes! On Crib Notes! On last year's exams!
On Wingit and Slingit, and last minute crams! '
Her message delivered, she vanished from sight,
But we heard her laughing outside in the night.
'Your teachers have pegged you, so just do your best.
Happy finals to all, and to all, a good test! '

(2007/To everyone who's in or has been in college...)

SarahLaney Long

Pretending It's Not Real

A shooting star flew by
And you quickly came to mind
You're exactly what I wanted
You're what my thoughts would find

Our friendship flashed before me
And a smile I found on my face
I loved each and every moment
Of your sweet enchanting grace

I was memorized so much
By the words that you would speak
I couldn't seem to help
That I'd always grow so weak

At first I liked our friendship
How we could trust each other
How our friendship grew so strong
With one another

I'm not sure when it started
But i began to fall for you
I couldn't stop my feelings
There was nothing I could do

But soon my feelings grew stronger
And you're all I thought about
My heart was beating only for you
And in that there was no doubt

I tried to get over it
Knowing it would never be
Knowing I was just playing with my feelings
Thinking you would fall for me

I didn't tell anyone
Not even my best friends
Didn't want to risk our friendship
Didn't want it to end

I couldn't control it
I yearned for you so much
Didn't want anything else
Except your gentle touch

I kept my mouth shut
Trying to deny it to myself
Pretending I didn't have those feelings
Lying to myself

This love is starting to hurt
Pretending it's not real
Trying to put it in the past
Refusing to reveal

SarahLaney Long

Say You Love Me

My morning starts to shine
with teardrops in my eyes
and here I am alone
starting to realize
That my days would be brighter
if I could learn to hide
The feelings that I have for you
keep hurting me inside

Then my day begins with simple
thoughts of you
Hoping that tomorrow
will be me and you
Sharing dreams with each other
and making them come true
Holding one another saying
All I need is you

But will you say
that you love me?
and show me that you care
Say when I need you
you will always be there
But if you go and leave me
this I swear is true
My love will always
be with you

Now my nights would end
with just one wish
that's you
To hold me in the dark
and help me make it through
'cause the pain that's inside me
would simply melt away
If I had you here with me
and promise me you'd stay

But will you say

that you love me?
and show me that you care
Say when I need you
you will always be there
But if you go and leave me
this I swear is true
My love will always
be with you

(2007)

SarahLaney Long

Seeds Of Love

You were my best friend and you still are.
People teased us, but it was all a joke, but now...

Now to me it isn't a joke; my feelings for you are growing and no matter how much I pull them out they keep on growing.

I never meant to plant them and without meaning to I watered them with my tears and everyday I went out in the sun they had sunshine to grow.

I'm sorry this has happened because I know you don't want to be more than friends.

The seeds of love are rare to find and you plant them without even knowing it.

As hurt and scared I maybe because of these rare mysterious and wonderful plant I want you to take one and see if you can keep on making it grow and some day feel the same way I feel about you.

(2007)

SarahLaney Long

Sisters Forever

When we first met
We slowly became friends
Now we are SISTERS
Through thick and thin

Y'all are going to college
And so am I
All this talk about leaving
Is going to make me cry

Y'all are my SISTERS
Y'all are my heart
It's not the end
Just a new start

We'll see each other soon
It won't take that long
I know that whatever happens
Our friendship will stay strong!

(2007)

SarahLaney Long

Thank You, Sadly

I didn't understand you right off the bat.
When you said that we needed to take a step back
In our relationship, we were going way to fast
But now we, barely talk, will it still last?
I understand you now, and your reasons too,
And it's only because you want me to give all my heart to God and not you.
I'm so thankful that you told me this,
Because other guys wouldn't have, they would've dropped our friendship all
together what a tisk-tisk!
But you, you had to tell me the truth,
And I know it wasn't easy for you too.
I'm so thankful that you did it and we were able to still work out a plan,
That I will focus on God and my bible studies, and our friendship will still stand.
You said that you consider me as someone you care about, one of your closest
friends,
I'm so deeply flattered byt that, that I don't ever want our friendship to end.
Thank you, for putting me in my place
And now I am falling in love with God that should put a smile on your face.
Thank you for taking the time to help me see the truth.
No matter what you say though, in my heart, there will always be a place for you.
Thank You!

SarahLaney Long

The Day Has Come

It's almost time for our time together to end.

But I wanted to let you, and so many others know, you have been such a great friend.

In a few days from now.

We will cross that stage and part from this town. Wow!

Some will cry.

Some will sigh.

Some will laugh and just smile.

But when we look in each other's eyes we can all see the truth.

And that is we will all miss each other too.

It's so crazy to think that next year I won't see any of you in my class.

It's crazy to think that we will never need another bathroom pass.

It's unbelievable that this day will end some people's 6 or even 12 year friendships.

But here are a few reminders and tips.

Don't ever try to be someone that your not.

You'll end up being as lonely as a rock.

Don't cry too much today, because there is still summer.

But after that then you can, because I will miss you my friend and that will be a bummer.

The time has come to accomplish your number one dream.

When we all become united in one big team.

As we walk single file

Down the aisle.

We all think the same way

Don't trip and fall, smile, and today is the day.

When we all will get our diploma, and the Class of 2006 will graduate.

Hooray that's so great, We finally did it!

(2007/Congrats to my fellow classmates, friends, and alumni of Irmo High School, Class of 2006.)

SarahLaney Long

The Day I Will Never Forget

When we first locked eyes on each other that day
We couldn't turn and look away
You were so cute and I had so many tears coming down my face
Talk about the greatest time and place!
I had hurt my knee
And at that moment when you looked at me
I saw so much concern in your eyes.
And that night changed our lives.

Through the week, we got to know each other.
We even played cards with one another.
I would look forward to each day, because of knowing
That you would be coming.
We had inside jokes and almost knew what each other was going to say
Even now we are still close friends, I will never forget that day.

SarahLaney Long

The Facts Of You And Me

We met in a place that was unexpected
We got to know each other, a little more each time.
We were both completely honest with each other.
Until you asked me my name, where I was from, and for my picture.
That's when I fell...fell inot a dark hole.
Walking down a decietful road.
So, you call me Izabele and I call you Jessie...and I know you didn't tell a lie.
You are totally honest with me.
How could I make you still look and talk to me, if I told you the truth.
If I told you...would you still want me?
I think I've fallen in love with you and I know it goes against my character and convictions, but you make me smile.
Everytime I talk to you..I fall more and more for you.
Is this considered a crime?
Oh! How I want to tell you the truth...that I'm Sarah, and I'm a girl from South Carolina...and to give you my picture...and for you to still like me.
But I know this will and can never be.

(2007)

SarahLaney Long

The Feeling Of Change

Can you feel the change in the wind
The way wind changes directions from east to west
The change that comes from a close dear friend
When one starts to think differently about the other, and always looks their best.

Perhaps, we should have a look at their past.
Both not caring at all about the other, not even a little at all.
Fast forward through the months, through the years, until the day of change
comes at last.
The day when one lets their guard down, and also lets their wall fall.

They start to talk more, laugh more, spend time with each other more.
But they do not dare even to think of crossing that dangerous line.
Yet neither of them would ever want to go back to the ways things were before.
Before one of them took that first step, and didn't even know that it was all in a
matter of time.

Now they are back to the present, were this story began before.
Not knowing which way to go, both scared to take the next step;
Afraid that the other may walk away; never wanting more.
More than a secret from the other that has to be kept.

More than friendship, more than where they have finally gotten to.
But one builds up the courage, and takes the other's hand.
Looking into the other pair of beautiful eyes in front of you.
Realizing that all along, all this time, your two lives have been planned.

You start to shake, but you manage to keep a smile.
Laughing because you realize what all is left for you to do.
The other is patient, wondering why you haven't said anything for a while.
And then something brushes over you, a breeze, or maybe the changing wind, as
you courageously say to the other, 'I love you'.

Can you feel the change in the wind
The way wind changes directions from east to west
The change that comes from a close, dear friend.
When one starts to think differently about the other, and always looks their best.

The Forgotten Friend

It's sad to think that in later years
I will not remember all of these tears.

I probably couldn't tell you exactly why I cried
All I'll remember is that an old friend had died.

I'll close my eyes and see once again,
This faceless girl, my nameless friend.

I shouldn't have taken for granted the time she'd be near.
I should have told her about Jesus while she was still here.

I'm so sorry, my dearest friend.
I pray that God will allow us to be together in Heaven.

(2007/Dedicated to Danielle Lawler 02/16/06: Forever In The Hearts Of Those
Who Loved Her!)

SarahLaney Long

The Man In My Life

He knows that I'm not perfect, nor does he expect me to be.
He forgives me when I ask him, for the man in my life loves me.
He's no man like any other, no one could ever compare.
I'll never know another love like the love this man and I share.

This love is pure and sacred, no one can take that away.
He'll always be my protector, he watches over me night and day.
This man was put to death, so that I might be free.
How can I ever repay him, for dying on the cross for me?

I'll start by saying a prayer and asking forgiveness when I roam.
Then I'll reach my arms out to him, when he comes to take me home.
It's a trip that'll be worth taking and many others will also be there.
We'll laugh and sing and celebrate, in honor of the joy we'll share.

Though my life has not been easy, there has been trouble and strife.
But I thank Jesus for walking beside me, and for being the man in my life.

(2007)

SarahLaney Long

The Story Between Us

We met about two week ago.
And thought that it would get old.
But never in our minds we would become so bold

To ask if we wanted to keep in touch
We said that we wante to feel the other's soft touch
But is all this too much?

Is all this fair?
Yes, we want to run our fingers through the other's hair.
But all we really want is to be open and share.
Share our true feelings, which are wanting the other there.

In the chair right beside you.
Oh! What should we do?
We both say I love you...too.

How do we know if the other is telling the truth, about how we look?
Can you read me like a book?

I want you to know the truth
About me, and what i look like too.
But it wont come out everytime I talk to you.

I pray that when I do tell you, you'll still talk and be in love with me.
But if not then it wasn't meant to be.

(2007)

SarahLaney Long

The True Paradise

In a place called the true paradise
where there is no death, sadness sorrows or pain
he was specially appointed by his father
to oversee our transformation from death to life again.

He carries with him some very important keys
that can unlock the doors of this world's miseries
but to obtain these very important keys
the world must first confess and denounce all inequities.

How many of you would like to meet him face to face?
and thank him personally for taking your place
on that old wooden cross where all your sins was lost
where he suffered tremendously and paid a heavy cost.

My friends, won't you get on your knees today?
and try your utmost best to meet him half way
if in distress call on him don't sit and mope
for, for us he is the only way and hope.

By his grace you have been saved through faith
if you believe this you're a step closer to the pearly gates
of that special place he had prepared for us above
where we'll live forever with him and those we love.

SarahLaney Long

The Words I Can'T Say

These are the words I cannot say
But they come from the heart
Despite all the arguments
I've liked you from the start

I like the way your mind works
The way you're so unique
And when I'm in my darkest hour
I long to hear you speak

I like the way you walk
The way you slightly smile
And when your move close to me
You cause my heart to go wild

I like the ways you're different
I like those mysterious eyes
Actually I like everything
Even what's inside

I long for you to hold me
To feel your lips on mine
I know it isn't work yet
We need a little more time

But these are all the things
I guess I cannot yet say
Like how I somehow manage
To think of you all day

Yes I'm scared you'll hurt me
Just break me and leave
I don't want to have to worry
I don't want to be deceived

How all this can work
I'll guess we'll never know
But don't turn your back on me yet
I'm not quite ready for you to o go

I'm sorry for writing this
But its all I can do
It the only way for me
To say I love you

For these are the words
I just cannot say
But things will be different
One day...

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Things You Never Knew

I never told you how much you meant to me.
How you always had something positive to say to me.
I didn't tell you who I wanted you to be.
When you were with me
I never could breathe
Because you were the guy of my dreams.

I never told you all of my secrets
How many things I missed and all my regrets
And how much I loved you, it was all a secret.
Some knew I just liked you, but I can never forget.
The way I felt about you, since the day that we met.

I felt so ashamed because I would lie
I would tell everyone that you were the perfect guy
Most of it was true, but then I asked myself why?
Why couldn't it not be true, about you, being my perfect guy?

You were sweet
And kind, and would sweep me off my feet
When ever I thought of you, I knew that I would get a good night sleep.
I don't think I ever knew a love that was so deep

You weren't like most guys I knew
And that's why I fell in love with you.
I knew there was a distance problem between me and you.
But thought we could make it through.
I don't know if this is wrong or if this was way to fast for you...
But my dear friend, I still do love you!

(2007)

SarahLaney Long

Thinking Of You

Somewhere there's someone who dreams of your smile,
And finds in your presence that life is worth while.
So when you are lonely, remember it's true
Someone, somewhere is thinking of you.

(2007)

SarahLaney Long

Thoughts Of You

Thoughts of yYu and how You changed me
Filled my mind
Without You where would I be?

So even though I've tried to express my thanks
It never comes out how I hoped
I want to say so much more; so with these simple words
I'll try

God I never could repay You
You gave everything
Without You where would I be?

You still loved me even when I
Pushed You away
You stood there and waited
Til the day I'd return

I love You
My heart is Yours, only Yours
I long to give You all of me
My everything, my everything.

SarahLaney Long

Til Its Gone

You said, 'I love you'
I turned away
Not knowing what I wanted to say
I thought I didn't want your affection
How wrong could I have been
You stayed so long
Praying I would make up my mind
I just played with your heart
Thinking I had a life time
But I didn't know what I had til it was gone.
My time with you scarcely short
When talking to me was your last resort
I miss you like crazy
Wishing I realized my need
Before it was too late
Thought I could reel you back
Which only made you drift farther away.

I waited for someone I thought was better
Come to find no one comes close
What I put you through
I don't deserve you
But I hope you could only give me another chance!

SarahLaney Long

Time Of Friendship

I remember the first time we met
And I thought that you were the biggest prep
But I was wrong
And it's been so long
Since that first day
When we couldn't think of what to say

The years have come and gone
And some have moved on
But you and I have stayed in
This town and now you are my sister at heart til the very end.
With all the rough, tough, and fun times that we've been through
I'm so glad that you my Best Friend is you.

Yes, as we start to change and time goes by
We welcome new experiences like college with a big 'high five'
You are going to college and I am too.
But before I leave I just wanted to say, 'You will always be my best friend, and I
love you! '

(2007)

SarahLaney Long

To My Best Friend?

This is for the greatest person
that I have ever known.
Being away from you for so long
I am feeling so alone.
With you I am so happy
you keep my heart content.
But I had to be a volunteer -
so off to the University of South Carolina I went.
That is where I found my heart
and how I feel for you.
I try so hard to deny this feeling
and I don't know what to do.
I said that I would never again
let someone take my heart.
And here I'm sitting wanting you
and hate that we're apart.
Everyday you are in my thoughts,
every night you're in my dreams.
I can't believe what's happening,
is this really what it seems?
I know you're only wanting
to be the best of friends,
but I am asking you sincerely
if it's your rule you'll bend.
To take a chance to know me
to let me share it all.
And maybe one day very soon
for me one day you'll fall.
Our friendship we now have
is something that I'd miss
but maybe once we let go
we will find eternal bliss.

SarahLaney Long

Until I Get To You

I'm looking but I'm missing
Oh I wanna be complete
I'm runnin' and I'm bleedin'
Cause I got to get this done
To get back on my feet
Insecurities, abandonment, and hinder
But it's getting clearer
That it's all leading to surrender

Chorus:

Sometimes I don't know
And sometimes I just can't grow
But You are my motivation
I wanna get to You
And I wanna be satisfied
And I wanna learn not to cry
But I know I'll keep on thriving
Until I get to You

I know I'm not quite
Good enough for this world
But this world's not enough
To perfect my life's mural
When no one seems to care
It's clear they can't fix my baren heart
I can only turn to You

Find me, I wanna find You
I know You can help work it, work it through
Love me, I wanna love You
Only You can quench my thirst
And lead me to the truth

Chorus: (3x)

Sometimes I don't know
And sometimes I just can't grow
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I wanna get to You
And I wanna be satisfied

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But I know I'll keep on thirsting
Until I get to You

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Vsb Sisters Til The End

We've shared so many memories, that will last us years.
The one's that bring us smiles, laughs, and tears.

We anticipated the day this whole thing would start.
And now it's over, it replays in our hearts.

Do you remeber the first time we swung that Irmo Softball bay?
Now we leave with only those memories, who ever imagined that?

Our pride is strong, and our tradition is true.
The strength of us girls helped pull our tema through.
We're sisters til the end and that's how it should be
Our bond will live one, throught the secrets of VSB.

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Walk That Mile In Their Shoes

You say your life is terrible,
But people would give anything to be you for a day,
They'd let you walk a mile in their shoes,
Just to see what you'd come back and say.

You get to thinking your life is the worst,
When there's people starving for water and food,
You say they work you harder than anyone else,
But did you think about the soldiers who protect you?

You get yourself to believe,
That the only way to move on is by death,
But do you look into the long run,
To see that it's going to hurt someone else?

You don't get your way at times,
So you get mad, you fuss, and raise hell,
Well do you think about the prisoners,
That's innocent, locked up, and stuck in jail?

You get to go to school everyday,
But you don't appreciate it at all,
You even get transfered there for free,
When the people who can't go would walk.

Do you ever look into your future,
To see what kind of person you can be? ,
What people would give just for a chance,
To have the goal your able to achieve?

There's always someone out there,
That has got it a lot tougher than you,
So show them your loyalties, with faith,
And watch what they have to go through.

It isn't easy at all,
Just walk that mile in their shoes,
If you think you got it bad,
Try and do what they've got to do.

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Why Do I Still Love You?

Everythings so silent
I cant hear a voice
So many feelings
I dont have a choice

Crying so softly
So I cant be heard
Everythings so confusing
Every little word

So many nights
Where I cant sleep
Dreaming of how much
You mean to me

Asking myself
Is this how I feel
Closing my eyes
On everything real

Wishing and praying
Wanting to know
Why I care for you
Why cant I let go?

Eyes filled with the tears
Heart filled with the fears
Mind so confused
Why do I still love you?

Everyones told me
I cant feel this way
You told me goodbye
Yet I need you to stay

Standing in place
For such a long time
I cant figure out
Why I want you to be mine

Youve broken my heart
And left me to cry
I feel so useless
But I cant say goodbye

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You Changed Me

My life was going out of control
And I felt like I was constantly falling into a dark hole.
And I couldn't ever climb out because it was so deep in my soul.
Until the hidden truth was told
And at times it felt like my soul had been sold.
Either to God or the Devil, it felt like they both had a hold.

Days, weeks, and months went by
I would change for a while and then my old ways would come back as it they said
'hi'.
And I would be back in that hole and I wouldn't know why
I would look for answers and look up at the sky
Praying for some goodness that wouldn't pass me by.

And that's when I found you
And you showed me the truth
I got hurt and God showed me not to be afraid, because I had you.
We got to know each other and we were alike, us two.
I'm so amazed how God knew...
Knew, what it would take for me to see the truth.
And it was because of you.

You helped me to find God again.
You helped me to not go back to my old sin.
You showed me who I wanted to be like when...
YOU gave me hope, joy, and at times some lovin'.
And I will always be grateful for you, my dear, dear, friend.
Thank You so much Stephen!

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You First Believed

How many times did I pray you'd find me?
How many wishes on a star?
Gazing off into the dark
Dreaming I'd see your face
Safe at home unfriar
Captured in your embrace.

So many times
When my heart was broken
Visions of you would keep me strong
You were with me all along
Guiding my every step
You are all that I am
And I'll never forget

It was you who first believed
In all that I was made to be
It was you looking in my eyes
You held my hand
And showed me life
And I've never been the same
Since you first believed.

There were times
When I'd thought I'd lost you
Fearing forever was a dream
But it wasn't what it seemed
Placing your hand in mine
You could see in the dark
You were guiding my heart

It was you who first believed
In all that I was made to be
It was you looking in my eyes
You held my hand
And showed me life
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Your Reward

The way may seem hard,
The road may be rough -
To endure to the end
You have to be tough,
But try to stand firm,
Be positive too!
Your faith can be strong,
And you will win through.

You won't be alone -
No, never my friend,
The burden is shared,
Right down to the end.
Our Father in Heaven,
And Jesus, our Lord
Are waiting to give you
Your eternal reward.

(2007/To my brothers and sisters in the faith)

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You'Re Not Alone

I'll always be here,
No matter what you say,
Don't let go,
It's gonna be ok.

Don't hold back,
I'm here for you,
Take my hand,
I'll pull you through.

I need you,
Just like you need me,
You can't let go,
I couldn't set you free.

You're like my little sister,
You mean a lot to my heart,
I'm always gonna be there,
When you fall apart.

If you start to slip,
I start to slip too,
Because it kills me,
To know of the pain you go through.

I'd take it all away,
And live it today,
You say you want to go,
But I think you should stay.

I have full faith in you,
I know you can hold on,
Take some of my strength,
Don't cry all alone.

I'll dry your tears,
Hold you for a while,
I can't promise to make you laugh,
But I can try to help you smile.

You're my precious gem,
Part of my whole life,
You're there when I need you most,
Helping me through my strife.

And I wanna be there for you,
So baby, please hold on?
Because you have got my hand to hold,
You don't need to do this alone.

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