

Poetry Series

**Shelbie Hale**  
**- poems -**

**Publication Date:**  
2014

**Publisher:**  
Poemhunter.com - The World's Poetry Archive

## Shelbie Hale(2/21/97)

Greetings, PoemHunter! My name is Shelbie Hale, as you can see, and I have been writing poetry for a good few years now. I know I've been gone for awhile, but I'm back now and better than ever! I've been published twice, my first being *The One*, which I submitted to a contest for an organization known as World Poetry Movement. I didn't win the contest, but I was still published, so it was still a good turnout! In high school, I was a proud member of my archery team for three years, and proudly managed the softball team during my senior year. I graduated in June 2015, and am now making my way through my first year of college! Each of my poems tells a story, even though some are a little out there. They are all writings from my heart, so I hope you enjoy them!

**1/19/16**

When I first got to high school  
I wasn't exactly very cool

I was pretty quiet most of the time  
And never slow to fall in line

I still had the mistakes of my past  
And I sometimes worried that they would last

But then I finally decided to be  
Someone so very much more free

I found a home through archery  
And expressed myself through poetry

The friends I made were all so sweet  
Some of the greatest one could ever meet

And I couldn't forget the softball team  
Or my GS Crew, like a lovely dream

Of course I graduated in the end  
But vowed I would come back again

And when I was finally able to return  
To this place where so long I had learned

Everything happened so miraculously  
Even better than I thought, a thing of beauty

I was able to share many words from my heart  
But not even that was the greatest part

The best part were my friends I hadn't seen in so long  
The main reason I was always able to stay strong

I even got to see the smiling face of one friend  
Who I wasn't really sure I'd ever see again

So the only thing I really need to say  
Is that it was a truly magical day

How great it was to finally return home  
And be reminded that I am never truly alone

So to everyone there, I thank you again  
A next time will come, though I know not when

May my memory of those days live on forever and never fade...

Shelbie Hale

# As The Rain Falls

As the rain falls  
Your face is the only thing I see  
Your friendship, the only thing I need  
Together we stand, you and I  
Nothing less than friends for life  
Hold on to memories of today  
Never forgetting yesterday  
No matter how much hurt and pain  
Forever friends we will remain  
As the rain falls

Shelbie Hale

# Bus Ride

On the lonely bus ride home  
Sitting, sadly, all alone  
How I thought my friends and I had grown  
Who would've known  
That being at the top could hurt do much  
Cold as ice, hot to the touch  
But now I clearly see  
That person was not me  
But what good came of the choice I've made  
My memories have began to fade  
Slowly fading into dark  
It feels like something's ripped out my heart  
Sitting, sadly, all alone  
On the lonely bus ride home

Shelbie Hale

# Mad Cows

Every night when the milk gets warm

The cows go mad, let this be a warn

Don't journey into these farms at night

For you will be running away with fright

Cause when the cows go mad

You better get sad

Before you get had

By the cows gone mad

But if you choose to stay

Let me just say

That you will go mad

After You get had

By the cows gone mad

Oh no! The population is growing

Growing, growing, so that it's flowing

What do we do, what do we do?

Maybe a mad cow will come to your house, too.

Shelbie Hale

# My Quest

All my life, I've wanted to be  
Someone people know, somebody

I want to be the main event  
To have accepted every friend request sent

I want to be the one everyone knows  
To be the performance at the end of the show

It's my time now, my big break  
But I have no intention of being a fake

I want to be one of the greats of tomorrow  
The one many people of Twitter will follow

My journey won't be over until I'm at the top  
I'm giving it my all, and I'm not gonna stop

There are so many things I plan to do when I get there  
As for my friends, with them my glory I'll share

Soon they all will know my name  
For I will not cease on my quest for fame

Shelbie Hale

# Old Friend

You, oh, how I long to see  
I haven't forgotten you and me

I know you can't have forgotten, too  
No bond is stronger than the one between me and you

I wish I could go back  
To when your presence I hardly lacked

But those days are over now  
And I'm trying to find a way how

I can see your smiling face again  
That day will come I don't know when

But I swear I'll find a way  
To get back to you someday

As sure as the promises we keep  
Our friendship does go very deep

Remember all the mountains we climbed?  
Our bond is surely strong enough to stand the test of time

And when we finally meet again, we'll have no need to be coy  
For the world will begin to loudly sing a song of joy

Shelbie Hale

# Rain Shadow

[rain shadow- a region having little rainfall because it is sheltered from prevailing rain-bearing winds by a range of hills.]

I recall a time every face I saw was warm

Then, so suddenly, I got caught in a storm

I became a drifter, always an empty look on my face

I did nothing but let the wind carry me from place to place

It seemed it would stay like this the rest of my life

Trapped inside a raging whirlwind of strife

Then out of the darkness, there came a light

One of many great things, for it shined so bright

So then I was set free, finally let out

I've found my true purpose, without a doubt

I could finally see, after feeling so blind

All the friends I've made are so caring and kind

Though they do tend to get a little crazy at times

We have lots of fun, so I don't really mind

I'm now surrounded with all these feelings I can't hide

No, I couldn't tuck them away if I tried

I can't deny all these feelings of happiness and love

That make me stare deep into the blue sky above

I see now with these friends, I'm never truly alone

As long I always have them as my rain shadow

Shelbie Hale

# Scottsburg Softball - A Tribute

At the Scottsburg softball field  
Where the wind hardly ever yields

There were a group of people who  
Could always help me not feel blue

The 2014-2015 Warriorette softball team  
In the sun, their bats would always gleam

With them, I never got to play  
But would help as a manager any day

How I'd have loved to have gone through the line of high-fives  
Then stand on the field and feel my senses come alive

But with only watching I was content  
Eyes following the ball wherever it went

And sometimes going after it  
Hoping no one would get hit

Though now the time has come to an end  
I was able to make long lasting friends

In this town, no matter what may change  
Surely one thing will always remain

Though my team and I may have to part  
They'll forever remain within my heart

Shelbie Hale

# Silent Soldier

You there, please look here

I need you to see me now

Search the dark, cloudy skies

If you look hard enough

You'll find my signal flare

When you see me, don't pass me by

Please, please don't pass by

For I am wounded, deeply wounded

Though you may not notice at first

Who am I, you wonder?

I am one with a broken heart

A tortured soul left for dead

By the world closing in around me

Please help me heal

Will you heed my cries?

These words are my SOS

Please act before it's too late

Before my fire dies out

Who am I, you ask?

I am but a silent soldier

Fighting the war of emotions

From deep within the soul

I fight to keep the flame alive

The flame flickering within my heart

A flame that's so close to burning out

Though the war will never truly end

Comfort me, please, my friend

This battle has raged for far too long

Can you set me free?

Shelbie Hale

# Thank You My Friend

I look up at the stars  
And I see your smiling face  
Just to know you are my friend  
And I can always count on you  
Helps me to sleep at night  
The sky is so beautiful now  
I have loved life before  
But until this point in time  
Had never known such happiness  
Such friendship as yours  
Thank you my friend

Shelbie Hale

# The Archer's Bow

The archer and his bow  
Are always two of a kind  
Like the bow is alive  
They share a synced mind

The archer and his bow  
Cannot be torn apart  
For shot after shot  
They share the same heart

The archer and his bow  
Never cease to amaze  
They are together  
Throughout all days

The archer and his bow  
Without each other, are nothing  
But when brought together  
They are quite something

The archer and his bow  
Take aim and let the arrow fly  
It hits, fast as lightning  
Perfect bulls-eye

The archer and his bow  
Celebrate victory  
The greatest of all  
The archers in history

The archer and his bow  
Always achieve glory  
Though this is the end  
Of their epic story

Shelbie Hale

# The Forgotten One

You ask who I am  
Well, who do you see?  
An old friend faded away  
Or a distant memory?

Do not concern yourself  
Though I have yet to be set free  
Is there no one honorable enough  
That could help someone like me?

I stand at the end of the hall  
Each and every single day  
I always look directly at you  
Could you be the one to help me find my way?

No one ever walks with me  
I have always walked alone  
I have no friends to share things with  
No place that I belong

So I am just a simple leaf  
Drifting through the wind  
On a sad and lonely journey  
That seemingly has no end

However long it takes  
I will always wait for you  
To come and lift me from the ground  
And help me see things through

So until then I'll keep going  
Until I find a place to stand  
I've known this many times before  
And I know exactly who I am

I am the forgotten one

Shelbie Hale

# The Heart Of A Friend

There is a place inside us all  
Where we can go to hide  
From all the bad we've ever done  
And from our injured pride

This place is called the heart  
The only place we can confide  
When we feel hurt and alone  
We choose to keep our thoughts inside

It does little good, though  
To go it alone in the end  
If you look hard enough, however  
You'll find comfort in the heart of a friend

It is the kindness of others  
That brings forth the best in us  
We learn many different things  
How to love, share, and trust

As we continuously move forward  
Time will heal all wounds, they say  
Helping mend our broken hearts  
Every day is brighter, we pray

You see my friend, have no fear  
For you are never truly alone  
Do not despair in times of hardship  
You have the heart of a friend to call home

Shelbie Hale

# The Nameless Friend Poem

A friend is someone who will take your hand  
when you've been knocked down and pull you up again  
A friend is there through thick and thin  
with friends like that you'll always win  
A friend shines big and bright  
like a darkened tunnels end light  
A friend is someone who cares for you  
and always knows just what to do

Shelbie Hale

# The Nameless Journey Poem

Come take my hand  
To another land  
I don't want to leave you behind

I couldn't bear  
To leave you here  
You're always on my mind

So let's spread our wings  
And fly away from here  
On a journey that never ends

The journey may be long and hard  
But I don't care, as long as you are there  
Beside me, my very best friend

Shelbie Hale

# The One

Bullies, criminals, pedophiles

Try to make their victims live in denial

Who do they think they are, they're not better than us

Just because they worship a Satan below us

The disabled, diseased, the hungry; If you have food give them some

All they can do is wait for heroes that never come

Unless something is done to make things right

So they may be able to sleep at night

So all I can say is, do your part

Let the form of helping become a new art

When this is over, let me say

That it could be the start of a new day

Open their eyes, let them see

That you could be the one to set them free

WILL YOU BE THE ONE?

Shelbie Hale

# The Strength Of A Bond

Once upon a time, I longed to just be me  
Though exclusiveness was all I could see

Times were so bad, nothing ever went right  
I always thought I'd never have a reason to fight

But there is always good, no matter how bad  
I know this now from all the good times I've had

Nothing can compare to all the friends that I've made  
I enjoy being with them, throughout all those days

Togetherness is a jewel that sparkles and shines  
One we should hold dear in our hearts and our minds

I watch from afar, with a contented smile so bright  
Like city lights piercing the darkness of night

It's such a truly wonderful sight to behold  
Now I am sure that my dreams will not fold

Nowhere else in the world would I rather be  
Never in my life have I felt so free

I managed to find so much joy in this life  
After dealing with so much anger and strife

Late at night when I look up at the stars  
You know I always feel it in my heart

Like a song forever ringing in my ear  
That carries on throughout the years

After all the mountains we've climbed and will climb  
I've no doubt that our bond will stand the test of time

Shelbie Hale

# The Wolf Within

This is how the story goes  
Of the lone wolf  
Who no one had ever really known  
Until she finally stood

I wandered from pack to pack  
Needing somewhere to belong  
But all of them would say, 'Stay back! '  
When I howled my mournful song

Of the wolves that would get near me  
They would always call me names  
Tearing me down, piece by piece  
To break me was their aim

Then came the day I stood my ground  
They still tried to act so tough  
But I would not back down  
That still didn't make them give up

The battle was so hard and long  
I thought the bell of my death would surely toll  
But a voice deep inside me said,  
'Don't give up, lone wolf, your claws have not yet dulled! '

So loud enough for others to hear  
I howled of the battle I'd won  
Then came a pack of kind wolves that said,  
'It's okay, lone wolf, we're here. Never again will you be alone.'

Shelbie Hale

# Watch Me

I once was a castaway who's true self no one could see  
Stranded on an island in a vast, endless sea

Now everything's become better than what I ever thought  
All that you have to do is sit back and watch

Watch me, see how I've changed over time  
Watch me, look at all the mountains I've climbed

Watch me become more than what I am now  
No longer a simple face in the crowd

Watch me, as I embrace all the love I've felt these days  
Watch me, as my troubles begin to fade away

Watch me grow wings and finally fly  
Soaring high above the clouds in the sky

Watch me, as I start to finally shine  
Watch me, as I finally leave my past behind

Watch me when I let all my pain go  
So that one day the world will finally know

Watch me, as I'm able to become so free  
Watch me, finally unafraid to truly be me

Shelbie Hale

# What Matters Most

For the longest time I had been searching  
For answers as to why I'd been hurting

I never thought I'd find my way  
For I was so long lost in the fray

I needed to find somewhere to belong  
Something to hold onto to make me strong

Now I've finally found what I've been searching for  
I'm feeling happier than ever before

This thing I found was not a material object  
It's something so much more, that I'd do anything to protect

It's something from the heart, to hold close on through the hardships  
One of the strongest forces in the world, something called friendship

I became apart of something, I am no longer on my own  
I've changed a lot from how I was, and over time, it's shown

I've become a better person from my experiences long ago  
I often wondered the meaning of life, but now I know

In the end, it matters not how long a life we live  
What matters is the things we do, how much we are willing to give

So until the day comes where I draw my last breath  
I'll live my days to the fullest, having no fear of death

Shelbie Hale

# Why My Heart Beats

My heart beats for me; My heart beats for you  
My heart beats for good; My heart beats for truth  
My heart beats for life; My heart beats for love  
My heart beats for health; My heart beats for the sky above  
My heart beats for laughter; My heart beats for my friends  
My heart beats for family; My heart beats 'til the very end  
In the end I will not die alone.

Shelbie Hale