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Tony Haynes Bio

Tony Haynes has been called "The World's Greatest Poet." He is considered the Foremost Practitioner of Acrostic Poetry. In less than a minute, he can literally pull a poem out of thin air. Give him the title of what you'd like to call your poem and he will create it for you on the spot. The catch is, he will write your name in the air and show you how the beginning of each line in the poem he's creating spells the letters of your name downward. It's a combination of spontaneous penmanship & showmanship. The poem is being written down as he speaks it into existence. This way, the person he's creating it for has an instant one-of-akind personalized gift that they can cherish for a lifetime.

Before Tony realized he had this talent, he was a songwriter, music publisher, record producer & author. "Send A Little Love, " his first song, was recorded by the Spinners in 1981. Since then, his songs have been recorded on over 200 albums, selling in excess of 60 million copies worldwide. These songs have earned him 60 gold and multi-platinum awards, as well as several ASCAP Awards.

As a poet, he sees what he does as his mission in life, which is; "To create poetry works that touch a person's heart, soul & day-to-day life. Tony loves inspiring people to imagine, hope, dream and believe.

#### A Likely Story

I love you, but This isn't your battle to fight It's up to me to take the wrong And make it right

No matter what This isn't your war to win I have to be my own Calvary The lone soldier marching in

This is a likely story One that will scoop me up From purgatory

And out of my rut Into a ready position In which I use my Faith as ammunition

And even when cut Victory for me won't be aloof Because my heart & soul are bulletproof

I love you, but To love me is my hope & glory And "A-more" likely story

## A More Nonchalant Approach

Quietly I've assessed our particular Ubiquitous agitation And I've concluded a more Nonchalant approach can subdue The riot we acquiesce to Upholding fascination More so with appearing tough...

...When love should be enough to see us through

Perhaps to try it we Have to calm our stress with an extracurricular activity Yet to be explored to Summon the proclivity Inside of us to decide to trust Circumstances though we often misconstrue Solid evidence that says 'apply it see...

...When it gets too rough Love should be enough to see us through"

# A More Spiritual Reality (A Meditation)

And with my hands combined in praying position, I...

Move into a more spiritual reality Eyes closed but open minded, my Decaying condition Is no longer a met-a-physical fatality The blood in my veins has quickened me And I can feel it further than just in my bones The perpetual chains that stricken me I see broken and this soul I call my own On faith is relaying admission, that No stronger bond exists than that conceived...

...On the wings of a hope & a prayer To Him on which we base all we've believed

## A Poem About How I Loved You

You initiated all my insecurities Those little things I didn't know were there You polluted the purity That permeated thin air And I loved you

I loved you with my heart & soul wholeheartedly I loved you with your indiscretions pardoned I loved you with a hearty soulful part of me I loved you till my heart & soul had hardened

Oh, how I loved you And if you'd ask me tomorrow To repeat it all

I'd love to Fully love you And would never out of love A day un-fall

## A Wake Up Call

How does Our Creator reach us When we don't want to be reached at all?

He does it with a wake up call Earth shattering, earth quaking...

...Breathtaking Acts of God

Wake up calls indeed Always manage to succeed Karma sees them coming and as it flees Earthlings fall upon their knees Stunned the walking dead begin to crawl

Upset we Shout out "Heaven help us all"

Unified we pray Praising our Maker from a sacred hall...

...Awakened this day by a wake up call

## All Things Being Equal

All things being equal Let's bring balance into play Let's swing from left to right...

...In the light of day

Then in the Heat of night In a chilling Near mythic entrée Give back all this world has taken away So white & black become gray - with this twist...

Black without white can no longer exist Equilibrium shakes the hand that makes a fist It is vague but it is clear No is yes and there is here God blesses love and curses fear

Encourage me that I may find all I have lost Quintessential that on food for thought I feed Under nourished, we have scraped up scraps men tossed All things being equal Let's divide the love we need

#### An Arrow Goes To War

An arrow goes to war Right to the start of it Right through the heart of it "Ow" cries out from a wounded beastly roar When an arrow goes to war

Good dies out On a battlefield Evil considers it chattel killed Shouts come from the home front too loud to ignore

This is the outcome Of an arrow gone to war

Weary mothers, fathers, lovers, friends, daughters & sons Appealing for slaughter to end what has begun Recognizing the sin but then to win...

...Love is a fight worth fighting for But how can the broken mend again When an arrow goes to war?

## An Impossible Introduction

Impossible, no I don't believe I know you Maybe it's because we haven't been introduced Perhaps for Others you need no introduction Sort of like her mantra or his muse Secluded from you I am a recluse Impossible, no we haven't spoken yet Because I would remember my Life different if we'd met Each achievement in my pocket...

...Would be a sad regret So I must be going, I sense danger And I was raised to never talk to strangers

#### As Much As I Think I Know, I Don'T Know Even More

As much as I think I know...

I don't know even more Not that I've measured the Dynamics or examined the decor I know enough to know I don't know it all Venturing in the realm of higher learning I know enough to know regarding wherewithal Despite my ignorance I am discerning Under the tutelage of my own instinct All of me thinks I can - I think Let me decipher the key to my mind expanding Since wisdom is the principle thing next to understanding

Proverbial wisdom will Usher in new information Relative to the Scope & width of fundamental stimulation Using hope to lift Individuals to declare what some abhor That as much as I think I know, I don't know even more

Out there there's always more to learn Forever more to figure out...

So as a student my sole concern Unrelentingly is to plant seeds that sprout Continued education not necessarily in books Conquests a fertile mind apparently overlooks Ever evolving into a search within myself to find Some semblance of something else a deeper me outlined Since the dawn of time awareness has shown...

... yet another pathway to explore So as much as I think I know It's true I don't know even more

## Breaking Down The Word Believe

Believe is a word I pondered a while Evil is in it and you can spell vile Live is encompassed as is be & I I've looked at believe and I found a lie Eve is within but Adam's unseen Veil is inside it, so what does it mean? Every false prophet was sent to deceive...

...And attack from the core of all we believe

#### **Carve Out Your Future**

Revenge is a double Edge sword "Vengeance is mine" sayeth the Lord Either side can Rip your soul to shreds with one incision made Each first cut is the deepest Not necessarily the sharpest blade Carve out your future in God's hands Exquisitely slice your life...

...And let love & only love be your carving knife

## Complicated

I wish I could Tell you that I've Simplified my life

Solidified my faith Over hot coals

Surprisingly this resonates Completely day & night As I thought it would down in my soul Round & round I go and yes I hate it You make everything so complicated

## Deed, Word & Thought

Though Has to come across a T Only then is it a thought Understanding this is unique Gives word the capacity to speak Having brought this on one's self The deed is done

When thought, word & deed Obey as stars, moon & sun Reality has the audacity to be Determined completely to the T...

...Though for men to see

Deed, word & thought have to blend the three Entities in totality Even though humanity is taught Divinity through deed, word & thought

#### **Dumping Ground**

Nobody should be a dumping ground But In my slump I found I lashed out at you I trashed you too Because of Previous lost love

I was down in the dumps Under the mower Instead of lifting you up I pulled you lower

I blamed it on being grumpy But that was no excuse I had no reason not to put love To good use

I jumped on you with devotional glee And dumped on you emotionally I knew better than to be A heartless thumping sound Nobody should have to be A dumping ground

You took your lumps So many now And you loved me anyhow What was wrong with me? What was wrong with you? We were dysfunctional And as dysfunction grew

The dumping grounds On which I set course In time became Grounds for divorce

## Enlightened In The Backseat Of A Taxi Cab

A taxi that picked me up The other day Had a driver-slash-philosopher behind the wheel Efficient were his driving skills It was his down-to-earth branded Spiritual style That made my trek through town worthwhile

Because he taught me to let go and to cling Everything is God and God is every thing Life is more than one time, and once I travel through If I connect with God, then I connect with you Endless times I'd heard but never spoke up Verses were too high for me to grab Endless nights I slept, I finally woke up...

...Enlightened in the backseat of a cab

#### Even The Blessed Get Stressed

God is in control And God observes The will, heart & nerves He understands in our quest Even the blessed get stressed Religion carries a heaviness...

...But The Spirit makes us light

Yet we veer left when all along One love makes it right Until we embrace our humanity Reality at best – isn't fully addressed

So even the blessed get stressed The spirit at times needs rest Rest in peace and yes Even the blessed get stressed Now at least you know God is in control and God observes Taking our hand upon request He guides us through the curves...

...And walks us through the mess confessed Because even the blessed get stressed And He talks us through with tenderness So even through stress we're blessed

#### **Examining Pain**

Pain is spelled P-A-I-N As it pricks & sticks you find P-I-N, pin Inside there's N-I-P to help you Nip pain in the bud again

Perhaps if pain becomes a dud It then Negates its final impact when...

Needlessly it picks on you Its prickly pinpoint rendered benign Pain nipped tenders a mood...

...And everything is fine

#### Fashionably Late

"Fashionably Late"

I'm always fashionably late Fifteen minutes or so

I don't mean to make you wait

You're busy yourself I know! It takes me a while to get ready Even then I'm unprepared Lots of times I gotta psyche myself up Darn truth is I'm usually scared

To make a grand entrance Offsets my fear

You know the drill "hello world I'm here! " One steps off the catwalk Unstressed in this state Regally dressed & fashionably late

With stylish, well mannered Half-hearted yet kind Instant apology I have designed My schedule to cater to my Star struck passion...

...I come later, but lately It seems out of fashion

#### Fear's Funeral

I went to a funeral today

Fear died and we buried it six feet deep Everyone cheered nobody cried And with fear Resting in peace – now I can sleep

No, there wasn't a eulogy Our thoughts about fear were not uttered Though I wanted to speak I had so much to say However I would have just stuttered It was then I realized how much power fear had Not even death could Get in its way

But I had to make sure fear was buried at last So I attended its funeral today

#### Feather

Feather lives on the street It fell off the wing of a bird Gets dusty but still it can float Hard habit To break – have you heard...

How feather Once flocked with high rollers Made merry with Elbows you rub Like a fortunate traffic controller Enrolled in a mile high club Surely you've seen it, this feather Softly adrift in the wind Needing to pull it together Except it just can't once again So it floats on with only one purpose Survival and yes it survives...

...But in the process of simply surviving It floats on & touches our lives

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Frequently asked questions Like where do we go when we die? And how do we know there's a heaven? Who are we? What are we & why? Leave something to be desired Entirely taking to task Societal views in a nutshell So we ask & we ask & we ask

To determine a way out of nowhere Escape from a sinister knife Salvaging answers in pieces To get to the meaning in life Instead we come up with more questions Man will he destroy? Will he save? Or will our Great Giver Now take back the soul He free willingly gave? Is this the end or beginning? And are we too far gone to bow? Like sheep are we destined for slaughter...

...Oh, what shall become of us now?

## Give Me A Thing Of Beauty

Beauty Enters a room unannounced It is unassuming Noticed and this is all that counts Give me a thing of beauty Subtle, elaborate

More beautiful when inhabited Uncontested by a soul So blessed its mere presence can heal Those who are contaminated - by it being revealed

Beauty Exits in bloom with great fanfare Glad to be of service It is more than happy to share Novelties & pleasantries...

...And the splendor they bring Give me a thing of beauty It is a beautiful thing

## God Is In Forgiveness

From the smallest infraction Our reaction Represents who we are spiritually God is in forgiveness In that obscure fiber Virgins still comprise to the purest degree Exclusively God is in forgiveness Naturally He would be Everywhere but this is where unaware strayed So there, the child in us is spoiled and demands we Spare no rod...

...God is in forgiveness - and in forgiveness we find God

And our inability to forgive - puts God & us at odds How can we truly live If we can't forgive like God?

#### I Don'T Know The Meaning Of I Surrender

I refuse to be dissuaded Deterred or denied The shelter & comforts Of the other side

You can attempt to block me From all its shimmering splendor But I don't know the meaning Of I surrender

What is this? What does it mean? Rolling off my tongue It sounds obscene

I have not relayed it Nor is it referenced on my ride No matter how bumpy the road gets Or tumultuous the tide

Your steely contempt may rock me I am a contender I don't know the meaning Of I surrender

Passionately I have played it Without brakes applied My soul has been my compass My heart has been my guide

They are exempt when life knocks me Away from my defender I don't know the meaning Of I surrender

I will move on till I've made it Through the hurt that haunts my stride Safely to the haven On the other side

## If I Were A Blue Bird

Baby if I were a bluebird Up there perched where eagles flew Then I would share my nest egg...

...With no one but you

Would you horde Half bitten bird seed And save your scavenged crumbs? Tell me would you stretch your beak out...

...To make sure I got some?

All along we've flown together Mere humans in the true word

I'd still be flockin' with you...

... If I were a bluebird

## It's A Cold Day In Hell

Can we talk? Have one of those legitimate Intimate conversations we envy Like we used to have when we Liked the idea of us in unity You know, us my dear that us, that you & me

It's a cold day in hell on our level and in our bracket Now you know it's got to be when the devil wears a jacket

Hell seems to be freezing over Easing up on the woe-zone conveyor Releasing Each no-zone naysayer...

...And hell ain't got no ozone layer We're actually talking and it serves us well Oh lord it's a cold day in hell

## Let Me Get This Straight

Let me get this straight If I Visualize who I want to be Eventually it will come to pass

Manifesting at a later date Other possibilities Reflecting Endless effort I've amassed

And let me get this straight Because of everything I've said & done Unequivocally I'll have in my grasp Nothing less than all that I create Dreaming of it one-by-one And attracting each Nuance before I gasp The last breath or glimpse the final hope eyes have spotted Let me get this straight You're saying what I become is up to me...

... I'm the master of my fate - O.K. I got it

# Light Says Let It Be

Light says "let It be" and it Glows Heaven lists the names of Those exposed

But it is not because Eternity ensnared you in its throes It becomes because you Now have freely chose Good & God above the Shadows that impair the will to see...

...And death bypasses a sun kissed rose When light says "let it be"

## My Unintentional Sorcerer

You are the source Of my pain 'tis true Unintentional sorcerer, you...

...Who has bequeathed upon a herald me

An incantation whispered which left me spellbound Reversing the curse that imperiled me Evades this perceptive bloodhound

Merlin would be forever grateful for Your instruction joyfully hid

Pain is no aphrodisiac And you don't even know what you did I am worse off than remorse Never knew...

...What a force My unintentional sorcerer You

## Neighborly

Unlike my Neighbor I Dwell in a house all alone Erected by Reason and not by wood & stone So unlike my neighbor The weather can never dictate A seasonal balance to ration my fate Now & then I Do wonder whether or not I and my Neighbor can cast our lot – and create Goodwill at our adjoining gate...

...And be neighborly, before one of us moves And by then it is too late

## Quantumplating Abundance

Quantumplating abundance, I create my Ultimate reality from scratch And I for the sake of manifestation Never deviate – The exercise is to attach Unwavering ambition with a singular goal in mind Making it my focus and not perpetuate Perceptions that Lead me down a pathway flying blind As I catch the fate awaiting That I am quantumplating In an extraordinary life Never given Guarantees but naturally inclined...

...To become who I will be

And still be Beholden to a Greater Source Unmatched – and then be Not separate but Designed to live within me And through quantumplation may everyone Now quantumplate abundance as I have done Consistently and with a clean slate Energetically dispatch...

... The will to create beyond a surface scratched

## **Rich Beyond Your Dreams**

Glitches in the system Of survival Deepen your resolve to survive another day

Broken dreams Leave faith and its arrival Equipped to problem solve So that along the way Surviving brings you riches

You don't just focus on the glitches Or those things which seem contrived Unscathed you found your niche is...

...To be grateful you survived – all of life's extremes This has made you rich beyond your dreams.

## That Rock

Unmoved, that rock Neither speaks nor glistens What does it do? That rock Accommodates & listens Venerable heart of stone Endured a past thrown into shock Recently tossed aside Its faith has not been rocked Neither has mine in you Given sway to strains you've seen on me...

...I am still that rock And you can lean on me

#### The Church Mouse & The Lion

In pain a mighty lion roared There was a toothpick in his claw

He turned and spied a church mouse Upset but still in awe Respecting the law of nature The church mouse humbly bowed Subjecting to a lion...

...Who is normally quite proud

Little mouse approached the powerful lion In a brave display he bit in with raw thrust Kept gnawing on the toothpick till it Eventually became sawdust

How beautiful it was to see the lion Express gratitude but it's sad to explain Lions can kill in a Labor of love...

...But at least the mouse Died in no pain

#### The Coat & Boat Theory

An overcoat keeps our bodies under wraps & warm

Just a like a boat a mind afloat adapts in a storm Our willingness to wear emotions on our sleeve Unleashes faith to Row us down a Notion to believe Exhilarating isn't it? This coat & boat theory Your soul & mine reborn in water...

Warmer and not weary Invigorating isn't it? This coat & boat theory Hidden while we've ridden...

...A tide that's sometimes dreary

With devotion we are coated with ambition On oceans showboating on a mission Revolutionaries Dreamy eyed & cheery Satisfied & teary...

...If it floats our boat it coats us That's our theory

# The Corridor To The Next Reward

Somebody close to you suddenly dies Then it makes you wonder Is there a God above our cloudy skies? Real hell Somewhere down under?

You're supposed to fervently ponder these things On a purely spiritual level Use your faith and with the courage it brings

Usurp a Promiscuous devil

Hell can boast "it has given you hell" Using death to make you bitter Heavenly hosts toast a fond farewell...

...And ask you to reconsider

For to be absent in the body Is to be present with one's Lord Death is just a corridor That leads to the next reward

#### The Familiar Is Less Painful

Fragments of our former selves Ignore the scattered pieces of our current situation Gravitating closer to a prior incarnation However disdainful The familiar is less painful

Point us toward an evil we already know One lesser than the other we are faced with Vulgar be the poison it is laced with Evil nonetheless is graced with Rituals that take us back to when we were Too young to make a pact with the devil Yet old enough to realize what we prefer...

... Is to wake up on a playing field that's level

# The Flow Of Abundance

The flow of abundance Heeds my Every wish & desire

Flowing Like a river and an Ocean into a World that requires...

Overflow without redundancy Fulfilling me abundantly

And the flow of abundance Beseeches my floating stream of ambition Unselfishly setting sail to bring my Needs and wants closer to fruition Drowning lack in lakes of poverty Abundance has its way with me Now as I Continue with Each principle I've come to believe...

... In the flow of abundance I am open to receive

# The Journey To Profound

Sonny sees The sunny side up Ronny runs around as if he shunned it Ernie counts the money side up So the journey to profound is well funded Still what Sonny sees is not at all the sun Even Ronny's runaround is not a run Does this mean amounts of money Ernie won...

...Can assume the cost of none? What then holds ground?

On the journey to profound Unbeknown repays a cost Through sight & sound...

...And with experience those tossed Find glory and on this glory they expound As will those hereafter as before me Tell their story On the journey to profound

# The Process Of Illumination

Illumination will not instantly appear Light switch in your soul is an incremental gear Levels seek their own as a stair step leads to each Until there it is unknown if the highest stair is reached Man finds frustration and the climb becomes a weapon In time we all fall but we all keep steppin' Not that the steps aren't slippery on the way up A life costs serendipity so we pay up Then we hold on to the rail to keep from falling In the pathway of enlightened higher calling Our stairs ascend in Natural transformation...

... This is the process of illumination

# The Thing About Being Human

The thing about being human Is we don't always know how to react Maybe it's true human beings attract Elements that cause us joy and/or pain

To ponder this as fact Opens up a subject we don't want to entertain

Still the thing about being human Takes us on a journey called a Lifetime Exposing human beings to a lifeline Prone to end but then not end in vain

It isn't about when, it's what we do in the time that remains The preeminent prime wanes - it is customary

Under stress & strain a light in us gets wary Prompting people to see the unknown as scary...

... For the best we maintain our trust in a love divine And that's the thing about being human that makes us shine

## The Useful & The Useless

Useful it is to love you So my heart is in the right place Enamored Festive Ubiquitous as grace Left with a taste of heaven

Useless it is to leave you So my mind will never wander East or west Left or right or over yonder Ever truthful, what lies in vain has been induced less Seduced by what is fruitful, pain is then produced less So I've gained a presence youthful...

...In the useful & the useless And I remain a forever preview Of a love that will never leave you

#### The Wizard Of Awes

There I was behind an iron curtain Half alive, half dead, a bit uncertain Enchanted & bewitched by tales galore

Was I or was I not In Kansas anymore? Zenith reached I thought, till four sought from my dome A heart, a mind, a soul & a pathway home Renegades were they who'd come with mass appeals? Do I aid? Shall I? And then one clicked her heels

One cried, one sighed & one just shied away From me they could not be denied that day

And so I from right behind my curtain stepped With a secret that through six lifetimes I've kept Explained to them from deep within strength draw Soon they did and they like me...

...Were left in awe

# Things I'Ve Learned Through The Fire

Somebody told me A lie Never mind who it was Earth is round and it does...

...what it is supposed to do as such, it turns

Proving truth can mold me till I Realign who I am Earthly bound & un-damned Scorched a little so I know too how much it burns Earth is grounding me because Naturally this earthling has flaws Constraints and concerns that have gnawed on my Essence from birth...

...But through the fire I've learned these critical laws Are keeping me down to earth

# To Differ

Beg to differ, I beg of you to Effortlessly disagree Go there with your chemistry

To differ, I beg you to Ordinarily

Differ with neutrality It's either side invariably For differ, it is a Far better thing than to be Engaged in a Range where change is stiffer...

...So I beg of you to differ

## Valerie

Valerie worked in a gallery And on her salary Supported Three kids out of that

Her sister Mallory worked at the gallery And took care of a husband and a cat This picture I'm portraying is these sisters had a spat Rarely in a dozen years did they both sit down & chat Even though Mallory & Valerie Did work at the same art gallery

The hurt cut deep but business is business On the personal side forgiveness was denied Life went on as usual at the gallery Despite those 15 seconds Mallory cried...

... The day she got the news that Valerie died

# What Difference Can I Make? (All The Difference In The World)

I'm just one person, one single solitary soul

Categorized As the least of your worries No rush, no hurries

Made out to be a scapegoat And in my category Know this, if you know nothing Else

Always know the story I tell myself

Dating back to way back then, when I asked the sky, what difference can I make? Feeling smaller than a snowflake For I was just one person, one single solitary soul Energetic, but the Runt of the litter E-Flat transmitter No doubt a little eighth note Convinced I could create hope, I became the Evidence of one soul in solidarity with changes swirled

...What difference did it make? All the difference in the world

#### What Is God Saying?

When famine roams the land Hate takes hold of man And life slips out of hand Through disobeying...

...What is God saying?

In times when desperate need Sows a soulless seed

Gratified by greed's Outward Displaying...

...What is God saying?

Somewhere we've lost it in translation A trial & tribulation Yearns to pull your coattail In uniquely planned outbursts Now on your knees you're praying – and learn that God is saying...

..."Seek me my child seek me Seek my kingdom first"

# When One Becomes Enlightened

One becomes enlightened when He or she realizes simply – God is

Manifestation Yields a brightened temple of assembly...

...When the nod is

God is, and where God is One's food for thought is heightened Divinity is fed...

...When one becomes enlightened Through the soul our other head

## When You Fall In Love With You

Falling in love with you Ain't always a no-brainer Love of self is an empty container Loosely based on a concept called "let it pour"

In this realm you Notice a cup in need of so much more

Learning to fall in love with you enables you to Open the handle of courage on your storage bin Value self acceptance and Excitedly pour it in

When you fall in love with you In comes fulfillment to further link it This is your elixir and it's like Heaven when you drink it

You in love with you, brings you One step closer to the greatest love of all Understanding God's love and when you heed that call...

...You don't catch yourself You close your eyes & fall

#### You Are The Four Seasons Of My Life

You are the four seasons Of my life Ultimate summer, fall, winter & spring Reason I look for a glimmer of good Embodied in what tomorrow may bring

As seasons change the concept is clear Love goes in cycles while faithfully here Love blossoms, it withers, sheds light to renew

4 Seasons and love are abundant in you

Sometimes it gets heated we snuggle we're cold Energy depleted we struggle on hold And sometimes we greet it with smothered intent Still how we treat it no Other was meant No further I went than my reasons led to So my four seasons in life are...

...Resoundingly you