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(A Little About My Poetry And My Style Of Writing)

MY POETRY

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Having started off over a decade ago as a hobby, my poetry has evolved in the way Robert Frost describes it... 'begins in delight and end in wisdom'. Over the years, my style has grown with me... from childlike innocence, to teenage anguish, from early adulthood self discovery to more mature thoughts and a deeper understanding of the workings of the world.

MY STYLE OF WRITING

I prefer rhyme and meter to be an inherent part of poetry and generally write with a solid rhyme scheme and a decent meter (harder to follow) . However, I do believe that all a good poem needs is good context, subtext and flow. Nonrhyming poetry too can be excellent and I say that from not just reading a lot of contemporary poetry but also having written some, despite my discomfort with the style.

A Friend By Me

Devoured by friends, betrayed by own Left in this unknown world all alone The best of friends seemed so distant Life reminded of hell every instant I stood alone facing the world Who thought of me as a worthless soul Trying to please trying to prove my worth I was praying to God for another birth So I wouldn't have to face the trauma Of a fragile soul broken with drama As the world pretends or maybe in real Was never bothered as to how I feel And stood against me and time just paced And I almost died, but I saw your face Giving me a love anew, a dream come true Giving me what was given to few Giving me a friend that would never leave Giving me a joy that I could keep And so I knew and a stood relieved To face this world with a friend by me

A Life Ruined And Saved

You want to be happy You see happiness waiting for you at the end of the path It's a tough path to tread It wears you out and you want to stop But you go on Coz you want happiness so bad You think it's so eternal and you keep moving It keeps moving farther away You want to see it near And so you go on The path is so dazy you never know It's a road, it's a bridge And the next moment you're hanging from the edge But you wearily get back up on your feet Coz you want to go on The bridge, the river, it never ends You just keep moving, at least you think you do But you know it's not true, you're on the wrong path But you still go on And you don't know why It's the path you've taken You don't know the route ahead and you're uncertain Uncertain of going back coz you're tempted to go forward You just want to be happy And the path leads you there, but you see It's nothing more than an endless bridge And you want to get to the other side You'll never reach it coz it's an illusion It's watching you, you amuse it, you're the devil's plaything And still you just go on.... I'll be your angel, I'll give you my love I'll pick you up from this dump If only you'd reach out to me And take my love, it will make you pure I'll help you out if you want me to Reach out! But you can't until you try Use your head not your eyes Coz eyes deceive you with the darkest lies But now I'm here, I'll bring out the truth

If only you'd listen to me Coz I'm helpless without you and so are you So it's all up to you Do you want to go on? Or are you going to come with me Coz you know I care I want to give you what you want - but the right way If only you knew I could give it to you You'd come, you'd reach out Give me your hand Come on! !

A Slave To My Dreams

My untamed heart so easily builds, Dreams of an unbound love, And even though it breaks each time, I just can't get enough. Unknown desires present themselves, Only in slumber, I guess, But reality brings hopelessness, And leaves my mind in a mess. I feel the pain of waking to a bitter life, But time and again I find, A fairytale moment is still more precious Than the heartache it leaves behind. Like a bird in a golden cage, I stay a slave to the dreams I see, And these golden bars, they break my wings, When I face reality. Until I create an outside world Filled with the beauty of the cage, I'll bear the pain of breaking away, And still come back to age. I try hard to realize my vision, But only in vain, it seems, And until I fulfill them, I'll stay A slave to my dreams.

Alas

Looking at my life reality's hardly there Seems like fiction to me It's almost unbelievable That I'm unable to read it and see Why reality is overshadowed By blurry thoughts of the mind Why the heart just feels so wrong And I can't distinguish what is right My mind is crowded and overloaded And I don't know how I feel I just cannot think straight I've lost myself or did I just steal me It seems the time I knew myself Is just lost and blown away I don't know where's my heart right now And my mind has gone astray

I can't recall what feelings are, coz I lost them Coz they didn't matter to the world But the world did matter to me So I left myself for the world and now I am alone Or maybe the world did care But they never told me so But whatever the reason maybe They still did leave me alone Coz they did see me But never once asked me who I was They were just oblivious to the real me And I followed their path. Alas!

An Empty Space

Torn into a million pieces Like someone just detached pages from my life And halved them till they were no more Empty spaces lie in their place As days go by new pages are attached But not to the ones I already lost for sure My life is incomplete and will always be Coz those days won't be back no matter how hard I try No matter how much I wish Nothing but some memories are left Of the time I lost... the time that will never come back... The time life wasn't the way it is Oh how I wished life would be A dream come true, after all dreams are good Never saw the nightmares too Oh how I hoped life would be A party that would never end, but then realized I had been such a fool

Are You Gonna Join My Band

All I needed was a person to rely on, A shoulder to cry on

And so I started searching for A person who has been gifted by GOD The art of being a perfect friend And make it last till the end And I knew that I would find A person who really wouldn't mind Helping me out in times of need And from the sorrows until I'm freed And tell me so that I would know Where I really wanna go And I'm searching for such pals Who wouldn't make sudden withdrawals From my life and friendship People who'd cherish this relationship And one thing I came to know I'll find friends, wherever I go

And next on my list comes your name So tell me are you a support to the lame An eye to a blind, A voice to a dumb Tell me can you feel even when you are numb And I'm sure that somewhere in you There's a person who can fill these needs and more too So I give you a friendly hand Tell me Are you gonna join my band?

Behold... A Marvelous Game! !

When at the end of the day As the light seems to fade When eternity meets eternity As the endless earth meets the endless sky And all their differences disappear As the horizon is dispersed at the set of dusk As two worlds so different, combine into one No distinction, no discriminator To state that both are opposites One in land and the other is space But both diffuse into one at this place One world that is made of two So very different things If the horizon is the end Then this is the beginning Of two worlds so entirely different Yet so strikingly same Of two worlds that please the mind As they play this marvelous game.

Betrayed By You

Made a fool of my heart Broken down and torn apart Didn't know what to do So I ran to you Hoping you'd be there to hold me I just wish someone had told me That I was wrong all along You don't miss me while I'm gone

Bleed My Pride

It's pretty clear now How you love to see me cry By the way you always find A way to bleed my pride I see you just can't stand To see me be myself Coz doesn't it please your mind To see me live in hell You always think you've got A point of your own to prove You never even care what I think Or what I might want to do Well to let you know Now I really don't care I'm way past being concerned It's really much too late And I can't love you anymore I can't even pretend That I'm happy to be around you So it's got to be the end Before you make my tears run dry Before you make me weak inside Before you find more reasons To try and bleed my pride

Climbing Hills Of Slippery Stone

He walks his life a determination in mind He's working hard through the distance of time Believing in himself, doing what is right Following the truth, and never quite Turning to temptation given by others, Many turn and he loses his brothers As they fall for the easy wrong In their minds, the truth is long gone But he is strong He might have deflected but he's back again He knows the misery, he knows the pain That lies at the end of the easy path And so he's back, so that the after math Of his journey towards his destination Would lead him to his dream ambition Working most while he's living, He knows the worth of what he's giving He'll get his aim before he's gone CLIMBING HILLS OF SLIPPERY STONE

Days Of Glory - A Bid Goodbye

Days come and days go bye. Each day we grow Each day we know What is the worth of time,

And clutching each moment, Holding on to dreams, Clinging to memories, On this day we lament,

For days that won't be ours anymore, Coz years that will come Can never replace the ones That we leave behind, as we close the door

We're leaving behind a wonderful past Looking at what's new. But, who can hide what's true – These days of glory will forever last.

Devoir

I was blind to my calling in life, I didn't wanna take on what GOD had in mind. I thought that I wanted a simple life, But, the Lord had a different aim for me to realize, And he's asked for my heart, my mind, my soul The things I thought were mine, what made me whole. But, He tells me I am a part of Him, and my goal Is to fulfill my destiny, to play out my role

Come to think of it, until now I thought "Why are my dreams shattered? My hopes shot? And why every memory, in time, seems to rot? " I realize I was a fool to have sought Things that took me far away from Him I thought I was here to fulfill my whims And fancies, but He gave me my skin To show the world the more divine things

And he guides me breaking my forced dreams That I keep building to run away, it seems. Coz he has a job laid down for me And from deep down inside His voice screams. Screams so hard because I refuse to hear, But my Lord, trust me now, I will bear The path you have for me, I'll start right here. So bless me lord and force away my fear.

Don'T Be Wasted! !

There's a human inside of you Wasted upon an illusion untrue It's being played upon by sin Showing the path as an escape route But instead being lead to misery The misery of being a wasted soul You're conspiring against the human in you For it's not the truth but a lie untold It's sucking you in a one-way street There's no return if you don't turn back now You may not find your way back so soon But before it's late you've to leave somehow.

Don'T Think That I...

Don't think that I am Waiting to be told what I have to do I can think my way through And I'm thinking

Don't think that I want To be spoon fed about life and that I have to strive Coz life's teaching me all that And I'm learning

Don't think that I need Someone to make my road in this journey Coz I know my paths and turnings And I'm walking

Don't think that I want Someone to lead and not a friend by me Coz friends are what I need And I have them with me

Emotions

I am a fun lover a child of the moon and the ocean tide... born to play in the arms of water... sway like the waves to the music in life... under the moonlit sky... like a symphony with each part of me dancing and bringing the ecstasy of the music in the world together with the music in the soul... that's me...fluid...like love...like music...like water...like the soul... that's me...I can't be defined... I can only be understood when I am taken completely within... I take my shape to suit the people who dare to accept me! !

Fire In Ice

From underneath the frozen smile, My heart melts to silently cry. The burning emotions from the days When these embers were all ablaze, Now rekindled by the fire in your eyes, They burn with revenge for all the times Every eye coldly looked the other way. Brutally wasted, they left me where I lay. Slowly I could feel the chill in my spine Spread more and more each and every time The cold blind stares refused to see The horror and pain they unleashed on me. Had to learn to become fiercer than ice, Colder than their coldest vice. Had to learn to welcome with frozen smiles All those I met as I walked the miles. Not many bothered to stop and hold, To seek the fire beyond the wall ice-cold. Those who cared to stay found their place In my heart and it's warm embrace. The glow of embers behind the icy wall Beckons you as it shouts it's call, "Break the Wall! " it pleads to your glowing gaze Come into my world; make your place to stay.

Goodbye

To say goodbye is impossible forever And yet we part too soon in time Un held talks postponed till never Unspoken thoughts buried in the mind

No messenger of love can reach you now And show you how much you've meant No breath so full of love can be enough To reach you with this love I send

Though the time we had was bit unkind Each moment we spent changed a part of me As each breeze does alter time And each rock reshapes the sea

Though you may rest somewhere beyond my sights And all the talks of after-life be lies You still remain for me alive And be my friend till the end of time

Hate 'Em All

I just want it to be No others but you and me No one to spoil our lives No one to intervene You are the ones who make me feel All the things that could be real The others just make me go wild They treat me as if I'm a child You've taken me as I am And all of them, they never can Do what you have done to me All the lovely things you've made me see And I don't need anyone else I know we can live with ourselves And I know this very well They are the one's who made me rebel And I hate them for all they do And the ones I really want are you Coz you are the ones who can make me What I really want to be If God asked me my wish It really is going to be this That I lose contact with them Then I would be in heaven I just want to be far away I'm sick of seeing them everyday I just can't bear it anymore I wish I could kick'em outta the door I don't want'em in my life And I want you to realize I am with them coz I have to be It's coz they're always in scene And all I want in life is that With them I should have no contact Coz I want to be with you And those, who make me feel better, too

How Lonely Do You Feel?

When times are bad and you have no friends When the hopes of life lead to dead ends When all your surroundings have nothing to give And you can't imagine life the way you live When on your knees you bend and you kneel How lonely do you feel?

When time goes by and you can't keep pace When the world laughs at your weary face When all that you thought had belonged to you Turns into trash, your happiness too When life takes the fruit and leaves the peel How lonely do you feel?

When all those things that once were yours Go by like the ticking hours When you've got nothing, no one to turn to When all your people have betrayed you When you are left with no joy, no zeal How lonely do you feel?

When life is more of a terror than a test When you get nothing though you try your best When you are numb and you find not a wound healing When you are a bird without any wings When in the game of life you've lost the deal How lonely do you feel?

When you find a person in such a state Go up to him, do not wait Let this question go on like a wheel Ask him, "How lonely do you feel? "

If I Could

If I could I would Tell you my story Of all the moments in my life I'd show you my world Open your eyes To what I am inside But you don't even bother And you don't even care How I feel when I'm alone And you don't want to be there If only you'd let yourself Be a part of me You'd know how special I think you are And how much you mean But all you do is pretend And knowingly betray a friend And yet I don't know why I feel Someday you'll realize what you do to me When I'm ready to be the friend you need When you can be a friend to me.

Illusions

Love at times seems like a mirage And illusion that plays with the heart's eye Coz when I run towards it to feel it close It seems to fade away and die And then from afar it calls again And I'm told that's where 'twill be Then in search for love I roam in vain And run towards nothing endlessly

In A Far Away Desert

In a far away desert, A man sat all alone. The man had no family, He had a house but no home. In a pitiful state he sat, Waiting for a passerby, To ask him for what no one had, Coz he had the travelers' life line. The water seller sat and waited In a dreamy world he passed his time...

In a far away land Far from this weary desert Where there was breeze instead of dry hot wind Where the flowers lay instead of dirt Where he could lie and feel The cool mud, the lovely earth Where he could sing with joy and glee As if he were a bird...

The passerby came, and he was lost, But he bought this man back to his lands, The desert in which he and he alone Could save the lost and life less bands.

The savior of the desert, himself Never knew what his life meant, And so he lived in his dreamy world, When no traveler, his way, went.

When he could have been glad that he Was meant to do God's noble work Was meant to get blessings from all Was meant to be the better one Was meant to live as a noble man... And he considered himself alone...

Even in this far away desert of life No man is single, no man is lost Coz lost men find their saviors And saviors find blessings a lot.

In Search For A Dream

I need to be liberated From all the thing I've hated And yet held on to Coz I thought that I would lose My memories and my dreams That were attached to these If only someone could tell me That I can rebuild my dreams And I can collect memories again I would try to forget the pain I would give myself a new aim And forget that I was maimed.

Innocence Of A Smile

I sat in a crowded place Chatting with my mother Leaving the conversation I realized there were others I sat and talked and ate As I looked around at people Some too busy to be friendly And some with a smile, but feeble When I was about to leave I saw a person in front of me He threw at me a friendly smile And I smiled back at him sweetly As I walked away I realized The innocence of that smile No intentions of cheat or deceit No extraordinary display of style Then innocent smile that I received Changed the way I thought of life Now I'm not afraid of any suspicion That might arise from a smile I thank that stranger For making me feel so right Thank you for showing me The innocence of a smile

Knowing Me

I'm and ordinary person with extraordinary thoughts, yeah that's me –

I'm quite different in a lot of ways you see.

I love you; yeah I'm crazy about you,

And every one else too.

Coz I wanna see what you are and what you want to be,

I wanna see your dreams and how u turn them into reality.

I wanna know - who and what you love,

If you believe in what lies above.

I wanna know if you can see me as an individual soul,

And not just as a kind of person in a stereotypical world.

I wanna know if you can love me the way that I want you to,

If you can go past the brackets I'm in and just love me as the person who loves you.

Learnt

Been a slave to my dreams all my life And woken up each day just to find I can't be who I am, I can't be free I'm in a world that's not meant for me They said I was wrong, they said they were right They said I had started all the fights And I wondered if the world had shown me it's back Or was I the one staring into the black And for the first time I looked inside The place I thought I was meant to hide Never before had I searched my soul And I never knew before all that it could hold It was then I realized that I could change my life And turn the tide so time would be on my side And now I've broken all my dreams, coz I realize Reality is so beautiful I can see it before my eyes I've stopped looking forward, stopped waiting for the future Coz I realize the beauty in what the present has to offer I've stopped making promises, stopped constructing plans Coz I know god's compass will take us all in its hands I've stopped feeling bad about things and found their better side Ever since I've opened my heart, my eyes have been opened wide And I've learnt to see, learnt to look into things And learnt to understand the hidden meanings I've learnt from loving myself, even for the mistakes I've made in life Learnt to win over my weaknesses and the bad things in my life I've learnt that love has power, the power to change And that in the bounds of love, nothing is out of range Now I know I can be myself and still belong And when I sing the world will sing along Now I know and I can reason why Love can never change, never fade, never die.

Life In Flashes

Life in Flashes, fragmented pieces Some moments happy, some indecent I try to figure out what all the means I try to put together broken dreams Hoping to find the truth in time Hoping to find the purpose of life The truth I realize I can never see Until I look what's inside me So I try to search for who I am What I can't do and what I can I realize life is good and times are better The picture is beautiful when I piece it together

Lost In Thought

These days life is so confusing, I'm really wondering what the truth is. I'm wondering what i have to be, Be complex or stick to simplicity. Be good or a bit of bad is okay.

I'm wondering if life is coming my way Or going away, If I'm losing or gaining, If I'm laughing or aching, If I need to unlearn what I know, If I need to unlearn what I know, If I need to keep what I'm letting go, If I need to keep what I'm letting go, If I need to believe in the world or in me, If I need to realize what I'm unwilling to see, If I need to realize what I'm unwilling to see, If I need to face life one on one, Or move with it and live till I'm gone, If I need to work hard to enjoy after, If I need to bear ache for my forthcoming laughter, If i need to worry about what the world thinks, Or just let them be coz they'd be gone in winks.

Am i free bird or bounded by chains? Am i pretending that i can bear the pains? Do i need a friend or can i face life on my own? Are my friends going to be there when the whole world is gone? Is my trust going to pay or am i going to be betrayed? Would I be better off if they left or they stayed?

I'm scared coz i wonder if life's really good or bad, I'm scared coz i wonder will i lose all i had, I wonder if I'll ever know if I'm wrong or right, I wonder if I should accept life or fight. I wonder will people like me for who I am, Or is this just one big conspiracy plan, I wonder if i'm on track, Or i'm just another one who's going to be attacked.

Maybe

Maybe a tear, maybe a smile A forgotten moment from the last mile Maybe something I can't think of Maybe something that I dreamt of Maybe a foe, maybe a friend Maybe an opening into a dead end Maybe a picture or a thousand words Maybe the heaven or an unholy world Maybe some or all of what I say Maybe the beginning or the end of a day Maybe something of an illusion sort Maybe something I haven't thought of But what "Maybe" seems more likely to me Is all of the have acted like keys To the doors of life that unravel marvels Each door opening to a treasure or an encounter Each door leading to a moment of emotion Each move affecting my devotion To this mysterious life how happy can I be? When things are not around things that I need At times when times are bad Can I stay without being sad What life has taught me is I've got to deal With what comes my way, coz they are keys To the doors of the amazing life So just open them and look inside

Me

You can't control me I'll do everything on my own You can't ask me for what I don't have You can't tell me to be what I'm not You can't command over me I'm a free spirit. You can't ask me to do something If I think the time is not right You can't tell me I have to behave In a manner you think is right Coz I obey my heart and it obeys God And you and me can think alike Only if you think like God

Memories Of You

Though many a day have passed I still think of you my friend, I still can hear the talks of yesteryear, The smiles, laughs and goodbyes in the end. Our time together was not enough But still each moment did matter, With those fights and talks and... Teasing people with dumb chatter. The bond of friendship still holds my heart, And whenever I think of you It strengthens two fold each time, And I hope you feel the same way too. The love of a time when we were Nothing more than playmates Still feels like fresh and new And I still do thank my fates, That I came across a person That I could chat with and tease, That I could enjoy just plain and simple friendship, And the days flew past as breeze. I still warm up to old memories Because they hold you so near, To my heart, my thoughts and my life And the past seems so clear And when I think of you again today Tears fill my heart, and my eyes, too, well. With the same tears that I cried when you left, And on those precious tears, I still dwell. With all the love for you my friend And hoping you're thinking of me I ask God to send you an angel Just so you can be close to me.

Morning Brings Hope

Ever wondered what it feels like To chase the sorrows out of your life It's like the morning light Chasing away the night To see it and feel it One must give up some sleep To experience the sheer pleasure One must give up some dreams Open your eyes to what god gives And learn to move on Don't hold back fearing a bad day And you'll find your worries gone Coz unhappiness is a state of mind When your brain is sleeping dead And the only way to look for joy Is to put to use your head Learn to see the beauty In the small little things Learn to love the light That the early morning brings Dreams are good to see But there's a time to stop dreaming Coz better is to hear the song that the early birds sing They sing of joy and happiness And all that makes the day so bright They sing of how the merry morning Chases away the melancholy of the night

My Idol Is Dead

In my life on one fine day My idol came along my way Oh that person I admired so much Oh that person inspired me so much I wanted to be like him in everything Just to be like that, what joy it'd bring I wanted to live life the way he was living Oh just the idea, how much joy it was giving But one day to me my dear God said I'm sorry my Child, your Idol is dead From that day on I cried and I wept Only God knows how those nights I slept The person I admired lived no more I had never faced such a situation before He was the best person I had ever known Tell me God, just why? He left me alone Even with that news there wasn't much I could do I would not forget him, tell me could you? Just thinking of it fills me with dread I just can't believe MY IDOL IS DEAD

Nature Thinks

I walk past the thickness of the plants I walk past the hundreds of little flowers Into the forest I pave my way I spend my life's loveliest hours I sit down to think about the beauty In the biggest trees and the smallest weeds And the thought comes in my mind Who planted the forests' seeds? Who made the place so lovely? That I can't lift my gaze It lights a little fire inside me That will always stay ablaze Ablaze with memory of this view That I have captured in my heart The memory that I will carry with me When from this place I'll part Who was the person? Who thought such good? Who wanted to embrace everyone's mind? Who wanted to hold every soul that stood? What it a gardener who had big dreams? To plant the whole jungle himself Or was it someone I can't think of Was there someone else? I ask a little flower near me That stands in its blooming days Who planted all these beautiful things? Tell me Oh flower, I want to know his ways And then I hear a little voice A little voice that holds my ears It tells me 'it was or mother nature Who grew all the plants for years.'

Need You Badly

My heart is aching Give me a reassuring smile The worse is breaking Give me strength to last another mile My life is nothing but a bundle of lies Talk to me in comforting words Take this pain away give me a smile Don't leave me alone in this strange world

Never Smiled

I never smiled, until I realized That living my life is reason enough Reason enough to smile

I never smiled, until I realized That the small little things we do Can liven up our lives

I never smiled, until I realized That truth prevails and so does love But there is no place for lies

I never smiled, until I realized That my destiny depends on the way I think And I can change my life

I never smiled, until I realized That I can make other people happy And all it takes is a smile

No Joke

I'm a secret no one knows And a lot of times t shows When you don't really know What you're laughing at Am I a joke?

I'm a secret waiting to be told But no one's really that bold To let the world know I'm not a joke!

No Time For Yesterday

Every day that I walked into Carried the burden of the past Time itself tried to hurt me I was not gonna let it last

Flickering memories, broken dreams I knew life was more than what it seemed

I knew I had to fight it out Coz that was not what I was all about I was more than what they treated me to be So I gave it all away No Time for Yesterday

Everyone looking down at me Pointing fingers in my face Rose through, broke free Got myself out of that frikkin place

Future's calling, tomorrow screams Life is not what it has been

I know I have to fight it out Coz they're not what I was all about I'm more than what they treated me to be So I gave it all away No Time for Yesterday

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Not Fitting In

I never let out what my heart had to say, But the moment of truth is here, And it's gonna stay, so today, I'm gonna show what it feels like, When I hide the truth from my soul, When I ignore What the person inside me has to show. All I wanna be is pure, But I keep telling myself, No one's gonna love you, And I'm so scared that I let go, Of what I want to be, And what I want to do, And I run from the truth, But the lies hurt me too, So what am I supposed to do? I'm stuck in a world that is even worse, For everything I have to rehearse, What I'm going to say, But again, I'm trying to break free, So I'm not even fitting in between. Truth and lies are okay, But my woes are here to stay, In this world I'm stuck in, Where everything is twisted and mixed, What's true what's not I'm in a fix, Don't know who to believe, who to ignore? What to treasure, what to let go? Trying so hard to be everywhere, Had more of life's everything -Joys, sorrows, hurt and pain, Much more than my share. And I don't know what to do now, Now that I have to choose, But what's the point, tell me how, Can I keep what I have to lose?

Nothing Lasts Forever? ?

"Nothing Lasts Forever" ... they try to tell me But it doubt the line to the very core And even the words between the lines can't really Justify, as they are themselves unsure.

How do you define "NOTHING" lets talk of that That "THING", which you could touch or see That "THING", which you could have had Or had, but perhaps, could not leave.

And what of "LOVE"? - True, pure love, instead? That love which goes beyond boundaries that lie Love that cannot be defined nor withheld Love that cannot change, cannot fade, cannot die.

Or let's talk about "TRUTH" – that has carried on That truth that can never be proved untrue The future, the present, and the past that is gone Shall testify forever that I am me and can never be you.

Or the "MUSIC" - talk of that – and bow your heads in shame For, those strains of the soul you cannot defy And the emotions it glorifies, let's give them a name And then tell me, can a smile ever stop being a smile? ?

So before these lines, in gold, are embossed Realize they are just words, whispered to calm you When you can't accept the face of the coin that is tossed Or feel the universe is out to harm you.

So here's the reason these words cannot hold a stand – "Forever" is too immense to be held in words, even by the clever And "Nothing" is just a word tossed around by the knaves of the land Prove me otherwise and I'll accept – "Nothing Lasts Forever"!

[08.11.2005 - Another one for a competition - won 2nd Prize]

O Bitter Life!

I'm trying to believe That life has got to be the way it is But it seems My heart feels it's got to be better than this Everything bitter can't be the truth It can't be a valid golden rule Somewhere there's gotta be a change I'm waiting it seems a hopeless wait How can life snatch away all joy Isn't there a moment I can enjoy Life's a sugar coated poison candy The deeper I go sweetness seems farther away

Painkillers

My heart ached with sorrows that I had all my life, It was like being cut to pieces by a knife. But just as I was about to die, just before it was too late, I got joys that were like painkillers, but side effects filled my heart with hate. When I asked - "Why? " Why is all the pain for me? I was told - 'It will make you strong from inside you see.' I hoped it would be soon, but life shattered all the hopes I had. I asked "Why? " and all I got for a reply was - 'Aw isn't that bad! ' I said I didn't want to live this life anymore. And I was told - 'But that would hurt your loved ones for sure! ' And so I'm back at where I was - crying my heart out again. Hoping that painkillers of joy will somehow ease my pain.

Quest

Directionless as the air, with nowhere to go. Suspended like a particle with knowledge all around. Yet unable to bring together things...aside, above and below... Only capable of carrying the nothingness that is found.

Turning into liquid which takes the shape and understands... The intricacies of its surroundings, yet with no form of it's own. But at least it learns and shapes itself to the knowledge at hand... And with a gust of pointless air, is not so easily blown.

Lo and Behold...it musters itself to form a solid mass... Visible as a shape, tangible as a form, has an identity – a body like gold A body of knowledge that it has amassed And now holds it's own without support – reaching the zenith of its existence in this world

Tell Me... But Don'T...

Tell me what you know but don't force me to believe Tell me what you are but don't force me to be Tell me what you do but don't force me to act Tell me what you see but don't force me to watch Tell me what you learn but don't teach it to me

The Answer... All I Expect

I don't ask for too much Just a little love would be enough But more of what I need is to Show you all that I feel for you To know that it makes you happy And makes you feel loved by me And I'll be content that I can love too And my love and I do matter to you And I need just glimpses of a world In which, on me, simple pleasures you unfurl Like a word or two of love or more Straight from the heart's innermost core No promises of forever I need Just an appreciation of now and here Just need to feel that it's something special Something that's never been there And maybe just a stolen moment of unspoken feelings When you and I are real, and no other things Come between the closeness, that all talk of with sighs And I dream of with hope that it'll someday be mine And then with no regret or demand for more I'll let you go where you feel the need to go But to set you free, I first need to love you And that's all I expect and hope to be true.

The Girl

A girl is born to a family "Female infanticide" her fate will be Even if she lives and has her breath Her life will be even worse than death Yes she is the one I'm talking about The common girl I'm talking about

That little girl is not educated At a small age she is married She doesn't even know what marriage is Her husband died, now a widow she is Yes she is the one I'm talking about The common girl I'm talking about

She is the one who's given no respect What's being done to her, is there no one to inspect? She's being burnt, she's being cut She's being raped and her mouth is shut Yes she is the one I'm talking about The common girl I'm talking about

Oh! That poor little girl On the floor she has to curl She works all day Doesn't get any pay Yes she is the one I'm talking about The common girl I'm talking about

Shouldn't we help her in any way? To improve her condition day by day Shouldn't she be given her rights? To let her dreams fly like kites Yes she is the one I'm talking about The common girl I'm talking about

She is now working equal to men With the tools and with the pen She gets wages and salaries too Now she can support her family too Yes she is the one I'm talking about The "GEN-X" girl I'm talking about

The World

My mind drifts away into world I can't hear or see people around me My eyes just cannot bear the weight They just fall as if all the problems Were rested on just a little feather I'm lost in fact my brain is lost My material self is here But my spiritual self has left for someplace else Everybody think they can make me stay But I've already left, they can't take me back I'm in a world filled with everything The soul ever yearns for Peace, love, happiness, feelings of joy Everything that this material world Could never give to anyone It's a world that you've been craving for But the path to it is so unclear It's hard to reach this place But the end is eternal bliss You've got to find the road to this world And you'll find it in yourself Coz the world itself is within you And you need to realize your self

The World Is In Pain

This world was once as bright as gold With happy people young and old But then as the people tell To the evil goodness began to sell

The world wasn't as bad as it is With people's tears coming out as rain It wasn't filled with darkness It wasn't like today - The World Is In Pain

And as the darkness began to prevail So says the story tellers tale From bad to worse, and worse to worst It felt as if the whole world would burst

The world wasn't filled with all sorts of crimes With all the people going insane The world wasn't filled with killers and bandits It wasn't like today - The World Is In Pain

Now evil is ruling and angels are dieing No truth is there and the people are lying And as the truth is overpowered by lie Over all places the dark clouds fly

The world wasn't filled with lies With search of truth ending in vain The world wasn't filled with darkness It wasn't like today - The World Is In Pain

Torture

All stand like withered leaves Looked upon by the ruthless demon He stands there staring and glaring Terrorizing big and small, everyone All drenched in the blood of sin The protector is nowhere to be seen And the destroyer has ordered his men And they are scorching, Laughing at all those who stand bound Bound by the devil himself And he himself is nature bound Not just to tepefy, but to burn The good and bad alike He cares for no one, and he's not afraid Why should he be? The protector is gone And the world is overshadowed By the clouds of the sinning demon Who don't allow no wind to blow No rain to drop, no dropp of rain All stand hoping to bathe in holy water, But they bathe instead in sinful sweat, Poured on them by the heinous demon He prowl and growls and laughs Watching their pitiful state His time will come when the protector comes And blows the wind to sway his courage And showers water to destroy his flames

But when will the protector come? When will he hear the cries Of these prisoners of the devil Who hope and wait to be rescued Oh protector hear the cries Coz they won't be able to cry for long Hear the cries of big and small And save them from the sinful one

War Of Words

Quintessential flames fired In a war of words. Debating, fighting, they conspired Against the truth of the world.

Twisting turning tongues spat Ideologies, each of a different kind. In their own primed worlds they sat, To the un-worded truth still blind.

To each his own and their words Dipped in blissful ignorance. Fighting over the same worlds, In their own thoughts like a trance.

In every word they made a liar As oblivious to the truth they endorsed. And each man felt it his own devoir, And yet, lost the War of Words.

[23.11.2005 - Poem written in ten minutes for a competition - it didn't win]

What You Are To Me

In unhappy times when you hurt and bleed I'll be the friend that you will need Coz you're special to me in many ways The way you've helped me in troublesome days I'll never forget the sacrifices you've made My smiles you've loved, my tears forbade You've been with me in all my joys Every moment with you I have enjoyed Everything you've done I will repay In my own small insignificant ways Coz you've been the friend I'd always need And I'd be to glad if I could be Something even close to what you mean Everyday I thank God for giving you to me

You And Me

In the dark of the night The wind blowing like a spirit Filling me with life I reflect upon the being I am And I think what makes me "ME" Is more that just my life It's your life too and the one we share And I'm glad I'm made of you In the depths of the sky I know what lies It's you and me And the stars behind And you know one day We'll all go up to heaven And remember these days Till the end of forever