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*The complete collected works of poems, verses and lyrics  
inspired by thoughts and images that have travelled the  
corridors of my mind.*

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# **Dark dreams and distant memories**

## Beach

**Day breaks with a high pitch  
That can render you dumb  
Night time falls swiftly  
With air that leaves you numb  
The wind howls constantly  
The rain beats out its tunes  
Birds fly for cover  
As thunder creeps onto the dunes.**

**And the waves pound the shore  
With ceaseless ferocity  
Seagulls cry for the end of the storm  
But the lull brings forth monotony  
The tide ebbs without a sound  
And the sands lay dead and bare  
Still no one enters this paradise  
And the dark secrets that lurk there.**

## Space

**Solemn is the darkness  
That glides across the moon  
With steel-like fingers  
That reach into the room  
Cold are the grey eyes  
That hang in the sky  
Like distant stars  
That fade and die  
Silence is the key  
To open all doors  
That lead to passages  
Along life's cracked floors  
Hear the strange words  
Of a love that's lost  
Remember the suns rays  
As you count the final cost.**

## The Room

**The room has its secrets  
It lurks within these walls  
The shadows creep round you  
As the night time falls  
Eerie footsteps tread  
On imagined gloom  
Impending death surrounds you  
In this place called the room  
No daylight can enter  
These windows fail to see  
But darkness glides through them  
In the air hangs misery  
Cracked walls stare at you  
Like faces from the past  
And a solitary figure  
Reveals the secret at last.**

## Symphonic Mysteries

**Life's long and lonely tunes  
Are symphonic mysteries  
Like strings of violins  
Gliding through the seas  
The undertones like cellos  
Deep and endless seams  
The cymbals your heartbeat  
The drum sounds like a dream.**

## Spinning Wheel

**Round and round  
In an endless flight  
The spinning wheel revolves  
Like your lifetimes wishes  
Watch as a thread evolves  
Spinning the web of mystery  
Into which your mind dissolves  
Turning, spinning  
Your life is thinning  
The thread hangs in mid-air  
Your life is in the balance  
It snaps  
Now you're not there.**

## White Lady

**What evil ghosts walk  
Within your dreams of sin?  
What cold embrace  
Holds your life within?  
What silent treads  
Walk on life's broken cobwebs?  
Who's anguished cry  
Echoed in your fears  
Re-lives the moment of terror?  
Who was the White Lady  
That danced on high  
On the Halloween?  
And why did the sky  
All cloaked in black  
Roll thunder from its eye?**

## Night Forest

**Silence fills the forest  
With shattering tension  
Shadows hang from every branch  
With a stillness of expression  
Nocturnal creatures roam the ground  
An owl hoots from afar  
But in the blackness hear the evil sound  
Like a ghost of silver  
On a unicorn  
The sight is seen and lost  
What fiend of darkness  
Rides the night  
And leaves your dreams so restless.**



## The Final Frontier?

**Out in the wilds of space  
There's a planet called Mars  
On a clear night it shines  
Like a beacon through the stars.**

**On the dark side of hell  
There's a fire from eternity  
And at the toll of a bell  
The fire burns up the sea.**

**Where the light never falls  
There's a heart alone and cold  
There's a man so afraid  
Of being solitary when he's old.**

**At the midnight hour of twelve  
You can feel the sudden chill  
Of a love that's turned to stone  
And someone who lost the will.**

**Is this just a question  
Or is the answer clear?  
Can the heart now beat again  
Without the pain and fear?**

## Final Bow

**As she steps into the spotlight  
She is blissfully unaware  
That in the darkened wings  
The smell of death fills the air  
As she finishes the encore  
And takes the final bow  
The assassin aims once more  
And it's the last she'll ever know.**

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**If I stand straight and tall  
And reach out my hand  
Then I can touch the sky  
And feel another land.**

**If I close my eyes  
Then I can read your mind  
And if you reach out for me  
Your light to me could blind.**

**If I sat here all day  
And watched the sun go down  
Then I could paint the moon  
With the face of a clown.**

**If I stare at the stars  
And watch eternity float past  
Then at once I would know  
I'd found immortality at last.**

## Pale

**Pale moon rises  
Cuts through the night  
Brings single colours to me  
As pale as golden light  
Shadows crash on the horizon  
Like a pale ghost of life  
They seem to walk towards me  
Sharp like the edge of a knife  
Pale moon sinking  
Replaced by a ball of fire  
Pale shadows hide away  
True colours shine and glow  
But the pale returns  
When the fire grows dim  
At the end of the day  
Where we pay for our sin.**

## Calm

**Darkness shuts out the light  
The air dies to stillness  
And turns a shade of grey  
The darkness is the cloud  
That hangs like a note in the sky  
Waiting for an encore in the calm  
A rolling sound surrounds you now  
Reaching a crescendo of depth  
Shattering the very ear that hears  
A sudden strike of light  
Pierces the darkness and calm  
Sending you reeling into space  
And blinding the eyes that saw  
And now will see no more  
Of the calm before the storm.**

## Sequel to the Calm

**As you float past the cloud  
Entering for a second  
The very heart of the storm  
You feel weak  
You've reached the very source  
Of the shattering light that blinded  
You are amidst the great heart  
Of the sound that once deafened  
The clouds embrace you  
Their coolness soothes you  
And their calm amidst such terror  
Warms you to their cause  
As you pass through the grey  
You turn to watch your final day  
Slowly and calmly it fades away.**

## A Night

**I remember standing here  
It wasn't long ago  
I remember the rain  
And I recall the snow  
The smell of the wind  
Howling through the trees  
It fell to a whisper  
Or was it a breeze?**

**I remember standing here  
Watching the storm clouds  
I remember you  
The deep furrows on your brow  
I recall that the sun  
Failed to shine and warm  
I remember the clouds  
And I recall the storm.**

## The Sea

**How the waves beat the shore  
As if to stake their claim  
On this country of ours  
This island with no name  
Many people perished  
All taken by the sea  
Someone stood and watched  
As their souls were set free  
He looked on in silence  
And took no steps to stop  
The cruelty of the sea  
From the safety of the rocks  
He stood there all day  
And not a word he said  
Then he slowly turned away  
To grieve for the dead.**



## Another Rainy Day

**Through the closed curtains  
I hear the steady rain  
It's beating my life out  
On the window pane  
People rush by  
Soaked to the skin  
They never look up  
And they can't see in.**

**Another rainy day  
But I'm used to it now  
My tears run free  
Like the rain in the clouds.**

**Although tomorrow  
Seems so far away  
Even now I know  
It will be  
Another rainy day.**

## This World

**Find me a place to hide  
A haven from the tide  
Where my mind is free to speak  
And my eyes free to weep  
Where my thoughts may roam  
And my voice in tone  
Does scream forgiveness  
From this world  
But beware of my nightmare  
And tread my dreams with care  
Because my heart is of glass  
And my face a reflected smile  
That frowns upon this world  
And sheds a tear  
For one too near  
To see such pain as mine  
Through the crowds and the wine  
And the rolling of this world.**

## Unspoken Dream

**Reach into my mind  
And pick the fruit of my dreams  
Sail on the tide  
And fish for the moonbeams  
That once so easily caught  
Have now learnt to escape  
From the line that you cast  
And the net you've yet to make.**

## Time Of Day By Night For Life

**Night time to the blind  
Is a darkness  
Filled with no light nor sound  
But to me  
The night shines forth colours  
And strange words are found  
In night time  
Imagine the stars  
Not mere lights but eyes  
Gazing down on this night  
Guided by moonlight  
To light the face  
That looks for freedom  
And asks why and wonders  
What is beyond the eye?**

**Look to a dream  
That came to you for life  
And gave you  
A reason for the quest  
Of searching the sky  
With the inferior object  
We know as man's eye  
Wander beyond reality  
And feel the sound of night  
Touching your soul  
Sending a wave of movement  
Through your frail bone  
And ask the night  
To shine once more for you  
For life is short  
But the question is eternity.**

**And when the eclipse  
Of knowledge has past  
And life knows no barriers  
At last  
Remember then the time  
Remember then the day by night  
That is yours for life.**

## Trip The Light

The sun  
Sliced in two by the horizon  
Shines forth light  
And gives you hope  
As you enter the forest of night  
The crack  
Of dead wood under your tread  
Echoes through the trees  
As the darkness creeps round you  
And the wind drops to a breeze  
The silence  
Of the forest roars in your ear  
As you tread bravely  
On and on into the night  
Where the sun's rays no longer save you  
The branches  
Seem to clutch at your very soul  
And tear at your heart  
In your eyes fear is born  
You realise you are alone in the dark.

A sudden movement  
A crashing sound by your side  
The screech of an owl  
Sends shivers down your spine  
No turning back now  
On you must go  
Deep into the nightmare  
That you thought had let you go.  
Running wild now  
Your thoughts run wild with you  
Are there eyes in the darkness

**Stuck to you like glue?  
Did you imagine a shadow move  
Or is something there?  
What terror breathes behind you  
What thing has left its lair?**

**On and on you run  
Arms fighting off the trees  
Crashing through the undergrowth  
Falling to your knees  
Rising once more  
You run for your life  
But the growls behind you  
Are louder than the night.**

**Something is upon you  
You feel fangs draw your blood  
Would you scream with terror  
You would if you only could  
Claws rip at your face  
As you double your pace  
For a light shines ahead  
In this forest of the dead.**

**Once more you lunge for freedom  
Once more the claws dig in  
The trees seem to draw apart  
And the night starts to thin  
One last leap and you're free  
And alone on solid ground  
The sun looks over the mountains  
And the dawn is filled with sound.**

## The Face

**The face in my mind  
Is fierce and alert  
But the face in the mirror  
Lies broken in the dirt  
The face that once knew  
What pain was about  
Stares with open mouth  
But the words won't come out.**

**The face in my mind  
Looks with pleasure on this scene  
Of the face in the mirror  
Trying but failing to scream  
The light fades away  
From the eyes that look back  
In the face in the mirror  
That is under attack  
One final look of pain  
Then the face fades away  
And the face in my mind  
Turns smiling to face the day.**



## Images Of Man

**Surrounded by a sea of life  
Suspended in animation  
Felling every movement  
That you make  
Needing the breath  
That you must take.**

**Released into an unknown place  
Attacked at once  
By a member of the race  
Left to hear my shallow cries  
No eyes look in  
No soul passes by.**

**Wrapped in tender arms  
And led to a place unknown  
Laid to rest on white  
Informed of this place home.**

**I suffer your misunderstandings  
As my voice calls you in vain  
I receive uncontrolled anger  
But you cannot see the pain  
Hidden away I seek to survive  
In this cage of mine  
Relying on your every whim  
To remember my needs in time.**

## I Phantom

**I phantom  
Do rule this night  
I rattle your doors  
To give you a fright  
I curse your children  
Your home and your name  
You cannot escape me  
I, phantom insane  
I tap at your window  
And roll my eyes  
I watch you shrink back  
And I hear your cries  
I appear before you  
It's all part of my game  
You cannot be rid of me  
I, phantom insane.**

## The Eyes

**Only the eyes remain  
The face has gone  
Twisted in another plane  
The voice lies lost  
Drifting through space  
Like a coin tossed  
But failing to fall to earth  
Yet smiling in ghoulish mirth.**

**Only the eyes remain  
To stare openly from the dark  
Drifting around the room  
Gliding through shadows that loom  
High and mighty towards the sky  
Only broken twice  
By the piercing eye.**

**Only the eyes remain  
But failing now without the face  
Losing power and grace  
As they look for you  
Amidst the blue of a night  
That will never be the same  
When the spell has gone  
And the eyes no longer remain.**

## Rites Of Night

**The sea lies like a woven web  
And no sound is made by the dead  
The greyness of the evening tide  
Seems to force silence on the tribe  
Waves reach out their hands to the shore  
And darkness rules the heart once more  
The people stare and dream of him  
But stillness holds the will to sin  
Great clouds of smoke fill the dark sky  
And children run their faces ask why  
The leader fears for the coming day  
So drops his head and starts to pray.**

## The Eve Of Night

**A silent movement  
As shadows loom  
The darkness creeps  
And brings forth doom  
A watchful eye  
Keeps pace with the scene  
As the night falls swiftly  
In your nervous dream  
Oh how they desert you  
Your senses, your sight  
And leave you in dread  
Of the darkening night.**

## The Window

**Window shield me from harm  
Hide me from the storm  
Let through the light  
Keep out the night  
And trap for me the dawn.**

**Window protect me now  
For light is getting low  
Close your eyes  
To the nights surprise  
And turn back the silver glow  
Window don't let me go.**

## The Tide

**Standing on the shore  
As the tide ebbs away  
Waiting for the storm  
To shut out the day  
See the rising waves  
Beat against the shore  
Slowly drifting outwards  
Goodbye for evermore.**

## The Curse Of The Tomb

**A deadly silence fills the air  
The tomb lies silent  
Its shadows bare  
The night winds howl  
And clouds cover the moon  
Something stirs in the darkness  
It's the curse of the tomb.**

**With a deadly roar  
He rises high  
Hands outstretched  
To the night sky  
Great arms of steel  
White fangs of fire  
He rides the storm  
Flying higher and higher.**

**The curse of the tomb  
From centuries past  
Its evil ways  
Are free at last  
The blood red eyes  
And demonic screams  
Scourge of the skies  
And destroyer of beings.**

**With strength unleashed  
He can blow your mind  
The curse of the tomb  
Against all mankind  
His evil is matchless  
He rules all hell**



**You know he's arrived  
By the toll of the bell.**

**Speed of the hurricane  
And power of the sun  
The curse of the tomb  
Is out on the run  
In dark black skies  
On rain filled lands  
He roams the country  
With blood on his hands.**

**Destructive trails  
Throughout the world  
With mountains crushed  
As his hell unfurls  
Riding the lightning  
Drowning the thunder  
His voice rings out  
As he goes back under.**

**A haunting silence fills the air  
The tomb lies silent  
But the curse is there  
The dawn heaves a sigh  
For the day comes soon  
But when the night returns  
It brings the curse of the tomb.**

## Sleepless Spirits

**The wind howls through the trees  
Death creeps like a restless breeze  
A full moon lights the misty skies  
And a sense of terror falls across the eyes.**

**The rain beats down like a silent drum  
Wakened wolves howling as they run  
To a place where the sun never shines  
Caught in the hell of an eternal time.**

**The pounding waves fight against the shore  
They ebb away but return once more  
The lightning sends a fatal streak  
To wake the dead from their restless sleep.**

**The twisted fingers of the hurricane  
Rip at the hearts of the many insane  
The earth trembles and falls away  
The universe cries and fears for the day.**

**The thunder roars and man must obey  
With a weakened heart pleading for the day  
But this night will last for many years  
With many men crying with silent tears.**

**The stars explode in a solar blaze  
The mountains melt in the heated haze  
And the wise men count the final cost  
They pitted their wits but they lost.**

## Faces

**Spinning round on a vacant staircase  
With echoed whispers in my mind  
Falling through a lonely doorway  
With reflected faces to every side  
Searching on a distant lifeline  
Looking for a shining light  
Wandering through a darkened alley  
Keeping in step with the night.**

**Swirling down into a whirlpool  
Reaching a future exodus  
Turning from a streetlights flicker  
To watch the faces turn to dust  
Excited by a mirrors image  
Drawn in by the vacant eyes  
Slowly taking all for granted  
Like the clouds that hang in the skies.**

**Trapped within a revolving starlight  
With pin prick holes in a black sky  
Run with a dream full of faces  
Haunted by their staring eyes  
Scorched by their sheer hatred  
And never healing from their lies  
Crying out for my freedom  
But never reaching out to fly.**

**Sitting on a long lost planet  
Asking for some company  
Holding out for the sunlight  
That so far has eluded me.**

## Road To Nowhere

**Endless towers are chiming  
In the ceaseless pouring rain  
All the lonely people drowning  
As they watch the empty train  
Relentless wheels still turning  
As lifeless souls are mourning  
And the faces always searching  
As the days and nights keep falling.**

**Countless countries are passing  
With cloudless skies ahead  
Who pushed the knife in further  
And watched as we all bled  
Demonic faces are rising now  
The weak lay dead and gone  
A fire holds back the mountain  
As our tears engulf the sun.**

**The withered poets fighting  
For the days of future gone  
All hell bent on learning  
The voice of the evil one.**

**On the road to nowhere  
The days just drifting by  
Dreamers falling in the air  
Past the castles in the sky  
On the road to nowhere  
Here and now it seems  
Their eyes full of despair  
Their minds warped with dreams.**

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# **Visions and voices of nature**

## Time

**When I've nothing to do  
I sit and stare out of the window  
Watch the trees bend in the wind  
See the birds hover in the sky  
But do I ever stop and ask why?**

**When the north winds wind  
Around the chimneystacks  
And the birds have flown to nest  
Do I wonder at nature's ways?  
Or shall I gaze up to the skies?**

**When night comes over the rooftops  
And the street lights flicker on  
Can I imagine all the faces  
Staring through windows  
Asking where is the sun?**

## The Eagle and the Sparrow

**The eagle and the sparrow  
Are from different extremes  
One preys on his brothers  
The other drinks from the stream  
One floats in the sky  
With the grace of a cloud  
The other sits on a chimney  
And sings to the crowd.**

**The eagle and the sparrow  
Are from different strengths  
One kills with his talons  
The other sits on the fence  
One rips up a life  
Without effort or thought  
The other waits in the park  
For the crumbs the people brought.**

**The eagle and the sparrow  
From a life of their own  
One picking at seeds  
The other ripping at bone.**

## The Dawn

**The sun rises gracefully over the hill  
And chases out the last winter chill  
The trees lean towards the first light  
That has driven out the darkest night  
The animals stir and begin to appear  
The light has removed all of their fear  
And glowing rays of this pure heat  
Warns the night that it must take defeat  
A breeze flows down the rays of light  
To cut the darkness with its knife  
But daylight only lasts for a time  
So take this chance to drink its wine.**



## The Tree

**The tree stands firm  
Its branches reach out for me  
Like a lovers arms  
Longing to hold me  
To protect me from harm.**

**The bark is rough  
Yet solid as a rock face  
Scarred by countless years  
And climbed by those  
For which height holds no fears.**

**The limbs so stout  
Take my weight with ease  
And help me on my way  
To the highest boughs  
That creak and groan and sway.**

**The ascent so simple  
And yet I start to sweat  
With the fear of height  
That is reborn within me  
As the leaves turn back the light.**

**The descent a mere second  
A moment in time flashing by  
As I grasp for the limbs  
That once did help  
Satisfy my youthful whims.**

## The Awakening

**The sun wakes up the morning  
Pleasant pastures fill with light  
Sweet sounds of soaring birds  
Reflected in their flight.**

**Dewdrops dazzle the naked eye  
And glisten through the glen  
Shafts of light reveal to us  
The stirring of nature's den.**

**The warm breeze glides gently  
By ferns and fallen trees  
How happy is the heart  
At such a sight to please.**

## The Lake

**A sheet of shining glass  
Laid bare between the hills  
Creates a thing of beauty  
Against the distant mills  
A place where one can rest  
And forget the feuds of men  
To lay on natures velvet  
Close by the creatures' den  
To behold this world of nature  
A feat before the eyes  
A place of perfect beauty  
Far from the smoked filled skies.**

## The Open Road

**The open road lies straight ahead  
Like a ribbon of black velvet  
Thrown across a screen of silk  
Surrounding every hamlet  
Trees like balls of coloured wool  
Stand firm against the weather  
Flowers like paint splashes  
Thrown with thought between the heather  
And here and there a little hill  
Where nature will permit  
Between the valleys and the vales  
To give the country spirit.**

## The Wind

**The grass ripples like water  
A green swaying sea  
Tears are whipped from the surface  
As the trees thrash violently  
Dead leaves reborn to dance  
Fly to embrace the clouds  
That race through the sky  
As if moved by rushing crowds  
The rain scatters through the air  
Refusing to fall to Earth  
Creating visions of liquid silver  
Mingled with sounds of mirth.**

## First Light

**Light drips through the trees  
Showering down to meet the dew  
Cascading ribbons of rhyme  
In the stillness of morning new  
The mist rolls back its blanket  
To reveal the retreat of night  
The dawn spreads its wings  
And spreads its rainbow light  
Here and there new life to see  
The day forms before the eyes  
The whole picture warm with gold  
Thrown out from morning skies.**

# **Images and victims of war**

## Remember Me

**The trees have shed their golden leaves  
And the north winds bring such misery  
Icicles hang like bars at the windows  
Like prisoners they watch the snowfall  
Lonely sad old eyes  
Peer from behind faded curtains  
The lines of hardship on their brow  
Ask why they are scorned and forgotten  
Left in a place that is rotten  
To die in the cold  
To be humble and do as they're told  
But they haven't forgotten the war  
And how they fought like ancient warriors  
But now they're left by their Country to starve  
Because now they're just old aged pensioners.**



## We Remembered

The snow sets the scene of innocence  
As the procession of mourners pass by  
Remember the old man  
A prisoner of winter  
That we just left to die  
He'd led there for a week  
At death's door and unable to speak  
The neighbours didn't notice  
They'd talked about how cold it was  
And gossiped about folk in the street  
Now they walk behind the old man  
As he's carried on shoulder high  
It brings back the memories of the days  
When he'd fought for his country and kin  
Not stopping to think he may die  
Now they lay him to rest  
And agree he was one of the best  
They all pretend to weep  
Then go home  
To gossip about folk in the street.

## The Four-Minute Warning

**Survival is on every face  
In every frown and glance  
Would you shoot your neighbour  
If it gave you a better chance?  
Four minutes to say goodbye  
To forget but not forgive  
For who knows in four minutes  
How many will still live?  
The skies turn red with rage  
The seas begin to steam  
We all close our eyes  
In the hope it's just a dream.**

## The Man With No Name

**When the weapons of peace are used  
To crush an unseen foe  
Will the man who pressed the button  
See the havoc he bestowed?  
Will he ever wonder why  
Or is his fate the same?  
Has he the power of choice  
This man with no name?**

## The Coming Of The Demons

**Many miles of mystery  
Have hung between the towers  
Many years of sympathy  
Depicted by the hours  
Tortured fields of secrecy  
Roll through this crying land  
Empty hearts of misery  
Are felled by a mighty hand.**

**Broken trees on a dying soil  
Like bare reflecting sands  
Empty shells once cities  
Are strewn across this land.**

**The coming of the demons  
Launched from Mother Earth  
Has claimed the lives of millions  
This world has gone berserk  
They called it retaliation  
Vengeance against the foe  
It only killed salvation  
But who is left to know.**

**Triumphant in their splendour  
They surface from below  
But the horror before their eyes  
Destroys them in one blow  
The dried up seas of paradise  
The survivors failing cries  
Bringing home the reality  
As death comes to their eyes.**

**The coming of the demons  
Was mans last big mistake  
But they craved the power of it  
And fatality was their fate.**

**Broken trees on a dying soil  
Like bare reflecting sands  
Empty shells once cities  
Are strewn across this land.**

## Dear Comrade

**Dear comrade  
This might be our last communication  
Dear comrade  
It's not far from the hour of retribution  
I heard it on the news  
They say they are going to light the fuse.**

**Dear comrade  
I've thought of you as a friend  
Dear comrade  
May your God go with you at the end  
I heard it on the radio  
Missiles launched, destination Moscow.**

**Why can't they leave us out of their fight?  
Maybe this time they haven't got it right  
What's the point of total destruction?  
Do they believe in their resurrection?**

**Dear comrade  
The skies are turning the colour of hate  
Dear comrade  
We are the victims of man's last mistake  
I heard it on the news  
They say there's no way that we can lose.**

**Dear comrade  
There's no time left for our goodbye's  
Dear comrade  
They did it in the end despite our cries  
I heard the four-minute warning  
There'll be no victors in the morning.**

**Why didn't they leave us out of their fight?  
We all know now they didn't get it right  
What was the point of total destruction?  
Who's left to see any resurrection?**

## Victim Or Victor?

**The light filtered through the trees  
Morning blew in with the breeze  
Not a sound could be heard  
No animals cry no song from a bird  
White flakes like snow fell to the ground  
Settling with a silence unlike any sound  
The land looked so peaceful, mellow and calm  
Nothing to compare with last nights alarm  
The screaming the crying the terror and pain  
As wave after wave of bombs fell like rain  
And yet in the terror freedom was found  
For we met our maker as we lay on the ground  
How unlucky are those that would hide and  
survive  
Only to creep from their dens to be burned alive  
For once we were right and they were wrong  
Because from their lips comes no victory song  
They realise they're doomed but realise too late  
As they trudge through the dust towards their  
fate.**



## After The War

**A whisper of smoke  
Still hangs in the air  
But now the firing's finished  
Is there anyone left to care?  
Only the ones  
Who were caught in the blast  
But will they care  
As they breathe their last?  
Or the child burned and scarred  
And blinded from the light  
Does he really care  
If it's day or it's night?  
Or the man who lost an arm  
With his hair falling out  
Is he happy that it's over  
And will he laugh and shout?  
Only the moles hidden underground  
Are interested in the end  
And they can't hear a sound.**

## A Solitary Tear

**A solitary tear  
Falls from the face of the earth  
Landing unseen  
Falling unheard  
Amidst the barrage of noise  
And ever-growing sound  
That falls from the sky  
And reeks havoc all around.**

**A Solitary tear  
A plea for some peace  
Spills from the earth's eye  
And shatters at our feet  
Sending waves against the shore  
Falling through the clouds  
Onto the wasted city  
Bleeding from the eye  
That in vain looks for pity.**

**But there's no one to see  
And no one to hear  
As the solitary tear  
Dies and disappears.**

## Life After Living

**Do you realise your fate  
Or is that something of no concern  
But when the time comes it's too late  
When of your fate you learn  
For somewhere someone waits  
For a sign, a signal, a voice  
To be given by a man who hates  
The people who have a choice  
And when that time arrives  
Be it today, next week, next year  
Will all those who survive  
Live on to live in fear?**



Sharp Edge Of Life

# **Sights and sounds of life**

## When Time Slows Down

**Look at the birds  
The trees  
The Wind  
The Breeze.**

**Hear the sound  
The cries  
The voice  
The lies.**

**Touch the sun  
The heat  
The time  
The beat.**

**Feel the clouds  
The rain  
The crowds  
The pain.**

**Smell the grass  
The flame  
The waters  
The wave.**

**Sense the fear  
The hate  
The end  
The fate.**

**Look at life  
Hear it pass by  
Touch it once  
Feel it fly.**

**Smell the ground  
Sense it fail  
When time slows down  
Does time prevail?**

## The Life And Times Of A Nobody

**Fame is something the famous are used to  
It's not for the likes of me and you  
For we are the nobodies you and I  
We are the animals behind bars in the zoo  
We get stared at  
Looked at and abused  
We are the working class  
We are here to keep you lot amused.**

**We take all you throw at us  
Your lies your scorn your hate  
But we smile when you laugh at us  
For we are the nobodies  
Who don't understand the emotions  
But you'll stand against the wall  
Come the revolution.**



## Coastal Whispers

**Where the land meets the sea  
There lies freedom for me  
Far from the hurt of life  
Free from pain and strife  
Where the sea meets the land  
I can touch another's hand  
And feel the anger drawn away  
To leave me at peace with the day  
Where the coast meets the shore  
I will stay forever more  
Hidden from all time  
In this a sea of rhyme.**

## Wreck Of A Man

**He stands behind the stage  
His hands shaking with fear  
He knows he's lost his way  
He hasn't sung for a year  
The drugs and the booze  
Killed all his melodies  
So now he stands alone  
And no one sees the tears.**

**This wreck of a man  
Who once was a star  
Paying off his debts  
In a down town bar  
He lost the zest  
And gave up the fight  
Then he turned to drugs  
For a peaceful night.**

**The band plays on  
And the singer he smiles  
The crowds respond  
Standing in the aisles  
They perform with skill  
And command the stage  
Be he's lost the will  
So he just turns away.**

**No one sees him leave  
This wreck of a man  
A year ago his songs  
Would thrill all his fans  
He walks through the crowd  
And no one shakes his hand  
'Cos now they've forgotten  
This wreck of a man.**

**The stage is deserted  
He stands there alone  
A man called a dreamer  
Without a real home  
For this was his kingdom  
But now he's the slave  
To those little white crystals  
That somebody gave.**

## Street Walking

**My lonely tread  
Taps out its beat  
There's evil in the gutter  
On this darkened street.**

**Not a soul in sight  
Nor a voice to hear  
The people locked inside  
Live in fear of the street.**

**Yesterday's papers glide  
On the breeze  
The lamps flicker on  
And cast shadows on the street.**

**So take all your sins  
In to ghetto land  
And while street walking  
Keep the blade in your hand  
For the neighbours have gone  
And only strangers you meet  
When you're street walking  
When you're on the street.**

## The Birth

**The eye in the heavens  
Looks down on the Earth  
And waits for a sign  
Of the expected birth.**

**The man on the ground  
Looks up to the sky  
And waits for a sign  
From the heavenly eye.**

**For years they did stare  
And did wonder and wait  
For the birth of the one  
Who will seal their fate.**

## The Addict

**Hey man would you like to speed  
Come on boy I've got all you need  
Let me show you this little neat pack  
Lose your troubles and get high on smack.**

**Yeah you man do you wanna to feel placid  
Well then sucker take a drop of this acid  
Come on boy give your soul some hope  
Tell your friends you ain't hooked on dope.**

**Hey man would you like to laugh and joke  
Then come on brother and take a shot of coke  
Don't worry man it will make your mind blank  
Come on sucker give yourself another crank.**

**Well listen to me boy you can't get hooked  
On these white crystals I've just cooked  
Look at me man I ain't no addict  
Give me a year and I'll kick the habit.**

**Hey funny boy you're looking green  
While you were high what have you seen?  
Swallow another and it will put you right  
And you'll keep high 'til morning all night.**

## The Path That You Must Choose

**As you go through your life  
You are bound to find pain  
But remember there are two sides  
To every drop of rain  
There are many ways to lose  
But many more times to win  
And the path that you must choose  
Leads from the one within.**

**The path that you must choose  
May be hidden from your eyes  
By the jealousy of others  
And their voices full of lies  
The path that you must choose  
May fill your heart with dread  
But the ones that never falter  
Are the ones so easily led.**

**There are many paths to choose  
And on the threshold there you stand  
Don't be guided by thoughtless talk  
Or let others take your hand  
Stand firm and solid on the ground  
And make up your own mind  
Rely on your own dreams  
And all you know that you will find.**

## Don't Give A Damn

**You can put your hand on your heart  
But still they don't give a damn  
You can run all of their races  
But they'll just ask who else ran  
You can stand in the crowd  
But you're still on your own  
You can shout with the rest  
But you might as well scream alone.**

**You can climb up a mountain  
But still they won't see  
You can swim across the ocean  
But you'll still be all at sea  
You can fly around the world  
But they'll just look away  
You can freefall from the sky  
But they'll just fly away.**

**They don't give a damn  
Whoever they are  
They're out for themselves  
Don't care who you are  
They don't give a damn  
If you fall by the way  
Just as long as they're standing  
At the end of the day.**



## The Dream

**Last night I hit the bottle  
Now the morning's come too soon  
Last night I had a dream  
That I was standing on the moon  
Or was I walking down the road  
In search of another drink  
Now I leave my mind to the dream  
So I don't have to think.**

**I'm sure I left the house today  
And went walking in the park  
But maybe I was just dreaming  
As I lay here in the dark  
But I remember flying past you  
As you turned to walk away  
But perhaps I am still dreaming  
Or perhaps that was yesterday.**

**Now I know I left on Tuesday  
'Cos I'd run out of drink  
But maybe that was Wednesday  
I'm just too tired to think  
Now the dreams are all clearing  
And leaving my mind so numb  
But it must still be today  
'Cos yesterday's yet to come.**

## Bridges

**Have you ever built a bridge  
And watched it fall before your eyes  
Has it left you wondering were you failed  
Or left you concealing all your lies  
Bridges are there for crossing  
Not burning once you're through  
But beware of false once that crumble  
And leave a bridge between us too.**

**A bridge is an object of passion  
To be used when you're feeling down  
But remember to leave the last one  
In case you stumble on the ground  
Don't build your bridges using lies  
You'll find they won't withstand  
The rumours and gossip that follow  
By those built by another's hand.**

**Don't burn the last bridge behind you  
It could prove your only escape  
But don't build too many before you  
Like you expect to make a mistake  
Just take your bridges and cross them  
With the promise they give to you  
Don't play the fool and destroy them  
You'll find they might just destroy you.**

## Make Believe

**There's a cold wind rising  
It steals the heat from the sun  
There's a crazy man screaming  
Spraying bullets from a gun  
On the streets there's a quiet  
That can chill to the bone  
In the air the scent of danger  
Hanging over what once was a home.**

**There's a lonely man sitting  
In a mountain cave  
Watching the snow forming  
From the falling rain  
There's an eagle in the sky  
Searching for its prey  
The prey hides underground  
Waits for the end of day.**

**Down in the ghetto  
A man is beaten and robbed  
The people all look on  
And then return to their jobs  
The old man cries for pity  
As his blood runs free  
Passers by just stare  
And say don't bother me  
It's only make believe  
When it doesn't happen to you  
It's only make believe  
But somehow it could come true.**

## Come Inside

**Come inside and talk to me  
Tell me of the day that's been  
Describe to me the things you've seen  
Won't you come inside with me?  
Will you come and talk to me.**

**Come inside and sit with me  
Show me the things that are yet to come  
Let me see the deeds that will be done  
Won't you come inside with me?  
Will you come and talk to me.**

**Come inside and talk to me  
Tell me of the things that are so real  
Reveal to me what you really feel  
Won't you come inside with me?  
Will you come and talk to me.**

**Come inside and sit with me  
Re-live for me the love that's gone  
Show me the face of the chosen one  
Won't you come inside with me?  
Why don't you come and talk to me.**

**For here I sit inside my cell  
Driven only by the thought of escape from hell  
Wanting only someone that I can tell  
Of the dreams I had before I fell  
Of the dreams I have inside my cell.**

## Somebody's Daughter

**Somebody's daughter or somebody's son  
Some hear laughter whilst others have fun  
It's so easy chasing their dreams away  
It's so simple to tell them it's time to pray.**

**Someone's mother or somebody's child  
Look to the other or look away awhile  
It's so easy taking away all their pain  
It's so simple standing in the drowning rain.**

**Someone listens whilst somebody lies  
Some don't answer some only cry  
It's so easy telling them what is right  
It's so simple leaving them alone at night.**

**Somebody's daughter or somebody's son  
Some will see them whilst some will run  
It's so easy chasing their dreams away  
It's so simple to tell them it's time to pray.**



# **The pain of broken love**

## In The Eyes Of Our Child

**In the eyes of our child  
I see the bitterness  
In the words of our child  
There's only pain for us  
For the sake of our child  
We must make it work  
For the love of our child  
We'll find a light in the dark.**

**In the eyes of our child  
There are unbroken tears  
In the words of our child  
There's the break that she fears  
For the sake of our child  
We must fill the emptiness  
For the love of our child  
Let's find some happiness.**

**In the eyes of our child  
There's a flame of fire  
In the words of our child  
Our love's a funeral pyre  
For the sake of our child  
Let's brush the past aside  
For the love of our child  
Heed the words she cried.**



**In the heart of our child  
There's no evil to see  
In the mind of our child  
There's only you and me  
For the sake of our child  
We must let it be  
For the love of our child  
Our love must be free.**

**When she's crying out loud  
In the Wilderness  
When she's lost in the cloud  
Of our loneliness  
She's our child  
She's born for us  
She's our child  
She looks to us for trust  
She's our child  
In the eyes of our child.**

## An Ill Wind

**It's an ill wind that carries your name to me  
It's taken me years  
Why can't you let it be?  
It's an ill wind that cuts into my heart  
It brings back the fears  
And what you did to me.**

**It's an ill wind that drives the pouring rain  
Across the fields  
Across the open plain  
It's an ill wind that chills me to my soul  
Right to the bone  
And brings back all I know.**

**It's an ill wind that brings your voice to me  
It cuts like ice  
And how it tortures me  
It's an ill wind that reaches for my mind  
Freezes the fire  
And sheds the tears that blind.**

**It's an ill wind that brings it home to me  
All that was done  
And its effect on me  
It's an ill wind that cries throughout the night  
It cries only for me  
I cry only for the light.**

**It's an ill wind that carries your name to me  
It's taken me years  
Why can't you let me be?**

## Acting

**I called to see you today  
But they said that you'd gone away  
I wanted you to see  
Just how much you mean to me  
I should have never let you go  
Now I see that I need you so.**

**Now I realise were I went wrong  
So I hope you can hear my song  
Life is not long enough  
And I can't keep acting tough.**

**Now I wander this lonely road  
'Cos you're not here for me to hold  
The clouds all gather for me  
And the fog means that I can't see  
How I've wasted that true love  
That shone from heaven above.**

**The cold nights are revolving  
And I've lost the strength to sing  
Sitting waiting for company  
Still there's no one here but me  
The shadows loom over my shoulder  
Your memory I carry like a boulder.**

**Now I realise were I went wrong  
So I hope you can hear my song  
Life is not long enough  
And I can't keep acting tough.**

## My Minds Eye

**In my minds eye  
There are reflections  
Of the love we used to share  
In my minds eye  
There's the emotion  
And the pain now you aren't there.**

**See the bright dreams  
Hear the flowing cry  
Feel the darkness  
When you look in my minds eye  
Touch your image  
Replay my lasting love  
Reach for the highlights  
That caress you from above.**

**My minds eye  
Is a memory for your game  
My minds eye  
Since you left it's not the same  
In my minds eye  
Voices call out your name  
Feel my minds eye  
And watch me die in pain.**

**In my minds eye  
You can see the empty stare  
And the clouds fly  
In my minds eye  
But when you reach  
There's no one there.**

**Collide with the shadows  
That lie in my minds eye  
And trip on my high wire  
As you reach up for the sky  
You clutch at the loose straws  
As you hang on to my dreams  
And cry for the closed doors  
That open as you scream.**

## Once

**Once I had a dream  
That I would fly away  
But it collided with your heart  
And that's why I'm here today  
Once I thought of leaving you  
And running with the crowd  
But you held me in your arms  
And their voices weren't so loud.**

**Once we were dreamers  
And we stood upon the hill  
What happened to our secrets  
And why did time stand still?**

**Once I held you closely  
And whispered I love you  
But talking about others  
Is now all we seem to do  
And once I tried to show you  
What you really meant to me  
But you cut short the sentence  
And left me all at sea.**

**Once I loved another  
But I came back to find  
That you hadn't noticed  
The torment in my mind  
Once I could have left you  
And gone in search of fame  
But something made me stay here  
And here's where I'll remain.**

**Once we were dreamers  
And we stood upon the hill  
What happened to our secrets  
And why did time stand still?**

## Don't Worry About The Rain

**Many tears will fall  
Before you find true love  
And many moons will pass  
Before you reach your destiny  
But someday in your life  
You will find your pot of gold  
And somewhere in the future  
Is the love you long to hold.**

**So don't worry about the rain  
The storms in life will pass  
Don't believe it'll stay the same  
All the lonely years will pass  
Don't worry about the rain  
As it beats against the window  
There's someone waiting for you  
With a love you long to know.**

**So many nights are cold  
But the sun shines up ahead  
Your feelings may falter  
But you'll find love isn't dead  
Maybe many lonely tears  
Will fill your nights and days  
But remember if you hold on  
Your love will find the way.**



**You'll find it all one day  
And be thankful for all things  
Don't rush love on its way  
Just see what the years will bring  
And someday in your life  
You will find your pot of gold  
And somewhere in the future  
Is the love you long to hold.**

## The Reasoning

**I've been looking at our future  
And it's really so easy to see  
That the light you've been shining  
Has never been meant for me  
I've sat staring at the cold night  
And dared to see the faces  
That seek me from the shadows  
To entice with their embraces.**

**Listen to world gently spinning  
Catch all our promises in hand  
Hear all the echoed solutions  
As we ride across no-man's land.**

**I've been hearing all your voices  
As they rebound of my dreams  
And I've stood on the threshold  
Without knowing what it means  
I've climbed all your fences  
And I've listened to your sound  
Now I'm searching for the reason  
That's left me on the ground.**

**Listen to world gently spinning  
Catch all our promises in hand  
Hear all the echoed solutions  
As we ride across no-man's land.**

**Now I know what I'm saying  
And I guess you're not to blame  
That the reason for our failing  
Is not found in any game  
I've found an eternal sunlight  
As I've ridden on past these days  
And I know of the heartbreak  
That lies strewn along loves ways.**

## Love Is Hard To Find

**I heard about an old man  
Who'd left love in the dark  
He'd lost his way in life  
I found him alone in the park  
He sits on the same old bench  
His body bent by the years  
He saw that I was also lonely  
And he said come lend an ear.**

**He said  
Love is hard to find son  
Hold on to it while you can  
But don't let it rule you son  
Stand tall and be a man  
'Cos if you let it rule your head  
It will nail you in the end  
Don't make love your enemy  
Let it be your friend.**

**I sat so still by his side  
Reflecting on his words  
I saw the twinkle in his eye  
And it made my heart stir  
He smiled and turned his gaze  
Far out into the skies  
He said love is everywhere  
And it comes to those who try.**

**The moral of this story  
Is that love can leave you blind  
But through his words I've seen  
The reason love has survived  
He may now be old and frail  
Sitting there on his own  
But I can see that long ago  
His heart found a home.**

**He said  
Love is hard to find son  
Hold on to it while you can  
But don't let it rule you son  
Stand tall and be a man  
'Cos if you let it rule your head  
It will nail you in the end  
Don't make love your enemy  
Let it be your friend.**

When

**When the skies turn black  
And your blood runs cold  
And the world stops revolving  
When the moon explodes  
And the stars grow dim  
And the sun stops shining.**

**When the cold winds blow  
And the oceans freeze  
And the lands turn to dust  
When the rivers run dry  
And the mountains fall  
And the trees all turn to rust.**

**When all the love has gone  
These things will be done  
When all the love has gone  
These things will become  
When all the love is gone  
Then no love will go on.**

## Windows

**Staring at the stars  
As I lie on the bed  
Memories of your love  
Flow gently through my head  
Moonlight fills the room  
Bringing darkness to life  
Looking through the window  
Into the lonely night.**

**Windows of my mind  
Reflections on the pane  
My dreams leave behind  
A face with no name  
Windows of broken glass  
Cracked from side to side  
The rainbows dancing in them  
Are forever in my eyes.**

**Only the night light  
Can fill up my thoughts  
Seeing the moonbeams  
Dancing in the port  
Glancing of the water  
Rippling in the breeze  
See the white horses  
Riding on the high seas.**

## Sharp Edge Of Life

**You tongue cuts me like a knife  
And your words are the sharp edge of life  
And when you speak your lies fill the night  
Cutting me  
Scarring me  
Turning me  
To the sharp edge of life  
And the dark edge of night.**

**If the spoken word is true  
Then the silent voice a lie  
And the silence comes from you  
At the sharp edge of life.**

**I'm caught in the grip of a voice from the night  
Calling out me name from the sharp edge of life  
I'm tossing in a dream that's echoed through the  
day  
Trapped in a paragraph by the words I cannot  
say  
I'm caught on the edge and it's tearing at my  
heart  
The sharp edge of life is pulling me apart.**



**I say words can never hurt me  
But you find a way to break my heart  
The words that you speak are reflected in the  
dark  
Hurting me  
Burning me  
Killing me  
With the sharp edge of life  
And the dark edge of night.**

**If the spoken word is true  
Then the silent voice a lie  
And the silence comes from you  
At the sharp edge of life.**

## In My Mind

**I'm living in the nightmare  
Of a flickering dream  
I'm chasing all the wrong things  
Across a burnt out beam  
I'm living for a rainbow  
But I'm sailing way too high  
I'm dreaming of green pastures  
But I'm lost in a black sky.**

**I'm dying for the reason  
Without ever asking why  
I'm heading for a breakdown  
In an evil sounding cry  
I'm searching for a tunnel  
With a light at the end  
But I'm screaming in failure  
'Cos I know I've lost a friend.**

**There's a voice in my mind  
And it's forcing me on  
There's a whisper in my mind  
Crying out for someone  
There's a voice in my mind  
And it's as hungry as hell  
There's a whisper in my mind  
But it's as loud as a bell.**

**I'm crawling in an alley  
Drowned by the bitter rain  
I'm living on a knife-edge  
And it's turning me insane  
I'm crying for a voice  
In the dark of the night  
And I'm torn between two forces  
But which one of them is right.**

**I'm losing my reactions  
The same way I lost my soul  
I'm giving up salvation  
Now that my heart is cold  
I'm trying to see reason  
But it's as cold as ice  
I'm passing on the nightmare  
And I'm not thinking twice.**

## Barriers

**I stepped into the cold light  
My soul shivering with pain  
I walked into your gun sights  
But my heart beat the same  
I looked for an exit sign  
To lead me on my way  
But I only found your barriers  
Which have caused me to stay.**

**You're always building barriers  
And it's forcing our love apart  
Never stopping to consider  
What you are doing to my heart  
You're always building barriers  
That leave me in the dark  
I never know what I'll find  
If I tore the walls apart.**

**I stood my ground one time  
And refused the chance to leave  
I thought that our love might shine  
If I stood up for you and me  
But now I wish I had that chance  
Of the open doors ahead  
I look only for my freedom  
But the walls are there instead.**

## Driftwood On The Shore

**Finding you meant the world to me  
It seems my heart was locked  
And you found the key  
Leaving me you destroyed my soul  
It seemed my heart stopped beating  
And I lost control.**

**Like driftwood on the shore  
You don't need me any more  
Just push me with your tide  
While between the rocks I hide  
Like driftwood on the shore  
You don't need me any more.**

**Losing you took everything from me  
You know you broke my heart  
When you returned the key  
Leaving me you destroyed my soul  
It seemed my heart stopped beating  
And I lost control.**

**Like driftwood on the shore  
You don't need me any more  
Just push me with your tide  
While between the rocks I hide  
Like driftwood on the shore  
You don't need me any more.**

## Have You

**Have you heard the falling rain  
Beat against the window  
Have you seen the burning flame  
Rise up through the snow  
Have you heard me call in vain  
Through the darkness from below  
Have you seen the falling tears  
That melt into the pillow.**

**Have you the heart to tell me  
It's all over between us  
Or shall I hang on to a dream  
That's quickly turning to dust  
Have you the eyes to see my pain  
Or are you still so blind  
Have you heard a word I've said  
Or have you run to hide.**

**Have you felt the cold night  
That surrounds my aching heart  
Have you stood and wondered  
At the lies that tore us apart  
Have I a cause to doubt you  
Or the look that's in your eyes  
Have I the strength to carry on  
When you fade into the night.**

## God Knows

**I smoked the last cigarette  
And drank a final glass of wine  
Took a last look at your picture  
Because I'm leaving it all behind  
To take it would be madness  
And would hurt me in every way  
So I'll leave behind your memory  
And hope to live for another day.**

**I turned to look at the wall  
Where your paintings all had hung  
I sat and stared at the phone  
God knows who should have rung.**

**The record playing on the deck  
Is what we called our tune  
It reminded me of how we met  
On that sunny day in June  
But now we are both tearing up  
The bonds that we had built  
It seems we're both losing ground  
And God knows who feels the guilt.**

**God know I tried so hard  
To keep the feelings warm  
I don't know what went first  
My sanity or your charm  
God knows I tried so hard  
But the break it had to come  
We saw the writing on the wall  
God knows what we have done.**

## The Beginning Of The End

**When the stars fall to earth  
And the sea is engulfed in flames  
Then the heart no longer feels  
And the eyes don't see the pain  
When the roses fail to bloom  
And the trees wither and die  
Then the heart no longer yearns  
And the eyes can only cry.**

**The beginning of the end  
Where no love can survive  
The calm before the storm  
Where no heart stays alive  
The beginning of the end  
When the world fails to spin  
The beginning of the end  
There's no fire left within.**

**When the light casts no spell  
Into the longest lonely night  
Then the heart will feel cold  
With no flame to burn bright  
When the sunset loses faith  
In the night that lies ahead  
Then the heart is ever silent  
And many words are never said.**

**When the beginning of the end  
Is the only course to take  
Then the heart will grow weak  
For the love has come too late.**



## I Still Stand By Your Memory

**Though you may be far away  
And perhaps not thinking of me  
I still stand by your memory  
And of the way things used to be  
You may have even forgotten my name  
And the love that shone in my eyes  
But I'm stand by your memory  
And hope one day you'll realise.**

**I still stand by your memory  
My friends can't put you down  
They say you meant to break my heart  
And then leave me on the ground  
But I'm standing by your memory  
So call me up and prove them wrong  
Don't let them wreck your memory  
Come back to me before too long.**

**You hurt me when you walked away  
But I smiled and hid my tears  
And I'll be standing by your memory  
If you need me in future years  
You gave me what I needed most  
But then left me high and dry  
I still stand by your memory  
And I'll be standing until I die.**

## Shadows Of Our Love

**Memories flood back to me  
From the shadows of our love  
The darkness holds the key  
To the shadows of our love  
And all that is left of me  
Is a shadow of my former self  
In the shadows of our love.**

**Forgotten faces with no names  
Form the shadows of our love  
Remembered places of fun and games  
Are now in shadows of our love  
And all that is left to me  
Is a shadow of my former self  
In the shadows of our love.**

**Shadows that form and weep  
And shadows that fade and die  
They enclose me while I sleep  
And in their darkness I tend to cry  
For the shadows of you  
And the dreams that have fallen through  
Into the shadows of our love.**

**A jigsaw puzzle of your face  
In the shadows of our love  
And your warm embrace can't be replaced  
By the shadows of our love  
And all that is left of me  
Is a shadow of my former self  
And all that is left to me  
Is a shadow of a former life  
In the shadows of our love.**

## What's Happened To Us

**Where once there was a smile  
There now is just a frown  
Where once there was respect  
You now just put me down  
Why are the old dreams fading  
To be replaced by nothing new  
What has happened to us  
And what's become of me and you.**

**Where once there was laughter  
There now fall many tears  
And where once there was hope  
There now live only fears  
Has time taken its toll  
And has the bell rung true  
What has happened to us  
And what's become of me and you.**

**There was I time I needed you  
And you were always by my side  
There were times I was apart from you  
And on those times I cried  
What has happened to us  
And have our dreams all fallen through  
What has happened to us  
And what's become of me and you.**

## The Saddest Sound

**The saddest sound that I ever heard  
The pain hidden in her parting word  
The saddest sight that I ever did see  
The face in mirror staring back at me  
The saddest sound in the world  
The goodbye kiss from the girl  
The saddest time in my whole life  
The moment she faded into the night  
The saddest moment of all time  
The losing all that I thought was mine  
The saddest thought of all the year  
The sudden flash of pain and fear  
The saddest sound that came to me  
The saying that she wanted to be free  
The saddest sight that I ever did see  
The eyes in the night looking back at me.**

## The River That Flows To The Sea

**The river that flows to the sea  
Holds the key to your door  
Like the grace of the birds wing  
It flows on for evermore  
The river that flows to your door  
Leaves me silent on the shore  
Something's changed  
You're not waiting there anymore.**

**The river that flows to the sea  
Waits for me waits for me  
The river that flows to the sea  
Holds the key holds the key  
The river that flows to your door  
Cries bitter tears for me  
Like the rolling waves upon the shore  
The river holds the key.**

**Where once it flowed with grace  
The river now rushes by  
In the waves I see your face  
But the question is still why  
The river still flows to the sea  
But you're not waiting there for me  
Something's changed at your door  
You're not waiting there anymore  
The river that flows to your door  
Has left me silent on the shore  
But the river that flows to the sea  
Still waits for me.**

**The river that flows to the sea  
Has shed many tears for me  
But like the face at your door  
It doesn't shed them anymore  
The river that flows to the sea  
Waits for me waits for me  
The river that flows to your door  
Holds the key holds the key  
Wait for me wait for me  
Where the river greets the sea.**

## Do You

**Do you still want to hold me  
In the way I long to hold you  
Do you still need my love  
When your dreams have fallen through  
Should I turn and hide my pain  
While you turn to face your fears  
Do you want me to hold you still  
While you cry for your yester years.**

**Do you watch while I sleep at night  
And think of how it might have been  
Do you wish for a shining knight  
Who could ride with you in your dreams  
When we run out of things to say  
Do you let your mind run free  
To a time and place you've never seen  
And to the man I've never been.**

**But do you cry at the clouds  
As they gather above us now  
Do you need to reach for freedom  
When you feel we've let it go  
Do you look into my eyes  
And see something that isn't there  
Do you wish there was something  
Or do you no longer care.**



**Do you need me to understand  
Why you've never cried out loud  
Do you want me to free your hand  
And watch you swallowed by the crowd  
Or do you want to remain here  
With only me to comfort your despair  
Do you think that the price is too dear  
To pay for something that isn't here.**

## My Darkest Hour

**Rain's beating down  
Shedding tears on this darkened town  
Falling down  
Falling down on me  
Moon is in the sky  
Following my like a mystics eye  
Watching me  
Watching only me.**

**Where are you now?  
I never thought you could stoop so low  
Crushed by you  
I'm crushed by you  
Where are you now?  
Now that I need you so  
My pain grows  
It still grows for you.**

**Sun it can't rise  
Never again will it fill my sky  
Shine on me  
Shine down for me  
Winds will blow  
Driving like ice right to my bones  
Freezing me  
Freeze your fire in me.**

**My darkest hour  
My greatest need  
Held by your power  
Felled by your deed  
My darkest hour  
My heart it bleeds  
Can't get much lower  
Can't be set free  
My darkest hour  
How it tortures me.**

## Spin The Wheel

**Broken dreams are scattered like leaves  
On a carpet of woven lies  
In shattered times I collect my thoughts  
Shall I spin the wheel or roll the dice.**

**And how shall I forget you  
Forget all that I gave in vain  
The rain may hide the falling tears  
But it can't wash away the growing pain.**

**The pain grows stronger deep inside  
Like the hidden heat of sin  
The anger burns behind my eyes  
But in the mirror they only grow dim.**

**The heart can hold much misery  
Like a dam can hold the tide  
Stronger men have fallen here  
And many weaker men have cried.**

**My outstretched hand ignored by you  
Begs for the touch of love  
I thought I gave all that I could  
While you took far more than enough.**

**And how shall I forget you  
Forget all that I gave in vain  
The rain may hide the falling tears  
But it can't wash away the growing pain.**

**Broken dreams are scattered like leaves  
On a carpet of woven lies  
In shattered times I collect my thoughts  
To spin the wheel  
To roll the dice.**

## Once A Dreamer Always A Dreamer

**In the sharpness of tonight  
I feel alone and cold  
The only words I speak are bitter  
And the truth lies untold  
I can swear my love for you  
Only within my mind  
But when I try to show it  
I come across as unkind.**

**Once a dreamer always a dreamer  
As someone once said  
I believe it to be as true  
As the scenes within my head  
I'm not a singer or a poet  
But I know how to feel the blues  
I'm not a lover just a dreamer  
And perhaps a forgotten fool.**

**But I can weep and feel pain  
And be unhappy just as you  
For my feelings are in dreams  
And for me these dreams are true.**

# **The flames of burning love**

## Thank You

**To you my love I thank you  
For all of the good times  
I pray for you my angel  
As the old clock chimes  
I thank you for each hour  
That you gave yourself to me  
And now before I leave you  
Let me set your mind at ease.**

**Thank you my darling  
Remember me for life  
Thank you my lover  
Who turned into my wife  
Hold up your head high  
And don't think about the rain  
I thank you for the good times  
And for keeping out the pain.**

**For keeping faith in me  
I thank you from within  
For making your home with me  
I thank you once again  
I'll carry your love with me  
But before I fade away  
Let me thank you for being  
The sunshine in my day.**



**I can feel the calling  
From somewhere in the night  
I can see the angels  
All smiles and dressed in white  
The pain now grows stronger  
And the sun has gone dim  
Please hold me tightly  
As my strength wears thin.**

**Thank you my darling  
For all that you have done  
I know I'm on the threshold  
Of a dream that's yet to come.**

## Last Nights Rites

**The silk so soft  
Like tomorrows dream  
The fire in the eyes  
And the skin like cream  
The hair that flows  
Like the waves on the shore  
That dance by moonlight  
To an unwritten score  
A flash of teeth  
And a smile so warm  
Laughing now  
But beware the storm  
The body so beautiful  
So elegant with curves  
You hear her voice  
But don't heed the words  
An explosion of passion  
Under dimmed lights  
The morning after guilt  
Of last nights rites.**

## Found You

**They say that love can't bite  
In the same place twice  
But in my heart that's not true  
They told me once you've lived it  
There ain't nothing left for you  
But they're wrong  
'Cos I woke today and found you.**

**They say it's called the rebound  
And I'll come down with a bump  
But in your eyes I see the truth  
They told me it's just living a lie  
And that I'll find that out so soon  
But they're blind  
'Cos I woke today and found you.**

**They say that a heart can't beat  
For more than once in love  
But I know that they're blind  
They told me it's only fools gold  
And in your eyes it shines  
But they're wrong  
'Cos I woke today and found you.**

**I found you  
Hitching a ride on the road of life  
Coming to terms with your heartlight  
And I found you  
Reaching across the borderline  
Between romance and loneliness  
That's where I found you.**

## The Tide's Turning

**The sea is calm  
And the moon is still  
Let me take your hand  
And lead you down the hill  
Down to the shoreline  
Where we'll live out our sins  
Down to the oceans edge  
Where our life can begin.**

**The waves are rising  
And the moonlight falls  
Let me take your love  
Can you hear my heart call  
Down at the shoreline  
Where we'll love out our sins  
Down to the oceans edge  
Where the pain will begin.**

**The stars are bright  
And the dunes are cool  
We're shining in our love  
Like a pebble in a pool.**

**The tide's turning  
Turning in our hearts  
Leaving all the promises  
That will tear us apart  
The tide's turning  
Flowing in our veins  
Cooling the blood  
That can cause us such pain  
The tide's turning again.**

## Straight From The Soul

**The moon is dancing on the sea  
The waves are calling out to me  
There's a fire in the ocean  
And a flame in my heart  
It's coming straight from the soul  
Like a light in the dark  
The edge of forever's only hours away  
We're held by the chord from yesterday  
There's a heart in the sky  
Shining softly in gold  
It's bringing out a passion  
And it's straight from the soul.**

**The mist is rolling across the moon  
There'll be darkness on the sand too soon  
The horizon melts into a haze  
We'll be living on forever  
Like a painting in a cave  
We're dreaming on the wire tonight  
We're floating out into the night  
The moon above is trembling for us  
My heart's on fire and it's going to bust.**

**The stars are flying on the wing  
The sea is rolling  
The waves they sing  
There's a heart in the night  
Like a light in the sky  
No ones ever going to see us  
No ones going to ask why.**

## Ain't Getting No Younger

**We ain't getting no younger  
And the tide of life is pulling us under  
Through our veins our blood it races like thunder  
In our bodies there surges a raging hunger  
It's down to you my love  
We ain't getting no younger.**

**We're at the age of desperate hours  
We need to feel something before it's over  
Our bodies are tired from life's race  
The heart is slow but you can feel the pace  
We're standing on the ground but in the air  
And you don't give a damn but still you care  
Are you here with me or a forbidden place  
Is that your smile I see on another's face?**

**With a tear in your eye your bodies on thrust  
My heart's feeling the heat it's about to bust  
We're diving off a knife-edge to another dream  
I'm crying for some feeling come on here me  
scream  
You're reaching for my heart it's in my mouth  
We're dying in this love but we'll make it  
somehow  
Your hands are trembling as you tear at my skin  
The waves are crashing louder than our sin.**

**They're calling for us out in the darkest night  
We ain't got much longer but we'll get it right  
You know the dream we had has somehow failed  
But still the night is young and the moon is pale  
We'll try it 'til forever and eternity  
We can't let it up there's only you and me  
I want to see that your eyes are still so bright  
You need to shed your tears now and for tonight.**

## What Price?

**What price will you pay for love  
How much pain will you suffer for security  
You see before you the crossroads  
But how do you know which way to go  
And how many tears will you let fall  
What will you give before you've given it all  
You stand and stare across the sky  
When the thunder rolls will you ask why.**

**You never know what you really feel  
And pretence is all that you will reveal  
You see before you no easy choice  
So strange you don't hear a guiding voice  
And what will be said when the truth is known  
Who will feel sad and so alone  
Only time can heal such mortal wounds  
As only hell can play the devils tune.**

**What price will you pay for love  
Will you cut and run while you're above  
What price will you pay to win the day  
Do you count the hearts that you might slay  
But what price will you pay for love  
Will you fight until you draw first blood  
And when do you say that you've had enough  
Do you reach for the smooth but only find the rough.**



**You never care who you really hurt  
Just another life scattered in the dirt  
Perhaps you only enjoy the pain  
But without your love what would remain.  
What cost do you count for love  
What pain have you suffered for security  
You choose the road that you must take  
But will you learn by your mistakes.**

Now

**Now that we know it is love  
There's no point holding back  
We've come together tonight  
And we know we can't lose track  
Now we understand each other  
And the flame burns bright tonight  
There's no need to run for cover  
Let's love until the morning light.**

**Now that our hearts are beating  
In tune with both time and us  
Let's cast out the broken past  
And love until we're fit to bust  
Now that all the sorrow has gone  
From within our souls and minds  
Let's live only for the future  
And not the pain we've left behind.**

**Now there's no dark in the night  
And the shadows can't catch our hearts  
We're living for all the right reasons  
And the journey's about to start  
Now we see the open road  
Let's hit the gas and run  
We don't need to make excuses  
For the deeds that we have done.**

## Blue Cotton Dress

**She suffers for the love of him  
She suffers for the pain  
Oh how angry the voice inside  
And oh how bitter the tears she cries  
But she still suffers for the love  
Still she holds the candle in the night.**

**To breathe the air that he breathes  
To walk within his step  
Oh how she needs the strong embrace  
Upturned eyes to a down turned face  
But still she hungers for his love  
Still she wants to run and win the race.**

**But you can see it in her eyes  
You can see all the distress  
You can see the little girl  
In the blue cotton dress.**

**She never cries out loud in his sight  
She never gives up the ghost in a fight  
But oh how angry her voice inside  
And oh how bitter the tears she's cried  
But still she suffers for the love  
Still she holds her candle in the night.**

**And you can see it in her eyes  
You can see all the distress  
You can see that little girl  
In her blue cotton dress.**

## I Believe In You

**I stand for all that I am  
Let no man stand and judge me  
I fight for every grain of sand  
Every drop of blood within me  
But still the sand slips from my hand  
And the blood escapes my wounds  
I only fight for I believe in you.**

**I will see and hear no evil  
And I speak your word without a lie  
And your deed I do without question  
With no sign of anger in my eye  
And still the blood runs through my veins  
As if to cleanse my wounds  
It only runs for I believe in you.**

**They say you stand tall before you fall  
And sooner or later you will stumble  
But I need it all that you can give  
I need it though I am humble  
But still the love flows from my heart  
And the tears escape my soul  
I only bleed for I believe in you.**

## The Day The Sun Died

**The day that you left me  
Was the day the sun died for me  
A raging storm entered my life  
Destroyed the light that burned so fiercely.**

**The day that I missed you  
Was the day the sun died for me  
A void appeared in my life  
Created a space that was so empty.**

**Then the day was over  
And the sun had not shone for me  
I stumbled for you in the darkness  
But you had left me all at sea  
You had left me  
And the moon was all that I saw  
You didn't need me  
You needed something else much more.**

**The day you returned  
Was the day the sun shone again  
A wave flooded my emotions  
And washed away all of the pain  
You had come back  
But had you come to stay  
You had returned  
And the sun will shine today.**

## Think Of Me

**Whatever you do  
And wherever you go  
Be it raining or sunny  
Or a blanket of snow  
My thoughts will be with you  
And my heart near at hand  
Wherever you go  
And whenever you land  
Whether you take to the road  
Or sail on the sea  
Whether you fly in the sky  
Or climb life's tree  
Wherever you go  
Think of me  
And when you return  
Over land over night  
At the end of the tunnel  
I will shine my heart light  
For life without you  
Is empty and bare  
Like the darkness below  
To a child on the stair  
So whatever you do  
And wherever you go  
Think of me  
When you are alone.**

Laura

**Laura you are an angel  
With your wings of ivory  
Dancing in the moonlight  
Far out across the sea  
If only I could reach you  
And show how much I care  
I'm sure you'd return to shore  
And the love that's waiting there.**

**Laura why are you waiting  
And floating so far away  
Don't you see the lonely face  
As I cry out for you to stay  
If only you would reach out  
And touch my lonely heart  
You're sure to find a place here  
This is where my true love starts.**

**Laura oh Laura  
Standing on the moon  
Sitting in the sunset  
Like an angel waits for doom.**

**The love is waiting Laura  
And I long to help you see  
That you can't live forever  
Dreams fade and turn misty  
But if you long for someone  
To hold you in the night  
Then reach into the darkness  
And with your heart find light.**

## World Of Questions

**Is a dream a nightmare  
Because it can't come true  
Is heartache a reason  
For my heart wanting you  
Is a storm a season  
Or a wave of agony  
And is a lie an untruth  
If I need you here by me.**

**Is a love a contract  
Or a reason to survive  
Is a cry a whisper  
Or a dream that's come alive  
Is a man a hero  
Or a coward in disguise  
Is a lover human  
Or an angel full of lies.**

**Is a woman man enough  
Because she holds the reigns  
Is a child strong enough  
To live and play the games  
Is a question fair to ask  
When the answer's just a lie  
And is the answer just enough  
Or a reason to make you cry.**



**Is a nightmare just a dream  
Or a love that has gone wrong  
Is a feeling hard to fake  
When the love is not strong  
Is a home a place to build  
When the trusting isn't there  
And is it fair to hold on  
To a dreamers last nightmare.**

**A world full of questions  
With the answers hard to find  
A love without a reason  
Is like a dream of the mind  
A world full of questions  
Where lonely hearts survive  
A world full of questions  
And a universe full of lies.**

## Forever And A Day

**If only you could see  
The love that's in my heart  
It's been there for ages now  
But not knowing how to start  
And if only you could feel  
The same way towards me  
I know my heart would open  
For you for all eternity.**

**If only you could see  
There's more to me than most  
I've hidden my emotions  
Like the dark cliffs hide the coast  
And if only you could feel  
The warmth here in my soul  
Then I'm sure you'd realise  
That your love is my goal.**

**If only you could see  
How in your company I shine  
I'm proud you're by my side  
How I want to call you mine  
And if only you could feel  
That forever and a day  
My love will be with you  
And in my heart you will stay.**

**If only you could see  
And if only you could feel  
You really would see me  
Before your heart I kneel  
And if only you could see  
If only you could feel  
Believe in my dream  
And believe my love is real.**

**If only we could just sit down and talk  
Instead of chasing rainbows  
Whilst on the shore we walk  
If only we could one day fly away  
Then I'll know you'll be with me  
Forever and a day.**

## I think Of You

**It's always when I'm alone  
Times when I've had enough  
And when life starts to get tough  
Then I think of you.**

**It's always at these times  
When I'm in this frame of mind  
And life has been too unkind  
Then I think of you.**

**The only clear thought inside my head  
Is what was done and what was said  
All of those years ago  
But I never could let it go  
And I know I never will  
Still I then think of you.**

## The Hardest Thing About Our Love

**The hardest thing about our love  
Is the saying goodbye to you  
And though I know it's not for long  
It's long enough to make me blue  
The hardest thing about our love  
Are the nights I spend on my own  
And though it's not far from dawn  
It feels like years when I'm alone.**

**The hardest thing about our love  
Is sharing you with the rest of the world  
I'd love to keep you all to myself  
Like the only boy with the only girl  
The hardest thing about our love  
Is knowing that we must sometimes part  
And though I know that you'll return  
Until you do I hold my aching heart.**

**The hardest thing about our love  
Is the fact that I love you so  
And I have to reassure myself  
That you will stay and never go  
The hardest thing about our love  
Are the nights I spend on my own  
And though it's not far from dawn  
It feels like years when I'm alone.**



