

Poetry Series

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I'm a single mom, who loves to write. After going through a divorce of unimaginable circumstance, then ending a relationship with an amazing man, who was locked up, the rhymes kept coming and coming...almost without stop. I found inspiration through writing, and it has helped with the healing process of both situations. Many of my life circumstances are mentioned through my writings, and I only can hope that they will help others who know love and loss, pain and hurt, happiness and sadness! Healing is a process, but always remember, you are not alone!

# Dear God

Sitting here alone, writing by candlelight  
Sometimes wanting to give up the fight  
God, please help me to understand  
How it is, on my feet I never land  
All I have, to you'll I give  
In your Spirit, I always want to live  
With all that ends up to be this way  
Its difficult to keep my faith, day to day  
I feel so broken and lost right now  
So please, God, just show me how  
I try so hard not to lose sight of you  
But it seems I lose at everything I do  
My marriage you took me out of  
You gave him another woman to love  
My one true love, I thought I had  
Till, once again, that one went bad  
Another I found that got me through  
But as most, apart we quickly grew  
Now you've give the greatest I've ever known  
But even he, cannot be my own  
I cannot figure out, what I've done so bad  
To have to walk through life, so miserable and sad  
Please take my pain and wash it away  
For at your feet, my troubles, I lay  
Take my anger and my guilt  
On your foundation, I truly want to be built  
Worship and praise, to you I give  
Because, in you, is where I want to live  
No longer my old life do I ever want back  
My faith in you I no longer want to lack.

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# Drowning

Drowning, going down so deep  
Let me drift off, to a peaceful sleep  
Drowning, I completely refuse to swim  
Until I've totally forgotten everything about him  
Drowning, Going further down  
Do not save me, let me drown!

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# Haiku

My heart hurts so bad  
For me, love is not easy  
Again, I am lost

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# Lonely Days

The lonely days, go by so slow  
Sometimes I wonder, "why did you go?"  
I try to figure out, why I'm so unlovable  
Though I know, I'm not one who is completely stable.  
I try my best to stay so strong  
But every time I turn around, I've done something wrong  
Surrounded by loneliness, I am here everyday  
Drowning in circumstance, and for everyone else, it seems I pay  
All of the pieces, I try to put back together  
But, no matter what I do, again, my heart gets severed  
Seems one more thing, will push me over the edge  
Because, it seems, I'm forever, standing on a ledge.

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# Me

Sometimes, she lies awake, with life on her mind  
Never knowing day to day, what lies ahead, what she might find  
Some days she's happy, some days depressed  
Some days she wonders, is it worth it to finish the rest  
Sometimes, she asks herself, does she regret it all  
As she tries to answer the question, "How did I fall?"  
Sometimes she feels like throwing it all in  
Because she cannot figure out how start over again  
She lays alone, walls begin to build  
So much anger and hatred, with which her heart has been filled.  
Those whom she's loved, have all walked away  
One by one, more and more each day  
All she's ever wanted, was someone to love her  
Her husband, her best friend, even her mother.  
Her mother allowed abuse, for her innocence to be taken away  
All for money her mother would receive some day  
Her husband made her promises, with no intent to keep  
Never caring that the pain he cause, would ever hurt her so deep  
Her best friend took her marriage, stating, "Who cares!"  
No one really understands, the amount of pain she bears.  
When she needed them most, her family turned their back  
Getting to know people is difficult, when trust is something you lack.  
People don't really see, they think she will be fine  
If they got deep in her head, maybe they'd see, she really isn't fine  
Sometimes, from true love, she feels she is banned  
Because she feels, no matter how tight, they will let go of her hand.  
They all say she's beautiful, gorgeous and pretty  
But all her imperfections, is all she can ever see  
They think she's strong because with courage she will always fight  
Even when it takes all she has, holding her agony in, with all her might.  
So now it all rests in a black little hole  
Quietly shoved way down deep inside her dark, hardened soul  
Covering all the scars that have made her so strong  
Living this life, with everyday, that seems to be so long  
That what she knows her world wants to see  
They've never given her the chance to just be "me".

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# Personal Hell

Here as I lay all deep in my head  
I think of my thoughts that never can be said  
Alone and abandoned mangled and used  
Trampled on, dismembered beaten and abused  
Tattered and broken shattered and scarred  
From love's purest emotion forever I am barred  
Death does not come easy but oh how it flaunts  
In the depths and shadows everyday it does haunt  
Satan himself many times does appear  
To tease and to whisper "Come join me, I'm right here"  
Oh how I wonder what it'll be like that day  
When death does come to take me away  
Will it be light all peaceful and serene  
Or will it be dark like a nightmarish dream  
All up in my head it is hard to tell  
A beautiful heaven or my own personal hell.

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# Picking Up The Pieces

I may be broken, but I will not fall  
No longer will I sit here, wishing you could call  
On the floor no longer, will my heart continue to lay  
Gonna pick up the pieces, and make the best of today!

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# Prison Love

He lives in a cell, all hidden away  
While she is out here, living her life, day to day  
They share a bond, no one can understand  
With guards all around they sit hand in hand  
Playing a game or talking all day  
The outside world cannot see how they make it this way  
Its unconditional love they do share  
Communication and trust is all they have there  
All they get is a hug and a kiss  
A special moment neither wants to miss  
Simple letters each day in the mail  
No one knows the strain a prison love entails  
You give your all to make it last  
Cuz it can all end so quick, so fast  
It takes a lot of honesty and a lot of trust  
Believing that the other won't give in to lust

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# Rise Above

There she sat, in her room all alone  
To afraid, to even pick up the phone  
Everyone had heard, everyone knew  
How she'd been hurt, all she'd been through  
There she sat dormant, never wanting their pity  
Amongst all her friends, was a tiny gossiping city  
To one she reached out, a long lost friend  
One to which her trust, had never known an end.  
As they wrote back and forth, week to week, day to day  
Their love for each other, they won't throw away  
Though he is away, locked in a cell  
Her love for him, is one all can tell  
A hug and a kiss, to hold each others' hand  
It's a type of intimacy, not many can understand  
The story of us, a story of love  
Against all odds, our love will rise above!

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# Sadness

No matter how hard I try, not to feel  
My broken hearts, seems it will never heal  
I go about, day by day  
Hiding all the things, I really want to say  
I feel the emptiness, and I try hard to fight  
All of my emotions, constantly I write  
It helps my head, and slows my mind  
But when I'm alone, my strength, I cannot find  
I long for you, in all I do  
At night, when I dream, even in the music I listen to  
Nothing will be able to replace the love we had  
But I never imagined, without our love I'd be so sad  
I had told myself I'd be fine, and go on  
I never believed it'd be so hard, to live with you gone  
It feels my heart has been ripped from my chest  
My stomach constantly in knots, at night, I'm in uneasy rest  
I wear a smile so no one can see  
The heartache and pain that dwells inside me

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# The Rope

The slide the rope over,  
Making sure all is in place  
They all sit there watching  
They cannot stare me in the face

They want me to pay  
For the things I have done  
If I pulled up their sins  
I can bet they'd all run.

They always try to deny  
Every passing on the blame  
Not one of them is different  
They all act the same

It was all on me  
I have done all the wrong  
So I will hang at midnight  
When the clock makes its eerie dong

Then I will be in Heaven  
Where I will be set free  
I will be with my Father  
One of His angels, I will be

All of those who watched  
And blamed me for their crime  
Will have to live with their conscience  
Throughout the rest of time.

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# Thoughts

So many thoughts running through my head  
When, all I really want, is to lay down in my bed

My brain won't shut off this cold, winter night  
All I do is sit here, alone by myself and write

So many emotions, so many things  
The lonely thoughts, the night time brings

My brain, it hurts...these thoughts are so loud  
But it seems easier, than being stuck in a cloud.

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# Untitled

Its been a week, since I last seen your face  
Tearfully drove that long road, as I left that place  
Sometimes, it feels like I'm not really here  
I have to force a smile, cannot shed a tear  
Constantly walking around in slow motion  
Battling ridiculously, to hide my emotions  
I miss you so much, I wish I could see you  
Hear your voice, and hold your hand, too  
But I cannot come, not now, not just yet  
Difficult it would be, in the way, my emotion would get  
You had my heart, I let you hold it close  
I should have known better, than to let you get so close  
My mistake, I won't let it happen again  
No one, will I ever, again, let in  
They hear me laugh, and see me smile  
But they've never really walked in my shoes....my mile  
They think they know I have such a beautiful soul  
They will never really see how dark, thus my black little hole  
Believing in love, is something I will never do  
For, in order to have love, your relationship has to be true  
Real love comes along like rain and hail  
In a flash it is gone, its not a fairytale  
The hurt runs so deep, there is no cure  
Love is not something that can remain forever pure  
It has its moments, then comes the sorrow  
It holds no guarantees for a beautiful tomorrow  
So, now you're gone, you won't come back  
And I'm here to listen to everyone's flack  
They all told me, it won't work, it won't last  
Apparently they were right, you left so fast.  
A heart cannot hold what it doesn't want  
But, why is it in my face, you did flaunt  
Telling me of him, the things you all share  
Do you really think, it is information I could bear?  
I tried to fool myself, stating I could handle it all  
Never realizing I set myself up for my fall  
You showed me everything, they all say I deserve  
And now I'm left, in my own quiet reserve  
I'm so afraid to quickly move on

Because I can't get close, in a moment, they will be gone  
I know it is over, this I realize is true  
But no matter what I do, I cannot seem to get over you.

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## Untitled 2

Deeper within this heart of mine  
Is chaos and pain, of the worst kind  
So many years of beatings and abuse  
My emotions have never settled in truce  
Things that most can never understand  
Twisting and turning, on my feet I cannot land.  
Hiding the scars, covering the wound  
Putting on a mask, hiding behind the moon.

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# What Of A Future

Where do I go? How do I move on from here?  
In the blink of an eye, my world seemed to disappear.

The pain and hurt, too many times I cried today  
Through the prison door, I watched my Love walk away

That final touch, one last kiss good-bye  
One lonely little tear, was all I could cry

Too difficult to speak, as my heart lay broken  
Too many words, were left unspoken

His life is so different, I cannot lie  
His love for another, no longer can I deny

He said we weren't over. Said we weren't through  
We had no chance from the start. This I knew was true.

I knew from the start, exactly who he was  
No care of opinion, nor the chatty social buzz.

This man I love, in his beautiful brown eyes  
He kept no secrets, nor told any lies.

His heart was true, this I believe  
But he can't be with me. So, I must leave

It hurts so much, my heart burns from scorn  
It's become one of those days, I wish I was never born.

Our future was uncertain. Though I really hoped it would hold  
My Love was in prison, but I walked proud and bold.

The pain won't last. My broken heart will heal  
Now, what of my future? Only time will reveal.

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