## **Poetry Series**

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I just wish i had more time to enjoy it.

The last few years have been a real journey of life and soul searching. These poems represent part of my life...all are based on experience...

## A Deeper Love....

Its not just in the way we laugh and seem so carefree, when in each others company. Its not just in the way you open up my dreams, when all around, is not as it seems. Its not just in the way you know when i take flight, even when i should stay and make it right. Its not just in the way you see me so insecure, when im sure, then unsure. Its not just in the way you take my hand, then pretend to understand. Its not just in the way you watch me crying, when deep inside im hiding. I guess im trying to say, its in everything you do. Because your my best friend, that's you.

#### A New Love.....

The smouldering ashes relight, as love kindles and nurtures the new flames of desire. Slowly they turn from ash grey into a glowing ember. Reinvigorated by a caress of feelings. As the embers glow, so small flames from within are lit. Each one reaching for the sky, as rekindled feelings flow over them like oxygen, breathing new life. The feeling of rebirth fills the body. Like a phoenix rising from the flames and so love rises from them, in all its splendid glory. The ashes of the past forgotten. New life, new feelings. Passion, desire. A lust for new life fills the air. Renewed vigour radiates from a rejuvenated heart. For all the world to see and hear.

## A Search For Love...

am sick of crying all these tears since i left my home its been a few years all i want is someone to share someone to laugh with someone to care it seems an endless task im not sure how long it will last sometimes it makes me cry sometimes it makes me high

but i endeavour to stay on my feet standing proud and upbeat the bad times will not bring me down ill search this whole town to find a princess who is worthy of my crown

# Breaking Free..

so the chains finally break
i am set free
it is no longer us
but back to being me
the shackles of pain
fall to the floor
my heart starved of love
yearning for more

i feel so alive so finally free i know no boundaries at least none that i see i held on so long my heart turned to stone there will be no turning back as i set out on my own

## Can You?

can you love me
can you mend my broken heart
can you be there when i break down
can you be my support when i stumble
can you pick me up and brush me down
can you wipe the tear from my eye
can you make me smile
can you make me laugh
can you make me sing
can you make my heart beat faster
can you make me feel brand new
can you love me
can you

#### Dont Be Sad

dont be sad, the love is not lost. the dreams we made, of days much longer, and sleep so much deeper. for time itself paved the way, for the times ahead. the memories began, with the first touch of skin. they dance in our minds, like the fly in the warm twilight air. for those who tread on loose ground risk slipping, so tread firmly my love, for you must make your own path, the way you see the most clear. for at the end of your journey, must be the flame of desire, else all is lost. all i ask is, cherish the love we made, and let it be your guide.

# Early Hours...

Silence surrounds me, as the early hours draw their cloak around me. Locked in their clutches once again. My only escape is to sleep, but to sleep one has to be complete. The restless souls beckon me once more to my screen. Another symphony of lost voices fills my head. So i write to escape them. My spiritual being guides me, away from their mistrust and negativity. As i write the sunlight pierces the room the restless souls once again disappear behind the veil of loneliness. I smile as another day begins on my journey.

## Ghosts In My Soul...

Silently they stir from the shadows of my soul. The early hours greet them, as they gather in abundance. They grow in strength and emotion, as the hours tick on. Like flag waving protesters, they try to burst through my wall of contentment. Angry at being forgotten, they disrupt my sleep. Scavenging for snippets of uncertainty, to grasp on to. But i hold firm against their will. I do not fear them, often i will call upon them, to help me with my journey. For although they are poison, they bring life experience, and a calmness with them. That only those in the know, could understand. As the first rays of dawn penetrate my eyes, they dropp their protests, to return to their lairs, to await another restless night.

# I Can...

i can sit and talk,
without the need for words.
i can hold your hand,
without the need for reason.
i can look in your eyes,
without intention.
i can hold you in my arms,
without needing.
all these things i do,
mean i can love you.
without fear.

## I Know Your Out There...

i know your out there searching for me as i search for you i know your out there lessons being learned becoming that much wiser as i am too i know your out there practising that first smile that will light the flames of desire within my heart i know your out there patiently waiting your turn for when the time is right i know your out there i hope you find me soon

#### I Love You....

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If i were to say
i love you,
would you pull back the crimson veil
from around your heart.
If i were to say
i love you,
would your eyes yet again sparkle
like the dew on an early spring morning.
If i were to say
i love you,
could you relight the kindled flames of love
you've kept dampened for so long.
If i were to say
i love you,
would the flames of desire
engulf your body like a forest fire.
If i were to say
i love you,
would your heart set sail to mine
so we could voyage together
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once again on the seas of destiny.

oh my love,

if only i had the courage

to say to you,

i love you...

## I Stood And Watched....

Unable to offer any directions, i stood and watched her drift away. Tacking her way across the ocean, with a heart shaped sail.

Being a journey i know too well, i will not unfurl my sail yet again, to travel the tides of emotion.

I wished her luck and happiness on her journey, as she disappeared from view hoping that her next dawn would be her first

## If You Find Love

If you find love, like the love we shared, then love it.

If you find passion, like the passion we shared, then light it it.

If you cry tears, like the tears we cried, then cry them.

If you find laughter like the laughter we shared, then laugh well.

If you find companionship, like we had, then be with them.

Because my love,

if i find a love, like the love we shared, i will love it.

If i find a passion, like the one we shared, i will light it.

If i cry the way we cried, i will cry those tears.

If i laugh, the way we laughed, i will laugh well.

If i find companionship, like i had with you, i will be with them.

For i will love them dearly, as i did you.

## Its Over...

i see your lips moving yet i hear no voice i see your eyes looking yet see no emotion i feel your breath upon my face it feels so cold

you touch me yet i feel no contact i stand silent paralysed with hurt and pain

inside im dying

## Let Me

Let me in your dreams
let me in your heart
let me in when were together
let me in when were apart
let me show you love
like you've never known
let me stand beside you
you'll never be alone
let me be there
when you need a friend
do these things for me
and ill be there til the end

## Loveless Life

The early morning sun creeps into the room with the promise of a new day. i stir from my sleep an unfamiliar room greets me the only sound is her breathing her long slender body lays motionless i gaze around the room for a few minutes holding a passport into her life memories and momentos adorn the shelves a feeling of envy runs through my body for i have locked my memories away along with my dreams theyll stay an arm around my waist to the hunter the spoils of the chase i look at her face she has no love she has no feeling i leave her sleeping this is the life i lead now i need no cupids arrow that route only leads to sorrow

#### Nirvana...

Nirvana stirs inside of me, yet i still cannot find my way. Will it be tomorrow, will it be today.

Will the journey continue. Now I've had my rest. Or am i still travelling, but merely passed a test.

What if i never find it, is it really there.
Is it only in my head, or only in my soul.

One way or another, without it there's a hole.

## Oh My Love

oh my love, my fair sweet love. how i miss your tender kisses, each one reminding me of a reason i love you. i look in your eyes, and see the diamonds of your soul sparkle. is it really i that shines the light over them, i feel so fortunate to have found such beauty. for the journey has been long and fruitless, till now my love. for when i feel your breath upon my neck, my heart beats like a humming birds wings, for without you i would be, like a bee without a flower, a lark without a song, so say youll be back soon my love, and our love forever strong.

## Reflections

as i walk along the shore, the waves spilling up the beach. it seems their trying to whisper to me, as up the sand they reach. theres nobody about, the light is getting low. i walk alone, nowhere else to go. i come here to think, of how we used to be. the tears filling up my eyes, i can hardly see. what happened to the way we were, why was it not meant to be. we used to laugh, we used to cry, i used to sit and sigh and think of how my heart would break, if we ever finished. how would i ever cope, if ever our love diminished. but as we grew closer, we also grew apart, you had so many issues and walls around your heart. i tried my best to break them down, i tried my very best. i gave my all to you, you put me to the test. now your memorys fading, i stand and look out to sea. all your mind games have worn me out. from now on its just me.

## **Restless Souls**

staring at a bright screen into the early hours where restless souls gather in the night to talk about their sorrows and their plight how hard done to they've been how its all been a bad dream its not with them i belong for no one living has done me wrong

ill find a place that i belong
without getting drawn into the throng
because i don't belong here
with the bitter and the boring
sitting blinking
until the morning
silently plotting and scheming types
frantically typing
creating hype
let them get on with it
its not for me
for i have the real world to see

# Revelation (Part One)

Do you really exist
my dream of a soul mate?
I feel you,
as i feel the fresh breeze in my face
as i stand on the summit of a hill,
overlooking the beautiful valley below.
I feel you,
as i walk along the river in summer,
counting the trout rising.
I feel you,
as i watch in awe
the buzzard gliding on the thermals high above,
Yet i long for a soul mate to come.
Could you be one and the same?

# Revelation (Part Two)

The red kite circles above me,
majestically surveying the land below him.
i look down the lush green valley below my feet,
we see the same view.
But through different eyes.
Is this the journey i should take?
The rushing of the stream over the rocks,
awakens me from my silent trance.
Oh, how i long to be free like the kite,
if i could only break free from the shackles of my past.

## Setting Off....

I cant seem to write, maybe its time to stop. No more late nights, the ticking of the clock.

My minds gone blank, no more heartache for me. The shackles of the past, have fallen from me.

Im setting off on a journey, its the two of us now. Were not sure where to, or how.

But im looking forwards, not over my shoulder. Enjoying the moment, not looking back.

Please follow my lead, forget your sorrow and pain. Youve nothing to lose, only happiness to gain.

## Share....

Share my laughter, share my tears.
Share my thoughts, share my fears.
Share my sadness, share my sorrow.
Share my happiness, share my tomorrow.
Share my dreams, share my wishes.
Share my life, share my kisses.

## Silence

the night draws in. birds no longer fly. i sit with a coffee, the only sound is my sigh. my thoughts drifting through, the memory of you. why does life turn around, when the best you think youve found. i look to the sky, and take a deep breath, dear lord tell me why. you send me along the rocky roads, when i yearn to be on the flat. i guess ill get used to that. i think of your tears, upon your sweet face, i would love to hold you, but i know you need space. maybe in years to come, we may meet again, things may be different, they may be the same. but deep in my heart, ill still carry a flame.

## Tempted...

bonded by emotions of sorrow and pain nothing to lose everything to gain

wanting to feel a lovers touch his breath on your neck your hand on his crotch

pulling away this isnt right liaisons in cars after twilight

you took the vows many years ago before all the rows the altered ego

you want to break free why do it with me what have i got

youve got the lot the big car on the drive the pool round the back

but you havent the heart that you once had for a heart without love is a heart thats sad

## The Drifter

do not cry my sweet child, for i am not worth it. do not sit and think of us and the times we had. you will have many more. although the dark clouds of unhappiness gather, the sun will break through, you will find happiness with another. do not worry for me, for i have been here many times before. i am battle hardened and have the scars on my soul. you see i do not need love to exist, it is just an emotion. i have not felt for many a year. i search for it as an alchemist searches for gold, but i fear it. for it clouds the mind and turns men into fools. i am not bitter. i just dont feel how you feel. i never look back only forwards. spring and autumn, the only seasons in my year. so forgive me if i have led you on, for it becomes a tool of my trade. you see i am a drifter. like a leaf in the autumn winds, settling wherever the wind takes me. maybe ill die drifting, or maybe ill settle. that is my choice. so farewell my sweet child, as i leave you behind. a voice inside calls, i know not from where, i guess ill know when i arrive.

## The End

The burning embers of love surround my heart, still smouldering, but dying slowly.

Starved of oxygen, as i am starved of your love.

Gone are the flames of desire, that once lit up my soul within. All that remains of a love that was everything, doused by bitterness and disappointment.

Soon they will become cold and lifeless.

With time my heart will heal.

awaiting words of kindness and a gentle caress.

Once again to ignite the flames of desire, only then will my heart be whole again.

# The Howling Wind

The Howling wind,
outside my window.
Rounding up the autumn leaves,
like wild horses.
Corralling them together,
in the corners of my garden.
But which am i happy to be,
the wind,
or the leaf.

# The Last Goodbye

the smiles the eye contact the laughing the pushing the playing

the touching

the feelings

the memories

the breathing

the closeness

the tenderness

the eyes

the lips

the neck

the breasts

the gasping

the grasping

the passion

the arching

the moment

the joy

the silence

the love

the sadness

the whys

the what ifs

the but i stills

the holding

the tears

the fears

the last time

the last look back

the last goodbye

#### Torn

I look at you with eyes of wisdom your youth and beauty a sight to behold the way you lay in my arms totally at peace like a rose in the early morning sun yet those years i feel are slipping from my grasp as the middle of my life greets me yet we crave the same goals stability and comittment slip from our lips our hearts yearning for love unconditionally until the last dawn so why am i wary of giving you my love i know you will return it and be so true so hold me and tell me its right for youll stay with me and love for thats if you want or set me free from this yearning back into the deserts of uncertainty once again in search of a true love for i am hardened to it its been such a long journey alas i feel it will never end you have the power to break the spell and i will cast aside my insecurities and disillusions and find my rightfull place alongside a true love

#### Where Are You?

My love where are you? i search and i search for you, yet my search seems in vain. Im sure you exist, as sure as i know the sun will rise in the morning. Are you with another love learning secrets for our time together. Are you in sorrow or pain, or maybe laughing and dancing under a moonlit sky. It seems im waiting forever, until the time is right. My journey has been tiring, but it brings us closer, closer to that first glance, when our eyes meet, for i will know you in an instant, even though weve never met.

## Where Does Love Go?

where does love go
when two souls part
does it dance along
landing upon others
like a butterfly in a meadow
or does it stay within
and just turn cold
waiting for a single kiss
to restore the bliss

does it make you sad
make you think you lost
the best you ever had
does it turn to anger
and make you hate
make you wish youd never
gone on that first date
or does it change to hope
that your wishes come true

do you miss it
when its not there
or do you sit around
and just stare
i think the best thing
until it returns
is make your own love
with your friends that care
make lots of it
so you can share

## White Dove...

Fly, fly, fly away my beautiful white dove. Fly, fly, fly away take with you my love.

Fly, fly, fly away there is lots for you to see. Fly, fly, fly away take your time, be free.

Fly, fly, fly away go find a love so fine. Fly, fly, fly away you were never destined to be mine.

Fly, fly, fly away go find your destiny. Fly, fly, fly away thankyou for sharing love with me. Fly, fly, fly away be true to your heart.

Fly, fly, fly away tis not with sorrow that we part....

goodbye my beautiful white dove....

#### You To Me...

You to me are the rays of summer sun, that burst through the trees along the river bank.

Illuminating the river bed below, carving through the darkness.

For as the fish bask in the warmth of those rays and so i bask in your love.

It envelopes my body and makes me feel complete.

You to me are the August winds, that race down the valley, and up the surrounding hills.

Breathing life into the trees and grasslands.

As i stand on the summit and breath deeply. Surveying my world, probing my soul.

You fill my body with life.

For when i open my eyes, i not only see beauty, but i feel it inside.

You to me are the winter snow, that covers the land on a cool December dawn. Pure and soft, with untouched elegance and unrivaled beauty. My eyes widen as, i marvel at the sight before me. My heart erupts into a crescendo of colour and emotion.

Your here at last...

#### Your Mistaken...

You walked down the street
with grace and style
your long blonde hair and addictive smile
i watched you and although my heart beat faster
i kept my cool
for you see
im no longer your fool
for time has healed
the tears in my soul
that hurt so much
after you left a hole

i can see your intentions but ive been here before never again no more no more

i dont miss you at all your insecurities run so deep yourself esteem so low it was always me that took the blow

its a shame you cant move on like i have too for you see itll never again be me and you

so what did you want me for you want my advice well isnt that nice you never wanted it before so whats changed oh i see you want to be friends nothing more

well thanks but no thanks i will not go back to tears and despair

for as long as i know you i cannot be true to the love i will find who i can love and adore so its goodbye to you my feelings for you no more