# **Poetry Series**

# Diana Poems - poems -

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## A Mother's Day Gift

I watered you everyday But for four days I went away

Coming back
I found you shriveled
Your leaves dried up and wrinkled
All the other flowers were smiling
But, you were the only one dieing

I bought you on mother's day
And you were not so cheap I must say
You had no blooms
But the sales man promised you would
So, I trusted too hard
And ripped the receipt
And took you home with me

As hardy as you claim to be You seem weak No flower ever peaked

I feed you fertilized food
As you are now on your death bed
But you haven't woken up yet
I am still waiting
As I water you everyday
Maybe you'll come back to life
And i'll get my fifty-two dollars back some day

## **Blink Wink Love**

#### Blink Wink Love

Blink...blink...wink

Why is it that you tease me so?

Wink...wink...blink

Why is it that you let me go?

Back and forth

Forth and back

The corners are always too sharp

The lines are not straight enough

The ink never bleeds

The sap never sticks

Blink...blink

Your eyes tell lies

Smirk...smirk

Your smile dies

Tick...tock

The clock laughs

Splish...splash

The scales get scraped against the rock

Beep...beep

The horn mocks

Blink...blink...wink

Why is it that you love me so?

Wink...wink...blink

Why is that you took so long?

Tick...tock

The clock speaks

Splish...splash

The scales heal

The corners become smooth

In and Around

Around and In

The lines become straight

Beep...beep

The wedding bells slam on the horn

The ink flows onto the signatures

The sap sticks to pictures

Blink...blink...wink

Remember when you teased me so? Wink...wink...blink Remember when you never let me go?

- By Diana Magiera

# **Connecting Knots**

The pain you went through When you had me

Now you have me And you have pain

When I hurt And

When you hurt I feel pain

You created A life cycle

From your own blood From your own genes

In this cycle
I care for you

Not because I have to But because I want to

You care for me Not because you have to

But because you want to We are connected

You and me In ways that keep us bonded

Together You made a knot

I am the knot I will not let go Because you are my mother You have created me

A life cycle I have learned from you

That will keep oncoming knots Connected

## **Daizy**

Tears fell for you

As 11 years grew on you

Your silent eyes were an ocean blue

That stopped blinking one day

How we miss you

Our little Daizy

You gave us so much joy

We spoiled you till the end

And you rewarded us with laughter

With love

With happiness

I remember when you were alive

You would fetch a toy mouse

We laughed

You would cuddle by our side

We were loved

You purred

We smiled back in happiness

Our stress was gone

Once we touched you

Years flew by

But you couldn't reach 12 years

We tried everything

We hooked you on an IV

We gave you medications

We got an ultrasound done on you

As they shaved your belly

The belly that once liked being rubbed

Was then bare and pale

Your kidneys were failing

We didn't know how much you would live for

So...

We tried again

We pulled out 12 of your teeth

Maybe if we cleaned them every year

You wouldn't have developed severe dental disease

That caused your kidneys to fail

But it was too late

I looked at you

You were sad, confused, mad

Blood dripped from your mouth

You were hooked on an IV once more

The Doctor said you might get better

So...

We tried again

We took you home

We gave you antibiotics

We gave you pain killers

But

Your kidneys were weak

You started getting weak

So...

We tried again

We went back to feeding you kitten food

From our hands

We forced you to eat

You refused

You began losing weight

We were desperate

So...

We tried again

We took you to the Doctor

Hooked you to an IV

Took you back home

Nothing changed

You were dieing

Tears began to fall

As reality set in

We couldn't try anything anymore

Money couldn't save you

We needed a miracle

We prayed and prayed

But, for some reason

God didn't want to bring you back

You couldn't walk anymore

And you couldn't eat

Your white fur began to look like the feathers of an angel

As you got closer to heaven

You suffered and suffered

So....

We tried one last thing

We took you to the Doctor
You gave out your paw and we held it tight
And with a quick injection through your IV
We gave you the direct door to heaven
You died with your blue eyes fixed on us
I gently closed your lids
Our hearts are now hollow and bare
Even though you sleep forever close to your home
Our hearts go with you in the soil

#### Drama

Send me messages

Call me numerous times

I won't pick up

My trust

Fails for you

Too many times

You create drama

Too many times

You create despair

For yourself

And others

Too much negative

Not enough positive

Makes my world

And yours

Depressing

You leave a tsunami of tears

Next second

You change your currents

From anger

To nothing is wrong

I'm sick of this drama

It is not worth listening

To the same thing

Over and over

I want to yell

But you are fragile

I want to tell you my REAL opinion

But you will take offense

I want to tell you the truth

But you don't want to hear it

# **Eternaty**

For those who think Forever does not exist Tell me why

Why does a man and woman join hearts forever And end up side by side in the dirt?

Do their souls not rise together if they die in love? Tell me why

Does a ring have soo much power?
That lifetimes and lifetimes cannot break it?

Tell me why Do kisses feel soft?

Doesn't touch last more than words? Tell me that forever does not exist

And I will tell you that I am God

# Hard Times (From Michigan)

In these hard times

Of unreported unemployed voices

Of ignored college graduates

Of desperate youth

As well as desperate old

In these times

Education is overlooked

Pale profit wins over ethics

Our youth gets pushed further

Further away from their hard earned achievements

Further away from their intricate dreams

In these times

Fresh bread is left behind to turn into mold

Experience overtakes knowledge

Education becomes a burden

The educated are the punished

When they should be awarded

Education is no longer counted as experience

Our interactions with one another

Is no longer experience

They become experience (in the eyes of employers) by the documentation of a paycheck

To be qualified

We must be paid to interact with each other

We must be paid to use our knowledge

We must be paid to develop our skills

When in reality

We pay for our education ourselves

And in our education in which we pay

We interact and learn from others without demanding to be paid

In the eyes of the employer

Education is not experience

Eight years of college and achieving a P.H.D.

Is no longer experience

What employers don't realize is...

Education is a full-time job

A full time job that we do not get paid for

Education doesn't employ us

We employ education for ourselves

Yet...education is still not experience
When will they open their eyes and enlighten their minds?
Education should never have to come last
But should always come first
No wonder we are behind

## Minutes Before He Closed His Eyes

Minutes before he closed his eyes He stared at the wall Looking at the wallpaper full of pies He could taste the sweetness of life

Minutes before he closed his eyes
He glanced over to the side
His dresser was sweeping with expensive ties
His mouth drooping open wide
He gulped the memories in
And came to peace with his sins

Minutes before he closed his eyes
He glanced at his golden door knob
He wishes he could open it
And scream and sob

Minutes before he closed his eyes
He looked at his wife
She was stuck in a frame
He reached out with his dear life
But he couldn't even say her name

Minutes before he closed his eyes
He thought about being six feet under ground
The thought made him shiver
But he made no sound

Minutes before he closed his eyes
He looked out the window
The clouds looked as if they were preparing to take him
And, on his window sill, he saw a willow

Minutes before he closed his eyes
He felt his bones become weak
He couldn't speak
His tears soaked his eyelashes
His cheeks were red like rashes
His forehead felt hot

His heart felt smaller than a dot His feet were cold And his hands were stuck in a fold

Seconds before he closed his eyes
He saw a light
That's when he began to give up his fight
He looked one more time at his wife
And sucked in one last breath
As God swept his soul from life

# More Friends, More Work

I always thought
The more friends you have
The better

I always thought The more friends you have The better your life

I always thought
The more friends you have
The better your life will be

I always thought
The more friends you have
The better your life will be and the happier

I always thought
The more friends you have
The better your life will be and the happier you will become

I now realize
The more friends you have
The less time

I now realize The more friends you have The less time you have

I now realize
The more friends you have
The less time you have for yourself

I now realize
The more friends you have
The more they add to your life
And the more they subtract from your life

So... why not stick to less when you can have the same amount?

## **Playboy**

She poses with her legs spread

The muscles in her thighs show

She looks at you with her blue eyes

Her blonde hair flowing in curls

Her bust is two basketballs

Both cupped in each of her tiny hands

She flexes her stomach for you

Until you can see her muscles

She wants you to be aroused

But you cannot touch her

She is a photograph

Of colored pixels

She is a woman

With silicone breasts

Other women wish to be her

Wish to have her body

Wish to have her hair

But we cannot be her

Men cannot even touch her

She is there to stare at

For men to dream of

She is there for other women to envy

To encourage other young women

To become what she is

A beautiful fake plastic barbie doll

In men's eyes she is purely sexy

Purely beautiful

Purely seductive

But in our eyes

She is purely disfigured

Purely unnatural

Purely a touched-up photograph

Men- notice how there are no flaws on her

Don't ever expect a real woman to be her

A real woman spends her money on education

Not her bust or stomach tucks

Real women become damaged

By women like her

And by the photographs

That send a message
That we need to be like her
To fulfill our lives
Men- Would you love a woman even if she did not make herself pure fantasy?
Or is playboy blinding you of reality?

## Sometimes I Feel You

Sometimes I feel you Your presence

Tickling my neck Sometimes I feel you

Waking up Feeling my Sweat drip

I saw you Sometimes I reach for you

My hand stretching My muscles stiffening

I cannot get to you Sometimes I talk to you

My eyes closed In the middle of the night

When my body sleeps And my mind does not

Sometimes I feel you Dripping from the sky

You are lonely You seem sad

You bring weather
That makes my bones weak

Sometimes I feel you Through my window

Gently stroking the blinds Sometimes I hear you Whistling through the air Creating a tornado of despair

Sometimes I grieve for you Your life was too short

When you left this world I wasn't even born

But, you are not a stranger You are my angel

And when you cry You bring rain

And when you smile The clouds move

Like your lips do And the sunshine peaks through

Sometimes I feel you Through black and white pictures

Your eyes gazing at me Seeing the creation your daughter has made

You try hard to smile Behind a garden

You have tamed Only soon

Your garden will no longer be in your hands Your eyes dry up

Your flowers dry up Your hands no longer tame gardens on Earth

Sometimes I feel you
Through my mothers garden

Sometimes I taste you Through my mothers recipes

Sometimes I see you Through my mothers eyes

## The Clock Ticks In Darkness

The clock ticks

She lays

The morning sun

The blinds closed

**Darkness** 

A knocking on the door

She lays

The door knob twists

Locked inside

The morning sun

Turns to dusk

She lays

The blinds untouched

A banging returns

The door springs open

She lays

Intruding the darkness

He turns pale

It was not fear

It was age

The clock ticks

He kneels

Looking into her pale blue eyes

Her stiff hand

Brings tears

He lays next to her

The silence

The darkness

Loneliness

He awaits his time

When the clock ticks

In darkness

## The Engine That Keeps Us Running

At the end of the sidewalk

There is a turn

Near the end of the road

There is an exit

Our engines run together

Never turning separately

But in union

And together

We never exit the road we travel

The love we have for one another

Is our engine

An engine that no one can duplicate

That no one can force into exit

That no one can expire

Together

Our fuel never runs out

We are champions of a mass race

**Apart** 

The coolant cannot cool

The steering wheel cannot steer

The wheels cannot turn

The oil starts to leak

And our engine cannot breathe

Until our engines fall apart

And we cannot race together anymore

Into the heavens we will be

Our engines will be known

For their ability to run together

In union

Through all our life

And others will wonder

How, through so many glitches

We have still made it

And we have managed to fix all errors

And others will wonder

How we kept each other running

Through many engine stalls

And through so many leaks

People will wonder

How we always managed to patch those leaks
And with every spark
We have always started up again
Our engines
Are infamous
Are great
Cannot be copied
Cannot be managed by anyone
But ourselves
Without your engine
My engine would be stalled
With a little spark
We are back in the race
The never ending race

That will only keep us side by side Until the end of our engine life days

## The Folk Dance

I came to visit you

Your eyes lit up the second you saw me

You ran towards me in a pink fluffy dress

Your arms squeezed around my hips

As I put my arms around your chubby shoulders

We embraced for the first time in nine years

I then took your hand and placed it in mine

As we began walking across the greenest grass I have ever seen

We strolled through rocky pavements

We strolled by fields of sunflowers and corn

We strolled across a wooden bridge above a river

We strolled by nearby hills where we saw wild horses, wild turkeys and chickens roaming freely

We even saw swans floating on the nearby river

Then

One night

You told me to dance

The minute I held your tiny hands

I couldn't let go again

We danced to the folk music

I had forgotten the traditional dance

But you held on to me

And were not embarrassed of my forgotten moves

You showed me off

To all your friends

You never stopped smiling

You never stopped dancing

Naive young boys and men wanted to break our dance

But we kept holding on

No one could stop us

No one got between us

We danced the night away

The wine I had made me sweat more

But we kept holding on with sweaty palms

And we danced in circles

We kicked our legs

And I started to learn my homeland's dance again

You started laughing

As you were out of breath

But you didn't look at all tired Your eyes gleamed Your energy bloomed minute after minute You were so happy to dance with me It was the first time in fifteen years That the American way of dancing was of no interest to me It was the first time in nine years that I got to hold you It was the first time that I have truly danced the folk dance Without any American moves Without any American words Without any thoughts of America The music pierced through my ears I can smell the fresh farm air through it And taste the natural wine Memories of Romania pierced through my heart As you held my hand And danced the Folk dance

## The Funeral's Rain

The day comes

The preparations have been done

They come walking in

Black clothes

Black skies

Cloudy hearts

Stepping outside

The rain gives in

The umbrellas flip open

The sound of thunder awakens the spirits

The rain pours harder

Tears mix in with the Earth's water

Why does it always rain at a funeral?

For surely no one picks a date when it will rain

Even if one does

No one can fully predict the weather

No matter how hard one tries

So... why does it always rain at a funeral?

Perhaps it is a sign

A divine awakening

A divine cleansing of a new life

In the heavenly skies

As the spirit rises to God

While we mortals blindly watch the lowering of the casket

The rain clouding our eyes

Bringing forth the smell of the Earth

Reminding us why we are here

And what this Earth has given us...

Life...

So... why does it always rain at funerals?

Perhaps it is God's tears

Tears of celebration

Tears of joy

Of God's long awaiting

For those beloved pure souls

Yet we mortals weep

In agony and pain

Not fully realizing

That the departed has gone

Gone only from our Earth And entered another dimension of the infinite universe Where dreams of angels come alive

## The Trickster Of Romance

I whisper sweet nothings in your ear They mean nothing to me I comfort you gently When you are in fear You still don't see I don't love you today or tomorrow But you think and feel that I do A love of drama, a love of sorrow You still don't have a clue I avoid your hand when you place it out I avoid your phone calls when it's all about you Inside, your heart shouts For my attention, for my ignorance to undue You still don't have any doubts I am the trickster of romance I hide behind a smile I make your heart dance With the littlest efforts for a while Until teardrops wake you Until sanity comes through Until reason gives a clue Maybe then will you begin to have doubts Maybe then will you begin to listen to your heart's shouts Maybe then will you see right through me And be able to set yourself free And be loved by someone who actually loves you And finally hold a hand that is true

#### Tree Of Life

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You stand there

Still as a rock

You hold your fruit you bear

The amount of wrinkles spreads around you

Many years entwine your body

As your dark circles under your eyes

Get bigger with age

Your neck swoops lower as you sleep

Your green hair flows in the summer

But sheds in the winter

You smile as a child climbs onto your arms

The only movement you feel

If only your neck wouldn't be so stiff

You would turn towards the sun

And engulf its energy through your skin

If only legs would move you

You would walk where there is no noise

You would run to where there is no human life

For humans are the only ones who end your life early

And sit on your remains

They sleep on your arms

Rip your neck into trim

Drill your eyes into holes

Puncture your skin with letters and words

Burn your flesh with fire

If only you had legs

You would escape

You would find paradise

You would bring forth years of fresh air

In a life of mass pollution

Mass destruction

Mass consumerism

Mass populations

Funny how you save us

And in return we end you

All in the name of greed

- By Diana Magiera

# Valentine's Day

To those of you Who don't have a hand to hold

Who don't have lips to kiss Who try to avoid the teddy bears and chocolates

But then end up buying them anyway To those of you

Who take a quick glance Of a couple kissing

Touching Exchanging gifts

And for some odd reason You wish you were in the same situation

To those of you Who are lonely this Valentine's day

Don't be Enjoy the candy!

## Water

You sway Like my emotions You glitter Into my eyes You swallow Me inside You give me warmth You make me shiver You keep the petals of a rose From wither I look at you You are transparent But within you There is beauty There is life And without you

My petals will stiffen and wither

## Where's Waldo

Out of all the people Where's Waldo Where can I find the stripes of red In a sea of dread Out of all the people Where's Waldo Where can I find those magnified eyes That gleam into mine Where's Waldo In a world where a million turns into a billion Where's Waldo Where dreams are changed in a minute And time runs by every second Where's Waldo When I'm swinging on a swing in the middle of winter And the cold air stings like a splinter Where's Waldo To warm me up when I don't have a jacket To kiss me when he's got a cold and then I catch it Where's Waldo

When the sun sets over the horizon

And I'm covered in darkness until morning has risen

Where's Waldo

Where can I find someone to feel pride with

And stop believing that true love is a myth

Where's Waldo

In a world where true inspiration is misunderstood

Where love songs become crude

Where's Waldo

Wish I can go back in time and find me one from the 20's

When love was sacred and not delirious

Where's Waldo

In these times it's easy to give up

As divorce rates overfill the cup

Where's Waldo

## Without A Heart

Without a heart
We don't have a compassionate mind
Without a mind
We cannot understand
We live in a world of empty hearts
They are there
But often we neglect them
We were born naked
And as we grow
We clothe our compassion

We clothe our emotions
We clothe our hearts
And at the same time
We quickly state our identities
We show our degrees
We speak about our dreams
And often
We dream and dream
Pondering on what is missing in our lives
Pondering why we feel so empty

Pondering on which to choose...

More money or more time

We unfold our hands

They are there

But they are empty

We feel good about what we have

But it is never enough

Or is it?

We live in a society
That thrives on our hard work and sweat
Our sense of community is overall diminished
It is a way of the past
Or is it not?
I lent my hand out to those in need
And it has saved me from being drowned in materialism
It filled my heart with compassion

#### Filled my heart with pride

Filled my mind with knowledge
In that I am learning from others
And at the same time
They are learning from me
Helping one another
Accepting help from others
Acknowledging our neighbors
Instead of ignoring them

This is what life is really about
A community of hearts
Each interacting and helping one another
Through this
Our community can grow again
And the past will not be forgotten
Of good old days
When people would pride their relationships with others
Instead of only priding documents and papers
Full of egocentric intentions

# You Have Everything

Indulged Not happy

You have everything I have nothing

I get excited You pretend to be

I cry of joy You cry of laughter

Indulged
You have everything

I have nothing
I am thankful

You are flattered I feel loved

You feel lonely You have everything

Yet you have nothing