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# francis - poems -

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been writing since i was 16, just started trying to publish.

# A Good Day

No letters, no calls No one at the door No lovers anymore

In love by myself, Like some book on the shelf! Some day i'll get it right May look like i'm moving, But i'm standing tight

# Again?

in love again, what good am i, if i can't see for the stars in my eyes

already, i'm becoming metamorphic using two lines to say one!

being that love is blind and to me unkind

not having to say i'm sorry another square bit

i've never had to wonder if i should stand or sit!

what a mess; i love to be with her but have to leave to relieve the stress

remember this, dont forget that! she might leave me flat

so, why do istill fall in love why do i endure the hurt

must be i need to hurt to know i'm still above the dirt

#### **Alburquerque Blues**

Today i saw a grown man cry,

heard a child tell a lie'

met a woman who sold herself,

seemed she'd rather die.

it was hot. nearly 90 degrees!

I stared at the setting sky

wondering which way to fly.

I know iv'e been here before

a long time past

How long will these blues last?

I need someone to love me,

i need someone to love.

Just don't think i should bring anyone down,

By hanging around!

What if they ask; 'HOW ARE YOU? '

and ruin any chance i may have in this town.

Or is this the end

stuck here again?

#### An Afternoons Walk

As i ramble by, the forest beckons me. Down a familar path i go The birds come and sit then flit their song is sweet, but not sung for me! i keep thinking about you, babe, as the water flows by my eyes swell, but never cry i wonder where the water flows i wonder where it goes Some say time is a river this causes me to shiver For here i'm froze Where does it go, where does it flow Back to the city streets i go there's one i'm to meet I walk slow, iv'e met her before To like her is easy, loving her improbable a few hours i spend Wondering; should i have come at all. Now i'm in a little deeper

with guilt, i make a promise to return

The walk home was long

too much thinking to do

i speak to no one

at the forest, i'm gone!

# Each Day I Cry

Each day goes by, i notice not the sky

nor the color of the tree

The color of my true loves eyes are too close to see,

My mind is as far away as she

her thoughts are not of me

There is no love left in me

i let all slip away

I notice much in my blindness

love has left me that way

It takes too much to only get by

I wish i knew you better

and you had time to not pass me by

# Envy

We all want what God, in his heaven has. Do you not want the power to make a flower grow? Or the power over rain and snow? How about life or death, . would or could you use it wisely? Who would stay and who would go? But mere mortals that we are can't even mend a broken heart, be it yours, or be it mine. All the better, in such things, we are not a part!

#### Feel Like Thinking?

as i lay thinking i wonder about above do any creatures, other than man love?

when you step on an ant does another ants heart break?

if you think that's deep try this:

what about the stars bright and the suns light

are they afraid to touch their own for fear of starting a cancer in the sky

and as it goes why do they resemble so an atom?

are we only a hangnail on the finger of god? is size only relative?

so much to think about as i thought of my friend

why is he preoccupied with suicide doesn't he know?

dust to dust, doom to bloom ashes to ashes, die as he must!

i'm sorry to say there's no where better than this oh i do believe in reincarnation

but does anyone realize how long it takes for dust to a human make?

#### From Hell To Heaven

I have a story to tell

from my private hell

Not being clear

I recall not it all

Of what i do, i will surely tell

I loved many times

of those i tried to love well

I was never good enough,

or tall enough, strong or weak enough,

to hold to a single one!

I'm glad it's over

I'm sorry i loved at all

Lord, you know i'ts true!

Now in my private times,

i stare at the stars and dwell,

reading and writing,

and happy as hell!

# I Love Em All

above all; i love.

even my misery is dear to me

i don't believe in love melting at my feet fryin in the noon day sun!

i believe in buses i catch on the run

i believe in the moon and sun

i believe in the reality of man

i'ts those damn shooting stars that i don't understand!

## I Remember You

Yes wev'e met before I remember not when. I believe we were friends or was it we were lovers I don't recall, life moves too quickly! Your face is becoming clear to me now! It was the best parts of you that you kept hid. To get close to you was a chore! I replay the past, our affair did not last! To make love we tried our best, but both had others on our mind. You left quickly, without a word to say. I stayed awhile, resting with a smile francis

# If Anyone's Got A Line, I Could Sure Use It Now!

Here, as everywhere

it's true.

There's nothing new under the sun!

Only rehashed words and poems half done.

Love affairs that eventualy melted in the sun

Only hopes and dreams, fading,

One by one!

# I'M Goin Somewhere.

I'm going somewhere

i never been

Your more than welcome

if you dare

Listen to that cold whistle blow

The doors wide open

The scenerys changing

come along, if you care

Down the line, there's Bill

Over the hill there's Lill

Once, they were strangers, now their dead,

Asleep, forever embraced

At night, at times, I can see their face!

The world hasn't beat us yet

Wer'e still standing on our feet

So your free to come along.

on my final voyage.

Nothings changed much,

Dave 's still on the riverbank sitting on a chair

The only thing thats really changed,

is the price of fare!

# In Control

the morning came knocking earlier than usaul today

couldn't wait to start the day

been up all night fell asleep on my keyboard

awoke with letters impressed on my forehead

should have known it was time for bed

money kept callin so i went on my way

lucky i didn't kill someone for on the steering wheel i lay

asleep at the wheel all for a days pay!

#### Life After Dark

I'm running out of paper and i still have so much to say

i'm running round with myself trying to make sense of it all

i wish i was smart enough to put it all down in 10 letter words

these 4 letter ones are hard to put any thought into

most times it's the words, they know

they're sure of their meaning that stands out

it still doesn't even out to express a million dollar idea

with 4 letter words

its like taking a trip on a sinking ship

it sure was a good tour untill the end

it depends if you only got on or are fighting to get off

while trying to get a thought across you can surely get lost

good writers can get it across in a few words

an art sorely

lost on me

someday i'll get it right says i

learn to say good night without saying goodbye

#### Love

Always apologizing Wondering if i should stand or sit

What a mess I love being with her

but must leave to be content and relieve the stress

Remember this, don't forget that

Call too much i don't trust her

Don't call I don't care

Hard to make sense of it all

So why am i in love Do i need to hurt To know i'm alive

# **Slowly Into Winter**

the leaves slowly cascade down to the ground as winter turns slowly to winter

the wind blows them around untill the cold freezes them to the ground as winter turns slowly to winter

i return each year to find my leaf lying here each spring it renews it's promise this year i didn't wait! after the first spring storm from its branch it was torn, it lied to me again

so this fall, before the free winds blew i went to my tree and picked the loveliest leaf icould find and kept it with mine untill winter turned slowly to spring

# There's More To Love Than Sanity!

I live on the edges of sanity. My desk's a cluttered mess! My children live thousands of miles away. Out in New Mexico' My lovers somewhere in China! Say's she loves me, but i don't believe so! My life's a bloody mess. There's something i'm missing, somewhere, i have to go. My life's moving way too fast, but i'm moving too slow! You'd think i had someplace to go!

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# Third Stage

there was a time the clock ticked slow then, i moved fast with somewhere to go! now, like the weather i change now, i show my age deep in the lines of my face in the colour of my hair no longer the rolling stone more like a rock i need a kick to get me home!

# Time Drift

sitting at a stop light i let my mind drift away, i'm somewhere far away.

don't know how much time i've got, on this earth or at this stoplight forgot where i was or was about.

a pretty young woman crosses the street in front of me, we're both afraid to let our eyes meet. niether one of us is getter any younger!

another chance i watched walk by what is this fear we have to simply say hi?

i tried my best to love youi see pieces of people drive bythe radio plays low, a love song from long ago

someone blows their horn its time for me to go!

#### Tomorrow

New mournin in the city. New mournin in the town! Time to thank the lord I'm still around!

Made it through the night, slept real good! slept real tight! Woke up this mournin, must have done something right!

Ideas floatin all through my mind, some God given, some contrived. Gonna change my way of thinkin, gonna be kind!

Nothin to worry about, nowhere to go today i'm gonna watch the river flow Watch the people come, watch them go!

Nothin better than the way I feel! Nothin can get in my way, the lord gave me this day! Nothin to do, hell, I might even talk to you

Don't think i'm crazy, don't think I've nothin to do Just cause i'm talking to myself. Just somethin I do, to avoid talking to you!

I've got tomorrow, but i'll never have you!

#### What Do I Need To Do

Am i the only one who disagrees with you

Am i truely dumb or a genius

Love me forever do we have that much time

Am i really that hard to love do my ideas truely disturb you

Must i always be agreeable would that you cause you to stay

If loving you truely is unimportant well then what is

#### What Works?

When the pain of body or soul

torments me so.

i admit iv'e turned to prayer.

As hard as i know, on my knees i fell,

and asked a forgiving God for forgiveness.

As hard as i pray, the torment goes not away.

People die, i feel the pain and broken hearts

stay that way!

Faith. like grains of sand, is slowly swept away.

If prayer isn't the answer, what is?

# Why Do I Write Such Silly Stuff?

the wind blows my window i'ts near time to go

across the cold alley way the dried leaves blow

outside every one's looking at me but, their eyes look down; afraid to talk

is it them or me, my sanity or vanity that makes them balk!

it's a San Francisco wind blowing in

blowing the leaves around i wanted to travel

but i'm locked in Chicago with the Alburquerque blues

with all i have to lose with the whole world from to choose

i'm back in my room, alone with the any where i'm at, i'm still the same blues!

## Why?

why am i so much the way i am

i love you but, say and do foolish things

and laugh in the face of what sorrow brings

i'd like to write about it, while the birds sing

but someone always comes around to disturb any peace i've found

my words disapear like the wind

like the dust, as i get off the bus on the other side of town

i enjoy good food but, can't eat a bite

my love is gone my god! , it's going to be a long night!