

Poetry Series

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Alone

You know what its like, don't you?
To be here in this space all alone
Please tell me you have had this feeling
Then I won't be.....

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Bad Day!

Everything's gone wrong today
I'll tell you how it started
Got up late and rushed about
And couldn't find my glasses

Well that's the first thing that went wrong
And just as I was leaving
The cat decided to go nuts
And then he started heaving!

He tore about and clawed the door
And bashed into the bin
And shot out of the cat flap
Then brought a mouse right in!

I had no time to clear the sick
Or catch the little mouse
Had no time to do my face
I had to leave the house

At work it was no better
The boss was in a stropp
Muddled through the day somehow
And then I had to shop!

Thank god the day is nearly done
I'm bushed and want to sleep
But first I'll watch my favourite soap
That's Coronation Street! !

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Capture

Capture this time
and learn from the past
don't let your hurt
put blame in a cast

too solid to melt
and too fragile to stay
covert me not
and release me i pray

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Catch Me If I Fall

You always said you'd be there
Through thick and thin you said
How come when I now need you
You're fast asleep in bed

You were the one to woo me
And I just let you be
I thought you meant those words
That seemed so true to me

Tell me if you care now
Or is it just plain habit
Can we go the distance?
You always seem so crabbit

Tell me one more time then
That you want to be with me
Can I trust your word still?
Or is it not to be

Why are you still sleeping?
When all I want to do
Is get you up my darling
And help me to the loo

You and I were lovers
And were always meant to be
Close to one another...
And now there will be three

Well now the time has come dear
When I need you all the more
Wake up my love and help me
Get through this blinking door

My belly is too big to move
I can't make it to the hall
Prove to me you are my prince
And catch me if I fall! !

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Caught Up In The Moment

Don't think of you no more, no I don't
Don't want your love no more, so I don't
Can't see your face in dreams, no I don't
Can't place your name no more, no I can't

Those years together have gone for ever
Those tears I shed have been put to bed
Those fears of loss have left me wanting
But not for you my ex lover

You told me things, they were just lies
Were close to me but away by miles
Promises that fade away with time
Was caught in the moment, so sublime

Don't think of you no more, no I don't
Don't want your love no more, so I don't
Can't see your face in dreams, no I don't
Cant place your name no more, no I can't

Casting a shadow that chased you away
Was it my fault, should I ask you to stay
Would my words fall on stony ground
Could you turn back or just turn around

Mindful of truths and knowing the lies
Bears no resemblance to hope that flies
In the face of these truths, lying cold in the dark
call me just once to rekindle the spark.

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Colours

I see beneath that painted glaze
That colours you so bright
I see beneath your golden hues
That emanates with light

You cover up so beautifully
Your pain beneath your shell
Of all the hardship that you bear
But I can always tell

That what you have underneath it all
Is worth its weight in gold
And want to take you in my arms
To stay and always hold

I'll take your pain and lock it up
And place it out of sight
And spare you what is underneath
And not declare your plight

You keep your paint
And colour scheme
Forever to the fore
And I'll let you know without a doubt
I'll love you all the more

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Death And Beyond

I dreamt a dream last night, with script, and lights
And commentary, all came to life
This dark man appeared and wandered in
And wanted me in his life

I was meeting him in places unseen
Brave, I thought, and smart and kind
I met and followed him into his world
Walking not too far behind

'T was my mistake as he was a fake
His charm was tainted with grime
His soul forgotten, he'd lost his way
And he wanted to steal mine

Led astray, for a moment for the want in me
The want to belong, and to find
Another soul like me, I thought, but then
Alas my faith was too blind

The one your thoughts go first with
Take heed I said, pay attention
Your instincts are true, and the voice it is clear
And they are your sole's intention

I left that man standing alone
Sought the darkness out on my own
Better that and to follow my own truth
Than lay with him and become a mere stone

Would be Death of my soul, it would flicker then die
And light chased out far beyond
Take heed my child, I said to myself
You have just survived death and beyond.....

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Driving Through The Night

I am racing through the night
The black road before me
Stretching and winding
Cold and black
Littered with golden pennies flipping and tossing in the wake
Of my speed

Wind rushing through time
The music is loud oh yes so loud and
It penetrates my very soul
Words of magical essence that
Provoke in me my own words

My heart beats faster
And things are changing, I am changing
I'm smiling, smiling with this anticipation
Your words have pursued me
Your words have moved me
Your words have wooed me

You and your voice light and fresh and
You are an innocent
Your voice captivates me and lingers in my memory
Soft and gentle
And a laugh that soothes me and yes makes me smile

You have stolen my heart right away
Without my permission, without my knowing
I am scared of this
Scared of this new feeling
This time it's different and I am scared of this
Where are we going, how can we begin this
Journey together, tell me how

We have not met, and I am scared to look into
Your eyes all knowing and feeling
Are you the key that opens my heart
That begins the beginning of what I have been searching for
So very long, for so long now.....

Is this the love that will find me at last
At long last, oh my heart wishes it is so
Pounding and beating through me, telling me it is

You've never ever seen my face before
And there is still a long long way to go
Will my dreams come to life
Will I wake in the morning and know that
You are the one and all others fade away

All my dreams and hopes, all this time
Coming to life
Are you the one
Are you the one
I won't let this not be true
I will follow you to the end of eternity
Even though I am by myself
You are there with me all the time
You are there yeah all the time
With me.....
And am I yours to keep, treasure and hold on to
Deep down inside me I know we are one
This is for you and you are for me.

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Ecstasy

I can still feel you,
Exquisite, sublime
Stroking, exploring, melting into the
Softness of my body.....
Soft strokes charging
Me up with your thrusts
Gentle, strong, urging...
Intense one-ness,
Undulating ebbing and flowing
Moving together,
Giving and receiving,
I am open
To you, urging and imploring
All my senses
To come together
In sublime ecstasy

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Film Show

I got a film going on in my head
The screen is my eyelids and I'm tucked up in bed
The lights are all on and the actor is there
Playing her part but with no-one to share
Tis private showing only I can see
Cos I'm the scripwriter and the film of me.

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Fire Escape

I'm off out to the fire escape
I have to leave my desk
I have far too much work on
And need a little rest

Thank god I have my haven
To smoke myself to death
I can't be arsed with street doorways
A chill could catch my chest!

There's crowds of people doing it
And no-one seems to know
That if you use your noddle
There's somewhere else to go

I have always been a rebel
And try all ways to find
A different route to go down
And won't ever change my mind

I love my little secret
Without it I would crack
I need my private fire escape
Not ever going back

So if you see some smoke appear
And are about to freak
Don't bother calling the fire brigade
It's me on another break! !

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For John

I'm standing on a pathway
A major road in fact
I've never felt this way before
And there's no going back

I try to turn and see the past
But nothing is too clear
I turn around and see a mist
But still I feel no fear

The haze of pain is in my past
I see only light ahead
Amazing truth and happiness
Giving love and hope instead

The lights have turned from red to green
The chance I've been longing for
I see my way as clear as day
I search for love no more

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Going Under

I'm starting to go under
Been trying to stay afloat
These currents pull me down and down
And got me by the throat

This darkness that I feel so strong
Has been a lifelong thing
To drag at me from time to time
And I need rescuing

Take me by the hand and then
Perhaps it will not call
And take me periodically
To a place so dark to fall

I want to stay on top of things
And make a place for me
To stay all happy and content
And make me feel so free

Free to think and feel without
The pressure of that place
To hasten me to happy times
And keep a steady pace

Keep me there; you can help
I know you can for sure
Be strong for me and hold me tight
To you I do implore

You are the one to help me stand
So strong and always happy
Catch me now; don't let me fall
Now there's a good wee chappie! !

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Her Destiny

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She is on the edge of a branch
Too light to fall
Too heavy to hover
Balanced, so precariously
Looking down on her life's ending
The sweet nothingness
Head bowed and body swaying
Crowded with voices,
Questions being her only thoughts
Life for her is a roundabout
That she cannot get off
Could she fall, could she do it?
Could she hold on if she tipped?
Clawing back, making a last decision
Heart beating fast and hard
Back to where though?
To her branch?
To the ever tipping scales
Back to the something that is indecision
Unbearable indecision
Life has no way for her
No way for this girl
Neither mapped out nor planned
But excruciatingly paused at
Life's endless boundary
A contradiction of a life
No supporting branch
No tree of life
She can't get back now
Not back far enough to hold on
To her tree of life
She will stay swaying, teetering
Until she falls,
No longer light,
Too heavy to hover
To her life's end
Her only destiny

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Him

I saw him today, yes I saw him
Had no time to run, or hide
Had to stay and get my groceries
Fumbling and shaking inside

He talked to me and looked at me
And I felt the panic rise
We smiled and talked of nothing much
As I looked in his eyes

We stood outside a shop
So close yet so far away
We looked away, then back again
Not knowing what to say

Instead I laughed, said I was fine
When he did ask of me
I lied and told him some lame line
"Never better actually"

Then he mentioned his new love
The words cut through me then
Too late, the wound had opened up
And the pain was back again

Tonight I cried for him
As once I did so much
And longed for him to hold me
And feel his tender touch

But nothing can be done now
I'll never have him back
He's found himself a new love
And that is simply that.

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Him - Part Three

HIM – part three

Time has gone by now
The fire is put out
The longing has gone now
But there is no doubt
That when he drops by
And we spend the night
It's different and lovely
Without having to fight
The love we have now
Is by far the best
No commitment, no guilt trips
No jealousy and the rest
If I keep my cool here
And play my cards right
I could have him with me
For more than one night? ?

But do I want that? ? ? ?

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Him Part Two....

I saw him again, yes I saw him
He came into my life once again
He opened my door
Stepped into my hall
And we kissed.....

That same sweet kiss
From the so recent past
Those arms held me tight
And I felt warmth at last

Then we talked and we talked
And we talked of his pain
And I realised then
He was where I was again

He was talking like me
His eyes to the floor
She now had left him,
Like he left me before

Could have gone upstairs
To delicious heights
Up there in the clouds
Together all night

But it's over for good
I knew as we stood
So close yet so far
yes it's over for good

I wouldn't have him again
He was too filled with pain
So we left things like that
Would I see him again?

No, not in that way
We're just friends I may say
Would be lovers no more

And I showed him the door.....

This is not the end.....

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Hush

My mum is coming home today
Swiftly moving along the motorway
Not seeing a thing but enthralled with the ride
Talking and chatting with Sue by her side

"Look! That's where I lived when your dad was alive
Our cottage and garden and car in the drive
Oh how I miss that, my little domain
Wish I could be there and always remain"

Hush now dear mother, don't talk of such things
You are still here and you give me wings
To fly my own path now, as you always did
Hush now dear mother, I want you to live!

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If You Want

If you want me to follow
Then lead the way
If you want me stay
You just need to say

If you want me to sing
Then write me the score
If you want me to give
Then just ask for more

If you want me to dance
Then just play the tune
If you want me to fly
Just point to the moon

All that you wish
I will happily give
For the rest of my days
For as long as I live

But if you want me to go
Don't tell me it's so.....

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I'M A Dreamer

You know I am a dreamer
Yes dreaming is my game
Hold on to what I say dear
As you'll never be the same

With passion and with laughter
To hold until you die
Yes I am the one and only
You know I'd never lie

Please take some time and look at me
Look deep into my eyes
I won't betray your love for me
I'll never make you cry

But this is only dreaming
You know you don't exist
If you did I'd know and be there
To give a goodnight kiss! !

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Man Of My Dreams

Do you work upstairs from me
The man of my dreams
Do we pass each long long day
In endless waves and streams

Of people going to and from
Their offices in town
Have I missed you every day
Going up and down

I bet I have, I know my luck
It never seems to flow
I've passed you many times before
Perhaps some time ago

Will it be another year of
Searching for your face
Or will I get to meet you
In some other place

Why don't you look for me this time
To save me all the bother
I'm tired of watching endlessly
And need to take a breather

It's hard to be a single girl
With hope and dreams of love
And passion hidden deep inside
Like hands inside my gloves

Come on then Mr Wonderful
Surprise me with your charms
I long to have you kiss my lips
And feel your manly arms

Get on your bike and hurry now
As time is running out
I can't imagine what you're like
But know we will not part

As long as I have faith in time
I will not give up hope
You better find me soon though love
Or I'll look for another bloke! !

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My Dad

My dad he passed away
My heart it broke in two
I try to summon up his face
And see him before me now
But all I see is the warmth I felt
When he held me in his arms
So strong and firm and loving
With a kiss on my cheek for luck
My dad is not with me
But he is everywhere
His love is with me always

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No One Came

Did anyone see me yesterday?
I was here and outside and ready to play
I had my ball and my trainers on
And was waiting to see who would come along

I stood for a long time and watched and waited
Looked left and looked right
And in loads of places
But no-one appeared for simply ages

I was sure they had said to meet me here
So I waited alone for someone to appear
I was feeling a fool, lonely and cold
I was sure this place was the place I was told

I took a wander around the park
I stayed there a long time until it got dark
Then I got scared and just ran away
Tomorrow someone will come out to play.

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Office Life

OFFICE LIFE

If time doesn't get a move on
I will leave this place with haste
I will charge right on outta here
And end up in some place
Outside of time and limits
With people of same kind
I want to leave this place right now
Or else I'll loose my mind

Get me out of here oh please
Take charge of time and motion
Make time pass as fast as that
And give me peace from boredom
Does anyone know how to get
This time thing going faster
Or am I in for the long hall
It'll all end in disaster

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Play

Please chase me round the house again
And fall about and scream and shout
Jostling and fighting and marching in strides
Helplessly laughing and clutching our sides

Messing and playing and mucking about
We were just siblings and there is no doubt
That today I look right back to the past
And wish those heavenly days could just last

But we grew up, we grew old and the time it's just gone
But the memories are there and I linger on
Till I meet my maker and ask him and say
Go find my sis please I'm wanting to play.

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Please Call

Here I am, can't sleep again
Watching shadows on the walls
Get up, go down and make some tea
And hope that you will call

To talk to me at this late hour
To comfort and to soothe
Can't face another night like this
Would rather not have to choose

To live to die to play the game
Pretending all is fine
Please call me now and chase away
These night time blues of mine

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Pride

The closer you come
The further I run
The further I run
The closer you come

It's a circular game
That has no start
It's a question of sport
It's a game that's got art

It's a four cornered square
With nowhere to hide
It's a question of pain
It's that question of pride

If answers were meals
I'd be feasting each day
With no answers that come
Well what can I say?

If I could just stay
In one place at this time
I'd have no need to run
and would things be fine?

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Revenge

You sent a trogon horse to me
All cloaked in dark so cold
You sent it through the Internet
I had to watch unfold

It spat at me some venom,
Then along came all the hate
It burnt my face and eyeballs out
And told me of my fate

I was to spend the rest of time
Loveless and forlorn
And all because I told you
It was time that you were gone

The anger rose inside of me
And then turned into hate
I couldn't understand your right
To control my fate

I need now to protect myself
From hateful spiteful pirates
And so I have decided dear
To send a deadly virus.

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Silent Space

I look across at you
you are there every night
I just look, that's all
wondering what your like

I know you are alone
your laptop says that too
tv on in the corner
but you haven't got a clue.....

shutters open to the world
I can see right into yours
if you'd only look my way
I'm on the second floor

but you don't, you concentrate
on the laptop on your lap
who is it you are emailing?
will she be coming back?

we could have coffee
we could even talk
I'd fill your world with questions
as we went for a walk

it's hard when you lose love
you have a window in your heart
all the world can see
that you are blown apart

but looking at you now
I see I am not alone
you too have silent spaces
in your lonely room

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Sing My Song

Cover me up and let me sleep
My time has come but please don't weep
Much later on when I am gone
Sit down with me and sing my song

To soothe my soul as I depart
To calm my spirit and your heart
Take care of things when I am gone
And don't forget to sing that song! ! !

Place some flowers on my grave
Visit me and please be brave
Take care of things when I'm gone
And once again, please sing my song! ! !

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Sleep

Sleep denies me countenance
"Sleep versus mind, it's your choice"
That's what she's saying....
"Overcome one and you get the other"
That's not a fair deal
Hey sleep, come and get me!
You've been a friend of mine
For many nights now through the years
Don't leave me now to endless hours
Of sleeplessness and tears
Mind is taking over now
And choking back my sleep
I need to go to mindlessness
Try hard to take a peek....
So I've given in and given up
And lost the fight it seems
Another night of sleeplessness
A night void of dreams

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Someone Hear

I don't know which way to go
That hasn't been before
There's no-one here to give advice
Or knock upon my door

It's warm in here, inside my heart
But no-one seems to know
How can I reach outside of me
And put it all on show

I want to play and dance and sing
With someone close to me
And muck about all day long
And have them home for tea

I'll put an ad in my local rag
And hope that someone sees
Because I am a sweetheart
So someone hear me please! !

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Someone Hear - Second Time Around....

Can it be that places I go are unknown to me now?
Have I been to somewhere and nowhere before?
Is this place empty and devoid of voices to guide me through?
Or to herald a noise, and to awaken my senses to answer?

The warmth that fills my being from heart to every part
Is it just for me alone to know?
The exquisiteness is here, and opens like a flower
Touched by sunlight, that blooms for all to see

My spirit is young and dances with whispers
Blown by the breeze, all light and shining
Is sharing this too much to ask?
To laugh, and to sing with me?

This longing for someone's eyes to gaze and look
Upon the reality of my hopes and dreams
Inscribed for all to see, can someone hear and understand
The reality of who is me?

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Sorry

I've pulled the plug
Snapped the line
Set you adrift
Only just in time

I've cut the cord
And you've fallen away
Defenceless and hurting
And wanting to stay

Did I do the right thing?
I can still hear your pain
Your silence is loud
As you blame me again

Choices are hard
And making them sad
But knowing the truth
Would have only gone bad

You leached my last breath
Suffocated my soul
Stealthily stalking
Till I too did fall

But claiming me back
Was all I could do
Trust me my friend
You'll see it through

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Table Making

Made a table today
yes the type with the legs
covered it over
with pics from the past
varnished and ready
to be viewed and revered
i'm good at making things
do you think that is weird?

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Tears

Woke up this morning my pillow was wet
Tears had fallen when I was unaware
Did my soul tell my mind about my hurt?
I have this feeling that my heart is broken
Don't want to face another day of this pain
Just want to sleep but will cry again

Can't sleep, can't wake, can't bear this place
Someone help me before i go in sane
The loneliness is a killer you know
Help me now to find a safe place to go.

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The Past

I can feel you still; your warm body on mine
Holding me, touching me caressing me as one
And my hands running smooth and soft across your perfect skin
With silken strokes that excite me
How can one person be encapsulated in such beauty?
Your breath was always sweet and
I dreamed of you last night.....
I woke with tears on my pillow, sadness in my heart that
Squeezed any happiness I could have woken with right out....
Oh where are you now, are you stroking someone else
These thoughts cut through me like a knife
Throughout my whole being, and tears they flow so easily
Stinging and causing me to blink and close my eyes
Those tears to dropp on my lap as I sit alone and weep
And still I long for and hope for and pray for you
But still I know there is no chance

You've left me now with no going back
Although I would take you back in a heartbeat
Forgive all, forget and cherish more memories
Made together
But you cannot my love... your heart is filled with pain
Pain from your past freezing out what could be warm thoughts
That stops you forgiving, that keeps the coldness in there

I send messages to you, across the wind
Loving messages on the wing of a prayer
Hoping you will pick them up, just like that
Whispering in your ear and telling you I am still here
Waiting for you, holding my breath, waiting for you
To return to me.....

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Travel Light

I am standing here in this place
Shielded and protected by many wings
Curved and broad and white as snow
But there is a sliver of space
Just big enough for the sharp arrows to get through
Unprotected for a second, this small moment in time
It twists and grasps and screws up the very insides of me
Too late for protection now
Too late for shields to go up
And deflect the arrows
This one, the worst of all
Painted tip of poison
Melting through my flesh
Causing damage that cannot heal
Never ever will it heal?
To bleed and writhe in agony for eternity
My angels were there
But protection fell short of perfection
We are merely human

Cold and stinging and worst of all
Defying goodness and taking over
Bleeding into the soul of me
Tinted it red, then blazon,
Too late to take the colour out again
Too late to paint it white again
One dropp of it to taint and pureness gone forever

But..... will all be lost? No I think not.
I can fold up and store away in a dark corner
This burden I carry now..
I can place it into the dungeons of my being
And lock the door on it forever
Be brave and carry this load as lightly as I can
For to carry on I must and see this thing out
For many more arrows will get through in my lifetime
And I will learn to imprison them forever
Until they dissolve into nothingness and
Purity is there once more to allow this soul to travel lightly.

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True Love

if i could just take one moment in time
and hold you close and call you mine
my life would be complete you see
true love has come just once to me

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Trust

Trust me now I have to say
Like breaking dawn creeps into day
Like rainbows chase the pot of gold
Like thoughts as words need to be told

Trust me like there's no tomorrow
Hold me close and let no sorrow
Come between us now and ever
Let us always stay together

Words I've spoken place no blame
But words untold say just the same
Conviction to be held and frozen
In your mind for ever chosen

Trust me now and take this poem
To your heart not as a token
Blessed am I for knowing you
I am forever trusting you.

This one is for my dear friend - who knows who he is!

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Trying

I am trying to find the words
That are suitable for you
But words don't come easily
When they are coloured blue

You coloured my world so brightly
With touches of silver and gold
But now the hues are painted over
With words that are so cold

Sold out and nothing left
To find inside for me
Perhaps my time with you is done
And never meant to be

Hold on to one thing if you can
And that is all I say
Be near to me in thoughts and deeds
And don't forsake I pray.

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Wishes

I want to be a lyricist
I want to be a wife
I want to be a singer
I have done all my life!

I want to be pilot
I want to really try
I want to spread my wings a bit
Fly high up in the sky

I want to be with someone
Who wants to be with me
Who's there when I'm in need of them
To help me make the tea!

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You Are Gone

Please don't do this to me
I'm screaming out inside
Imploring you always
Speak to me please
And break this deadly hush
I cannot bear the silence
That comes so loud from you
Speak to me please
I implore this of you

My shouts are not heard
You've closed all your doors
I stand outside in the cold
Alone in the crowd
They are all talking
My silence still remains though
In my head and my soul
This cold feeling I have
I cannot get warm

How will this end
Do I ask you again?
Oh to hear me my friend
Please talk to me now
As I miss you so much
You gave me your love
But you spared me your touch
Your words are no more
For my eyes to feast on
But as I call your name I know you are gone.....

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You Don'T

I don't hear your car no more
The sound as you close the door
Your footsteps on my path and stairs
I don't hear you anywhere

You don't watch me anymore
Don't lay your clothes upon my floor
You don't see me take a bath
Don't warm my heart and make me laugh

We don't arm wrestle anymore
Tease and joke, and lay on the floor
Together, out of breath, as one
We don't do that, now you're gone

We don't have those snowball fights
And hold each other in the night
Don't look into each others eyes
As we are making love

But I can still imagine dear
That you still do, and you are here
One day I might forget and then
The world will have come to an end.

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Your Love

Sweet man, from you I see in your eyes
A passion and longing and needing for ties
But I cannot give you what you desire
Cos if I did, that would make me a liar

Shall I take it, embrace it, cherish and hold it
Cannot offer it back on threads of gold
I'll just take it, not break it, and never forsake it
And just keep it safe and place it on hold

How can I tell you I don't feel the same?
Words that would reach you and cause you much pain
So, my darling this love that you give
I'll cherish it dearly as long as I live

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