

Poetry Series

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I'm slowly getting back into writing, I'm a PFC in the US Army. I'm an 11 Bravo stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. I don't really care whether anyone thinks I'm a bad writer or not, I'm just looking to get things off my mind and get some advice so I know what works and what doesn't, what's good and what isn't. Everything in my writing has been in my head for some amount of time, I've experienced everything in my writing; I've been in love, had the person take my heart and slam it through the ground, I've had my friends go to war and not come back, others decided to solve their own problems via taking their existence. Not looking for sympathy, empathy, or compassion, just understand what I write is real. my facebook is:

A Long Lost Dream

I just want to start out saying that I love you
Always and forever, I promise to
Your voice just melts me away,
I don't know what I'd do without hearing it everyday
I'm trying to get closer to you but with every inch I do
It seems we just get farther apart, and I need you
Now more than ever, I just don't want this to end
But it seems that it might right now, I won't pretend
I need to feel the way I do when our eyes meet,
With that, I could conquer every feat
I'm losing my mind without you here
I love and need you, I just hope that's clear

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A Reflection Of Nothing

You might not be able to see it in my eyes
But then again, you were never that wise

Look back at what all I've gotten through
Now try sayin' I'm anything less than you

I pushed through all this pain
Just to show you all what I could gain

Go ahead and tell your little lie
Too bad I won't be there long enough to say goodbye

So, just do your damage and go away
When I leave I'm not looking back

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Bitter Memories

You want me to give you my best,
But won't give me any better than your worst
I just don't see the point in trying anymore
Seems as if you've already slammed the door
In my face
How did we even get to this place?
It must've been when you stopped trying
Now I'm here, more worried about dying
Even if you won't be there for me,
I'll always be here for you.
It seems I'm blessed with this curse,
My love for you will leave me in a hearse.

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Dear John

You said you were shocked when I left, you didn't know how to handle it,
But that's no reason to throw our love back at me, I could make it fit
You tell me maybe you were just in over your head, you thought it was real
What happened, this all came out of nowhere, what am I supposed to feel?
You're sorry, ask me not to hate you, it all just happened way too fast
Well, I'm sorry, for believin' this was the real thing, welcome to my past

Well, I hope I've made you proud,
Look back to see this is all just over now.
Thought it was best for you to just push and pull me around;
Toy with my emotions just so you could gain some new ground
Look down at yourself now, are you happy with what you've found?

In my life now; seems you were the start of this chain reaction
That was set to be the destruction of my mind and heart, diving headfirst
Into another breakdown.
Do us both a favor and stop picking this apart,
I left to make it easier for you; with some hope
Of starting over

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Empty Horizons

I can't be everything to everyone, but
I bet you wouldn't mind showing me
Everywhere I went wrong
The things I've went through would
Bring you to your knees, so just
Respect me for going at this everyday
Like I do, because I'm stronger then
You'll ever be, and you all still wonder
Why I'm leaving without looking back
Go ahead, say what you were going to say,
Cause it's time for me to turn around and walk away
Now it's time for all of you to sit here and
Bask in this sorrow that you created for yourself,
It's time for you to go through so much pain that
Even you won't want to live to see tomorrow

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Hanging Up The Noose

A wise man once said that the hardest part of holding on is letting it go
Now I've been holding on to everything for what seems like an eternity
All my thoughts, feelings, and actions cooped up inside; time to blow
Off all this steam in hopes of having enough time to snap back into reality
Maybe I should just implode, end it all, and cave in on what's left of myself
Finally stop having to stare at this cold hollow shell in all these cracked mirrors
Take my place with the worthless and all their sorrows on the bottom shelf
Guess with all my might I couldn't succumb to anything besides living a failure.

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Just Another Waste

Well it's finally over, I hope your happy now
Because you brought me down in the process
I wouldn't have ever done anything like this to you,
But honestly right now, I couldn't care less what happens
You will never meet anyone that could ever even begin to compare to me,
I might never find anyone like you, or at least the person I thought you were
I'm moving on, I'm sorry if you never hear from me again,
I don't know how things are going to work out now
Just one question remains with me now, did you even really love me?
But just know that before you answer I'll be walking away
I wish I could've seen from the beginning
This was all just a waste of my time

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Love Is Just Another Form Of Suicide

I thought that maybe you could actually help me,
Even if just to find a place where I feel like belong, wherever that may be
Turns out I might have thought wrong
Time for me to change this song
Yeah, while it lasted, it was fun
Now all of this is said and done
I don't ask much, just don't lie to me
Why couldn't anyone just open their eyes and see
The answer was right in front of you,
Now you finally see, and are wondering what to do
It's just too bad, you took a little too long to see
Maybe now you'll feel what I felt, now that you just lost me

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Love Long Gone

She was the one that slipped away,
I just couldn't find the words to say
To make her want to stay.

Small infatuation slowly became love;
Baby, I've all but given up
On you.

I've tried moving on, tried to forget
I lost you, and that's my only regret.

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Love's Redemption

I can beg you to not go, plead for you to not leave;
But truth is I'd still be here if you did
Confused and heartbroken, but eventually I'd be able to breathe
I don't care what I deserve or how much better I could do,
Maybe you just don't know how many years I've been waiting to
Be the one lucky enough to get to be with you
Even if I'm not able to explain this overwhelming feeling that's in me,
I'll keep trying to; I promise it's there and always will be
Maybe it's just me, or maybe something the Army did,
All that matters to me anymore is that I'm with you in the end

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My Own Selfish Pride

Tell me you need me then kick me back down again,
Guess that's what I get for listening to Uncle Sam
You definitely had me fooled, believed all your lies
I was so blind, I gave you my life, time for my despise
You asked us all, 'Who will go, to replace the slain'
'Send me, ' I foolishly said, unaware of all the pain

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No More Games

They say the worst prison is the one you make for yourself;
But I just want to find a way out of this hell
Why can't I just get up and move on from you
What did you expect me to do?
I was never a superhero, I let you know right from the start,
But I should've known better then to ever let a woman hold onto my heart
Turns out you just let me in so you could play your sick little game
Nothing changes that fast, pick your story and get it straight
Love? I see through all you're petty little lies, forcing me to hate.
As much as it kills me to think, I still love you, with all these tiny fragile pieces
But that don't change the fact that it just won't be the same

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Over This

Is it too much to ask for love without heartbreak,
Maybe if you didn't turn out to be just another fake.
Doesn't matter, I already gave up on this work of fiction
The thing about forever and always?
The person you would give up everything for,
didn't even love you anyway
You just had to go the extra mile to screw me over
Ain't no coming back to this, no matter how much I still
Love you, if I even do anymore; I'm just searching for a fill
To the hole you left in my heart.
I Never asked for any of you're pity or condolences,
I just wished I walked away from the start.

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Restless Soul

Something happens that leaves you off your high horse
Now you need us, talk of all that remorse
Seems like you didn't know me when I needed you,
Struggled for years; owe you a favor, I don't think so
Think I'll just flock to you, like nothing bad should happen,
Life's full of heartbreak and misery, guess you're not laughing
Anymore; I'd be glad to show you what I've been through
There's a reason I'm still goin', I'm stronger than you.

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Sorry

I'm sorry for all of this,
Sorry for giving you my love and bliss
Sorry for wanting out of this darkness
Sorry for thinking you were different
Sorry for being the place you could vent
Sorry for all of you're resentment
Sorry for trying to make this work
Sorry for going beserk
Sorry for lying to myself
Sorry for thinking something was left
Sorry for even thinking you were the one
Sorry for earning the money to buy this gun
Sorry for this last goodbye.

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The Frozen Flame

Me and you; you and me
Just like fire and gasoline

A torturous duo, an unseparable mix
A problem too good to fix

So tell me you need me and run away again
Then come back and say we're better as friends

You used to tell me I was you're everything;
I guess this was just another ordinary fling.

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The Story Of Another Lost Soul

Maybe I'm just a freak of nature
To anyone and everyone, just another danger
I shouldn't have been let out of my cage
Just so full of anger and rage
I don't know what went wrong
Maybe I just don't belong
Is there no one that can take this all away
..Like it matters anyway
Is there one person that can actually say they care
...Oh no, not near your friends, you wouldn't dare
I just get pissed off so much now a days,
Everyone still staring with their gaze
I guess this is finally the end,
Just saying goodbye to an old friend

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Untitled

I don't know what it is,
But I know that I want it
So you can go ahead and point your fingers,
But at least I can admit it

Say what you want,
Sticks and stones
You'll never see,
But it's everything to me

So what if it'll be a long journey,
At least I'm making something of myself

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Us

I guess only time'll tell If these messed up feelings
will even ever go anywhere, I just thought
that you should know, I could leave tomorrow
and never give another damn again, all I wanted
was just a little compromise from you to see if we
could make it together, but all I got from you was
another cold shoulder, so don't expect me to stay
here forever just to wait for you to see that I'm the
only one that's been there for you, no matter what
you would go through, so this idea of me and you?
It's done unless you see that we could make it,
through everything as long as we're together

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What Is Depression

Sadness after lossing a loved one
Blaming yourself for what happened
Anger at yourself
Giving yourself pressure
Madness at everything
Hating what you once loved
Wearing black everyday
Sad all the time
Storing your thoughts and feelings
Wanting to be alone.

That Is Depression

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Why?

Why?

Why did you have to go?

I should have known

I shouldn't have expected it to turn out for the best

Because you died like the rest

What did I do so bad

That I wish I never had?

Now I ask myself WHY?

Now I know:

Because I didn't say hi,

Now I have to say good-bye

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You

So cute, so beautiful,
Yet no word could even come close to
Explaining how perfect you are to me
Your laugh, your smile, the way
You always roll your eyes
I know that I'm not the man
I should be, but when your not around,
I just feel so empty
The pain, darkness and
Blankness of my past
All seem to disappear when I'm
With you

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