# **Poetry Series**

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# Caught In My Compact

Terza Rima Sonnet Caught in my Compact

Wade through the squalor, shaken and straining Consciously, Head held high, anticipating Storm breaks overhead and now 'tis raining

Movement round me sluggish, on nerves, grating Breathe deeply now, settling apprehension Yet my heart is open, anticipating

Mind deliberates on my perception Rain still gently falls and I absorb it In this journey here from my conception

Glimpsing a bench, I walk over and sit Sensations are strong, you come nearer I close my eyes lean back, snooze for a bit

Open my compact, catch you in mirror As you approach, your face getting clearer

### Dark And Deviant Death

I give you myself, in bits and pieces
Drawn out in color some black and white
Teasing, Taunting, derisive releases,
Colorblind rainbows, I give you my sight
On bed of eiderdown laid, so warm
I anticipated what tonight would come
vulnerable, took some 'lucky charms'
Washed them, quickly, down with rum
As unhurriedly I slipped
Into a deep and loathsome coma
Cyclonic words were lisped
Room filled with sweet aroma

You came knocking at my door Saying: "Death has come to take you" But your scythe dropped to the floor As you said "but I want more"

As I lying in deaths arms
My reaction unintended
Sense his lethal manly charms
Death's decree had been suspended
Reaching out with finger tip
Writing death upon my lip
In a groovy shade of blue
Laying claim to all I was
I belonging to him now

And the teasing and temptation
On this serious occasion
Giving way to his persuasion
In ecstatic pain so sweetly cold
Passions rampant, free and bold
I imploring death to take me
Yet, Death tells me I must stay
He will come back here every day
In living hell we'll copulate

I now must simply wait
As the nurses come to turn me
Expressions filled with sorrow
They say "She was so pretty"
"Perhaps she'll go tomorrow......"
They know not what has transpired
My breaths come slow and even
They had hoped that I'd expired
I just vegetative, flesh...

# Does A Painting Have Life?

Sparkles, amusingly, flash from his eyes
Eyes that twinkle and glisten
Glisten as faceted emeralds
Emeralds so brilliantly bright
Brighten the space he occupies
Occupies everyone's interest
Interest showered on canvas
Canvas seeming to breathe
Breathe in, inhale the air
Air with energy now cogently charged
Charged with the passing of time
Time transcending, entirely intact

# **Empty Shells**

Words coming back to me, haunting my brain Our love by circumstance, tossed, far away I wish that we could be cleansed by fresh rain Not sure at all, what caused amour to stray

Our love by circumstance, tossed, far away Like so much trash or a massive divide Not sure at all what caused amour to stray Like complete strangers, pushed roughly aside

Like so much trash or a massive divide
Those token gestures we throw out so well
Like complete strangers pushed roughly aside
Where our hearts were joined, is an empty shell

Those token gestures we throw out so well Is it partly a matter of our pride?
Where our hearts were joined, is an empty shell My mixed emotions, I simply can't hide

Is it partly a matter of my pride?

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# **Ice Wines Delirium**

The first frost glazed the field of grape Where they make ice wine every year The wine that lets your tongue escape Your Inhibitions disappear

As on the deck I am drinking
Into delirium - am sinking
I lift my glass to one with me
Making a toast, set myself free

# Less Tangled

If I could go, back to time less tangled
If I could just stop receding in mind
If only I could take back words mangled

If I could just stop receding in mind Holding to the good memories longer I simply don't know why life's so unkind

Holding to the good memories longer
They slip through my tremulous fingertips
The intense darkness creeps, getting stronger

They slip through my tremulous fingertips
As my eyes glaze over my brain slides closed
A smile now froze on my pale tender lips

Expression now void, has been Juxtaposed
If I could go, back to time less tangled
As my eyes glaze over my brain slides closed
If I could go, back to time less tangled

### Maiden Sestina

I lay here, lazily stare at the sky
As I idly chew on a blade of grass
In the clouds neat pictures above me find
That's what you do when you haven't a friend
At day's end, close my eyes drift off to sleep
Another day spent in daydreams and play

Memories in color, on my minds screen play As I lie beneath a dimly lit sky My mind not closing winding far from sleep, As I lie with my eyes closed on the grass My dog lies beside me, he is my friend No better company I'll ever find

If I fall asleep here comfort I find
Music box Dancer in my head will play
In my mind I dance with a handsome friend
Under the moon and the stars in the sky
Light as a fairy we dance through the grass
I could keep dancing, don't care if I sleep

Now what are the dreams you have when you sleep?
A glimpse of my face do you ever find?
Do you ever with me dance in the grass?
Do illicit visions in your head play?
All of this under the watchful night sky
Or do you just think of me as your friend

That's ok; it's cool, just being your friend
And I would not want to cause you lack of sleep
My eyes now wandering up into the sky
Animal formations in the clouds find
I give them names and watch them as they play
Then I roll around and play in the grass

Now you may think I been smoking that grass But I just don't really smoke it my friend I only in my mind like these games to play And I like my thoughts to stop when I sleep And wake more refreshed in morning I find Ready to tackle a fresh and new sky

So Ill chew on grass I won't go to sleep If you are my friend, you will learn to find How my mind will play, with thoughts in the sky

# **Morning Vapors**

Trees Shrouded in morning's vapors Roof tops appear as frosted cakes Belching hazy breath like tapers Earth chills for as long as it takes

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Streetlights eminence seems to vet Obscurely morning hides her face Beneath winter's blanket, cosset Brilliant ambience falls in place

Obscurely morning hides her face Laughing lightly on her entrance Brilliant ambience falls in place We brush aside all petulance...

Laughing lightly on her entrance Belching hazy breath like tapers We brush aside all petulance... Trees Shrouded in mornings vapors

# **Nature Engaged**

She lets out a mighty breath Her waves growing in intensity Undulating smoothly She washes the shoreline Gently receding Above her Sky has grown ominous, sinister Clouds twisting, writhing Rolling over and spreading Creating a vacuum Forcing waves to monstrous proportions The beauty of the storm Is lost on the plateau Below her As trees are torn Relentlessly dispatched in flight Nothing and no one Is safe As all the forces of nature Take over and consume All that is in their path

### **Pretense**

Edged in defiance, surreptitious tears, Threaten to uncover, secrets, time buys Eyelashes lower hiding the mirrors

Impervious glimpse protecting her lies Solitary, her own space creating Threaten to uncover, secrets, time buys

Walking on eggshells, hesitating Stepping neatly rising higher, she cries Solitary, her own space creating

As mirrored reflection exemplifies Comes into the open wearing a smile Stepping neatly rising higher, she cries

She carries herself with a flair for style Expression impassive, eyes hypnotize Comes into the open wearing a smile

As mirrored reflection exemplifies Edged in defiance, surreptitious tears, Behind the cover of pretense truth lies Edged in defiance, surreptitious tears,

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As mirrored reflection exemplifies

Pretense of truth, protection - therein - lies

### Remember This

Remember this; days fade into darkness Moss growing on old wooden wishing well The old barn has maintained its quaint starkness

Haunted with memories if tales it could tell The ancient Oak still stands virulent and strong Moss growing on old wooden wishing well

The wind through the gully sounds like a song
Dried leaves scurry round as through them I walk
The ancient Oak still stands virulent and strong

Sun rays caress my shoulders, I kick a rock Subtly I feel as though time had stood still Dried leaves scurry round as through them I walk

Dressed lightly for autumn, I feel the chill Magnetism pulsing through my bloodstream, It subtly feels as though time had stood still

Eyes fly open now, 'twas only a dream Remember this; days fade into darkness Magnetism pulsing through my bloodstream, Remember this; days fade into darkness

### **Smooth Seduction A Pantoum**

Robust, Fresh breeze, smooth seduction
All my senses tantalizing
Dew kissed limbs of insurrection
Languid hunger, appetizing

All my senses tantalizing
Moonlight bathing in illusion
Languid hunger, appetizing
Heart beats quiver, mass confusion

Moonlight bathing in illusion Shooting stars caress the skyline Heart beats quiver, mass confusion Growing intuition define

Shooting stars caress the skyline Mesmerizing, scintillating Growing intuition define Introspection, aggravating

Mesmerizing, scintillating
Dew kissed limbs of insurrection
Introspection, aggravating
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### **Sunbursts**

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As sunrise bursts, ands spreads across the sky Lavishing warmth, her shades of color blend To my surroundings a peaceful sense supply

A new beginning, we must gently tend Outstretched hand subconscious it is seeking My censored thoughts, to you will freely lend

Thoughts, clandestine, creep in, slowly sneaking I, now await, your arcane reaction While through ten fingers, blue eyes are peaking

How can one explain this mute attraction? As you approach me, heat intensifies If we should touch we'll find satisfaction

What my heart feels, my mind soon amplifies. My heart, now surely, in your control lies

### **Tess**

Come over here sit down with me The weather forecast to address You look as though you want to flee.... I want you by my side sweet Tess

Why are you so ignoring "us"?
Why must you make such a fuss?
Brown eyes look down, I hear you moan
Ok, here have a doggy bone.

# The Other Side Of The Moon

On the other side of the moon, I will be waiting cunningly, Whistling softly a charming tune. On the other side of the moon, I'll be dancing quite stunningly, Listening to the song of the loon. On the other side of the moon, I will be waiting cunningly.

# Thinking Out Loud

Was thinking out loud and I overheard Many words tumbled, overflowed quickly I heard talking quite plainly word for word With massive congestion; curtly, sickly

Many words tumbled, overflowed quickly I tried to catch them and bundle them up With massive congestion; curtly, sickly But, Alas I had too small of a cup!

I tried to catch them and bundle them up Have you e'er held tightly, your words too long? But, Alas I had too small of a cup! Caused words that were right to soon become wrong?

Have you e'er held tightly, your words too long?
Thoughts become loud and vaguely neurotic
Caused words that were right to soon become wrong?
I stopped listening as they were hypnotic

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### This Friend

I have this friend; I like him, yes He makes me think outside the box Yet he annoys me, I confess

And I'm too old to play with blocks
I think could drive me quite insane
He makes me think outside the box

I sometimes feel, 'though hit by train And yes, I'm just a little weird I think could drive me quite insane

It's not like something that I feared It's more like something that I liked And yes, I'm just a little weird

If o'er the globe my feet had hiked His presence I cannot forget It's more like something that I liked

A better choice would be a pet I have this friend; I like him yes

### To End It All

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To end it all

That place I've never been, I crave to be It beckons me, and I approach, intent It's rumbling coaxing, draws me, to the sea Feral waves, the deep sea creatures scent I long to ride upon its surface, smooth The wasted time that I have over spent

The raging wind has robbed me of my youth Long nights have lent no passion to my soul Within her depths shall find eternal truth Not for my sake this day shall the bell toll The soothing rocking on the forceful waves As o'er the edge I peer to see my goal

Find I, peace, beneath in scenic caves Embracing, plunge to my watery grave

## You - Mine

You Are to Me as a Cool breeze blowing On my blushing cheeks Cool, fresh, tantalizing Stretching out my arm I seek Life's extensions cool yet balmy As starlight bathes and moon seduces You are to me as a cool breeze blowing Seduction, bathing, feeling produces Security in where we're going Warm dew kisses gently calm me My two knees now becoming weak Contentment realizing On my blushing cheeks Cool breeze blowing Feels to me Love is Mine