

Poetry Series

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# Be You

Be on time  
Be here  
Be there  
Be everywhere  
Be where you want to be

Be loved  
Be helpful  
Don't be vain  
Be a cure to pain  
Be what you want to be

Be a hero  
Be the rain  
Be the sunshine  
Be the future  
Be what your heart desire

Be honest  
Be truthful to yourself  
Don't be a destroyer  
Be a strength giver  
Be what you want to see

Be an inspiration  
Be a free giver  
Be free spirited  
Be an optimist  
Just be yourself

Be a father  
Be a mother  
Be a sister  
Be a true friend  
Be the change you want to see

Be remembered  
Be a motivator  
Be reasonable

Be approachable  
Just be you

Be no one else  
But you

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# Choose

Choose

What do they mean  
When they say  
You do not have a choice  
Come on now  
You can choose

Choose to be happy  
Choose your own goals  
Choose where you want to go  
Choose what you want people to know  
It is your choice to choose

Choose to be in love  
Choose to let go  
Choose life  
Do not choose death  
Choose to be stubborn

Choose your own friends  
Choose your own trends  
Choose to live like a king  
Choose your own downfall  
Choose to walk tall

Choose to go to rehab  
Choose to be an addict  
Choose hatred  
Choose love  
Choose your own attitude

Choose to remain in history  
Choose to avoid misery  
Choose to uncover any mystery  
Choose to be submissive  
Choose to hate criticism

Choose to fight

Choose to flight  
Do not choose HIV  
Choose protection  
It is your choice to choose

What do they mean  
When they say  
You do not have a choice  
It is in your power to choose  
Choose GOD☐

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# Have You Visited The Villages Lately?

Yet another week passes by  
Our beloved village is still dry  
All four corners are still the same  
Improvement is still not in our dictionary  
Starvation and killer diseases own our mortuary

Yet a another month passes by  
Our beloved elders can no longer cry  
They are now getting used to being poor  
Our future heroes walk barefoot to school  
Only to be taught under a tree  
They tell them a school will be built soon  
That is what they heard two years ago

Yet another winter season leaves them  
With dry vegetables and pneumonia  
You think summer will be better  
Then you think of floods and malaria  
Parents prepare to sleep on top of trees  
To avoid being swallowed by Mother Nature  
But they were promised newly developed houses

I was just passing by  
When I saw people of the village  
Trying to stop a fire  
They say it was caused by a candle  
The whole family but a one year old died  
I wonder if the tragedy would have happen  
If they had the promised electricity

Do you still remember the covenant  
That you made with the village  
They promised to vote for you  
You promised a better life for all  
You promised toilets, tap water and electricity  
I was just passing by  
And I wondered  
Have you visited the village lately?

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# Love Pain

She never left my side  
She loved me with pride  
Put me into her ride  
In a cruise we went side by side

No matter how hard I try  
I still manage to make her cry  
I wish I could disappear or die  
It is hard to say good bye  
But maybe that is all it takes  
To see her smile again

A huge stone is over my shoulder  
My mind is full of nothing  
What I hear I cant seem to comprehend  
But I cant continue and pretend  
I love her deeply  
Yet I still hurt her badly

She is almost a perfect soul  
The mother of my kids  
Yet I take her smile away  
Yet I make her cry  
I have to let her go  
To see her smile again

I want to be free  
I want her to be free  
I cant imagine my life without her  
She cant live without me  
Yet each time she is with me  
I see the pain I am causing  
I see her dying

I cant live like this  
I cant love like this  
She cant love me like this  
She needs to be happy  
I am making her sad

I cant bear the pain  
Of seeing someone else  
Giving her the happiness  
That I am failing to give

Can she be patient  
Can she let me go  
And wait for me to come back  
With the happiness she deserves  
Is that too much to ask for?  
Or she will understand and let me try what I have  
For her to be happy and free  
No matter the outcome  
To me she will always be  
The woman of my dreams....

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