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A Boy's Need

Best friends we were,
Together, parents we became
My heart filled with love.
Yours filled with blame

Years gone by,
Memories we share
Why did you stay?
If you believe you didn't care?

Life isn't always easy.
Takes effort, love & prayer
It will be a lonely journey
If you can't give in & share

Being a parent is an adventure,
Not that your life is through
You see the little boy.
Do you see his need for you?

Life can be so confusing,
Not knowing what to do
You are just a boy, all grown up
But you know you need him too.

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A Brand New End

Looking back on years past
After the little ones are grown
Life is just a journey,
You don't always travel alone
Someone to stand beside you
Who believes in all you do
Can you imagine life without them?
Do you feel they complete you?
A family together
Learns with each passing day
Living alone, without that love
Trying to find your way
Noone can go back
To make a new start, my friend
But anyone can start form here,
And make a brand new end
No matter where life takes us
Find comfort in those places
Will your ending have laughter
And smiles on little faces?

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A Lonely Heart

So many memories leave me
Wondering what to do
I've left the pain in the past now,
Still my thoughts return to you
A past I won't hold onto
A future, I cannot see
When your heart is lost or lonely,
Do you ever think about me?
Why, I often wonder,
after all that we've been through,
Should I give up now?
When my heart still belongs to you.
A comfortable feeling,
To never be alone
Someone who understands you
A hand within your own
A lonely heart still beats,
As a broken one does, too
A heart that loves, never forgets,
As mine holds onto you.

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A Lonely Valentine

Living here from day to day
In my world all alone, I stay
Absorbed in the darkness along the way
What more will go wrong today?
I see you smile & I know it will be okay
So when you're down & lose your way
Smile & know I miss you everyday
Maybe you'll cross my path someday
So many thoughts lost on the way
Without a single word to say
I know soon you'll be on your way
Wishing to myself you could stay
Can you tell me it will be okay?
Or will you be gone, when I turn away?
Have I told you how proud of you I am, today?
Always on my mind, in my heart you stay
Patiently I dream, maybe this will be my day

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A Perfect Place

Touching so softly,
Your gentle face
You hold me close
In my perfect place
Keep the moments
Dream forever
Memories we share
You & I together
I'm the place in your heart
You cannot see
When you close your eyes,
Do you dream of me?
Always in my dreams-
forever on my mind
Dreams come true-
You will find
Once I was lost
In your embrace-
There I found
My Perfect Place

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A Secret Look

A secret look,
A shy quiet smile
As I wish to myself,
You could stay for a while
What is it about you that
interests me so much?
Is it the chase? As I've
yet to feel your touch
Did you see me smile
As you looked my way?
Will you ever find time?
Is it going to be today?
When you close your eyes
What is it you see?
Do you smile to yourself
when you think of me?

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A Silent Plea

Have you ever asked yourself
Why things never go your way?
Could it be the simple choices
As you hurry through each day?
Have you ever had a dream
And woke up and you were there?
Has your heart ever been cold
Or broken beyond repair?
I desperately search for answers
Only to reach another mistake
How many wrong choices?
How many hearts will break?
I want to thank you for my dreams,
You see, but do not realize
When you look at me,
What is it you see in my eyes?
I only wish you could hear me
As I make this lonely silent plea
I just want you to understand this pain& fear
As I slip into insanity

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A Smile For You

Where do all the smiles go,
When things don't go your way?
If you smile at me, I'll smile too
Pass it along throughout the day
If you surround yourself with frowns
They only bring sorrow & pain
So fill your world with a smile
This feeling i cannot explain
Be careful. It's contagious.
It's very catching, you see
You see, I'm already affected
As I see you smile at me
It's quite catching. You know
Smiles find a way into your heart
Laughter helps to heal, and
A smile is where it starts

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Age

Age is the factor
that keeps us apart
I'll be here always
As you remain in my heart
You have your whole life
So many years
You only see me smiling
You'll never see the tears
You asked my heart
to please let you in
I can't take the pain
of being hurt again
When you're face to face
It isn't always what it seems
I hide my tears for you
I keep you in my dreams

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All About Me

I can't understand me
I've tried for so long.
No matter my choices,
I just always seem wrong
I used to know me, and
I've forgotten so much
Where I'm going, Who I am,
I often miss your touch.
I've cried a river,
You never believed in me
Why must I worry?
Why don't I see?
Will I ever know, or
Will I always wonder why?
Will I ever let you go, or
love you until I die?
I closed my eyes, and
What did I see?
You were in my thoughts,
But I'm still stuck with me

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Another

Another day you take of mine
Another piece of my heart
Is left behind
I realize I can't make you happy.
So I'm forced to set you free.
Another day, you'll understand;
I loved you enough to see
You should've always been there,
To teach him right from wrong.
You chose to leave when he needed you,
For another who came along.
In my life, I thought you'd always be,
Another wrong thought-
It was never up to me
Maybe someday you'll find a future
That will make you want to stay
I thank God for you in my life,
At least for another day.

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Another Day

Is it worth the misery?
The pain & heartache?
How much more
Will I have to take?
A smile, a kind word,
Just to see you really care
Doubt, insecurity,
Always a frown you wear
Where did all the laughter go?
The smile within your eyes?
Never enough.
Is it worth all the tears I've cried?
This wall of emotions
I've built to save me
From all the pain in the world
Are there no smiles left to see?
Never take for granted
All the things you need to say
Always take time to show you care
You may not have another day

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Blind

I can't help but wonder
Why must my love for you be so deep?
A lifetime I'd give for you.
My love, you chose not to keep.
You've held my heart like no other
A stronger love you'll never know
So broken and cracked, my fragile heart
Yet my love for you still grows
When you think of me, remember
A false smile I hide behind
Tears I cry to wash you away
Have made me completely blind
Blind to all, understanding no more
My heart still chooses you
After all the heartache, at the end of each day
You can't help but miss me too
My heart refuses to go on now
Without you I simply can not be
Will this pain stop my heart from beating?
Or someday realize, you never loved me.

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Bravest Of Them All

Have you ever known someone so brave,
When everything seems to go wrong?
Everything working against her,
yet she continues to beat the odds.
She's so strong and brave
with such a loving heart
No one will she let see her
when she falls apart
Always positive & smiling,
despite the pain she feels inside
She'll never allow you to see her hurt,
or know how much she's cried
She always holds her head up high
Her beauty shines from the inside out.
Although she is young in years,
Her journey has been a long hard route.
Wise beyond her years
Brilliant like a bright shooting star.
When she goes to be among Heaven's Angels,
She will have finally won her war.

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Broken Soul

I will be okay. Tomorrow. I will be alright.
I'll say goodbye to you, knowing it was worth the fight
You left me with only tears
As I live alone in fear.
Here I am, losing my grip, as I fall apart
Trying to pick up the pieces of my broken heart
Letting go of the idea that you will make it all okay
Thankful for every second, knowing you'll be on your way
Here I am, still trying to put a smile on my face
Here I am, watching you tear me apart at a slow pace
A broken soul I am, saying goodbye to our past
Here I am letting go of you, finally at last
Always I will love you, but moving on you'll see
Here I am missing you, but a better person I will be

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Changes

With a smile, our friendship was off with a zoom
Then every heartfelt letter, 'I miss U's began to bloom
On your return, closer together we began to grow
Glad to see you each day, I always told you so
 then came children....responsibility...
Art of a toddler, who may be a great artist someday;
Freckled face 8 year old, waiting for your time to play
Secrets of second grad, with giggles in clouds of glue,
Datedate with Mom & Lee, these are great memories, too
Just cause our lives are changing, doesn't mean the fun is gone;
Simply, if something needs fixing, Daddy, You are THE ONE
Drifting into toddler years, tears & laughs we share
If we must grow old, I want to be in your arms,
Life without you, I just don't dare.

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Crystals

Happiness is like a crystal
Fair, Precious, and Clear
Broken in a million pieces
scattered far & near
Now & then along life's journey
some tiny pieces fall
There are so many pieces
Noone ever finds them all
So walk with me and remember
to treasure every fragment clear
Fit them as they go together
Imaging a shattered sphere
Learning to always be thankful
Though at times, my list is small
I cherish each day I have-
As for my pieces, I finally found them all.

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Daydreams

One day as I sat alone
You came into my head
I tried hard to rearrange,
I put you in my heart, instead

I think about you often
Can't get you off my mind
When I put you in my heart,
It often got left behind

I tried not to daydream
Because you are all I see
You hold my heart always
So smile, as you think about me

I'm never really alone,
as the days pass me by
I have you with me
Everytime I close my eyes

Now I can't do without you
It's obvious to see
I hope someday, if you feel alone
That you will dream of me

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Denied Love

Life is a mystery
Noone can understand
Happiness is a warm smile
Loved ones close at hand

When you reach the place in life
You feel you've nothing left to give
You've given all you could
Now there's a better life to live

Sometimes I wonder,
Where would I be?
If I didn't have you,
Who would love me?

In my heart & on my mind
Where you'll always be
Tell me, when you close your eyes,
What is it that you see?

When you love someone so much
It hurts deep down inside
Empty, your life is, without them
Can this love ever be denied?

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Did You Ever Care?

Cherish every second
If it makes you laugh, or shed a tear
Memories slowly fade with time
They never just disappear
Letting go of the past
A time we loved & had to let go
Leaving behind the broken dreams
A stronger love you'll never know
How long must my heart ache?
This constant pain so real
Thinking you were truly happy
while you hid the hate for me you feel
Holding onto the moments
Even bad ones you made me smile
Through every heart break
Being your girl was ALWAYS worthwhile

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Distant Thoughts

A life you used to dream of
Your heart was broke instead
A thought of another future
Keeps running through your head
You have to let go of yesterday-
Tomorrow will be a better day
Leave behind hard lessons learned
Because you don't know what to say
How many times can a heart break
before it turns cold and grey?
Believe tomorrow brings a smile
You know you are on your way
What could be so very special
Is a distant thought you sometimes see
Then you think about what WAS
and wonder how it could ever be?

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Do I Cross Your Mind?

I often sit & wonder
Do I cross your mind at all?
How often I ask myself
what is it about you that made me fall?
You took his little hand in yours
Promised to be beside him all the way
You were my best friend, too, then
we had a son together one day
so many little things
add up to this big love I keep
You make me laugh when I want to cry
you hold me in my sleep
Not just a few things
There are so many more
Reasons I fell in love with you
This I cannot ignore
Thinking of you again
Can't get you off my mind
Wishing you wanted to stay
and my heart wasn't left behind

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Do You Think?

Do you think of where you've been?
Or what life was like, way back when?
A bad decision, or that ONE mistake.
Why we make some of the choices we make?
Do you think of things you've done?
If you'd only stayed, instead of run.
That single mistake or wrong choice or two?
Where would it have taken you?
Do you think of the first real love lost?
That a higher price or even higher cost
What would life be like right now,
If we had chosen different, somehow?

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Empty Thoughts

A smile creeps slowly
upon your face
A moment to treasure
memories that can't be replaced
When my day has been tough,
Nothing goes right, I find
Thoughts of you constantly
cross my mind
Entombed in my world
Nowhere, I'll be
Empty thoughts.
No will to break free.
A secure warm thought.
To have you all alone
A comfortable place.
A hand within your own.
As I watch the world pass by,
I wonder what to do
When I feel so very lost,
My thoughts return to you

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Faded Dreams

Dreams are what we reach for
Promises to follow through
My unconditional love
Helps me to believe in dreams come true

Why should I worry?
I know you love me.
I will love you forever.
Is this where you want to be?

You are the one I dream of.
The one my heart holds dear.
My mind tells me to let you go
And I will always have you near

Afraid of what tomorrow holds
Will you make everything okay?
Will you be beside me,
Or will you turn and walk away?

I've given all my love
Always wishing you had stayed.
What more will it take
Before my dreams begin to fade?

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Give Me Strength

Love never fails, yet sometimes blind
A love meant to last, so hard to find
Sometimes painful, at times, gentle & kind
Memories of a lost love always on my mind
Do you ever wish that time could just rewind?
Changing the heartache, the words so unkind?
Future moves forward, past is left behind
Do thoughts of your future, bring me to mind?
What would I do, and where would I be?
If I didn't have you, who would love me?
A chase, a choice, a desire to be free
A lifetime to finish, where will I be?
Once my heart believed in destiny
Now lost in a place without a key
I often wonder if I'll ever see
Or find the place that I'm meant to be
So silently I whisper my lonely plea
God give me strength, as I learn to be me.

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Happiness At Last

You shattered my life
Leaving broken pieces of my heart.
Did you ever care at all?
Or simply used me from the start?
I loved you with all my heart then,
it kills me to love you this way
Enough to let you go,
Yet you would not stay away
Just a game to you,
knowing I loved you so
Ripping me apart more everyday
But you will never even know.
Is this all the pain
That I will ever have to feel?
Are you out of my life FOREVER?
Taking my love for you, so real.
I'll tell you I'm fine,
So you may know happiness at last
Realizing all along
You never even cared enough to ask.

For Leland, of course. It's Tuesday.

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Have You...

Have you ever
felt so lost inside?
No words to comfort
A love denied
Have you ever
stepped out into the light,
wondering why you still care?
Ready to give up the fight.
Why must I love you?
When I shouldn't even care?
Constantly you hurt me,
painful love for me to bear
Have you ever wondered why
your happiness seems so far away?
Really, you never knew you had it,
It was never enough for you to stay
Always I believed it was worth it,
You never believed that at all.
I was never what you wanted,
This led to my heart's final fall.

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Her Love

She's not made of candy
But she's simple & sweet
Sometimes, hard and broken
Yet, she stands on her own 2 feet

He'd give her anything, she'd never ask
To not be a thorn in his side
She smiles when he looks her way
Her tears she tries to hide

The love she holds for him
Is more than he'll ever know
It's hard for her to just be his friend
But she knows he wants to go

Does he really love her,
Ans she simply cannot see
The friendship & love they share
was always meant to be

Could he be without her
Does he think about her in his day?
Maybe one day he'll realize
That he really wants to stay

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Her Way

Will you decide you want to keep her
Because you miss her when she's away?
Perhaps she makes you laugh,
At things ONLY she would say.
Maybe because he misses you
Wishes you never went away
Then maybe she hasn't been there lately
To tell you those things today.
So as you think of her, smile.
Believe she is finally okay.
The little things you take for granted,
take time to see today.
For a minute, look through her eyes,
You'd know she isn't okay.
A lonely world absorbs you,
It's nice to meet new friends along the way
Remember right now, she misses you.
Take time for her today
You know she'd give you the world...
As long as you let it turn HER WAY.

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I Am Me

How could I not see all along?
Why must my choices all be wrong?
Where is my faith, when I need to be strong?
Where will life take me?
Which way to go?
When do I leave? How will I know?
Who will be with me?
Will I be here to see my boys grow?
The heart that has truly loved, never forgets
The heart that never learns to love, lives with regrets
Afraid of change, where do I start?
Afraid if I love you, you'll then break my heart
I am who I am, I can only be me
Is it what I say or feel
or what my mind chooses to see?

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I Don't Really Know You At All

I don't know you at all
Maybe someday I will.
I'm not easy to understand
Too afraid to show how I feel
Afraid to let go and live
Scared my heart will break instead
How many times can a heart break.
Before it can no longer mend
I miss the sound of your voice
Counting the days til you're free.
I ask what makes you smile
And do you when you think of me?
You make me feel safe
As if all the world is right.
Talking to you for hours
Sometimes through the night.

My thoughts are constantly of you
Waiting for your touch
How is it that I don't even know you
But I miss you So very much?

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I Miss My Friend

Is fate what you make it, or
what is meant to be?
Your dreams, your future,
What exactly IS destiny?
If I only knew then
what I understand now
Would things be the same,
Or different somehow?
I miss the way things used to be
When I laughed & talked to my best friend
I'm better alone, as you slip away
So I can simply pretend
Wrong choices, or right?
How will I know?
If things could be different,
Would you ever tell me so?
No worries, no heartache,
Not a reason to cry
I keep you in my heart
It's too hard to say goodbye

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If

If I tell you I don't want you,
And go on my way,
Would you then, really love me,
and miss me in your day?
If you weren't in my thoughts,
what is it, I'd see?
Do you smile, or run away,
when you think about me?
Letting go is never easy
No matter how hard you try
Never given the chance to succeed, or fail
So I'm left with only, WHY?
The question remains unanswered,
If it could've been, we'll never know,
Without a second thought of tomorrow,
You let what I wanted so much, go.

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If Tomorrow I Could See

It's a brand new year
A fresh new start
Time heals the pain
of a broken heart
If I could see tomorrow
I'd know what I'd do today
I'd have all the answers
who to see & what to say
But I cannot see tomorrow
we make mistakes along the way
The path ahead so twisted
as we struggle through each day
Just when it seems that life
Is how you wish it could be
It never works out right;
If only tomorrow I could see
So if I could see tomorrow
I'd make the best of everyday
I'd never take for granted
People I meet along the way

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Imagine

In all the dreams you imagine
My mind is so distraught
Of all the things I see;
You never would've thought

Where does all the fear go?
Who makes it go away?
Will it ever end?
Or will it ever be okay?

Who tells you bedtime stories?
Who tucks you in at night?
Will it be you, I wonder?
Can you make things alright?

I can't help but wonder,
When you say you want to be with me
Is it really what you mean to say?
Or even where you want to be?

So many worries, I have
It's all left up to me
Searching for the answers
On the edge of insanity

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In My Heart

Looking for a friend
I listened to my heart
Insanity is a lonely place
that will tear you apart
I need a laugh
once in a while
I need a friend
who can make me smile
Will you be there to listen
when I fall behind?
Will you hold me together
Before I lose my mind?
When my worries weigh heavy
and my heart is bruised
When I feel so very lost
and am so very confused
You've brought me a smile
from the very start
First you were on my mind,
Now you are in my heart

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Invisible Friend

Have you ever taken just a moment
to notice her, there?
Without a single thought for her,
Constant worries, noone cares.
Quietly, she sits in the corner.
Will you miss her, or take time to mourn her?
She tries to make you smile,
When nothing seems to go your way.
She makes you feel important.
Yet, YOU are the highlight of her day
She helps whoever needs her,
A sad friend, or one in despair
But, do YOU ever hear her?
Can you see her? Is she there?
NOONE takes time to see her
She's been there, all the time
Have you heard the words SHE hears?
So very often unkind.
She locks them in her memory,
So noone can see
Hoping someday you'll notice her.
And find where you should always be

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Looking Forward

First I called him Daddy,
Then, I'll just call him Dad
As I get older, it will be other things
I have his temper when I am mad
He's taught me to walk,
I've shown him he can run
He tries to show me how to play ball,
together it's so much fun!
Not ready to be a Daddy,
Still learning to take care of my needs
Teaching me to ride a bike,
mow the lawn, and cut the weeds.
My Dad's advice, so wise
To help me save a dime
Often needed, seldom taken,
But always 'Right on time'
He'll teach me to fish & hunt
To play games & have fun
He'll take me riding & camping
Teaching me to safely use my gun
Mom prays I'm a better version of him
As he helps me grow each day
At times, he looks at me and calls Grandpa
To say 'I'm sorry for being that way'.

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Maybe

A silent thought not spoken
fear you'll send me on my way
A secret glance, I steal from you
Simply wishing you would stay
When you are alone,
Where is your thoughts go?
Do you think about us,
Would you ever tell me so?
You may not ever know,
Unless you are willing to try
What are you so afraid of?
Will you always wonder why?
I keep these thoughts to myself,
Your friend, Im glad to be
Searching for courage in a bottle
Will it make you look at me?
Maybe one day I'll know you
And you'll look at me THAT way
Meanwhile, I will smile and daydream
Maybe this will be my day :)

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Memories Fade Away

A small child's laughter,
Wildflowers in the spring.
These should be smiling memories;
Yet, to me, tears they bring.
She never met a stranger,
She'll never know pain
Is it merely selfish, to want her here
Or a reason to go insane?
Attracted to misery
A desire for pain and heartache
How many wrong choices?
What will it take?
So many happy memories,
Why must I be so sad?
Will I ever let go of the pain?
And cherish the laughter we had?
Time makes it easier
to make it through each day
Take time to remember
because memories fade away

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Missing Smiles

Where have they gone?
Did they fade away?
The smiles that say so much
more than words can ever say
Time has a way of changing things.
I often wonder why
A memory of your forgotten smile
brings a tear to my eye
I'd do anything for you
This is where I want to be
The safest place I know,
Your arms around me
Are the smiles gone forever
Or will you smile today?
A happy moment shared with you
Your smile says it's all okay
Memories lost or faded
A broken heart without you
A love to always believe in
Unconditional through and through

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Missing You

There was a time, not so long ago
That you loved to be with me
Future is one day at a time
In your heart is where I'll be

My love for you has no end
It grows deeper by the day
Letting go is never easy
What's meant to be finds a way

I miss you in my days,
I miss your tender touch
Most of all it's the laughter
I miss so very much

My feelings were never hidden
You knew just how I felt
When you looked at me & smiled
My heart began to melt

So many questions
with answers unknown
Wondering what might've been
Or if I'm meant to be alone?

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More Than Friends

A happy heart drowning,
Longing to be free
What is it you think about,
When you look at me?
So many times we've laughed, we've talked
You've held me when I've cried
What will tomorrow hold?
Will you be by my side?
I miss the way things used to be
I miss the way you used to look at me
Never more than friends
Just happened along the way
No words can explain my love for you
Always making it okay
Life happens. When you're not ready.
Lives change you realize
What you wanted, but never knew it;
Was here. Just before your eyes.

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My Eyes

A reason to smile,
A kind word, a simple touch
Is it wrong to believe in a dream
You want so very much?
Looking through my eyes
Unconditional love runs deep
The feelings, desire, passion,
If you only could know this love I keep
A friendship I'll always cherish
A love meant to forever last
You've helped to move me forward
From the pains inside my past
Destiny believes in dreams, for
friendship has led us to our fate
Each day I know you gives more reason
To believe you are so great-
How can I let this dream go
Always wishing it would be?
This love for you I can't detain.
If only through my eyes, you could see

RACHEL ZARANTONELLO

My Future

Finally one day, I caught up with me.
I'd misplaced my future, and where I should be
So many things to do, so much left to see
I realized one day, I'd forgotten about me
Life isn't the way it's supposed to be
The way it is sometimes makes you set your love free
When all the time in your heart, you wish it were you
So many years together we've seen through
For every harsh word, there were kind ones, too
Faithfully watching my love change as time passed, it grew
So my heart continues to love you, this I know is true
When I finally found my future, I looked up & saw
It was YOU.

RACHEL ZARANTONELLO

My Treasure

A treasure. A keepsake. A memory in your heart.
A friend to hold you together
when you fall apart.
Never take for granted
What means so much to you
Be strong enough to make it
Her strength will pull you through
Treasures your heart does cherish
Sometimes are taken away
Reasons never understood
and No right words to say
One day it happened
It's so hard to really know
Why the treasure you held so dear
You are now forced to let go
My Bestie. My treasure.
Definitely one of a kind
Treasures are worth far more than gold.
I wish time I could just rewind.

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Never Given The Chance

So often people say they found true love in their friend
I just have to wonder if it's just a means to fit the end
I thought I knew you for so long, but now I've come to see
That you are a stranger, and you never really loved me
Always I adored you, we had something special to always keep
You'd treasure me both heart & soul, and hold me in my sleep
When I had you, I felt, at last, my search was finally concluded
How was I to know, that I would be so deluded?
As we grew together, something still kept us apart
I have your body and your mind, but I'll never have your heart
I still wish that we could've shared that lifetime forever
But reality stole my Happy Ending, leaving me with NEVER
If you asked, what would I say?
Would I dare to throw it all away?
Would yes even be right? Or is it NO?
But we never ask, so, on we go
Still I know that in the end
You never loved me, my friend
This is the truth that kills me inside
I'd give you the world, all the tears I cried
I never had a chance.

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Never Knew

Love leaves a scar. A broken heart
It washes your dreams away
A life to rebuild again 7 again
When will it be okay
You seem so lost and confused
You say you're unsure. But of what
Being unsure of what you want
Means you don't want what you've got
Now my heart is cold
Simply turned to stone
Is it the way you pretend
Or the rejection to my love you've shown
Hold onto the one you love
Let them know how much they mean
Someday they'll be gone and you'll. Be alone
With no shoulder to cry on
Always be there to support. You, held you up
And believe in you
If you ever really loved her
She never even new

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No Limits

In my heart
I live with pain
Yet, my love for you
I cannot explain
So many memories
full of heartache
My love still grows
My heart, you will break
I keep holding on
To a love that USED TO BE
A struggle to hold on
No will to break free
Only time will tell
If love is true
Is it meant to last forever?
Strong enough to see through?
My love has no limits
No end to see
My heart will stay forever yours
Will you often think of me?

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No Regrets

Happiness is a choice
That we struggle hard to find
A feeling I can't explain,
It controls your heart and mind
Inside your thoughts you wonder,
Will I ever see?
Is it really worth the pain
Who believes in destiny?
No regrets as we make it through
another day
Put the past behind, and go on
The pain slowly fades away

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Nothing Left To Give

It's amazing how you cannot see
The games you play, painful reality.
A constant torment, this emotional war
still you will defeat me
Your constant drama,
The need for attention, too
You're so convincing, these lies of your love
To make me believe in you
You kept me close like a blanket
Simply for security
I feel so drained inside
Do you see what you've done to me?
Why must you lie?
Look at the lives you tear apart
The choice is yours, you must face it.
It was yours to make from the start
When you are alone, do you regret?
With choices you make, you must live
Torn & broken, the lives you leave behind
When I'd given all that I had to give.

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On My Mind

When life becomes constant worries,
So much on my mind,
Always on the go-
No time to unwind...
You've been there to comfort,
When I'd cried so many tears,
You made me face myself,
Through so many years
You always knew just what to say
When I had taken it too rough
And made that last necessary comment
When surely I'd heard enough
Before I ask the question
Your advice is what I hear,
More than I expect, at times,
The answers are very clear
Is it what I always wanted?
Unconditional love, and family?
After all the heartache,
Do you still believe in destiny?

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Only On Tuesday

I never thought I'd face life without you
I'm Broken. Nothing more to say
My love for you= never ending
Not just on Tuesday
I tell you how great you are
to see you smile & look my way
I know someday you'll think of me
maybe only on Tuesday
so many things left unsaid
searching for the right words to say
I simply wanted to make you smile &
bring a little happy to your day
Broken spirit. Love of sorrow.
Stolen now is my tomorrow.
Think of me ALWAYS in your day.
Remember I DO LOVE YOU. Only on Tuesdays.
When I am unable to make you feel
special in every way
Always know that someone thinks you're great.
But I only think it on Tuesday.

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Pages

A new beginning
A painful end
Letting go of a dream,
A lifetime & best friend
How do you know when it's over?
After so many times, you let go.
Did I ever really matter?
Does HE even know?
Will he ever know happiness?
I pray someday he'll see
I loved him with all I am.
Enough to let him be
I loved him for who he is
I simply wanted his love for me
It was never the life you imagined
But it was a perfect memory
Home is where your story will start
What fills your pages, may not fill your heart.

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Please Just Give Me This Last Year

It's been one year, today.
A year I just want to erase.
Pretend like it never happened.
That day death showed its dark face
If I could just rewind my life
Live this past year once more
I'd do everything different
I'd do everything better than before
I'd tell you that I love you, I'd never leave your side
I promise I'll be a better sister, at least you'd know that I tried
This year I lost my only brother,
My best friend/love crushed my heart
Lost Hubert & My Dad both to cancer
Watching my world as it rips apart
I miss you so much I can't breathe, or think
so much pain & heartache inside
Just wishing that I could just have last year again
Before falling into this river of tears I cried.

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Right Now

Smile!

Someone is thinking about you

And because of you-

they are smiling too

Have you ever had a day

that you just wished would end?

Or one that seemed a little better

because of a true friend?

A friend who made it a point

to try & brighten your day

One who cares enough to know you

and refuses to go away?

What can you do with this friend

who wants to see you smile?

Will they leave you alone to retire

or will you keep them awhile?

Future is so uncertain

we cannot see what will be-

So you can't let your friend grow old alone...

There are so many days for us left to see

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Risks

Why must I go the same way?
Still wrong, as always, it remains.
Just when I think I've found it,
The only permanent thing is CHANGE.
Cleverly hidden as WHAT?
I sometimes need to ask
Where will I find my future?
Will it lead me to the past?
If I went a different path,
What would I leave behind?
What would I do, If I didn't
have you on my mind?
When you risk everything
God only knows what lies in store.
If you never risk anything,
Really, you risk even more.

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She Never Gave Up

Someday when you look back
Try to remember what was REAL
The best times were spent with her
Tell me, how did you feel?
She misses you so much
Yet she can not let you stay
Praying you won't break her heart
And Happiness you'd find someday
No reason to deny it.
It was plain to the eye
You never loved her enough
Slowly she realized
Yet she never gave up on you
Loving you even still
You continue to break her heart
So it will never truly heal
If you ever took a moment to notice
Or cared enough to look
She never had to say it
All her love you simply took.

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Silence Within

Once upon a time,
A distant memory in my head
I knew just where I was headed,
I made a wrong turn instead
Desire is what I searched for
With seduction on my mind
A touch I can't forget about
Will it be pleasure that I find?
Deep thoughts, strange emotions
Crazy thoughts creeping in
So many tears, a river of pain
and the soft touch of your skin
What would I do, and where would I be?
What will it take, or will you ever see?
So many thoughts unspoken
A silence held deep within
So many dreams forgotten
Not knowing where to begin

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Simple Things

I've so many reasons to smile
with every thought of you
Thank you for giving me laughter
with the simple things you do

Don't ever let me push you
by wishing you would stay
I just keep you in my dreams
As I make it through another day

You've listened to my drama
A craze even I don't understand
So, when you need a friend,
I'll be there to take your hand

Every thought of you
Always brings me a smile
The simple things in life
Make it all the more worthwhile

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Simply Because

When I wake with thoughts of you
It brings a smile into my day
For You, I thank God,
Each night as I pray
You make me laugh
with simple things you say
Your gentle way & tender touch
Make me love you more each day
Emotionally broken,
I worry so much
Afraid of rejection,
Longing for your touch
I feel, as always,
I'll never be understood
No matter what I try
It never does any good
You can't see why I feel this way,
It's not just the things you do,
Or what you say, or how you hold me close,
But Simply Because You are YOU

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Smiling Thoughts

Thank you for your presence
And All that you do
I've so many reasons
to smile because of you
I want you more
each passing day
So happy you are here
wishing you would stay
Your happiness, I pray for
as each morning I greet
You are all I've ever wanted
You make my life complete
Your smile so simple
Always does excite
My days without you
were never so bright
I will love you forever
Wherever you may be
You'll smile when you wake,
As you hear him say 'My Dahdeeee'

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So Many Questions

As I sit and wonder
While time slowly passes by
The only answer I have found is:
You never know if you nevr try
Do you ever wonder
If anyone really does know?
Where do I search for answers?
How far am I to go?
Answers unknown-words unsaid-
the future yet to be seen
So many things taken for granted
so little in between
Who decides what is Destiny?
Or if it's meant to be?
Your heart holds the answers
that your eyes may not see

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Someone

Do you ever wonder,
What else can you do?
All the while, not realizing,
Someone is missing you
Someone in the background
that brings a smile to your face
The emptiness and misery
in your life they replace
Someone thats glad to see you
And asks about your day
When it was a bad one,
they know just what to say.
When you need someone to listen
So you will not lose your mind,
that special someone helps you
to leave the past behind
Someone to finally appreciate you
And all the things you do
Once you have that special someone
You'll easily make it through

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Something More

Why should I worry?
Why must I care?
My heart will never be broken
If I never let you be there
Does it really save me,
Or only hurt me more?
Noone really knows
what lies in store
When you reach the fork in life,
which way will you choose?
Who is that determines
If we win or lose?
Always something more
sometimes we find
It requires something more
to join your heart & mind
So take just a moment
and let your heart see
Without a second glance,
I thought of you and me....

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Special Place In My Heart

Time is precious
and we often find
Memories fade quietly
As they slip from your mind
When a memory comes to me,
A smile I always find
I miss you so much.
Why can't time rewind?
So lost without you,
An empty space
Silent tears
fall from my face
Why is it the good die young?
Will it always be this way?
It makes me wonder, who'll be next
And will they go today?
So I keep you in my thoughts
We'll never be apart
Because you'll always have
A special place in my heart

Aunt Rachel

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Stand Strong

Perceptions changing everyday
I see you smile & I look away
I want to show you what is real
For you to see how lost I feel
In my life, the pain is always here
So I hide away, inside my fear
Of loving you & letting you inside
But I can't give into the love this time
Please forgive me, if I am wrong
You'll be safe, If I'm alone
Can't find a way you can love true
My sadness only makes you blue
You can't love me the way you should.
I push you away for your own good
It will not change, how am I wrong?
Alone I can't hurt if I stand strong
Now I'm free to lock me inside my hate
I'll fade away, I must accept my chosen fate
Noone hears this tragic song I weep
I must stand strong, never let myself be weak

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Stone Heart

Love leaves a scar. A broken heart
It washes your dreams away
A life to rebuild again & again
When will it be okay
You seem so lost and confused
You say you're unsure. But of what
Being unsure of what you want
Means you don't want what you've got
Now my heart is cold
Simply turned to stone
Is it the way you pretend
Or the rejection to my love you've shown
Hold onto the one you love
Let them know how much they mean
Someday they'll be gone and you'll be alone
With no place to lean
Always be there to support You, held you up
And believe in you
If you ever truly loved her
She never even knew

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Stone Pebbles

Afraid to go on,
Letting go, starting again
Am I only missing more,
I've lost my lover, my best friend
Weakness, or confusion
Twisted thoughts full of fear
Lost time, missing moments,
The future is so unclear.
Each day, I forget me,
I'm so busy, all by myself
What's best for you, how you feel,
I put my heart upon the shelf
Why do I bother, When I know
I should go?
A heart of stone crumbles in time,
And sometimes the pebbles show

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Sure To Find

Each day passes, a new one on its way
Still no answers, alone I stay
What now? What next? What will I do?
Shall I keep it to myself? Would you want me to?
A worry I keep that weighs on my heart
A secret not spoken, could tear us apart
Will you judge my decision, or stand by my side?
Will you turn & walk away
Leaving me & your baby behind?
Will you listen to your heart
Understand my mind?
When you're not looking,
Happiness is sometimes what you find
My heart is yours
Love is sometimes blind
Keep me in your thoughts,
A smile you are sure to find

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Taken For Granted

So many words I needed
to say to you
You are constantly on my mind
So many things taken for granted,
yet time cannot rewind
If I only look forward,
Will I forget about the past?
Can I leave it behind?
The pain gone, at last.
A silent teardrop
rolls down my face
Will I ever find the answers,
Or is it the chase?
Always something more...
Will I ever realize?
It was there all along, just before my eyes
You can never take for granted
What can never belong to you
Hold the moments close
Remember when my thoughts
were all of you.

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Taylor

I'll never understand why
He took her to His place
So young and innocent
As death showed its dark face
Why is it that the good die young?
I'll never understand
She'll never put on make-up
Or ever hold a little boys hand
Graduation and prom,
Things she'll never see
Why did He take her?
And God, WHY NOT ME?
No words of comfort, now
At the park, she'll never play
I start thinking- Who will be next?
And will they go today?
How do I let her go?
Someone please explain.
Time hasn't made it easier,
Nor taken away my pain

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Thank You

Have you ever had a friend,
That constantly crossed your mind?
One you could share everything
that you could never leave behind?
One who makes you laugh
Who always makes your day
While I wish you'd never go-
You still have time to play
A friend who knows what to say
And just what you need to hear.
Certainly when life is at its hardest,
will be there to wipe away your tears
SO, as I thank God, for all I have;
I take time to thank him for you.
Without your support, friendship & advice
I'd still be wondering what to do

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That Love

To have loved & lost, only brings pain & sorrow
Leaving you broken with no hope for tomorrow.
Will tomorrow be easier?
Or simply just 'Another Day'?
No one to rescue me from my life,
It's become meaningless to stay
How long will it take?
Will it ever be alright?
Losing so much I've loved,
Ready to give up the fight.
Fighting to make it through each day
So empty & alone, I feel
Struggling to be free of this pain,
Trying to understand what is real.
Is it really better to ever know love at all?
Or to not know what you've missed?
The love of 3 boys keeps me here.
It's THAT LOVE, I can't resist.

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That One Friend

Have you ever had that one friend
That you never had to doubt?
One you never imagined
That your life Would be without?
When your day was bad
And you've taken it too rough,
They had that last comment
When surely you'd heard enough.
No matter how much time passed
A friendship was one to always last
Sometimes tough ?? simply
Because they care
Nowhere is it written
That life will be fair.
Always make time to listen
When they need you
They always have the answers
They know Just what to do
So when you find that 1 friend
Let them know how much they mean
You may wake up tomorrow
Without them. Tomorrow is
Yet unseen.

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The Answers

Have you ever needed something,
But didn't have a clue?
Or wanted to hide,
Yet, they follow you?
Do you peek out the windows,
Or never leave your room?
Are you going insane?
Do you feel your entombed?
I'm suffocating. I can't breath.
I can feel your eyes on me.
What is it that you want?
Do you look at what you see?
It's such a tragedy,
That we've all been consumed
Forgotten the sunshine,
Absorbed in the gloom
When you understand YOU
Only then you'll realize
It was there all along.
JUST BEFORE YOUR EYES

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Thoughts Of You

Looking for a friend
I listened to my heart
Insanity is a lonely place
that will rip you apart
I need a laugh
Once in a while,
I need a friend
who can make me smile
Will you be there to listen
when I fall behind?
Will you hold me together
before I lose my mind?
When my worries weigh heavy
and my heart is bruised
When I feel so lost
And am so very confused
You've brought me a smile
from the very start
First you were on my mind
Now you are in my heart

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Time

Time leaves us moments
that no one can explain.
Time heals the hurt
and eases the pain.
Time passes by us
slowly, day by day.
As it passes by,
our memories fade away.
When will I know?
How long will it take?
Time makes us stronger
as we learn from each mistake.
Time can be precious,
special moments we find.
Time only moves forward,
Don't get left behind.

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Today & Tomorrow

Help him learn, as time goes by
2 yr old art, shaving as a teen
motorcycles, hot chicks,
and a few things in between
Daddy has the bandaids
to cover your scraped up knee
He lets you eat popcorn
stay up late watching tv
He always has the answers
when you need to know why
He tells you to be tough
and to never tell a lie
From those soft baby curls
to being mean to little girls
Training wheels, no baby trike
Another year, a bigger bike
Today you see the sandbox
at the park he plays in...
Tomorrow when he's in preschool
He'll have a new best friend.

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Today I Stopped

Today I stopped caring
I can no longer love you so much
I'll never cry another tear
Or wait for your tender touch
I'll never let you break me
You can't hurt me this time
my heart is already broken
Scattered pieces are hard to find
Was it worth the pain u caused?
The river of tears I cried?
The love that lasts the longest
Is the love that is denied
The pain I felt so long
I will no longer feel
A broken heart leaves scars
But in time they will heal
Today I will be happy
My love never again denied
I loved you with every beat of my heart
Until it stopped beating today & I died.

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Tomorrow

One day at a time
A struggle to see through
My thoughts of tomorrow
always return to you
You bring me hope
You help me believe in me
To have faith is to
believe in what you can't see
Past is where we leave mistakes
time now to move ahead
A future without worries
on my mind instead
Can you see tomorrow?
As you think about today?
Will you always be there
to make everything okay?
When you decide where you want to be
I'll be on your mind
Unconditional love for you
My heart was left behind

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Wasted

Whatever it takes to be happy
Endless smiles to see
The pain as I lose my heart
Knowing what you do to me
The memories of the past, & of now,
The ones that never will be-
Are ENOUGH, to hold onto
Because you simply cannot see
Slowly my heart is fading
Each time you choose to go
Sometimes love just isn't enough
How was I to know?
Wasted tears, in pain, my loss
Always thinking of what could be
Wasted my thoughts, happiness the cost,
Your heart still longs to be with me
What will it take for you to let go, and let me go on?
To finally understand why?
Are you really happy?
Or are these wasted tears I cry?

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What Will It Be?

How much more
Can I possibly take?
Will I lose this constant battle?
No matter the choices I make?
Will I find the answers
That I've always searched for?
Or simply more questions,
What lies in store?
When I find who holds the key,
How will I know?
So many unanswered questions,
How far must I go?
How will I know
When I've made a mistake?
Will it always be painful?
How many wrong choices will it take?
When it's all over
What will the answer be?
Is it a smile? Or No worries?
Or will it be INSANITY?

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What's Left Behind

What is a dream? And
when shall I wake?
Will I always be unsure,
Waiting for my heart to break?
Can you live inside a dream
Without a worry or a cre?
Have you ever had a dream, and
woke up and you were there?
When will I know?
How long does it take?
Is it really true,
we learn from each mistake?
To be certain: My worries
would all fade away
To believe in something:
To know it will turn out okay
Where is the edge?
When I reach it, will I lose my mind?
Does it hurt deep inside when I
realize what I left behind?

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When Love Is Lost

Inside the mind of a madman
Thoughts I dare not try to explain
Reality grabs you unaware
Enough to drive a mind insane
I pretend that you don't bother me
I say I'll never again care
How long will I be missing you?
My heart is broken & needs repair
Everyday thoughts & dreams
A desire for something more
Constant reminders cross me
How our lives were... before
Do you think about where you're headed?
Or the places that you've been?
Is it the comfortable place you miss,
In the company of a VERY good friend?
Time sometimes changes hearts
and minds, we often find
Is the love always lost,
When you leave the past behind?

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When We Meet By Chance

What is it about you
that interests me so much?
Is it the game, or my desire
for your touch?
Simple pleasures I desire,
As I steal a secret glance
Each day I chase you,
Until we meet by chance
What do I find
when I am alone with you?
I can forget all my worries,
Make my dreams come true
If only for an instant
You bring me a smile
So I can wish you'd stay
if only for a while
I keep fond memories
so when we meet by chance
I can enjoy every moment
Not looking for romance

RACHEL ZARANTONELLO

Where I Want To Be

Do you ever question?
Do you ever wonder why?
Are they really worth the tears?
If they always make you cry?

A single moment to be happy
Better than a lifetime of nothing good
As you bring a smile to me
I'd give you the world, if I could

Someone really worth your tears
would never make you cry
Am I so afraid of heartache
that I'm not even willing to try?

Why do I feel so alone?
Will I ever understand ME?
When I think of you-
I know just where I want to be

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Where You Are From

As time passes by us,
Rocks, are sometimes thrown
Would you rather be smiling & comfortable,
Or face the world alone?
Deep inside, alone you feel
Without a place to be
Always moving; afraid to stay
What about FAMILY?
Can I help you make it?
A comfortable place you call home?
A tender touch, a laughing child,
The love I've always shown?
Still so many memories
The countless smiles to come
Happiness is where you make it-
Not always where you're from

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Who Will Be There?

Sometimes, I wonder
Where would I be?
If I didn't have you,
Who would love me?
How close we are together
Yet, how far apart we seem to be
My thoughts are of you,
and yours are of me
Is anyone really happy?
Why always so sad?
My love for you, unconditional,
Throughout the good and bad.
I'll be there for the laughter
There when you cry
I know I will always love you
It's so hard to say goodbye

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Wishing

What is it that keeps me?
Why do I hold on?
I've given you all my love
It was wasted, now it's gone.
We can't always have
The wishes that we keep
Not always true-when you fall
you land on your feet
Sometimes it all crashes
Losing everything you had
Gone without another chance
Leaving you lonely & sad
No tears left to cry now
All the smiles have faded too
Wasted so many years
Wishing you could be true
A memory I'll hold onto
My love you threw away
It could've been forever,
Had you simply chosen to stay

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Wondering

Like you, my heart
is scarred with pain
I silently weep wondering
when things will change

Wondering how it feels
to love & be loved
To have that feeling
The only one I wish of

Wondering if tht feeling
can be given by you
And if such a love
could possible be true

My soul is full of love to give
But fear of heartache won't let it live
Dying inside, yet keeping it hidden
Love & Happiness, to me, are forbidden

I'll be strong for you,
You'll not see me cry
It's fears like these,
that make me afraid to try

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You Complete Me

Never too busy or forgetful
When the words I don't say
I'd never take you for granted
you life complete each day
Even though it goes unspoken
In your heart please know
You're my first & last thought each day
and how I love you so
It's a new life for us
each day a brand new start
Always know I love you
with every piece of my heart
A hug, or a smile
are big rewards for me
So if I'm busy or forgetful,
I didn't mean to be
When you look at me & smile
with your eyes so bright & blue
All my worries disappear, when you say
'Mommy, I love you too.'

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Your Heart Screams

A place you feel so comfortable
You never want to go
Afraid to be there, always
Not just to watch him grow

Will things ever change
the way you feel right now?
Were things meant to be
different somehow?

A weak moment, a secret wish
A step from reality-
Always my heart prays
That you could just give your heart to me

Time questions hearts
And brings thoughts of you to mind
When you look into tomorrow,
Who is that you find?

Something worth forever?
A feeling beyond words
Someone who means everything.
Your heart screams to be heard

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Your World

What's it like inside the world
you live in? Will you ever let me see?
Is it dark & lonely? Do you ever
think about me?
You've always brightened my world,
Will you leave me with a smile?
Although sometimes you need
to be alone for awhile
Throughout the aging
throughout the years
So many smiles, and
sometimes a few tears
Do you ever think of me,
No knowing what to say?
We'll always meet, given time
Somewhere along the way

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