

Poetry Series

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I started writing around my freshman year in high school. Poetry was not my area of focus until late in my sophomore year. Now, at almost twenty years old, I have made poetry a semi-serious hobby. The only reason I haven't taken it beyond semi-serious, is due to the fact that I write best when my emotions are at their worst. I try not to let that happen very often for obvious reasons. If I start a poem and find that I am not satisfied with it, it gets trashed before completion. Because I am so critical of myself, there are quite a few poems that have never made it anywhere but the trash can. the poems you see here, are what I consider my best, my favorites, and my most imaginative. I truly hope any readers would agree.

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Not yet a man,
But a child trembling within.
A pitiful soul,
Scarred by sin.
Hollowed in one day,
I will never win.

Crying in a corner,
Seems like I've lost it all.
Faced with my own mortality,
I can no longer stand tall.
Stretched beyond my limits,
I'm terrified of these four walls.

I try not to remember,
But I don't want to forget.
I'm not ready to live,
And I'm not dead yet.
I've seen a lot of hard times,
A lot of things I regret.

One day broke me down,
Nothing will ever be the same.
One moment changed me forever,
I will never outlive the pain.
One unpunished crime,
Left me forever in the rain.

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A Note Of Sorrow

I give up,
I'm sick of this shit.
Wandering lost,
Spending life in the pits.

Consider this a premonition,
A forewarning of sorts.
This is my resignation,
I'm sick of the hurt.

Sick of running,
Sick of trying to hide.
Sick of the assholes,
And the demons inside.
Sick of the fights,
Why do I try?
Sick of the sorrow,
I wish I could fly.

I'm so sick of love,
Hell it never lasts.
So sick of crying,
Wish i could forget my past.
Sick of the future,
It always goes wrong.
Sick of the anger,
I sing a sad song.

Why do I try?
When I always lose.
Why do I bother?
I don't want to choose.
Why do I fight?
I can hardly stand.
Why do I show?
I've got no fans.

Every time I love,
I seem to lose.

Every time I hate,
I receive a new bruise.
Every time I try to walk,
I'm forced to crawl.
Every time I smile,
I tend to fall.

I'm dead inside,
Just an empty shell.
Burn me alive,
I'm already in hell.
Don't cry for me,
There isn't a reason.
You'll forget about me,
At the turn of the season.

I watch this blade,
Slice across my skin.
I feel no pain,
Though I'm bleeding within.
The end is near,
I feel it coming,
I'm on the path,
And I'm running.

I watch my life,
Pass before my eyes,
I'll be gone,
By sunrise.
I've waited so long,
For this day to come.
I've fought it so long,
I can no longer run.

I've lost my mind,
Hell I've lost it all.
I'm done shedding tears,
You can watch me fall.
Now I'm bleeding,
My wounds are deep.
Soon I'll be sleeping,
Sleeping so deep.

I recall my scars,
Some shallow some steep.
Each with a memory,
Too many to keep.
I cover my heart,
Too broken to heal.
So much for love,
Too much to deal.

The light is fading,
Down into black.
Cut to the bone,
Its like theres a blade in my back.

So here it is,
This is my last breathe.
Looks like once again,
I've failed the test.
I'm passing away,
To where I don't know.
I'm passing away,
I'm so ready to go.

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A Sinner's Prayer

Here I stand,
A broken man.
I've traveled far,
Across the land.
I'm up Shits Creek,
Lifes so bleak.
Now I see,
In front of me.
Fall to my knees,
Beg to be free.
Its like a dream,
Its gotta be.
I cry aloud,
I hear the sound.
I feel the pain,
Its in my veins.
It burns inside,
Am I still alive?
A sinner's prayer,
Breaks the silence.
A cry for help,
Please stop the violence.
No way out,
No air to shout.
No light to see,
Too many wounds to bleed.
Years of tears,
Welled up inside.
Bursts free,
No longer frozen in time.
Pour like rain,
Release the pain.
Soon I'm swimming,
In a monstrous river.
I gasp for air,
I feel a shiver.
From the clouds,
An explosion of light.
I freeze and start to sink,

As I stare in wonder at this sight.
An angel appears,
A ravishing delight.
She swoops down upon me,
To save my life.
Who is this beauty?
My future wife?
My guardian angel,
Love unaltered.
Its a miracle,
A sinner's prayer has been answered.

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Addicted

I'm not insane,
I just enjoy a little pain.
I love to watch the rain,
Look through the window pane.
I'm addicted.

Feel the needle pierce my skin,
Etch a mark to make me spin.
Scarred both out and in,
Tattooed to show my sin.
I'm addicted.

A life scarred with hate,
A new day I wipe the slate.
No matter I can't hide from fate,
Sometimes you seem so fake.
I'm addicted.

Feel that deadly stroke,
Leave me left for broke.
Breathing in the smoke,
Until I start to croak.
I'm addicted.

Until the well runs dry,
Until I learn to fly,
Until I touch the sky,
Until the Earth begins to fry,
I'm addicted.

I'm addicted.

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Bipolar

I'm not insane,
Just a little left of center.
I've had my days,
I was just too strong to hinder.
Now I seem crazed,
I promise it gets better.
I've walked through the fires of Hell,
And graced the roads of Heaven.
Each day is a new page,
My story is never ending.
Today I seethe with rage,
Tomorrow I'm back in my cage.
In a way I never change,
Because my story is never the same.
It's one big guessing game,
Who I'll be today.

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Don'T Ask Why

Don't ask why.
Why do I try?
Why do I cry?
Why do I lie?
I do it so I can feel alive.

Don't ask why.
Why do I fight?
Why do I gripe?
Why do I spite?
I do it so I can feel alive.

Don't ask why.
Why do I drink?
Why do I think?
Why do I sink?
I do it so I can feel alive.

Don't ask why.
Why do I spy?
Why do I fly?
Why do I die?
I do it so I can feel alive.

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Fighting Words

Bite the bullet,
Or kiss the gun.
Let's get it done,
While we're young.
You wanna go?
I'll take you son!
Don't wanna fight me!
You better run...

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Forgive

Forgive me father,
For I have sinned.
Shamed by my actions,
How can I ever hope to be redeemed?

Forgive me mother,
I have strayed from the path.
I know this isnt what you wanted,
I'm far from your hopes and dreams.

Forgive me Brother,
I couldn't keep you safe.
I tried as best I could,
Yet still I failed,
And now your gone.

Forgive me sister,
I ask for that which I will not recieve.
Forgiveness requires love,
Far more than apathy.

Here I stand,
A broken man,
Or rather a boy,
Asking for forgiveness.

And it is here I stand,
With the realization,
How can I ask to be forgiven,
By those around me,
When I have yet to forgive myself?

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Going In Blind

Every other time,
I let lose my mind.
I'm in my prime,
But soon I will find,
That I'm out of time.
I'm going in blind.

I watch my life slide,
I can't change the tide.
Down to the grind,
I'll take this ride,
To the other side.
I'm going in blind.

Here I reside,
I worked hard for this life.
I'm glad I just tried.
Thank god I realized,
I'm better off,
Going in blind.

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I Am

I am,
What I wanna be.
You ain't got a say,
Only me.
I see,
What you don't wanna see.
But still,
I see it clearly.
I do,
What works for me.
Care about you?
Not likely.
I feel,
Everything.
I don't hide it,
That ain't like me.
I strive,
To survive.
You try to bring me down,
Not without a fight.
I hope,
That I'll be,
Everything I dream to be.
I live,
For the pain.
Can't stop me,
Let it rain.

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Intent

So I told you,
The way it will be.
So I told you,
What could happen to me.

So I told you,
I'm running away,
To a new land,
Where I could be lead astray.

So I told you,
That I can't stay.
So I to told you,
That I'm leaving today.

So I told you,
What I'm going to do.
So I told you,
That I'll be missing you.

So I told you,
I'll think of you all the time.
So I told you,
I'm so happy to call you mine.

So I told you,
Don't you ever forget.
So I told you,
I'll be home when my goals have been met.

Now I'll ask you,
Will you wait here for me?
Now I'll ask you,
Will you pray here for me?

Now I'll ask you,
Am I doing the right thing?
Now I'll ask you,
Will you tell me what you think?

Now I'll ask you,
Do you understand?
Now I'll ask you,
Are my intentions far too grand?

Now I'll ask you,
Do you still love me?
Because I can't deny,
I will always love thee.

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Life

I gotta do,
What I gotta do.
I'll stay true,
Won't be blue
I'll make it through,
I always do.
Nothing left to spew,
Life renewed.
Make a move,
I'll make two.
I gotta do,
What I gotta do.

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My Wish

Life,
Without hurt.
Love,
Without loss.
Stability,
Without question.
This,
Is my wish.

Heart,
Without holes.
Soul,
Without scars.
Faith,
Without disappointment.
This,
Is my wish.

Friends,
Without enemies.
Adventure,
Without fear.
Eternity,
Without pain.
This,
Is my wish.

This is my wish.

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No Shame In Losing You

Done with you,
I ain't playing your game.
I've had enough,
Tired of taking the blame.
Told you before,
I ain't messing around.
Showed you after,
How it all goes down.
Life is good,
I don't need you.
Think what you want.
Bitch get a clue!

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One Day

One day,
I'll make it through.
Can't be stopped,
Ain't like you.
One Day,
I'll make 'em see.
Tears and blood,
Fear and mud.
Do what I have to,
They'll see it clearly.
One day,
All this will end.
Fade away,
Just another memory.
One day,
You'll understand.
I fight for me,
Because I'm a man.
One day,
I'll prove myself.
Not to you,
But rather me.
One day,
I'll go to hell.
But I swear,
You're coming with me.

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Pain: Beginning And End

Pain

Ever present yet unexpected
Hand in hand
With loss
With fear
And with realization
The realization
That every beginning has an end
That love is uncertain
That life is too short.

Sadness

The maker and the product
Of pain
Like a foreign army
Or a plague
It invades our hearts
It hollows us
It leaves us lesser.

Anger

The unproductive counter
To pain
Mans way of release
Retribution
Vengeance.

Hate

The ultimate
It destroys the being
The heart
The soul.

All of these

Start with pain
As they end with pain
The incurable
The unavoidable
Pain.

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Primal Instinct

It's the way of the world,
Its in our blood.
We live for a reason,
We live just to die.

No matter the season,
No matter how hard we try.
We lie to the world,
Can't hide whats inside.

We live for one person,
It's how we are designed.
We fight for strength,
We kill for power.

We stand alone,
Ready to devour.
The instinct inside,
Tells us to survive.

Truly,
There is no 'We'.
You fight for you,
And I fight for me.

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Promise

Bite the bullet,
Or kiss the gun.
I made a promise,
I just can't run.
Blinded by pain,
Can't see the sun.
Slice the skin,
Just for fun.
I bleed for you,
You're the one.
My obligation,
Until my time is done.

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Recollection

These ideas to which I am unsold,
About as real as fools gold,
I'm not so easy to cajole.

I'm alive or so I'm told,
I used to be so bold,
but now I've lost my hold.

In my youth I feel so old,
My heart has grown so cold,
And I am ready to fold.

Oh how could I have foretold,
The way my life would unfold,
That I would lose all control.

And now as I behold,
This mess I call my soul,
It seems impossible to remold.

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Sadist

Call me insane,
But I cherish the pain.
No matter what I feel,
Pains the only feeling thats real.
When I hurt is when I strive,
The pain tells me I'm still alive.
Consistency is the key,
My pain never leaves me.
Truth be told,
I love the pain.
Forget the rest,
Let it rain.

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Sinner

I'm a sinner.
Blood sweat and tears,
I play on your fears.
I'm the one to knock you down,
I'll put you in the ground.

I'm a sinner.
You know its true,
I won't lie.
Don't care,
Won't look to the sky.

I'm a sinner.
Years of fear,
Sickness and strife.
They've brought me to this,
Forget about life.

I'm a sinner.
Silent heart,
Burning brain.
Aching back,
Searing pain.

I'm a sinner.
Yeah you know,
I'm ready to blow.
With bloody knuckles,
My knees have buckled.

I'm a sinner.
I've burned the book,
I could no longer look.
Fell under the strain,
Crying here in the rain.

I'm a sinner.
I show no remorse,
As i carry the torch.

I'll set fire to this town,
Stand back and watch it burn down.

I'm a sinner.
Branded for life,
Cut by a knife.
Can't read my mind,
The stars are blind.

I'm a sinner.
Ain't no godsend,
I'll fight till the end.
Don't be shy,
When i die.
Tell the world,
Of my suicide.

I'm a sinner.
You'll never forget,
I'll never regret.

I'm a sinner.

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So It Would Seem

So it would seem,
That this whole world is against me.

I am lost in the night,
Just trying to find the light.
Forever I will fight,
Always with all my might.

So it would seem,
That this whole world is against me.

I wander the globe,
Quiet and alone.
I've been looking for a home,
A place to call my own.

So it would seem,
That this whole world is against me.

Determined to leave those of spite,
Happiness is my god given right.
And thus is my plight,
I fear I will never shine bright.

So it would seem,
That this whole world is against me.

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Sometimes Love Just Isn'T Enough

Love,
As wonderful as it may be,
Sometimes just isn't enough.
For what is love,
Without respect,
Without trust,
And without cooperation?
Can you love a liar?
Can you love a thief?
Can you love a dictator?
Do you sometimes ask,
Ask yourself these very questions?
Love,
Sometimes just isn't enough.
It just isn't enough,
It just isn't worth it,
To put forth all the effort,
With no acknowledgment,
No praise,
No nothing.
Love,
Sometimes just isn't enough.
Whats meant to be,
A gratifying relationship,
Sometimes seems,
More like a thankless job.
Love,
Sometimes just isn't enough.

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Tattoos And Cigarettes

Tattoos and cigarettes.
Covered scars and quiet regrets,
Shattered resolve and I start to fret.
I analyze the threat,
And try to forget,
With tattoos and cigarettes.
Its no surprise that I'm upset,
I watched you burn my safety net.
I took the bet,
Ran away and no where yet.
Because of tattoos and cigarettes.

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The Price

Sticks and stones,
Breaking bones.
Broken glass,
Bloody Past.
Feels like rain,
Forgotten pain.
Young and old,
Ice cold.
Lights and sounds,
Going rounds.
Freedom and truth,
Dying youth.

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Too Far Gone

Somebody save me,
Please don't chase me away.
I swear I'm not crazy,
I just have some things to say.
I may seem shady,
Don't worry 'bout me today.
I naver can see,
Why you look the other way.
I'm down on my knees,
And I begin to pray.
Somebody save me,
You just can't save me,
I'm too far gone to save.

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Undertaker

You think you know,
But you ain't got a clue.
Man you cant understand,
What I've been through.
You say you care,
You want to help.
Dude I ain't helpless,
Go help yourself.
Many know pain,
But few like me.
I can take a hit,
Hell I've taken plenty.
I've been chewed up,
Spit out,
And fucked all around.
But I'm still here,
Still alive,
Still kicking,
Still raising hell.
One day soon,
Ya'll will see,
I can take on,
Anything!

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Untouchable

Since day one,
Since birth.
I swore to take on,
This whole damn earth.

Thats how I was raised,
Thats how I roll.
Don't need no praise,
I walk alone.

Every step I take,
Its clear what I state.
You know I aint fake,
Don't believe in fate.

What don't kill me,
Only makes me stronger.
Always up for a fight,
Only feeds my hunger.

Been through hell,
But now I'm back.
I'll be ringing the bell,
And soon you'll be sacked.

Look at me now,
Practically invincible.
How does it feel,
Watch me turn the tables.

Two in the chest,
One in the head.
Better look twice,
Make sure that I'm dead.

You think you know,
But you ain't got a clue.
I hold it together,

Always like glue.

Ain't much that can shake me.

Ain't easy to fake me.

Try to stake me,

You can never take me.

I am alive,

I'm here to stay.

Try all you want,

I'll never sway.

String me up,

Watch me fall.

I'll fly to the top,

I wont give it all.

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You Say

You say you hear,
But do you understand?
You say you see,
But do you comprehend?
You say you know,
But do you sympathize?
You say you feel,
But do you empathize?
You say you play,
But are you having fun?
You say you fear,
But will you run?
You say you hurt,
But do you bleed?
You say you suffer,
But what's your need?
You say you fall,
But do you hit the ground?
You say you help,
But is there a soul around?
You say you believe,
But are you saved?
You say you party,
But do you rave?
You say you fight,
But do you win?
you say you'll die,
But have you lived?

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