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I'm one of six -3 boys and 3 girls, so life is never dull in my family! I come from the northside of Dublin. I am a full time student in langauges at DCU (Dublin City University) and am liking it a lot. I love languages and speak English, French, German, Swedish and also some Spanish and Polish. I love writing in other languages, too-it's very enjoyable and I hope to get better at it! I'm hoping to become a translator/interpreter. I have lived in France for a year and in Sweden for eight months as an international volunteer.

That's about it from me, talk soon, Danny.

A Land Of Milk And Honey

A land of milk and honey Is where I'd like to go

A land full of plenty With a combination of sun and snow

A land with endless activity And a place to go ponder life

A land where dreams become reality Filled with beauty and all things nice

A land packed full of colour In which all things go my way

A land of milk and honey Where there's time for fun and play.

A Lover's Wish

The warmth of a kiss on a cool summer's day A hand holding tight asking to stay.

Eyes gazing gently sparkle with love A feeling so free like a wandering dove.

A heart-shaped drawing etched on a tree Each special moment filled with glee.

Skin pressed softly as if to mould Loving whispers not left untold.

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Hair being stroked as lips come together A sensation so light the same as a feather.

Surroundings fade as eyes begin to lock Unaware of others, life and its clock.

Butterfly dances explode in each belly Legs buckle from under as if like jelly.

A feeling so alien, oh, I want it to last. This wind in my sails on my long, lonely mast.

Let's just enjoy this moment lying side by side In and out of bliss, in and out we glide.

Answer Me This

Is it not love That calls out your name? Is it not love That eases your pain?

Answer me

Is it not from my heart That makes sure you're fine? Is it not from my heart That stops you from crying?

Answer me

Is it not tenderness That hugs you so gentle? Is it not tenderness That's never judgemental?

Answer me

Is it not from my soul That treats you with care? Is it not from my soul That's willing to share?

Answer me

Is it not fondness That wishes good night? Is it not fondness That turns on the light?

Answer me

Is it not us two That are made for each other? Is it not us two That belong together? You know the answers.

Arena Of Love

Battered little heart Look how you're bruised You took such a beating To which you are used.

It's back to the start Where you'll try to repair Wounds that are open And too much to bear.

You gave it your all You put up a fight But it wasn't to be It doesn't seem right.

All the time that was given To make it succeed Was thrown back at you From which you now bleed.

Maybe it's time to surrender Your search for another With this question in mind Is it worth the bother?

If you think you can take A pounding like before Go do some loving That's what you're for.

Beauty's Beast

Beauty is annoying It stares you in the face. It's very like the truth It puts you in your place.

It makes you feel unworthy It brings you hurt inside. You can't stand to see it Whether near, far or wide.

Beauty is skin deep Or so we are told. Tell that to the ugly one Standing in the cold.

The beauty sipping champagne Lazing by the fire. Life can seen unfair Rather sad and rather dire.

But don't forget they're stupid It's part of who they are. You're the really smart one More intelligent by far.

Skin will go saggy Beauty will fade. You'll possess the knowledge Through knowledge you are made.

Beauty is here Then beauty is gone. Knowledge is power Knowledge keeps you strong.

So don't feel too bad When a beauty walks your way. Think about their IQ You'd outsmart them any day. Beauty dies fast It has nowhere to hide. That's why you should feel good You shouldn't feel annoyed!

Bed Time

A sigh of despair I let once more.

My thoughts drive me crazy They make my head sore.

Sleep deprivation is becoming the norm Images in abundance like lightning in a storm.

Yawning gets me no place As I lay restless in my bed.

Thoughts are like a dripping tap I want to bang my head.

The darkness feeds the silence It gets louder each waking hour.

I keep drifting back and forth I feel I have no power.

The need for sleep outweighs so much It's like water to us all.

To quench my thirst I close my eyes For that early morning call.

Beggar's Belief

Yesterday is gone Look forward to tomorrow Yesterday I had to beg Today I have to borrow.

Today is gone Tomorrow is nearing In hours to come No judging, no sneering or staring.

I'll buy myself new clothes A bag and shoes to match I look forward to tomorrow No road to walk or bus catch.

I'm going to spoil myself It's what I so deserve I'm glad I bought that ticket No more sleeping on the kerb.

Big Bro Express

Many years your senior Though don't act much older.

I have many a tendency To be a lot bolder.

When you have the remote I want it too.

I'll stick out my tongue And show you my food.

When you want the toilet I'll stay in there longer.

You can't open the door Coz I'm a lot stronger.

I shove you on the stairs As you try to get by.

It's just a bit of fun I'm not going to lie.

You're a sucker for punishment And I'm glad to oblige.

Happy to take you On your big brother voyage.

Branching Out

Tallest, strongest, stood there longest. You watched countless seasons change.

Limbs outstretched for miles around Your robust body proudly placed Rooted deeply in the ground.

You shelter those furry and feathery You're home to small and big.

'The giant in the sky' is what us locals say And outsiders 'wow, no way! '

Choking vines crawl up your trunk Yet cannot sap your strength.

Your fellow race are but dwarfed You starve them of their light. And monkeys jump from branch to branch Each one a playful toy.

Nature's test of time has met its match There's no end to your mighty rule.

I bet there's centuries more to come:

So again, you'll brave the storms And those forest fires And children hanging from your limbs.

But one winter's day it all stood still;

No beckoning of birds Nor monkeys playing in the air. No lovers carving love notes There was silence everywhere.

You see, us locals tried our best But money doesn't grow on trees. So the plans were made And the machines arrived to peel you clean away.

Now there is a silence that is so deafening I have to hold my ears.

For you leave behind memories rooted deep In hearts, in souls and in minds.

Our giant in the sky No, there will never be another. But I kept a piece to remind me How from the rain you were my cover.

Daybreak

It's time for another day When the sun chases the darkness away.

The light creeps through.

And the shadows are rare It's time for another without a care.

When the clouds have melted So the blue we see.

The colour is bright, as bright as can be.

And the wind has softened to only a sway It's time for another day.

Denial

I went one day to see and hear. Came back, closed eyes, with only fear.

Explain you come and reasons why. I slammed door, say goodbye.

Keys ignition, engine start. Sped up highway like a dart.

Tears in eyes, pain and hurt.

You're forgotten, tears have gone. Engagement ring now in pawn.

Only a scar and memory a burden. Our relationship will never furthen.

Finding you with someone else. What a shock, deep hurt I felt.

Now a new life, joy I feel. Your pictures I rip and tear and peel.

May be forgotten, but will never forgive. It's you that's forgotten, so I can live.

Desire On Fire

I close my eyes. I start to drowse. I long to sleep, though nothing helps. No sheep to count or even cows.

You dominate my head. You paralyse my brain. You seem so close, though are yet so far. This drives me nutty, drives me so insane.

I want you in every sense. I think about you in every way. You can just imagine how I feel. I see you and feel embarrassed. I just don't know what to say.

I yearn your sweet affection. To know your secret smile. I see your inner beauty. I want to kiss you for a while.

I crave to feel your touch. Along my naked skin. To share our warmth together. And to gently guide you in.

Yes, there were others. But you're my one true first. And for you alone. I swear I thirst.

Encased In Love

Love is like the ocean It's different at each shore. Love is like the weather You never know what's in store.

Love is like the clouds It has so many shapes and forms. Love is like the water It swirls and flows and swarms.

Love is like the stars It twinkles in your eyes. Love is like the planets It's full of wonder and surprise.

Love is like a snowfall It holds such beauty and delight. Love is like a forest Its mystery grabs us tight.

Love is like a sunset Its splendour makes you smile. Love is like a half moon Its other half you want in time.

Love is like a person It's unique each time it flowers. Love is like a heartbeat It's strong and full of powers.

Fairies

The forest floor is where they hide In their splendid little world. Tucked away discreetly Where lays water, leaves and wood.

Capricious little creatures With wings that sparkle so. The gift of magic powers Perhaps your friend or foe.

Invisible to many eyes Yet mischievous in being. These quirky tiny persons Use spells that are not for seeing.

Their activities are but fanciful And boundaries keep us away. They choose for us to see them They choose for us to stay.

We're looked at as amusement As they play their little jokes. You'll think you're going crazy That maybe it's a hoax.

Mythical they seem to be Something not so true. But if they choose to visit More the fool you.

Fallen Angel

Our spirits they go on forever Our memories they are to show That we shared tears, and smiles and laughter That keeps you with us, Rayo, and never lets go.

Your face we see before us And in our heads we hear your voice So why can't you be here like you used to be? Well, you would be, if that were our choice.

How do we manage to stay strong? When inside we just think of you And how do we make this pain go away? When it hurts so much and there's nothing more we can do.

Now there's something inside that's broken Damage that only you could mend Your passing away is causing this pain Heartache that will never end.

All we know is we lost someone so special Someone that we know meant so much Someone who we thought was forever Until we ran out of good luck.

Now here we are all joined together And Rayo's an angel with big white wings Standing before us and speaking softly Reminding us of happier things.

Why were the last words we said, The clearest memory we have right now? And why is it we cherish the words we last whispered? As if we knew what would happen, somehow.

So here we are now asking, Why is it you're not here, you're gone? But you'll survive inside us forever, And our love for you, Dear Raymond, will always live on.

Feline Fantasy

Oh to be cat, How wonderful-not a problem in the universe. Or even better a kitten, Wow-no worries or cares:

Innocence is a kitten playing with its tail, Everything a toy in a young feline's world. Even your toe is fair game, Your sock in the air being torn and hurled.

Mid-climbing the curtains, Its coat it must clean. With a lick to its paws, Its fur starts to sheen.

Distracted so easily by everything in sight, A fly on the window gets curious looks. And with a crawl and a jump, The insect is nabbed with its playful hooks.

Run, tumble, grab and let go, Games created out of thin air. A kitten's life is forever fun, Not a worry in the world, no, not a care.

-flaming Famous-

Bursts of orange-yellow kill the darkness Widened eyes look on as each one roars.

A warming experience of bright, blazing blasts Feelings of awe and wonder as up above each soars.

The glistening glow in the blinding black bellows It brings closer family, friends and neighbouring fellows.

It calls to come so as to watch it dance And around the badly moonlit sky it likes to prance.

Friendly faces fell invisible so much I could not see I'd hear the roar and spot the blaze:

For it wants those few moments of fame-And I'm happy to have walked a long time to see the bright-ball craze.

Fluffy Friends

The clouds they sweep across the sky The wind their pilot No time for goodbye.

Patchy holes I see right through Like a spying game I see some blue.

Shapes they form then fade away What could that be I play all day.

The clouds they're sad They start to cry I close my window and say goodbye.

Hate Vs. Love-In Response To Virginia Tech Killings

As bullets hit their bodies And the blood begins to flow: It really makes me wonder Who's next in line to go?

Body counts keep rising Yet the gun remains in keep. What will it take for this to end? Will the blood persist to seep?

This love affair with arms Is causing too much pain. From Columbine to Virginia Tech This loss is so insane.

My heart is being torn With each death that I hear. What waste of life, it makes me cry I do, I really care.

And as we shake in disbelief In thinking what a shame. We ought to ask ourselves Who really is to blame?

With silly laws allowing so much And fools that have control. The worst is so apparent I wonder what's my role?

Should I rise against the wrong? And will you back me too? It's a mystery where to start But let's bite off more than we can chew.

It all brings me back to the Amish town Where those little girls were slain. The eldest girl: she was their shield; And so, a bullet to the brain. Dunblane is where another crime Of madness with a gun. Killed countless little children As they began to have their fun.

So, I'm wishing for a new start One that doesn't make us dread. Where love is our protector And we can safely go to bed.

Knowing Me Like You Do

You've seen me at my worst, You've seen me at my best. You've seen the stages in between, You've seen the bloody rest.

You've seen me when I'm cranky, You've seen me when I'm bad. You've seen me at my lowest, You've seen me when I'm sad.

You've seen me when I'm happy, You've seen me when I'm great. You've seen me with a big smile, You've seen me deep in faith.

You've seen me when I'm bored, You've seen me when I'm lazy. You've seen me act all idle, You've seen me when I'm crazy.

You've seen me when I'm angry, You've seen me when I'm hateful. You've seen me at my maddest, You've seen me act ungrateful.

You've seen me when I'm sober, You've seen me when I'm drunk. You've seen me when I'm clean, You've seen me when I've stunk.

You've seen me when I'm chatty, You've seen me when I'm quiet. You've seen me more than any other, C'mon, you can't deny it!

Letting Go

The past can cut through It can tear at the seams.

The past can make holes It can infect all your dreams.

The past can cause havoc It can play with your head.

The past can be painful It can make you see red.

The past can remind you It can force you to cry.

The past can be the past It just needs a goodbye.

Lies

Lies leads to lies No matter their size.

Lies make life duller No matter their colour.

Lies are no better No matter the weather.

Lies make you sad No matter how bad.

Lies can get scary No matter how teary.

Lies will grow fatter No matter the latter.

Lies are not right No matter the plight.

Lies leave confusion No matter the illusion.

Lies can cause pain No matter how lame.

Lies have to cease If there'll ever be peace.

Life Decisions

Money dwindles while time flies by, These two most precious things. The ticking of the clock goes by, A life with each it brings.

Time waits for no one, Nor does money grow on trees. The burning of the pocket flames, From which your money flees.

Money makes the world go round, So try to be on time. Each second means a lot of dosh, Being late can be a crime.

Time's a real good healer, Though money speeds things up. You dry your eyes with banknotes, And have tea in a golden cup.

Money makes life sunny while time lets you tan, Although as great as they can be. Spending them with loved-ones, Will fill your heart with glee.

Lover's Lust

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Magpie

Close companions they seem to be I could be jealous Though it's not for me.

Close together they stay so tight I could be envious But it wouldn't be right.

From high above they stare right down I could get dizzy Though I have the ground.

From any distance they seem in love I could be ignorant But I've understood.

So much to learn in love it's true They could be our teachers Though they fly high in the blue.

So open your eyes into the sky You could play blind But you'd be telling a lie.

Mirror, Mirror

Vanity you've come to know So much so you're called a pro.

A high-pitched scream with every pimple You make life hard it's never simple.

You stare obsessed about your face And spot one hair that's out of place.

You pack on hairspray and make-up too You spend half your time in the loo.

Mr. Mirror is your foe and friend Much time with him you always spend.

He can remind you that you look like hell It makes you want to scream and yell.

Big money dwindles on creams and lotions Your head is full of silly notions.

A cure for age you hope to find It would make life easier if the world were blind.

Image-perfect is your only aim Except yourself the world you blame.

'I must look perfect' I hear you say It's the start of yet another day.

Moonful Of Moments

Moon light so bright It follows you all night

Have no fear nor no worry No need for any hurry

It'll guide you in your darkest hour Light galore with endless power

When your candle melts or your torch it fails Your eyes – a boat on sea And the moon – wind in its sails

Or stay and watch its silent reign The moon a ball and the night its chain

The blackness has no place to hide Its whiteness wants to be your guide

Like many eyes its surrounded by The stars are company dotted high

Full moon fears play on your mind Stay one step ahead not behind

Magical moon playing tricks The man who lives there gets his kicks

He's smiling as your pace gets faster Staying calm you have yet to master

Oh take advantage of its faithful glow Enjoy it fully by going slow.

Moon light so bright It follows you all night.

Much Longer?

I just can't continue much more Minute by minute just a painful chore. Groans of unhappiness as I walk out the door Each distance I travel, aching and sore.

My sad soulless windows won't let people in A smileless reflection with not even a grin. Supposed to take it all, take it all on the chin They think this, my friends, and next of kin.

I take a scarf to hide, at least a piece of me To hide the fact I hate myself and that I feel no glee No point in explaining, coz they just don't see From myself and this life I feel I'd like to flee.

My eyes, I see, they look me up and down I'm the king with not a penny, not even his crown. Others laugh freely yet I dare not frown. I'm a fool, you see, yes, I'm a clown.

I'm good at what I do in feeling oh so bad I'm also friends with loneliness that's why I feel so sad Anger likes me too, well maybe just a tad Please don't ask me how I am as it only makes me mad.

My being here means nothing as I barely do exist A touch has lost its meaning, as well as to be kissed There's nothing you can do, so please do not insist You see, I'm an open wound, a germ-infested cyst.

I'm going to be this way coz I'm never quite content I know just how to spoil, to damage, to mark and of course to dent Heaven or hell I don't care, wherever I get sent Just as long as I'm gone, this world can go get bent.

Nature's True Intention

Strip away the cloth Reveal your natural layer. Bear no man-made garment Display your skin and hair.

Let yourself move freely Feel the air explore. Take in the natural beauty Open up each pore.

Be at one with nature Be as you were born. Feel no humiliation Love yourself, don't mourn.

Rid yourself of masks Serve they do to hide. Put away the make-up Know the old has died.

Make a pact with nature Resist material charms. Surrender yourself wholly Embrace with open arms.

Shallow Waters

Feeling way out of his depth The drowning boy grips a razor He hasn't tried to fight the currents Hasn't tried to find his saviour.

Face your troubles foolish boy! Swim to shore and release your grip. You'll find no peace where lies sharpened tools. Keep on going-just bite your lip.

These are dangerous waters you've come to know 'How can one just stay afloat..' you ask 'When selfish people push me under? ' -Stand up to them, that's your task.

Ask no more questions, begin to swim Move forward to a place of rest Your blood is pumping and your heart is thumping You're alive! –now go succeed, for life is your ultimate test

Tell Me

What's the use in fighting? And tearing out our hair?

When there's so much violence in the world, Too many things to bear.

Just sit and stay a while with me, And you'll see I'm much like you.

That I do laugh and smile and want, And cry and feel pain too.

But you see we're only human, And can do and say things wrong.

It starts to get real stupid, When the hating lasts too long.

So if you see me thinking, And sitting on my own.

Come and sit beside me, And I'll read you out this poem.

Temper-Mental-Thinking

Passion can send us into rage Sometimes putting us in cage.

You thought they were doing something Sneaking behind your back

When really it was innocent No, they weren't in the sack.

They were planning a surprise And yes it was for you

That's why they were together Together just like glue.

So now you feel ashamed And you're stuck behind those bars

You say you weren't thinking straight Because of those few jars.

They're gone now together Your excuses are no good

You should have checked the facts Now your hands are stained with blood.

Travels

My life is a highway On which the years go by

The roads are never level The roads are always high

But as I travel onwards To a future that's unknown

I see every mile I travel Has a sharp stepping stone

And on that journey I'm all alone.

Trendy Threads

Fashion statements are all the rage Though for folk like me it's all a stage

I don't like the falseness The pretence oh no! They scream 'I'm wearing Gucci! ' And I say 'so? '

Prada, Gucci, Ralph Lauren, oh please! They're all so the same My God, this fabric frenzy When will it cease?

I scream 'Dunnes Stores' They all run a mile Just as well though They're cramping my style!

Un-(P) -Repaired

Wrong way round it stands a joke Front part missing along with spoke

It's been dead so long, though now it's real There's no chance for it without a wheel

It was just a puncture and easy to fix Now its uses are none, with rubble it'll mix

I wonder if it knows its future that's in store No more flying to the shop, no more, no more.

Use And Abuse

Sex is healthy for the body It's healthy for the mind.

A good workout when on top, Even better from behind.

One can even get quite vocal As pain and pleasure mould.

It's great to be assertive Just smack him when he's bold.

You remember stuff from gym class And gymnastics you might add.

So you take a chair and sit him down And you raise your leg a tad.

You feel you're on a roll As each idea goes well.

But when you're done and he wants more You can tell him 'go to hell! '

Violent Silence-In Response To Virginia Tech Killings

Brought about by madness He takes a loaded gun. He wants a bloody frenzy So takes more than just the one.

He makes his way to where he shoots Away the innocence of that day. And for those jealous feelings He's gonna make them pay.

A blondie girl with many books Is running late for class. She never saw it coming As so quick, he starts to blast.

A young lad about to cycle After taking an exam. Is taken by surprise And slaughtered like a lamb.

A group of friends sit chatting While their teacher chalks the board. When in he strolls with his gun And their words are 'oh dear Lord! '

The teachers feels protective As he stands there like a shield. 'I've gotta save my students' And from there his faith is sealed.

The students start their jumping From a window way up high. And amid the deadly bullets From shock they start to cry.

Panic runs as bullets pierce And souls begin to leave. The blameless have been blamed It's too crazy to believe. Heaven's gates are being opened As each soul leaves their shell. They'll rejoice up there in heaven As he makes his way to hell.

Weighty Warning

The planet on which we live is dying The poor sick entity can't take much more You dimwit dwellers don't even think of trying She is hurting to her very core.

Nature's balance-a shadow of what it used to be She is going crazy because of our abuse Her only question is "why can't they see? " No time to waste, there's no excuse.

Icy mountains show signs of stress They're crying tears of pain You pain-inflicting people don't care less There's too much pressure, too much strain.

Animals come, then they go and never to be seen Their world around them becomes less like nature You fickle folk don't seem too keen Was this the plan of our creator?

You ignore the signs of growing sickness Water will soon flush you all away You can't see the truth through your thickness For your very ignorance she'll make you pay!