

Poetry Series

**Danny Speicher**  
**- poems -**

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## Danny Speicher(February 26,1982)

Danny Speicher was born on February 26,1982 and grew up in the college town of Lawrence, Kansas. Raised by his mother (Cynthia Speicher) , aunt (Patricia Collins) and grandmother (Ruby Collins) until his grandma's death in 1997, Danny received love unconditionally from his family throughout his upbringing. Having been the son of Frank Joseph Speicher (a prominent figure in the city of Lawrence who died when Danny was 7) , he found a unique and strong connection to the Lawrence community.

Speicher's faith in Christ had always been a central part of his life and for a short while he attended Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to pursue a degree in Pastoral Ministry from 2004-2006. He is currently back in his hometown of Lawrence, Kansas looking to pursue degree in education, instead, after finding his passion for teaching at a local elementary school upon his return.

Danny has been writing poems since childhood. However, he truly started developing his passion for writing after he graduated from Lawrence High School in 2000. His poems often express his faith in God; his passion and romantic love for loved ones who have come and gone in his life; or even more often express his love for family, friends or places. Whether he writes of love or loss; faith or strife... He always writes with a unique authenticity and classical style that is distinctly his.

# A Bright Sun Shining

Don't cry, my dear sisters, don't cry today  
The storm may be raging, thunder crashing  
With clouds threatening and lightning flashing  
Darling, the sky won't always be that way

Dear brothers, don't burden yourselves this night  
The sky may be dark as a raven's wing  
And you don't know what the next turn may bring  
But, on the horizon, a line breaks bright

These troubled times are treacherous and tough  
Oft wondering whether you'll eat or starve  
But, each day is a day which our God carved  
Even now, His provision is enough

Dream of that day with each silver lining  
A cloudless day, with a bright sun shining

((May 15th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# A Cloudy Night

Sitting under a cloudy horizon  
With you in my arms, your lips against mine  
Letting you see a place I go alone  
You and I under a cloudy night sky

Silence was the language spoken that night  
Thankful to see one another again  
Staring deeply into each others' eyes  
Not really knowing the dream we were in

Oh, to relive that night over once more  
Perhaps I would hold you closer to me  
Perhaps my kisses would be far deeper  
Perhaps I'd hold you... Never let you free

Oh, how the moon would poke through the clouds  
As if to smile in approval, sweet  
And the few stars would shine down upon us  
So sweetly dancing as our lips would meet

In one moment 'my place' became 'our place'  
And all those things that I dreamt of right there  
Those very dreams had finally come true  
Under the clouds in that humid night air

Danny Speicher

# A Cloudy Night Revisited

Sitting once more under a cloudy sky  
Alone, yet dreaming of you sitting near  
Once again alone in my place of rest  
Missing you dearly and wanting you here

Silence louder than the claps of thunder  
Rolling through the plains, shaking me deeply  
Wet green grass reminding me of your eyes  
Dreaming a dream within a dream, weeping

Oh, to relive that night over once more  
Perhaps I would hold you closer to me  
Perhaps my kisses would be far deeper  
Perhaps I'd hold you... Never let you free

But, a year later the moon shines no more  
The stars twinkle not between lofty clouds  
The sky burst forth in tears to match my own  
Bringing memories wrapped in night-time shrouds

Our place remains our place, although still mine  
Yet all those things my heart once dared to dream  
And all those thoughts that those dreams had come true  
Remain a dream, less lasting than they seemed

((July 29th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# A Dispatcher's Prayer

Dear Lord, please help my mind to be sharp  
So that I might focus on the needs of others  
Help my ears to be trained  
To listen to the calls that need my attention  
Train my heart to persevere  
Though, at times, I may feel overwhelmed  
Keep my voice steady and calm  
As I guide citizens and professionals  
Keep my hands quick and accurate  
So that I might relay details precisely

Lord, never let me become discouraged  
For I know You've put me here to help my community  
Never let me be fearful  
For I know You drive my words and actions  
Never let me forget that You are my provider  
And You will provide, hour by hour, what I need in this job

((May 30th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# A Few More Steps

Walking up the hill, cross upon your back  
Will that next step be the step causing you to crack  
Wanting to scream out, "Lord, where have you gone? "  
Then you see Him on that hill as dusk becomes dawn

Just a few more steps until you're in your Father's arms  
Just a few more steps until you're away from harm  
Just a few more steps walking in that blinding light  
In just a few more steps... You're gonna be alright

Money doesn't seem to be in your reach  
Another man on the phone giving you the speech  
What he doesn't know is how you would pay it all  
But, the jobs you work just can't stop the call

Just a few more steps until you're in your Father's arms  
Just a few more steps until you're away from harm  
Just a few more steps walking in that blinding light  
In just a few more steps... You're gonna be alright

You have lost all your hope to find your way  
A loving god wouldn't let your hurt grow each day  
But, you hear Him beckoning in the dark  
And, deep within you, there is that passionate spark

No matter what the road may hold  
And even if the darkness falls  
He sees you shivering and cold  
And He's holding you through it all

Just a few more steps until you're in your Father's arms  
Just a few more steps until you're away from harm  
Just a few more steps walking in that blinding light  
In just a few more steps... You're gonna be alright  
In just a few more steps... You're gonna be alright

((September 19th,2006))

Danny Speicher

# A Kyrielle Of Faith

Though all seems wrong within your life  
And the light seems soon to depart  
And though pain may cut like a knife  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart

Don't fear deceitful winds of change  
Or think of those whom you're apart  
When it's steep on that mountain range  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart

Does He not feed birds of the air?  
Or clothes to the lilies impart?  
How much more does He care for you?  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart

Though all seems wrong within your life  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart

((April 4th,2006))

Danny Speicher

# A Mighty Beast To Plunder

Waves crash against my boat today  
Like many other days before  
I've hooked the prey I've longed after  
My hands so bloody and, oh, so sore  
The fish is strong in mind and heart  
But, I am man and will prevail  
He taunts me with his power  
But, on and on, I sail  
He circles once and circles twice  
Constantly still still circling  
All day, all night around and 'round  
Not paying heed to my pain's sting  
Pulling to tight will break the line  
Giving slack will give him freedom  
On this sea of purgatory  
My battle will soon be won  
His strength waning now, I know  
His circles so small  
For him, the end is drawing near  
His flesh will feed us all  
In the air he jumps so high  
Saying his goodbyes one last time  
We have bonded, the fish and I  
Murdering him, I feel, a crime  
Nature exists to give us life  
This, my guilt, doth relieve  
What a mighty beast to plunder  
What a bounty to receive

((Inspired by Ernest Hemingway's book, 'The Old Man and the Sea'))

((October 20th, 1999))

Danny Speicher

## A Poem Long Forgotten

As we stroll down the pebble path  
A poem, long forgotten, enters my soul  
So long I've waited for a love like yours  
So long I've yearned for its grace  
You bring life to my solemn being  
And purpose to my once lonely future  
For all my waiting and patience, true  
It has paid off for I've finally found you  
All this time waiting  
God must have been  
Keeping my love pure  
For you, my lover... And my friend

((October 22nd,1999))

Danny Speicher

# A Poet's Touch

If once upon a lake of god  
I stood and, I, a story told  
Not one single soul did find  
Peace given to a troubled mind  
For when I speak, instead of write  
It ignites no wisdom, no passion, no light  
For what my pen can write today  
Are words my lips could never say  
For eloquent in speech, I'm not  
It is words in ink, I have sought  
I do not wish for words to speak  
I am blessed with the paper I seek  
God has granted me a poet's touch  
Granted, however, it isn't much  
But, with this talent to touch lives  
With pen in hand, I'll live and strive

((August 28th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# A Prayer For America,2017

Father, our Giver of all that is good  
And Creator and Sustainer of life  
We come humbly before you on this day  
And lay before you our struggles and strife

Bless our nation, though we deserve it, not  
Anoint us, your children, to do your work  
Though the road ahead may be dangerous  
Evil and hatred 'round each corner lurk

Embolden this, Your Church, oh Lord, to love  
Even while men endeavor to hate, love  
Whether leaders align or malign us  
Even if tortured, set our eyes above

And, may we, through Your courage, always love  
Oh, Lord, ever through Your victory, love

We do not know what the future doth hold  
Nor do we know the intentions of man  
We do not always see the path, clearly  
Nor know the why's, what's, or when's of Your plan

But, You see it all, beginning to end  
While, still, your eye remains on the sparrow  
So, set our feet to go about Your will  
Strengthen our muscles, our bone, our marrow

Lord God, grant us peace in our confusion  
And provide for us wisdom in our speech  
Make us quick to listen, slow to respond  
In anger may Your tranquility, reach

And, may we, through Your courage, always love  
Oh, Lord, ever through Your victory, love

((January 16th,2017))



# A Rush Of Cool Air

A million questions swirl about my head  
Wondering, pondering implications  
If my heart will give my mind vacation  
Or, this time, will logic prevail instead?

Her face clouds my thoughts each hour, each day  
Her greyish blue eyes and blonde locks of hair  
Rise before me like a rush of cool air  
As the worries I once had fade away

Will I find peace at the end of this quest?  
Will I, at the end of this present day  
Be able to, with all confidence say  
I'll, forever, find shelter in her breast?

Lord knows I don't know; But, I do know this  
It's worth all Hell, to find that kind of bliss

((September 16th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# A Smile

Perhaps it was the mood I felt tonight  
Perhaps just sheer coincidence of chance  
Perhaps it was just an exhausted trance  
But, I felt a smile, my face, ignite

I don't know what all it was that you said  
Or if it was the words you spoke at all  
But, tonight, for the first time since the fall  
A smile came thinking of what's ahead

I don't know what might come of you and I  
If our paths will cross or stay steady on  
Friends or lovers, or a friendship long gone  
All I know is that a smile drew nigh

So, thank you for bringing light once again  
And finding where this smile's been within

((July 17th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# A Sonnet For A Fearful Heart

Life is dimmed from time to time with heartache  
We focus on the pain we feel inside  
Realizing what we have put at stake  
We are humbled by likely loss of pride  
In this humility He works His love  
Like only His love can work from within  
Sweet is His grace that rains down from above  
Restoring our wounds, burying our sin  
He shows us His love through His Holy Word  
Through the communion with Him in our prayers  
Through smiles of a loved one, or laughter heard  
Or the smell of rain, drifting in the air  
Yes, God's blessings are given everyday  
Oh, how they should calm our fears and dismay

((February 25th,2005))

Danny Speicher

# A Sonnet For The Sick

Why do we resort to all these harsh words?  
Brothers, are we not called to be salt? Light?  
To love the unlovable, dead in blight?  
Why is truly loving the lost absurd?  
Is this why our message now goes unheard?  
Don't we see we aren't doing this quite right?  
When the message we spread is out of spite...  
The pathology of Earth goes uncured

Someday I think we all will be ashamed  
When we find the believer's real disease  
Wasn't recanting their faith in His name  
Rather that they shunned the sickest of these  
Concerned about being seen with the lame  
To give them the Key that would set them free

((December 4th,2005))

Danny Speicher

# A Sonnet Of Hope

When the grind of life is wearing me down  
And my heart is breaking to see your face  
It helps to know that where my heart is found  
You will always be found in that same place

Each day passes with hope for that great day  
When no 'good byes' will ever leave our lips  
And together we will enter this fray  
And from this fountain of life we will sip

Yet, until that day, I sit and I wait  
Longing to have your tiny hand in mine  
Sometimes I think of life's humor of fate  
How your far away... Always on my mind

I miss you so much when you're not here  
Yet, when you're gone my heart grows so fond  
How much fonder it is when you are near  
And, so I wait for that sacred bond

How special will this be if we hold on  
When you'll always be near... And never gone

((July 29th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# A Springtime Sonnet

When the winter blooms into springtime, bright  
And the birds are sweetly singing their tune  
We consider Your benevolent might  
And pray that the light doesn't fade too soon

Yet, when the nightfall does fall from above  
Your stars prolong the beauty of the sun  
Shining on to remind us of Your love  
And remind us Your work is never done

It is in these days of mild weather  
That we find a relief from the harsh cold  
One and all we all gather together  
And fond memories and stories are told

At the end of winter you bless us so  
Blessing, indeed, your creatures here below

((February 28,2006))

Danny Speicher

# A Sunset Sonnet

When the sun sets over the mansion, west  
And the breeze gently blows across the lake  
I remember what I once thought was best  
Thankful that turn, He didn't let me take  
When the peaceful sounds of nature replace  
The busy sounds of students, cars and such  
I stand in awe of God's love in this place  
As it reaches down for my heart to touch  
When nightfall comes to take away the light  
And the stars sing their silent songs above  
It humbles me that even in my blight  
I am given gifts of mercy and love

And, when the storm clouds come rolling on through  
Still I'll remember this sunset's warm hue

((February 15th,2006))

Danny Speicher

# A Year Has Passed

A year's gone by since I last heard your voice  
Yet, I still hear it at least once a day  
Whenever a certain song comes my way  
Oh, I wish loving you was just a choice

I didn't know what I thought would happen  
When a year marked this anniversary  
Perhaps peace, if only temporary  
Or a thought that might, my love's flame, dampen

But, the twelfth broke not unlike another  
And, yet still, a haunting figure lingered  
My heart begged for my opera singer  
How it longed even still for no other

But, alas, a year has passed without her  
Still I sit alone and think about her

Our love wasn't like any I'd e'er known  
How she had seemingly come from a dream  
How surreal each moment spent with her seemed  
'Twas easy for me to lay my heart prone

Nights in the cinema and holding hands  
When I held her, close, in my arms I knew  
That there is nothing that I wouldn't do  
To protect her heart, her dreams and her plans

Nighttime sky, in a place that was just ours  
Gently kissing and sweetly embracing  
While crickets nighttime voices were raising  
A summer song, upward to the bright stars

But, alas, a year has passed without her  
Still I sit alone and think about her

A promise ring, inexpensive, but bright  
After a brisk carriage ride to our meal  
Oh, how elation was hard to conceal

In millions years I won't forget that night

But, the love grew cold as tragedy struck  
And, when my thoughts were divided in two  
She found it hard to believe love was true  
The blessing, I suppose, ran out of luck

After a month of her contemplation  
She chose to end what I thought was epic  
Used money as the divisive topic  
Although I sought her with admiration

But, alas, a year has passed without her  
Still I sit alone and think about her

Still I sit alone and think about her  
I dream of all that she might well become  
And reminisce of days gone by, undone  
Can't believe a year has passed without her

Yet, a year, indeed, has passed without her  
And, I, alone, still do think about her

((April 12th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Again

Sailing on the water  
You've strayed from your course again  
But, the storm is coming  
And, you're caught in the waves of sin  
Jesus, my Lord, save me  
From my sin  
Please, Jesus, bring me  
Back home again  
Knock and He'll open  
Seek and Your heart will find  
Truth that will free you  
And peace for a troubled mind

((November 23rd,2000))

Danny Speicher

# All I Ever

All I ever wanted was to love and be loved  
To set a love story in motion in my life  
To be a caring father and loving husband  
To all my children and my compassionate wife

All I ever have refused to do or to be  
Is a burden or a hindrance to those in my world  
And I would do anything to make their lives great  
Even when it left me hurt, in a corner, curled

All too often all that I wanted in this life  
Has been abandoned by what I refused to be  
Knowledge, all-too-well, of my own imperfections  
I could not lie when my scars they started to see

But, Lord, here I am, still standing alone down here  
Please find me someone whose heart, my scars, does not fear

((February 17th,2017))

Danny Speicher

# All That I Did Wrong

Lord knows I tried my best to do my best  
In all that I did that I did with you  
And, Lord knows there's plenty I never knew  
Of what you dreamed when, at night, you would rest

Although, in the end, I have no regrets  
If I had a chance to do it again  
I, frankly, don't know where I would begin  
Of notes I'd change in our little duet

Perhaps, as a man, more strongly, I'd lead  
Perhaps I'd give you more freedom to roam  
With the full faith that you would return home  
Million things I might very well concede

But, oh, to, once again, hear your sweet song  
I'd make you a list of all I did wrong

((November 22nd,2008))

Danny Speicher

# All That We Did Right

Looking back, now, on all that we once had  
Laughter and the tears, all that's in between  
Of that which lay invisible, unseen  
Of those secret things that made us both sad

There were many things we did very well  
Never once failing to say, 'I love you'  
Or trying our best to prove the love true  
And how quickly, yet logically, we fell

Grinning when the other came into sight  
Trying to squeeze every bit of joy  
From each moment, together, we'd enjoy  
My dear, these are some the things we did right

And, though all we had ended in a fight  
Please, dear, remember all that we did right

((November 22nd,2008))

Danny Speicher

# All Things New

I grasp at air to find the words to say  
I plunder my heart to find emotion  
To aptly describe my life's devotion  
To a God who makes complete each new day

A journey that has left me oft broken  
A dream or two that have been left behind  
Often made my eyes of faith all but blind  
Often left only empty prayers spoken

Even when my heart did not believe You  
Even when ev'ry ounce of hope was lost  
All debt was paid as You burdened the cost  
All praise be to God who makes all things new

Even when my heart does not believe You  
Remind me to praise; You make all things new

((April 28th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Alone

My heart is breaking  
All I hear is silence  
My soul is aching  
And I am all alone  
I cry out to my friends  
Only apologies come  
And there is no end  
To my suffering

((December 10th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Always Keep Hope

To you who are hurt and crying at night  
May your desire be to be healed  
May your heart be safe, and like wax, be sealed  
And may your blindness, once again be sight

To you who have been cut, wounded and torn  
May those wounds be, again, restored to health  
Whether you're healed in poverty or wealth  
Whatever the mode, may you be reborn

Always remember to cherish your life  
And care for your body, your mind, your soul  
And be patient in reaching all your goals  
Be resilient in wellness and in strife

Surround yourself with those who care for you  
And may their abilities help to restore  
All that made you who you were once before  
Let your pride die as their kindness imbues

May you rest peacefully under the wings  
Of divine love and trusting in God's grace  
May His presence move through you in this place  
And sleep easy with the release He brings

Look for His blessings each and every day  
Examine events that might seem mundane  
Beauty exists in that which appears plain  
Look for moments to meditate and pray

And may you always keep hope in your heart  
Though it may be oft difficult to do  
Though it may not seem the logical view  
Never fail to keep hope within your heart

Amen

((June 29th,2010))



# An Ode To The Phoenix

Oh Phoenix of old, how could we forget you?  
With your wings of fire and eyes all ablaze  
In your stride, horrors and joys of earlier days  
How awesome, how majestic is your form, so true.

Oh, there are times when your light goes dim awhile  
Your majesty is veiled by the sting of defeat  
But, never from your eyes is life fully deplete  
Of all creatures you know rebirth is worthwhile

So, fight on, fly high and, elevated, remind  
Those who once rode proudly alongside your warpath  
Of the strength and fear held in a firebird's wrath  
And the hope it can spur for the best of mankind

Oh Phoenix of old, we'll remember you always  
And, take, with us, your flame to set our world ablaze

((November 10th,2015))

Danny Speicher

# And He Cries

All day long a smile wide on his face  
And his laugh, it can be heard for miles  
Each person greeted with love and with grace  
Yet storms rage deep within, all the while

Burdensome would be too much of a shame  
So, he burrows his sadness deep within  
No one seems to e'en remember her name  
Like all have forgotten just where he's been

But, her face, it never fades from his mind  
And her laugh, it can be heard in his dreams  
While desperately he searches to find  
Her love as impossible as it seems

And he cries in his sleep for her to see  
The love deep within that could set her free

Beer, whiskey and a water on the side  
The music loud and the company kind  
He wonders if they ever see him slide  
Into the deep recesses of his mind

As he thinks of times not so long ago  
Back when love was new and smiles were free  
And depth was something he was sure would grow  
Only thing that remained was just to be

Sometimes he looks across the crowded bar  
And could swear that his eyes had just met hers  
Sometimes illusions are just what they are  
The lines of reality start to blur

And he cries in his sleep for her to see  
The love deep within that could set her free

((March 26th,2011))

Danny Speicher

# Angry

Woke angry today with morning's new light  
The weight of all the injustices done  
And all the poor feelings under the sun  
Had swollen within my heart overnight

Naught have I oft kept records of the wrongs  
Shoveled upon my heart day after day  
Never paying heed to the painful way  
Not minding being told I don't belong

But, deeply the fire was being stoked  
The outwardly reserved, calm demeanor  
Just left a broken soul to grow meaner  
'Til all goodness was suffocated, choked

Today I felt anger as I awoke  
For a heart, forgotten, lonely and broke

So long I've been told I'm not good enough  
For the one thing I have wanted the most  
That sweet love having hovered once so close  
But getting gone when the getting got tough

"You're too poor, too fat, too bald or too sweet"  
Those being the daggers to kill my hope  
Those, the threads used on my hangman's rope  
But, today, those words fuel an intense heat

Money only buys man's selfish sorrow  
Appearance fades with dimming of the night  
What's wrong with you that you don't love what's right?  
Poor, fat, bald, sweet... Leaves me no tomorrow.

Today I felt anger as I awoke  
For a heart, forgotten, lonely and broke

Danny Speicher

# Anniversary

Here's to one year... One year that should have been  
With all the flowers and poems and such  
Oh, what a wonderful celebration  
Because we would have made it through so much

Here's to the year, in part, that we did have  
The history of memories and laughs  
And, all the struggles that made us stronger  
I write this for us on our dreams' behalf

Happy anniversary to what was  
The 'what ifs' and 'could have beens', let them die  
Don't relegate a great relationship  
To nevermore futures of 'you and I'

Remember the good times that we both had  
Don't have regrets of those things that were bad  
Don't believe for a moment I am mad  
So, don't look back on those months and be sad

Some things in life are meant to be lasting  
Others are to touch our hearts and move on  
I thought our love was to be forever  
But, how blessed am I for the 'us' foregone?

((May 12th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Another New Year

Another New Year's Eve, now come and gone  
Another New Year began all alone  
No one to kiss or to call on the phone  
No one to load my hopes and dreams upon

Perhaps she was correct so long ago  
Perhaps I'm not worth the smiles she gave  
Maybe I'll take poverty to the grave  
Maybe it's best she went to and not fro

I'm just a man seeking something greater  
Than the life that I have long been living  
Won't gain wealth by sacrificing giving  
Though selfishness might well help me later

Another New Year not settl'ing for less  
Than distant dreams of my heart's happiness

((January 1st,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Apart

Often I wondered how the tale would end  
In suburbia with white picket fences  
Or city lights exciting the senses  
But, being apart I can't comprehend

Yet, here I am, with a heart on the mend  
Or a heart that I hope will someday heal  
From the pain and agony it now feels  
Being apart I just can't comprehend

Yet, what more could I possibly contend?  
I can't make you fall in love again, dear  
No matter how truly my heart's sincere  
Being apart I just can't comprehend

Here I stand, my prayers, for you, still extend  
Yet still, apart, I just can't comprehend

((April 26th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Autumn Prayer

Staring out the window at leaves of red and gold  
Gusts of wind spin them in a mix of rustic hue  
Contrasting clouds, grey, above, overlap and fold  
As the sun sets, bidding the long, cold day adieu

All of the trees are bare; and dying is the grass  
The sun rises early and days quickly pass by  
The scorching heat of the summer winds, gone at last  
Too quickly, the frosty bite of winter draws nigh

Life moves slower and memories flood, deep, the heart  
One can look and find no hope in these days of grey  
Work seems harder and gains seem few and far apart  
Hope dwindling further away, day after day

Lord, Giver of Life: for your people please provide  
Comforter, Counselor: please heal these hurts inside  
Savior, Messiah: from me, your grace, don't divide  
Almighty God, Creator: humbly we abide

For, in these times of great desperation and fear  
It is then, beyond all other times, You draw near

((November 10th,2006))

Danny Speicher

# Awesome Beauty

When the golden sunset  
Sets over the amber hills  
And when the moon shines bright  
And all the world stands still  
There is beauty, awesome beauty  
God took the dust and formed a man  
He paints each sunrise with His hand  
He took all the love within His heart  
And gave us beauty from the start  
There's beauty, awesome beauty  
When the storm clouds come  
And thunder rolls  
When skies are dark  
And it hardens the soul  
There's beauty, awesome beauty  
God took all the love within His heart  
And gave us beauty from the start  
There's beauty, awesome beauty  
Through every age  
There is a call  
To admire the creation  
He gave us all  
It is beauty, awesome beauty  
See the beauty, hear the call  
Enjoy the life He gave us all  
God took the love in His heart  
And gave us beauty from the start  
There's beauty, awesome beauty

((May 17th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Be Assured

Been a while since I last saw your face  
Longer still since I've felt your hand in mine  
Or heard a sweet, loving voice on the line  
What we had is now gone without a trace

It must seem like I've forgotten it all  
And that each memory has been erased  
And, life with you, is a dream I don't chase  
But, really, it's just painful, now, to call

To call and know that your heart doesn't feel  
The same way mine feels each and every day  
And know, for a moment, you felt that way  
Not truly knowing what set us off keel

But, dear, let your heart be assured and know  
That, to this day, my heart's yet to let go

((March 13th,2011))

Danny Speicher

# Be My Sight

I see a snapshot and I read the words  
Hear the voice speak at the end of the line  
Longing for just a little more face time  
Wishing I could fly freely like the birds

See eyes on a page looking back at mine  
Trusting, hoping I might be something more  
Unsure I'd come close to the me before  
Looking for a signal, purely divine

I've failed and I've hurt those I've loved before  
Tears I'm responsible for on their cheek  
Eyes clinched so tightly, not wanting to peek  
To see the tears I'll weep forevermore

Can I find strength to fight this present fight  
Lord, be my vision... Oh, Lord, be my sight

((July 6th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Be Still

The wind picked up from the north  
As the clouds began to form  
The men in the boat grew weary  
Of the impending storm  
The boat shook from the waves  
And tears filled their eyes  
They called out to Jesus  
And He looked up to the skies  
Peace, be still  
The winds won't blow that long  
Peace, be still  
I can right any wrong  
All nature bows down to me  
So, surrender all your fear  
So, peace, my son... Be still  
He had strayed from those he loved  
He had lost all of his hope  
The road seemed long and winding  
Life seemed so hard to cope  
No prayers were made to God  
Until that night at home  
When he fell onto his knees  
And asked for God, alone  
Peace, be still  
The winds won't blow that long  
Peace, be still  
I can right any wrong  
All nature bows down to me  
So, surrender all your fear  
So, peace, my son... Be still

((November 18th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Beams

What happens when my support beams all fail  
One by one they each crumble before me  
And take with them the structures of my life  
The rooms of my life that they once upheld

When the sunset of life comes upon me  
Will I just be a pile of rubble  
The vast archeological ruins  
Of a city that once championed love

A shell of my heart is what I will have  
When the last of four beams rot and give way  
Will I feel an immeasurable pain  
Or just numb from my soul's demolition

Soon that day comes unless new beams are built  
And, oh how I fear that it will come soon  
But, the beams are old and faulty inside  
Though once, like the rest, before, they stood strong

Free, I will be, from careful maintenance  
Not beholden to anything of worth  
For all that is worthwhile will be gone  
No need to stay around here anymore

So, if I cannot maintain these pillars  
And if the mansion falls as I assume  
Then I'll have to choose to lie on what was  
Or go, early, toward what is to be

((August 19th,2017))

Danny Speicher

# Beautiful And Free

If you love something you must let it go  
For if that love was truly meant to be  
It will come back after being set free  
It's a quote and concept that we all know

When you asked to move on, I set you free  
Not wanting to prolong your hurt or pain  
Not wanting to, your happiness, restrain  
I did so, though, I wanted you with me

I let you go to fly beautiful and free  
Not wanting to fight or embattle you  
Wanting your scars to be shallow and few  
Knowing, you, I might never again see

I let you go to fly beautiful and free  
Knowing, you, I might never again see

((January 13th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Beautiful Mystery

I know a girl and, likewise, she knows me  
And she is one beautiful mystery  
She runs and she hides for days at a time  
Her life forms an intricate paradigm

People ask why I care for her so much  
But, they don't know the power of her touch  
One embrace, one unplanned brush of her hand  
Grants me all of the strength I need to stand

And, then she speaks, she laughs, and she smiles  
And then my heart grows and swells for miles  
In that moment, all she is quickly appears  
I lose my self-doubt, she loses her fears

If I never understand all her ways  
Just trying would give me joy all my days

((May 5th,2017))

Danny Speicher

# Beautiful Night

Beautiful night, how the stars, they so clearly shine  
And the joyful moon how it mirrors back my smile  
Oh, beautiful night, you're good to a heart like mine  
Oh, beautiful night, you've made this long road worthwhile

Beautiful night, glow of the city behind me  
Smile, I, with my heart at peace and my mind at ease  
Oh, beautiful night, tranquility sets me free  
Oh, beautiful night, I dream of moments like these

Beautiful night and all seems so right with the world  
Questions come later; decisions, future doth hold  
Oh, beautiful night, for now I watch the sky twirl  
Oh, beautiful night, I wait for light to behold

Yet, in the stillness of evening I dream these dreams  
That the beauty of this night is all that it seems

Danny Speicher

# Belle

Just today I heard you were doing well  
That you love your job and you love your life  
Not one instance of hurt, nor bit of strife  
And I caught myself happy for you, Belle

Often I pray for you to live your dreams  
And think of the greatness you might achieve  
I think of all the things that I believed  
Knowing that one day, on a stage, you'd beam

I wish I could let you know how I feel  
And, I wish I could still encourage you  
Somehow feel the hug that's long overdue  
And I'm praying that you'll live your ideals

But, today I heard you were doing well  
And found myself so happy for you, Belle

((June 4th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Benji

I've heard those who mourn will be comforted  
And, Lord, I am praying that verse holds true  
Because I am in need of some comfort  
Losing friends isn't easy to go through

And, though I know I'll see him once again  
On a mountainside grander than those here  
My heart still mourns and still needs Your comfort  
I still need You to wipe away my tears

Funny, it doesn't seem so long ago  
That your laugh brightened a community  
And, your smile made any day better  
Now, it brightly warms all eternity

And, though I know I'll see him once again  
On a mountainside grander than those here  
My heart still mourns and still needs Your comfort  
I still need You to wipe away my tears

It's hard to say goodbye to friends so soon  
I wish I could have come to know you more  
I know this wasn't the last chance I'll get  
I'll come meet you on that eternal shore

And, though I know I'll see him once again  
On a mountainside grander than those here  
My heart still mourns and still needs Your comfort  
I still need You to wipe away my tears

((Dedicated to a friend of all, Benji Hawk, who we miss dearly))

((December 11th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Between Now And Eternity

Stuck between now and eternity's shore  
Pursuing a call, praying I heard right  
Hurting from work, but, somehow, wanting more  
Wishing I'd find a wink of sleep at night

Oh, how life is complicated right now  
Wanting to be who God called me to be  
Not knowing just what or exactly how  
But, I fight for hope, I fight to be free

And relationships they come and they go  
Some, longer than others, stay by your side  
But, when their departure just isn't known  
It's tough to know just how much to confide

Though I'm not alone, I'm lonely inside  
I feel I'm throwing myself on the sword  
Not knowing if work is my hope or pride  
Time is a luxury I can't afford

Stuck between now and eternity's shore  
God grant peace in my tumultuous heart  
Even though now, my own voice I abhor  
Give me Your courage, Your words, to impart

Danny Speicher

# Beyond

Somewhere beyond these sad, overcast skies  
There is beauty that is happening now  
Stars, bright shining and twinkling above  
With some stooping to earth to take a bow

Somewhere beyond these sad, overcast skies  
He's giving a show, amazing to see  
And, though we're here now, watching and waiting  
Someday we'll see that grand show, you and me

Somewhere beyond these sad, overcast skies  
There's a miracle happening above  
As the angels rejoice and heaven shouts  
Of the Father's great, omnipresent love

Somewhere beyond these sad, overcast skies  
There is hope for a tomorrow so bright  
So, smile and know it's not far away  
When, hallelujah, we, too, see the light

((December 13th,2006))

Danny Speicher

# Bittersweet Release

Clouds roll in, black, full of desperation  
Slowly been rolling in for quite some time  
A dropp of memories here and then there  
Drizzle reminding the heart, life's not fair

The clouds looked ominous and bleak above  
The droplets fell like anvils on the soul  
But, as the heavens opened the floodgates  
There was a bittersweet release of fate

For all the things that once were striven for  
Were suddenly washed away in the flood  
And all those big dreams that once were so near  
Beneath the storms gale, they soon dissappeared

One could be angry at such a sad plight  
And one could sadly lament of this pain  
But, odd enough, a bittersweet release  
Has entered and granted this lonely peace

((February 5th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Blessed And Amazed

A year of hopes and dreams and worn-out prayers  
With no indication that they'd been heard  
All the memories and familiar words  
And loneliness made sleepless nights not rare

Oh, these dreams, be they waking or asleep  
Made that sweet face seem not so far away  
So oft that kind voice would whisper and say  
'Come and find me, don't let me slip too deep.'

So, if I'd had the choice, I'd dream all day  
I'd just listen to that voice speak softly  
And I'd see that smile flash wildly  
And stand, mesmerized, by all of her ways

But, now all these dreams come true before me  
And that sweet voice is sweeter than before  
Her heart beats for me each day more and more  
All this is more than I dreamed it could be

And, all I can feel is blessed and amazed  
As I look upon her beautiful gaze

Danny Speicher

## Born But A Little Child

He who spoke the world into creation  
He was born but a little child  
With love so meek and mild  
His birth brought the world a new elation  
Was born to die to save all the nations  
He was born but a little child  
With a precious glowing smile  
Was to become the church's foundation  
He was born but a little child  
To reclaim the fallen world for His own  
He was born but a little child  
He came that true love, through Him, could be known  
He was born but a little child  
To take on our sins, and for them atone

((May 31st,2003))

Danny Speicher

# Bright And New Day

Yesterday is gone, never to return  
And tomorrow is approaching quickly  
Don't forget to enjoy life and live free  
Because this life will soon be a page turned

Gone are those long days of sadness and tears  
With memories and nostalgia wrenching  
Wrenching emotions and your heart clenching  
Here's to no fears and far happier years

Welcome to this bright and new day, my friends  
Where assurance is ours of joy and peace  
Brought forth by a God whose love doesn't cease  
If we grasp it we'll know it never ends

Welcome to this bright and new day, my friends  
If we will grasp His love, it never ends

((December 31st,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Brighter Fate

The sun now descending  
The moon draws close by  
Another day is over  
And brings me to a sigh  
Where does all the time go  
What comes of all the years  
A life of great hopes and dreams  
Has rendered naught but tears  
The peace has been buried  
Near future showing hate  
But times, they are changing  
Bringing hope of a brighter fate

((January 24th,1997))

Danny Speicher

# Brightest Of Days To Darkest Of Nights

The sun shone for a time on hope so pure  
As the rays danced upon those daydreams clear  
All was right, with not a cloud in the sky  
Together we basked in that day so dear

Oh, why do the brightest days have to end  
So often preceding the darkest nights  
How we long to diligently defend  
That which seems, to us, entirely right  
Why do brightest days fade to darkest nights?

The clouds rolled in that September evening  
And all that was known was lost in the haze  
As what was real was distorted by pain  
And all we longed for were those sunny days

Oh, why do the brightest days have to end  
So often preceding the darkest nights  
How we long to diligently defend  
That which seems, to us, entirely right  
Why do brightest days fade to darkest nights?

Pain seared the marrow, intolerable  
As horizon set that innocent sun  
All that came easy, now was difficult  
And those plans that we made were now undone

Oh, why do the brightest days have to end  
So often preceding the darkest nights  
How we long to diligently defend  
That which seems, to us, entirely right  
Why do brightest days fade to darkest nights?

Perhaps I am the one to light this flame  
And give light to that which brings so much charm  
Perhaps if the dark saw what shone each day  
Maybe then, to light, he would do no harm

Fighting darkness always carries a price

Lord, give me strength and Your constant advice  
Direct my steps as I carry this light  
Help me not fade in the stillness of night  
Help me speak wisdom into the cold air  
So when he hears, he will know you are there  
Let the words I speak be Your words, not mine  
In this night, I'll need words that are Thine  
Always stay near me and never be far  
Always direct me by light of the stars  
For, this light I bring is more dear to me  
Than any other that will ever be

Oh, why do the brightest days have to end  
So often preceding the darkest nights  
How we long to diligently defend  
That which seems, to us, entirely right  
Why do brightest days fade to darkest nights?

Do these brightest days really have to end?  
Do they always precede those dark, dark nights?  
Perhaps today I'll finally defend  
That which I know is entirely right  
Perhaps today won't fade to dark, dark night

Danny Speicher

# Broken

A broken heart is a broken spirit  
It takes joy and humbles the soul  
It feels as if a knife delves deep inside  
And creates a never-ending hole  
Some say pride comes before a fall  
And pride is the danger to fight  
Some say a broken heart could do you well  
But, I cannot see the light  
I've had many loves that haven't loved me back  
I've seen many hearts come and go  
Some say goodbye and leave me alone  
Others keep me to toss to and fro  
So, where are all the good girls, you ask  
Where, oh where, could they be  
They are in the arms of those who hate  
Not willing to commit to me  
I've seen so many people hurt  
From the first day I was born  
You would think I would know the pain  
But, it's my ignorance, keeping me forlorn  
So, here lays my heart, my broken spirit  
Crushed, once again, by the one I love  
So, once again I pray to God  
To send me someone from above

((May 22nd,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Called

Pain, like an anvil, heavy on my heart  
Stress, like a vice, clamps tight upon my head  
Wondering if I heard it correctly  
Or if I've, by my passion, been misled

I look upon the darkening sunset  
Across that stoic, storied hill of lost souls  
The weight of their fate lay on my shoulders  
Their sin, upon my conscience, like hot coals

Tip-toeing that fine line is a hard task  
Between premature eagerness and sloth  
I'm the guard on this city's watchtower  
But, when is best to light that fuel-soaked cloth?

So, I stand watch and I wait for a sign  
As when to light the torch and blow the horn  
'Till then I sit in anticipation  
Sleepless, eager, tired... never forlorn

For, my Lord called me here for a reason  
So I rejoice in this cold, hard season

((October 23rd,2006))

Danny Speicher

# Carnival Blues

No different from any other year  
The carousel goes around and around  
And miles away you can hear its sound  
But, one thing is different, you're not here

The smell of kettle corn and funnel cakes  
The carney voices vying for a buck  
Calling out to all fools to test their luck  
But, the blues within I just can't mistake

A year ago we rode the ferris wheel  
Sat in a shelter in the humid air  
Catching one another's eyes in a stare  
Talking of a future and what we'd feel

Another familiar place I saw you  
And, yet another night of feeling blue

Danny Speicher

# Chad, Dan And Stan

There were birds in the air over there  
Flying in the sun's glare, unaware  
The farmer's son and his gun  
Plans to shoot one just for fun  
And the muzzle's blare did cause despair

All the birds fought to dodge the hot shot  
Not to be caught and stuck in a pot  
The young son cried, teary-eyed  
Wanting their hides to be fried  
But, failed at his plot to blot the lot

The boy, Chad, went home to his dad, sad  
Sure his dad would be mad at the lad  
But, he ran, his old man, Stan  
His brother Dan had plan  
And, they were very glad that Dan had

So, they went to the pretty city  
In their truck, Itty-Bitty Gritty  
And they prowled around for foul  
Passed owls who started to growl  
And singing ditties at six fifty

For at six fifty they found Nifty  
Nifty told them where to go, thrifty  
So the three found KFC  
And agreed in jubilee  
That this was thrifty and thanked Nifty

So, in the end, Chad, Dan and, dad, Stan  
Went home and tomorrow's plan began  
They'd drive down into downtown  
And look 'round for food, renown  
Never again planned to hunt or tan

((Loopy Limericks for Little Lads))

((October 13th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Cleft For Me

Look to the east, the sunrise is rising  
Morning is breaking on the horizon  
A new day's come and the light is blinding  
Been waiting so long, but now I'm finding

That all my dreams, my hopes and desires  
Were swept up in His consuming fire  
And I find that all that once I had thought  
Was worthwhile, had been left out to rot

Yet, I remain, ever clinging to One  
Who is as constant as the rising sun  
Though I oft fear what tomorrow may bring  
If I'm being truthful, my heart will sing

Oh, Rock of Ages, ever cleft for me  
Won't You, forever, let me hide in Thee

And, answers He, in compassionate tones  
Reminding me that I'm never alone  
Gently guiding me and making me whole  
He gives me vision and restores my soul

I learn to be confident once again  
And deny myself and reject new sin  
Oh, never to boast in my newfound strength  
I boast in His grace and His love's great length

It stretched to my fears when I was afraid  
And, though I owed a debt, the debt it paid  
Blood-infused sweat and tears in the garden  
Didn't keep Him from granting my pardon

The water and blood from His side that flowed  
Allowed nail-pierced hands to carry my load

Waking or sleeping, I find my delight  
In the same man who gave the blind man sight  
I find my joy in the hope that He brings

So, now my feet dance and now my voice sings

Oh Lord, each day that I rise from my bed  
May I have your thoughts running through my head  
And every night when I shut my eyes  
May I dream and ponder only Your prize

So warped and twisted and darkened inside  
Only by your grace, Lord, can I abide  
Never in my own strength can I succeed  
In Your providence I find what I need

Lord, my sinful heart cries out for Your cure  
Each day mold me anew and make me pure

((October 8th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Cling To Love

Oh, Muse, long ago, you graced this doorway  
Or, was it so long ago you were here?  
Can't remember your voice so well, oh Muse  
But, at night, while dreaming, your voice rings clear

Oh, Muse, once you had my heart in your hand  
Inspire or crush any time you chose  
So long since I've seen your beautiful face  
Still I see it clearly, when my eyes close

Oh, Muse, you took my heart for a season  
Though I gave it to you for a lifetime  
I sat at your feet and basked in your glow  
As long as you'd grant your heart to touch mine

Oh, Muse, don't abandon the love you know  
And cling to love, oh Muse... Don't let love go

Oh, Muse, you departed on a stormcloud  
Late in Springtime you left without a trace  
To this day I watch you from a distance  
And fondly think of your tender embrace

Oh, Muse, you've chosen another to love  
I pray that this time you'll let that love grow  
No obstacle, either real or perceived  
Will avert love's supernatural flow

Oh, Muse love deeply, think freely, live life  
And cling to love, oh Muse... Don't let love go  
Believe in the power of miracles  
Chase every dream that you've ever known

Oh, Muse, don't abandon the love you know  
And cling to love, oh Muse... Don't let love go

((February 8th,2010))



# Columbine Remembered

The alarm clock rings  
Another day starts  
Sleep fills her eyes  
But, joy fills her heart  
No fear was present  
When she left home that day  
She was still in study  
When the bullets were sprayed  
They never expected  
The pain on that day  
They never predicted  
The price they would pay  
They died as victors  
Alive within glory  
They died as heroes  
Proclaiming a story  
Still they live on  
The doors flew open  
Announcing their reign  
How could no one have seen  
Their hurt, their pain  
We stand here mourning  
A year to the day  
And still is their memory  
And it will, forever, stay  
They died as victors  
Alive within glory  
They died as heroes  
Proclaiming a story  
Still they live on  
Their lives weren't in vain  
Their faces aren't gone for good  
Their stories encourage us through pain  
And our courage is found in their blood  
They still live on

((April 20th,2000))



# Come And Follow Me

"The harvest is plenty, workers are few"  
And He said, "Come and follow me"  
"And, through me, you will help them see"  
Peter was out fishing with Andrew  
The brothers of thunder were fishing too  
And He said, "Come and follow me"  
"And fishers of men, you will be"  
Then, a tax collector came into view  
And He said, "Come and follow me"  
No matter what you may have done before  
He still says, "Come and follow me"  
He calls you to a life of so much more  
He cries out, "Come and follow me"  
And we follow Him, for Him we adore

((May 31st,2003))

Danny Speicher

# Crimson Trails

(The third, and final, poem in the series entitled 'Sonnets for a Savior')

Jesus, my Lord, was beaten and was mocked  
And His blood formed a crimson trail  
Though His body was weak and frail  
He fell as His legs violently locked  
And those who once followed Him watched in shock  
As He walked down the crimson trail  
Though His face was quite light and pale  
He now drug His cross to the skull's dark rock  
And His tears met the crimson trail  
He died so that we might live forever  
For us he walked the crimson trail  
His promise of love will fail us never  
We now follow the crimson trail  
And His love for us will not be severed

((May 31st,2003))

Danny Speicher

# Dagger

God, I feel it again... uncertainty  
That cauderizing dagger to my heart  
The burning, hot steel of anger and fear  
Brutal... tearing my soul slowly apart

I called to You in my hour of doubt  
When others failed, I trusted You, alone  
I cried out to You when I had been crushed  
And, in that moment, Your grace brightly shone

But, each new day brings a heart of sadness  
Longing for those simpler days as a child  
Each night's dreams bring images full of fear  
With each vision my spirit is reviled

I come to You, again, praying for peace  
Because, alone, this heart can't take much more  
My sorrow, it exceeds my joy today  
These deepest fears are too strong to ignore

Lord, I'm needing a hug from my Father  
And an arm around my shoulder to guide  
All I want is to lay down... quit the race  
And there's no friend in whom I can confide

Danny Speicher

# Dark Night

Hello again, my dearest friend, my child  
It is good to see you again at home  
I have watched you wandering the world  
I have watched you feel very much alone

You've come back home with tears in your eyes  
Another black dusk has darkened your sight  
You saw the light on and Me standing there  
And came in, weeping, giving up the fight

But, if you could only see what I see  
From this window's view far above  
But, if you could only see what I see  
Through these eyes of pure, perfect love  
If you could just see what I see  
Within your heart... You would see Me

The world has crushed your spirit and your dream  
But, deep within, you still feel the fire  
If only you could find the strength to go  
Purpose could once again be your desire

But, if you could only see what I see  
From this window's view far above  
But, if you could only see what I see  
Through these eyes of pure, perfect love  
If you could just see what I see  
Within your heart... You would see Me

Each time through the fire, each time through the flame  
Each flaw smoothed, each impurity removed  
Each defect, weakness, tested and strengthened  
Each will, in the end, worth and value prove

So, when the darkness quickly drapes the sky  
Try to invision, then, what my eyes see  
As your heart is tested by the bleak night  
And, in that darkest moment, you'll see Me



# Dawn

Lord, hear my cry at the dawn of the sun  
It is to You I want to turn  
It seems my life is now coming undone  
And now, Your love is what I yearn  
Lord, so often I've turned away from You  
I thank You for your loving grace  
No other's love is so perfect and true  
I will forever seek Your face  
Lord, I have now reached my darkest hour  
Because, from Your mercy, I've strayed  
I find myself now with weakening power  
And all of my dreams slowly fade  
Lord, take those broken dreams that I once had  
And throw them in the blazing fire  
Destroying my will, with Your will to add  
Your purpose is my desire  
Lord, hear my cry at the set of the day  
When night slowly creeps up again  
So, lead me and guide me is what I pray  
And let my new life now begin

((March 14,2003))

Danny Speicher

# Dear You

Dear You, to whoever that you might be  
I just wanted to write to let you know  
That I'm still waiting 'round for you to show  
To see those eyes I've been longing to see

Dear You, I've been waiting for you so long  
At times it seems as though I'll never find  
You, that's been in my dreams and on my mind  
So, I sit and wait and I write this song

Dear You, I've been mistaken once before  
Through similar traits of another love  
Apparently not you that I dream of  
But, I'll wait for you, as I, you, wait for

Oh, love I had for the mistaken girl  
How much more I'll have for that hidden pearl

Dear You, I am preparing, now, for you  
Oh, my dear, I wish I'd started before  
Oh, my love, I wish, by now, I had more  
But, please don't view this blindness, now, askew

Dear You, wait for me as I build for us  
A life in which you can easily live  
And security I can surely give  
I'm impatient, sweetheart, I must confess

Dear You, as I close this letter to you  
To you, my girl, whoever you might be  
I pray you'll stay pure and looking for me  
And, I, myself, will remain pure and true

Dear You, the you I'm looking for out there  
Each morning, for you, I will pray a prayer

((September 25th,2008))



## Did You Know I Pray For You?

Did you know I pray for you in the morning?  
As the dew wicks away from the rose petals  
Or when Winter snow on evergreens settle  
Even as Spring storms, they come without warning  
Markedly, then, I pray for you that morning  
When Summer burns so hot it could melt metal  
And, in the Fall, when flowers lose their petals  
My dear, I do pray for you in the morning

Did you know I pray for you during noontime?  
And think of you fondly and wish you the best  
And when the church bells in the evening do chime  
Did you know that I pray for you to be blest?  
Throughout the day I pray for you many times  
And, at night, I pray that God might give you rest

Danny Speicher

# Divine

To You who has made me and made me glad  
Praises and glory and honor to You  
To the Sustainer of all that is true  
Gratitude for all You've given, I've had

Though the darkness comes and stays for a while  
Your Word lights the path within the twilight  
Giving me sight when there should be no sight  
Shining beyond mile after mile

And when sunlight breaks the eastern skyline  
And the birds are singing their morning song  
And the heavens and earth singing along  
Joyful that through it all You were divine

Oh, Lord, Maker of every perfect thing  
You have taught this once-saddened heart to sing

((November 8th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Do Not Fear

You hear the thunder rolling  
It seems the sun has faded away  
You've lost all hope for true love  
You can't see the break of day  
Sometimes it seems hard to live  
So hard to move on from here  
But, don't lose your faith  
Because God's grace is near  
Do not fear  
God is with you  
The night is nearly over  
Day is is nearly here

((November 2nd,1999))

Danny Speicher

# Do You Ever Think Fondly Of Me?

Do you wake in the middle of the night  
Crying, uncontrollably, desperately?  
Do you cry like I cry within the night?  
Oh, do you ever think fondly of me?

Do you hope, at times, this wasn't really true  
Begging God for one more chance at this love?  
Do you pray like I pray it wasn't true?  
Oh, do you ever think fondly of me?

Do you ever dream dreams of days gone by  
Of past memories shared, while your heart breaks?  
Does your heart break like mine for days gone by?  
Oh, do you ever think fondly of me?

Do you ever think what dreams may have come  
Had we made it past this last obstacle?  
Do you ever think like I think... dreams to come?  
Oh, do you ever think fondly of me?

Do you ever think fondly of me, dear?  
Wondering what I'm doing now and then?  
Do your thoughts hangup and cause your eyes tears  
When you sit and think and ponder on when

Once upon a winter's evening, so cold  
We sat cuddled in each other's embrace  
Do you ever think of that evening, so cold?  
Oh, do you ever think fondly of me?

Danny Speicher

# Don'T Fear The Dream

Don't fear the dream, children, as I once did  
Don't fear the dream in the stillness of night  
Follow that call, given in the darkness  
For it will lead you into that bright light

Don't fear the emotions that well within  
Don't fear the emotions as the tears fall  
Follow your conscience, speaking deep inside  
For life with no heart, is no life at all

Don't fear the power that you've been given  
Don't fear the power when your moment comes  
Follow the Giver who gives you your strength  
For there's reason you are who you've become

Don't fear the dream, so bold, as I once did  
Don't fear the dream or the visions by night  
Follow that call, as given by your King  
For reward awaits those who fear, yet fight

And, even when your struggle seems hopeless  
And, even when your heart begins to fail  
Don't fear the impending evil ahead  
For if He is with you, you will prevail

((January 19th,2006))

Danny Speicher

# Don'T Play Me Love Songs

Don't play me love songs filled with naive views on love  
Can't you see this heart breaking? Can't you hear it cry?  
Please don't play those sweet, old love songs; Please don't ask why  
I guess this love inside I don't want to think of

Don't play me sad songs filled with harmonious woe  
Don't you know I know how to be sad already?  
Please don't play sad songs for this heart, so unsteady  
My eyes have already cried far more than you know

Play for me, instead, a song filled with hope and dreams  
Play me songs that speak of tomorrow, not today  
Reminding me this pain won't always come my way  
Make me feel that life isn't as hard as it seems

Don't play love songs, I don't want to hear of their bliss  
Play me songs, instead, that give me hope of her kiss

((March 10th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Dreams

Day after day I try and find peace in the midst of madness  
In the midst of sorrow and tragedy and poverty  
I look to the sky looking for an answer, finding none  
Finding only an ethereal hope

Lackluster life with daily monotony  
Only finds my heart longing for something more  
Longing for the life I once had  
Longing for an adventure, longing for love

Yet, here I sink in mire and mud  
Kicking to gain footing, sinking slowly in my effort  
Reaching for a branch that used to seem so near  
Seems further away, no longer at my fingertips

For so long I have wanted to rise above  
Rise above real life to something of my dreams  
Dreams of a love and a life of living not for me  
Being a part of a partnership not floundered even by death

One shining moment I grasped a hold of that dream  
Held it in my arms as night spun night to day  
But, alas, I grasped too tightly and the dream fled from me  
And I was left alone, alone in this sad reality

Still at night I dream, with vivid imagery  
Of a new day and a new life and a new love just for me  
I see the world as it should be, peaceful and serene  
And I wonder if I'll ever see a day that shines so bright

I dream of understanding for the world's diversity  
Brother and sister, hand in hand, across the globe I see  
Black and white and every tan shade in between  
Living together, loving each other, in perfect harmony

Yet, morning breaks and, again I realize  
What I have realized each day of my life  
That the world is mired by a curse of hate  
Not easily cured with immediacy

So, I simply do my part in changing the world around me  
By loving and having compassion on those who enter my life that day  
Keeping my eyes open for the love that might come  
And maintaining faith that my God, my Savior, will deliver His dreams for me

((December 11th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Dreams Of Love

Cars speed by, below the city skyline  
People walk by and yet they cannot see  
The hopes and the dreams waking inside me  
As I work and I strive to make them mine

And the street lamps, they act as stars above  
The heavens never sparkle on this street  
And the rhythm never loses its beat  
But, despite the noise I think upon love

Oh, love, the dream that surpasses all dreams  
Love, that had nurtured me, then broken me  
Love, that will not let my soul simply be  
Will it truly remain as it now seems

Dreams, oh dreams; and dreams of love just for me  
They play out within where no one can see

((September 17th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Dreams Restored

'What's the use', I said to myself, once, as I sat under a tree, alone  
For there were many problems I faced and sins which needed to be atoned  
So, sat there, I, with clouded emotions and a sad look upon my face  
Never wanting to lift my head, instead, sit there, alone, in my disgrace

Fear... What a horrible thing when it paralyzes youth seeking their dreams  
If only they would look beyond reality... It isn't all it seems  
But, pressures come and slowly crush that vision and curse the hope deep within  
Until all that remain are shells of dreamers and thoughts of what might have  
been

Take heart! All who have lost your way, for those aspirations can be restored  
Not just restored, brothers and sisters... No, they can be deeper than before  
On the wings of passion and with the strength of experience these take flight  
In stark contrast they blaze on, bright and beautiful, against the cold, dark night

In those moments, lived on for as long as you'll carry the torch, you then see  
Fear you had wasn't of failure, but fear of what you might be called to be  
But, fear not, at that time, for it is then that you'll feel His hand holding yours  
He'll never leave you nor forsake you, even if you go to distant shores

And, I pray that you, being rooted and established as His true beloved  
May have power to grasp how wide, how long, how high and how deep is His love  
That you may know that this irrational love surpasses the knowledge of man  
May you be filled to all the fullness of God, as you on truth, solid, stand

(September 28th,2007)

Danny Speicher

# Dreary

Dreary Monday afternoon  
Wishin' I could see you soon, clearly  
Sadly, thinking of our days gone by  
Wonderin' the reason why, madly

It wasn't 'cause I wanted to  
But, here I am not holding you, so dearly  
So dreary  
Darlin', if I said I wanted to  
Spend my life lovin' you  
Wantin' wouldn't help you to  
Be near me

Dreary Monday afternoon  
Wonderin' if you'll ever never fear me  
Dreamin' of what once we had  
But, dreamin' only drives me mad

It wasn't 'cause I wanted to  
But, here I am not holding you, so dearly  
So dreary  
Darlin', if I sang this song  
Even if you've done me wrong  
Would you please come along  
And be near me

Dreary Monday afternoon  
Hopin' you might find this tune and hear me  
Just lovin' you and you alone  
Oh, darlin', please just dial the phone

Say three words, my dear, and free me  
On this Monday afternoon... So dreary

((July 20th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Empty Promises

Sometimes I forget that you and I ever were  
Your name rings empty like a reference from a dream  
Reference to times shared leave memories unsure  
At times, you're a shadow, less real than once you seemed

But, then there are times when it all comes back to me  
All the drugs and the whiskey wear thin in my blood  
And my eyes turn and your face and body they see  
The nostalgic tragedy, to my heart, doth flood

Damn you for lying to me about loving me  
Damn the memory of those words within my mind  
Damn all your promises flowing so flippantly  
Damn the life I spent on you, damn all of that time

Sometimes I forget you and I ever were  
That is what now constitutes the "good times" for me  
True happiness now relegated to a blur  
Damn your empty promises, giv'n so flippantly

((May 27th,2013))

Danny Speicher

# Endless Skies Of Blue

Blue eyes shining, haunting my dreams  
I wake to find them with me even still  
Blue eyes, to shake them is harder than it seems  
Sometimes I wonder if the memory can kill

Slice through my soul like a knife  
The two oceans sweeping me up like sand  
Washed about this random, haphazard life  
Not knowing if the next tide I can withstand

Three hundred and some odd days  
Seems like forever since they've last seen me  
Yet I still see them in so many ways  
Nothing from their gaze seems to set me free

Life rolls on with or without them finding me  
Whether I want it to move forward or not  
I wonder if my hazel stare she ever sees  
But, I would bet that me, she's all but forgot

So I will dream of those endless skies of blue  
That I could look upon like the night sky  
All too oft dripping gently like the morning dew  
And all too likely, will do so 'till I die

((February 19th,2013))

Danny Speicher

# Equilibrium

The fog lifts beyond the hazed horizon  
Morning illuminates the darkest night  
And the fears I have now begin to fade  
My faith returns that things will be alright

In my soul worry and fret lingers, still  
But, God is replacing mistrust with trust  
Realization... life would be lonely  
If I believed no one... So, I must

Thoughts of friends rallying in prayer for me  
Has kept this frail heart beating through the strife  
And memories of life, love and laughter  
Have helped me to keep perspective on life

Happiness is simply an illusion  
Which no one can, alone, hope to attain  
But, joy is fruit of a spirit that trusts  
And, when trusting God, that fruit will remain

So, happiness, I do not have within  
But, equilibrium I've found through joy  
Fear, bit by bit, being replaced with trust  
And, God, His grace, He lovingly deploys

I'll find joy in life, with God in control  
Even when darkest nights, upon me, fall  
I know I can rely on my Savior  
To be my Rock, Shelter... My All in All

Danny Speicher

# Era Of Tears

In the silent darkness  
I sit and ponder Your plan  
Where You are taking me  
And where exactly I stand  
I wonder about my future  
And, I reminisce about my past  
I think about the joys I've had  
And how they didn't last  
You are the One Strong Fortress  
That I can count on through it all  
My rock of my foundation of faith  
That still stands so firm and tall  
But, still I hurt and still I cry  
I suffer through this life  
It seems my pain will never end  
And all I see is endless strife  
So, Lord help me through  
This bleak era of tears  
Clear me of my anger  
And hold me above my fears  
Give me strength to find hope  
And hope to find love  
And let my light shine above all  
Until I rise to You, above

((April 12th,2001))

Danny Speicher

# Ever Again

Do you remember late night talks  
And innocence maintained  
And a passion, insane  
And moonlight campus walks?

Do you remember the romance  
And finding love  
And praising God above  
And your teaching me to dance?

Do you remember nights together  
And locking eyes  
And sad goodbyes  
And, walking in winter weather?

Do you remember fake fights  
And silly jokes  
And gentle strokes  
And things whispered only at night?

Do you remember a night in the city  
And the carriage ride  
And me by your side  
And you looking so pretty?

Do you remember us  
And all that we stood for  
And all we endured  
Do you remember us?

Do you remember what ended our run  
Can you tell me how  
Love could blossom then, but not now  
Do you remember what ended our run?

Will I feel love like that ever again  
With innocence and naive trust  
In a love not turning to dust  
Will I feel love like that ever again?

Will I feel love like that ever again?

((September 1st,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Everything That You Are

It isn't the waves of the lake  
Nor is it the rush of the wind  
It isn't the fresh smell of the leaves  
That helps my heart soften, my friend  
It's never been the rest or the sleep  
It's not the dreams I often dream  
It isn't the endless, sapphire sky  
That sets my hardened soul free  
No, it's the sound of your voice  
It's the touch of your skin  
That takes me past all my fears  
To a place that I've never been  
It is your laugh and your smile  
It is your dreams, it is your smile  
It is everything that you are  
That heals this heart that is scarred  
When my life seems like a busy mess  
When it seems it will never slow down  
It isn't just the music that calms  
It's the feeling of having you around  
Or, when I've had one of those days  
Where nothing seems to go right  
All it takes is the thought of your face  
That keeps me relaxed at night  
It's the sound of your voice  
It's the touch of your skin  
That takes me past all my fears  
To a place that I've never been  
It is your laugh and your smile  
It is your dreams, it is your smile  
It is everything that you are  
That heals this heart that is scarred

((August 1st,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Family Restored

Once, while walking down an old beaten path  
Pondering a family once bestowed  
But, once, a cursed word incurred their wrath  
So, lonely, strode I upon that rough road

Yet in the midst of the darkest of nights  
Sat, above the cloudy heavens, I Am  
Who came to earth to take on hurts like these  
To bear them as our sacrificial Lamb

Time went on and human hope soon faded  
Of ever regaining what I had lost  
How quickly humankind becomes jaded  
When upon life's rocky roads we are tossed

Yet in the midst of the darkest of nights  
Sat, above the cloudy heavens, I Am  
Who came to earth to take on hurts like these  
To bear them as our sacrificial Lamb

But, the cancer remained under the skin  
Faith in forgiveness, silently killing  
Forgotten, yet growing deeper within  
Needing mankind's forgiveness, God willing

And, even when the hurt had been repressed  
Still, at times, the heart was strangely depressed  
Until that day forgiveness was granted  
A loving God grace for fear supplanted

And in the midst of the darkest of nights  
Sits, above the cloudy heavens, I Am  
Who came to earth to take on hurts like those  
To bear them as our sacrificial Lamb

((December 27th,2006))

Danny Speicher

# Feeling Again

Everyday I wake up and my eyes see  
The sun and horizon You paint for me  
I just have to thankful for Your love  
Every time I share a smile or laugh  
Whenever I stand on someone's behalf  
I just have to be thankful for Your love  
And, in those moments where my eyes shed tears  
And, my heart starts breaking in all my fear  
Even then I am thankful for Your love  
Because I remember as years unfold  
That, how, once, my heart was so very cold  
So, I am just thankful for Your healing  
And, that my heart is, once again, feeling  
Be it joy or sadness, passion or pain  
I am simply thankful to feel again

Danny Speicher

# Forevermore

Down the old dirt path where the willows grow  
Where the gravel stops and the old crick slows  
Where the sun sets late and the West wind blows  
There you will find me, by the corn in rows

When the weather changes from rain to snow  
And on the high plains the bucks chase the doe  
I'll be watching you still, just so you know  
Though my flesh remains, buried cold and low

Someday we'll embrace within that warm glow  
Where golden streets wind and crystal seas flow  
Where pain is no more and there is no woe  
We'll stand hand in hand upon that plateau

Where the sun ne'er sets and cool breezes blow  
We'll live forevermore where death doesn't go

((August 15th,2015))

Danny Speicher

# For He Is Good

Perhaps I'm not yet on the paths once tread  
Perhaps it seems like miles stand between  
At least I'm getting back to where I've been  
Alive once more, learning from time once dead

I praise Him for He's worthy of all praise  
I cried out in sorrowful, silent pain  
Wondering if I called to Him in vain  
Yet, run He did and He saved me today

What words capture this rapture of the heart  
I could speak endlessly never finding  
Liturgies that speaks of light so blinding  
And the hope that this day is just the start

Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good  
Mercy shines past what once I understood

((September 9th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# For Whom I Love

The wind comes down from the mountaintop  
To bring a fresh air to me  
And in the breath I take, so deep  
I, once again, feel so free  
And I take the moment to thank the Lord  
For the day that He has made  
And I lay back and ponder His love  
In the willowed tree's kind shade  
The winter was so harsh, so cold  
But, now the spring is nigh  
And, I praise Him for His love and care  
As I slowly close my eyes  
I dream of all my life has been  
And all that is waiting for me  
I dream of those of whom I've loved  
And how they've set me free  
But, most of all I dream of those  
Who have given me their hearts  
Those who have cried on my shoulder  
And needed me from the start  
Those are the ones I long to help  
And keep me going from day to day  
Those are the ones I have a heart for  
And for whom I daily pray  
Lord, I pray that you'll always let me  
Be a shelter for those who are hurt  
And a liberator to set them free

((February 2nd,2001))

Danny Speicher

# For You, Alone

Today's the day I live for You, alone  
And the start of a brand new day in me  
I want to leave a legacy behind  
To leave my legacy, You are my key

So, I will strive harder to be like You  
To live the life in my words, in my deeds  
And to tell of Your love to all people  
Like the scattering of the bluegrass seeds

I will consciously choose You ev'ry day  
And when a new turn comes on this long road  
I will seek Your strong hand to guide the wheel  
Until I see my heavenly abode

And, when I am raptured into that place  
Even then will I seek Your righteous hand  
No longer in question or doubt of You  
For, then I will see Your eternal plan

Forever, I will sing your praises, Lord  
'Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty'  
As I stand, amazed, at Your throne, oh Lord  
'Holy, holy is He, the King of kings'

Danny Speicher

# Forever Be

Night fell today, in times that ought be bright  
Dreams, crushed, that, many years ago, were made  
Hopes cut from me with a razor-sharp blade  
Failed in battle, though I fought the good fight

I wish I could tell you now all is right  
That the all the oppression quickly decayed  
And all hurt and despair quickly did fade  
But, I can't say this... At least not tonight

Yet, I know, somehow, that I'll be alright  
For I know that my Guide never has strayed  
And no obstacle can be His blockade  
So, even through this dusk, I see the light

Oh, Lord of my life, and bastion of might  
Forever be my hope, my strength, my sight

((April 10th,2015))

Danny Speicher

# Forever, Always This Way

To the girl who does make my world go 'round  
To her who can make my hopes rise and fall  
To she who walks with me, so I stand tall  
And calms my weary soul without a sound

Whose presence makes a week pass like a year  
Whose laughter delivers my spirit joy  
Whose words remind me I am one blessed boy  
And whose intentions are honest and clear

With eyes which men can drown in if they stare  
With a body that forms an hourglass  
That moves so sensually with each pass  
And with a face that reflects that she cares

To you, my sweetheart, I can't help but say  
I'll like you forever, always this way

She looks in the mirror and cannot see  
The beauty that's reflecting back at her  
The same face in which everyone concurs  
Is far too perfect for a fool like me

Whether she's dressed up in a dress and heels  
Or dressed comfortable, ready for bed  
Be she dressed in black, blue, purple or red  
When she enters, all attention, she steals

If she changed her appearance o'er and o'er  
My heart couldn't ever change how it feels  
But, how she looks right now... Oh! The appeal!  
God has blessed me, just to let me know her

Dear, believe me when I tell you today  
That, truth be told, I love your ev'ry way

((August 5th,2010))



## Formidable Feeling Within

Oh, this formidable feeling within  
How it chills to the bone as it slowly creeps in  
Oh, this fearful heart that beats inside me  
As this hope that deceived I, once more, start to see

Oh, world how you seek and wish it to be  
Part of your life as you count on its jubilee  
Oh, world, beware this commitment you make  
For the more you commit... The more you have at stake

Oh, how do you know when their words are true  
Or simply mimicry of words that were from you  
Oh, how do you trust? You've been slain before  
When each thought of forever is one you deplore

Oh, friends, you must remember to look high above  
For that's the only way to learn to, once more, love

((January 23rd,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Frigid Winter Wind

Frigid Winter wind, chilling to the bone  
Oh, it never seemed all that bad last year  
Never seemed all that bad when you were near  
When I'd find your embrace when I got home

It's hard to believe the truth, even still  
That the embrace I once looked forward to  
When those bitter cold Winter days were through  
Will never again ease this cold wind's chill

Each night I find myself dreaming of you  
My subconscious not letting go the dream  
Dreaming our love was as good as it seemed  
And, that the dream dreamt was still coming true

My dear, how I long for your warm embrace  
Longing still more for one glimpse of your face

((January 5th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Give Me Your Pain

Here you stand, again  
Your broken heart in hand  
Life isn't always fair to you  
Constantly changing your plans  
You try to bear the stinging pain  
Put on your clown face... Smile  
When the hurt in your heart  
Tears your soul all the while  
You can give me your pain  
Shed me your tears  
Soften your heart  
Release all your fears  
Because I love you  
I'd do anything  
Yes, I'd do anything for you

((March 13th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Glory

Gazing into the great glory of You  
I cannot grasp Your grace  
Peering through an endless sky  
I feel You touch my face  
Sunbeams from high above  
Your love is beyond my thoughts  
Mountains You formed stand strong and tall  
Yet often I trust You not  
But, Your grace reaches beyond my heart  
Something only You can do  
And You love me  
Your love molds my heart  
There's no greater love in all the world  
Than when He took my part  
And Jesus' love unfurled  
And He died for me  
Because He loves me

((October 18th,1999))

Danny Speicher

# God Knows

Speckled stars shimmering, shining above  
Scattered like salt grains on an onyx stone  
Prior thoughts about future, hope and love  
Fade in the stillness of being alone

Shooting stars and wishes made in the night  
Prayers to the Creator of that night sky  
With sounds of my heart racing at your sight  
Mix within, thanking Him for 'you and I'

The moment won't last, time ticks quickly by  
Suddenly I know this memory, now  
Is one I will remember 'til I die  
And this weight begins to rest on my brow

Forgive me for not knowing what to do  
God knows I just want to be good to you

Oh, this picturesque celestial scene  
How it gives strength, as it teases and taunts,  
To pursue unwise avenues in hopes to glean  
One touch, one fraction of what my soul wants

A sudden but gentle let down is had  
My mind pumps forth memories from my past  
And I'm left afraid that it's all gone bad  
Fearful that what seems so good just won't last

How I miss the days, not too long ago  
When confidence was standard; hope was free  
That is what you deserve, this much I know  
Dear, I'm so blessed that you're patient with me

Forgive me for not knowing what to do  
God knows I just want to be good to you

((August 2nd,2010))



# God Will Provide

Long, I've sat in dark spiritual silence  
Waiting upon the answers from above  
Long, had I wondered if He truly cared  
Doubting if I would, again, see His love  
Troubles, they came as a hailstorm of fear  
Not knowing when to run or when to stay  
I'd lost my compass and I'd lost my guide  
Questioning each footstep along the way  
But, when the darkness became most blinding  
And, when the storm had enveloped my soul  
I, in my hopelessness and confusion  
Cried out to the One who can make me whole  
It was in that hour I again saw the Light  
It started out as a flicker of trust  
Growing into a flame of faith in Him  
And knowledge that His provision is just  
It was in my newfound recognition  
That I now knew that I was blessed, indeed  
'God will provide, ' I soon remembered  
And, forever, this truth shall be my creed

((December 5th,2004))

Danny Speicher

# Goodnight, Muse

It's been a long time coming... night has come  
It's come and been for what seems forever  
The landscape long since, to darkness, succumbed  
Within light attempted to endeavor

But, long since you've laid asleep far away  
Long since you've dashed from memory my name  
And though my heart yearned for the light of day  
Still your rest from me, it still stays the same

Every dream that has ever been dreamt  
Came forth from times of twilight interlude  
How my heart wishes the dream would have kept  
However, farewell is long overdue

So, goodnight, muse, comforter of sorrow  
Perhaps one day we'll see our tomorrow

((May 15th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Graduate

The world stands still  
And my heart tries to seek  
For a fond 'good-bye'  
For my mouth to speak  
The memories find me  
And a tear finds my eye  
It will never be the same  
Without you by our side  
I have never met someone  
As amazing as you  
I pray for success  
In everything you do  
There will be detours  
And many chances to stray  
If you stick with God  
He will surely show you the way  
You deserve the very best  
Don't settle for any worse  
I will always be here for you  
Just always stay the course

((May 4th,2001))

Danny Speicher

# Grandpa

Well, the time is drawing near  
And, I've prayed for your peace  
This legacy you've left  
Will live on and never cease  
The memories we've had  
Will live on in me all of my life  
They will be excellent stories  
To tell my children and my wife  
Stories of fishing trips and baseball games  
Watched late at night in our chair  
Stories of your changed life  
Due to one little prayer  
Grandpa, you've changed my life  
And you've given me laughter and joy  
But, now it's time to leave us  
So, don't worry about your little boy  
I'll be fine here with the family  
And we'll all soon be with you, so do not cry  
We'll see you and grandma... And all the rest  
Within the twinkling of your eye

((July 6th,2001))

Danny Speicher

# Gumdropp Glades

Somewhere far away from the city streets  
A meadow of green cotton candy blades  
Rolls upon a mound of chocolatey dirt  
And the warm cinnamon winds gently flirt  
While geysers of cocoa playfully spurt  
In a place kids all know, simply, as Gumdropp Glades

Ask Lil' Lew Lemondropp who knows the way  
Where the candy's free for the bill's been paid  
And the children can eat the sweets all day  
Without their teeth ever showing decay  
And there are no adults to scowl and say  
'Don't spoil your appetite down in Gumdropp Glades'

Someday you should go adventure to see  
What lies just past the tall forest blockades  
Where the brook that babbles past forest trees  
In the glade, turns into sweetest sweet tea  
And candy cane bluffs... Quite a sight to see  
That rise up high on three sides down in Gumdropp Glades

I hear when we see it we'll lose control  
And drink the waterfall of lemonade  
While small gumdrops dropp from trees as they sway  
We'll wish there would be no end to that day  
As we play playfully as children play  
When our hopeful eyes finally spy Gumdropp Glades

We'll wish there would be no end to that day  
As we play playfully as children play  
And we'll hope that we can, forever, stay  
Within a gingerbread house, down in Gumdropp Glades

((October 4th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Happily Humble

I just heard the news... Kid, it made me smile  
I know how much you are in love with love  
I know how you've probably prayed above  
You only had to wait a little while

Though I am lonely and missing you much  
It's quite tough to not be happy for you  
Because, in my heart, my heart always knew  
Someone very soon would find your hand's touch

Too beautiful to go unseen for long  
Far too talented to not cause some stir  
Too classy to not attract some monsieur  
But, still my heart hurts to see you move on

I'm not the first to watch my world crumble  
Yet, her joy makes me happily humble

((July 14th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Have You Seen Her Here Before

Have you seen her here before  
The one I am seeking after  
Has she passed by here lately  
With her beauty and her laughter  
I have lost her once again  
The girl that I have sought  
Have you seen her lately  
Found her, I have not  
The girl I've been seeking  
Has a sweet smile and charm  
Her heart is for Jesus  
And would never do me harm  
I've chased her once or twice  
So sure that it is her  
Yet, when she turns and looks at me  
I never am so sure  
Or, sometimes she will run  
And never turn around  
And how would I ever know  
That she isn't the one to be found  
Too weak and weary to run  
After someone who doesn't care  
About my heart or feelings  
That simply wouldn't be fair  
But, have you seen her around here before  
The one that I seek to find  
Because my heart is growing hard  
And love is going blind

((December 10th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Hayley Rose

Hayley, it has been far too long ago  
Since my heart has last felt this kind of love  
And, longer still, since my heart melted so  
Encountering a blessing from above

Hayley, I don't know what my role will be  
If I'll see you every week, month or year  
But, just know... And, prayerfully, you will see  
I'll never be far, though maybe not near

I expect great things from you, Hayley Rose  
For you to be happy, healthy and wise  
But, more than anything for you to know  
That Jesus loves you; you are in His eyes

Learn to love and be loved by all you meet  
Showing Christ's love and joy to all you greet

((December 21st,2006))

Danny Speicher

# He Leads Me

On the fields by and by  
The roses bloom so bright and red  
And by the grass so green  
I'm gently and kindly led  
I'm led by His hand  
The hand that made all we see  
He tells of His children  
And His plans just for me  
He shows me clearest springs  
Clearer than the bright morning sky  
And lets me drink of them  
On His shoulder, He lets me cry  
He sent His only Son  
To die on an old rugged cross  
To save us from our sin  
And take its lethal cost  
Someday we'll see Him  
In His glory and His power  
I am ready for Him  
Are you ready for that hour

((February 17th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Here's To Forever

I never knew how life could be  
Living, giving love so freely  
'Till there was you, touching my life  
Now I know just how life can be

Storm clouds still come darken the sky  
And hurt still cuts deep, by and by  
But, when you're near you ease my strife  
When those clouds darken the sky

I often dream of tomorrow  
And the future only God knows  
Pondering us, husband and wife  
I love dreaming of tomorrow

I can't express my thanks in words  
'Cause after all I've seen and heard  
I can't believe you're in my life  
For all you've done, I can't find words

Here's to forever, you and I  
And, never finding tears to cry  
Only laughter, even in strife  
Here's to forever, you and I

((February 11th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Heroes

It feels like life is speeding by too fast  
When peaceful and sweet memories of youth  
Touch this fabric... This ambitious future  
And idealism strays from the truth

The passions we once had, they fade away  
When we think about the size of the task  
And hope for brighter hope for tomorrow  
When we're forced to put on this happy mask

Because truth is, at times, we're not happy  
We see people hurt: their pain everywhere  
Their hurt, at times, is an inconvenience  
But, we will refuse to turn from their stare

God has blessed us all with these gifts of love  
To stoop down and touch those who are in need  
Will we choose to use these for His service  
Or will we use them for our selfish greed

We know this task is too big for just one  
We know we cannot touch this world alone  
But, united against injustice... death  
We can be heroes this world's never known

((October 14th,2006))

Danny Speicher

# Hey There

"Hey there." "How are you? " "What's going on?  
"

I wait in silent and hopeful repose

A response! So kind. So funny! So you!

Is there more there? Should I ask her? Who knows?

"Hey you! " "I am good." "I can't stand my  
job."

A smile received in a text-based world

And I imagine her grinning at me

Who am I kidding? Doubts within me swirl.

"Are you free tonight? "

"I am free." "Are you? "

A plan. A date. Or, well... Is it a date?

I am just so bad at these lovers' games

Will I ever break from this lonely fate?

"Hey there."

"Hey you! "

The date has now begun

Guide me, Lord, with the setting of the sun.

((February 25th,2017))

Danny Speicher

# His Legacy

For you who sinned from day to day  
I died upon this cross  
For you who are weak and frail  
I hung upon this cross  
Oh, what pain and scorn to bear  
The sins of every man  
But, on this greatest Easter day  
I died so you could stand  
When I died I knew that I  
Would rise again so soon  
The grave could not hold me long  
I came forth from the tomb  
Grave, where is your victory  
Death, where is your sting  
Satan's demons tremble as  
The angel's chorus sing

((Inspired by Francisco de Zurbaran's painting, 'The Crucifixion'))

((October 8th,1999))

Danny Speicher

# Holiday Memories

Holiday memories wrapped with love  
Small gifts from God sent from above  
With laughter and smiles, sprinkled with joy  
A doll for the girls and a truck for the boys  
Though this year memories won't be so bright  
Without my family within my sight  
Yet somehow I will find the will to go on  
Though their faces won't be there come Christmas dawn  
So often I sit at my tree, blue and white  
And think of all those cold Christmas nights  
Where my cousin and I would whisper and pray  
That maybe that Christmas we'd see Santa's sleigh  
The dinners, so great with turkey and dressing  
And, uncle Mike would lead the blessing  
Ah, but now those days are no longer here  
I won't be able to hold those I hold so dear  
So, I will quietly sit here at my tree and ponder  
Of past holiday memories and past holiday wonder

((December 13th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Hometown Wish

My time in this city is dwindling  
And, yet, very much I have never said  
In all my years, from my birth until now  
One might figure, Your Word, I would have spread

Instead I have stayed silent all these years  
And I think it's time for me to speak Truth  
To stand for what I believe in with love  
Speak, boldly, to all men, women and youth

Praising, worshipping the one Living God  
Shouting, 'He is the way... Christ is the way'  
Loving those who contradict your message  
But, still calling out, 'Come to Christ today! '

I have stood in stillness for far too long  
Waiting for unbelievers to come, see  
But, those who lay dying in this cold word  
Have been wounded, and were waiting for me

Even though they don't think they need the One  
I will cry to them, 'Come and see... Just come'  
And, when they turn their heads and walk away  
I will pray for them 'till the day is done

Lord, please be with those in my sweet hometown  
Show Yourself to them like never before  
Lord, please watch over my church family  
Deliver each one to your crystal shore

To my hometown and church, of whom I love  
Make strides to know your one true Creator  
Keep your hearts open to His call in life  
And, seek HIm like you've never sought before

Danny Speicher

# Hope To Show You

Oh, my beautiful one, from way back when  
I never thought my heart would lead me here  
But, as I ponder on all that you are  
All I can wish is for you to be near

I've dreamt and hoped for a someone like you  
Whose heart is big and laughter is sweet  
Independent but still believes in love  
Set, but willing to be swept off her feet

When I see your eyes nothing else matters  
And all the cares of the day fade away  
When I hear your voice my heart tends to melt  
And all I hope to show you and to say  
I love you

I've watched your life flow behind in your stride  
Naught looking back as you follow your dream  
Watching, I wonder, could I come along  
And be a part of your daily daydream

When I see your eyes nothing else matters  
And all the cares of the day fade away  
When I hear your voice my heart tends to melt  
And all I hope to show you and to say  
I love you

I know I'm not the world's view of perfect  
But, I know I can love and care for you  
Just let me affirm this heart to beat true  
And each day I'll make me better for you

When I see your eyes nothing else matters  
And all the cares of the day fade away  
When I hear your voice my heart tends to melt  
And all I hope to show you and to say  
I love you

Just let me show you

Just let me say  
Someday  
I love you

((March 5th,2017))

Danny Speicher

# Hopeless

At a loss for words, am I  
Don't know what more to say  
Or what more to do  
Even now I still miss you

I've done all that I can  
To erase you from my mind  
To burn you from my soul  
But, yet still I can't control

The feelings in my heart  
Can't be purged  
They can't be wiped clean  
I cannot be weaned

From the love you gave  
So freely, so easily  
So absolutely perfect in every way  
So completely every day

I don't know what I did  
I don't know what to do  
I can't keep my heart  
And your love apart

I'm hopeless  
I'm pitiful  
I sit in silent fear  
Wishing you were near

I'm alone  
In the midst of a crowd that's mine  
If only you were to be  
One of those so close to me

Dreams and visions  
Can never bring you  
Close enough to feel  
Your hands that can heal

Hopes and desires  
Only prove to create  
A false hope within  
And further pity therein

I wish I could hate you  
For the pain that you've caused  
I wish I could despise you  
With a fire so true

But, alas, I love you, still  
And I suppose I'd rather hurt  
Than to hurt the memory  
Of us together, you and me

I could never find it within  
To destroy the love we felt  
The night we sat under the stars  
Together, in each others arms

Although I miss you  
Although I hurt  
I wish you nothing but the best  
I wish you all success  
I wish you to overcome the rest  
Even when you're put to the test  
I pray that you rise above  
With a heart full of love  
I wish you nothing but the best

((November 1st,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Hour Of Decision

There's an odd sort of feeling in my soul  
Heat mixing with cold and hope with distress  
Sense of destiny and losing control  
When will this tearing apart be made whole?

Things I viewed so simply, once, as a child  
Are things I view so deeply now I'm grown  
Things that once seemed so tame have gone so wild  
And life goes on at its click all the while

The hour of decision is now at hand  
Ideas must be made reality  
Oh, if I could stop the hourglass sand  
I guess some things I'll never understand

Yet, here stand I, at the brink of my fate  
Which shall I choose along this broken way?  
Shall I slowly move and see what awaits?  
Or step boldly forward and shed this weight?  
What will become of me at the end of the day?

Danny Speicher

# How Do You Pray?

So long since I last heard Your voice call me  
So long since I last heard You say my name  
So long wanting and yearning to be free  
Knowing that I'm the only one to blame?

So tired of hurting... Crawling through life  
So tired of tear soaked darkness, within  
So tired of fear piercing like a knife  
Begging for the chance to begin again

How do you pray when your spirit's silent?  
How do you find a lamp without sunlight?  
How do you love when your own heart is bent?  
How do you stand, when your soul's lost its might?

So far 'til the end of this life's journey  
So far 'til my robe is washed by the Sea  
So far 'til my eyes His wholeness will see  
Singing that my body is wholly free

How do you pray when your spirit's silent?  
How do you find a lamp without sunlight?  
How do you love when your own heart is bent?  
How do you stand, when your soul's lost its might?

When your spirit's silent, pray anyway  
When it's dark, still search blindly in the night  
When your heart hurts, love beyond the decay  
And, when you're weak, for His strength, daily pray

So soon I will come to Him face to face  
So soon I will find true peace for my soul  
So soon I will feel His amazing grace  
Dancing for I'll be young and not grow old

((August 6th,2017))

Danny Speicher

# How Much Longer

How much more can my weary heart take, Lord?  
I stand at Your feet and plead for Your peace  
Each time I see it on the horizon  
It ends up sliding further from my reach

How much more can my family take, Lord?  
They have sacrificed much in recent years  
Striving to do what You want them to do  
Yet still they are left with eyes full of tears

How much more can my lonely heart take, Lord?  
I frequently question if she's out there  
And, if she is, how long must I linger  
To catch a glimpse of her beautiful stare?

I seek Your direction and peace, my Lord  
As this ship sets sail on the sea of life  
I set my sails into the Spirit's wind  
And pray Your navigation through the strife

How much longer until we get home, Lord?  
How much longer must I wait to see You?  
I long to see land off the crystal sea  
And long for that earth: bright, shiny and new

((April 6th,2005))

Danny Speicher

# How Often Have I?

How often have I gone into battle  
With swords brandished on my own, without You  
Selfishly fighting battles for myself  
Attempting to blaze my own path, anew

How often have I, in desperation  
Held out my bloody hand to shake in oath  
With the devil I have sworn to defeat  
Letting You and Your creation down, both

Yet, Lord, if I might, be granted mercy  
I don't deserve it, unworthy am I  
May I remember to follow your voice  
Though I may not hear it, desperately try

For, though my actions are often contrast  
From that which my heart beats from deep within  
I still believe in Your plan and Your hope  
And I seek You even when my hope runs thin

Lord, grant me a safe rescue from harm's way  
Though I may feel the cold wind of defeat  
I know that You still reign in victory  
So, in You, I will never sound retreat

Lord, forgive me the destruction I've caused  
The trusting blood spilled on the courtyard's floor  
Pride and fear paradoxically collide  
Lord, I'll look forward, and back nevermore

Thank You for Your loving grace, quiet peace  
I know there will be days of struggle still  
But, in these times when I feel Your embrace  
I find strength for Your plans to fulfill

And, as each day passes, make me stronger  
Make me more like You, loving without fear  
When I'm strong, inspire my feet to move  
And, Lord, when I'm weak, let me know You're near

((May 17th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# How To Just Survive

Choke back those tears my brother, my sister  
Don't show emotion in this cold, cold place  
Don't tip your hand that they've gotten to you  
Don't stand apart from this dead human race

Just take a sip of your Starbucks coffee  
That will hold back the screams within your soul  
At least for a few seconds as you drink  
Perhaps, by then, you can regain control

Your emotions are worthless here and now  
Only what you do, what you say make you  
And, if you do enough for the right friends  
You may just survive and just make it through

Keep quiet about your soul and knowledge  
Don't talk about divine conspiracy  
Their hearts are hardened so don't even try  
To the secular Christ is heresy

What's true for you, may just be false for them  
It's arrogant to think you know the truth  
Our gods of green can save if we believe  
All is relative, there's no absolutes

I know you feel this fire within you  
Burning to ignite Earth with the divine  
But, just drink the water of convenience  
And that feeling will pass... You'll be just fine

Danny Speicher

# How Will I Know?

Oh, Lord, I stand before you, mind spinning  
Not knowing just what step I should take next  
I am so excited yet so afraid  
Lord, how will I know, what path will be best?

Many great decisions are now at hand  
Yet one seems to quickly rise to the top  
All other decisions will come and go  
Lord, how will I know, to go or to stop

Heart beating a thousand beats a minute  
I ponder, deep, just what might be bestowed  
A new era? New season of the soul?  
Oh, Lord, how will I know? How will I know?

Danny Speicher

# Humanity

Far upon a building high  
I see my past by and by  
And with each memory it brings  
Ancient voices, loved ones sing  
Where they've gone I do not know  
Someday I'll go where they go  
Now I sit and daily pray  
That I'll help others without delay  
Humanity is all we've got  
And, thus, humanity is all I've sought  
What if all alive loved one another  
Love like sister and like brother  
What a wonderful world this would be  
If we could learn to live in harmony

((October 5th,1999))

Danny Speicher

# I Called To Him

In the midst of my darkness and despair  
I cried to the Lord, begging and pleading  
'Lord, take note of what this heart is needing'  
My heart cried out to Him and He was there

Hope had been stolen by a thief by night  
I called to those who had, once, given peace  
Were, now, all looking for that same release  
So, I turned to God in my weary plight

I turned to Him not believing He'd move  
For no other reason I turned in fear  
Longing to have Him, once again, draw near  
And, for my sackcloth mask to be removed

I called to Him; I knew not where to go  
I called to Him and He burdened my woe

I had my doubts that I'd hear Him again  
It seemed so often that I dreamed big dreams  
To find they are impossible, it seems  
And that I wasn't worthy of a win

Oh, but He heard my cry in that dark night  
He loved me in spite of my disbelief  
He embraced me and comforted my grief  
He removed my mask and granted me sight

Despite my doubt, He found me wandering  
He found me and gave me new life again  
He searched me and forgave each of my sins  
And, more than that, He calmed my pondering

He answered me and He showed me the way  
Oh, how can I keep from praising His name

((March 30th,2009))



# I Have No Choice

I don't suppose I noticed it in the dim light of the moon  
Or the way your hand held mine all night long  
I don't suppose I realized just what I felt inside  
I may not have felt it then, but, I felt it soon

Ours isn't a love like any other I know  
Feeling your heartbeat and hearing your voice  
Looking to the heavens and finding the blessings here below  
When it comes to you, I have no choice  
I love you

It wasn't in the cool night air that kept you close to me  
Or the way we swayed to the beat of the drum  
It wasn't the Americana picture perfect scene  
It was on that car ride home that I knew I was free

Ours isn't a love like any other I know  
Feeling your heartbeat and hearing your voice  
Looking to the heavens and finding the blessings here below  
When it comes to you I have no choice  
I love you

So, this is what it feels like to be in love?  
I never knew my heart could feel so full... So empty  
So content when you're near, turmoil when you're away  
Who am I to deserve such a gift from above?

I never thought I'd know this loving fate  
I never knew a love would spring from that first date  
Never thinking I deserved an angel like you  
Or that I'd see my heart find a love so true  
This much I can say, for as long as breath fills my chest  
I will long to make every dream come true, I'll do my best  
And, when the day closes and you've lived all your dreams  
We'll live a storybook life, pulled from fairytale scenes

Ours isn't a love like any other I know  
Feeling your heartbeat and hearing your voice  
Looking to the heavens and finding the blessings here below

When it comes to you I have no choice  
I love you

Feeling your heartbeat and hearing your voice  
When it came to you I had no choice  
I love you

Danny Speicher

# I Haven'T The Choice

I breathe in because I haven't the choice  
Ah, though, the action, it may be pleasant  
I breathe this breath to give me strength and life  
I breathe for the day you might be my wife

I work hard, because I haven't the choice  
Though I get fulfillment from the effort  
I work hard for a life for you and I  
I work for our future home by and by

I seek Christ because I haven't the choice  
Though the discovery is exciting  
I seek Christ to find out how to love you  
I seek Christ to make my heart always true

I love you because I haven't the choice  
Though the love soothes any pain, any day  
I love you, dear, because I know your heart  
I love you when you're near and when apart

I love you because I haven't the choice  
Though I know I've written it once before  
I love you once wasn't enough to say  
I love you and long to say it each day

I love you because I haven't the choice  
And if in a hundred years I still say  
I love you, Love, I love you more each day  
I love you will be what I long to say

((July 17th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# I Knew Peace

I felt the icy, strangling grip of death  
Closing in quickly around my heart  
As I struggled to breathe that one last breath

I heard my friends crying out around me  
'Stay with us, please don't leave us now'  
As suddenly my spirit became free

And, I knew peace, like never known before  
I did not feel all those pains anymore  
I knew peace, which surpassed just a feeling  
I couldn't wait to see what was in store  
I knew peace

Golden bricks on the streets were blazing bright  
And the pearly gates were shining  
The day, it never seemed to fade to night

Although the scenery was amazing  
My joy came from deeper within  
As my worries faded, I started praising

Yes, I knew peace, like never known before  
I did not feel all those pains anymore  
I knew peace, which surpassed just a feeling  
I couldn't wait to see what was in store  
I knew peace

Danny Speicher

# I Love You, Love, Except When I Hate You

I love you, love, except when I hate you  
For sweet things whispered in the still of night  
For how beautiful you were in my sight  
Oh, love, how my love remains ever true

I hate you, love, except when I love you  
For all the pain you've caused my heart to feel  
For questions now had as to what is real  
Oh, love, how the hate burns from red to blue

I love you and in the same breath hate you  
Dichotomous paradoxes remain  
Hope and logic have long ago been slain  
Leaving just ashes where, once, stood the two

I love you, love, except when I hate you  
And, love, how that hate burns from red to blue

((April 30th,2012))

Danny Speicher

# I See You

It's been a few months since I've seen you last  
Perhaps the loneliness should have faded  
Yet, still, within me, my heart is shaded  
It seems to not want to forget the past

Whether it be on the couch or in bed  
Oh, whether it be talking in the park  
Or just watching a movie in the dark  
I see you each day everywhere I tread

It's not easy forgetting one like you  
It is impossible to let you go  
I wish there was a way to let you know  
That even though you aren't here, I see you

Whether it be morning, noontime or night  
Even in my dreams, you are in my sight

((July 1st,2008))

Danny Speicher

# I Will Resign

A little tear here, another drop there  
The sobbing doesn't often last too long  
A short bridge between verses of a song  
But, hurt I feel, then, I don't dare to share

For in those moments, in the silenced air  
Twists and turns of life seem so very wrong  
My bond, my passion, evermore less strong  
But, admitting that, I ought never dare

For though the path seem a trail of despair  
With heartbreak comes a new and brighter song  
And broken dreams lead home where we belong  
So, I won't be troubled when life's unfair

It's just one chip more in your grand design  
And one more hurt, to You, I will resign

((May 6th,2015))

Danny Speicher

# I Wonder

I've often wondered when I'm all alone  
What you're doing at that very moment  
Whether life makes you happy and content  
And if you gaze upon the great unknown

Are you thinking of me lovingly, dear?  
Reminiscing about what we once had?  
I wonder if thoughts of me make you sad  
And memories make you wish I was near

I wonder if you're satisfied with life  
If your living out God's purpose for you  
That's what really matters, in my review  
Although it often causes pain and strife

Oh, I wonder what you're doing right now  
I pray you're living out your dream somehow

((November 17th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# I Wonder If You Know

You hold each other under twink'ling stars  
While the moon peeks through ev'ry passing cloud  
I wonder if you know how blessed you are

You listen to the band's weeping guitar  
While nightfall provides a privacy shroud  
You hold each other under the twink'ling stars

Knowing the one that you love is not far  
Holding hands throughout the bustling crowd  
I wonder if you know how blessed you are

Sitting in the back of your rag top car  
The night more perfect than should be allowed  
You hold each other under the twink'ling stars

Taking her to a coffee shop or bar  
With her clinging to your arm, you're so proud  
I wonder if you know how blessed you are

Running to your love you see from afar  
Forever pledges are forever vowed  
You hold each other under the twink'ling stars  
I wonder if you know how blessed you are

((August 4th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# I, Once, Dreamt A Dream

I, once, dreamt a dream that dreamers oft dream  
Of loving and living a lovely life  
A house, my children and a caring wife  
I, once, dreamt a dream that dreamers oft dream

Oh, how I long to dream that dream again  
Where hope solemnly sought for nothing more  
Than to find her standing there, at my door  
Oh, how I long to dream that dream again

How do dreams die... Do they ever revive  
How does one learn to trust the coming day  
When the past keeps trust an arms length away  
How do dreams die... Do they ever revive

I, once, dreamt a dream that dreamers oft dream  
Oh, how it seemed closer than dreams oft seem

I lived a dream once upon a daydream  
We'd walk slowly through the park holding hands  
Speaking so sweetly and making our plans  
I lived a dream once upon a daydream

I lived a love once when a love loved me  
I knew her in ways that only I knew  
I was the first among her chosen few  
I lived a love once when a love loved me

In one heartbeat she chose a diff'rent path  
Oh, how could she leave without one last kiss  
I often wonder if love still exists  
In one heartbeat she chose a diff'rent path

I lived a dream once upon a daydream  
Oh, how it seemed closer than dreams oft seem

((February 2nd,2009))



# I'D Wish

My dear, if I had one wish in my life  
Just one to last me the rest of my days  
I wouldn't wish for my days without strife  
Nor for the moon's soft beams or sun's bright rays

I wouldn't wish for silver or for gold  
Not even for long life or a quick death  
I wouldn't ask my story to be told  
Centuries after my life's final breath

And, though it be all that I ever dreamed  
I wouldn't wish for your love to be mine  
Or for me to look better than I seem  
No, my dear, all those wishes I'd decline

I'd wish for you to make sense of the pain  
And for your heart to learn to love again

When I look in your eyes I see your fear  
I feel the hesitation in your hand  
Would your heart feel any better, my dear  
To know that I, too, am afraid to stand

Or, would my fear only deepen your own  
Do you count on me to stay strong and wise  
Though thunder crash and shake me to the bone  
Do you seek a gleam of hope in my eyes

Truth be told I would walk your path for you  
I'd fight the monsters that haunt you at night  
But, these are battles that you must pursue  
But, I'll be there with a wish and a light

Wishing for you to make sense of the pain  
Praying your heart will love once again

I know that you doubt what I say sometimes  
And, I know that you've heard it all before  
You don't understand what I find sublime

Or, what you possess that I'm looking for

It only took just one look in your eyes  
From that moment, I never stood a chance  
When you laugh, talk and even when you cry  
All that you do strengthens my heart's advance

There isn't a thing I'd change about you  
Not one thing, for my own sake, I'd erase  
But, I know you hurt, and it hurts me too  
So, if I had a wish I could embrace

I'd wish for you to see hope in the pain  
And that you'd find the peace to love again

((December 14th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# If I Had Known

If I had known those many years ago  
That I was in the best years of my life  
Oh, I would have grasped your hand much tighter  
And laughed at what we once thought to be strife

If I had known those many years ago  
That my time, there, with you was running short  
Oh, I would have told you I loved you more  
And made disagreements a last resort

If I had known those many years ago  
That, now, you wouldn't be here by my side  
Oh, I would have listened to you talking  
And listened to you sing, all misty-eyed

If I had known, I would have tried much more  
To keep you from leaving me here, ashore

((February 25th,2017))

Danny Speicher

## If I Ne'Er Loved You

Sometimes I wonder just where I would be  
If, on that April night, I'd ne'er met you  
And, if, my dear, you had never met me  
And we'd never known the love that we knew

Is it really true, as the old phrase goes  
That it is better to loved and lost  
Than that love to have never have had known  
Was the experience worth the cost

What, if on that May evening, long ago  
I had just walked away and ne'er looked back  
Never had caressed your skin, white as snow  
If I had never loved, would I have lacked

Dear, I often wonder where I would be  
If I ne'er loved you and you ne'er loved me

((June 13th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# If Never

If never I find what my heart longs for  
If never I see the journey unfold  
If never my heart knows the joy of love  
Still, I can say I have riches, untold

If never my name is written in time  
If tomorrow I'm gone and no one knows  
If my life yields only one true friend  
Still, in that friendship, my Father's love shows

If never I possess land of my own  
If never I sit under my own vine  
And never retire from my toils  
Still, I know I have a mansion, divine

If never I see His peace on this earth  
Still, someday I will find peace in rebirth

((August 4th,2016))

Danny Speicher

# I'll Never Be Gone

You run and you hide and fear for the worst  
You think I'll be upset you have moved on  
Even if I'll never call you my own  
I may fade back, but I'll never be gone

I know that we live in this broken world  
In a broken era with truth foregone  
But, believe me when I tell you this truth  
I may fade back, but I'll never be gone

I lost a battle to a better man  
I moved too slow and I was too withdrawn  
But, I'm still your friend and rock forever  
I may fade back, but I'll never be gone

So, if you ever wish, for a smile, bygone  
Know I'm just faded back, I am not gone

((May 15th,2017))

Danny Speicher

# I'LI Rise Again Anew

It all came toppling, tumbling down  
Believing rebuilding wouldn't reveal  
Anything more than more heartbroken frowns  
Or that feelings weren't things again I'd feel

It all came toppling, tumbling down  
It's true that all that was built was destroyed  
It happened overnight without a sound  
Leaving hope dead with a large, gaping void

It all came toppling, tumbling down  
And it remains in ruins to this day  
But, chains are slowly becoming unbound  
A day is coming when again I'll say

I'll rise again, oh world, I'll rise again  
Rise again anew, let new life begin

((October 8th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# I'M Waiting For You

I've seen you in my dreams, familiar one  
Your face just beyond what my eyes can see  
Each time I see you, my heart comes undone  
Wanting so bad for you to be with me

I thought I had known you once already  
Just an apparition, an illusion  
A lover's heart that was far too ready  
To find you, but was caught in delusion

Yet, I sit and wait for you and I dream  
Of you, sweetheart, and of your love for me  
I know you pray for me to be what I seem  
And I know you wait, for my eyes, to see

Wait a bit longer; I'm waiting for you  
God will soon find our dreams all coming true

((October 13th,2008))

Danny Speicher

## In His Arms

Safe and secure within these arms of mine  
Safe and secure, holding my neck tightly  
And your eyes clenched as light flashes brightly  
Oh, little one, in my arms you'll be fine

The world will turn and, my dear, you'll soon find  
That words can hurt far more than sticks or stones  
And broken hearts ache more than broken bones  
But, little one, in my arms you'll be fine

But, if the day comes when my arms fail you  
And fade away just as all arms soon do  
I pray that you'll find arms greater than mine  
And, dear, in His arms, you will be just fine

And His arms are bigger than your sorrows  
And His arms, they will never let you down  
In His arms you can take on tomorrow  
As you learn He will always be around

So, if the day comes when my arms fail you  
And fade away just as all arms soon do  
I pray that you'll find arms greater than mine  
And, dear, in His arms, you will be just fine

((July 4th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# In My Life

With you in my life, the days seem brighter  
Nights seem cooler, the stars shine more clearly  
The gentle breeze blows softer than before  
And my heart seems to beat more sincerely

With you in my life, birds sing joyously  
As white clouds roll by waving as they pass  
And, all seems so right in this little world  
When you're near me, gazing at skies of glass

With you in my life, I strive for my best  
To become a man worthy of your love  
Ever yearning to prove my love for you  
And praying I'll be the man you dream of

With you in my life, my joy overflows  
Oh, how it makes me sing and laugh and write  
Writing of love and hope and things unseen  
And things seen only in dreams, shown at night

With you in my life, my heart looks to love  
To find that which it's never found before  
Oh, how inspiring... Terrifying  
Always looking forward, longing for more

With you in my life, I feel emotion  
From fear to joy and always elation  
Waiting to see what will unfold beyond  
To find what will be the next revelation

With you in my life, in short summary  
Every day seems less mundane and more real  
And, hope for the future is far brighter  
So blessed to be in something so surreal

((June 5th,2007))

Danny Speicher

## In The Air

Just like a hurricane, she blew into my life  
And, ever since that fateful day I've been aware  
Of changes: oftentimes with joy, others with strife  
And, I could feel her all around me in the air

And she could bring a smile to a hardened heart  
Just as easy, she could lay a soul wholly bare  
But, I knew that I loved her from the very start  
And, I could feel her all around me in the air

Then all of a sudden, the cyclone stopped blowing  
The nature of which, I couldn't be bothered to care  
All I knew is she'd left me without me knowing  
I could not feel her any longer in the air

Now, I sit by the glass; at the branches I stare  
Wishing, just once more, she'd surround me in the air

((May 9th,2017))

Danny Speicher

# In The Dead Of Night

Lord, why is it, now, times are so tough  
When we work so hard for not enough  
Thoughts of saving seem absurd  
While the rich get the last word  
Paycheck to paycheck sure can be rough

Lord, I know my life is in Your hands  
But, there are things I can't understand  
Like suffering of the good  
Oh, I'd help them if I could  
But, myself, I'm unable to stand

Lord, You've given me this one great dream  
Reaching it is harder than it seems  
Everyone seems to wonder  
What curse I must be under  
Which keeps me from picking up more steam

Lord, I know you have a master plan  
And life is lived in a long lifespan  
But, Lord, I'm growing older  
And, my dream's getting colder  
Oh, Lord, complete what, once, You began

Lord, I trust You in the dead of night  
What can I do to temper my fright  
So, may I humbly appeal  
You to quickly take the wheel  
Drive my life to purpose in Your light

Lord, I thank You for all that You've done  
Sacrificing of Your only Son  
And the dream You've given me  
With the hope of being free  
These promises that can't be undone

((October 20th,2008))



# In The Light

Paradoxical, this light that we seek  
As it appears and fades, leaving us weak  
And all the world tells us we must find it  
Yet not one of us has yet confined it

We've been there before, once warmed by it's rays  
We remember them as happier days  
But, that light suddenly faded to black  
We found ourselves not wanting to go back

But, maybe there's still light out there for me  
Waiting and praying I'll come set it free  
Perhaps an Answer for this fear within  
Can wash away nightmares of what has been  
And, once again, I can be in the light

Oh, how burnished days incinerated  
Makes one's view of fire complicated  
When all you've ever known is the nighttime  
Can you e'er see radiance as sublime?

But, maybe there's still light out there for me  
Waiting and praying I'll come set it free  
Perhaps an Answer for this fear within  
Can wash away nightmares of what has been  
And, once again, I can be in the light

So, today's the day I banish the fear  
And, look deep within for courage to fight  
I'll cling to the One who always draws near  
As what's dark and safe take wing and take flight

For maybe there's still light out there for me  
Waiting and praying I'll come set it free  
Perhaps an Answer for this fear within  
Can wash away nightmares of what has been  
And, once again, I can be in the light

((January 23rd,2009))

Danny Speicher

# In The Silence

All throughout the day I live, laugh and play  
Never showing, never feeling the pain  
Deeply lurks sadness, in his dark domain  
In silence waiting night to turn from day

In the night I am found out... Found afraid  
Hearing all the voices of those I've failed  
Wishing for more noise than my breath's exhale  
A quick ascent to dreams often I've prayed

I've failed so many and many do haunt  
I wish I could somehow make right my wrongs  
Wish I could be in both this and that throng  
But, I'm one man... So the voices do taunt

Lord, take me quickly to dreaming tonight  
For, in waking silence, I am affright

((February 17th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# In The Vale

In the midst of my sleeplessness and confusion  
And through my infinite nocturnal thoughts and dreams  
Strong, there stands a figure keeping my stance upright  
Hands hold me when life is tougher than once it seemed

And, though all my thoughts seem so real and so scary  
Like premonitions... An end of the world of sorts  
I know that these thoughts are just that; thoughts, for now  
God wants me to live each day, no fears to distort

Oh, and through this time, now, of personal struggle  
Where things seem to be the darkest they've ever been  
Even still there is a flicker within my soul  
And a great torch, He still gives to those He calls kin

And, so as I struggle, I watch the world spin on  
I see the birds fly high, I hear the children laugh  
And I have peace that tomorrow will be better  
As I, now, learn to let Him guide me with His staff

And, though, right now, I walk through this valley of death  
I will not fear the evil that gathers around  
For, God, my Shepherd, He is with me, in the vale  
And, His staff will keep me secure and homeward-bound

((June 21st,2005))

Danny Speicher

# Into The Light

'Lord, I really wanted this job so bad'  
He said, crying out to the Counselor  
'I just can't seem to find work anywhere'  
'Lord, won't You please show me what is in store? '

'I've got so many bigger plans for you'  
'Just follow me into the light and see'  
'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you'  
'A road that would forever set you free'

A young couple talks about what's ahead  
They see different paths on what's to come  
She smiles, kisses him goodbye one last time  
Now he wonders, where will his love come from

'I've got so many bigger plans for you'  
'Just follow me into the light and see'  
'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you'  
'A road that would forever set you free'

Sometimes life seems sad and laden with fear  
Just give Him your heartache and all your tears

One day a sweet girl is playing softball  
Hits the ball as her teammates cheer her on  
Goes to bed healthy and happy that night  
But, when morning comes, her spirit is gone

'I've got so many bigger plans for you'  
'Just follow me into the light and see'  
'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you'  
'A road that would forever set you free'

'A road that would forever set her free'  
'Eternally, for always set her free'

((June 25th,2004))



# Irrational

Irrational, I'm called irrational  
For loving too much with little return  
For not moving on when my heart does burn  
But, when all's said and done, what's rational?

Is it the absence of all emotion?  
Not chasing love with reckless abandon?  
Or leaping not knowing what I'll land in?  
And not letting my heart cause commotion?

Is it choosing a path for logic's sake  
While abandoning all romantic thought?  
Thinking ten steps ahead while feeling not?  
Are feelings a risk I just shouldn't take?

Irrational, I might very well be  
But, life without love is simply not me

Love's irrational in so many ways  
And it's love that makes me do what I do  
And say what I say and oft makes me blue  
Yet, just as often, it sets me ablaze

Oh, how irrational lovers must seem  
To the man who doesn't know how to feel  
It must appear odd to see someone kneel  
As that someone's heart's been ripped at the seam

Judge forth you logical experts on high  
Shake your swollen heads, click your sharpened teeth  
Render your verdict to me, here beneath  
Oh, and of course, fail not to roll your eyes

Because, irrational, I might well be  
But, life without love is simply not me

So, I will go on dreaming of a day  
When my wife and I will walk hand in hand  
Down the greened hill and on to the white sand

Yes, I will dream of a life lived that way

And, I'll love others without condition  
Not expecting in kind that which I give  
Pouring forth my love like a broken sieve  
Giving my all will become my mission

And, someday when I'm old I look and find  
I'm alone, without a wife by my side  
At least I'll know that my love never died  
I may die alone, but I won't die blind

And, I'll be known as irrational me  
But, my life without love, just couldn't be

(August 13th, 2011)

Danny Speicher

## Is This Love?

Roaming far below, looking to the sky  
Stars shimmering and dancing up above  
Am I meant to soar high to the Heavens  
Oh, God, oh Father show me: Is this love?

Earth dwelling creatures aren't meant to reach up  
And glide among clouds, flirting with the sun  
Dreaming of a day of drifting in the wind  
But, Lord, let me fly if this is the one

I know I am here, feet firm in the sand  
No wings to flap and no feathers to lift  
My body up onto her equal ground  
So, I'll wait for You, Lord, my dreams, to lift

If there's one thing I've learned through all my years  
Is love, without Love, will leave you in tears

((February 19th,2017))

Danny Speicher

# It Isn'T

It isn't in the way you say my name  
Though it's sweetest sound I've ever heard  
Nor is it in the way you stake your claim  
Though proud, I am, to be yours, rest assured

It's not the way your lips smile at me  
Nor their soft caress that makes me love you  
It's nothing that you can taste or can see  
It's not anything you say or you do

If I had ten thousand songs to sing  
And if I had a million pages to write  
Oh, even then, I couldn't truly bring  
The words or a tune to express it right

So, look in my eyes, dear; see how I feel  
There's no other way to show you what's real

((February 18th.2010))

Danny Speicher

# I've Seen Beauty This Year

Three hundred and sixty five sunrises  
Three hundred and sixty five sunsets, too  
One whole year of days and nights comprises  
The measure of time that I have spent with no you

Winter's chill over a blanket of white  
And then Springtime's rebirth of life anew  
Summer and Fall did come and go quickly  
Time goes by, still leaving hope to be with you

Glistening rays on golden waves have danced  
And storms' fury seems beautiful, it's true  
But, no bright lighting cloud could stand a chance  
When compared to the beauty that's found within you

Make no mistake, I've seen beauty this year  
I've seen it each day with the morning dew  
And watched by night above this earthen sphere  
But, within all of these sights I am seeing you

So, though it may have been a year that's passed  
And, though I have missed all our times, through and through  
I've not forgotten your beauty or class  
And I pray for the moment when next I'll see you

((December 25th,2011))

Danny Speicher

# Journey

Time's been weighing on my mind as of late  
Thoughts of what will come sooner than before  
How fast time passes breeching every door  
And what will become of me and my fate

Perhaps it's wedded bliss some friends have found  
And sounds of babies cooing at their feet  
Or my body signaling some retreat  
How silence has become a dreaded sound

Maybe my highest hopes were set too high  
Dreams I dreamt maybe too far out of reach  
To love, prosper and generations to teach  
How just beyond, the end seems all too nigh

Forgive me for not settling for less  
I can't find it in my soul to live that life  
A journey filled with disappointing strife  
Average legacy, lacking my best

Forgive me for not producing more fruit  
There are so many times I've grown tired  
To my recess, I've had to retire  
Lord knows I've longed for more on this dark route

They say that His timing's perfect and right  
That good things will come to those who will wait  
That, in the end, these paths will be made straight  
I just wish I had His map in my sight

I hope I've not missed blessings He's bestowed  
That I've not set my ways higher than planned  
Denying the love of an outstretched hand  
And all of the goodness that, then, would flow

But, I count on His wisdom and His grace  
His still, small voice; a whisper on the wind  
And I'll listen on 'til this journey ends  
And hear Him clearly when we're face to face

((September 28th,2014))

Danny Speicher

# Kalends Of March

Oh, kalends of March with your dreary dew  
Familiar heavenly teardrops  
Both soaking and parching my mournful heart  
I, too, cry until the ducts fail and stop

Why, oh why, does the petty still control  
Joy upon these inaugural March days  
As if those eyes beamed upon mine again  
As I failed to see lies within the gaze

Five days of bliss before my extinction  
Five days of lies told in masterful form  
Five days of hope for love everlasting  
Five days of calm before these savage storms

Oh, kalends of March, nefarious bane  
I pray your release, in earnest and vain

((March 1st,2015))

Danny Speicher

# Kindness

Gently lifting friends from turbulent times  
Finding in each person something to love  
Knowing that compassion comes from above  
Kindness is difficult business sometimes

Holding needs of others above your own  
Praying each night for those you don't yet know  
Reaching the needy in heat, sleet and snow  
Showing everyone the love that He's shown

Living random acts of kindness each day  
Randomly 'til they are a habit of love  
Seeing the problem and answer thereof  
Committing yourself to end the dismay

Heroes we may not be, just women, men  
Devoted to help those hurting within

((November 13th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Kyrie Eleison

God, I come to you broken, sore  
Peace, I desire, nothing more  
But, if chaos I cannot flee  
Oh, Lord please have mercy on me

At times it hurts to love so much  
To open your heart to be touched  
But, love I must... Hurt I must be  
Oh, Lord please have mercy on me

I've been blessed with many riches  
In my distress, it enriches  
So, whether pain or jubilee  
Oh, Lord please have mercy on me

In my time of indecision  
Where shadows darken my vision  
Open my eyes to clearly see  
Oh, Lord please have mercy on me

Life is not always manifest  
But, may I always show I'm blessed  
So, the world might someday plea  
'Oh, Lord please have mercy on me'

((July 26th,2006))

Danny Speicher

# Kyrie Sonnet

Pain pulsing from every inch within me  
Eyelids closed to shield my eyes from the sun  
Each strand of my body coming undone  
Wishing, from agony, to be set free

Depression flows in like the rolling sea  
My emotions rise and fall like the tide  
Happiness and sadness, closely reside  
Within the shadows of this soul called 'me'

Lord, can't you hear me crying for relief?  
Can you not see me striving to be strong?  
Yearning to hear a harmonious song  
I sit, patiently, in silence and grief

Oh, Lord, break these chains and set this man free  
Oh, Lord, won't You, please, have mercy on me?

Unseen daggers rip my innards apart  
An endless resounding gong fills my ears  
No one can dam the flow of my eyes' tears  
Too often my days end before they start

My dreams are left in the darkness of night  
Unfulfilled, hopeless and so far away  
I wish just one could see the light of day  
But, when morning breaks, they're nowhere in sight

Father, I know You draw nigh when I cry  
Father, I know You have a master plan  
Holy Ghost, gently guide me by the hand  
Assure me His will is best, by and by

Oh, Lord, I pray, let me abide in Thee  
Oh, Lord, won't You, please, have mercy on me?

((November 13th,2009))



# Last Night

Last night, last night, I held you in my arms  
Cuddled close as the world spun night to day  
Gazing sweetly upon your loving charms  
Oh, for last night's embrace to be replayed

Last night, last night, special to me were you  
Your head nestled so very close to mine  
Dreaming of a love eternal and true  
Oh, for last night's vision of love to find

Last night, last night, how close to me you seemed  
Forever I could have held you with me  
As your eyes fluttered sweetly as you dreamed  
Oh, for last night's image of you to see

Last night, last night, I glimpsed our destiny  
Lying in my arms, your hair all around  
Forever, always, laying next to me  
Oh, for last night's prophecy to abound

Last night, last night... Just last night I held you  
Oh, how I wish I were there beside you

((September 3rd,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Lawrence

Lawrence, my grand hometown down by the Kaw  
Oh, how I love her beauty and her lights  
As, once over Pleasent Grove, I behold  
The dorms of KU's campus lit up bright

I love the people who take pride in her  
How when asked who the best 23 was  
MJ doesn't always trump Simien  
But, most of all, I love Lawrence because...

She took time to nurture a Kansas boy like me

((March 20th,2005))

Danny Speicher

# Let Your Healing Never Cease

My hands are busy  
My heart is cold  
My life runs quickly  
And my eyes turn old  
If for just one moment  
I could take some time alone  
To explore this aching heart  
And chip away at its stone  
I give my love so frequently  
I help them get away  
I take their problems, personally  
And lead them on their way  
But, emotions are a luxury  
My heart is going without  
And takes from my being  
Like a never-ending doubt  
I don't want to be sad  
But, I want to be able to cry  
I don't want to be apathetic  
But, I want to be able to sigh  
Lord, take this heart that's seen it all  
And mend each broken piece  
Lord, rest my war-weary spirit  
And let your healing never cease  
Lord, never let me become  
One who cannot feel  
And, Lord, always have me be  
The first to pray and kneel  
Give me this day, my daily bread  
And give me the strength to go on  
For a war-weary man with nothing to lose  
Is like life's pawn  
Give me an epiphany  
Just a simple ray of light  
To take me to the place  
Where my eyes can meet your sight

((July 2nd,2000))



# Life Of Purpose

This, a lifetime of trial and error  
Of great hope and eventual let down  
Of pure delight and imminent terror  
A smile one second; the next, a frown

Blessings flow endlessly and with much grace  
They flow against tides of expectation  
Too often, they are thrown back in His face  
Selfish pride consumes us in this nation

Money, sex, power drive us to our goal  
The shifting winds of culture knock us down  
Until we bow to the opinion poll  
So no unique opinion can be found

This, a lifetime of pressing through, onward  
Onward, but so rarely upward, we move  
And we speak words but rarely truth is heard  
Because the others might well disapprove

May we learn to stand on our own two feet  
Finding our individuality  
Again rising to challenge their deceit  
Driving out hate in its totality

Rise up, rise up and ne'er fear to stand firm  
Close out the voices echoing within  
And each day, choose to rise up and affirm  
Life with purpose; proud of where we've been

Danny Speicher

# Life Revised

It's been a few years  
Since I've seen your face  
Walked a few miles  
Since I've felt your grace  
I keep replaying the day you died  
Everytime I do, I still cry  
Things have changed a lot  
Since you've walked this earth  
Been quite a few changes  
Some deaths, some births  
I know you've been with me  
And I know, my life, you see  
I never needed you quite as much  
As I need you right now  
Grandma, please help me  
Some way, somehow

((May 1st,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Life With Love And Tragedy

Life with love and tragedy, they each flow  
In the inner sanctums that all men know  
Each lead to another, and another  
Paths lead to one then, soon, to the other

God, at times, weeps above... We weep below  
As each tragedy lines up in a row  
Loss uniting each sister and brother  
Wetting eyes of each father and mother

Oh, had I only known this long ago  
When love piled high like fresh-fallen snow  
I might not have so drawn to another  
And, under that same love, gasp and smother

But, were I to have to choose once again  
In earnest I'd choose love, despite the pain

((September 11th,2015))

Danny Speicher

# Light Of Love

Seems like its been a thousand and one years  
Since I last heard your sweet voice in my ears  
And, a thousand and one miles do lie  
Between homes that encompass you and I

The last time we spoke, you seemed to have peace  
Your laughter came quickly and without cease  
And, the last time we spoke you seemed to be  
The same sweet girl that once sought after me

Alas, I know that you want nothing more  
Than to be a friend, with no hope in store  
For love to blossom between you and I  
Yet, the hope that is within me won't die

So, I pray that someday you might see me  
In the light of love, I hope you to see

I often wonder if you understood  
That I meant for naught more than my best good  
And all that I ever wanted to do  
Was just to be right there, guiding you through

To sing you a song when you needed peace  
And lend an ear when you needed release  
And to love you unconditionally  
When ev'ry other fool had set you free

Ultimately, at the end of the day  
I just wanted for you to hear me say  
That you're a princess, and deserve the best  
Then again, I'm no diff'rent from the rest

So, I pray that someday you might see me  
In the light of love, I hope you to see

Danny Speicher

# Lone Sails A Ship

Sailing through these present currents and tides  
This ship moves gracefully about the sea  
Passengers and crew they never quite see  
What's churning and spinning beneath these strides

Ever spinning further out of control  
Ever wondering when the vortex ends  
Pondering just where this ship will descend  
And if someone might seek its drowning soul

Where will that fatal last iceberg appear  
Where does the battered, splintered hull find rest  
Will it e'er sail again... Finish its quest  
What lonely course should be set from here

Lone sails a ship, with ease above the waves  
If only one knew the torrents it braves

((March 5th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Loneliest Of All

I suppose my thoughts were always naive  
Believing that when you found that someone  
That life would be happy and filled with fun  
And, that feeling would remain when she'd leave

Reality set in the day she left  
When the joy remained, but sadness set in  
Thinking about when I'd see her again  
I fear the summer will not be so deft

The irony whipped my heart in a squall  
That though I had found the girl of my dreams  
And, love, on the horizon, sparkles and gleams  
Now she's gone, I'm the loneliest of all

Yet, the horizon nears close everyday  
Dear, may we keep this path and never stray

Danny Speicher

# Lonely

Here in the darkness I sit and think  
Upon times past on those yet to be  
And wondering where do I go from here  
It is so painful just to wait and see

I watch the dying of my closest friends  
As they fight to survive, they die to me  
I fight and I struggle to keep them near  
But, who can fault a friend trying to be free?

And all the wise sages who once taught me  
Are active in their teaching, even still  
Yet, their lessons teach generations next  
And, this transition, indeed, is God's will

Family I love and have loved so long  
Even they oft misunderstand my words  
Though I try to tell of the dreams I see  
My voice, inadvertently, goes unheard

I try hard to pray to God, whom I know  
And meditate and listen for His voice  
But, often I go deaf from the silence  
And relieving slumber becomes my choice

For in my best dreams I dream of the past  
Of family, friends and sages of old  
Still laughing and talking with each other  
And my heart doesn't seem so sad, so cold

And, in my dreams, I see her face... smiling  
Who she is? I do not know her by name  
And when I awake I forget her face  
But, oh, how my heart loves her just the same

But, rise, I do and find myself alone  
Still wanting to be dreaming of love  
Still dreaming of the past and of her face  
But, awake I am, and lonely thereof

((May 23rd,2005))

Danny Speicher

# Lonely Autumn

Slate grey sky over an overcast heart  
A new day dawning somewhere in the world  
Here, only wishing that new day would start  
Instead clouds, above, unfold and unfurl

Oh, this long, sad, lonely Autumn season  
Bringing a subdued sadness to the heart  
Solemn expressions keep, far, the reason  
The reason that this love was torn apart

Orange and golden hues line the city streets  
They give hope in a time when hope is dead  
Bringing fond memories when each leaf meets  
The eyes of lovers, who often have said,

'Cold, sad Autumn, embracing your blank sky  
Love will find not a lover such as I'

((October 24th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Lonely Refrain

I once dreamt a dream, of life filled with love  
And a girl I loved whom I had dreamt of  
So much was in store, so much left to do  
But, love wasn't mine; her heart wasn't true

So, I sailed along and dreamt of the day  
When God might bring her beauty back my way  
But, the years have passed, and I have grown old  
The dream was a dream, or so I've been told

Why do we oft fall in love with our dreams  
The truth is never as good as it seems  
Love's fleeting; impossible to obtain  
So, why do I sing this lonely refrain?

She found someone new, in no time at all  
He was richer and more handsome and tall  
Despite my heart breaking inside my chest  
I sadly smiled, knowing it was best

Why do we oft fall in love with our dreams  
The truth is never as good as it seems  
Love's fleeting; impossible to obtain  
So, why do I sing this lonely refrain?

I've seen a million faces with my eyes  
I've given love more than a couple tries  
But, each time it seems a part of me dies  
I'm left the rogue, who sits alone and cries

Why do we oft fall in love with our dreams  
The truth is never as good as it seems  
Love's fleeting; impossible to obtain  
So, why do I sing this lonely refrain?

I sit here alone, singing this refrain  
My heart breaks within this lonely refrain

((December 1st,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Lonely Winter

Lonely is my heart  
Empty is my hope  
It seems each turn is blocked  
Trapped by emotions I can't cope  
Every time the winter wind blows  
And trees sway in silhouette form  
I feel my heart freezing inside  
With no love to keep it warm  
When grey clouds sweep the sky  
And the cold raindrops turn to snow  
It makes me wonder why I've left  
And where my heart is leading me to go  
Sometimes I can hear whispers in the wind  
Speaking of love and hope to live on  
But, there is no one there when I turn  
I am nothing but fate's last white pawn  
The birds of the air laugh in mockery  
At my life's impending doom  
So, I silently stare at the lonely clouds  
And await my future tomb

((November 15th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Long Ago Her Roses Died

Her eyes could soothe my deepest pain  
Though they attempted to restrain  
The tears she always tried to hide  
For long ago her roses died

A Spring, a Summer and a Fall  
We shared nothing, yet we shared all  
But, Winter came; she left my side  
For long ago her roses died

Dreamed, I, one day she'd come alive  
That she would smile, laugh and thrive  
But, to this day shadows abide  
For long ago her roses died

I'd give my all for them to bloom  
But, long ago her roses died

((January 5th,2011))

Danny Speicher

# Lord, Be With Them

Lord, be with them, and keep them in Your arms  
Lord, open their eyes to Your miracles  
And open their ears to Your voice  
Soften their hearts to receive Your love  
So, that in their older years they may keep You  
And retain their youthful laughter and innocent smiles  
And may my steps be ones that they can follow  
To reach a heavenly goal  
May my love for them and the lives they live  
Shine through as a testimony to Your love for them  
And may my faith open the doors to Your Kingdom  
That the little children may come to You  
Lord, be with them and open their eyes to Your presence

((December 29th,2001))

Danny Speicher

# Lost In The Mist

Chin up, my son, today you are a man  
No more tugging on mommy's apron strings  
Quit asking and asking help from her hands  
No more time for all your childlike things

Stop crying, stop weeping, mourning your loss  
Why can't you just stand on your own two feet?  
Live your life... leave family, be normal  
Stop looking for her, your problems, to meet

See that gold necklace placed upon her neck?  
It isn't your pendant lying there now  
Symbolism is clear... He took your place  
It will do no good to furl your brow

Danny, you're a man now, like it or not  
Close family... it will never exist  
Quit longing for it and striving for it  
Those days are memories, lost in the mist

((May 11th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Love Anew

I hear your voice on the line and wonder  
If you know just what your words mean to me  
How they resurrect me when I'm under  
Feet of depression and anxiety

It's been so long since I've known this feeling  
Of hope and a wanting of something more  
And all the nights of fears so unyielding  
Don't come 'round when I dream of what's in store

Oh, I've been wrong about feelings like this  
Let my heart become attached far too soon  
Cupid, may your aim not easily miss  
'Tis too late, my heart doth already swoon

Oh, Cupid, your arrow aim straight and true  
For my heart now dreams of a love anew

((July 24th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Love For A Season

The phrase has been said time and time again  
It is better to have loved and lost love  
Than never to have had love dreamed of  
And, I s'pose, that's my solace in the end

Though she broke this loving heart in April  
At least I had her in the Summertime  
Waiting for the time her eyes would find mine  
Memories I've had, linger even still

Though she broke this loving heart in April  
At least I had her in Autumn's season  
How love grew with no apparent reason  
Memories I've had, linger even still

Though she broke this loving heart in April  
At least I had her in the Wintertime  
With her rosy cheeks and cold hands in mine  
Memories I've had, linger even still

Oh, how she did break my heart in April  
With tears streaming down our both our faces  
Knowing we were going diff'rent places  
Pain I felt then, it lingers even still

In the end I s'pose all we have are dreams  
Oh, I wish love was easy as it seemed

((June 8th,2008))

Danny Speicher

## Love Lost, Part I

His grandma dead now, gone and passed away  
The last page of her life written and closed  
Her scarves lay neatly in the drawer  
Of her dresser of solid, antique, oak  
The funeral comes and goes that day  
The world is a surrealistic portrait  
All the colors blending in  
All the brushstrokes combining as one  
People crying as the organ plays  
The casket now in the ground  
The dirt piled in monument of  
The one who loved this boy

((November 17th,1999))

Danny Speicher

## Love Lost, Part II

By her grass-covered grave, the old man stands  
With a yellow flower within his hand  
Remembering her love, now lost and gone  
How one he had her company  
Now he remembers at the memorial site  
The sight of their very first kiss  
Standing at the old town bridge  
Memories flood his soul  
Now he sits at home alone, alone  
No family to claim his name  
Why did she have to die so soon  
Why is he now alone?

((November 17th,1999))

Danny Speicher

## Love Undiscovered

Please don't sit here and cry, sadly, my dear  
For love that you, so longingly, yearn for  
Bring forth that lovely smile and dry that tear  
For when we fall in love, you'll cry no more  
Often I've laid quietly, quarreling  
With the demon of heartache and despair  
Dreaming of that one delicate darling  
And, oh, how much, I want her to be there  
So, whoever you are, sweet seraphim  
Don't think that I am not searching as well  
Stay steadfast, and don't commit on a whim  
In loneliness, like I, 'till we meet, dwell  
For, I stay pure and whole for you, my dear  
That's what I am hoping to find in you  
So, bring forth your lovely smile, dry your tear  
For, God's plan for us, forever is true

Danny Speicher

# Loving Her As I Do

I have been in a murky, saddened corridor  
And the pain is oft more than I can take  
At times I've forgotten just what I'm living for  
And each morning I find it hard to wake

Love's been my mantra long as I can remember  
And giving it has always trumped receipt  
I gave my love to her, April to December  
And then that love found its final defeat

I wonder at times if she thinks of me fondly  
And, if she were better she'd take me back  
More than anything, I guess my mind works oddly  
And I only wish her to find her knack

In dreams I've seen her cry a million times before  
And in my heart I've heard her call my name  
At those times I pray for her to feel pain no more  
And know if she needs me, I'm still the same

I know she wants me to reach to her as a friend  
And I know she longs to hear my voice, too  
But, these feelings, by my own will, I just can't end  
And, bedlam, I refuse to put her through

For she simply cannot love me as I love her  
And I can't stop loving her as I do  
For when my eyes look on her, these thoughts start to stir  
And she becomes central in life anew

Don't ask why my heart cannot disconnect within  
And just see it as a love I once knew  
I hope for a day when I look on where I've been  
And not see her, then, as right now I do

But, for now I just pray, five hundred miles away  
And my heart longs for love it can't embrace  
Forever looking forward to that coming day  
And dream her heart, for me, might have a place

((March 26th,2011))

Danny Speicher

# Lumber And Wood

As I looked out while driving down the road  
Gazed, I, on a stack of lumber and wood  
And thinking back upon fond memories  
Lamented the building no longer stood

Oh, the place was one I did not enjoy  
Where, once, I was forced to be long ago  
But, thoughts of my companions made me weep  
For, that known haunt I'll never again go

But, life rolls on without heed to my heart  
Progress takes sacrifice once in a while  
But, will I remember memories there?  
Will I remember my grandmother's smile?

Those images lie deep within my heart  
Where no earthly advancement may destroy  
Yet, I wondered, now, what I could recall  
From those carefree days when I was a boy

And, I prayed as the light went red to green  
That I'd forever remember my past  
All that which made me who I am today  
Will, deep within my soul, forever last

Danny Speicher

# Magnificent Light

Months, seeming like years, in darkness and dread  
Wondering when tomorrow's dawn would break  
Praying an end to this constant heartache  
Praying, 'Dear God, raise this heart from the dead'

Starting slower than I thought it would be  
One ray broke through the horizon's dark clouds  
Faintly breaking the terrifying shroud  
As ray by ray, light poured in, I could see

Magnificent light, brighter than the sun  
Gleaming brilliantly off each mountaintop  
Illuminating those dark valley drops  
And brought peace as darkness was now undone

Magnificent light, beam radiantly  
Keeping fears and each dismay far from me

((September 17th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Masterpiece

Perhaps it's cliché; a bit overdone  
But, it seems apparent each day in life  
Is a page written full of joy and strife  
As though we're characters when the day's done

Some pages filled with ineffable bliss  
Still others are wrought with heartache and pain  
Some where the hero is going insane  
What possible good could come of all this?

But, each day, anew, brings with it a choice  
To become the hero or the villain  
Tread on safe paths or those that are thrilling?  
After each defeat to raise strong their voice?

Will our hero fade to their sad decease?  
Or dawn triumphant in their masterpiece?

((June 3rd,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Meet Me There

My dear, I know that our time here is through  
Oh, how I wish I could just change your mind  
I have no choice but to let you leave me  
And pray that someone better, you will find

Those conversations we once had each night  
Have ended... May not ever come again  
So, just in case I never hear your voice  
I can't wait to see you when these days end

Oh, meet me there, across the Jordan  
Where my arms can embrace you once again  
Oh, meet me there, at the eastern gate of Zion  
And you'll see where my heart has always been

What a wonderful day that day will be  
When again I clearly hear that sweet voice  
Oh, how I've missed hearing that precious sound  
To hear it again makes my heart rejoice

Oh, meet me there, across the Jordan  
Where my arms can embrace you once again  
Oh, meet me there, at the eastern gate of Zion  
And you'll see where my heart has always been

Live your life to the fullest, dear sweetheart  
Don't leave any dream in the still of night  
I'll see you soon, don't worry about me  
Your future is standing before you bright

And, when, at last, you've followed every dream  
Your face, peaceful, content, with death dew's gleam  
Walk forward into magnificent beams  
These years, they are much shorter than they seem

So, meet me there, across the Jordan  
Where my arms can embrace you once again  
Oh, meet me there, at the eastern gate of Zion  
And you'll see where my heart has always been

I'll be standing there a smile on my face  
You'll see where my heart has always been  
Please meet me there, upon the streets of gold  
Where my arms can embrace you once again

((April 17th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Mind Of Prose

I've seen their faces in my thoughts, my dreams  
Their solemn silhouettes offer no sound  
Their cries, however, blare out as a scream  
They call for their sceptres, robes and their crowns

Look over there, a prince of stone kneels down  
While his damsel, frozen, yearns for his kiss  
No magician's spell, for them, will be found  
While the mage's staff seems not to exist

Open the door to the noble throne room  
See the King sitting so regal and strong  
And the Queen, she stands firm, beside her groom  
They wait, patiently, for that which they long

They see me sit at the keyboard and scribe  
Their eyes go wide each time I grasp a pen  
Awaiting history to be described  
Who will lose the fabled war? Who will win?

For you see, these characters and their foes  
Exist not in this world of flesh and bone  
But, instead, subsist in the mind of prose  
Waiting, for them, to the world, to be known

((August 14th,2004))

Danny Speicher

# Missing Missing You

An odd conundrum of sorts, I suppose  
Nostalgia following nostalgic thoughts  
After months of this sad heart being fraught  
And my mind thinking thoughts nobody knows

But, here's my heart, not missing you as much  
Finding peace and solace in our contrasts  
And the memory of your touch has passed  
Yet, oddly, I miss the thought of your touch

Depressed in joy, a paradox am I  
Moving on, looking back into the mist  
Missing missing you; missing what I missed  
Though I've moved on, you're with me by and by

Missing missing you is a mystery  
But, I suppose that's how I'll always be

((November 1st,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Misty Eyes

Life hasn't been the same for some time now  
With the dark taking light some way, some how  
And, I'm alone, unable to disguise  
That now I see this world through misty eyes

Hasn't been long since you were here with me  
I still hear that laugh, setting my heart free  
But, oh, how all these precious moments fly  
Now, I walk this road with these misty eyes

Perhaps life is meant to be seen this way  
Perhaps joy isn't meant for me each day  
Perhaps I'm to reprise those last goodbyes  
Daily my heart dies and brings misty eyes

It dies as it remembers its demise  
And so, each day I see through misty eyes

((July 12th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Moonlight

The night was dark and the road was lonely  
And, I found myself wishing for a friend  
A travel companion to keep me safe  
One that will help me to my journey's end

I found that companion within the Moon  
With Her white Light radiating so bright  
With her kind glow giving sight to my path  
Illuminating the dark roads of night

I saw southern clouds rolling in quickly  
To my dismay, there was naught I could do  
Yet, I still fell in love with the Moonlight  
Knowing darkness I'd soon have to go through

The clouds rolled in sooner than I had hoped  
And the rain, it poured, like tears from above  
And, for what seemed like several lifetimes  
I was without the fond Light that I loved

Despite duration of my endeavor  
The clouds rolled back to display brighter Light  
Brighter than even that glow from before  
I praised God for His care through this dark night

And, through the night, She kept me company  
But, then gently in the East, the dawn rose  
And, I saw what the Moon was reflecting  
Sunrise was greater than anyone knows

For, I saw the fruition of the Light  
I saw, in glory, that which I had chased  
And, drove slowly in complete speechless awe  
While my focus on the road was unphased

So, in the darkness, when the moon shines naught  
Even when the moon returns from its shade  
Focus first on the road laid before you  
And, look for the dawn of Light, He has made

((May 31st,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Moonlit Moments

On nights like these it's easy to miss you  
With the stars in the sky twinkling above  
It isn't hard to miss our long-lost love  
As I sit at our spot, thinking of you

I never pondered I wouldn't get  
To share all these moonlit moments with you  
Sitting under a sky of twilight blue  
Yet, here I am, and alone I sit

I suppose I'll never see you again  
But, I'll always remember nights like these  
With crickets chirping in yonder trees  
And you snuggled so close, my arms within

Though I long for moonlit moments with you  
I'll always treasure memories of you

((May 15th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# My All In All

Where do I go when earth crumbles below  
And the sky turns dark as sackcloth above?  
Who can I trust? Whose refuge do I know?  
When I'm unlovable, who will still love?

Though dreams be crushed and vision becomes dark  
And truth I once knew be revealed as lies  
No matter how oft I may miss my mark  
I know that on You my heart can rely

My Rock and Savior; Shelter in the storm  
I lean upon You for all others fall  
May my desires finally conform  
To Your will, oh Father, my All in All

I lean upon You for all others fall  
Father, may You become my all in all

((November 17th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# My Declaration Of Independence

To all who keep by my side  
And to all who have done so before  
To all who will be with me tomorrow  
And to all who know me no more  
I have spent so many years  
Trying so hard to be  
Someone that people would love  
I have forgotten to be me  
So often I would compare myself  
To a friend or an acquaintance or a star  
Thinking of ways to be like them  
And wondering how they are the way they are  
So many people want me to be one way  
While all the rest want me to be another  
They lure me in with promises of love  
And shared fellowship with one another  
'If you were just a bit more like this'  
They say with so much hope  
'You would do wonders'  
So, in belief, I grasp for their rope  
But, each new time a hint comes my way  
I realize that it didn't achieve the wanted goal  
Only to find after I've changed my ways for them  
I've just dug myself deeper into my own hole  
It's been so long since I've been true to myself  
I don't know what my heart wants anymore  
I've been told so many times I'm one way or another  
And that I should change or disaster was in store  
'You're too nice', 'You're too generous'  
'You're too romantic' and 'You're too shy'  
'Don't get so attached to those you love'  
And, 'Don't let everyone else see you cry'  
Well, what's so wrong with being nice?  
And, what's so wrong with giving my best?  
Why can't I tell someone how beautiful they are?  
And, what's wrong with being a little more silent than the rest?  
Before you can answer with your usual replies  
Before your cynicism runs free  
Let me tell you it doesn't matter

Because I am myself... And, that is all I will ever be

((October 10th,2001))

Danny Speicher

# My Grand Fault

Been told at least a thousand times before  
That the heart is vulnerable within  
And to let someone break it is a sin  
To beware of risks and to slam the door

And I have found a thousand times before  
That the heart is vulnerable within  
As girls have taken my love for a spin  
And then left my heart bleeding, crushed and torn

But, if my grand fault is letting love in  
Trusting a girl who has hurt me before  
And choosing to trust, not slamming the door  
Let me sin and, if need be, sin again

For if, when I die, the worst they can say  
Is that I was a fool who loved too much  
Who never was calloused from pain's cruel touch  
Then, I might so die satisfied that day

Love isn't always a muse's sweet touch  
It isn't always a bright, sunny day  
In fact, more often it isn't that way  
But, you fight through the less to get to the much

And if my grand fault is letting love in  
Trusting a girl who has hurt me before  
And choosing to trust, not slamming the door  
Let me sin and, if need be, sin again

((November 19th,2012))

Danny Speicher

# My Pretty Prima Donna

My pretty prima donna on stage, all the world to see  
Oh, how beautiful you stand upon the hallowed stage  
How beautiful you'd be even in the composer's age  
But, blessed am I, that beauty is for no one but me

My pretty prima donna sing, angelic voice resound  
Oh, how tender the tone, so sweet and pure, peek from your lips  
With each lyrical note your passion, from your mouth, doth drip  
So soon that heavenly sound within will be world renowned

My pretty prima donna smile; the crowd enjoys your act  
Oh, how sweetly laughable is the persona you bring  
Whose innocence and edge bring forth with it a witty sting  
Soon we'll see grand auditoriums and theatres packed

My pretty prima donna with me, all the world to see  
Blessed am I, that prima donna is for no one but me

((October 29th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# My Very Own Hell

All but forgotten and joyfully so  
Thinking my mind would never again find  
The way that your eyes once gazed into mine  
Why do these thoughts come and how do they go?

For so long I had found peace that surpassed  
All of the torment my heart had gone through  
Searing pain that was inflicted by you  
For once I thought that the past was the past

But, now you rest dense once more on my heart  
An inexplicable sadness within  
Not knowing why this oppression begins  
Praying if you, too, hurt, your pain depart

Oh, how I pray, you are still doing well  
And sadness is just my very own hell

((September 30th,2013))

Danny Speicher

# Navigator

I never knew it was quite possible  
To have within my mind the quantity  
Of thoughts and emotions I have right now  
I never knew I could feel so depressed  
Yet, only to feel gratitude later  
Or fear and hope bound in the same second  
The world seems to be spinning faster now  
Than I have ever felt it spin before  
Lord, I try to find my anchor in You  
I have never once felt so blessed and cursed  
So cared and strong, lonely yet close to friends  
Nor have I been so uncomfortable  
Yet, here I stand, looking into the fog  
Yearning to see the winding path's next curve  
But no sight, to me, is known to its twists  
So, now I call for my Navigator  
The One who has taken my hand before  
For, these woods, I cannot journey alone

((January 11th,2005))

Danny Speicher

# Near

Tick, tock and with each moment life moves on  
On up and above the noise of the past  
The hum of past failures... Fanfares of joy  
Take a hold of life... Time is fleeting, fast

Today may bring joy or sadness, severe  
It may bring with it the sun or the rain  
Through it all, may the All-Knowing draw nigh  
In great prosperity and in great pain

Dreams, they rush into us and out of us  
But, some of these dreams, thank God, they come true  
But, when visions don't bring reality  
Draw near to me... Help me draw near to You

Oh, while in this world, we will have trouble  
Sometimes sadness or anger; loss or fear  
But, hallelujah, He's conquered this world  
Praise Him! For when we need Him most, He's near!

So, in everything, by diligent prayer  
Present your petitions unto His throne  
And peace that transcends all understanding  
Will let your heart know you're never alone

Danny Speicher

# Never Again Come Near

In and out of my sight your figure fades  
At your whim, at your will you come and go  
No thought to pain I intimately know  
And your entrance cuts like a sharpened blade

Like a ghost of romance past you appear  
Feign interest in my life for kindness sake  
Each word causing this heart of glass to break  
Each cadence bringing the memories near

I cannot escape when you call my name  
Not turning from the love I promised you  
Not breaking the oath that I still hold true  
How can I stop dreaming of that sweet frame

I can't resist you even still, my dear  
Please, be kind... Please, never again come near

((February 15th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Never Let Me Go

Don't think I don't know we live separate lives  
I know the life you lead and all the dreams you dream  
I know fitting in love is tougher than it seems  
I know that often, too soon, tomorrow, arrives

Priorities are already set in motion  
Foremost, you must first pursue a life of your own  
Blazing a path, a journey, into the unknown  
I still stand... Waiting to give my full devotion

My dear, don't you know that I would give you my all  
If I knew that you would give me your all as well  
I would walk through fire or rain, heaven or hell  
Yes, dear, even through death's dark valley I would crawl

If only I knew that you'd never let me go  
How my heart breaks that, right now, you can't let me know

((October 20th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Never The Same

In one moment, your hand grasped onto mine  
Stars spiraled while nature, herself, kept time  
And all seemed so right in the world that night  
With your hand in mine, skin so soft, so light

I saw you smile as I reached to you  
I felt you relax as we both, now, knew  
This chemistry went far beyond mere words  
Lines between earth and bliss suddenly blurred

Never the same, I'll never be the same  
Ever since my eyes beheld your sweet frame  
While my hand held yours while we drove that night  
And your skin so soft, so pale, so light

No, never the same, never be the same  
E'er since your touch ignited my heart's flame

((September 29th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# New Life

Always press forward  
In God's path for you  
Always seek His guidance  
In the things that you do  
Stand firm in your faith  
And proudly proclaim  
That He is your Rock  
And you wear His Name  
The storms might strong  
And the waves might be high  
But, always remember  
He is by your side  
Remember to stop and enjoy  
All the things He has for you  
And dream and pray  
About what He has planned for you  
Don't ever forget  
Life is infinitely great  
So, go out and live it  
Before it's too late

((March 4th,2001))

Danny Speicher

## New Within

Shackled in bondage and fearing more pain  
Not believing freedom would come again  
Remembering not to tread where I've been  
Hate clothed in love left a permanent stain

Nothing I could do could remove the hurt  
Nothing I could do erased memories  
Nothing I could do would, my doubt, appease  
So, I settled for a love life, inert

I ne'er saw you coming into my life  
Didn't know you'd bring healing in your wing  
Or, soothe my weary spirit when you sing  
But, healing, soothing, you erased my strife

You've taught me to trust and live life again  
Dear, I'm so blessed I've been made new within

((August 10th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Nights Like These

It is on nights like these I miss her most  
Not unlike my missing her every day  
Where I toss and turn during each night's fray  
But, it's on nights like these, I need her close

It is on nights like these I miss her most  
Where the world comes crumbling down on me  
And words she used to say are all I need  
And, a loving lady, my heart could boast

It is on nights like these I miss her most  
Her warm, gentle presence embracing mine  
And all healing came when her hand I'd find  
When she was by my side, through pain I'd coast

It is on nights like these I miss her most  
I suppose not unlike all other days  
Where my heart yearns for her nurturing ways  
It just seems nights like these, I need her close

Oh, how I wish that tonight she were close  
Instead of one of my memory's ghosts

((June 17th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# No Longer Around

Here's a toast to all whom I love  
Thank you for all that you've done  
I don't know if I'd had made it to today  
If all of those who I can think of were none  
The happiness and the laughter  
They will always, in my heart, remain  
When the sun is shining brightly  
Or when the dark clouds begin to rain  
I'll remember all the memories  
That we have diligently found  
And when the sadness starts to come  
I'll remember your joyful sounds  
Sounds of talking and giggling  
Sounds of your voices in my hear  
And, I pray that you, too, will remember me  
Just in case I am not always near  
We've had some wonderful times together  
In groups of simply two or many more  
Times of love and care, sprinkled with tears  
That's all I'm really living for  
So, if one day you find me  
No longer living here with you  
And, you're striving to remember  
What it was we used to do  
Remember just one thing  
To keep me fresh in your hearts  
That I have loved you all  
To the very end... From the very start

((December 31st,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Now

Called but waiting in midst of death and doom  
Reaching out to the hands who cannot grasp  
Watching dead men stepping into their tombs  
God, I cry out for my time to be now

Human faces placed on robotic forms  
Searching for purpose within the routine  
They long to be someone, outside the norm  
God, I cry out for my time to be now

They watch me prepare to enter the war  
They watch me as I don the medic's frock  
They wonder what all this training is for  
God, I cry out for my time to be now

Oh, God, shall I linger and learn to fight?  
Am I not ready for the fray right now?  
Perhaps now is the time to shine the Light  
God, I cry out for my time to be now

Lord, answer me in the still, silent dark  
Find me standing steadfast for Your command  
Lord, don't allow my heart to miss the mark  
Although I cry for my time to be now

Danny Speicher

## Now See

Years alone, by myself, have left me cold  
Left me broken, bitter and getting old  
I used to wonder if my heart could love  
And attain the closeness that I dreamed of

Prickly and razor sharp as a knife  
My heart had become due to fear and strife  
Leaving gashes on those who even tried  
To comfort me as I sat and I cried

Then there was you, who'd been broken before  
Knowing the pain and, yes, knowing the score  
You found me when I was hurt and afraid  
And realized the pain that was once laid

Open wounds bleeding is what you now see  
Realize the power you have o'er me

I see you crying behind those dry eyes  
I see you gazing up into the skies  
I know you hurt even when you smile  
And I know that love might take a while

I am as patient as a man can be  
Someone like you, rarely loves one like me  
And, my dear, you should know that I do know  
I'd be a fool to ever let you go

But, sometimes I fear you'll never break free  
And your eyes won't see what I need them to see  
Fear that you'll never love or trust again  
Or move your heart back to where it had been

Open eyes crying is how you now see  
Please remember I'm not them, I'm me

I could ask you to stop letting hurt reign  
I could ask you to bury all your pain  
But, I know willpower won't do much more

Than cocktail 'brellas do for strong downpours

So, I choose to sit and wait and love you  
And pray that your love will someday shine through  
Oh, even though those days may not arrive  
I'll be there to help you to reach and strive

For I know at least this much remains true  
I do not love you for what you can do  
For thoughts you express or things that you say  
In fact, I know why I love you this day

An open heart, once blinded, can now see  
Because you chose to take a chance on me

((September 28th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Oh, Corinth

Oh, Corinth, with intellect and knowledge  
This flame within me has gone from your door  
At times there must be a rekindling  
So, that flame might burn brighter than before

Oh, Corinth, my heart burns, within, for you  
I am sorry I have failed you thus far  
Complacency had taken precedence  
Fighting battles of ease... losing the war

Oh, Corinth, I remain in prayer for you  
Watching you living, dying, not knowing  
The Truth that would set you free if only  
You could really see what He was showing

Oh, Corinth, I'll return to you someday  
With a heart that loves you, yet even more  
With a will that cannot be torn in two  
All with the hope that you'll open the door

So, Corinth, keep searching for Love and Truth  
Although you may not know how they appear  
When you find them someday then you will know  
This is Love... Truth... And it's always been near

Danny Speicher

## On Nights Like These

A cool crisp breeze wafts the nighttime Spring air  
I am taken to a place where you cared  
Of our life and love and staying with me  
Never once a thought of being set free

A year has passed since I last heard your voice  
Dear, I realize that has been my choice  
But, how can I hear the voice that used to  
Bring affectionate thoughts, thought to be true

Oh, sweetheart, I miss it on nights like these  
Where stars sparkle above a cool night's breeze  
Or on nights where the grey pallid displays  
Or when it rains or snows or, nigh, always

But, especially so, on nights like these  
Thoughts of you prosper with unwelcomed ease

And, I wonder if you e'er think of me  
How great our lives, together, used to be  
About the nights we sat beneath those stars  
And looked for Jupiter, Venus and Mars

But, alas, I have my doubts that you do  
As another man is now courting you  
And what use is it to have thoughts of me  
When your life still remains as it should be

So, I suppose I'll sit and think of you  
With eyes of green contrasting skies of blue  
Even if you ne'er spare a thought for me  
Thinking of you in our spot is where I'll be

So, my dear if you're e'er back up this way  
You'll know where I'll be most every day

((April 4th,2009))

Danny Speicher

## Once More Into The Fire

Once more into the fire, my Lord, once more into the fire  
Another one calling to be saved, Lord, what shall I do?  
Therefore to offer help I go once more into the fire

Once more into the fire, my Lord, once more into the fire  
I can't save her with my own two hands, Lord, what shall I do?  
To offer her your strong arms, Lord, once more into the fire

Once more into the fire, my Lord, once more into the fire  
What of the others who won't call out, Lord, what shall I do?  
Pray for them and call to them, Lord, once more into the fire

One last time into the fire, Lord, once more into the fire  
I see You reaching now out to me, Lord, what shall I do?  
Take your hand to climb out, Lord, nevermore into the fire

((April 6th,2005))

Danny Speicher

# Once Upon A Dream

Once upon a sunset, red  
I took your heart in hand  
And on the whitened beach we stood  
Upon the pale night sand  
And we conversed of days gone by  
Of events, together, we'd seen  
Your smile, bright, under the stars  
As, in my arms, you leaned  
Our hearts, united, there under the moon  
As we held each other close  
And we whispered sweet forever, too  
Vows that no one knows  
All of this we shared that night  
But, things aren't always as they seem  
For life was not an element there  
Alas, it was all once upon a dream

((August 30th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Once Upon A Time

Last chapter closes this star-crossed saga  
Full of laughter and love... heartache and tears  
And the comedy becomes tragedy  
The shepherd's son walks alone through the years

I do suppose we always knew the truth  
A princess never falls for a pauper  
Yet, their romance, it seemed so genuine  
We hoped, perhaps, love would conquer proper

The King seemed wise from his throne far away  
Saying marriage to paupers was unfair  
For the princess deserved riches and fame  
The pauper could never provide such fare

Oh, how, the pauper, he cried when she left  
Remembering the happy days of yore  
How he thought for certain her love was real  
Thinking of her voice he'd come to adore

But, fairy tales are just fiction at best  
And, love didn't win her heart in the end  
That love, now, is just once upon a time  
Perhaps faded... Perhaps always pretend

((April 17th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# One Day In My Life

What if for only one day in my life  
I found the strength to give more than before  
I found a belief it might make a change  
I found the passion I've been fighting for

What if I woke one day with a fire  
A fire that couldn't be quenched by doubt  
A fire that burned away all despair  
And ignite what I've been dreaming about

And on that one day, maybe I'd break through  
Through the barricades of my affliction  
Through the obstacles of this listless sloth  
To the person within with conviction

If for just one day, I could be that man  
Maybe I'd be remembered tomorrow

((February 20th,2015))

Danny Speicher

# One Last Goodbye

A million miles down this rocky road  
Oh, the smiles that remain in my mind  
And, memories, they don't have a hard time  
Finding their way into my dream's abode

Eight thousand hours treasured forever  
And a lonesome, broken heart on the mend  
Love doesn't always come to a happy end  
At least it's a journey we endeavored

So, now that we've gone our separate ways  
And the 'I love you's' are now history  
I want to leave no shroud of mystery  
How I loved you, and still love you today

I guess I'll love you forever somehow  
Even when God grants love with someone new  
There will remain a diff'rent love for you  
But, it's time for one last goodbye for now

Until the thought of you no longer brings  
Images of wedding days, children's laughs  
An intimate love shown on your behalf  
Until then, let this hope, in your ear ring:

May God bless you and faithfully keep you  
May His countenance upon you bright shine  
May His face graciously turn toward thine  
And may He grant you peace, lasting and true

'Til I again look into your green eyes  
Please accept, with love, this one last goodbye

((May 30th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# One Perfect Night

Tonight I saw your beautiful smile once more  
Tonight I saw your eyes shining bright once again  
Tonight I didn't have words to tell what' within  
Tonight... I've never had a night like this before

It has been so long since I've felt so heartbroken  
It has been longer yet since I've been so in love  
And as I looked up at the cloudy skies above  
I thought of all the things that were left unspoken

More than anything I dreamed of one perfect night  
Where, together, we could sit, holding each other  
On a bench or on a dock just one another  
Watching the stars drift by in the dusky twilight

Oh, Lord, I pray for this night to come near and soon  
My sweetheart and I, snuggling under the moon

((May 17th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# One Year Ago Last

One year ago last, I last saw your face  
Lovely to view, eyes spark'ling just for me  
Love blossoming for all the world to see  
Oh, how I long to go back to that place

If I'd known I'd never see you again  
I would have savored that image much more  
I would have shown love deeper than before  
Oh, if I had just known it was the end

Images flash across my mind of you  
Standing at the door as I drove away  
Neither knowing it would be our last day  
Oh, if we had just known, what would we do

One year ago last, I last saw your face  
Oh, how I long to go back to that place

((March 7th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# One You'LI Never Know

Run, run away from things you know are true  
Further, further past all you used to do  
And choose only what your heart wants to hear  
Nonetheless, if look for me, I'm near

Where once you followed and once you believed  
Relying on me for all of your needs  
Now you look around to the flesh and blood  
I know you could come back, if you just would

Close your mind, close your heart and close your ears  
Clench your teeth and swallow those righteous fears  
Close me out, but act like you've kept me in  
Believe it long enough sin won't be sin

Let your faith bleed from you in a slow, steady flow  
'Til the you that once was is one you'll never know

((May 10th,2012))

Danny Speicher

# Our First Kiss

A million stars shining all above us  
Night air, thick, with hope of what was to come  
Venus shining her approval on us  
All limbs and heart feeling ever-so numb

What momentous event must bring such fear?  
Such, sweet, trembling fear into our hearts?  
Oh, too quickly, the moment... It came near  
To quickly came our moment to depart

Oh, how memorably awkward it was  
Yet how perfectly smooth it came to be  
How important was that moment because  
It was the first time we kissed... You and me

There is no other moment as sweet as this  
As the late night hour of our first kiss

((July 8th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Passionate Sunset

The solemn sunset, red with passion  
Drops below the level horizon  
The red apples in the green orchard  
Sway swiftly with the wind  
Nature sings her ancient hymn  
In the silent stillness of the dusk  
In the silent stillness of the dusk

((September 5th,1999))

Danny Speicher

# Perhaps

My dear, you'd be so proud of me, I think  
I rarely think longingly upon you  
Wishing the sleep to end and dreams come true  
Rarely being at that teary-eyed brink

I suppose they'd all say I'm over you  
After all I don't cry for us these days  
And once again my lips ring forth God's praise  
I suppose their observations are true

I suppose I'm truly over my dream  
Of loving only you for forever  
And of leaving your side never ever  
Perhaps our love wasn't all that it seemed

Perhaps I am over your sudden flight  
That is, of course, except nights like tonight

Perhaps it's the near full moon high above  
The still night air whispering in my ear  
With the stars shining so bright and so clear  
Perhaps just Fall reminds me of your love

Where cool breezes blow 'cross this broken road  
Gently bringing memories from the north  
Of our weekends together and so forth  
Perhaps my heart still holds this heavy load

Perhaps you're entirely over me  
And, I suppose it's for the best you are  
I would never find healing for these scars  
Apart we will both, much happier, be

Perhaps, over me, you've always have been  
But would one question be, to you, a sin?

Do you e'er think of me on nights like these?  
Where the stars we once watched twinkle above  
How in those moments we were so in love

All in the midst of this Northwestern breeze

Do you find yourself wondering at all  
What might have become of us in the end  
If all of our problems we would transcend  
Do you e'er miss me? Do you e'er recall?

Perhaps you don't miss me as I miss you  
But, if you do and want to honor me  
Don't hesitate to be all you can be  
And know I'll be proud of you if you do

If you ever think of me and miss me  
Honor me and be all that you can be

((November 14th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Perhapses

Perhaps someday I'll look and I'll find you're no longer there  
Perhaps I'll see the departure coming  
And I'll hear the final cadence strumming  
Perhaps I'll wonder, in silence, if you e'er really cared

Maybe our tomorrows won't look quite as good tomorrow  
Maybe promises we easily made  
Tomorrow won't be easily obeyed  
Maybe the hope we planted will harvest naught but sorrow

But, what if the perhapses and the maybes don't come true  
What if this love is as real as it gets  
And it doesn't run, but patiently sits  
What if the day closes and finds us still happy, not blue?

Well, if it's real and my heart can feel like this forever  
Than all the maybes and the perhapses  
And the risk of possible collapses  
Become worth it for the hope of love that will endeavor

Perhaps one day I'll find myself standing solo once more  
Maybe it will be more than I can take  
After I put all that I had at stake  
But, when love's in play, risk's always worth what might be in store

((June 24th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Perpetual Horizons

Sad eyes of memories of days gone by  
Thoughts of what could have been and should have been  
All the hopes and dreams welling deep within  
Wondering what moment set it awry

Still deep within past the tears of defeat  
Lies the same ambitions and desire  
Lasting through the rain and through the fire  
Thinking the life once lived might soon repeat

Having faith deeper than sorrow and pain  
That the next chapter in this tale of life  
Might hold new plots with less quarrelsome strife  
And lessons learned now won't be learned in vain

Ahead perpetual horizons wait  
Filled with life greater than my dream of fate

((September 5th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Plant These Feet

Oh, God, give me the strength to move forward  
Build a man from ashes of this coward  
Teach me to stand, 'tho I may want retreat  
Lord, steady these hands and, Lord, plant these feet

Hurting deep inside as though cut by steel  
Not wanting the pain that God knows I feel  
I'd pray for my heart to go numb again  
But, I find pain's better than where I've been

Responsibility and sacrifice  
Honor and duty and paying the price  
Traits that are worthy and noble in deed  
Patience and wisdom are traits that I need

The path looks so rugged and overgrown  
Lord, clear it out so your path might be shown

((October 4th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Precipice

Here we stand at the precipice of history  
Fearfully gaze at its awe-inspiring face  
Behind us are a flood of our greatest failures  
Like never before we must now set high our pace

Tragically, many before us have tried and failed  
To rise to the apex of the height of their time  
So few have made it to the peak's high pinnacle  
Some lie dashed below, fatefully failing the climb

Easy would it be to sit and mourn fallen friends  
And, our lives, let the tide of history consume  
Failing to try for fear of rocks that lie below  
Instead helping to dig our obscurity's tomb

But, friends, today we must rise in the face of fear  
We must grab each stone of greatness and strive beyond  
To the apogee for which our forerunners strove  
Their souls, in encouragement, to our will, respond

And when we start our journey to sacred greatness  
We'll remember to turn and reach a hand below  
Selflessly assisting each of our companions  
Not leaving one man, woman or child in woe

So, on that day when we stand on the mountaintop  
Together, as a people, we can say once more  
That we are not islands, set alone in the sea  
But, we're a new mankind, far better than before

((May 11th,2014))

Danny Speicher

# Protect

I saw her tears  
I heard her cries  
Who had hurt her  
With sorrow in her eyes  
That monster had touched her  
Who would dare to touch  
I felt her pain  
I loved her so much  
She blamed herself  
For things she didn't do  
He had made her believe  
Lies untrue  
I'll protect her  
Forever and a day  
For her I'd die  
For her I will pray

((November 1st,1999))

Danny Speicher

# Psalm 145

Praise and exultation, love and adoration  
Exultation and worship to God almighty  
Almighty God, most worthy, and King of glory  
Raised up from generation to generation

Your works are magnificent and full of splendor  
Your good deeds and faithfulness are always present  
Your peace and Your kindness, to my heart, is pleasant  
Slow to anger with your compassion to render

Undiscerning with goodness, His blessings reach all  
And those who acknowledge those blessings praise His name  
Proclaiming your power and promoting your fame  
Your reign, eternal, your Kingdom will never fall

May I join with all creatures as my worship grows  
And no matter my lot, may my praise overflow

Your faithfulness is sure; your promises are true  
When I fall, You pick me up and you raise my eyes  
And, when I am poor and hungry, you hear my cries  
You feed me and clothe me, and draw me close to You

When this life seems unfair and my heart feels betrayed  
I know You are faithful and your righteousness reigns  
And when I call to you in my weakness and pain  
You steady my soul and give me strength for the fray

You know all the desires that stir in my soul  
Fruition will be granted at Your perfect time  
Until then You will grant me the strength for the climb  
All the while perfecting and making me whole

May I join with all creatures as my worship grows  
And no matter my lot, may my praise overflow

((March 15th,2012))



# Purity Lost

I saw your face upon the screen today  
Just as I have, time to time in the past  
In many ways no different from the last  
And I missed you in the same silly way

But, something was different about this view  
Something was missing, first I didn't see  
I scanned the countenance staring at me  
Five times over I found that which was new

Your left hand was missing your turquoise ring  
The symbol of which you were once so proud  
Purity hidden behind a small silver shroud  
Convictions and standards your soul did cling

Purity lost, but isn't forgotten  
Sin can be cleansed like dirt washed from cotton

Shouldn't have been a shock as it was to me  
I knew your life and knew what it entailed  
I knew you were fragile, broken and frail  
And life wasn't all you'd hoped it would be

I still have faith in all that you can be  
I know your aspirations and your dreams  
Though the road be rocky, or so it seems  
You'll naught make a disbeliever out of me

So, when you've done all the world sees as right  
I'll find a silver ring for you to wear  
As past and future lie before you, bare  
You will rise once again, into the light

Purity lost, but isn't forgotten  
Sin can be cleansed like dirt washed from cotton

((December 11th,2012))



# Ravaging

What is that all-familiar twinge inside  
Still gnawing, gnashing that inner fiber  
Constantly looking to pay the piper  
The piper within tauntingly resides

What was it that was there so long ago  
What painful scar still oozes life this day  
What hope is there to ever end this fray  
Will tranquility e'er, truly, be known

Why does it scorch, again, this hollowed shell  
As if searching for valuable treasure  
Seeking to destroy some hint of pleasure  
Yet, wiser sought these rich plunders in Hell

Ravaging that which no longer bears meat  
Still sucking marrow for something to eat

((February 1st,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Reach High And Be Bold

The moments have come and gone, no different than before  
And the world spins around from night to day and night again  
In the twilight I utter pleas for mercy for my sin  
It would appear nothing has changed since you walked out my door

I'm sure everyone thinks I am over you by now  
Tears don't fill my eyes when your name's mentioned any longer  
By all public accounts, the pain's made me grow e'en stronger  
But, instead, the fire has only grown deeper somehow

Though the world never sees, you still haunt my every thought  
And, all alone, no one hears me cry for you in the night  
Waking with your face, through my tears, still burnt into my sight  
Searing reality that my heart's distress is all for naught

But, in my prayers, I think of you whole once again, anew  
Stars shining within your eyes and confidence in your voice  
A solemn resolve to forevermore make the best choice  
And smiling and laughing like you always used to do

But, for now you sit in pallor, rotting from within, out  
Your eyes dark and cloudy and fingers numbed by callouses  
Intemperate temper flaring and heart filled with malice  
A return to your beauty, seemingly the whole world doubts

But, I believe in you and the strength deep within your soul  
Though it be hidden deep and seems so far beyond your grasp  
It is waiting for the moment that you reach out and clasp  
Ahold of all that's meant for you and that which makes you whole

Today, today, raise your hands up and strive to clinch ahold  
Of your purpose and your hope; Don't fear; Reach high and be bold.

((August 31st,2012))

Danny Speicher

# Release Me

Merciful Savior, I beg, release me  
From this sackcloth mask which, mine eyes, doth shield  
Let me see, once again, the harvest field  
Merciful Savior, won't you set me free

If darkness must dwell and vision, impede  
Then, Lord, bind my mouth by the same dark twill  
For what good are my words, arid and still  
Without benefit of an optic lead

And if my mouth be bound from oration  
Oh, God, as well bound my hands and my feet  
For without words how might my hands, then, greet  
The children longing to be Your nation

I cry to you, Messiah, show to me  
Ways to follow You... How, again, to see

((March 25th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Remember Us Laughing

Don't look in my eyes this moment, my dear  
You won't see me as I want to be seen  
That image of how I have always been  
Don't remember me with eyes full of tears

Oh, I know that you have to leave me now  
I suppose that I have known for some time  
You must take your path and I must take mine  
We'll go on without each other somehow

But, if you ever think of me someday  
Please don't think of me like I am this day  
Instead, remember us laughing, I pray  
Not these frail attempts begging you to stay

Remember us laughing at the state fair  
With summer breezes tickling your hair

((December 29th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Renaissance

Darkened paths lay within shrouded walkways  
And guarded hearts and muffled tongues once reigned  
Dispassionate eyes hid what once was pain  
Solitude and fear were standard those days

The wounded heart pumped forth nothing but tar  
A battered soul that had been ripped to shreds  
Festered, secretly longing to be fed  
Yet, the food it sought seemed ever too far

In a moment in time paths lit brightly  
A spark lit up behind those steely eyes  
Where tear ducts once dried out, started to cry  
A rebirth the heart could not take lightly

Beneath the layers of tar covered life  
The heart now pumped hope, a trickle at first  
And more and more until it pumped forth bursts  
Now passion replaced apathetic strife

A glimpse of an angel sparked that new day  
And what once lay dormant and dead inside  
Found new life that now sprung anew with pride  
And bound forth childlike laughter and play

Fall to Spring, a resurrection of sorts  
Sentimental reflection never mocked  
And romantic notions no longer blocked  
Not letting the past, the future, contort

Welcome to this bright new day's revival  
Where friends gather and love one another  
Emotions come like a wayward brother  
The goal is now love, not just survival

((June 3rd,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Renewed Hope

Renewed hope, follow my actions  
Oh, hope of God, keep me true  
To my vows and my commitments  
To follow and obey only You  
Hope that softly touches my heart  
Once again, work in my life  
Help me help others in their hurt  
And, with You, ease their strife  
Holy Spirit renew that hope  
That once lived within me  
That once took me to greatness  
Let it once again, quietly be  
Lord, take me from my sins  
And set my eyes upon You  
For all things fade away  
In the Light that shines so true  
Free my heart from the shackles  
That so often bind its love  
And give it true strength  
The only strength that comes from above

((January 23rd,2001))

Danny Speicher

# Rest Easy

Long and rugged path stretches out for miles ahead  
Short strides make the horizon seem neverending  
Obstacles just beyond each curve, ever bending  
So oft wishing to be home, warm and safe, in bed

Heroes are never made behind shrouds of closed eyes  
Nor greatness achieved by simply dreaming at night  
Well-beaten paths rarely passionate love ignites  
And those who do naught but wait fade away and die

Be immovable, never questioning the stand  
Don't let tears fall, smile and forever be strong  
Rest easy in Him and the truth behind His song  
Look for answers, but know you might not understand

Love freely; express no remorse in its embrace  
Even if it devours and painfully scars  
And quickly departs leaving deep, defining scars  
Even then, know that true love cannot be replaced

Lady, don't let tears fall and forever be strong  
Rest easy, my dear, and find your peace in His song

((June 27th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Restless

Yearning something more in the midst of something great  
Striving something with more significant impact  
Feeling more whole than ever before, yet something lacks  
Searching for that key to Your joy, key to this fate

Where can the lost finally find their way home, Lord?  
Where can the restless find rest for a single day?  
Where can the weak find a warm, loving place to stay?  
When all else fails us we know it's within Your Word

Lord, guide our eyes to the wisdom which seeks You out  
Lord, grant us the strength to humbly follow Your path  
Lord, may we choose Your grace and not choose Your wrath  
May we always have faith in You without a doubt

May the Lord bless us and keep us, smile upon us  
And may He be gracious and give His peace to us  
Amen

((October 2nd,2006))

Danny Speicher

## Right Then... Right There

Anxious awaiting and longing for her  
She who makes my days bright and my dreams grand  
Silently hoping for things not yet seen  
Ah, for now, yearning to just hold her hand

And the time, it creeps by, taunting my heart  
Whose beats count down the seconds one by one  
To the moment I can see those green eyes  
Whose stare makes my very being undone

I've dreamed of when I will see her again  
Her embrace meeting mine under the stars  
When that time spent waiting will seem worthwhile  
And, for a short time, that time will be ours

But, dreams won't do justice to that moment  
I doubt my thoughts could ever bring such bliss  
So I wait... Ever-dreaming, even still  
When we're apart, there's naught better than this

Here's to the time I hold her once again  
Running my fingers through her golden hair  
With her head nestled into my shoulder  
Oh, how I long to be right then... Right there

((July 1st,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Runaway Heart

I once had a girl, and once she had me  
And though her charms were charms in which I'd dreamed  
Her infatuation wasn't all it seemed  
My happily captured heart, she set free

Ever since I've chased this runaway heart  
Hunting answers to patch it's gushing sieve  
Seeking out life in life, that I might live  
Alone on this earth; from her, far apart

Though I'm nearer this solitary strength  
I am still longing for life lived before  
My past vices, made her show me the door  
Love is a game played, often at arm's length

Perhaps someday, another, I'll draw near  
To bring peace to this life of hurt and fear

((October 2nd,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Sand To A Pearl

Oh, little girl how I wish that I could  
Show you that someday you'll smile again  
That it'll happen, all of a sudden when  
A moment strikes more sweetly than it should

And, all these memories that haunt you now  
Where you see him in each place you once passed  
And, how the dreams you dreamt were meant to last  
Resolve to faded nostalgia somehow

Little girl, I see the tears in your eyes  
I've been there before, I know the pain well  
But, this sadness, your own, personal hell  
Will soon turn to bliss as you slowly rise

And, hurt you feel, little girl, little girl  
Will turn to beauty like sand to a pearl

I know you now think that life won't go on  
Because he's chosen a different path  
Now that you have incurred his sudden wrath  
He's journeyed away, but love is not gone

For the love that God allowed you to feel  
For the short time that you were in his arms  
Adoration you had for all his charms  
And, the cuts that sting and seem to not heal

All of this will appear all but a dream  
Dreamt in a dimension so far away  
When the one the Father chose comes that day  
And, all that's real is better than it seemed

And, hurt you felt, little girl, little girl  
Has turned to beauty like sand to a pearl

Danny Speicher

# Sanguine

Five nights away, a million before  
A knock and an answer at that same door  
Perhaps meaning entry, but likely not  
A spark ignites where it once sparked before

A look and then away into the sky  
Drifting glances, and a wandering eye  
Much to ponder and not that on this night  
Troubled mind, an exasperated sigh

More questions abound where answers were sought  
But the clockwork reversed was all for naught  
Flip the calendar to another page  
And maybe, just maybe, there's still a shot

The blood and the marrow that once had clot  
May still be the sanguine that once I sought

((April 19th,2017))

Danny Speicher

# Seek Love

Simple to do, easy to fabricate  
Love for a weekend, gone tomorrow night  
Not what was meant to be or what is right  
But, too frightening to just sit and wait

For what if the knight in shining armor  
Never journeys across the heart's courtyard  
And, there left all alone, saddened and scarred  
Even 'Good Enough' has someone in store

For what if the princess won't need rescue  
And, in her royalty, never glances  
At one in need of life's second chances  
And, 'Good Enough' has found someone to woo

What's one to seek, 'Good Enough' or love, true  
Seek love... Seek a love that's worthy of you

A bird in hand is worth two in the bush  
Does this wisdom hold when it comes to love  
The one thing in which there's nothing's above  
Perhaps best just give love a little push

But, alas the world is full of those who chose  
The safety of certainty of a love  
In which they, themselves convinced themselves of  
That the love they had was the best they'd know

But, unhappy are they who look to find  
Their gallant knight kneeling before their feet  
Or their princess waiting, champion, to meet  
But, to 'Good Enough', instead, are confined

What's one to seek, 'Good Enough' or love, true  
Seek love... Seek a love that's worthy of you

Chivalry is not dead, nor is true love  
Love that resonates in poems and books  
Is alive and hoping you, too, will look

And seek the will of Him that sits above

Respect and honor waits for those who wait  
A storybook life isn't out of reach  
No matter what this modern world may teach  
Seek that true love and have faith in your fate

Seek that love... Imitators, forsake them  
Find it and vehemently pursue it  
For once together, strife, you'll get through it  
Please wait for them and don't mistake them

For one should seek that love... That love... Love, true  
Seek love... Only the one worthy of you

((February 9th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Selah

Feel the air around you  
Strengthening your soul  
Sense His arms around you  
In His infinite control  
Selah, in your troubles  
He's with you 'till the end  
Selah, through your happiness  
He'll always be your friend  
Selah, praise the Lord  
In silent moments of prayer  
And, Selah, simply be still  
And know you're in God's care

((September 27th,2001))

Danny Speicher

# Self-Made Prison

A wife who loves me and will never leave  
A grin that shines out problems of the day  
Tender kisses that rise above each fray  
These are the kind of hopes I once believed

My kids in my lap as I read them tales  
Of heroes and their maidens in distress  
Tucking them in with a goodnight caress  
Oh, how I prayed that these dreams wouldn't fail

A desk; an office; my name on the door  
Successful in my career endeavors  
The search for better forever severed  
Dreams of personal success, nothing more

Life didn't turn out like I'd envisioned  
Sitting alone in my self-made prison

Unwise choice spending an inheritance  
On a house built upon a sandy shore  
Nightmares now flash of the waves as they tore  
The structure from its shaky existence

Trusting mentors as they guided me on  
To bondage that would define a decade  
If they had known, they'd have told me to stay  
Now I'm just an institutional pawn

I gave her my all: my heart, soul and dreams  
Laid my future at her feet, believing  
All her promises of never leaving  
But, her love was less lasting that it seemed

Life didn't turn out like I'd envisioned  
Sitting alone in my self-made prison

Oh, Father won't you take this broken heart  
Pick up even the smallest shattered piece  
Make it new, make it Yours, give me release

Set me on a course, give me a new start

These failures occupy my thoughts by day  
And, at night they haunt my every dream  
I wake in a sweat; on my lips a scream  
I cannot go on living life this way

Lord, heal these sicknesses that oft plague me  
They render me useless and make me sleep  
And the pain they bring causes me to weep  
God, grant me reprieve... Won't You set me free

Life didn't turn out like I'd envisioned  
Sitting alone in my self-made prison

Lord, in my life, grant me a new vision  
Purpose enrapt with Your Great Commission

((February 19th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Sing Me A Song

Sing me a song so I can sleep tonight  
Tell me stories of mystery or woe  
So, for a moment, my troubles may go  
And, just once, all in my world might seem right

Sing me a song so I can sleep tonight  
Make each word seem as if written for me  
Don't let your voice waiver or go off key  
Sing to me until morning becomes night

Sing me a song so I can sleep tonight  
Although my heart no longer feels that love  
Though to the side, my emotions, are shoved  
Sing me a song and make the darkness bright

Sing me a song so I can sleep tonight  
So, just once, all in my world might seem right

Sing me a song, a song that's just for me  
Yes, I know I can't give you what you want  
You know I refuse to put up a front  
But, oh, how I miss songs that set me free

Sing me a song, a song that's just for me  
Make it pure and make it rise far above  
Bitterness that tails unrequited love  
Please, sing and remind me what I'm to be

Sing me a song, a song that's just for me  
I miss your voice pushing me to stay strong  
I know your very life was a love song  
I know your heart paid a terrible fee

Oh, please sing me a song, one just for me  
One just for me, so that I might be free

((February 19th,2011))



# Six Long Months

Six long months without hearing your sweet voice  
Excruciatingly long months alone  
Wish I could say I wasn't at the phone  
Waiting for a call, but I had no choice

Still breaks me to think it's over for good  
From you, 'I love you' I won't hear again  
I suppose mistrust of fate is my great sin  
Oh, I'd move on now, if only I could

Six long months, I still wonder what went wrong  
It all came crashing down in one moment  
And our love, then, you were so far from it  
Alone I sit and write out a sad song

Oh, love of my life, I long for the past  
Oh, God of my heart, please end this pain fast

((October 6th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Sleepless

Sleepless tonight, my mind ponders upon  
The happenings that have come and will come  
Wondering from where, next, they will come from  
Sleepless, in silence, waiting out the dawn

Thoughts of victories won thus far along  
And the defeats that left my heart breaking  
Hopes for tomorrow don't quell the aching  
But, hopes, today, tomorrow will right wrongs

Oh, Lord, calm this beating heart within me  
And dim thoughts of joy and sadness for now  
Grant peace as much as my heart will allow  
Tomorrow wake me to all I can be

Remind me these memories should have taught  
To be thankful for what, right now, I've got

((August 30th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# So Much Life For So Much Death

The leaves fly above my head  
As the dog barks down the street  
Fall has come like a thief in the night  
Stealing life from summer, replacing it with death  
The colors are prettiest right before the fall  
The wind blows hardest right before the storm  
Funny how much life  
Can bring so much death

((October 3rd,1999))

Danny Speicher

## So Often

So often I've wondered and often wonder still  
If there is a dream this heart, within, can follow  
Without leaving my spirit empty and hollow  
And a dream, that I really can, indeed, fulfill

So often I ponder where life is leading me  
Yet, more often than not, I feel my wheels spinning  
And in life's great race, everyone else is winning  
While I'm just waiting for someone to set me free

So often I see glimmering glory ahead  
Spark'ling on the horizon like the morning sun  
Praying that I reach it before my day is done  
Hoping I find purpose before they find me dead

Father, guide me to the dreams You would have for me  
And, please, loving Father, come set this captive free

((November 22nd,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Someday

Someday I will meet you again, far away, far away  
Someday I will hear your gentle voice call my name once more  
And all of the fears that once raged inside me like a war  
Will, in that moment be soothed by your voice, on that sweet day

Someday I will hold your wrinkled hands in mine by and by  
Someday I will see your smile spread ear to ear again  
And failures I held onto will be carried on the wind  
When I, again, hear your laugh when I'm caught up in the sky

Someday I will talk with you, someday not too long from now  
Someday I'll listen to your stories from life and beyond  
And questions I once had will fade as once again we bond  
Where the saints of all the ages, His knowledge is endowed

Someday I will meet you again, far away, far away  
And, in that moment, be soothed by your voice, on that sweet day

((January 17th,2014))

Danny Speicher

# Someone That I Can Hold

The north wind is blowing  
Can you hear it call  
The chill of winter is here  
Causing me to stall  
My bones ache from time to time  
And hope so often dies  
Like the trees outside  
Alone my heart still lies  
You'll give me my heart's desire  
I hear you calmly speak  
If I follow your words  
Serve you and seek  
I've followed you through it all  
I've seen the good and bad  
I've served your people and I've served You  
And always I've been glad  
I've sought you at every turn  
I've seen your face before  
But, where's my heart desire  
That I've been longing for  
Lonely is the word I use  
My heart is freezing cold  
I wonder if I will ever find  
Someone that I can hold

((December 10th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Somewhere Beyond

Somewhere beyond these sunset skies above  
Is a place where all this suffering ends  
Where there are no enemies, only friends  
Each day garnered with warm feelings of love

Somewhere beyond the stars sparkling bright  
A community of friends are waiting  
Those gone before, now anticipating  
The moment when you, too, can see the light

Somewhere beyond fading mortal coils  
Are pearly gates and streets paved, bright, with gold  
Where not one of us will ever grow old  
And, finally, we can cease our toils

Somewhere beyond these sunset skies above  
Are days garnered with warm feelings of love

((December 7th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Somewhere In The World

Where is my love  
I do not know  
Life's incomplete  
Tossing to and fro  
Her eyes are focused  
Somewhere in the world  
Her voice may be speaking  
As her story's unfurled  
Someone is probably looking  
Upon her sweet, pale face  
Yet, she's saving her love for me  
With her amazing grace  
Maybe I've met her already  
Maybe her acquaintance not yet met  
But somewhere she sits and waits  
For that day we won't forget

((October 2nd,1999))

Danny Speicher

## Sonnet For A Muse

Oh, my muse, my inspirational muse  
Not sprung from the finite Gaia or Zeus  
Who, with each word, to my heart, love infuse  
And, hence, my hand, poetry, doth produce

Calliope's hearts never beat so swift  
Nor Erato inspire love so true  
Eutere never gave such lyrical gifts  
Nor Thalia, to souls, peace so imbue

My muse, is born of a God far greater  
Who inspires her, to inspire me  
To live for today, not just for later  
And makes my eyes find what I do not see

Oh, my muse, my inspirational muse  
Love me always... Imperfections excuse

((October 22nd,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Sonnet Of Her Beauty

Those green eyes; how they sparkle in the light  
Soothing each of my worries and each pain  
How large they are when gazing at the night  
Their beauty, too great for endless refrains

That long, flowing, hair; oh, how soft each strand  
How golden it shines from so far away  
Like the sun reflecting off of bronze sand  
Oh, how I long to caress it each day

That skin; so soft, so fair and very fine  
Her touch, like magic, to my restless heart  
Her hand fits so perfectly into mine  
Oh, how her embrace was warm from the start

Those lips; so soft and so perfectly formed  
How sweet are the kisses they bestow  
Oh, how my heart, is wonderfully warmed  
When from those lips the words "I love you" flow

And, oh, that smile; that perfect smile  
How, my heart, it immediately melts  
For that grin I'd walk a thousand miles  
Making this heart feel like it's never felt

And, although she may be miles away  
This heart beats more for her every day

((July 17th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Stay Your Angels

I do not know what tomorrow may bring  
I can't see far beyond this horizon  
Yet, I will praise He who knows tomorrow  
For, I know, my path, He's had His eye on

Clouds hang low... The sky's painted dark and grey  
Torrents beat down on me as I travail  
But, He gives me strength, and sends me angels  
I know soon, on this journey, I'll prevail

Oh, won't You hear my call and hear my cry  
Often this road can batter a man's soul  
Oh, how words and actions, can cut like steel  
But, I know it's Your love that makes me whole

So, please, stay Your angels... Your strength, renew  
For, I know my hope, lies wholly in You

((June 1st,2016))

Danny Speicher

# Still Inherit The Dawn

When the cool breeze succeeds the heat of day  
And stars freckle the now darkening sky  
May these words be the words I know and say  
'The darkest nights still inherit the dawn'

When the night sets in all throughout the land  
And trepidation of darkness looms nigh  
Oh, Lord, may Your wisdom be close at hand  
'The darkest nights still inherit the dawn'

When I stagger within the shadows of night  
Not knowing any answers to my cries  
I will search for answers... Wait for the light  
The darkest nights still inherit the dawn

When I feel like giving up on this road  
And feel like saying my lonely 'goodbyes'  
Still if great is the burden and the load  
The darkest nights still inherit the dawn

When all lies upon me... Nothing is right  
May I remember Your Word never lies  
And, hallelujah, Your grace is in sight  
The darkest nights still inherit the dawn

((March 27th,2006))

Danny Speicher

## Still, Small Voice

While lying alone at night  
I dream of days gone by  
Of gentle hands guiding me  
And my heart begins to cry  
The silence of my darkened room  
Brings fears of coming days  
It prods at all my weaknesses  
And on my heart it preys  
Where has my childhood gone to  
Where are all those who cared  
Why am I left all alone in here  
So depressed and so scared  
But, in my heart I hear a whisper  
A still, small voice from inside  
A lingering hope of a bright future  
Brings my heart close to its side  
It's words bring me my comfort  
And its words heal my heart  
Its words patch my soul  
When it's all torn apart  
They take me above  
All my suffering and pain  
And give me perspective  
They give me vision once again  
Take time to listen closely  
And you will hear the voice say  
'I love you dearly and don't ever forget...'  
'..To trust the Lord, Your God, and enjoy each new day.'

((July 13th,2001))

Danny Speicher

## Strong At Your Side

Since you departed, I've watched over you  
From many miles with many eyes trained  
Naught speaking a word nor hoping to gain  
A second chance back to your heart so true

Yet I watched you and, for you, each day prayed  
That the dreams you once dreamt and shared with me  
Would take flight someday and that you might see  
How I saw you each and every day

The one who finally captured your heart  
Was better than I could have ever been  
I knew I could stop protecting you when  
He gave you the ring and the journey starts

Yet, if e'er you need me you can find me  
Strong at your side if you need me to be

Danny Speicher

## Such As She

Perhaps my hope for us is all for naught  
And all the giggles and the smiles shared  
Are meant to be forever undeclared  
Perhaps my heart's big dreams are all it's got

But, what if the signs I pray I'm seeing  
Are meant to be signs to charge forward still  
They aren't a hopeless romantic's strong will  
And I'm to be with this gorgeous being

Feelings as these, long ago left behind  
Told myself, for years, I was not ready  
Past loves' destruction left me unsteady  
Rendering my eyes for love all but blind

But, when someone comes along such as she  
With a smile so sweet and so gentle  
And a voice so very sentimental  
Oh, how the pain from the past quickly flees

If, when I seek her, she shoots my love down  
I'll find myself defeated yet again  
Apt to return, depression, my old friend  
And my tears, at night, my pillow, will drown

But, if you saw her sweetly grin at you  
Or heard her flawless voice utter your name  
If you saw the curvature of her frame  
You'd know, as I know, what I have to do

Boldly forth, as I've not done for so long  
Confidently stepping toward a love  
As if giv'n, me, directly from above  
And in receiving I cannot go wrong

So, I stand, now, with the sun in my face  
A strong western wind steady at my back  
And I step forth, though confidence I lack  
And pray to God, that she will be my grace

((June 3rd,2013))

Danny Speicher

# Take This Cup From Me

This beaten road is long, rocky and rough  
Pitfalls looming 'round every corner  
In land where, clearly, I'm the foreigner  
Sometimes it's hard to smile through this stuff

But, I see the goal as I've seen for years  
Never changing or moving close nor far  
Like, upon the horizon, shining stars  
Facing every day with stress and fears

Upon my back I still carry with me  
Past baggage, that's yet unchecked at the gate  
I cling to it as He patiently waits  
There is sorrow within no one can see

Oh, Lord, if Your will might graciously be  
Won't you please kindly take this cup from me

There are days, these days, when the sky is clear  
And not a sound can be heard for miles  
When, across my face, I feel a smile  
Oh, in those moments, I know You are near

Perhaps You'll choose to take burdens from me  
Perhaps You'll give me peace for each new day  
So, in You, I might confidently say  
That, indeed, the Son has set this man free

But, Lord, if your will might dictate to me  
That you would take the chalice from my lips  
And, from day to day, guide each of my steps  
But, if I must, I'll bear this cup for Thee

But, Lord, if Your will might graciously be  
Won't you please kindly take this cup from me

((November 22nd,2008))



# Taylor

When your life started  
The next phase of mine began  
I never realized how much love I really had  
Until you showed me how to love like a child  
You've had blonde curls your whole life  
Framing your angelic face like fire  
You've always been a bit ornery  
But, you remain with a heart of gold  
Life won't be an easy task  
Finances and fame we might lack  
But, you've got a heart of a warrior  
And the fire of the Spirit within  
You are so precious and excellent  
I've never seen such life in one child  
Some may scorn you unjustly  
Some will trust you with their life  
Some will alugh at every flaw you possess  
Others will respect you for what you stand for  
Always remember... I pray that you do  
That even after I'm gone  
I'll always be with you  
You are my life  
And truest inspiration  
God has plans for your life  
Trust fully in Him  
With God and family on your side  
Your life will be complete  
I will cover you from now until forever  
By your side, I'll never leave you

((September 5th,1999))

Danny Speicher

# Tears

Weep softly now, beautiful angel  
Take confidence in my heart  
Cry, now, into my shoulder dear  
But, please don't quickly depart  
Let me tell you of my love  
How that love is for you  
Let me take your hand in mine  
And tell you of my heart so true  
Weeping 'till your eyes are dry  
You've shed your last sad tear  
Let me help you with these troubles  
Let my faith dissolve your fears  
Your life has led to anguish  
No one seems to understand  
I promise you my help and love  
If you'll promise me your hand  
I will be there to help you through  
In all your worst debates  
There to give you a smile  
If life's handed you ill fate  
So, look in my eyes, now  
And shed no lonely tears  
I will never, ever, leave your side  
My love will always be near

((August 15th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Thankful

I am thankful for the colored autumn leaves  
And the crisp cool nights and stars all around  
When I quietly look to the heavens  
I'm thankful for a moment without sound

I am thankful for my family's love  
And the familiarity it brings  
When I see the smiles of all my friends  
I am so grateful for such precious things

I am thankful for God's blessings to me  
And the blessings He gives to those He loves  
When I think of mankind's fate without Him  
It's not hard to praise for gifts from above

But, what strikes me most this thanksgiving day  
Isn't the dinner or the memories made  
And it isn't our nation's Pilgrim way  
It's the fulfillment of years of prayers prayed

When praying someone would come take my hand  
And love who God made and who I would be  
Whom I could hold and who, with me, would stand  
I'm so blessed I found that one who loves me

So, I'm thankful for love this holiday  
And the warmth that it has brought to my heart  
When I dream how beautiful, sweet she is  
I'm thankful some day we'll never depart

Danny Speicher

# The Dream

It wasn't too long ago my heart beat  
Sweet melodies and harmonies of love  
When that girl was all my mind thought of  
And each week I would await when we'd meet

Yet, I find myself now without her charms  
Her beautiful face I no longer see  
Her arms embrace someone other than me  
When I long for nothing more than those arms

The twist of fate is like coming awake  
When all I want to do is stay dreaming  
Roses still red and the sun still beaming  
Unable to perceive what's real, what's fake

If all love occurred once upon a dream  
Lord, please bring me to that nocturnal stream

((July 20th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# The Field Mouse In The Pumpkin

Far, far in the back of the viney patch  
Lies a pumpkin without a stem  
And, on that pumpkin was a little hatch  
For no one knew it but him  
And, who was he, but a little field mouse  
That ate nothing but seeds  
For living inside of a pumpkin  
Gave him all the food he would need

(Co-Written by Brooke Considine)

((October 1st,2009))

Danny Speicher

# The Gathering

Family members, once lost  
Now come running to you, found  
And those who have gone before  
Are once again with you, safe and sound  
The souls that touched your life  
All gather with congratulatory smile  
And those whom you've touched  
Thank you for the love all the while  
Those companions you've had all along  
Stand proud, strong... Holding your hand  
And those who reached out so many times  
Praise Him for your arrival to the Promised Land  
Those who have prayed for you and your cause  
Even when they did not know you  
Dance to a never-ending beat  
That you have stayed so strong, so true  
In the throne as the Great I Am  
He smiles and laughs in joy  
To see the great gathering  
Of all His girls and all His boys

((April 2nd,2001))

Danny Speicher

# The Girl That I Knew

It's over, It's over and I'm alone  
Alone and confused and not knowing why  
The pain would be less if I could just die  
Oh, pain is greater than I've ever known

But, was it worth it, I hear you ask me  
Would I choose to do it over again  
With the knowledge I have now, present then  
With all honesty, as true as can be

With disbelieving ears I tell you, "yes";  
Stunned and confused you look at me as though  
I have lost my mind, or I fail to know  
So, you move on by, thinking of me less

But, you do not know the girl that I knew  
For if you did, you would know why I'm true

For two months, you see, I woke in a dream  
For two months I got to call a girl mine  
And she called me hers, oh words so divine  
So, life, for two months, was perfect, it seemed

Time and time again I kissed her sweet lips  
Time and time again I held her soft hands  
And e'en if I knew the hourglass sands  
Were quickly pouring as time swiftly slipped

Even then, I'd put my heart on the line  
For the moments I held her in my arms  
Heard her say, "I love you"; with all her charms  
Was worth all this pain and sudden decline

For you did not know the girl that I knew  
For if you did, you would know why I'm true

Danny Speicher

# The Jester

I wasn't looking for my forever  
Though I had hoped it might forever be  
But, absurd when you're you and I'm me  
I'd still hoped for shortly over never

Time with you deepened my adoration  
But, your time with me, drove a wedge straight through  
Any love, any care, for me from you  
Instead, you joined my current castration

I wish I could say it was a surprise  
But, through your false pity and placation  
Life's taught me to fear any sensation  
And to wear this silly jester's disguise

For no one likes to see a grown man cry  
No one cares to ponder the reason why

Danny Speicher

# The Leaves Are Falling

The leaves are falling, once again  
As they always seem to do at this time of year  
And the chill in the air sweeps through  
Bringing thoughts of home and memories ever near

The leaves are falling, once again  
How their colors seem so rustic and yet so bright  
Childhood memories flood back  
Times when it was fun to roast marshmallows at night

The leaves are falling, once again  
And hopes of years gone by weigh heavy on the heart  
Friends, loved ones and hopeful lovers  
Speak in sepia dreams; but now, in life depart

The leaves are falling, once again  
How the invigorating, life-giving breeze blows  
How it blows life into these lungs  
Giving hints of promises that only He knows

The leaves are falling, once again  
Once again, they fall on the ground, like years before  
Once again His promise is true  
Promise to prosper, not harm; peace and love in store

((October 14th,2006))

Danny Speicher

# The Light Is Shining Still

The sky is filled with clouds and rain  
The ground trembles with its power  
Each bolt of lightning lighting the night sky  
Each minute counting down each hour  
The fear is there within each heart  
And hope flees with each passing thought  
It seems that as hard as humanity tried  
The struggles for peace were all for naught  
In the distance the clouds are broken  
The sun shines brightly through  
And all the fear you've ever had  
Is met by a peace so new  
Each dropp of rain now falls as light  
In a rainbow of hope and love  
And each new bolt of lightning seems so dim  
From the sun shining from above  
The storm still surrounds your life  
But, the light is shining still  
Yearning ot reach your broken heart  
With a peace that cannot be killed

((September 27th,2001))

Danny Speicher

# The Path

So long has it been since I last tread past  
The safe plane of what is to what might last  
So at ease was I seeing for miles  
And, not once, facing life's tests and trials

'Til the familiar song wafted abreeze  
So, I followed the trail, above the trees  
Once there, I found naught the source of the tune  
But, another mountain, near'er the moon

And, I travel still, this familiar trail  
Where, too often, I'd been struck down as frail  
And, bewildered, limped back to the safe plain  
And 'lived' half-inert... The other, inane

If it weren't for treasures that lay beyond  
I wouldn't escape... So swiftly abscond  
For safety is sweet, if be it quite dull  
And, many men, by it's lavender, lulls

Softly, and gently, they peacefully sleep  
Not pondering treasures which they might reap  
Not wandering too far, or high, or deep  
Yet, you can hear their souls wistfully weep

As those who venture to follow love's song  
Though the hills may be high and path be long  
Those that continue and are not led wrong  
Will die better men the meadowed throng

For they heard the call and followed the course  
Fought against all odds and against all force  
Drawing their swords and saddling their horse  
And, some, may even find their love song's source

So, this dire path, tread, I, once again  
And, I'll find myself here at my life's end  
For to waste such a gift which God did send  
Would be the true, unforgiveable sin

((March 23rd,2016))

Danny Speicher

# The Prize

Prize beyond this present uphill battle  
Shields crash together and sabers rattle  
Pain and loneliness present on this field  
For, in the end, alone, your blade, you wield

Oft the struggle threatens to overtake  
And too often my heart is left to break  
I will question the merit of this march  
I will fall and bleed, with thirsty lips parched

But, just when I raise my horn to retreat  
The goal and prize, my gaze rises to meet  
And, again pick up my shield and my sword  
And pray, once more, to my Savior and Lord

'Make my feet swift and please make my heart strong,  
Let my mind find peace to help me along  
May my gaze naught move from the prize ahead  
And not rest 'til I reach it or I'm dead.'

Amen

((July 1st,2010))

Danny Speicher

# The Rain Came Down

I'd waited in darkness, hoping for light  
Never knowing just when the dawn would break  
Never knowing just how much was at stake  
But, I found the truth when day conquered night

Love held a season of sunny bright days  
And never let on it wouldn't remain  
But, all it took was a cloud filled with rain  
And love was naught more than a passing phase

I didn't plan for it to end that way  
Nor did I plan for it to end at all  
But, as our love turned from Summer to Fall  
The rain came down and it washed it away

Again, I sit once more waiting for light  
May this breaking dawn quickly break the night

((July 18th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# The Splinter

The splinter far too deep in my soul  
To remove with human hands  
It burns and beckons me to suffer  
In a way that only that shrapnel can

I watch the world turn from night to day  
Unaware of my soul tearing apart  
And realize that I am just one of many  
Who can't control their broken heart

I wonder where the path will lead next  
And I hopefully look forward with naive hope  
To a future and a bride, unblemished  
And the odds of reality are hard to cope

For I know the world has told these girls  
That love is a trophy not readily had  
So many have settled for far less than the deserve  
So few have shunned those who were bad

And, yet, I hold out hope for the one  
Whose dreams still linger and their hearts still yearn  
For a life worth living and dreams bigger than they  
And a flame of passion, within them, still burns

Oh, the world has told us not to dream... Not to live  
Oh, the world is a liar and a manipulator of time  
How its seething logic always distorting  
When life turns to hopeless from it's prime

Lord, guard the heart of she who is mine  
Lord, reassure her that I am searching as well  
Lord, comfort her after each fraudulent love  
And, Lord, save her from disgrace's disgraced hell

And, if you might hurry in bringing her my way  
My heart grows weary and more painful each day  
And, if you might guard her from lust's dark fray  
Oh, Lord, please quickly, let her hear me say:

I love you

((August 10th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# The Star

Tonight somewhere there brightly shines a star  
Spectators mesmerized by brilliant rays  
Will speak of its aura day after day  
While sit, I, and dream its beauty afar

I danced in its rays once upon a time  
Dreamt of nothing less than what I beheld  
Wanted for nothing more than hope upheld  
What more could a man want than what was mine

Tonight somewhere there brightly shines a star  
I could lament that I'll not see its light  
That nothing's there to illuminate night  
And only dream of its beauty afar

But, how could I abide in dismay  
When, alas, I once basked the star's display

((February 15th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# The Sun Has Set

The sun has set and the night has come, dear  
And though the darkness now blots out the light  
And though the dawn be far away from sight  
In whispers of the breeze I'll still be near

How I wish the daylight had shone brighter  
And I wish the hours had been longer  
And I wish that I could have been stronger  
I'd give my all, your load to be lighter

But, the road diverged within the dark woods  
You journeyed north, leaving me on my own  
You journeyed north, bearing burdens alone  
As you go on, please be strong and be good

If e'er you loved me, e'er loved me at all  
Believe you're amazing and follow your call

((January 4th,2011))

Danny Speicher

# The Symphony

One line in the symphony  
The musician hears it in his head  
A single note or, perhaps, a chord  
One by one on the paper they see

A melody, a harmony, a theme, or variation  
One line is all the musician can see  
But, a wall of sound surrounding his line  
He finds a crescendo and plays it proudly

But, then the diminuendo follows  
And, again, he fades into the mass  
On and on the symphony plays  
The conductor conducts and the rhythm carries on

Then for a brief moment  
A shining moment in time  
You hear but your instrument, alone  
A solo, your glimmer of fame

Or, is there another playing, just one?  
A duet, perhaps, and then it resounds  
Yes, the harmony, the connection  
One musician playing perfectly in tune with another

Harmony! Oh, sweet bliss!  
Harmony! Other instruments play softly, now  
They play as a chorus for these two musicians  
Gently, gently, they play, not wanting to diminish the melody

For just a few bars  
A peaceful sonnet with notes for its verse  
No words could speak the unspeakable love  
A duet, lasting just a few more bars

But, wait, the discord! Oh, the painful dissidence!  
Is it coming from the chorus?  
What instrument? What section? Who?  
Who would dare bring the minor key?

No! Not them!  
How could they break from the melody?  
The peace ends as the duet now breaks  
One augmented half step

And, the maestro cues the next theme  
The moment is gone, and the musician fades  
Fading into the chorus  
His fame has come and now it has gone

((December 27th,2016))

Danny Speicher

# The Valley

At times, pain can overcome joy  
There's really nothing to be done  
Except to sit through the darkness  
And to wait for the rising sun

Although it may very well seem  
The horizon might ne'er embrace  
The bright rays of a brand new day  
And although hope seems out of place

Remember the dawn is coming  
Remember that glorious sight  
Look to the stars in the darkness  
And just picture the morning light

As it rises from east to west  
Illuminating each valley  
Don't lose hope within the shadows  
For joy, will soon, again, rally

Yes, as it brightens every valley  
Remember, joy will soon, again, rally

((October 11th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# The Way, The Truth, The Life

Lord, I come to You now, come to You now  
Having been down the road of selfishness  
Having been down the road of carelessness  
Lord, all I want is to live for You now

How many paths have I tried on my own?  
Trying to find You in other places  
Places that I knew You would never be  
While curling up at night, scared and alone

How many paths are there to you, oh Lord?  
How many paths are there to you, my King?  
You said, 'I am the Way, the Truth, the Life'  
'No man comes to my Father, but through Me'

In this world of broken hearts, broken dreams  
It is sometimes tough to follow You, Lord  
And the burden of Truth looks so heavy  
But, the burden is lighter than it seems

How many paths are there to you, oh Lord?  
How many paths are there to you, my King?  
You said, 'I am the Way, the Truth, the Life'  
'No man comes to my Father, but through Me'

And in our times there are no absolutes  
There is no right way and there are no wrongs  
But, Your Word, oh Lord, keeps us standing strong  
As the world continues seeking the truth...

How many paths are there to you, oh Lord?  
How many paths are there to you, my King?  
You said, 'I am the Way, the Truth, the Life'  
'No man comes to my Father, but through Me'

((March 21st,2004))

Danny Speicher

# They Just Fade Away

In this world where good folks are hard to find  
And role models fail us day after day  
All the more rare to find a true hero  
Thank God they don't die, they just fade away

No feats of strength or laser beams for eyes  
They still feel, still bleed; their days can be gray  
Superhumans trapped within human frames  
Their spirits don't die, they just fade away

They'd never choose to be invisible  
Too hard to show love, encourage, and pray  
When they can't give their comforting smile  
Their love never dies, though they fade away

Until they will meet us on that glad day  
Our heroes don't die, they just fade away

((May 15th,2017))

Danny Speicher

# This Is Life

I used to wander always wondering  
What this life was for and what it would bring  
Never knowing and too often hurting  
Not yet seeing for whom I was searching

Every day was a mystery looking  
For the girl I knew my heart was pining  
And, just when I thought the dream was fading  
She came in my life, sending me reeling

And, finally I know about true love  
Each step I take, in happiness and strife  
Has a purpose and joy along the way  
And, I can gratefully say, 'This is life'

Now I've met her every day brings singing  
And every night brings this endless dreaming  
Of life together and church bells ringing  
A life of love sets my heart to spinning

Yes, finally I know about true love  
Each step I take, in happiness and strive  
Has a purpose and joy along the way  
And, I can gratefully say, 'This is life'

So, fairy tales are real for those wishing  
For knights with burnished armor, bright shining  
Or maidens in distress needing saving  
Happily ever-afters are waiting

Though the knights may look different in this world  
And maidens may be hurt from years of lies  
Never stop pursuing dreams of true love  
When you find it, it's worth a million tries

Yes, finally I know about true love  
Each step I take, in happiness and strive  
Has a purpose and joy along the way  
And, I can gratefully say, 'This is life'

Danny Speicher

# This Last Stand

Father, in this stillness, in this darkness  
I haven't the choice but to surrender  
To solemnly, defeated now render  
These weapons I once used for Your greatness

One last charge into the fray, I now lead  
Hoping to shatter this e'er present dark  
So, to the lines, with passion, I embark  
To attempt to save the one who's in need

Lord, please guide my footsteps as I now tread  
And for this last stand, won't You grant success  
Make Your presence more, make my presence less  
If for Your kingdom's sake, leave me for dead

For nothing's more important than her soul  
Leave me for dead, Lord, if she be left whole

Danny Speicher

# This Present Darkness

The heat of the day has come, now, to pass  
And the sun dips low for it's final bow  
The night's cool chill, from the North, does blow now  
The lake ripples slightly like old stained glass

In the moon's dim light, my fears come at last  
While the sweat of the day dries on my brow  
Fear fills my soul in ways I don't know how  
Nightmares haunt my dreams, visions of the past

I cry to You, in solitary mass  
My sanity breaks like a seedling's bough  
In the whisper and wind I hear Your vow  
That this present darkness, too, soon shall pass

So, I surrender, to the Prince of Peace  
And, humbly accept a renewed life's lease

((August 24th,2015))

Danny Speicher

# This Road

Long is this road stretching miles ahead  
That passage with dark and narrow pathways  
Is the journey which I know I've been led  
Lord, sometimes I struggle to bring you praise

Don't know where this adventure might lead  
I don't know what kind of pain I might face  
All I know is that You will meet each need  
Yes, You, oh Lord, will grant strength for the race

Already, I can hear Your voice calling  
Giving hope where hope was once robbed from me  
Father, once again, I feel me falling  
Falling in love with Love that sets me free

Lord, I do not know where this road might lead  
But, I have always known You meet each need

((December 30th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Those Who Failed

To all of those who failed to envision  
Life I painted in my wildest dreams  
Failed to look past the surface as it seems  
And see me as more than chained in prison

To all of those who failed to stick with me  
Loves lost in the midst of wildest passions  
For richer pockets and finer fashions  
And left me to die, and thus set me free

To all of those who failed to see beyond  
The pauper's clothes and the lack of schooling  
And, instead, see a man whose heart's grueling  
A man whose greatest days have yet to dawn

To those who failed to see beyond all this  
Wait... Watch a show you won't want to miss

To all of those who failed to take the time  
To invest in me as I did in you  
Labeled facts 'lies', when, in fact, they were true  
Thus throwing away a future, sublime

To all of those who failed to take advice  
Of that which I knew to be true and right  
And, instead pushed ahead into the night  
And, now others pay the ultimate price

To all of those who failed all the above  
I forgive you, I want you to succeed  
I love you, I hope God meets every need  
And more than that, I hope you find true love

But, though you failed to see beyond all this  
Wait... Watch a show you won't want to miss

Danny Speicher

# Those Who Will Not Be Called 'papa'

I see you scowl and glare so sternly  
I hear the wavering strength in your voice  
Your mind weighs whether to yell or relent  
But, take heart, some will never get that choice

Watching the world spin with life all around  
A father tosses his daughter up high  
A mother cuddles her son when he's sad  
But, alone, as if worlds apart, stand I

In those moments that exasperate you  
Please remember all the joy that they bring  
There are those who will not be called 'papa'  
Or a mother who, to her child, clings

Let the little children come unto me  
For, the Kingdom of Heaven, their eyes see

((January 23rd,2017))

Danny Speicher

# Thoughts On A Girl

I hear you laugh and dream of your smile  
Your voice soothes my very roughest of days  
In what seems like a million diff'rent ways  
Yet, I remain silent all the while

I think of your face innocent and sweet  
I imagine your golden hair flowing  
And I hope that soon you will be going  
To a place where the both of us may meet

I wonder if you've e'er pondered the thought  
Of love blossoming between you and I  
Or perhaps I do not capture your eye  
And maybe, practically, it's all for naught

But, someday soon I might just ask and see  
If e'er you'd consider being with me

((November 17th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Three Pink Roses

Three pink roses stand pretty, firm and fair  
While peppermint fragrances fill the air  
This season of miracles may just be  
The season that might hold one just for me

Oh, God, please guide each and every move  
Lord, take these eyes and, their vision, improve  
So much is at stake in these next few days  
May my lips always be girded with praise

Whether love reign and forever impart  
A partnership between two mortal hearts  
Or if love be not in store for me now  
May the teardrops not swell under my brow

For life is an adventure, wrought with fear  
And dissapointment looms, both far and near  
But, may I boldly walk upon Your path  
Not looking too far to an aftermath

Three pink roses stand pretty, firm and fair  
More graceful than words could possibly share  
What lies behind this unexpected gift  
Perhaps a new day, coming bright and swift

Lord, I pray, in this humble closing now  
That You grant this new beginning somehow  
Though I be just a poor man seeking gold  
Just once, won't you let me, treasure, behold

For just once is all I ask, for I'll be  
Always a steward of the gift giv'n me  
Always trusting e'en when I cannot see  
For, it was You, who granted me the key

Oh, Lord, guide my steps each and ev'ry day  
Please grant me this chance; Oh, Lord, I now pray

((December 7th,2009))

Danny Speicher

## 'Til Sunrise

Oh, for that day when these days won't just end  
When the evening will fade to morning's light  
And when I can hold you all through the night  
Oh, for the day when these days won't just end

Oh, for the night I'll hold you forever  
When intimacy rules the hallowed dark  
And the light of romance suddenly sparks  
Oh, for the night I'll hold you forever

Oh, for the morning I wake to your face  
When I look in your eyes and find love, true  
And, all of the day think fondly of you  
Oh, for the morning I wake to your face

It is so sad to leave those sweet green eyes  
Oh, how I long to hold you 'til sunrise

((August 26th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Timmy

What an amazing little boy  
Who is now in Your grace  
You have worked through him  
To bring a smile to every face  
He touched so many people  
When odds seemed stacked so high  
May none of us ever forget  
How he lived his life  
God, you've taken him home now  
And, yes, we'll miss his smile  
Until, once again, we are united  
In just a little while

((March 6th,2001))

Danny Speicher

# To All The Fallen Heroes

To all the fallen heroes  
Who died to save another life  
Thank you for your service  
Gratitude for your strife  
To all the fallen heroes  
Who saw the horror in the skies  
Thank you for your efforts  
God lift our weeping eyes  
To all the fallen heroes  
Who died side by side  
Thank you for your courage  
May heaven open wide  
To all the fallen heroes  
Whose lives are now gone  
Thank you for your legacy  
Your legacy lives on

(Dedicated to the fallen men and women of the New York/Tri-State Fire Departments, Police Departments and EMT Services)

((September 15th,2001))

Danny Speicher

## To Bob

People say it's bright and golden up there  
And, bright, shining it may very well be  
We try and look beyond, straining to see  
Our eternal home way up in the air

A glimpse, a glittering hint as we stare  
Small sparkles of what's just beyond the sea  
But, as we sit and we dream of what will be  
While you and the saints, the banquet, do share

In a flash, an instant, we'll join you there  
While we wait a lifetime to find you, free  
Oh, what a reunion, we all agree  
We'll celebrate that day, up in the air

So, run ahead and don't look far behind  
For soon enough, you, we'll joyfully find

((May 15th,2015))

Danny Speicher

# To Love

Searing is the pain torn deeply, my soul  
And often the memories rain fire  
As if just the thought of you drew ire  
From unknown keepers of my heart's control

There are times I slip into a madness  
Wishing I had never found love in you  
But, even if that wish were truly true  
What would a wish do to heal my sadness

No, even if it were to repair much  
That wish would, alas, be very untrue  
To love is to always remember you  
Love would be void if I forgot your touch

Sadly sit I dreaming us as one  
As my thoughts on love are slowly undone

((August 26th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# To The Most Beautiful Girl That I've Known

To the most beautiful girl that I've known  
Whose unconventional charms are so sweet  
And whose laugh is the highlight of my day  
How I wish I could sweep you off your feet

To the most beautiful girl that I've known  
Whose smile brightens my day and warms my heart  
And whose energy encapsulates me  
Oh, how I miss you when we are apart

To the most beautiful girl that I've known  
Who, though I have not known for long at all  
Has, somehow made my heart so fond of hers  
How very magically I am enthralled

To the most beautiful girl that I've known  
I wish I could assemble the right words  
To tell you the feelings I have for you  
But, dear, if I told you, would it be heard?

To the most beautiful girl that I've known  
I am trying to be a better man  
For you deserve only the best  
Being the best, for you, is in my plans

To the most beautiful girl that I've known  
You may never know how I feel for you  
I wish I had the courage to tell you  
That I've been waiting for a girl like you

((September 27th,2005))

Danny Speicher

# To This Day

I must have seen your face a million times  
Since the day you called me and said goodbye  
Never imagined I'd still think of you  
Yet, still, I awaken to those green eyes

A million times I've thought of you and why  
Why you left me all alone in the dark  
Jigsaw puzzle of a million pieces  
Questions, no answers: How'd I miss the mark?

Once in my life, I felt I had it all  
You by my side I could conquer the world  
Now with you gone away, all my strength fades  
'Fraid of the storms, to the corner I curl

I should be so happy you found a man  
Who cares for you as I once cared, so true  
He's the kind of guy you always wanted  
He's a guy that's truly worthy of you

But, I am left here all alone, sweetheart  
And, to this day, I don't know what to do

((February 19th,2015))

Danny Speicher

# To You

When the world spins 'round  
With it's rushed pace and little time  
It is always nice to sit and know  
I am yours and you are mine  
Sometimes I get caught up  
In what the world would have me do  
But, with a simple smile or glance  
My heart, again, is true to you  
I've found what's important  
Through all of the rest  
It is to find the one you'll love  
And learn to love them the best  
There is so much I've already learned  
It is your heart I'm longing for  
And for your heart I'll yearn  
You've taken my life from nothing  
And built it into a dream come true  
And for that I owe you everything  
My heart, my dreams, to you

((June 24th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Today's The Day

Perhaps today's the day that I break free  
Free from the hustle that comes each day  
Free from distractions that lead me astray  
Perhaps I can be what I'm made to be

Perhaps today's the day I'll choose to move  
Move beyond the past into tomorrow  
Move with purpose in the way I should go  
Perhaps I'll believe I've nothing to prove

Perhaps today's the day I'll find my peace  
Peace like a stream flowing fresh to my soul  
Peace that brings new meaning and makes me whole  
Perhaps that assurance will never cease

Perhaps today's the day I'll hear Your voice  
So clearly that my heart will have no choice

If today's the day I'm finally free  
May I be free to run and tell the world  
With Your banner of love proudly unfurled  
For today's the day You have set me free

If today's the day I finally move  
May I move boldly toward holy life  
Allowing You to guide me through the strife  
As I dance for joy for You've made me move

And, if today's the day I find Your peace  
May I promote that peace to all I meet  
Living in peace and loving those I greet  
As I gratefully give others Your peace

If today's the day I will hear Your voice  
May I know it and may my heart rejoice

((March 7th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Too Good To Be True

A smile, a laugh, a kind word and then  
Another day and a moment with you  
Could it really be that all this is right  
It just seems, to me, too good to be true

Is it my imagination again  
A masterpiece so beautifully made  
Could it truly be portrayed alongside  
A tapestry so beaten, torn, and frayed

What if none of this dream is really real  
What if I take a chance and step ahead  
Just to watch and lament as all fades back  
And, the fear rings true, 'twas all in my head

But, try I must; chances like these are rare  
May true love grow with the future to bear

((February 10th,2017))

Danny Speicher

# Tormented Heart

Once... Then once more, I thought I knew true love  
Twice I gave my heart, twice I felt true pain  
Thoughts, dark and dreary, twice have filled my brain  
Now I wait life to be all I dreamt of

Clouded are the skies when I think on her  
And clouded when I try to understand  
Exactly when my love ripped from my hand  
How those solemn farewells, leave me unsure

Was it moments before the last depart  
Was it months before when first their heart knew  
Or, had they all along felt love askew  
No matter, here am I, tormented heart

Others may come, and may sadly depart  
No matter, here I'll be, tormented heart

((March 12th,2011))

Danny Speicher

# Tortured, Tormented And Torn

Oh, soul, so tortured, tormented and torn  
Between this great love gained and love forlorn  
Irony... How cruel to a lover's heart  
Her soul to find, only to be apart

On these days, I wish not to have been born  
Oh, soul, so tortured, tormented and torn  
With lovers together, faces of glee  
Only thoughts of how far she is from me

Aye, all days are not to be joy-laden  
Naught are these... I, dreaming of my maiden  
Oh, soul, so tortured, tormented and torn  
Won't you take from my mind this painful thorn?

Though halt that request if it were to be  
By removing pain, she'd be lost to me  
I'd make the sacrifice and lonely mourn  
Oh, soul, so tortured, tormented and torn

((June 17th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Tragic Loss

God bless those on the ground  
Who lost a loved one today  
God be with those who are not found  
And keep their pain away  
Lord, watch over us  
And guide us far beyond  
This tragedy and tragic loss  
Of which our enemies are fond  
Lord, give our leaders strength today  
To lead our nation in Your path  
And if war is the path we take  
Strengthen soldiers of aftermath  
Lord, united, we are one nation  
Under You and Your legions  
May we never be divided again  
By the boundaries of religious regions  
May Your power and love  
Always and forever prevail  
Over the land of the free  
Consistently and always and forever without fail

((September 11th,2001))

Danny Speicher

# Trust In The Lord

The air is dark and heavy  
All your life's burdens are here  
The road seems long and rocky  
And your heart is filled with fear  
The horizon fills with darkness  
As the storm comes strong ahead  
You feel so weak and hopeless  
But, you remember what's been said  
Trust in the Lord

When you cry, when you sing  
Don't believe your own eyes  
For He sees everything  
And in all ways give thanks  
Thanks for His grace and love  
He will lead you through this life  
By the spirit, sent from above  
You've seen the battles fought  
You've seen your friends pass by  
Sometimes life seems so pointless  
That it's hard to even try  
But, God has given you a gift  
A gift of salvation and grace  
He loves you in your weakness  
Just look into His face  
Trust in the Lord

When you cry, when you sing  
Don't believe your own eyes  
For He sees everything  
And in all ways give thanks  
Thanks for His grace and love  
He will lead you through this life  
By the spirit, sent from above

((November 19th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Twenty And Six

Twenty and six came in to work and play  
Twenty and six all with joy and with love  
Twenty and six now look on from above  
Because twenty and six went home that day

Deafening gunfire in a place of peace  
While seven heroes fought to stop the spread  
Of the pitch black omen of death and dread  
But, on that day no light could darkness cease

No answers be found by king or by priest  
Not one can utter an answer to why  
Heroes and children were allowed to die  
But, this we can be assured at the least

Twenty and six who loved their work and play  
They all play together at home today

((December 18th,2012))

Danny Speicher

## Two Futures

I could have never imagined the bliss  
When I hear your sweet voice speaking to me  
Speaking of how our two futures may be  
How phenomenal the wondering is  
Whetehr the spark I feel truly exists  
And, if, the spark, it lives: to what degree?  
Oh, what pain remains, just waiting to see  
May this hope of a future, be not remiss  
Before, have I endured countless heartache  
Ever searching, seeking, my companion  
Never finding or seeing her presence  
But, despite my heart's desire to break  
Split like a somber, shadowy canion  
I pray, soon, to me, her face, God presents

Danny Speicher

# Under The Surface

Somewhere under the surface there is more  
More than meets the eye of this daily grind  
More than what average man's eye may see  
Is meaning beneath the meaning to find

The earth revolves around and round the sun  
We grow older with each revolution  
Each day spinning us closer to our end  
Each day begging for a resolution

Resolution to hate's infestation  
Of this generation's culture of death  
Each day spinning us closer to our end  
What life will we live while we still have breath?

Somewhere under the surface there is more  
More to the sadness, loneliness and hate  
More to life, just waiting to be revealed  
Perhaps sharing what's below is your fate

Perhaps today's the day love's our response  
Perhaps love is what springs forth just below  
Perhaps showing love in the midst hate  
Will bring about peace like we've never known

Danny Speicher

# Unexpected

When it came to love I had had my share  
I had felt my heart swell, then torn in two  
Leading to those nights crying, feeling blue  
Why open myself to so much despair?

Then I saw you, with your smile so bright  
With your hair so golden, flowing so long  
With a heart for Christ and a voice of song  
Could it be that you would bring back the light?

So unexpected was the love you brought  
That I will never be the same again  
I await for this chapter to begin  
Greater is this surprise than what I sought

Three great virtues are given from above  
Oh, how sweet, is the greatest of these... Love

((Upon asking the most beautiful girl to be my girlfriend and having her accept))

((May 12th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Unexpectedly

Like Juliet to lovesick Romeo  
Who did pine after Rosaline so true  
Unexpectedly you, my heart, renewed  
Oddly, to me, how quickly my heart grows  
To a kind of spirit that I hardly know  
Oddly, to me, how fast my heart subdued  
The moment it first grew so fond of you  
Oh, whether to pursue or just lay low?

It isn't like me to fall so swiftly  
Typically I fall so slowly in love  
Usually I don't fall for one so soon  
But, this love, it feels so different to me  
As if it might be ordained from above  
But, will I pursue... Will I let it pass?

((October 21st,2005))

Danny Speicher

# Unheard Of Love

Fading light glimmering upon a sunset cove  
Nobody knows, nobody knows of the shadows  
Secrets can hide in the shadows nobody knows  
Too painful to speak, too shameful to think of

Shimmering is the last amber hue of the day  
All creatures within the cove scurry to find  
A shelter and fortress to shield their burdened mind  
And they kneel to their knees as they fearfully pray

Prayers of forgiveness ascending far, far above  
Words of penitence to a god they do not know  
Hope for grace for they, the sinners, on Earth below  
All looking in the dusk for this unheard of Love

Oh, moon... Stars... Oh, Creator of heavenly light  
Illuminate the shadows... Guide us through the night

((September 23rd,2009))

Danny Speicher

# United: A Dream Of The Future

She is my life  
Life eternal  
The nectar of my soul  
Artisan of my heart  
Everything I've ever done  
Was done in preparation for her love  
Through this aperture of my heart  
I see her love shining at me  
Standing at the vista of my spirit  
Smiling in humble adoration for me  
I love her forever, her love I don't deserve  
She is the lover of my life  
Bone of my bone  
Flesh of my flesh  
We are one  
United

((November 23rd,1999))

Danny Speicher

# Until You Ring My Chime

It's silly that I miss you  
For we've never even met  
It's silly that my heart longs  
For one I hadn't met yet

It's silly that I fell so  
Despite your telling me to  
Guard my heart and keep it safe  
For you weren't sure what to do

Never even heard your voice  
So, it's silly that I cry  
Yet in the darkness of night  
Still, I dream of you and I

You never did me wrong, dear  
No wrong was done on your part  
It just was too hard for me  
Not to fall for your sweet heart

There was so much that I found  
To be so perfectly grand  
Some nights i still dream of you  
Walking and holding my hand

Yet, I know that what you did  
Is what you felt you must do  
Who could fault your decision  
Your compassion ever true

Just know if I were to fall  
Someday, deep in love with you  
That I would move the whole earth  
Just to help you make it through

And, as a team we'd decide  
Where to go and who to be  
Me, sacrificing for you  
You, sacrificing for me

So, if you read this someday  
And you feel you want to try  
To take your chances and see  
If love might bloom with this guy

Well, that day would prove to be  
Truly one of my best days  
And each day from there on out  
I would find a million ways

A million ways to show you  
How thankful you're in my life  
And if love blooms as I hope  
I'd ask you to be my wife

Alas, for now, dreams are dreams  
And I'll dream them for some time  
'Til they fade to nostalgia  
Or, until you ring my chime

((February 19th,2013))

Danny Speicher

# Venus

Venus, you fickle harlot of the night  
Shining high and bright in the southern sky  
Wistfully catching my averted eye  
Reminding me of love lost with wares bright

Venus, you fickle harlot of the night  
Tease me with your charms as you did before  
As you shone on the one that I adore  
Providing her and I dusk's only light

Venus, you fickle harlot of the night  
Coming for a time and going again  
Just a year ago you watched love begin  
Just a year ago, we gazed at your sight

Venus, you fickle harlot of the night  
Perhaps your wary ways will shine on me  
As once before you did above oak trees  
I long to share with another your light

Venus, you fickle harlot of the night  
In another love your passion ignite

((May 31st,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Video Game Victor

Video Game Victor viewed video  
And audio inside his studio  
Where he had a very nice patio  
Of which no one knew, then, or knows today

For Video Game Victor would not leave  
To go outside when he could stay inside  
And play on a video water slide  
Though he has yet to get wet to this day

Video Game Victor once loved to go  
Out the door out into the great outdoors  
But, alas, those days, they laid, long before  
He claimed his video game that he played

The once slender Video Game Victor  
Moved to become a sloth-like, sloppy slob  
Until he was a gelatinous blob  
And grew into his couch, on which he stayed

To this day Video Game Victor sits there  
No friends or family, no future fate  
Staring ahead in a zombie-like state  
Not knowing of the sun's beautiful rays

So, young girls and young lads, here's the lesson  
Get out into the outdoorsy outdoors  
And, play and laugh like you had once before  
Don't live the Video Game Victor way

Whether you play sports or if you play games  
Move about with legs and arms stretched out wide  
With a bat or basketball at your side  
Stand proudly and, as loud as you can, say

I CHOOSE NOT TO BE LIKE VICTOR TODAY! !

((July 1st,2011))



# Waking Dreams

Alone I sit and ponder why  
These tears are returning  
For so long I've stayed strong  
And, now I sit in ruins again

It isn't a conscious reminiscence of you  
That haunts my heart these days  
A series of dreams, waking me from my slumber  
Starts every day off with a familiar longing

Six dreams, two groups of three each  
Three of fond memories of you and I  
Three fictional or factual future  
Unfamiliar to my soul when I wake

You and I at your parents' house  
Under a starry Arkansas night sky  
A brief pause in conversation  
Our first kiss

You and I and a ring upon your finger  
A beautiful dinner and a glass of wine  
A day full of fun, laughter and memories  
You upon a crocodile, your silly face

The last day I saw you, although not vivid in life  
Comes rushing back to me clearly in sleep  
A small argument and a gentle apology  
You waving gently "goodbye" at the door

You, older now, no longer innocent or joyous  
No longer with dreams or a song on your lips  
Sad and downtrodden, it is you, but not you  
I hug you and let you cry on my shoulder

You, in a hospital, wires and tubes  
You're crying and I hold your hand  
Helpless, but wanting to help  
I sit day and night while you cry

You, in a church, laying silently without breath  
Friends and family that I recognize mourning  
You, laying still, unfazed by their tears  
"Hopelessness, hopelessness, how can I go on? "

Three come in the first wave  
Three come to follow  
Sometimes the first play alone  
Sometimes the second come quickly thereafter

I sit alone in a place that was ours  
Trying to make sense of these images  
Trying to recollect the ones that I know  
Trying to understand the ones I do not

Please, please if you can hear my prayer  
Know that I still love you and miss you tonight  
Know that I still pray for you when I pray  
Please, dear, be careful... Be mindful of your dreams

I can't bear the sight of those unfamiliar dreams  
I've never done well when I see you cry  
I love you, please don't forget that I love you  
I'm so sorry that I didn't live up to your hopes

Forgive me  
Forgive me  
I love you  
Please love me

((January 11th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Wanting Home

Driving down this sad, darkened highway road  
These trips don't get easier on the heart  
With all its emotions soon to explode  
I guess all I'm really wanting is home

Not a car on the road on this cloudy night  
By myself and incredibly alone  
My heart cries out to stop this inner fight  
I guess all I'm really wanting is home

Where family and friends who gather 'round  
Can have conversations without one sound  
And the laughter makes the house feel so warm  
And memories and stories are the norm  
I guess all I'm really wanting is home

The clouds give way to twink'ling stars above  
Remind me of her eyes twink'ling at me  
And all I can think about is her love  
I guess all I'm really wanting is home

Where family and friends who gather 'round  
Can have conversations without one sound  
And the laughter makes the house feel so warm  
And memories and stories are the norm  
I guess all I'm really wanting is home

As I round my house, the city lights shine  
Shining brightly framing my final destination  
And, although my house and city are fine  
I guess all I'm really wanting is home

Where family and friends who gather 'round  
Can have conversations without one sound  
And the laughter makes the house feel so warm  
And memories and stories are the norm  
I guess all I'm really wanting is home

'Home is where your heart is', they always say

If true I've not been home since I've met her  
And I'm anxiously counting down the days  
I guess all I'm really wanting is home

(November 11th,2007)

Danny Speicher

# What A Strange Beauty

What a strange beauty lies before my eyes now  
A Savior, broken, bleeding, crying out  
I stand watching, in awe, the crimson flow  
As the soldiers and crowd yell, scream and shout

What a strange beauty lies before my eyes now  
A mother, a disciple, remember  
As the images rise and His words grow  
His sacrifice now makes all Hell tremble

What a strange beauty lies before my eyes now  
This God, this man, praise for those who hate Him  
This God, this man, even now He bestows  
His blessings to a thief, full of his sin

What a strange beauty lies before my eyes now  
What a perfect sacrifice for mankind  
He stretches out His arms, to us to show  
The weak His strength and His sight to the blind

What a strange beauty lies before my eyes now

Danny Speicher

# What Cosmic Force?

What cosmic force makes us to fall in love?  
I once knew, I once knew, just what or whom  
I think I know the Who that makes love bloom  
But, the pain felt makes me question above

What stroke of fancy and moment of chance  
Makes us find ourselves in the place and time  
To find that one that makes our lives sublime  
There must be more than luck to this romance

But, why, oh why, oh Lover in the sky  
Would you grant this love and snatch it from me  
The only earthly love that's set me free  
Who am I to question fate? Who am I?

I'm a man whose heart is broken apart  
Waiting for a love that won't soon depart

((July 5th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# What If I Told You?

What if I told you I still love you, dear?  
Not in the nostalgic, 'once upon a time' way  
And not the way that some people flippantly say  
What if I told you I still love you, dear?

What if I told you I think of you each night?  
Of all the times we once spent together, happy  
And of all those things we once said and wrote, sappy  
What if I told you I think of you each night?

What if you knew each day I prayed for you?  
For you to never stop following those big dreams  
And for life to never be as hard as it seems  
What if you knew each day I prayed for you?

Love, I still love you and miss you dearly  
What I wouldn't give to have you near me

Would it ever work if we tried again?  
If I was less forceful and more subtly inclined  
And you were more focused on our 'ours' than your 'mine'  
Would it ever work if we tried again?

Do you e'er think of the love we once had?  
Living, loving life as we walked with hand in hand  
And growing closer together, making our plans  
Do you e'er think of the love we once had?

What if I told you I still love you, dear?  
I love you in ways that dry, parched ground loves the rain  
And, dear, I love you still, though from me you refrain  
What if I told you I still love you, dear?

Oh, love, I love you and miss you dearly  
And, oh, how I still dream of you near me

((February 1st,2009))



# What If Today?

What if, today, I told you how I feel?  
What if, today, I let you know my heart?  
Would I even know how to express it?  
And, would I even know how I should start?

What if, today, I told you how I feel?  
After this time of hiding, deep, my heart?  
Would you listen to all my thoughts on love?  
Would you walk away, tearing me apart?

What if, today, I told you how I feel?  
Oh, would I, now, even know what to do?  
With someone so beautiful, funny, sweet?  
Would I even know just how to treat you?

What if, today, I told you how I feel?  
The mystery that lies in my heart to be unveiled  
And whether 'yes' or 'no' be the answer...  
At least, then, inaction might not prevail

What if, today, I told you how I feel?  
Ah, but who am I attempting to fool?  
I fear love (or, at least, its rejection)  
This joke I play on myself is so cruel

So, what if, today, I said how I feel?  
Or, let it burn within me forever?  
In closing I declare I do love you  
Even if, your heart, I don't endeavor

((October 5th,2005))

Danny Speicher

# What If Tomorrow Never Comes?

Dreaming a dream as a child would dream  
Out upon the ocean, out past the stream  
I, wishing for nothing more than I had  
I, wondering when tomorrow might come  
I, pondering just where this dream came from  
Of me, on the ocean, just a small lad

Alone with the waves I rocked back and forth  
Somehow questioning my heart's true self-worth  
An odd question for a child so young  
An odd feeling of doubt stirring within  
An odd, oppressive, fear came forth therein  
A sinister lack of hope filled my lungs

'Alas, it's a dream, ' I heard myself say  
Tomorrow will bring a new, brighter day  
Even still I remained frightened and numb  
Even still I doubted what I had said  
Even still I questioned within my head  
Oh God, what if tomorrow never comes?

What if the fear inside of me remains?  
What if ghosts of past echo their refrain?  
Will I descend into madness alone?  
Will I die a man forgotten by time?  
Will I lose every friend gained in my prime?  
How can one conquer fear of the unknown?

Oh, Lord, save me from the fears of my past  
Lord, comfort me, for memories come fast  
Raise me from this mistrust within my heart  
Raise me from the lack of hope I have felt  
Raise me from the depression I've been dealt  
Lord, for your purpose, please set me apart

((October 29th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# What If?

What if I told you my heart breaks often  
When you're not here with me  
What if I told you my eyes cry daily  
When your face they can't see

What if I told you every day I pine  
To spend some time with you  
What if I said I dream of forever  
When we are one, not two

What if tomorrow holds suff'ring and pain  
Will you still love me then  
What if tomorrow your name is in lights  
Will you come home again

What if someday all that was true is false  
And our passion might wane  
Even on that day will you love me still  
Or will I be your bane

Me? I know the answers to these questions  
And how I would respond  
Oh, the mystery of love is joy to me  
It is my greatest bond

So, when days grow long many years from now  
And years pass by so soon  
And when time has taken its toll on us  
We'll still gaze at the moon

And we'll remember memories of yore  
Things too great to ignore  
Our love will become the stories of lore  
For you, I'll still adore

(November 16th,2007)



# When I Think On You

When I think on you, I think kind of you  
No, love didn't turn out the way I'd hoped  
The pain, for a time, made it hard to cope  
But, blame and anger are not what you're due

Oh, the hurt has come and the hurt has gone  
And, without a doubt it will come once more  
The gashes, they severed straight to the core  
But, for you, I pray your heart has moved on

Or, far better, that you were never true  
That you never thought on me as a mate  
Never once gave thought to a future fate  
That would keep the hurt from reaching you

If, you e'er dream of me, know this is true  
When I dream of you, I'm smiling at you

((January 21st,2011))

Danny Speicher

# When Love Never Ceased

A beautiful sunset sets to my west  
A subtle rainbow rises from the east  
And I dream of love, when love never ceased  
Tried, I, to keep it, tried my very best

Alas, the love has gone and has been gone  
Far too many weeks, far too many years  
Replaced only with doubt and childlike fears  
Trust that has been entirely undone

A beautiful rainbow fades to the east  
The sunset gives way to a hazy dusk  
I am left alone, a man out of luck  
And I dream of love, when love never ceased

If only rainbows and sunsets could cheer  
A heart that's been hardened so many years

((June 29th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# When You Awake Once More

I know you can't hear me, calling to you  
I know you won't reach for my outstretched hand  
The gap is too wide, the expanse too grand  
So, I can only pray God pulls you through

Oh, but on that day when you awake once more  
All Hell will quake as you wipe sleep from your eyes  
As you raise your humbled hands to the skies  
And seek a purpose you've not had before

You are not among the ordinary  
You are, instead, chosen to live greatly  
Far greater than you've been living lately  
Far stronger than that which makes you wary

Wake up, my dear, wake and turn around  
It's not too late for purpose to be found

((April 5th,2012))

Danny Speicher

# Whenever You Smile

When we talk, I talk strongly and boldly  
Of grand schemes and master plans I speak  
When we laugh, I laugh so effortlessly  
You make me smile with humor, unique  
When we kiss, I kiss you confidently  
Your lips provide me strength when I am weak  
And when I see you smile I find peace  
And from all my fears I find release

But, when my intellect gives my heart leave  
I worry about moving too closely  
As my mind and all my fears, doubts do weave  
And my love for you stabs me, ruthlessly  
For my sight won't relent and let me believe  
Someone so beautiful loves me truly  
But, when I see you smile I find peace  
And from all these fears I find release

So, I will keep loving you recklessly  
For my heart won't let me fail to do so  
I will hold on to hope passionately  
And cling to you with my love to bestow  
For it's true you might hurt me callously  
But, your love's worth the risk and you should know  
That whenever you smile there is peace  
And in your eyes, there is endless release

((Dedicated to my beautiful girlfriend, Lydia, on our first Valentine's Day))  
((February 14th,2012))

Danny Speicher

# Where Do I Roam?

Where do I roam when I roam when nobody knows  
What dream haunts me to find an invisible prize  
To seek to see that which can be seen with closed eyes  
Where do I go to when my feet go where my mind goes

What pain twists in my mind, causing me to wander  
Whose face do I see that leads me forth and beyond  
Whose eyes are grayish blue and hair of golden blonde  
What lies within my thoughts as I sit and ponder

Feet be still and do not move me from my slumber  
Heart be still and know thy grand purpose lies ahead  
Starting today and lasting long after I'm dead  
May I fix upon days beyond mortal lumber

Feet be still, heart be tranquil, eyes close and find rest  
And, spirit, never forget that you will be blessed

((February 21st,2011))

Danny Speicher

# Where Have You Gone?

Where have you gone, my Lauren, my Lauren  
Where could that girl, so enamored, gone?  
Tell me where you have gone, my dear Lauren  
So, I might find you and hear that sweet song

Please bring with you the days of childlike love  
Where every word said from me to you  
And every word said from you to me  
Brought with it feelings of passions anew

Lauren, I miss your giggles and your laugh  
I miss your light-hearted banter to me  
Won't you bring back your silliness again?  
Once more, that sweet spirit I wish to see

I love you, dear, and I miss your kind heart  
Bring back what drew me to you from the start

((March 11th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Whispered In The Night

'I love you's' spoken in daylight are true and sweet  
And, the words, they mean nothing less while it's still bright  
But, how much more special they are when our lips meet  
When those three special words are whispered in the night

Oh, how long love waits for special moments like these  
When dreams of forever on such passions take flight  
How passionate are moments when our eyes first see  
Lips breathlessly seeking words whispered in the night

Melting with each other with each kiss on the ear  
Goosebumps just under the skin silently ignite  
Never wanting to release that which is so dear  
Never forgetting secrets whispered in the night

Oh, how precious are those moments lit by moonlight  
When those sweet 'I love you's' are whispered in the night

Danny Speicher

# Who Could Be Worthy?

Storms - Dark and frightening, unforgiving  
Lightning striking fear in the weary heart  
Wind - Loud and boisterous, unwavering  
Tearing a wounded soul slowly apart

But, standing there, she took all of this pain  
Smiling as she wiped each and every tear  
Who could be worthy of a girl like her?  
She loves imperfection... calms every fear

And, in the good times, laughing and giggling  
Knowing that days like these are hard to find  
Taking each moment and savoring it  
Treating each person so gentle and kind

Who deserves such a wonderful lady?  
She, who takes her life in carefree stride  
She, who could outsing a lark in the Spring  
Who could be worthy to be by her side?

When all is said and done, she's amazing  
She's the girl that every guy would dream of  
If only they thought they could stand a chance  
If only they thought they could win her love

Out of all the ladies in this old world  
She remains the best of them all by far  
Her faith and beauty, her heart and passion  
Are what keeps me wishing on that bright star

((May 2nd,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Who You'Re Meant To Be

It's been a long time since I talked to you  
And longer, still since you've listened to me  
But, if I could give you some help to be  
Who you're meant to be, what you're meant to do

I'd let you know you're beautifully made  
That you are witty and intelligent  
That since I've met you, you were always meant  
To be greater than what you are today

I see that you're heart's been broken again  
And I wish I could comfort you, my dear  
To simply sit and, again, hold you near  
And let you know who you have always been

You're meant for greatness and you are great  
Don't stop chasing what's worthy of your fate

((November 16th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Who?

Perhaps I blinked when I ought to have stared  
Perhaps I never looked in the right place  
To find, just once, that beautiful, bright face  
Perhaps I lived my life a bit too scared

All I know is I must have just missed her  
All I know is I ne'er saw her come by  
Naught once did her gaze or glance catch my eye  
All I know is I don't know... I'm not sure

Who is she, my love, how does she appear?  
Who is she, does she quite gracefully walk?  
Does she smile? Laugh? And wittingly talk?  
Who is she, will she know if I am near?

Perhaps all I know is I don't know her  
Who is she? Will e'er, for her, my heart stir?

((September 5th,2011))

Danny Speicher

# Will The Sun Really Shine Tomorrow?

Walking those halls together we once walked  
Hoping I'll see her face somehow, some way  
Longingly looking back at brighter days  
Dreaming of all the midnight talks we talked

When I think of her, I think of her love  
Trying to hide hurt and pain I now feel  
Sometimes I muse if this is really real  
But, this nightmare I just can't get out of

Will the dawn break the eastern horizon?  
Will tomorrow be bright as yesterday?  
Will the sun really shine again today?  
Oh, God give me something to gaze upon

Time goes by, each hour more desolate  
Every minute slower than the last  
Wanting this haunting night to quickly pass  
The memories just too hard to forget

Will the dawn break the eastern horizon?  
Will tomorrow be bright as yesterday?  
Will the sun really shine again today?  
Oh, God give me something to gaze upon

Look to the sky, the morning is coming  
The light over trees quickly becoming  
Brighter and brighter, nature starts humming  
From deep within, my pulse begins drumming

Dawn is breaking the eastern horizon  
Tomorrow looks brighter than yesterday  
The sun finally shines again today  
Thanks for this wonderful work You've begun

((May 4th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Wilted Flower

Late last night while fast asleep, visions came  
My last love dying on the cold, hard street  
Running to her as my heart quickly beat  
I quietly whispered the sweetest name

She, slain and dying, not once replied back  
Pale and bleeding was she and no one near  
To offer help or my plea for help hear  
Who, on her, would mount a vicious attack?

Suddenly, scene cuts: me in a white room  
Alone and, seemingly, waiting for news  
Of her progress and, yet, very confused  
Who would attempt to cause her doom?

Oh, wilted flower, so soft and so frail  
I long to see color in cheeks, so pale

Cut again to the recovery room  
Her small frame seems smaller on the large bed  
Stitches trace the cuts, from where she once bled  
And a lone red rose at her feet now blooms

She stirs; slowly her eyes open slightly  
She sees me and feels my hand on her hand  
A gentle smile extends her face and  
Her wrist turns to grasp my fingers, lightly

Now note, I, others surround her, as well  
My mom and aunt, and who sits at her head?  
Can it be my grandma fourteen years dead?  
So diff'rent from her former, aging shell

Oh, wilted flower, so soft and so frail  
Others love you, too; wish you not to ail

It is Grandma, stroking her golden hair  
One moment, magnificent and moving  
Grandma grinned at her, as if approving

And raised her as a father would an heir

For the first time in such a long, long time  
The flower seemed healed and blossoming, new  
As if she had been made red from her blue  
I felt peace as a bell began to chime

Waking to realize it was a dream  
I felt peace thinking maybe in some way  
Grandma might look in on my love today  
And, take care of her, as odd as it seems

Oh, wilted flower, so soft and frail  
May others care for you, each breath exhaled

((April 22nd,2011))

Danny Speicher

# Winds Of Change

Oh, God the winds of change, they are blowing  
Bringing a revolution to this life  
Whether relief or challenge, not knowing  
Always of benefit, even in strife

What of the days past of comfort and rest  
Whose hours were filled with laughter and joy  
To be a child once more: happy, blessed  
For the simple things in life to enjoy

Oh, but these winds of change aren't new to me  
I am used to being tossed to and fro  
Though these winds don't always bring harmony  
They all bring opportunity to grow

So, let the rain pour down upon my roof  
Let the sun beat harshly upon my head  
May this wind, no matter the storm, be proof  
That you, oh God, are with us where we tread

Danny Speicher

# Winter Dreams

Winter, the loneliest time of year  
Where wind blows against the pane  
Snowflakes fall upon your nose  
And you offer your heart in vain  
You dream dreams at night of one  
Who would love you for who you are  
And when the cool night would come  
She would gaze with you into the stars  
She would catch the snowflakes on her tongue  
And smile with her cheeks bright and red  
Take a sleigh ride down the main street  
And let you gently tuck her into bed  
And as you creep out of her room  
Into the cool crisp air of night  
You would know for certain  
That she'd be alright  
But, winter is now  
And she is nowhere to be found  
Yes, this is why Winter is lonely  
I sit alone without a sound

((December 10th,2000))

Danny Speicher

# Winter Memoirs

See the snow falling  
See the ground, so white  
See the stars glistening  
In the cold winter night  
Feel the damp air  
Feel the wind blow  
Feel your heart dropping  
Along with the snow  
Hear the bells ringing  
Hear the trees rustle  
Hear the cars pass  
Caught in the hustle  
Smell the pie baking  
Smell the fresh mint  
Smell the hot chocolate  
Take in its scent  
Remember your family  
Remember your friends  
Remember your loved ones  
Before your life ends  
Always leave trails  
Where you have been  
For those who come after  
Will remember you then  
Don't take for granted  
All the joy in your life  
For it can quickly be replaced  
By heartache and strife

((December 13th,2000))

Danny Speicher

## Wish You Were Here

It's odd how much one night can change a heart  
To move from status quo to missing you  
From plotting careers to feeling so blue  
Why couldn't we have done this from the start?

Oh, how I wish you were here with me now  
Snuggling close to me, I holding you  
This dream greater than a dream coming true  
Oh, how I wish you were here with me now

In the still of night I think of your eyes  
Piercing my soul, as if peering straight through  
How's it possible... Me being with you?  
I have searched for you on a thousand tries

But, while waiting, God pointed you to me  
I to you, may He grant this life to be

((May 13th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# You Are The New Day

You are the new day  
When I thought the nighttime would never end  
You are the new light  
On a horizon I thought would ne'er shine  
You are a new hope  
When hope was what I couldn't comprehend  
You're my new chapter  
Though I thought the Author might have resigned

Your heart brings forth peace  
I never thought my heart would fully rest  
Your heart brings me strength  
I wondered if I'd ever stand again  
Your heart brings longing  
As I restlessly wait, knowing I'm blessed  
Your heart brings wonder  
As I ponder what may shortly begin

I look to God for guidance on this path  
Heaven knows I've failed this journey before  
I've seen destruction and I've felt the wrath  
So, I kneel and pray His will... nothing more

Your eyes pierce through me  
Like you can see my inmost hopes and dreams  
Your smile frees me  
To walk confidently where'er I tread  
Your laugh brings me joy  
When I hear it, life's less stressful, it seems  
Your words melt my heart  
I oft think of all you've whispered and said

I look to God for guidance on this path  
Heaven knows I've failed this journey before  
I've seen destruction and I've felt the wrath  
So, I kneel and pray His will... nothing more

And I wonder what the next step might be  
Pray His will becomes crystal clear to me

Please open my eyes, Lord, and let me see  
You are my new day, if it's His decree

You are the new day  
Bright shining, splendid... Stretching before me  
You are the new day  
I pray you'll remain until my sunset  
You are the new day  
Setting my heart on fire... My soul free  
You are my new day  
And for this, my heart owes you a great debt

I look to God for guidance on this path  
Heaven knows I've failed this journey before  
I've seen destruction and I've felt the wrath  
So, I kneel and pray His will... nothing more

I look to God for guidance on my way  
Lord give me guidance, upon this new day

((April 19th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# You Ne'Er Leave My Sight

I look on you, I see beauty defined  
I hear your laugh and my heart is set free  
I can't fathom what first brought you to me  
I surely don't deserve someone so kind

My eyes find yours, oceans of grey and blue  
And a smile draws across your sweet face  
It's no surprise that my heart starts to race  
My soul proclaims, "She's too good to be true"

Sometimes I find it hard to wait for you  
Too many miles separate us now  
But, when I dream, I am with you somehow  
Even when I wake you remain in view

Sunrise to sunset and all through the night  
Waking or dreaming, you ne'er leave my sight

((September 13th,2010))

Danny Speicher

# Young Lovers

Oh, young lovers, young lovers in love  
Please tell me where love goes awry  
When the sunsets in the sky above  
Why does love drift so far, when it seemed so nigh

Making no pretenses of right and wrong  
No finger pointing or blame game to be played  
No hatred or animosity belong  
Only a deep wish that you would have stayed

Young lovers, oh, young lovers who dream  
Of a life of love for more than a season  
Is that love truly as close as it seems  
Is it really good beyond reason?

She promised forever on a star in the sky  
Sincerely, as her earrings sparkled in the night  
With horses hooves beating as we passed by  
The lights of the city... What a beautiful sight

The promise faded, and so soon did she  
Nevermore to hold hands or hold close  
A voice never to hear again, a face to never again see  
A path that she, and she alone, chose

So, young lovers, I ask, again, if you truly know love  
For in a moment live can go awry  
And you're left praying to God above  
Wishing for nothing more for the other to draw nigh

Young lovers, lovers in love... With fear, proceed  
For nothing else in life can, so much, cause your heart to bleed

((September 14th,2009))

Danny Speicher

# Your Encouragement

Far, far away are days of stress free life  
Of living a day, a night without strife  
Going a day not wanting something more

Down the road I can see some peace coming  
In the shadows, there's a certain something  
A certain dream that I've been longing for

But, in the here and now, I find my heart  
Being filled with this joy, yet torn apart  
Yet, there's a certain hope within the core

So, in life, where emotions rise and fall  
It makes me smile to have you through it all  
With your encouragement when I implore

So, bear with me as my heart sinks at times  
Please know even when my joy will not climb  
Your precious hand through it all, I adore

For you are my inspiration, my muse  
The one that I care for, the one I choose  
And, there is no one else I care for more

((May 27th,2007))

Danny Speicher

# Your Eyes

There's a warm wind blowing from southern skies  
Under a December evening's full moon  
These silver-lined clouds will drift away soon  
For some reason, I'm dreaming of your eyes

It isn't memories of nights like these  
Or importance of a date that rings true  
I don't know why I'm simply missing you  
Oh, Lord, how the thought brings me to my knees

Rarely do I wish you back in my life  
Rarely do I miss your hand's gentle touch  
I suppose I really don't miss you much  
Oh, but when I do, it cuts like a knife

Sweetheart, on nights like these with moonlit skies  
For some reason, I still dream of your eyes

((December 13th,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Your Hand In Mine

I miss the way you wore your hair so fine  
Whether straight and silky smooth to the touch  
Crinkled, braided, it didn't matter much  
But, more than all, I miss your hand in mine

I miss your voice so pure and so refined  
Soothing my heart each time it ached inside  
From talking nothing to husbands and brides  
But, more than that, I miss your hand in mine

I miss your humor, laughing all the time  
How naught was too serious for laughter  
Being child-like was all we were after  
Even still, I miss most your hand in mine

Perhaps I will learn to forget in time  
The one thing I miss most... Your hand in mine

((June 23rd,2008))

Danny Speicher

# Your Nearing

Slave of my own inner doubt and misery  
I thought my dreams were all but dead and gone  
Seeing the pain hope had thus far led me through  
Had set a permanent twilight for my hope of a dawn

But, lately I have been wondering  
If there still might be more for me yet  
And all those dreams that once roamed free  
Have once again my subconscious met

And all the emotions that accompanied this hope  
Now rise around me like the blooming of the Spring  
As I stand breathing deeply of  
The aroma of excitement that it brings

Not lost on me is the less than subtle truth  
That this new day breaks with your appearing  
And so I hold my breath, close my eyes  
And I await... Patiently... With hope and fear... Your nearing

((March 12th,2013))

Danny Speicher

# Your Smile

Sunset with an orange and violet tone  
Soft hues on the horizon for miles  
Beauty surrounding, enveloping me  
Yet, all I can think of is your smile

Prairie fire sweeps through a rural plain  
By it's flame, making sowing worthwhile  
Not unlike the fire that we face now  
Oh, all I wish to see is your smile

And, when I think about trials we face  
And inevitable pain we feel now  
I know it's part of joy we'll feel later  
And, your smile makes it worth it somehow

An eagle flew high through the clouds above  
With grace, freedom and majestic style  
Someday we'll be free, too, to fly so high  
Until then, I'll think upon your smile

And, when I think about trials we face  
And inevitable pain we feel now  
I know it's part of joy we'll feel later  
And, your smile makes it worth it somehow

A smile that turns a dark day to bright  
A smile that brings me sweet dreams at night  
A smile that strengthens my heart to fight  
A smile that drives me to make everything right

Remember pain now becomes joy later  
That's just the deal, dear, that's just the deal  
Don't forget true love is irrational  
The joy we'll know will ease the pain we feel

And, when I think about trials we face  
And inevitable pain we feel now  
I know it's part of joy we'll feel later  
And, your smile makes it worth it somehow

Your smile just makes it worth it somehow

((April 22nd,2010))

Danny Speicher