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A Caged Butterfly

One day, I was walking
In a garden with not many flowers
I saw a young butterfly on her maiden fly
She was so beautiful and charming
So I picked her and made
A nice cage for her
And I knew she will forever live
Her entire life in my cage

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A Letter From A Mad Woman

Hi,
I miss you day and night
The cold wind blowing outside
Makes sleeping outside unbearable
You told me I will regret
The decision I was taking
I now know you are right
I pleaded for a come back
But it fell on a deaf ear
I'm mad today because
You did not give me a second chance
To prove my love to you
Do not stigmatize me friend
But for a man, a young man
Like you I will still be your friend

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A Lone Bird In The Forest

It is wet from the heavy rains
That killed all the family members
The big oak tree has fallen
From the rocking lightning
Feeling cold and alone on a tree
The melodious voice of the
Bird is heard for the last time
Whiw, whiw, whiw, ...
A stone from the catapult
Hit the lone bird and
It fell from the tree

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A Poet To Your Name

Had I become a musician
You will always hear your name in my song
And would have been my album title
Had I become TV or radio presenter
Your name will be something i mention
At the start and at the end of the program
And would have dedicated a whole life time
Program to your name
If I were a news paper writer
I would have written a whole
Booklet on your name
For readers to know your hidden qualities
Had I become an artist
I would have painted a portrait of you
For the whole world to see
How beautiful you are
But I'm a poet
A poet to your name

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A Redefinition Of Love

Love is when so many followers
Can follow you on twitter
But if that one special person follows you, you are famous
Than the whole world following you

Love is when you have so many
Favourite on whatsapp
But the only favourite you see is
That one person you rush to reply

Love is when you have so many
Friends on facebook
But you post only for that
One special person to comment and like

Love is when you can have so many likes on
Instagram but the only one likes you
Cleave for is just enough for your world

Love is when you have thousands of mails in your inbox
But you only search for the only one special message

Love is when you have so many people within your circle
But you see, that person is only enough for a circle

Love is when you have so many contacts on your phone
But you run only for that one special tone you have heard

Love is when I do all this for you

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A Sinking Ship

Somewhere in the arctic
Lies a stranded ship
Their last prayer is heard
And their last meal is shared
They were advised to write letters
This was a letter from a man

'I have loved you and you know
I would have always do
Should you receive this letter or not
My prayer is that you will find
A man who will love you more than i do'.

And they drown in the cold water

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A Young Man's Journey

With my little car
I travelled a long distance from home
Not telling anybody I moved on
Just to find what nature has in store for me

I took any road that I see pleasing to me
Barely stopping on my way, I moved on
Will only stop for fuel and food
I travelled day and night
Will only sleep when I can drive no more

Ah, nature is beautiful
Both at night and day
The serene atmosphere of the night
The glittering stars and fireflies
The mooing of wolves at 00: 00gmt

The rising sun of the day
The leaves that has been moist by the dew
Ah, nature

When a road ends
I turn back and take another one
As roads join roads,
I found out that
Many roads lead to no where
A few changes life in the journey of life

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An Empty Beach

The early sunrise is heart-warming
It makes me feel like I'm flying without wings
I have enjoyed beaching with you
Today is one of the days we often
Sing the song of love birds in flight
But now I sit on the sand waiting
With no hope of seeing you
I only see an empty beach
Alone and lonely I walk on
The footprint you left behind
I feel like an ugly shell that has washed
Ashore with nobody to take me home
I'm still waiting for the tide
To rise and take me afloat

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An Hour Spent With You

Things does not get better overnight
Neither loving someone is so simple
But loving you is a chance that came overnight
I have dedicated my life to doing good
But with you I do best things
An hour spent with you
Is like a thousand years
When you smile or laugh
You make the whole world
A paradise for the poor
A poor man like me
You told us you are boring
But to me you are an excellent entertainer
I couldn't believe the parting time came
And I turned to you for you last smile
Thank you so much for your kindness

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An Unknown Hero

How do I look?
A very ugly and
A very weird man
I know all of them
But what you don't know
Is the story behind the weirdness
My story is behind the scene
And it did not get publicity
If I did, I would have been
The most handsome man
And a hero in your eyes

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Break Up

I gave you all I have
What do I have?
My heart, a virgin heart
The only thing I can give
I thought you said
You will let it grow
In the rich soil of your heart
I thought you said
You will forever love me
Where did I go wrong?
Where did I fault you?
Can you look at me and
Say you are leaving?
Your answer was am leaving
Don't search for me
Yes I won't, I won't
But remember you broke
A virgin heart.

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Faith

Friend, the world is hard
Countryman, the world is really hard
Brother, the world is very hard
Where problems are stable mountain
In the middle of a long journey

Friend, don't forget problems
That shines the day is greater
Than the rains in a month
But the blessings
Mightier than the the blue blue ocean

Countryman, tell the sons of my father
The womb from which I came from
That I bury the dead alone
Because of my Faith

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Festus

There is a man behind
That comfortable desk
His name is Festus
He represent the governor here
The highest decision making person
A post conscious man
Wanting to please everybody
But a two dimensional human
Too many work for him
Always seeking for honor and glory
Oh that day- that faithful day
He was doom to finish
The robe-the robe that held
The kite up in the sky
Was too weak to support him

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Halcyon Days

Gone were the days when green grass
Were succulent in the mouth of a lamb
People seeks for greener pasture
Today leaves are dryer than
Hay in the dessert.

Bird of the west fly,
Fly high above the ocean
Bring me some good news.

Don't bother me with good news, man!
The last survival now flakes.
I sail here for dry food.
Our forefathers wept for halcyon days
Because of their oppressors
But we cry for the halcyon days
Because of our liberators.
No place is cool.

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Nature's Uncetainties

From the east comes a hurrying clouds
The young ones join the mature ones
Soon they become a unified body
It looks like a fierce lioness
Hungry from breast feeding
Ready to pounce on it's prey
Suddenly comes an angry wind
Sweeping every drop and dust from the ground
Children shout for falling leaves and clothes
Men hurry home and with high hopes
At last the dying plants will survive
Women tired of streaming
Bring the smallest pot ever
Ready to collect the last drop
And here we are still waiting

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Not You Again

I made you a queen
You never wanted it
I saw you again
playing with the dogs
I took you back
Remove the fleas, ticks
And washed you clean
I elevated you to the
Seventh star
Adorned you with more
Ornament made of gold
And diamond
Now, you are in the mud
Playing with pigs
I'm striping off your crown
For people to see your shame
And will give your honor to
Someone who will respect it
And not you again.

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Sunrise

The sun is early this morning
Calling on you to begin your work
You might be tired but what else
Can you do than to wake up
And start all over again
Your work might not be good in
Your own eyes but I tell you
There are lot and lots of people
Out there who is dying to
Be in your shoes
Cheer up, fellow worker!
The sunrise was only
Meant to say
'Have a lovely day'

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The Difference

In one of the busy days
A group of women came to worry me
I did not mind them
One of the women asked?
'What make your woman so different from us? '
With that I was ready to answer
So I took a pen and a paper
And wrote, 'Yeah, the things that
Make my woman a woman
Are the same things that make you women
But the difference is
They are more beautiful than your'

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The Fluke

You little creature
You dine in a well nourished
Place of my body
I knew you were boneless
But you have teeth to
Gnaw at any bone of my flesh
You ate all my gems and
Left behind germs
Now my heart is swollen
You don't leave you host
Until you see him dead
The fluke of my heart
Give me peace and not pieces

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The Lonely Groom

The family will forever remember
This day, a sunny morning
The family have gathered
The music is playing
The breadwinner of the family
Dressed in black suit
And a crystal white inner
A perfect groom waiting
For a perfect bride
Where is the bride?
There is no bride for
A motionless body
The lonely groom lay still
Laughing is replaced by weeping
The lonely groom takes away
The happiness that once
Bestowed upon the family.

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The Master Hunter

They take guns
Loaded with bullets
Around their neck and waist
With knives in a purse
They take food and salty water
Armed with powerful touches
They set off to the streets
With fears written in eyes
They shoot and kill the hidden
But their meat
Were never brought home
Nor ever eaten
And this they call
The Master Hunters

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The Past And Now

We have lived a life
Of bloom in the past
What binds us together
Is our hope of everlasting life
We have shared the most basic thing in life
From the sponge to the common towel
And from soap to toothpaste
We have done what we are known for-
Witnessing on the street, houses and villages
We have eaten what we like best-
Coconut and roasted maize
Nothing did put us apart
Not even a contagious diseases
Even in those days we slept on the same bed
When you were troubled I did understand
Two happy moments in your life
I was not there but you did understand
I know our differences-
You are tall and I'm short
You're married with a child and I'm yet to
But we still cling on as never before

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