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## Edgar Rendon Eslit(August 21,1981)

Hello there. I'm Edgar R. Eslit, a budding poet they say. Jokes in here. Well, seriously, poets please themselves. There is nothing to stop good writers producing work that they like reading. Or what they consider worth reading. A beginner may ask: Do I have the talent to make it as a writer? Tutors handle the matter tactfully, saying that determination is essential to unlock the depths of a writer's personality and potential. But without increasing absorption, fascination and sheer pleasure in literary craftsmanship, that talent will never see the light of day. Native ability and hard work are essential to poetry, and pleasure is the stimulus to both. So, what's in Poetry that I like most? Well, I believe poetry will lead us to the superior truth, versatile and wide-ranging, it's a special mode of knowledge, and it has convenience as it gives sheer pleasure to me and my readers. All these simply give me a sense of fulfillment that somehow my poems are getting someone's heart grow fonder. Poetry begins in delight and ends in wisdom. - Robert Frost.

Poets whom I really admire: Christopher Marlowe, Anthony L. Tan, William Shakespeare, Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, Edgar Allan Poe, Rudyard Kipling, Geoffrey Chaucer, John Donne, Dylan Thomas, Robert Browning, Ben Jonson, Nick Carbo, and John Keats.

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### Amend Is A Colorful Feather With A Purpose

#### Why?

Since everyone will never be running out of excuses: "I forget" ... is a recantation of what's obvious, "I lost it"... is always prone to abuse, "I don't know"... is even fallacious, "I'll try"... is always disastrous, and "Maybe"... sounds so spontaneous like "I'm sorry"...is so conducive to use. Is there anything left to choose? Amend is a colorful feather with a purpose.

#### Analemma Solstice

Speak not the language of the villain for this is not the end Silence has brought to its find for I remain mute till summer begins

What's so important about Alcatraz? History has spoken albeit renowned like Bataan has fallen in deep sleep In total chaos graffiti and croquet hold down

Styx favors no compassion where Achilles, Agamemnon and Centaur roared as brave yet devoured Are they not mighty alright? Think of what remains

Silence Ponder Distorted Thy midst, hear the Saga Outbreak doubly spoken

Humongous blasphemy so real In the land of the living Everything nay as if nothing yet conceptual, bold, sarcastic spare not in liquid methane

Equatorial axis demises Albeit Supernova confides inept delusion Starry illation foretold deeply sated Wishful heart in motion driven in waning gibbous

Venus let go Unearth thy heart obliquely shaken Gomorrah, Zion not Babylon in Nassau lights unleash my contemplation

#### Before You Say I Do

Put your feet on the ground and look around Mind asking your self if it is profound? Will it be for mending wounds or building grounds?

Certainly, one need not be an expert To understand marriage and its effect Be wise, for it could bring you victory if not defeat

Many times, a lot would say it's a practical thing to do But, for countless couples, their "miseries" replace the sweet "I do" By law or religion; what is this to you?

Yes, there's a loud applause the moment you say "I do" And a deafening "awe" once you say " I don't" Nonetheless, it's all but big decision for you to do

Reality check, there's no such thing as last minute train Nor a rainfall in summer that you haven't seen But all responsibilities in order to sustain

The glamor of an hour ceremony will simply fade away Then the window of the promised life opens like fantasy But on how the boat of the newlyweds sails is another story

If, there's convenience in separation, it wouldn't be an option It's just a temporary relief to an immoral calculation Don't ever fall into this pitfall like a demon

We know, what's legal is not necessarily moral What's practical is not necessarily integral Infidelity will just stir in a sagging spiral

Hey, are you okay? Do you have any idea on how to raise a family A roller coaster ride's heeding your way

Finally, before you say I do, think for one moment Marriage is not a requirement It is a life-time commitment!

#### **Best Teachers**

In the presence of my gifted teachers our classroom becomes a delightful place In the hands of my gifted teachers There is laughter in every student's lips In the company of my gifted teachers Creative thinking is everywhere In the palms of my gifted teachers There is hope that genuinely prospers In the lectures my gifted teachers Imagination and knowledge are awakened In the voice of my gifted teachers The memories of the past are shaken In the advice of my gifted teachers Creativity and skills are modeled In the prayers of my gifted teachers All kinds of blessings are shared In the guidance of my gifted teachers faith and Talents are finely set In the encouragement of my gifted teachers My future is made complete

#### Bidfair

Seems a cataract roars Dusk glimpses adherent lures Breath air no more Bohemian scents anchor Bidfair, nature conjures

Violent rays acquaint maladies Man's abode demises Seas and rivers gone helpless Who cares? All, no one dares Bidfair, besets God's calamities

Hundred-fold petitions unheard Blind, deaf and mute all apprehended Cowardice prevails, truth rejected Men, though in throne most fainted Bidfair, mortal-sweet long dead

Aforesaid facts best solution begged Fear, points lo' turned plague Thorn entombs, indeed imbued Off to life yet no worth Here, there and elsewhere-bidfair?

#### **Brother Poetry**

Brother Poetry speaks the eternal language of my soul. He cuts across man-made boundaries of civilization, culture, age, gender and time. He talks of my state of mind, my confusions and decisions, my concerns and pleasures. With him my emotion lingers. All issues that strike a cord in the spirit of my poem He goes beyond words in humane intention. Brother Poetry will symbolize me, represents me in all centuries to come. He may be indicted in intense pressurized moments, construed in a solitary set of time, but once expressed, He becomes my life and the showcase of my perceptions. So long as there are thoughts and the desire to express them, He moves on.

#### Brown's "i Feel Good "

wake-up in the morning you say thanks, it's a brand new day proceed to the toilet time to brush your teeth take a little shower to revitalize your body better fit a lighter shirt weary if it still fits wow, an aroma of a brewed coffee ready on the table must be turning on the DVD there the jibe is in passion through the rhythm of the classics you whistle with the music the mug is half empty while your eyes is browsing the story you're stuck on the headline of the day your heart is palpating so heavily as you compare the tickets excitedly "you won the 88 million dollar lottery"

#### Caveat

Son, sort of caution, I say No foul languages in poetry Good poetry doesn't need any In prose, all you need is to facilitate words in good array And in poetry, consider the rhymes, imagery and emotions all together That would redefine a poem from a slander Did you ever wonder? Hear ye, not in ode, oh dear... For muses and nymphs, Citadels and pillars confer.

Thoughts ably recurring, While the golden ink devours in symbolisms it conceals our breath in an undated paper.

#### Child's Prayer

Lord, make my day happy and gay Send your blessings wherever I maybe Protect me every moment of the day Let me share your blessings to everyone I see

Lord, I pray for your guidance today Let me use my alert mind while I study Give me strong and healthy body while I play And bless my family while I am away

Lord, let all the children like me Become inspiration to every family May your presence be felt through me That I may grow in love with my happy family

#### **Complacent Neurotic Delirium**

The morning dews were silently dripping Signaling a gleeful sunrise that was appearing Solemnly, before that long and dreaded morning In the presence of the chipmunks that were rather idling The unicorn laid to rest near the bank so encompassing

Such mystical vision in dream Like mist, it kept on coming It was rather destructing somehow For it gave no end While there was crying

One day, after waking up, there was a bundle of sticks on the ground. The prairies turned lofty blue The music was put to halt It was 5 o'clock, and, again, the dream went on

While the cooling wind swayed the leaves There was that warm ambiance in the ICU but chilling When the nurse injected the last vial Everything turned to normal A closed eyes were seen but perching like a kaleidoscope's on

Confused but wholly aware Of what's going on around. Convulsed and in dim passion Regaling the drowsing company of the unknown And prayers are badly versed in congestion

"Heart rate fluctuating" "Apply CPR" "Get ready with the oxygen" "Clear the room! " Commotion followed

A week and two days came to an end The Angels sung in soft melancholic melody There was light, a bright light Flashing a neon color in an open door But the fist was clinching reversing the open door

'twas, as if, eternity such with the passing of time And it's getting cold back inside the room There were voices that turned to a cheering noise Moaning was heard again

He got the strength Lucky to have surpassed the ordeal That, the doctor recalled The eyelids were slowly opening Welcome back! , were the words as if done in choral reading

That was a momentum, A silence of disbelief when the senses were back and the thoughts were reckoning. Everyone's rejoicing Seemed the Angels were heard in a choral mode again

Yes, good to be back Who would have thought that he could make it again. Was it luck? After that car accident, he recalled, the lord gave his life back! An experience that made a compelling vision within that Complacent Neurotic Delirium

In an instance, that passage to a near death experience crept deep within my bones it came to mind, not in delirium, but in total disposition my co-equally tragic experience before

How could I forget? Two of my friends died in a car racing The other one was in drug overdose And a convicted felon who hanged himself to death They all talked to me, showing dirty fingers, in my delirium

There's so much despising on god for one reason or another There's a bigger dispute about his existence Both in the heart and mind together Questions, questions and questions full of doubts That made the vacuum of answers way back then

Those Daffodils, Daisies, and Dandelions though Seen beautifully thriving beside the scenic hills. While the sparrows, in pairs, were happily chirping; Why were they so beautifully enticing in a dream? Well, on my way home, it insinuated a prodding smile

Good to realize as well that there are solid reasons why I need to live. There's a challenging future out there. And, there, it had given me a lesson to ponder: I'm not ready to see god in heaven or my friends in hell!

#### **Count Your Blessings**

Count one, two, three Count again two, three, four Count some more three, four, five Count further more six, seven, eight Count finally seven, eight, nine and ten Hold it, yes, hold it You're countin' nothin' Does it makes sense? If your answer is 'no' Well, that made sense For 'yes' is nonsense That's what life is Sometimes we're losing senses But as it is, It made sense Cheer up! You're alive! Start counting your blessings

#### Crossroads

Like in the canvass of memories that plays all fantastic images, on my mind, Death of denial breaks through. The thread of my tattered quilt, assaulting the unknown madness of worldly frames and while in an unforgiving dose of reality my devouring emotions and its overwhelming appetite for justice Caught my madness swoons for mercy

#### Dakak Adventure

There the conclave sea cove cools and reminiscing Its ash-white sand is reflecting the water clear The sea's serenest flow remains cool and sparkling. Witness its panoramic view; pay a visit you ever wonder For the guests, it echoes the breath that's so romancing. Visit Dakak, see how its ambiance fascinates you forever

Yes, the beach and underwater exposure are so tempting Never will they be forgotten, they're recurring real adventure. The view, golf course, and the landscapes are so captivating. If you dream of silence for reflection, can have them for sure. Moving on, mountaineers, an upright cliff stood so imposing. Well, as in our honeymoon, was told to start from the seashore.

#### **Dapitan City**

By its name, it typifies the word welcome, "Dapit". Nestled in the province of Zamboanga del Norte Once a sleepy town but made a significant history when Dr. Jose Rizal; a polymath and nationalist visionary was once exiled and whose martyrdom serves as catalyst that precipitated the Philippine Independence day.

Now, Dapitanons are reaping seeds of Dr. Rizal's sojourn. That they can tell the world or the first sunrise of the sun the first kiss that his bosom inflamed; when thousands of good memories surged out from within and prospered the heroic depth to the height that mounted to wherever Rizal's kiss of wisdom and nationalistic vision transform into reality.

Still, over the shore and beside the tranquil and lucid bay, the breeze idly cools in its firmament buzzing ways. The waves always whisper in sighs on the docile wind as it tells of its timeless stories beneath the shroud of the sea. 'Come one, come all' there musing like accolades everyday. For visitors, serenely, it's an all time eco-elegant sanctuary.

Where could I find that place? What is the name of that place? In one of the rotundas it says "The shrine city of Dapitan". On the post card: a meeting place full of golden memories. Oh, yes, it's the place in southern Mindanao that once seen, one will never say "Farewell, sweet stranger, my friend". Come to where the paradise and heritage convey-Dapitan City!

#### Everyone needs a friend and

Everyone needs a friend and who knows where it leads to. As the site banner would tell, "While looks attracts the eyes, it's the character that catches the heart". Isn't it amazing when two or millions of people find windows of relief over the Internet? Will it not be exciting to find friendly individuals who bother to lend a couple of their wisdom consoling the weary hearts of those lonesome friends at the other end of the line? Technology has a fine line connecting those lost and uncertain feelings. It prevails. It made a difference. Ahum, hmm, wine and drugs can't do any better. And why bother? Well, everyone needs a friend. Never mind where it leads to. Suspense. Isn't it wonderful? The Internet made it easier: friendster! There's life in friendster.

## **Exquisite World**

Why bother? It's pretty good to know That I don't have to explain myself And can still be free and solely understood. That's when I escape to another world -my world!

In memoriam: Uncle Bienbenido (Discover the windows within)

#### First Two Magic Words

Smiles like an angel giggles like a cherub touches my heart be it day or night Da de de de, he said Ma me me me, precede Such lovely words Soothingly affectionate from a darling baby Hanz Benedict, my love

### **Full Watch**

Decisive and direct in providing tempered proximities Commercially enticing for fun and compromises Resounding but resentful as if joyful adversaries Wake-up, dream not from that false protégés Drugs and alcohol amplify false promises

#### Ganay Sa Huni Ug Awit

Tipaka ug mga pataw sa kagahapon Handuraw, kilansing, tam-is handumon Hangin aliloyong kon bat-baton O, dagahab, nanoy, bahandi-anon!

Nanaligdig ang luha sa katulogon Haganas sa kasingkasing sa dugo daw kansiyon Agong, balitaw, budyong haguron Banag-banag sa kasadpan alimhungaw anoron

Kilansing, kilansing sa sa galamhan bairon Walay kopas, walay kopas sa hilom laylayon Handuraw, handuraw dag-um sa tigbayon Sa pahiyom, sa pahiyom talinghaga hubaron

#### Genesis To Genocide

In the beginning there was only God The earth was without form and void And God said "Let there be light" And God saw the light He called the light the first day "Let there be a firmament" "Let the waters gathered together" "Let the earth bring forth grass" "Let the waters bring forth the moving creature" God created the fishes And God blessed them "Let the earth bring forth plants and Cattle" Then He made man in his own image and likeness "And let them have dominion on all creatures" And God blessed them To subdue the earth And God saw everything good There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day. God rested on the seventh Now man exercises his dominion First, created his high-tech world Control his days and nights Decided to rule everything on earth He knows no boundaries nor rest Man saw all of them so beautiful Beyond his subsistence and whims He created submarines for the waters Fighter planes for the sky Tanks to roam the earth And soldiers to obey his commands. He found them great and beautiful But man was never contend He created his own enemies for profit His own war to control and enjoy And finally, his own Death!

Man comes to rest

#### Gift For Evelyn

Give you diamond! Plato once called it a living being, an embodying celestial spirit. Yes, diamond continues to hold a deep fascination as the world's ultimate symbol of love. Its rarity and natural beauty have contributed to making it such an extraordinary and magical gift. The timeless history of this stone makes the most meaningful and powerful way to symbolize eternal love. It shapes in Round, Marquise, Emerald, Princess, Pear, Oval and Heart. So fabulous as our time, diamond is renowned for its incredible histories, magical lore and sheer size. It has come to own grand names to mark its significance. Today, behind this spectacular gem lies a rich magnificent story of history, discovery and mysticism. Who couldn't remember the De Beers Millennium Star, Star of South Africa, Centenary, Cullinan, De Beers Diamond, Koh-i-noor, and the Taylor-Burton? They are the world's famous. Mine just hold a simple happiness for it only radiates love as brilliantly as the first day I slip it on. A diamond is forever and so are you, dear!

#### Give Me Shelter And I Give You A Garden Of Roses

"Give me shelter and I give you a garden of roses"

Kini ang panaad sa usa ka olitawo ngadto sa usa ka inosenting dalaga samtang sila hinayhinay nga nagbaklay padulong sa kapilya usa ka higayon niadtong kaadlawon sa Decembre uno, dos mill singko (2005).

Dili ikatago sa dalaga ang kaikog ug kahadlok nga kon iya unyang matubag sa laing inistoryahan ang gi tukib sa usa ka lalaki, dili unya siya masabtan ug tingalig ikasobo niini. Kini natural nga balantayan sa usa ka pagbati sa usa ka brobensayanang babaye. Apan kay dili man usab niya ikalimod nga may pagbati usab siya ngadto kaniya, kini sa hilom gihikbi ang gibati ug nagpakita sa iyang lalom ug tim-os nga pahiyom.

Hilom ug matalinghaga ang ingon niini nga sitwasyon. Apan sa duha ka nilalang nga sa pagbati daw gi anod sa katam-is sa mga pulong nga sa kanonay bahandianon, tingali kong sa pulong sila nagkulang, dili sa mga lihok nga sa hilom lalom kon tugkaron.

Bueno, kini ang sugilanon ni Moniko ug Dolores nga pagasaluhan nato karon ning atong tulumanon...

HANDOMANAN NGA WALAY AWIT!

#### Good Night

Feeling the stillness in this growing night How passive is a planet that sparkles in blue Where wind and monsoon breeze caressing a seal And silhouetted buildings are black as shadow And the only sign of being is whiffs of sniff

Allow me to fly and nip upon the clouds, Then rest my soul upon the splendor of thy abode Upon these peculiar and unfamiliar mountains I breath the evening's aurora soothe my innocent spirit

Summer has concealed our abode in the night Conversant benchmarks garb a mantle of fresh camouflage But still the same are scattered in thorny nights Sprayed madly in the darkness of the clouds Rain has tarnished the stars against the nimbus sky Bright, new-fangled, 'till their spokes are pointed black

How beautiful is this planet sailing in luminous bright To glide in voices and awe in modesty Do not utter a word, the fragile world will shatter So delicate to bear the burden of words Those angelic powerful words Good night.

#### Growing Salt

The brackish color of the dune is telling us of our untimely parting. While it may be a fact that it pained us a lot, We must withstand the pain and have to move on. Our days of mourning will come to pass for sure. The moments of recursions, would surely suffice even more. But as these flitting days pass by, little did we know that every time we close our eyes for a gripping resolution, It's been awhile when we realize that our lids are growing salt silently, even without the intention.

## Haiku 1 (A Theme For Love)

Facing the horizon On the velvet shadows of Venus My undying love waits

## Haiku 2 (Soliloquy)

Scenting breezes of an ocean While the heat is folding its peak Summer fun has began

## Haiku 3 (On Honor)

Courage without strife Set forth bold and daring Never say give-up

## Haiku 4 (Rainy Days)

Warm breezes are blowing Storks are returning May's here at last

## Haiku 5 (Visual Review)

Scenes have allusions calling it panoramic alliterations Beauty is beyond description
# Haiku 6 (Meditation)

Before the life-giving sun touches the horizon And the pride of lions reprieve towards the hill The silence of my heart echoes in solemn prayer

# Haiku 7 (Hope)

While the angels happily chorus in unison The trumpet of life sings joyful salvation Freedom, there's freedom for the mournful

# Haiku 8 (Moral View)

Material possession begets worthless passion Like worldliness ushers distrust or destruction Love amplifies values and joyful compassion

## Her Idea Of A Macho Man

I'm not into color, height and looks; she said. Neither that in fame and action, heavens forbid. Nor in riches and so hunky if I may call. But he who got principle: he who could carry me if I fall, who could wipe my tears if I lost control, who could bring a smile even in a moonless poll, who could bring our kids hand-in-hand with pride, who could prove his love in action not in brawl, who does a chore happily as duty to ensure. And walks through the path of being humble. Then, he certainly is a macho man after all!

## Here's Why?

Since the chirping birds echoed their songs sublime Like a blanket of fleece soaking moist in the sand That reminds me of your lasting love before time You're caressing my innocent cheeks with your kiss divine

## Home

The ancestral house seemed smaller, today seen with eye glasses The pathway seemed shorter, the mangoes grow loftier It was once open field across the hill Mushrooming subdivisions had blossomed The little flower orchard had vanished

But anyhow we felt it would still be remembered Harrowingly different, but pretty much the same

There was an unfamiliar children's "bahay-bahayan" On that path that we arranged In front of that sagging waiting shed that stands Beside the curve, where the old Mango tree grew

Surprisingly, forty years folded one summer day And hurriedly become a springtime of our memory of many growing trees, of many festivities a spot where I wept one night after my mother died and spent longer, in starry-starry nights holding newborn offspring Yes....it is all there, in that small ancestral home

Facetious, but I'm glad they kept the wooden parrot It has the same green eyes That big black statue of St. Roque, along a stony pathway that we laid still sits behind the curve, where the old mango tree grew

## Норе То Норе

Started from nowhere Nobody knows when There was chaos The Oracle has foreseen Death abound everywhere The dungeon crossed its bow Espousing tribulations But He came In solemn animosity For mankind Trumpeting Emancipation

### **Hotel Confession**

Netherlands

Manila,

Paris, and

Iligan.

One time, a guest watched me clean her entire room,

I made the scrubbing on the toilet to emptying the trash

-and told me at the end that I was 'building character.'

Well, complement is not nearly as encouraging to a humble worker as a couple of dollars doled.

Chuckles. Sorry, I apologize to you now if you ever stayed in one of my assigned rooms.

You deserved better, I know!

But if room keepers were paid more than the minimum wage

-and the tips were a bit bigger

-I might have cleaned your toilet rather than just had it flushed twice.

Surprisingly, I didn't realize that hotel workers received tips left on the table inside the room,

So, it took me weeks to realize that the coins left in my rooms were an intentional tip.

My tips were paltry, so to say: I almost never received more than a dollar a month,

And, at times, guests left religious souvenirs (probably not on purpose).

But then, one day, however, I was shocked to find a crisp  $\pm 100$  bill lying on the table.

Wow! But then, it's good to realize, still,

Success is the child of hard labor.

## Hug And Kisses For You My Love

Moonless and sleepless nights I prayed for you, oh Love The Almighty God touched my soul from heaven above I tossed and turned all night for am dreaming of you I love thee with the passion of care so true I knew He answered my prayers for my bride to be I've never felt this lucky, God made them all for me Smiles and tears, our lives will have to choose Closing my eye, checking if my dream will be of use All these thoughts and more were going through my head Yes, never felt worried, tonight I'll be hugging you instead

## Hypothalamus Bubbles

Wandering along the coastline of the stretching boulevard Sun is totally out while the horizon mourns and bleeding Now hoarding leaves of shelving memories as lone reward Of the bygone moments and the promises unwinding

Time is precious and bold yet cleverly vicious and flitting Let go, don't stay, are words remain so uncompromising The profoundest apology lamentably toward imposing Of your final words bidding goodbye but without saying

Darn inept and confused feelings in solitary confinement Emotions tamping, regaling the solitude of the calm night Your whisper illuminating along the dreaded lonely moment Of this innocent heart is madly in love with you be it day or night

## **Imposed Victim**

Mighty wind whirls prone to attack Thunder breaks, roars 'til dusk Lightning glares, roams, and strikes back Waves hare ashore no retract Keep up, it's all bad luck

Nature's upheaval continuous onslaught Life deems, harsh realities approach Concretized values seemed not taught No hope nor thread for life permeated Selfish desire noticeably wanted

By then 'same people heavily affected Crimes and oppression remain a trend Freedom not theirs to live Say, such right rather maltreated Yes - the poor remain victim-centered

## In Beethoven's Tune

Swung the baton like its ninth marching debut To an alto allegro with the knotted lieu While the harmonica reverberates the fizzing tune There, the groom trumpeted his triumphal pew in a Sicilian bastion for his lady in June

## In Ten Seconds

The crowd was rumbling and When the referee's calling for the final time-out The coaches' voices were thundering in light speed They gave the last minute instruction. One wouldn't forget how the opponent got the one point lead Jump ball, Free throw and... counted! "Pass to JR", "guard, hold still" "We'll go for the three points, Okay?" Go, go, go for the win! The buzzer chimed ... ten seconds countdown. Dex dribbling, quick to Roger, to Tolits. There, over the mid court, JR fell But as miracles happen He flipped his arm caught and sprang the ball towards the board it whirled down and rigging inside the ring and while the whistle's blown in final second, The final score, thundering, JR's head stamped and bounced on the floor. The crowd eclipsed to a mournful stupor.

## In The Most Troublesome Time Of Your Life

Let me offer you a blanket for your shaking body Let me offer you a song for your deaf ears Let me offer you a song for your mute mouth

Let me show you the way for your lost feet Let me show you love for your drowning heart Let me show you direction for your troubled mind

Let me give you my time if you need companion Let me give you my words to shape your thoughts Let me give you my hand to lighten up your burden

Let me offer you a compass for your lost soul Let me show you vision for your blind eyes Let me give you a hug if you need a friend

## Influence

Endured the belching winds of the desert Crossed the raging channel in the outskirt Defied the thunder from night 'til dawn To thee he pledged his loyalty and devotion

Don't have to be a knight in a shining armor Romeo for Juliet, discrete in love like Arthur Yet to die for love is not for royal indulgence Vengeance forbid but not a sweet revenge

These Chivalric words or its likes sound like tinsmith Though old and swollen, still savor a magic heat For so long a decade of absolute dutiful decadence Pancho Villa, endured par forth with omnipotence

## Intoxicatingly Sophisticated

The sheer side of parting is the agony of waiting. Like my coldest winter stay in Moscow which I found to be summer in San Francisco. It's sophisticatedly intoxicating when you're blue.

## It's All Because

I write poetry because I think of you I think of you because I miss you

I miss you because I want to sing for you I sing for you because I am happy

I am happy because I am in love I am in love because I finally find you Now, let me to tell you this: It's all because I Love You

## Janette

What a surprise that Janette Must dress up as the finalist For her talents prevail Made up her voice like an angel Would that make her a soloist?

Now that she'd dressed up Like prima ballerina of the opera Acting the final obra maestra Cascading her piece at Casa Blanca Wouldn't that bring her a runner up?

Everyone's anxious about her rendition As if Janette is the only star Jiving the beat of the electric guitar She brought forth the emotions at par Alas, Janette stood up the champion!

## Juan De La Cruz Is Shouting With Convection

Enough with those bogus adulations! We're tired of consented graft and corruption You've succeeded in blanketing this chaotic administration with profane, bias, anti poor, and terror resolutions. And while everyone's calling for moral revolution, Who cares for a transformation? While this banana republic is sagging, those junket of mongrels got impunity as protection. Stand up, let's save this nation. Revolution, revolution, revolution!

## Just As We Used To (Valentine Special 1)

Come not to where we used to treasure a view Confine not to where we used to say adieu Let's hold hands not because we want to Yes, let's immortalize the "I love you". On this cathedral, let's vow anew Just as we used to In a promise so true, The undying words "I do".

## Just By A Toad

Cephalous Thaddeus thugs the thrombin near the toad Thundering thunderous voices throb so broad But when he finally realizes the thrill he thralls Cephalous Thaddeus touted the toad like unlading troll

Verily, verily and verily as merry as me so verily Heard Cephalous Thaddeus relying the airing words to me Since merrily and verily were spoken so horridly Cephalous Thaddeus was unlikely misunderstood like me

Now everything and everyone dint ever understand Me nor Cephalous Thaddeus leisurely lading out of hand Messages sided resounding like odes weren't understood Better stop and hold before everyone's head-hood explodes

## King Solomon And I

That was a complete silence. An avalanche of concepts precipitated in a Herculean domino of conversation. Hyperbole, metaphor and personification are but few of the tools in words manipulations. As if you keep on believing the things which you don't believe But keep on pretending that you believe anyway. It's like keeping a smile in a troubled heart or rhyming a note in an empty tune. While it maybe easy to show off your coolness, floating adrift like an iceberg is but another story to tell. Reasons, reasons and another reasons ensued. After all, the boundary between sanity and madness can only be measured by the amount of success one has made. As Freud obsessed by his libido and Einstein for his relativism But in question Where should I stand? The novice finally ask... It irked words in terms so valuable Said, be cautious but don't take it so easily Juxtaposing reality is like whirlwinding the facts Anything and everything you see are but superficial somehow But confusion has the seed of wisdom Fear not though, take your grip. For life is not the amount of breath you take It's the moment that takes you breath away.

The silence has been shattered by the opening of the door

### Know

Know what you're fighting for For if not, it could led to something more More than anything that had caused you trouble Trouble making you miserable Miserable that when you finally think about it It's your latent pride Pride beyond control hence Tragically controlling you after all

#### Lamentation Sendong

Ngano man? Asa man? Kinsa man? Unsa man?

Kay ngano man nga niabot ni nga katalagman Kasakit sa silot nga akong nahi-aguman Way sapayan ang nanga-anod kong kabtangan Silang tanan pwede kong hikit-an Apan ang kinabuhi sa akong mga hinigugma Dili ug dili ko sila basta na lamang hikalimtan

Asa man ako nagkulang? Nganong silot man ang akong nahiaguman Kabangis sa kinaiyahan daw dilobyong nikusbat ning akong galamhan Panahon sa kapaskohan ako daw gihampas ug gidagmalan Kapa-it sa akong kapalaran Inusinting mga kinabuhi napapas tungod sa kadalo sa uban

Abir, kinsa man karon ang akong masumbungan Kay dili ko man kayang ihilom ang dangoy-ngoy ning akong kahiladman Kay nganong dili nalamang ako ang gisilotan? Ingon ana ba diay maningil ang kahitas-an? Kahakog sa uban, Iligan ang napahimuslan Bagyo ug baha, inosinting kinahuhi, kamatayon ang nahiaguman

Unsa man ang mahimo ko?

Igo na bang itolisok ko ang akong mga todlo ngadto sa mga gahamang mga politiko?

Sakto bang imaldisyon ko ang mga dalong mga nigosyanti ug kapitalista nga sa kalasangan nanamastamas sa nahinanok nga mga kakahuyan?

ug sa mga bungtod nagamina para sa quarry ug mga bulawan?

Hostisya bang matawag kong sa kinabuhi sila usab hikapsan?

O, Dios ko, bag-oha ang mga batong kasing-kasing sa imong mga katawhan.

#### Legacy Lingers

I was totally awaken when my grandparents told my uncle "If there's anything that you can be proud in being a man, it's where, when you settle down with your beloved woman, not in the lowly circumstances you leave them behind" A parent's wisdom that lingers in my mind

I was not dreaming then when my grandparents finally told him "be man enough! " "be responsible! " "you did it, then, face it! " "running away could only mean one thing – callousness and that's not in our blood".

For once, I thought of him as an idol An athletic psyche he possessed Always on the go for an action Typical for every woman's admiration Who would have thought of his dissolution? Fifteen years ago, Eric, turned Achilles the vulnerable

I may have succumbed to the same spiel being of a feather, God forbid for way back in Spring Land I compelled the duty of a budding lad Against all odds said "I do" to the woman I love Emulating responsibility and commitment made them proud all throughout

## Life And Soul

It's a total recall. When you told me that you trust me, you got my caring answer. In essence, I said yes for my heart says you're sincere. When you broke your promise I also forgive since you need peace. You humbled yourself and It's what I appreciate. But there you go again: On wine, racing, and drugs. You squander your life and soul In exchange of your Vanity Fair. Now I said NO! Did I do anything wrong? I maybe lenient in tolerating everything that you made profane but I can't forgive myself if I lost your life and soul. "Put that gun down, son! " There got a stand off. My life, my soul; Dad saved them all.

## Look Who's Talking

Lit me in below your legs I'm a little tense but ready for the situation So please, if I may beg I am dressed for the occasion Don't push me out for 'am not that big That if you want your belly free from toxic conditions

### Lover's Lane

I I ask You answer I answer & you ask I ask and answer You answer and ask If I ask and you answer What will you answer if I ask? Ask for answer; answer to ask Shhh Thinking...

## Lovers Quarrel

Gee, what's that for? Silence, silence and a longer silence followed Do I have to ask you again? There ensued a deeper look piercing but no word What? What is your problem? You are my problem, you are, and he answered! Now, both are shouting, is there anything weird? Silence, the crowd is enjoying what they heard.

## Luminous Lamp

Waiting for the full moon to rise But end up falling asleep Anticipating the clouds to pass by But only to be ignored Indeed, but If all things, simple or complicated cannot be appreciated you deprive beauty

## Magic Touch

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Pondering neigh in a distance Got no one to hold on to Grief is couching my heart Devouring in perplex moments Not in solitude Nay intrusion But in Orion's distance Once, even once Perpetuates your caring image That passionate smile Trenches a loving hello Oozing with life A magic touch I live

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## Magische Berührung

Ich war

Nachdenkliches Wiehern in einer Entfernung Hat niemand erhalten, um festzuhalten Kummer couching mein Herz Verschlingen in verblüfft Momente Nicht in Einsamkeit Neinstimmeneindringen Aber in Orions Entfernung Einmal sogar einmal Erhalten Sie Ihr sorgendes Bildnis aufrecht Jener leidenschaftlich Lächeln Gräben ein Lieben hallo Triefen mit Leben Eine magische Berührung Ich lebe

## Making Me Complete

Queen of my song A gift that came along Lovely chestnut-eyed little lady of mine I'm proud to be your valentine

I never thought before that day But your face bloomed like a gentle flower Sweet while I woo with simple melody Oh, dear, make me remember

You are so sweet and tender Now, not all that time or fate I fear But the callow youth and slender If it stays forever

I pray our promises keep it anew Our lives set no burden or blue With happiness so great and sweet Make me feel I am complete

### Manny Pacquiao, Manny Pacquiao

He fights for his country and the Filipino people That's Manny Pacquiao

A featherweight, Bantamweight, and Flyweight champion World titles itched in the name of Manny Pacquiao

A pound-for-pound boxer known all over the world He is Manny, Manny Pacqiuao

He came from a humble family and made his way up high Notably, in the boxing world, that's Manny Pacquiao

He loves God much as he loves his family and countrymen Everyone and every Filipino love Manny Pacquiao

He sings, acts, billiards, cockfights and plays basketball A man of sports, Manny Paquiao

He finds time to be with the poor giving heartfelt assistance A golden mark of a humble Manny Pacquiao

His strength is from God as he always glorify the lord's name A unique virtue of Manny Pacquiao

He fights with dedication; he brings pride to the nation A dedication, true to the heart of Manny Pacquiao

Inside the ring, his fans would shout Manny, Manny, Manny Michael Buffer would valiantly say "Manny Paaacmaaan Pacquiao"

They say he is a fearless boxer; a champion and a hero I say he is Manny Pacquiao, Manny Pacquiao, a true Filipino
### Maze No.1

I go round and round I move up-side-down I close without a sound honesty and sensitivity abound lovely if you see where 'am found the joy of your soul resounds

### **Midsummer Chill**

Cold winter had come to last That agony of our past When you made wine Out of my tears so fine Love not lust seemed to entwine

A season or two Would come to say adieu We've got to move on, I know As long as there are reasons Yes, we can embrace the moon

Isn't it wonderful? Others called it desirable But when your slumber will remember The spirit of that laissez-faire Emancipated a chilling smile in summer

#### More Than A Wish

Come closer dear so you may see The words and deeds this moment can't pay God bless the day for my chance to say You mean so much to me

Our distance veers no adversary While your courage strengthens me Your encouragements inspire my day It paves the way for a wholesome memory

Yes, happy times may come and go And if I may say so, I mean sharing it with you Though the length of days may just pass away Quietly I say; hope you're always near me

Finally, on your joyous natal day Allow me when I squarely say I love you, have a Happy Birthday And, more than a wish, it's what I pray

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### **Morning After**

While the blistering wind and glaring thunder gobble up to smash my bleeding heart I stood still. While the rumbling shadows of denial Impede the vision of my senses I never retire. While the clanging voices of deceptions Divide the vision my judgement I never give up for I know you better like the morning after

### My Connubial One

Caressing my cheeks like a waterfall, Raving all the nights when tears befall.

Others won't let me sleep, But she wouldn't love to see me get all the night I weep.

Praying silently, try to wake no one up, But there, I'm supported always on top,

She'll do all odds and lose for none, Supporting me for her is great and fun.

In an attempt to make my life glitter, She'll dive for pearls and for life better.

Behind all the sad scenes, she'd be waiting for a cue, Surely, she'd come to my rescue.

At times when I'm utterly week and scared, She'd stand to make sure that I am spared.

Though time and again her cheerful patience knows no end, Yes, she was, is, and will be my dearest friend.

### My Promise Of Love

I was passing by your window But you weren't home I was knocking at your door But you give no attention I was calling over the phone But your line got no connection I tried to walk with you everyday But you just ignore me I was calling your name even But you only put it in vain I give you my protection and love But you never grab I tried in your dreams But you shot me off in whims Well, I guess that would be my role After you nailed me on the cross, I still love you as my own

### **Naked Truth**

So, you call me friend Only to be taken for granted We shared good memories Only to be wasted Now When little things can't be appreciated Need not make them complicated We're making ourselves secluded!

# Noteworthy (Life's A Journey)

Why not? Some say you must never look back Some say you must believe on it Do you know why?

You've heard the songs in all genres You've seen the iconic message everywhere You've seen it in post cards You may even have seen a number of movies with that theme No wonder others have set their sights higher.

How do you find it? Are you in a journey? or in a dream?

# **Old Lady Farmer**

Scrapped the moistened clay with her handmade bolo Dug a medium whole for two with her tireless arms While setting the healthy seedlings with a smile Her being patient, humble and old a lady Bore the passion of a lone bread winner To a growing family of eight With banana leaves on her hand

### Omni Ode

Deep within a wide package of thrill adventure, there hums a subtle power that guides people.

He who believes the compassion for life is good for that long haul; that on that tenet is good for all seasons, good for all ages, and good for all those who wish to play role in making this world a better place for all.

So remain comfortable with such concise image that informs, that entertains, and that reminds that those external values that unify all people into one or even those who seek clarity and coherence in this confusing world would still prevail.

And so long as we never lose sight on those powerful principles that are at the soul of our experience; and so long as we remain at the cutting edge of our lives in doing good deeds in this planet, then we are as ready to lay claim to a future as brilliant and as exciting as it was once before.

Everything on Earth is but part of the winding adventure. It hums power though in subtle picture. Learn to appreciate the past even in its darkest moments and make it a tool in rebuilding a brighter future.

Then let generations prove that what have been beautifully put forth still ring true for me and you.

# Painting The Horizon (View 62107)

As I reclined and looked at the horizon I complemented myself with a proving smile because the sunset was so lovely and I had not seen one like it for quite sometime The omnibus colors of the sky blended so perfectly Magnified by the tilting shadows of the glaring sun and before it had finally rested I felt my life painting was done

### **Parting Words**

Once I stood Before those people in multitude I dropped a golden seed But don't know where it landed Hours, days and nights 'twas nowhere in sight But just as when I decided to depart I noticed something's sprouting in their hearts

### **Philippine Junket**

Just as the clock starts to tick There sprung the tongues of fire When these honorable men play their mutual smack One will see their infinite capacity to lie Through their gums like soothing mark For nobody cares Everyone loves to smell the roses And we end up smelling the gutter instead!

Their speeches are so hilarious Quite apart from poignant They seem to feel their colleague's loss as their loss To us an expostulation of wonderment Weeping and gnashing their teeth to protect their boss For nobody cares Everyone loves to smell the roses And we end up smelling the gutter instead!

Forget the just and the wicked For that is like squeezing blood from stones They all wrought turbulence hard and morbid When they speak, they sound like storms Relatively an equanimity they stood as united For nobody cares Everyone loves to smell the roses And we end up smelling the gutter instead!

### Pillar Of Solitude

Alone lonely loner among the boughs in caved pavilion startles the fowl from the gaggles slumber but though she traces the scenes with oblation, yet her memory caveats her like sewer

Alone lonely loner

Whose wisdom sires images of deeds refine? In her soul's pleasure it prevails forever Hardened thoughts thwart her spine for its swinging whims perched in constant reminder

Alone lonely loner

While yielding her prayers respond so fine In most familiar beat it backfires with spire Then the roar and the crisps of homeless winter echoes its solemn tune, struggling over her troubled chime

Alone lonely loner

While shivering into her unfounded altruism her passing wind scatter in false contentious desire Realizing her bygone yesteryears as nowhere to bloom Concluded "acceptance is blessed when one surrenders"

# Pleading

Down, down and down Below the pit on the quicksand grown Its depth cannot be outgrown What will I do, 'am facing it alone? Hear me speak; its rage is as hard as stone Oh, God, please salvage me, 'am eaten by wound.

#### **Potion In Motion**

Look through the eyes Never Propose Smile! Be friendly Let your action do the talking

Offer the menu Do not impose Suggest! Take your time Feel the ambiance avoid the mess

Initiate simple conversation Be natural Observe! Be responsive Don't let the candle bow before it melts

Impart humor Be spontaneous Persevere! Anticipate all possibilities Laughter creates momentum

Be friendly to the waiter Give proper orders Concur! Be polite Be sure, you're in control

Allow the conversation to prosper Take the lead Assert! Be active listener You're the ultimate date bearer

Savor the food heartily Be mindful Serve! Always be conscientious The environment is eminently forceful

Offer a toast Do it as you please Cheers! Say, for you and me You'll see it breaks monotony

Cascade your final weapon Don't drag it so long Unveil! But keep it undertone Gratuity evokes emanation

Now that you're both heartily full Assert your intention Conquer! Win the coveted courtship Fair and square, stupid!

### Promises Can't Be Made To Be Broken

There it goes again The stride can't close my eyes for the anguish's still there But while the thought of it is rushing Through my umber veins, that only burn the uncertainties For an amend ain't recuperating or how could that advent be forgotten without remorse when its wound pierced Deeply, so deep that made other spirits moan. Now, in the depth hollow of this shaken soul Left devoured by guilt for the promises undone Felt 'am broken and totally down

# Purely Out Of Cpr

When she left She acted like thief There's no goodbye There's only love

## **Question That Wakes**

Decapitations over the left extremity never go extreme Puss sizzles on gauze while blood splatters tight under All these we can bear but then when she asked us: What's the point of living when you can't feel alive? It brought the transient silence to decadence of tears Never thought such question is Luz's looming farewell.

#### **Reality Dream**

There it sprang unpredicted An opportunity we got so excited Once in the bosom so sweet Behold it made our lives complete

Long it started in March So decisive even without a touch Construed in the month of May Dubbed certainty as upheld by Mary

Now comes Lance Anthony Awfully sweet darling baby A perfect reality to see A reality dream must be

### Realization

When will we ever learn?

We've been hearing words loud, very loud and sometimes cursing In a dead night haplessly intimidating Humiliating, indeed, yet it's on going Will there be no end? Shouldn't they be feeling tired at least It's obviously difficult For they made walls out of their voice Distance out of fear Pity, what a piety How hard it is to be subsumed by anger They should have tried listening to their hearts Now that they're into the brink of falling out of love For their hearts would make a good bridge Connecting pointless gaps Especially, since they made once a promise to love.

Well, it's true If steel's greatest enemy is its rust For man, his lost pride!

### **Red Signature**

Looming thunder's about to erupt by mouth Not once but twice in secluded gloom

Salient fear couching in saucer's blood bath The fighting spirit's unfolding in one soul to form

Latent vengeance engulfing life's aftermath So valiant lamenting nemeses to doom

Dare no devil, better justice must be fought Here, mighty scepter's eyes everyone must conform

Now, the echo of yesteryear's maladies spread forth Gasping and sucking were theirs for men in uniform

Detractors blindfolding justice; vying as if their cohort For a defenseless subject their whims stood as to inform

The last thread of life now's not in your hand but on both Divulge the scalded truth they lawlessly hid as their own

Said, this courage maybe barred when they brought death But the sympathy of this pen shall set my fallen justice bloom

[Long live the legacies of the Philippine Journalists whose courage remain incorruptible.]

## Refraction

The chirping sparrows untangled the barricade of my swollen appetite of sanity while its wave of dreams diluted the boiling narratives of my selfish desires. Counting once and twice they

unlocked the catharsis of my whims that flooded the last breath of my doubtful slumber.

Oh, if such invictus died up when I broke the carcass of my dying senility,

the fleece-like blanket of sand remains so inviting to

usher within the maiden river that turned Narcissus vulnerable with

its echo that silenced the bemoaning breath of my sleep.

Wary and perplexed, making me realize how precious our love is

for, silently, it conveyed a proving smile in my mourning face even in my kip.

# Remember (Inspirational Song)

Walk with me and stay with me forever Take my hand I'll show the way and answer To the place of happiness forever with the father

Don't be afraid `cause we will be together I'm the way, the truth, the life have no fear We'll find the way to happiness forever with the father

It's me who offer, take the yoke and carry it with me For life is empty if you hear me calling yet you doubt Yes, life is empty if you hear me calling and you doubt

Look here I am waiting... dear (Walk with me and stay with me forever)

#### Richer, Stronger And Happier

...because I value life more than my possessions I never wish to wake up one day on top of the gold bullions

...because I treasure my friends as family of my own I find distance as an isolation but not a division

...because I don't entertain gossips and rumors I bridge gaps but discourage misdemeanors

...because I take good care of the words I speak I can't afford words in double meanings for tricks

...because I learn from my mistakes, I gain values I share my ideas and I never impose

...because I know how to appreciate defeat I have my own weakness, I'm not perfect

...because I can afford to smile even if I'm sad I smile; its impulse echoes relief, `am glad

...because I'm doing what I love and I love what I am doing

...because I don't question things that are impossible I know they have a purpose no matter how small

...because I confront my problems head-on I won't retire without its think-and-try solution

...because in life, I face all kinds of obstacles I take the challenge, 'am willing to start if I fall

...because, if at all, I don't pray to God to gain more I pray for guidance for me to endure

### Sa Pagsubang

Daw gilimot, nawala, ug nahikalimtan mo na sa dayon Ang himno ug awit sa atong damgo nga gi hiklib ko karon Kay ang mga tipasi sa kagahapon daw kini haghagonon Nga nagahaploy sa akong kalawasan tim-os nga handomon Sa matag hapon, ania ako, kanonay nagahandoraw Sa mga bito-on matag subang sa bulan sa kagabhi-on

Lab-as pa sa akong panumdoman kong akong batbaton Ang imong mga panaad nga gi hapnig ko lang sa hilom Kini ang gahatag ug hagit nga ako ni-a magapadayon Sa pagdumdom, sa mga panaad tang buhi ug bahandianon Nga budhian ta sa atong kinabuhi kong kinahanglanon Kanako pabilo nga ning subang gabuhi kanako sa dayon

Ug kay ngano, unsa; tugutan ta ba sila nga bulagon kita? Ang akong pagka ulipon ug pagkatimawa kasal-anan ba? Sa mata sa diyos patas kitang tanan, walay labaw o bathala Pero kay gikatakda ka sa usa nga kanila may importansiya Kay sila na silaw sa salapi nga gihambin nga ilang gibandira Ania, panahon sa subang sa bulan, gitakda inyong panaghiosa

Paminawa, bati-a ang pagdangoyngoy sa akong kasingkasing Sa kamingaw pabiling gaantos daw gipangilaba sa hangin Hain na, o asa na, ug na unsa na ang gipanompa-an tang duha Pabilin kong gi balaan sa hilom ang langitnon tang gugma Ug sa akong kahingawa, o ngano ba, nganong galo-ib ka? Sa pagsubang sa bulan, ning akong lubnganan, ako pasaylo-a.

### Saving Jocelyn

The crickets' haze heard and resounding On that moonless night inside the cabin While the countryside is celebrating Here, she got a pillow, subbing, forbidden

Is it necessary to seclude and be forsaken? You had it twice and it felt uncompromising Melancholy wouldn't give anything to gain Prove him wrong, he's not worth crying

In a day or two, this scenario will surely change Don't allow his caprices control or consume you If you do, will it help resolve and untangle the pain? Make it even, he doesn't deserve you, let him go

It's good to have him punished, yes, oh, I know Is castigating him will make you tough and supreme? Let go of his whim, his bully won't make you grow Get out, play his game; it's nice to see him scream

# Spill!

Good to win every fight Be it in candor or encoring fright But why can't I withstand with might For as if this heart is squesshed so tight Now it's bleeding alright But what good will it brings if I get the big bite? Said, anger consumes one's civility faster than mite Know, at times, it takes more strength not to fight!

### Sunrise To Sunset Jazz

Chirping birds and rustling leaves embrace the morning breeze in gleefull hype When the aroma of the browed coffee awakens the slumbering nostril to life And the glaring sunrise refold the earthy music of Kenny G's 'Silhouette' There hums the morning smiles like an orchestra on its alto el allegro strife What a day, such a day, and a lovely day to start a new day right.

Waving and blinking satin curtain gliding down the window underneath the cell While the next dew falls ticking the saucer pan beneath the grills down below And the next quack of the lone duck demises granny's veil above the wall Here, signals a simpler lead, folding the blanket back and up to pile the pillows What a reminder, simple to remember, and so dearly spoken by granny Dell.

Half dusted Sax bellowing the door used to throttle the 'B' flat minor sound With dad and his band used to play while his crews were on merry the grove And the San Miguel Beer typifies our stumping feet together on the ground Well, there goes the pair, swinging and gliding in heightened antique moves Such music, a living jazz, in twilight 'till dawn rings true for all generations.

Ecstatic as it sounds maybe but the memories of old openly divulging everyday That yesteryears happiness, for us kids in the family of five, remain a treasure And the love, and values, and lessons we usher to everyone in that humble family

So to say, worth keeping all the way as it itches in heart that jubilant picture Such memory, so simple, a vivid example of once cherished golden family day.

Years have passed by and as the days would come and go for my three boys to grow

What a task to do when a four, two and one year old mischievous kids approach you?

And their shout, cry, throwing, rocking, feeding, running and pampering would ensue?

Oh dear, the orchestra on its el alto allegro, but in a simpler melody caring like a pillow

Day ends with whole note reminder: correction does more but encouragement does better.

Shhhhh, Sax's on while the three darling angels have come to slumber!

#### Super Mom

That unforgettable lullaby in spring Like little chimes in my ears that ring The message folds in changes bring Remains enchanting and captivating My dearly beloved mother could sing

"Sleep, sleep, oh, darling my dear The angels above are watching still Over the clouds they swing and cheer In prayer, their voices echo over the hill You're in my arms, rest, go to slumber"

I missed those verses in blissful reckoning And while the gazing sun transforms to tell The priceless memories in my life you bring So is your lullaby waking the emptiness I dwell Oh, mother, my mother; if I could only sing

### Surprise To Death

Papers crumpled in intentional mess Sinks leaking like condemned faucets Smell stung like rotten scallops Floor in scorch-dirt manure like caricature Wrappers deviate all over the floor Dangling dilapidated doors conjure With vandalism par ultra superior Stung so tragic in reality-horror Oh, my, all these and more In the Philippines' public toilets You'll be sorry on your visit Pay and be surprised to death!

### **Tears In Silent Words**

She was turning back The sigh is so deep And the silence is deafening. While she's leaving home, She hates bidding goodbye But those who love her noticed The tears in her silent words

# That Child In Me

Just like any other child, I never experienced being brought to school by a nanny. My family couldn't provide me one.

Just like any other child, I never experienced being fetched by a chauffer.

My father could not afford any. Just like any other child, I never experienced being prepared a lunch box for my

snack.

Nothing was there to prepare anyway.

Just like any other child, I never had a bag of my own.

What I had was a plastic bag that could accommodate all my belongings.

Just like any other child I never had good shoes to wear.

I got broken slipper; sometimes, none.

Just like any other child, I never had a good pair of socks.

An old pair of Boyscout knee socks is all I got

Just like any other child, I never had a uniform for my school.

Well, I inherited two faded ones from my grade six cousins.

Just like any other child, I was never allowed to go out camping in school.

No one could provide me the things to bring.

Just like any other child, I was never allowed to participate in any school games. I was too thin to play any games

Just like any other child, going to school without breakfast became a habit.

Not because no body's preparing it for me but because there really is nothing to prepare.

Just like any other child, I can hardly pay for my school tuition fees.

My mom barely had enough money after she does the neighbor's laundry.

But unlike any other child, I never quit.

I never quit! I never quit!

# The Thought Of You

Good Morning, dear! I'm just dropping in to say, 'I wish you have a beautiful day! ' May your morning be as exciting and bright as the rising sun and your afternoon be as lovely. May the whole day bring happiness to you and your family! And, before I leave, just want you to know that You're in my prayers today
#### The Toddler Poet

You should never miss a clue when I teach you Follow me when I read to you the do me do A simple verse then followed by I love you The toddler said - bayooo

Great introduction with the humble intention Point this, take that, where's your attention? Now show me the right direction The toddler answered - eh shun

Here's my hug and kisses 'fore I leave Take good care and do behave Mom and Dad won't put you in a crib The toddler queried – nanny Bib?

That would be all for you today See you this noon let's find and see A present for you, a toy must be The toddler mumbled - Ja bee

Isn't it happy to start your day With a little boy crossing your way Well, when ask, how are you today? The toddler giggled - oh k

## The Word Is Not Enough

My gratitude for everything that you have done I knew so much passion reside therein Your loving presence and kind wisdom are never gone It couldn't be measured, perhaps, but will live 'till then. I should say, your thoughtfulness is your glowing sun Your caring heart is more than the presents I've seen You shared the love and blessings so gracefully like swan Let me say, my gratitude and felicitations will always remain.

#### To My Alma Mater, Msu-Iit

Behold thee, oh queen pearl of the promised land Into thy bosom successful scholars mold You are cascading wisdom in color gold In deep passion greater treasures unfold Today, amidst the bustle of the urban breeze You're comforting with a loving embrace In an anthem fitting for the humble praise

Through the years you withstand the test of time Espousing diversity and cultural heritage sublime Distinct in academic excellence and dynamic policy Upholding culture and nature in harmony One finds you a magnificent sanctuary A sustainable blessing from God Almighty Hail, hail my Alma Mater MSU-IIT

#### **Touche Magique**

J'étais

Méditer hennit dans une distance Obtenu pour personne tenir Le chagrin formule mon coeur Dévorer dans les moments perplexes Pas dans la solitude Non l'intrusion Mais dans Orion la distance de s Une fois, même une fois Perpétuer votre image de soin Ce sourire passionné Les tranchées un aimer bonjour Suinter avec la vie Une touche magique J'habite

#### **Unsolicited Advice**

Now listen That is not as simple as it has been You see, life on top of happiness is so boring However life tainted with misery is worth living Here's to tell you why It's not what it seems Not because of pessimism In reality, life works best in constructivism You may stumble or fall Learn the lessons from them all Now live life to the fullest Give all your best For life is short and inevitable But beautiful Beautiful

# Up, Up And Away

Newspaper is better than magazine When it's done The ground is best than on the street To start, it's better to run than to walk Once successful One needs a lot of space It needs creativity but easy to learn Young and old will love it Conflict is minimal Wind brings no complication Using rock serves as better anchor While in there, birds seldom get close Rain soaks it fast though But one never gets a chance When it breaks It's nowhere to be found

#### Valentine Java

That aroma of a Starbox coffee Rejuvenates Stradivarius at the sofa Tickling and blending resolutely The static ambiance Brewing our Valentine's Day

#### Voice In A Bottle

Behold thee, gentle cherub, while you're in peace Your oblate eyes and bloating ridden veins Touched in velvet mouth, leaning in moistened glass. You have half-opened eyes telling me your life's story, while your heart sang song of truth in melancholy. You got broken hands that are soft but clinching. Your cheeks are gentle, meek, and pale yet they blushed I heard you speak in tongues and in foreign tones, But, in my impulsive mode, I understood them all, I knew you're not happy in that darkened bottle And as others considered you moot in forgotten time I must say, such cruelty cannot be hidden at all. Now rest and sleep in slumber though I know there are no other demons who will hurt you But here's to let you know that the wrath of God is waiting for those irresponsible beings who made this to you

#### Walking Through The Sunset Boulevard

If I can pull the sunset back to its hidden closet

Usher the storm in its concealed abode

And blanket the silhouette of sunrise before the tilting

Shadow of that leaning mountain.

In silent prayer

I swear

That your love

Will remain

Soaking in the canvas

Of my mourning, gripping and grappling

But praying heart.

## Way Wide Word (Food For The Mortal Soul 2)

If there's anything worth keeping In the entirety of our lives That is our family Anything more Is just a hustle We'll, if you got a circle of friends, And some material possessions, Take them as an added bonus For in the end It's just our family that remains Through think and thin Better or worse Just like in the old solemn promise Next to God, a family stays 'till the end!

# What's The Fuss? (Sti 121306)

Be positive The battle has ended A new challenge will begin Embrace it with desire Fill your life with meaning Live to succeed

# When I See That Wall Where My Father Hung His Reminder

Take the red one to choose! Dear, ever wonder? The reason why God gave us children is because He wants us to receive Roses in December.

There goes a pause...

# When I Think Of Christmas

When I think of Christmas I never think of what's fun When I think of Christmas I never think of Santa on the run When I think of Christmas I never think of present's showdown When I think of Christmas I never think of parties and charms When I think of Christmas I think of hugging you with my loving arms

#### When The Rye Gets Dry

Get ready! "Victory has many fathers, but defeat remains an orphan". There's the line of whine twang when an ecstatic bell bangs loudly on the sphere of life that reciprocate the founding site where once of a pedestal of charm you sprung in rhyming prism but now of burbling junk consolably fruitless a trunk Once you flunk

#### When You Smile

Why are you smiling such lovely smile? When I am saddened by sorrows for miles! How can you smile the same smile? When my day brings nothing but the feeling of shy!

I was thinking for so long What reason you got to smile that long You're smiling though it would always come You remain sweet and tenderly awesome

It's such a mystery for me to see Your smile seems heaven swaying by the sea I adore and always pray without envy That forever you'd share that smile to me

I always feel happy when I see you smile For so many reasons if I'm sad and lonely Your smile brings me shower That refreshes me dear-anywhere

Was it you? Who gave me the reason to smile? Bringing smile for all seasons A simple smile but worth a million

I think gratuity is like that We all have the reasons to smile For this smile brings reason for itself To be happy and to be free

Now, I wear this smile because of you Because your smile brings me joy not blue It proves so powerful for me and you Like your innocent smile it made me closer to you

Smile my love Smile for us to bring all the love Smile and love, smile to love Smile so the world will be filled with so much love

## Where Have All The Answers Gone?

What separates humans from animals is the sense of reason. Humans think and animals act by instinct. But humans got his way of erring away from this concept, making them irrational than other animals do. This is a view that redefines the fine line between the two. It is sad but humans go animalistic; animals go humanistic. In this changing world, this view subjugates the law of nature. Animals go sensible and act like real humans, while humans are enjoying the mode of being animals. No wonder why the global destruction is getting far advance. Whose deeds are terrorisms? Why can't we stop the war? What's the cure for AIDS? Why is there a white slavery? Who could stop poverty and hunger? Why is there a global warming? and What are those international summits for? Dear animals, I need your answers!

# Whisper (Valentine Special 2)

Felt the breeze that's glazing around the Eiffel The floral scents in lilac that mystified your smell While we strolled around the scenic site in Paris Have you not forgotten the words we used to immortalize? The words not of a promise but of dedication Oh, so lovely and pure beyond imagination And while we savor its sweetness That darling smile of yours made me realize that nothing is important to me now than to love you forever Yes, that whisper in the garden made me smile again When you replied I love you `till the end

## Why Not Only Me?

Why not only me? Why couldn't I be the only one? If you have 'no' as an answer Then, but only then, Could it be another one? If I'm not the only one Will it be anyone? Should there be another one? Who's the other one? Why not only me?

Intrepid time hid seasons for reasons

#### William's Oracle

If the armor of the last mortuary would conceal the truth, so be it. Should the last Spartan general forbid your action, then, time would tell. Would this world turns its back against your modest doings, so shall it be. For your prevailing words will survive not in vain but in eternity No one can stop you in fulfilling your promises, for I believe This life is worthless without its rightful deeds and mindful bearing So if everything will vanish and so the words remain so deconstructing These lines may be cleverly decried to be foolish and subjugated in mediocrity But long live the decisive and forgiving mortals who labor in believing that Nothing is more sacred than fulfilling a promise for your loved ones

#### Wish

If All angels can tell The muses, their mysteries They're all within Ringing the bell of eternity This is your day Happy birthday, dear!

#### Writing Lyrics For The Deaf And Mute

For one Euro or two, in an octave I'd mastered not from Mozart, I composed "Remember" song for Angel Lyn, who sat silent with a golden crib beside my chair. She loved the song in return, the lyrics plotted out in sign pen or black ball-point ink. This is Dod composing, she had me say, and children, often, when they sing, added postscripts that began 'give me your hand' as if I wouldn't mutter their tunes aloud. 'I'll show you the way', they repeated. 'To the place. where fantasy lies, making our dreams come true.' When one woman had her daughter compose for me, she folded that sheet inside her purse so Nicoli John, holding the envelope, smiled and said, "It's good one, made in two pages." Straight out, that girl said her mother wanted us to meet, that the verses of that song resound and my way of plotting the higher do's showed I was a lad to be trusted when they have grown.

Before she paid me in jewels and gemstones, from a silver box on the table, Nicoli John counted every gem by two's a testing, for sure, because everybody knew the deaf sensed better than the abled one, and I rested awhile, not sensing, until a familiar woman mailed a package poststamped for me. It lay so quietly, so bare on the message I read, "The three jewels in two's are for Dod, " giving myself a raise. Would Angel Lyn believe I was worth it? Would she consider her gemstone's value and have them in my position? In fact, I thought it is so, because I wouldn't mind, keeping something from those mute and deaf what I thought I deserve. But it doesn't sound over in that song; it's playing all along

# X-Diary Entry (Wishful Thinking)

A week before Christmas in 2005 I visited a friend who's under probation for a case he was incarcerated. Right after I got out from his cell I couldn't help myself but wonder if he could sustain his situation, the heat, and the isolation. Not to mention the pain and loneliness and the agony of lengthy case trials. Can he bear the pain?

That in mind, I brought the thought home.

Came the morning of December 24 Our neighbor was cleaning his fish bowl. He got rid of its smell after he lost the pair of golden carp in it. Since he got one left He decided to put it in their pond

What I saw brought my friend to mind

It's a worthwhile experience Watching the golden carp freed from that glass bowl to the pond. You can see her flip, twirl and far, far, she deeply swam. I could almost hear her heart throbbing, palpitating and gasping to its limit. Happy, happy, there she went flipping. But would it not be happier if she was allowed to join the other fishes on the river? If I own that fish, She wouldn't only be happy. There on the river She'll be happier and free

If I only have my way, this Christmas, he'll be free.

#### You're Invited

It's my first birthday today! The guests were all ready Everything has been set I want you beside my seat Come, let's celebrate Make my party complete!

(Lance Anthony's First Birthday/112307)

#### Your Smile

Your smile makes the world go round Like in a carrousel we took around People like children at play with love Bloom like red balloons above

Your smile lit the neon light Brighten up the darkest night Color my life with your smile Each day, let's be in love!

#### Zee To His Beloved Princess

Where is she, where is she... The voice that keeps on hunting me Just like every other day Where is she, where is she? Now it's Sunday

Where is she, where is she... My dream is talking to me But it sounds so lovely Where is she, where is she? It does not believe a holiday

Where is she, where she... A thought I hear from the mountain to the sea Embezzled like foliage in my memory Where is she, where is she? A growing thought like a winding highway

Where is she, where is she... Will she be singing today? Far above the horizon one day Where is she, where is she? Oh, fiery dragons keep, I pray

Where is she, where is she... This world turned deaf an angry Where is she, where is she? If my death is a sacrifice for our misery So shall it be to make you free!