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# A Frost Thought

I reflect upon the way that I have come  
The two roads  
And I  
I took the lonely one

It was well worth the time  
Comforting  
To remember the tears gone dry

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# A Mother

Borrow a cup of tea from your mother.  
She will give you honey and cream too.  
I surely tell you there is no other,  
Who will love you as much or nearly as true.

A mother once loved but left for the war.  
The battle was long and the General a bore.  
She almost lost all her love except none.  
So strong in the war, the battle she won.

She fell in the victory march on a mine.  
So many pieces there were like a dime.  
Yet she is remembered in all of her glory,  
And so you have heard, another, mother story.

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# Alone Forever

Another world  
Another time  
Another universe  
Another plane  
Another dimension  
Another life

I lived there  
Now I live here

The space craft hovers  
I step down

The space craft disappears  
In an instant

Gone  
I am  
Left alone

Picture yourself  
Here  
Alone  
Forever

Would you  
Then  
Finally  
Find  
Happiness

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# Best Wishes

I wish you the best  
The very best  
Of  
Everything

The best bed  
To sleep in  
And  
Food to eat

People  
To be with  
Best cold  
And  
Best heat

Best times  
Best clothing  
Best thoughts  
And dreams

The best  
Of the best  
Yes  
The very best  
Of  
Everything

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# Bleed On Me

Is the day bleeding on your dirty gold

To the bank  
To the money lender  
To pay for the money  
The bank didn't have

To the market  
For the oil  
For the wine  
That God said was mine  
For the price He paid

The day He bled on me  
As I did the things  
Which were more  
Than I thought  
And much less  
Than I expected

The day bled on me  
Is it bleeding on you too  
Bloody dirty gold

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# Comes The Haunt

A wisp of shadow, a bump, a sigh,  
A longing notion, not sure, so shy,  
Yet fearsome feeling, comes the haunt.

What welcome could be like such ill,  
A blast of evil spirit's kills,  
And comes more subtly, like a jaunt.

If ghost is spirit, from the tomb  
Reign those shadows of evil doom  
I'll not wait for those; there's no thought.

I'd be a'burnin' flamin' sprite  
Before I'd know to feel the fright  
To not look, try and see what's caught.

A sound within a sound not sure  
But lurking, ghastly so unpure  
Unholy conquest, devil's sperm

Comes hard and strong, drives deep within  
To where no words can call it sin  
The deals are made now only squirm.

Like bugs crawling all over skin  
Then just beneath to crawl again  
And then again and then death kills.

If lucky so t'would be done quick  
If not drawn out for flames to lick  
And burn and burn so goes the deals.

Comes the haunt to tell me all's well  
You'll see in heaven or in hell  
What may have been said but not known.

If all those words we may have read  
Make up for times that comes the haunt  
Mistakes we've made, the seeds we've sown,

Could be turned back, but comes the haunt.  
That smoke I smell may be my own  
From crematorium it's come.

Would this be pure or somewhat gray,  
Close to white like ghostly presence  
From my own mind, or where's it from?

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# Comet

A beautiful comet  
There in the sky  
It had finally arrived  
That thing of destruction

The explosion at impact  
The heat and gases  
Melting the mountains  
The Oceans evaporating

The steam with nowhere to hide  
Burning  
Burning  
Burning  
Earth and sky

From my spacestation  
30,000 miles away  
A flicker of light out my window

I looked

The earth was gone

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# Copernicus

The sun is the center he said  
The earth spins and spins around  
Liar they said the earth is center  
You must be stopped gagged and bound

They persecuted this man who boldly said  
The truth is truth to your disdain  
And on his deathbed he held a book  
The truth was there with his name

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# Dragon's Breath

A light that strong and clear  
Could not be denied nor dismissed  
Bravely shining into the darkness  
Like a dragon's breath just kissed

What awaits that hero now  
Is it just what time allowed  
Or is it true that all will find  
A friend or foe there in the crowd

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# Embrace

On a starlit cloudless night  
The ocean said to the sky  
I like the way we come together  
The way we ever lie

To fill my depths with your embrace  
Where no man ever trod  
Mingling with the nightcaps  
Where forever waits on God

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# Envy

I really do hate you  
Your laughter makes me sick

Your happiness gives me great pain  
I despise even the breath you breathe

It's because

You  
Don't deserve  
The good things  
You have

I should have  
What you have

It should all be mine  
Mine I tell you

Mine

Just mine  
Not yours

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# Eternal Pursuit

I have grown to be my mother's son  
but not for you  
growing up to be who I'd be  
so wrong and true  
in your sight  
in my flight  
in pursuit

I have walked upon the ocean floor  
but not for me  
swam through waters swinging door  
springs ever be  
in the ground  
in the sound  
in pursuit

I have flown beyond gravity's grasp  
but not with you  
soaring past the star's explosions  
of flash and hue  
sailing deeper into darkness  
into light  
into night  
in pursuit

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# Everything

Nonsensical proportions of theoretical strings  
Like evolution's monkeymen describe all things  
Quantum mechanics and Einstein's great mind  
Still hover at odds and hides here behind

Black holes vibrate and imprison light  
The song they sing makes their wrong or right  
To be what they are or something not known  
Now physics as science has nothing to own

General relativity or magnetics unseen  
Philosophize greatly to make real their dream  
Can time and space soak up like a sponge  
Fight nuclear war with a swordsman's lunge

How many dimesions eleven you say  
We're back again to let God save the day  
Gravity works but how can it be  
If everything happens and nothing you see

'Tis faith in belief the substance of all  
That makes that string vibrate when you call

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# Forest Moon

Oh forest moon  
Of green and oak  
A maple leaf  
A rain to soak

A pine tree tall  
A breath of air  
So fresh and clean  
A love so fair

A time to leap  
A time to run  
To shout to praise  
Nothing undone

A perfect place  
For you and I  
To be right now  
No time to die

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# Forever

I didn't know the time  
would never come  
I thought that you would  
surely bring it to me  
I was wrong  
It didn't  
You didn't  
It's too late now

I held on to hope  
A year before  
you died  
I saw the spark  
in your eyes  
grow dim  
dimmer  
and dimmer  
and dimmer

a miracle  
could bring new hope  
I said  
It didn't  
Life went on  
In dim light

What heartache  
What grief  
What sorrow  
What pain  
And remorse

To die  
Or not to die  
That is the answer  
To rest  
Forever



# Freedom's Breath

Once upon a time  
There were three men  
Men who made a difference  
For good for all

Men who were willing  
To bravely stand  
No matter that threats  
Told them they'd soon fall

Courage is sure  
For those so strong  
As to lead the way  
For right against wrong

Knowing the price  
They'd pay would be death  
John  
Martin  
and Robert  
They dared to believe  
And breathe freedom's breath

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# Garden

A wave of flowers, grass and weeds  
Drowning me with fragrance  
Seet stinging immersion  
Into a tidal wave of color

A garden tornado  
Right here through my front door

The storm came to me  
Blossoms reign  
Ruling over all  
Their colors  
Untouchable

Even by the green, green grass of home

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# God Forsaken Planet

A vast frozen wasteland awaited me  
I stepped out on that God forsaken planet  
One lone American on a space mission  
Like nuclear fusion  
And nuclear fission

A powerful secret  
That many would die for  
And more would die because of

There I was  
On that God forsaken planet  
'Til I got there

I stepped out on that ice  
Lifted my eyes to the sky  
And touched the face of God  
On that God forsaken planet

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# God's Sin

In what wind have I brought this day  
To come what will or come what may  
Do you feel the pain

What boy shall grow and be a man  
Or girl, a woman if she can  
To show or a stain

When does a time begin to please  
Bring life into true love and ease  
Ever will it be

Is it heaven, or is it hell  
In which we ring this blatant bell  
Calling all to see

It could be this day is too late  
And hope has gone, no time, no date  
Never be again

For judgement gone is judgement came  
To chance a praise or all to shame  
Mankind just God's sin

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# Halloween

&lt;/&gt;If you say Hallowee-en is evil your lying  
From the day we're born aren't we all dying

If that 24 hours is of Devil's spawn  
And all those figures there on the lawn

Are waiting to kill, dismember and maim  
Plastic and wood would share in the blame

When Sally put strychnine in the pumpkin pie  
Which helped Bob to finally lay down and die

It happened one day but not Halloween  
T'was Christmas you see now see what I mean

The 24 hours that come in a day  
Are not made of evil however you pray

The seconds keep ticking time passes by  
Halloween evil, a big dirty lie

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# Halloween Treat

A ghostly presence  
Took off his head  
T'was for his diet  
Ghost meat and bread

Another bite of brain  
A Halloween treat  
On this Godless night  
When death's on it's feet

It's coming around  
Will be where you live  
Your life it will take  
Your life you will give

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# Hammer

I used a hammer and a nail to fix  
a board on my fence in my front yard.  
I've heard it said that, 'Good fences  
make good neighbors'.

As I was driving the nail into the wood  
I remembered how  
Johnny Brookson's Dad  
had driven the  
claws  
of a  
hammer  
into his  
wife's head.

She had died from the repeated blows  
that crushed her skull into her brain.  
Even more horrible was the fact that he  
also killed Johnny and his sister Clara.

The four of us had been approaching 12  
years of age and the best of friends.  
My sister Kate and I never forgot the  
horror of the day we heard about it.

20 years later I read in the newspaper  
that Johnny's Dad had been executed in  
a prison by the State of Florida.

For some strange reason I felt sorry for  
the fellow. Is an evil man always evil  
or only when he is engaged in an evil act?  
I wonder do you?

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# How Green

How green is your valley  
How lush is your path to your garden of love  
Is it overshadowed by the cross of persecution

How green is your memory  
Is it poverty and ruin choked with weeds of despair  
Is it blossoms of peace and pleasures  
Beyond which there is none to compare

How green is your table  
Is it filled with delights of wicked consumption  
Is it dangled on meat from the hook in your lair  
From that insidious malicious sinister dare

Money  
How green  
How green  
How green  
How green is your tomorrow  
How green is your eternity  
How green  
Or is it black and white

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# I May Be Wrong

I may be right  
I may be holy  
I may find strength  
In something solely

I may not be  
A thing at all  
I may not see  
And so soon fall

Whatever is  
May be for nothing  
Whatever comes  
May do so loathing

The day it comes  
The night it is  
For brutal thought  
Brings forth that kiss

That kiss of death  
That song of mourn  
That ripe dead heap  
For those unborn

Will grieve my soul  
Today and more  
On this bright day  
On this great shore

I may be right  
I may be wrong  
I may be weak  
I may be strong

I may find love  
I may find hate  
I may fly high  
Or lock that gate

I may not be  
A thing at all  
Just someone's thought  
From some great hall

Eternal bliss  
May here abode  
But only for  
The greatest load

Upon my shoulders  
It was placed  
I felt it not  
I turned and faced

That deadly thing  
That brought all hate  
To me was waste  
So brought but late

For I have known  
A love so true  
That nothing's gain  
Will never undo

Never unlove  
Never unbleed  
Never be real  
Never be  
Never be  
Ever

I may be wrong

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# I'D Buy Them All

I'd buy that star up in the sky for you, if I could.  
But what good would that do?  
You couldn't pluck it out of the sky and put it in your pocket.  
You couldn't frame it and put it on the wall.

I'd buy that raindrop falling through the clouds for you.  
But you'd never find it once it landed.  
It would become, like the others, a drop in a bucket.

I'd buy that lightning flash for you.  
It's brilliant, dynamic, and panoramic but gone before you blink your eye.

These are like the many things in life that can't be bought.  
They are marvelous, wonderful things; powerful feelings and places where only  
the heart can rest, like love and in love.  
You may try to buy them but will find that time and chance happens to all  
without a price or a deed of sale.

I'd buy them all for you, right now, if I could.  
God will give them all to you, at no cost. He's already paid the price.

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# Jack

There once was a man named Jack  
He was red, brown, white or black  
Was a banker, barber, butcher  
Or Indian Chief

Got married and had a few children  
Worked hard, died and was buried  
His friends and family cried

He left a lot of money  
To his wife, kids and friends  
He had worked too hard and long  
For his years so he died young

His family and friends held a wake  
They took turns speaking about him  
They all agreed that they would  
Rather have Jack than the money

Jack is gone they said  
And he can't come back  
Just like the money

The money had gone fast  
Like Jack

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# Joan Of Arc

She saved France from devils  
Demons trembled at her name  
Jealous prideful people  
Burned her body for their shame

Her spirit flirted with the fire  
Like the noble lady would  
Now she's looking down on all  
Sculpted just the way it should

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# Leaving

I was going yesterday  
Or so I had planned  
But now the battleship has gone  
And gone unmanned

I wasn't there to see you  
As you waited to see me go  
I guess I've always been leaving  
With nowhere to really go

The time will come eventually  
When I will truly leave  
I don't know why, or when or where  
Or if it's time for me to grieve

I don't know who will wait for me  
I don't know why they would indeed  
If it's you I hope you'll find  
That truth does truly set you free

I was going yesterday  
But now I think I'll wait and see  
If going's got to be my leaving  
Then going's going without me

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# Lust

Give it to me  
Give it to me now

If you didn't want me to get it  
You wouldn't look like you do

You wouldn't wear what you wear  
You wouldn't not wear  
What you don't wear

Your asking for it  
Now I will take it

Whether you like it  
Or not

I want it  
I'm gonna get it  
Even if I have to kill you

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# Mosh Pit

In the mosh pit  
They thrust and drive  
Pound and tumble  
Fall and die

Suffer pain  
To feel the life  
That flows and ebbs  
Within the strife

In the mosh pit  
They find the reason  
They live to die  
They love to die  
To live  
In the mosh pit

In the mosh pit  
They feel the blood  
Flow through their veins  
They feel alive  
In death's refrain  
In the mosh pit  
They pray  
God

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# No Return

No return  
You crossed that bridge  
Then the flood came  
And washed it away

Washed the roads away too  
All the people who lived there  
Are dead

You are alive and yet  
Dead too  
Aren't you

Where are they now  
Where are you now

Over the bridge  
Over the rainbow  
Beyond a time  
In which there is no return

You crossed that bridge  
The bridge of no return

You'll never know  
What might have been

No return

I came down that road  
Across that bridge  
I will never go back again

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# Nobody

Nobody came to see me.  
We sat and talked all night.  
The things we said came easy,  
Until the first of light.

Then terror gripped my body,  
And flight took to my soul.  
I'd said things to nobody,  
That gave up all control.

My mind was such a bargain.  
The deal went all the way.  
From babe, to the deadly sin.  
I lost it all that day.

Nobody came to see me.  
Nobody came to stay.  
Nobody lives inside me.  
I had to move away.

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# Nothing

Beneath the colors  
Was darkness  
Darkness as black as black ever was

The deep was empty  
And eternal  
Where nothing was nothing  
Without any cause

I found myself exploring  
From nothing  
To nothing I flew  
Whatever was there  
It wasn't unreal

It had no beginning  
No end  
Like nothing  
And unlike nothing  
Still nothing  
Could answer it's claim

I finally stopped  
And turned around

Nothing became terror  
And I became nothing

Beneath the colors  
Was darkness

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# Now

Why are you racing towards tomorrow  
It will be gone when you get there  
And even if you catch it  
It's never what you imagined  
It transforms from future to now

We're all living in the now  
Yesterday is past  
Tomorrow is beyond  
And now is the place where we are

What you're feeling is now  
What you're thinking is now  
What you're touching is now  
Your heart is beating now

Now is life  
Now can be prosperity, health, wisdom  
And love  
All the things that make life worth living  
Take the time  
To make now  
Yours forever

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# Piece

That piece just never did fit  
No matter how hard I tried

The puzzle maker had a fit  
Broke down and sobbed and cried

I didn't know what I could do  
The piece just wouldn't go in

It didn't fit it wouldn't do  
It didn't fit again and again

I look back now with joy  
When I found a way to fit

Like every girl and every boy  
Perfect time and perfect fit

That perfect piece  
That piece  
Piece

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# Pumpkin Pie

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The chanting was getting louder

Pumpkin Pie

Pumpkin Pie

Now in screams

At a feverish rhythm and pitch

Pumpkin Pie

Pumpkin Pie

They were coming with knives drawn

Pumpkin could not

Defend himself

Against them

Now he's somebody's dessert

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# Rose Time

The day was well spent  
I was very tired

I saw the roses blooming  
By the busy city street

I was late for an appointment  
And had no time

The lure of their beauty  
Slowed me

I pushed on  
Then stopped me

I succumbed  
The fragrance  
The deep breath  
Refreshing

The day was new  
I wasn't late

I was right on time

Rose time

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# Silent Scream

T'was not the heart that made her cry  
Just something lost when tears ran dry  
And there was nothing left  
To cry for except self

For all the years she wept in vain  
To men for truth to their disdain  
And not one cared to say  
It's yours dear seize the day

I've tried to help her in this town  
Of evil beggars with king's gold crown  
And shining wicked smiles  
Seen much for many miles

Take heed my friend do not fall prey  
To smokey dens with feet of clay  
On shifting floors of sand  
Tricked to a winning hand

So few have seen her cry those tears  
She's stood so tall for all those years  
So brave so strong so true  
Not once could we undo

Could be she stands for liberty  
Or good and just humanity  
Those who have died know well  
If heaven may be hell

Blood poured from veins and wounds cut deep  
Sometimes shallow to make long bleed  
For pain is brought to bare  
And some will never care

And if we fail in this new course  
Of rights and wrongs barbaric force  
Lambs that have lost their way  
On spit o'er fire today

I've seen them beg to spare their life  
The sons daughters dad mom and wife  
But all to no avail  
So soon you hear their wail

Tears fall tears flow just like the blood  
No one is saved from this new flood  
She speaks no word it seems  
I've heard that silent scream

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# Simply

Simply  
I love you  
With love so strong  
It must be wrong  
To love like this

A love so great  
It has no bounds  
To limit or strain  
No links with pain

It is a pleasure  
To give this love  
For you  
To you

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# Skull O'Lantern

The skull o'lantern  
Watched through the night  
With only the candles  
That glowed for it's light

The darkness around  
Kept watch on the sight  
Of tricksters and treaters  
And ghosts put to flight

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# Strange Night

I'd never seen a night so strange  
The way the ground would rearrange  
And bid me come down there below  
To see another kind of show  
Where dead men go to wait  
There in that open gate

I thought it fine to see such sport  
But not the kind of life cut short  
Then came the time for me to join  
That my life they would then purloin  
Not knowing their surprise  
They gouged out both my eyes

Then cut my tongue out for a laugh  
I must have been a little daff  
To fall for such a stupid ruse  
And know that I could not excuse  
That deadly game they played  
So drawn I played and stayed

I'll tell you more so soon you see  
You'll come and watch then play with me  
The dead had life to live but then  
They chose that life to give for sin  
We're dead so don't you know  
Your death will make this show

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# Sweet Revenge

Someday,  
When I'm old and gray  
I'll look and see you come my way.  
I'll see the doubt and some surprise  
Within your tired and hurting eyes.

I'll give you bread and time to think  
A place to rest, and wine to drink,  
Songs to sing and by and by  
Love will return, within your eyes.

You'll want to know if love or hate  
Had brought you here, or chance or fate  
You'll ask if I am not the one  
Who once was lost and so undone.

But wisdom came and nurtured me  
And sat me here beneath this tree  
To watch the damned go passing by  
To watch the damned and say goodbye.

Now here I am talking to you  
Discerning you, spirit too  
Warmed by the words, by what they mean  
And hear the damned begin to scream

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# The Day I Died

I took the amtrak to that town one day  
Didn't know what for it was on the way  
To the place I knew I would soon get to  
A place I would find if only I knew

But knowing's not easy when your not yourself  
Maybe your the saint or Pope or an elf  
It really won't matter later tonight  
When they find my body in the train's light

They'll think that I jumped or maybe got killed  
The coffin was fine somebody got billed  
I had no ID no one knew my name  
Just another John Doe no one to blame

How many have gone just to find themselves  
In one of the morgue's cold cadaver's shelves  
With no one to care except God above  
No one to send flowers or even their love

In spite of it all I got off the train  
In that little town didn't know it's name  
I found myself in the yard of a church  
Shade trees of willow maybe oak or birch

All I can say about it now for sure  
I found a love that was so sweet and pure  
I knelt down on my knees began to pray  
God gave me new life as I died that day

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# The Memory Of You

Once upon a time  
There was the day of memories  
The day that all the memories were made

God chose the memory  
That I have of you  
As the one that would never ever fade

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# Two Kinds Of People

it is said by many  
that kinds of people are not a few  
lifestyles, skin color  
eyes brown, green, gray and blue

soft voices, shrill laughter  
sing songy rhythms, dull monologues  
eyes that sparkle like stars  
teeth that shine brightly or teeth that rot

so many kinds of people  
could it be that it's really not true  
maybe all kinds of people  
are really one or maybe just two

some I have met do a lot  
with little no thought what they have not  
others are quite content  
to do just a little with a lot

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# What's Your Excuse

Blackness moved up  
Without a warning  
Nor a hint

Not to my face  
But to my back it came

Creeping  
Leaping  
Driving

Plunging me  
Into the utter  
Depths of despair

Into a nightmare of fear and  
Terror I had never thought possible

Changing me  
Making me  
The disciple of Satan  
The Devil himself

What's your excuse

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# Wilted Flower

She was a wilted flower  
When I first saw her  
Standing against the wall

She became a movie star  
A glamorous, breathtaking  
Movie star

I saw her yesterday  
She is a wilted flower once more

Hoping  
Praying  
Dreaming  
That someday  
She will bloom again

She was a wilted flower  
When I first saw her

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# Words

A poet's day is filled with words  
But oh such words  
As you have never heard

They come like majesty  
With so much pomp and fuss  
Monarchs bow and leaders of great nations  
Stand in awe

I have known the words for some time now  
They're all my friends  
Advisors  
Entertainers

Servers and lovers are they  
Warming my nights  
With the sunshine of happy days

Guiding my way with the wisdom  
Of understanding  
Coming and going  
But never a second late

Words

You will find your dreams and hopes there  
In the letters of their names  
The fountains of their springs  
The moonlight of their nights  
And the brilliance of their smiles

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# Your Love

I would like to tell you how,  
I came to be here tonight.  
It might have been simple, and a lie,  
or it might be forever.  
I've waited to hear,  
those songs again.  
They bring back memories.  
Memories that I don't enjoy,  
and yet cherish.

Whatever I've learned,  
needs not to be told,  
for it is written in the lines of my face.  
You may feel it in my touch,  
or hear it in my voice.  
I will share it with you,  
but secretly.

The snow has fallen so long,  
the door is hard to open.  
The fire is enough,  
to make me forget.  
The day is soon to appear.  
Your love is all I need,  
to forget the year.

Gary Revel