## **Poetry Series**

# Helen Crutchett - poems -



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I've always had a love of poetry since a child and throughout my long and busy life. However, I've managed 'to put pen to paper' whenever I had the time.

I'm in love with the Mystical Poets, namely Rumi, who are my inspiration, as well as the Romantic Poets.

My poems are a mixture of thoughts and diverse.in content.

Examples of themes I write.

Mysticism: My poetry includes vivid descriptions of natural landscapes and elements.

I hope you enjoy my work.

# **Angel Sighs**

Angel sighs
Fall softly like snow...
Stirring memories to life
of yesteryear
A kaleidoscope of a lifetime of joys
and sorrows, kept in the heart forever.



# I've Grown My Wings, I Want To Fly

Words Acrostic

I'VE detested this listless reverie of broken promises GROWN to understand the secrets known that MY Soul knew all along and gave me WINGS unfolding in glorious array....

I desire a love that fills my heart, the sweetest WANT is you my darling, no more stolen moments TO join with you forever and FLY with two wings instead of one  $\sim$ 



### The Bird Sings Because It Has A Song

(Word Acrostic)

THE sky and trees are alive with harmony

BIRD calls pierce the air with sweet shrill music to our ears

SINGS the freedom of a happy heart overspilling with joy

BECAUSE of trust in God to supply all needs

IT flies unrestrained over hills and oceans deep to forests lush

HAS food for her chicks with wide open beaks

A short life, but the bird trills long a

SONG of blessings and hope if only we would hear!

#### **Ideas**

Му

Ideas

Die

Like waves

Free falling

Nonstop

Clouds

Distance

Earthly woes

I sit and

Ponder

Sense

Time here

Fading

Too quickly

Stop

The end.

#### **Crescent Moon**

Night drapes black velvet Around a crescent moon Seductive shadows spinning...

Chasing silky clouds
Colliding night blending
Into dawn's dewy new page...

Sulky stars slink silently away Soon I awake to a festive Autumn day...

Remembering...

Spring's perfect innocence A sizzling hot summer's love Dreading the long winter chill...

### The Artist Olley

The little Sydney yellow house still stands the old wooden tabletop's disarray is splotched with thick oil paints squeezed and twisted among the muddled brushes of vibrant colours half completed flower paintings propped up drunkenly around the room garden dried flower arrangements fill empty spaces an easel with an unfinished painting waits patiently for the artist to appear in her favourite battered sunhat the yellow house smiles again.



#### **Storm Clouds**

Storm clouds gather feeling the chill shivering, I close the window ~

Watching silent movies
I smooth my dishevelled hair,
Stir my coffee now as cold
as my body ~

The grey somber waves thunder, crashing over an unforgiving shoreline. The lighting, disturbs and electric emotions fire within me ~

The storm goddesses are angry but I am beyond caring, let them fight amongst themselves I'm ready to face the storm.~

#### **Moments**

Celebrate these moments, moments that give you joy, an aha moment when a word can change the meaning of a poem ~

When a chrysalis transforms into a butterfly, a moment to enthral, when you swear you see a fairy dancing in the hall ~

Opening to the morning sun a spider's web of jewels the joy that it can bring, glistening in the rain ~

Silky sunbeams dancing on leaves,

The heady fragrance of lavender

In a carpet of purple sea

A gift from the Creator and
all of this for free! ~

#### **Shattered**

The weak fluttering of my broken heart lay scattered into a million pieces, a broken priceless statue needing to be glued back but not knowing how ~

The shops are full these treasures some fake some real, but the only statue true is the porcelain crafted by a loving heart now left in fragments ~

I begin to reassemble and try to make sense of my broken heart and glue the empty dreams back to where they belong ~



#### **Behind The Veil**

I rise from my bed in the dead of night To pen my lonely poems.

Sleep will escape me until I release

The longing for you into a prayer ~

My heart is as taut as the strings of a lyre Longing to see your Divine countenance Hiding behind the veil preparing a place For me in the garden of the Divine~

You will hand me the rose of love I, in turn, will give you my soul I have known you since creation And I will know you again Beloved. ~



# On Moving On

The river ne'er looks behind What's written is written Too late to atone...

The tide keeps flowing Thanks to the moon We keep boating In a floating of trust...

There are things we've done that Can ne'er be changed, It's best we accept, losing a battle That ne'er be won.

Instead of regretting
Yesterday's story
You can write anew,
Learning our lessons and
Then moving on...

# On Happiness

Ahh, what sweet happiness Little singing bird, are you Hiding in shadows So coveted and desired We grasp at blue feathers Alas, it's too late You have slipped through, The fingers of fate.



# A Rainbow Completed

Come the precious night
When I find myself in your arms.
I will pluck the moon from the jealous sky and
Close the window on the noisy crowd.

Press your face against the window of desire See the reflection of perfection A pearl opening in the sea of love A promise made A rainbow completed.



# Stupendous Moon

When did the moon come out in such splendour?
Was it the new dawn that found a Soul asleep?
When did the puzzle of my life fit into
My jigsaw of assorted memories?
Was it the day I met you?
Was it the first words you wrote on my heart?
Was it the love of the Divine that allowed me
To find my beloved?
Gentle poet I am a captive of your endearing words
I am willingly to surrender to the mystery of you and
Our Stupendous moon!



#### The Divine

I rise from my bed in the dead of night To pen my lonely poems, Sleep will escape me until I release The longing for you in a prayer ---

My heart taut as tyre strings
Long to see your face, alas
You are beyond the veil
Preparing a place in the temple of
the Supreme Divine--

In a garden haven of fragrance sweet You will hand me the rose of love, I, will give you my Soul ---



#### **Stars**

Let mine eyes drink in a sky of twinkling stars
Once seen as lover's stars to me
Seem like frozen teardrops now
Flattened as windswept moors
Their beauty faded far from sight
No more than a butterfly plucked in flight
Wings crushed and pinned behind glass
To twinkle no more.



# The Keeper

Brush away the fluffy clouds
Draw back the veil that darkens
The delicate moon, translucent as
The first blush of a summer rose,
Reveal her sweet face to the world.
Keep watch over lovers
Be keeper of their dreams,
Where swift flows the river of
Loves eternal whisperings.



# On Being Foolish

Don't be foolish said the Sun...

Don't be fooled, said the Moon...

Your eyes are heavy with sleep The World turns without you...

You, with scaled eyes seeking The narrow arid path...

Doesn't the sky know of The vines readiness to shed...

The grapes for sweet wine When the Dawn comes be ready

Sip the nectar of life from the cup Lest you remain in ignorance and sleep Forever ~

#### The Innocents

They sat by moonlight's glow Pledging their dying love. The sky lit up with the redness Of Mars and in their arms they Held the world of love to their breasts. The promise of Venus's blessing Imprinted on their hearts, The moon disappeared thrusting two Lovers into ebony's silent space. To the point beyond ecstasies' petalled path Worn from the struggle of two lost lovers Drawn by gravity to each other. Whispered sonnets written by the hand Of amore's pen of righteousness. They lay in each other's arms With the peace tranquillity of innocents They slept and dreamed their dreams for All eternity~

### Resurrect My Heart

You don't hear my heart's melodies. or Care about the poems I compose In my lonely midnight hours...

Or even know of the love that overflows into An ocean of tears, drowning my soul forever Down, down into the depth of a bottomless ocean...

You don't hear my heartbeats ticking Aimlessly as a metronome, draining strength From my tired mind and body...

I am left alone in the wilting Garden of what if's and could be's How did come to this my beloved? ...

Time to lock away my heart In a dungeon of pain and grief With my bittersweet hopes...

Longings trapped in memories,
Memories never again to be shared
With you, whom I loved beyond measure~

#### **Heatwave**

I can't catch cool verbs
Summer is groaning,
missing Autumn's
damp carpets of spongy
walking places
I wilt at the sun's
bold beams heavy
moonboots dragging
on sand dunes white
dry cuttlefish bones
lay petrified.



#### **Snowflakes**

Swirling snowflakes
Share their secrets
I hear them whisper
As they softly sway
Leaving patterns
In the snow
Sleet stirs autumnal colours
Muddied from careless footsteps.
Interred in a snowdome,
Ice shards, sharp, break
Frozen concepts.
Tears sting my eyes and
I'm swept away on a
Carpet of white lies.



#### The Ties That Bind

Your poems are the ties that bind
From this moment I cast away
The heavy garment of disillusionment.
Your poet's passion reaches me
And love's garden blooms with heavy fragrance.
When the moon brings a thousand sighs
To my trembling lips
It seems like paradise is upon me.
My unheard cries spill onto the words
Letters run together and blur all
And I swoon as if a thousand harps
From heaven embraced the pages penned
In truth's purity flowing from your heart to mine.



### Poet Of My Heart

Poet of my heart
Whose poetry is penned
By flickering candlelight
With ancient quill dipped
In Scarlet ink of passion sighs.

Poet of my Soul
Inspiration of my muse
Let not the distance between us
Extend to our outer realms of existence

I long for my astral playmate Two Innocents traversing Our evolving suns In parallel universes.

I would scan the vastness and
Travel eons to discover
A love painted with the
Brush of eternity.

#### Faerie Child

The old woman looked in the mirror Searching for the girl she used to be Then one day through swirling mist, A child smiled back at her.

A faerie child with cherry lips Pink blossom cheeks, Eyes as bright as the Southern Star Fresh flowers in her hair.

Then with a voice like tinkling chimes said. 'It's time to take you home my dear Where hearts are free and spirit's soar And worries are no more.

We'll sip raindrops from lily leaves Share nectar with the honeybees Among yellow skirted daffodils, Hide from dotted ladybirds.'

The faerie hovered for a minute Her task not quite complete, Then on rainbow-coloured wings Flew to a waiting faerie glen.

At dawn's first gentle light
They found the old woman in her bed,
But didn't see the faerie dust
Sprinkled in her hair.

# Winging Homeward

It's the fire in her soul The love in her heart Winging her home.

It's the hard travelled the painful chasms human beings must bear.

To the beat of a drum followed faithfully Stumbling through unchartered territory.

The fire torments
Her enquiring mind
Rising again as the Phoenix
On golden coloured wings.

It's the fire in her soul The love in her heart She finds her home.

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#### **Universal Secrets**

I'm just a slave intoxicated
With the call of love from the beloved
I pray for mercy and correction,
Shelter from the heat in
The desert of my lost soul.

Thirsty for the sip from the cup Seeking divine light through veils Concealing the mysteries of the ebbing And flowing of the oceans,

I continue in this weak human condition Ever reaching toward my Creator Who nourishes my restless Soul, Protecting me from turbulent storms Sailing in the ark of my spiritual life Reborn as a tiny babe.

# Tangled Web

Oh, what a tangled web we weave When we're sure in our hearts He doth deceive.

Still, we hunger for his endless love Or be left alone like a wingless dove Sweet words amorous, deceit well hidden We tread this path like someone driven.

Caught in a trap with no deliverance His love is not what you'd call agape Still, we fall hard for this bard Until it dawns one day We have been burned.



#### On The Roof Of The World

Something touched me
Deep in the forest of slumber,
Arousing senses to the possibility
All was not lost on Earth's
Perplexing plane,

Winding lanes of labyrinth's Steppingstones, worn to smooth Dare me to solve the mystery of A Temporal world devoid of the Divine pathway.

Suddenly I jolt from this reverie I sense no golden guiding light, I, a seeker of truth and light Weighed down in an earthly body.

Longing for my Soul to soar
To the roof of the World
Where I saw you spinning
like a Dervish, drunk with love,
Caught in a starburst sandstorm

In reunion with the Beloved. ~

# Only In Dreams

In dreams I can soar to unbelievable heights Creative thoughts take flight.

Gathering moonbeams in a jar Wishing on a million stars.

Laughing at moon's frosty stare I frolic childlike without a care.

Matchless meteorites explode In bouquets of colours exposed.

In dreams the wolves and I run wild Like a free spirit, beguiled.

There isn't anything I can't do In Dreams!

#### Moonstruck

Let our senses absorb
The wonder of the stars
Telling secrets to the moon
In a hazy moonstruck mood
A world away from each other
No time to stop and wonder
Caught in the slipstream of
Moondust miracles
Travel in time to our destiny~

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#### Moon Waltz

The night is young
The moon waning soon,
No time to lose, the band is playing
Our favourite Strauss tune.
The lights are low, spirits high
Heartbeats quicken to a waiting sky
Now we fly!

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# A Ship Named Grace

Clothe me in that sweet mellow sunrise Seeking the beauty of the day I dance beneath Rose petals leafy bowers Savouring the perfume of apple blossom bloom.

As Spring's call spills a carpet of many vibrant views I bow in reverence to the earth and nature's nuance As I sail in a 'ship named Grace'  $\sim$ 



# Dawn's Calling

I was dreaming when dawn's
Left hand was in the sky
Waving hello to the sun
Saying goodbye to the moon.
A new day with fresh thoughts
Ruminate on pen's tip.
Muse plays hide and seek with
Sunbeams across the desk
Scattered papers cover dust
While I yawn at dawn's early call.

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#### Cerise Rose

The cerise rose of yesteryear
Seems much sweeter now
In our garden of promises
Painting an Eden of colours
Our love shimmers beyond
Confines of distance
Despite my lonely vigil.
It's strange how close
You seem to me tonight
I rest my weary head on sweet
Pink fluffy cloud pillows
Wherein our garden of longing
We touch again ~

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### Moonstone

You are my precious moonstone
Swirling soul sparks
Stoking passion's fire.
A soft candle glow lifting
My spirit beyond moonbeams.
Sparkling diamonds seem
Opaque to the brilliance
Of your sweet soul.
My angel of goodness
My soft place to fall.
Protector my delicate heart
We dance to the rhythm
Of our moon-dance tryst.

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### Words

Secret words are kept in a drawer Hurtful words go out the door Words are just words When it's all said and done Can come back and bite you And you never know when ~

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## Resplendent Rhapsody

Memories surfaced
When she struggled to hear
The symphony that once was her life
Scattered minuets mingled with
Bursts of images, feelings blending
With staccato chords of raw emotion
Prematurely her resplendent rhapsody
Once resounded in triumphant
Crescendo of love's felicity.

Shattered somber notes

Left a discord in her sad sonata

Her heart in tangled tones

Of discordant notes.

That was long ago --
Today she has found a

Sweeter song for each

Tuneful day composes

A new opera, singing in

Harmony with life ~

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# **Our Destiny**

DESTINY you are a fickle road Winding tracks with no maps No beginning and secret only To the end

DESTINY you are a river Where we can barely keep Our heads afloat, pushed along Helplessly with the flowing tide

DESTINY you are a luck dip Never knowing what we have in store Sometimes winning, sometimes loosing Surprising always and unexpected

There is great order in the Universe
Light and dark, good and evil
Whatever may come is ultimately
In your Destiny's hands ~

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#### **Our Planet**

The ink black sky slumbering
Like some huge beast in hibernation
Slowly shakes off its sleep
Stirs, then quickens to life
Like a baby in its mother's womb
The steady rhythmic miracle unfolds
The final birth pang delivering
A premature sun ~

The dark curtain slowly draws back Like a veil from a bride's face Revealing her exquisite beauty The sun starts her fiery dance Beating like some giant heart Giving life to our Earth ~

Suckling mother sun
Drawing endlessly the milk of plenty
We warm our beings over
The hearth of Ra bathed in the
Bold radiance of infinite fullness ~

The mantle of darkness soon surrounds
Descending to the waiting horizon
Our sun pays homage to her favourite Planet
Gives a final wave and disappears ~

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# **Destiny**

DESTINY you are a fickle road Winding tracks with no maps No beginning no end.

DESTINY you are a flowing river Where we can barely keep afloat Hoping we get to the other side.

DESTINY you are a luck dip We never know what fate has in store Light and dark, yin and yang

Whatever may come is in Destiny's hands.



## **Wandering Into Dreams**

When the sun silently slips away I find solitude in ebony's silent secrets Where incognito I wander into dreams from the harsh daylight's glare.

I write my prose as clouds sweep Across the moon clearing cobwebs From my mind as muse dances With swinging disco stars.

Moonbeams catch her unawares It's then I slip into a twilight zone Of memories, hopes and fears Of lost loves and new beginnings.



## **Spirits Of Darkness**

Spirits so vile roam this lost Earth Hungering for blood with their endless thirst.

Haunting our nights from the darkest place Spirits so dark we daren't look at their face.

Don't let them seduce you and drag you away Many signs will make you fodder for prey.

They thrive on intolerance and greed Of abuse and anger, they always feed.

They welcome wars and the atrocities of men The havoc they cause, I can't even pen.

These spirits so monstrous who laugh with glee Are around everywhere, we just don't see.

Flesh eaters of evil seek their own kind A sickness spreading to entrap our minds.

Vying for victims each day and night Selecting each person who appeals to their sight.

These rotten soul stealers will survive alright If we don't take warning to curb this blight.

### I Would Love You

With the subtleness of butterfly's kisses With a passion that would rival poets' sonnets With the devotion of holy heavenly saints With the overwhelming love a new mother

I would love you.

With the gentleness of a cooling breeze
With the sweetness of honeycomb
With endearing love songs, serenade you
With a writer's passion I would pen love letters

I would love you.

With an artist's vision I would paint a masterpiece With the unfolding night, caress you With whispered words known only to lovers With the sureness of my soul

I would love you.

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#### **Nature's Palette**

When each day's dawn
Spreads a splash of pink
I paint my mood a happy hue.

Sapphires' seashells shining Hug the swelling shore Ice cream clouds melting the Ocean blue my poet's heart.

The beauty of nature's harmony From inspiration's steady flow My world takes on a different glow.

I paint until the sun beds down
With charcoal night approaching
I pack my paint brushes away
Go on my way with nature's
Gentle hushing

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# **Opal Starlight**

Ages have passed since our meeting in time Loved captured by a thousand angel sighs Within the golden threads of life force sublime Floating and waiting for us far beyond Prisms of light caught in zillions of stars Etching the enchantment of our close bond Reborn anew from your soul touching mine.

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### Life Without You

A fait accompli my mind says In monotonous tones I won't stop till my broken heart Is a work of art. A creative urge will bring a brilliance To my waiting canvas New brushes will sweep with Sweet abandon. My paints selected from natures paint box With a call to a renaissance Charcoal sketches bold and strong Will grace my easel Each splattering of oil colour Coming alive. I shall hang my painting with pride Knowing whatever happens Artists will practise their art Poets pen their poems, And life goes on without you.

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# In The Blink Of An Eye

Born astonished
In the blink of an eye
A moment lived
A lifetime to the fullest
Misfortune between
First and last breath.

I paste hope and faith
On a grim face of fortune
Dipping my feet into the icy
Pool of an indifferent moon
I abhor the scorching of the sun
Waking to the sound of a weeping world
Fighting out of control forces.

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## **Desert Nights**

A mirage of dancing water ripples ghostly shapes as shadows deepen and lengthen in lingering desert nights

The Azan calling the faithful to Salah is like air sweetened by desert honey suckle in a golden mosque pyramids repose guarding secrets silhouetted

Against the veil of seeping coldness steely stars keep watch until the newborn sun unfurling, spreads her orange wrap across the desert sea's scorching heat ruling over lands of antiquity

Prophets promising those lost in this wilderness would find shelter within the coolness of an oasis and in the arms of their Master.

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### **Our Great Southern Land**

Summer paints a picture
With broad and heavy strokes
And captures the endless beauty
Of our great Southern land.

It dots the wattle trees with gold Crimson red, for waratahs Burnt umber for the earth Dark green for mountains valleys.

Pink and grey galahs so vivid fly high A kookaburra's laughter Heard among tall gum trees Mocking all who passes by.

Vast blue skies mixed with Ocean green until they become Waves of foaming white.

Yellow wheat fields ripen
Under a scorching orange haze
Cool forests of green ferns
Offer shelter from the sun's burning rays.

The dry creek beds and desert plains
A vista of ochre and sienna
The sacred place for Aboriginals, since time began
The rightful owners of our Great Southern Land
Called Australia.

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### My Treasure

I'm just a slave intoxicated
With the call of love from the beloved.
I pray for mercy, shelter from the desert heat
of my lost soul,
Seeking compassion and Divine light
I wonder at the ebbing and flowing
Of the ocean never giving up secrets of the deep.
Hope is the wealth of a treasure
Peacefulness is the purification of the heart
Angels sing notes of tenderness
In the highest heavens.
In this weak human condition, I ever reaching
Towards my Creator, sustainer of life
My beginning, my end
My eternity.

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#### **Tomorrow Land**

Meet me in the stream of tomorrow land
If in this life I shall ne'er hold your hand.
To clutch on to a dream that I cannot touch
Doth trickle thru' the sands of time like dandelion dust.
My eyes gaze unseeing into the gloom of black ink
Spilt on a page unwritten because muse's thoughts flit
Unspoken across the waiting line like poppies dead
Without your love all is lost and my heart feels like lead.
Only your soothing words can quell this ache inside
How many times must I hide my love because of foolish pride
Prevents me from saying what I feel in case of rejection
So, I hide behind a mirror of fantasy and dreams reflection
Hoping you will look to the heavens tonight to see my star
Pouring pity upon this sorry woman's heart.

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#### A Different Hue

The stars with diamonds are frozen still
Gone the warm hearth leaving a heart to thaw
A love story penned ne'er to unfold
Blight of the moon chills to the core
Heart empty, emotions worn
Spirit broken with your uncaring ways
With all hope gone a soul tattered and torn
I know one day you will have to pay.
The stars now seem to be of a different hue
Distant and remote as your love to me
You played you game, I lost it seems
Please tell me what gave you that right?

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#### A Blank Rune

You scribbled sharp sentences On the pages of my life Ripped and threw them away. Wind whipped words Into a scattered theme. Today I have a blank book The ink well has dried Why did you destroy my poems? Whisked away with sonnets All I held dear. I no longer wish to write my grief It's too much to bear and the echoes of a sad story line What shall I do with an empty life? A useless possession when one has No words to write and no mind.

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## Brother Sun, Sister Moon

Brother Sun, shine your beacon over Planet Earth and all creatures Loved by God and spread Your healing warmth Among humankind and wash a wave Of forgiveness and harmony For are you not the sustaining force of our lives? Of flowing blood and throbbing heartbeat. Who knows better than you about a dying universe Destroyed day by day by mankind. Do not hide your face in shame Brother Sun We need you to survive a polluted hungry world We all cry out for mercy and are losing hope. Sister Moon, do you not weep to see The cycles of Seasons disrupted by Foolish people who have corrupted harmony. Do not shield your eyes from this drought Stricken and hungry World. Show us the way Brother Sun, Sister Moon Remind us again as we are still ignorant Despite your warnings Please tell us it is not too late!

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## Tread Softly Thy Spirits Of The Night

Tread softly thy spirits of the night Her sleeping doth still the blinking stars. On blushed cheeks falls a lock of ebony hair, Moonlight drifting on alabaster Skin as smooth as cream. Do not disturb her dreaming lest Her visions perturbed, do interrupt Thoughts of her lover gone To battle to do battle. Oh, how she prayers unceasing in daylight Exhaustion taking upon her, sighing into Satin pillows when nocturnal sleep is caste. Where stillness overcomes and subdues Restless dreams of this maiden fair Awaiting her knight's return From fields of blood Shed for a kingdom's glory. When the sun doth lights a dewy morning Bid her rise to greet the day anew With hope beating in her breast Her gaze thro' open window into the garden Of longing thus wondering this be the day Of her beloved's return.

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### Castle Of Dreams

We built our castle of dreams
With bricks of love
A sacred shrine for nighttime trysts.
A rainbow drawbridge over a moat
of crystal pool's shimmering starlight.
We danced in our cocooned world
protected in each other' arms
Enclosed safely in our dreams,
Two lovers weaving gold and
Silver threads of forevermore.

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#### **Celestial Dreams**

I want your dreams to touch mine Your arms embracing my longing Your lips lingering with lyrical Letters penned for my eyes only. I want the feather pillow of your dreaming Softly cradling me in ecstasy Promising everlasting love. Entwining hearts in midnight passion Skin touching skin Soul touch soul. Sublime universe of our making Oh, my love that I might fly On the wings of a phoenix Casting the off ashes of my past. To rise again whole and starting anew But for tonight I can only dream your Dream and you only dream mine.

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#### Faith's Rainbow

Faith floats on rainbow clouds
Promising colourful days
Banishing feelings of unworthiness
Faith floats as a delicate butterfly
Tenderness to a lonely existence
With assurance of serenity and peace
Faith floats gently as an autumn leaf
Caught in a breeze of forgiving
From the tree of life, Alfa and Omega
Faith floats as a spirit friend
Lifting the fog of blindness
Revealing the balanced harmony
Of the meaning of life with its ups and downs
To sense the Divineness of our Creator
Unfolding the mystery of nature and mankind.



# Looking Back (Glosa)

Excuse me if my cries fill the sky
With sombre sounds like a sad violin
Birds stop their flight and ask why?
The world seems to have an unsure spin
Excuse me if I flood the plains with tears
Drowning memories of happier times
When love came and quelled my fears
With a poet's hand you fed me lines
You're my life and I'm running for my life
I handed you my tender heart to break
Looking back like Lot's wife
I wish I could return but it's too late.



## Heart, We Will Forget Him (Glosa)

Heart, we will forget him! with the power of our might a sorry tale that we could write if I did not feel so trite. You and I, tonight! will remember precious love cooing of the gentle dove sounds of symphonies songs. You may forget the warmth he gave I will remember the same sweet blush of a rising moon his sonnets making me swoon. I will forget the light You remember balmy nights I have forgotten those things tucked away in the annuls of time.

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### **Cloisters**

To me you are the song the nightingale trills
In the lonely spaces of music's thymic beat
Our heart's violin strings deep in the strains
Of love's beautiful, orchestrated melody.
A wandering minstrel strolling into my life
From a place far beyond understanding
Leaving heart prints sculptured upon my soul
To keep in the cloisters of my heart forever.

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## Forbidden Fruit

Just one more sip of fine wine one more taste of forbidden fruit one last gamble in the love stakes I will give up my addiction... you.

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# **Sparks**

We warmed our souls in the flames of burning sizzling passion.

Sparks that once lit your eyes with longing searing heat into mine have now dimmed leaving curling smoke in a heavy grey cloak of recrimination. I gaze at the last glow of logs destined to become dead ashes again.

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# **Fragments**

Why did the roses scatter into fragrant fragments while I was sleeping in dream's tranquil moments?

I heard that blue bird song of hope chirping happy melodies to my singing heart as the World turned to me and smiled.

Then the depths of truth came out stumbling into narrow doors I learnt again that reason had lost its way.

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### **New Wings**

When I falter on the edge of goodbye Brand new wings I will have to try I'll search through my music for a song One so beautiful it will belong.

A lament of things not fully achieved Or. a great aria composed by me. There will be no swan songs of sadness Just loving memories and gladness

The toils and troubles I'll leave behind For in these portions' true lessons found Not for accolades I have lived my life As God only knows I've had my strife

I'll finally see the rainbow's end
Where I'll greet my Angel friends again
In the shimmering mystery of Heaven
I'll see gold and purple emblazoned
My spirit and soul finally set free.

# You Stepped Out Of My Dreams

You stepped out of my dreams
Into the waiting dawning
Waking to suns beaming
There was a twinkling gleam
Doves happily winging
On silk clouds redeeming
Rainbows fresh shower stream
With all blessings bringing
Angels white appearing
You stepped out of my dreams.



## Hourglass

The past has a habit of returning like an unwanted mosquito film reels splintered taped back clumsily not showing the true picture of the distant past the here and now the future blended in a cohesive patterned predictability I saw myself in the distance having met myself coming back as a stranger stone broke my hourglass with shattered time warped disillusionment borne away on the winds of dashed hopes and what might have been vague memories plague my mind
And unsettle my soul. And unsettle my soul.

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### Sandstorm

You breezed into my desert life
For a brief moment in time
across the luna landscape of my mind
A labyrinth maze of emotions felt
As passion whipped into a raging storm
of heartbreak and despair.
I did not plan to fall for your irresistible ways
Now all I have left is your picture in a frame
Brown eyes following my every footstep
Across my Sahara existence today.



## **Unplayed Melodies**

Unplayed melodies remain unfinished symphonies refrain love songs not yet sung a violin yet to be strung

a sunflower who can't face the sun the fair maiden's heart yet to be won folk tales of realms still undiscovered the rainbows end with no gold recovered

the book of romance waiting to be read a couplet to warm a cold bed a nightingale's exquisite notes caught deep in his throat

heights so heady not yet conquered
unexplored courses to be charted
a garden of delights delivered
a soul mate discovered ~

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# An Evening Mood

Lift me like an olive branch and be my homeward dove toward those tempting isles that await a tranquil mood. In the dusk of a summer night seemingly two, but one in soul you and I and love.

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## I Am A Woman In Love With The Setting Stars

I am filled with the universe descending upon me

AM I dancing with the vast infinite nature of creation or

A burgeoning, blossoming of a beautiful Earth?

WOMAN thinks, prays and meditates her breathing

IN the mystery of newborn stars and changing moons

LOVE is the perfume of life saturated in mercies WITH angels who watch our comings and goings

THE great Creator is vigilant and keeps his counsel SETTING the prophets among humankind to teach truth STARS witness as women raise their hands in praise!

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## Weeping Willow

Straining to catch sunlight the willow weeps.
Along the riverbank of longing I no longer feel warm.
My eyes see sorrow all around the birds have ceased their twittering My days are closing in with the night beckoning a moonless sky, The stars blink back tears.

Lay me beneath the magnolia tree where I shall see my beloved mountain, plant buttercups for my head moss to rest my feet, in my hands place a lily on my heart a rose.

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#### **Sweet Breeze**

whisper to me poems penned by my poet's gentle hand, his lyrics sonnets' sentimental songs every word of love dipped in dewy tears of dawn sweeping across the ocean his kisses whence he touched my soul with lilting prose, do not dim this candle and forsake me not my sweet messenger have mercy in your fanciful flight to hear this woman's desire of her poet's words of undying love, brush the air with metaphors spectacular stanzas and alliterations wherein he doth sit in complete composure within a rhyme knowing he is mine.



#### Selene

Night drips inky blackness around a crescent moon, as silent clouds delicately float soft silver beams.
Stardust sinking into slumber, blending into dawn's renewing.
I awake to another Autumn story remembering a Summer's love and a long winter chill.



#### Without You

My heart will go on beating When sweet blossoms bloom until Butterflies announce in flight renewal is only fleeting.

Warmed with rays of Summer's fire Stoked by the heat of your love Lazy days and sunsets gaze upon Our soul's desires.

My heart will go on beating when Autumn's colours softly fall Nature knows the seasons and the reasons why love stories sometimes end.

Weathering winter's bitter snow
While safely cradled in your arms
We recite poems aloud
In our cosy chateau.

But if you turn around and walk away And your love should cease Then I could not guarantee my love My heart would beat another day.

#### Carousel

When I was a child the raw earthy decadent smell of carnival, flashing mirrors and bright lights frightened me.

The gaudy carousel giddy with colour of ruby red garish paint, splashed with speckled orange and green on horses with bizarre wooden faces.

I hung suspended
as the music started to grind
desperately
feeling for the stirrups
with feet that never seemed to reach/
My stomach churning over
like a piano roll
in time with the clanking
of the greasy machinery.

The smelly oily rags hanging from the overalls of a freckled faced youth with a cheeky grin, around and around, I go blurred faces flashing before me.

I grab the golden pole attached to my poor inanimate pony holding on so tightly that my knuckles turn red, white and then numb.

Music, horses, noises, spilt food, the sickly smell of sawdust all blended together and I am losing my grip on the slippery glossy brown saddle. The scratchy music blaring as the carousel moves which at a frightening pace then suddenly the ride is over.

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## **Hush Thy Spirits Of The Night**

Tread Softly thy spirits of the night Her sleeping doth still the blinking stars On blushed cheeks falls a lock of ebony hair Crescent moonlight drifting on alabaster Skin as smooth as cream Do not disturb her dreaming, lest Her visions perturbed do interrupt Thoughts of her lover gone To battle to do mighty deeds. Oh, how she pines unceasingly in daylight unti Exhaustion takes upon her and sighing into Satin pillows Where stillness overcomes and subdues Restless dreams of this maiden fair Waiting for her Knight's return From fields of blood Shed for a kingdom's glory When the sun doth lights a dewy morning Bid her rise to greet the day anew With hope again beating in her breast Her gaze through open window into the garden Of longing thus wondering this be the day of her beloved's return.

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# Stage Fright

I, too, am a player in this strange play of life
On a stage too big for my comfort.
A sea of faces making up the audience.
Some have left their mark as they played their
Part so well.
Grand players all
Some have been so forgettable I have pushed
Them into the alcove of my mind and lost
Them forever into oblivion.
Some I am forced to remember from time to time
As one cannot forget their role played to perfection
With such a dramatic effect as to leave me
Lost for words and frozen with
Stage fright ~



# Nightingale

When day has taken to her bed 'neath the comforting blanket of night's warm coverlet mysterious moon lights her lamp over a sleepy world stars shimmer like fireflies to a tinkling tune of a nightingale's novena under heav'ns watchful eye the ocean's lonely lullaby soothes the world into peaceful slumber ~



## Will You Dance With Me, Sir?

Will you waltz with me in the moist midnight air... Take my hand to the passionate strains of violins In our newly discovered rose gardens of secret delights Kissed by moon's bright shining light Enchanted by the calling of deep Mystical sounds Gaze deep into my eyes as you embrace my waist so tight... On a magical carpet ride This enchanting night When our dance is through, my dear Our hearts entwined together its clear As we sit at the feet of Eros' enthralling shrine Our love will out-dazzle the brightest star's shine.



## A Sprite's Delight

Take wing with me... soar o'er trees To faerie realm's distant dreams Mirror moonbeams flirted Dainty butterflies skirted 'neath a sprinkling of stars Dipping toes in rock spas Cavorting in unfettered delight Mysteries of a faerie night Where elves and bats wing Their midnight flight Soon moon casts its hypnotic spell We see the faerie Tinker bell We visited often with these wee faerie folk listening to the tales they spoke As innocent children we thought this be true Ours for the asking whenever we're blue.

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#### The Doves Have Flown

The fire burns with white hot fury streets run with rivers of blood
The doves of peace can find no resting place
In this tormented world as the wolves of war Howling overhead aim for their targets
Bombs find their mark and slaughter the
Innocent

Their screams piercing the thick poisoned air
As buildings crumble and deep craters appear
There is little left of people except body parts
Scooped hurriedly into plastic bags and makeshift
Coffins

Mothers clasp dead babies to their breasts Too traumatized to ever cry again People cower in fear of the brutes of men Towering

Over them with guns and endure pain, unimaginable
As the butts strike their heads and lay open their skulls
The young men, cut down in their prime lay
Strewn on the killing fields, their eyes showing the pain
Of their last minutes on this Earth
Others are captured to endure the most hellish of
Torture and torment, in deplorable conditions
Oh, this wretched World says the dove

This evil blight on humankind...
This abomination...
This devastation
This greedy world of evil predators
Hell bent on killing humankind
Our sacred planet left obliterated
This man made hell on Earth

The Phoenix Bird is doomed never to rise From the ashes again The Doves of Peace fly off, never to return ~

### My Pegasus

It must have been moonglow intoxication that entered my being one night, a night when I thought all was lost in heaven and earth suddenly the ink black sky exploded in a burst of golden rainbow colours clambering to embrace this lonely poetess whose pen had dried like the shell of a fallen star exposed to elements of a changeable cosmos my darling, my saviour of the night rescuer of this woman locked high in a castle on cliffs overlooking an angry sea you came in answer to a siren's call never giving up my prayers carried on wings to your heart come my Pegasus... ride across the infinite heavens, home of uncountable stars with your golden bridle to the precious place in my soul held only for you ~

# September Morn

you stepped out of my dream into my September morn dappled sunlight caressing Autumn leaves bright and perfect love blossomed from shadows of the night into the full embrace of the warming sun touching our souls with the heat of a poet's passion and the haunting harmony of a soft symphony played in our hearts beating as metronomes in perfect rhythm to the dance of love in our sacred garden of delights ~

## The Dark Night Of The Soul

Through the dark night of the soul With no treasure maps to guide me No helpful signs along the way No hiding from that bird of gloom Through lonely clouds of blackness

When hope was adrift on sea tides
Witches rode on hideous brooms
Cold shivers ran down my spine
To a grave of skeleton memories
When I lost my way in a labyrinth
Of disillusionment and pain
In one moment of time
I have been one acquainted with the night.



#### Sufficient Unto Me

You could show me the rivers of paradise, it would be nothing if your love ceased to flow. The shade of the palm trees would not ease the burning of my soul, if you went from my life. They could show me the fading footprints of the prophets,

if you did not run toward me, I would be lost in the desert sands for all time.

I could smell the sweetest rose in the world alas it's perfume would fade if I could not sense you near me.

They could offer me all the gold in the world though not one ounce would I take if I lost you forever.

They could hand me the sun in my left hand the moon in my right, even that wouldn't console me without my beloved by my side.
You are my paradise, my sheltering oasis my poet of sweet words.

#### **Tree**

I chanced upon you one fateful day bathed in your glory for the whole world to see. The plunder all around you left you unfazed. As thunderous sounds of trees falling down cut through the air you stood your ground. Your magnificent branches lifting up to the sky like a prayer towards heaven, I stood in awe. Did you feel sorrow when the others were felled, to make way for the buildings where people will dwell? There was something about you so proud and serene defying man's uncaring and greed. Oh, most beautiful tree may you always stand tall to welcome the birds to their nests and give them sweet rest.

## The Whisperers

They are the weavers of daydreams The gypsies of your enquiring mind Leading you on paths to worlds unknown Sending your thoughts to heavenly heights Lighting within you eternal flames They fly to the moon on angels wings To gather the moondust of ideas Where seeds of creativity grow In fragrant rainbow gardens of peace They dazzle your eyes with glorious visions Until immersed and swimming freely In the sea of beauty, beyond a poet's imagination They are the eternal dreamers since time began The gentle whisperers deep within your writer's soul The unwritten words within you Awaken to their caresses The kisses from the muse you serve ~

#### I Am Muse

I am Cleopatra Queen of the Nile, Miriam discovering Moses in the bulrushes Sarah bearing her long for child in a Bedouin tent. I am a princess locked in her ivory tower, Elizabeth reading Brownings' poems. Florence Nightingale tending her beloved soldiers I am Helen of Troy, who launched a thousand ships. I am Gaia, Earth Mother suckling her needy children Dementer of the Bountiful Harvest, Persephone innocent maid, Queen of the underworld. Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty Sister Moon and keeper of the stars. I fly with the Phoenix Bird who rises from the ashes I am an angel mostly, a devil sometimes Running with the wolves at full moon I can be a lamb or a tigress, meek and strong Saint or sinner, you decide. I can be all these things and more As I am your Muse to do what you will.

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## He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not

Valentine's Day, a special day they say...
with flowers and verses delivered
to lucky sweethearts', chocolate hearts,
sugary kisses, sweet nothings
whispered on moonlit strolls.
I ponder Valentine's Day petulantly
plucking petals cupid's arrows are sharp
swift never missing their mark
turning the driest heart into a green oasis of love.
He loves me, he loves me not...

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#### A Work Of Art

A creative urge adds brilliance to my canvas new brushes sweeping sweet abandon Paint thick from nature's nuances ready for a renaissance charcoal sketches will grace my easel each daub of paint creating colourful coalescing harmony I shall hang my painting with pride knowing whatever happens artists will still practice their art poets will forever compose their poems and life goes on without you.

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## The Mystical Way

I am the weaver of your dreams the gypsy in your soul seeking revolutionary paths I am the gentle breeze beneath your wings floating to heavenly heights telling spiritual truths I collect the scattered shells of your heart and piece them one by one to become whole again I gather rainbows in baskets wrapping you in the fragrant garden of peace I will fly you to the moon to gather the moon-glow of your thoughts where seeds of creativity grow I, the Mystical Dreamer, the mystic within your dreams the dreamer of your soul ~

# The Energy Of Life

Come, sit with the beloved in the gardens of tranquillity where nature's essence flows like the ancient Nile swirling with the twirling dervishes as drums beat spiritual oneness until you hear only the pounding of your heart life's energy is the timeless dance of ecstasy beyond human understanding whereby you have reached the joy and the mystery of enlightenment.



#### **Fantasies Forest**

Night-time adorns our hearts with wings daring us to fly. Restless spirits wrapping cobweb threads of endearing sonnets capturing words of soothing soliloquy beyond the sound of silence. Sky meanders as keeper of the stars following the moon's path as two lovers of truth trespass on hallowed ground entering night's fantasies forest.

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