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I am a student in school who has just started to write poetry. I write to express my feelings and so everything you read in my poems is about what I feel or what I'm thinking about(at the moment I wrote it) . Writing poetry is my way of expressing emotions and ideas that I can't express aloud. I express my feelings by going into some other person's life, if you know what I mean. Please give me advice and constructive criticism to help me become a better poet, and I will ATTEMPT to do the same for you. No guarantees! Also ratings and favorite poems (that you select) will be appreciated! Thanks. :)

Reccomended Poems:

You, Angry At The World, Plead For Help, Fire, It's A Hard Life, Scream & ALL THE REST OF THEM

# A New Day

The silence of the street  
The airless atmosphere  
The onset of a spray of light  
Marks the completion of the previous night  
A new day is beginning  
Forget about the fears of yesterday  
Today's problems are at hand  
For we are anew generation  
And it's up to us to make a stand  
No more procrastination  
No more lies  
No more making your life an empty void of no meaning  
For today's a new day  
So what are you gonna make it of it?

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# Angry At The World

I ORIGINALLY WROTE THIS POEM IN 5TH GRADE AS A JOURNAL ENTRY. IT IS REVISED AND ALSO WHEN I WROTE THIS, I REALLY DID FEEL THIS WAY. THIS POEM IS DEDICATED TO ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO ARE SUICIDAL\DEPRESSED. DEPRESSION IS not SOMETHING ANYONE SHOULD TAKE LIGHTLY. FEEL BETTER SOON.

Anger at the world...anger at the world  
Nobody but me understands me  
Even my closest friends have never heard a word of my self hatred  
So afraid of life and what people will think of me  
When you come across me you'd never begin to think  
I have low self-esteem and dream about endless possibilities...that will never come true  
I know I can't try to escape cause I know I'll fail  
My very own family would catch me and just hurt me even more  
I've suffered verbal abuse, mental abuse, and emotional abuse from them  
They were the ones that caused me to become angry at the world  
They never loved me, just beat me with words till I fell on the ground  
Over the years I've grown a lot in mind  
Even thought about suicide and how nobody would care if I died  
Heaven or Hell would be better than where I am right now  
I'm positioned in a tight jam in which I can't get out  
Wouldn't even try cause just the THOUGHT makes me breakdown and cry  
Angry at the world since I was a little girl  
Wish I was different, wish I could belong  
And be me, totally and completely ME, for once in my life and never ever have to question the harsh choice between life or death  
There's so many things that I want to tell you  
Writing them down is the ONLY way I can tell you  
Yes I'm angry  
I'm angry at the world

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# Better Me

Lost in this world, crazy dreams  
Everyone's depending on me  
I'm so afraid, the sea's far ahead  
The mountain's too hard to climb  
And I'm ready to die, to give up  
But then the Inner Voice inside  
Tells me to never quit  
Persevere when others fear of the unknown  
Procrastinate? Why? Girl please! Bury it alive!  
And then I realize  
I have so little time in my life that I simply cannot waste  
So starting today I will transform to become a better me

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# Dare To Dream

She closes her eyes  
Wanting to escape  
This God-awful fate that was destined for her  
The place she lives in, the air she inhales  
Is covered with the distasteful smell of hate  
She often pours her heart out to the sky asking  
'Why God? Why? Why do you want me to die? '  
But then she realizes her life doesn't have to end that way  
For the light will always find a way to pass through  
For darkness never lasts  
And she's imagining things, things she wants to be  
To escape this prison of insanity that she titled 'My Life'  
For daring to dream is  
The most wonderful thing that's ever happened to me

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# Dear God

Dear God,  
Help me believe  
Help me see through the doubt  
That frequently clouds my head  
I want to learn  
But I need You to help me believe

Dear God,  
Please help me become closer to You  
Give me the strength to Love  
Let strangers see Your Son through me  
Present Yourself in the magnificent way that only You can do

Dear God,  
Please help me forgive  
Help me move on with my life  
Get rid of the grief that grips onto my body like a knife  
I know You can do it

Dear God,  
Please bless this country.  
Please bless these citizens  
Living in constant fear and distress  
Open their eyes, let them see  
That You are the One, True, Everlasting God

Dear God,  
I praise You  
I love You  
I need You  
I thank You

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## Find A Way

How can I make everything I want to say come out the right way?

How come everything I write is so cliché, so boring?

Will I ever find a way to overcome this?

This seemingly impossible mountain high block?

Or will I fall down, down, down

And crack like a rock?

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# Fire

It burns  
It stays  
It never goes away

It beats  
It thrusts  
It thrives on us

It sounds  
It pounds  
It retains all lust

It dances  
It sings  
What joy can't it bring?

It warms  
It soothes  
It rapidly moves  
Your love is just like fire

It lights up the world  
Covering the dark night  
Eliminating every fight  
For my love, your love, our love is just like fire  
And true love conquers all

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# Forgiveness

5 years ago my mom died  
And I didn't even cry  
I was happy that she was dead  
No more dark, painful thoughts  
Lurking in the back of my mind  
All the drugs, all the yelling  
All the hungry nights  
All the times I blamed her for  
Steven hitting us  
Are finally gone

She was in a coma for 10 days  
Before she finally woke  
She asked to speak to me  
In her cold, weak voice  
She told me  
"I'm sorry for what I did.  
It was wrong and I hurt you.  
Hope, I love you.  
Please forgive me."  
She was dying of cancer  
So I knew she was in pain  
For 10 minutes I watched  
Her cry out my name in vain  
Asking, no begging me to forgive her  
I could see how much  
She wanted to hear the words  
"I forgive you"  
Now I am ashamed  
I should've spoken up sooner  
Because as she struggled for air  
She said again  
"I love you"  
Inhaling her last breath  
As God took her away

For 2 years  
I was depressed, I was scared  
I felt like no one was there

One night as I opened my Bible  
And prayed my heart and soul out to God  
I felt a presence  
I looked beside me no one was there  
I looked behind me no one was there  
I looked upwards  
And there was my Mommy  
As an Angel  
"I forgive you" I whispered.  
She smiled and drifted back to Heaven  
I immediately started crying  
Asking God if this was real  
He said, "Daughter stop your weeping.  
I have shown you your mother to calm you.  
Read My Word  
Believe that My Son died for your sins  
And you shall be healed.  
Know that you are not alone  
And that I am always with you."

Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit. Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I'll lift up my soul. ~Psalms 143: 7-8~

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## He Says, She Says (Child Poem)

He says, she says  
I know you  
He says, she says  
Sky is blue  
He says, she says  
Work's on the floor  
He says, she says  
Let's do more  
I say, you say  
Go to sleep  
Mama says, Daddy says  
Dream big dreams  
Sister says, brother says  
I wanna sing  
Grandma says, Grandpa says  
Chile, dontcha know? You gon be whatever you wanna be!

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# It's A Hard Life

A girl sits on the street edge crying  
A boy weeping in pain because he knows he's dying  
The silent hero is left to ponder  
If what he's doing a big enough wonder  
A student fights for his life  
Trying to make it through the cities maze of crimes  
A girl dreams of big things: college, law school  
'But it's so hard to leave, ' she says. 'I'm trapped in wool.'  
Someone witnesses a souless killing  
Watching the baby girl's blood spilling  
Seeing the baby's life, hope, dreams, and aspirations die  
For the murderer was never caught, and the witness lied  
It's hard to do the wrong thing  
It takes courage to do the right thing  
It's up to me and you to choose  
Whether or not we want these people to win or lose  
Cause life's not fair, and life's not cheap  
And neither is grief

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# Plead For Help

To Whomever This May Conern (and this concerns every able body) :

Do you care?  
Do you not hear my sister crying?  
My brother weeping, my grandma dying of pain?  
Do you not see through me?  
My sincerity, my fear, my desperation  
Even the just of a little hope of asking you to help me

I live in a land in which disease and famine quickly spreads  
I live in a country in which endless problems will never go away  
I live in a world in which people are so unreachable they'll kill a man instead of turning away  
I live in a world in which the rich think of nothing poor  
They ignore poverty even though they have billions of dollars to give us a new life with a swiftness like a knife

The majority ignore us, the minority defends us  
The authorities do nothing here, which is why I'm pleading to you  
Do you want me and my family to starve to death?  
Are you really so selfish that, like a thief, you'd take things away without thinking about other people, and even if you are thinking about other people, you ignore their feelings?

I am asking you desperately to help me, please do something, do anything!  
For my life, and the lives of others, depend on a person like you

Sincerely,  
A Girl In A War-Torn World

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# Regret

I regret the day I started to like you  
It was 3 years ago  
'07 to be exact but the memories never fade  
There's been lots of days that I've forgotten all about you  
And about what you used to do (and perhaps do still)  
And how you made me feel  
But sometimes when I'm feeling blue  
I open my journals and start remembering  
Remembering all those crazy emotions of a crush, madness, anger, sadness,  
worry, embarrassment, and maybe a bit of insanity

That was all started because of you  
It makes me remember all the times  
I cried because I could never get over you  
It made me hate myself for feeling that way  
Now it's 3 years later and I trust myself  
To never again be so head-over-heels for anyone, especially you

But thinking about you makes me wonder how are you now?  
What has your life become of lately since I've last seen you?  
I regret knowing you but at the same time  
I wonder do you regret knowing me?

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# Scream

Sometimes I want to scream  
I want to be set free  
I used to cry out and yell  
So my problems would fall  
But that never worked at all

Talking kills me  
Nobody understands me  
So I'm trapped mentally  
And I can never be set free

It's sad because I used to dream  
I used to be a real human being  
But it's because of them that I am me  
But in reality, I will never be me  
The true me, the real me, the believable me  
Not the authenticity that they always see

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# State Of Mind

Perception-do you see me?

I don't think you do

It's so easy to fake through everything that you think I want to do

Rationalization-does it make sense?

No it doesn't

You're supposed to be my mother

The one who knows me best

But I guess when it comes down to it

You'll never pass the test

Deception-why did you do it?

Why do you do it?

Why do you mix the truth within

The coven of your easily-broken lies?

Don't you realize already?

I can see through your state of mind

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# The Day My Angel Came

I was shot four times  
Bullet hit my spine  
Mind went blank, 'Heaven please wait'  
I fought so hard, I didn't want to die  
But I lost my will, I was about to fly

Out of darkness, appeared a light  
My very first sight  
The light was an Angel, so beautiful, so gold  
She grabbed my hands and this is what she told:

You have done horrible things  
With the life you bring  
But it is not your time  
You must remember your crimes

Go into the world and help others sing  
Send them the Message that Jesus is King  
Help others reach, and accomplish their dreams  
For you are surely destined for great things

Then my Angel disappeared  
The darkness left  
I awoke at last  
Then immediately wept

I have been drug free for 10 years now  
Only God's grace has kept me this long  
I have traveled to many lands  
From the USA to Africa and beyond  
And showed them the scars  
Oh how my God brought me so far!

Just one concluding thought:  
Thank God for life, for everything  
Because where would you be if it weren't for He?

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## The Day My Angel Came 2

Life is hard for me, living especially  
Blood shed street after street  
People survive with thugs, guns, and knives  
Wanna get somewhere, but ain't goin nowhere  
When I wake up and go to school  
All the kids tease me, say I'm a fool  
Cause I want to leave this place  
And education is the key tool  
But one day my savior came and helped me achive  
Things I probably couldn't have ever concieved  
Ms. Hope gave me Hope and Dreams and most importantly, Intelligence, too  
I don't know where I'd be if it weren't for you  
This is for all the Ms. Hope's out there  
Who so willingly risk their lives for those of us who care  
And to the others like me  
Who want to be free  
Don't give up on Hope  
Cause your Angel will come to you, too

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# The Tears I Cry Are Not For You

The tears I cry are not for you  
The tears I cry are for me and only me  
The tears I cry are always blue  
The tears that I won't let you, so you cannot see  
The tears I cry are not for you  
At times though they may seem to be  
The tears I cry are the result of an infliction of pain  
The pain so unbearable, waters come pouring down out of my eyes  
The tears I cry can be or cannot be tame  
But the tears I cry are not for you  
They're for me, and me only

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# You

You said you would protect me  
You told me you would guide me  
You hurt me by lying to me  
And now I'm crying  
Because you disrespected me

You made me laugh  
You encouraged me to dream  
Interceding on my behalf  
You raised my self-esteem

You said you loved me  
So why did you leave me?  
Surely it couldn't be all my fault  
You claimed that we grew apart

I hope you find someone  
Who you will do right by  
And I hope you will never deny her  
The opportunities you failed to give me

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# You'Re Gone, I'M Gone

If I could go back in time  
I would've done things a little differently  
Maybe pour my heart out  
Give you someone to listen to  
I would've told you how I really felt about you  
And now I can't cause I don't see you no more

You're gone, I'm gone  
We're in a different place  
You'er gone, I'm gone  
We don't ever see each other  
And now that we're older  
I wanna know who you are  
But it's too bad it's too late  
Cause you're gone and I'm gone too

I would've sat down with you privately  
So we could sort out our feelings rationally  
It would've been just you and me  
No one coming in and walking in on our confessions scene  
I would've explained to you  
All the emotions going through my head  
But I never did  
And from time to time I wonder about your happenings  
Have you ever thought of me since we've been away?  
Have you forgiven me for what I didn't say?  
Do your feelings still linger onto me this very day?  
Do you miss me or think about me in the way that I do you?

I only saw you two times  
Since we've both been away  
First time you talked to I ain't have nothing to say  
As soon as you left I was mad at myself  
I should've said something, ask how you felt  
Second time you didn't say anything  
But I know you saw me  
Cause I remember we locked eyes  
Did you purposely ignore me? If so, I could never blame you

And so I anticipate seeing your face again  
Maybe you'll speak to me then  
Maybe you won't  
But I hope you do  
And iffen\*\* you do  
You best believe me that I will to

\*\*IFFEN = if\when\*\*

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