

Poetry Series

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Poetry is one of my passions, I enjoy writing poetry, researching and reading other poets work as well. In the last three years, I have been able to find my purpose as a poet and it is truly to inspire readers with thoughts that are presented to me. Much of my time is given to mentor and assist young poets. I consider my own work an odd cross between Langston Hughes and Robert Frost. Yet, I don't run from it. I love elements of both of their works. If you keep those thoughts in mind you will see how they have influenced my writing. So I thank you for even just sharing a brief moment at my site. 'My best to you always'

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Poetry lives forever! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

# A Day For Myself

Hello world!  
I am going to take a day for myself  
I'm not being mean- I won't worry about anyone else  
I will relax  
Release tension  
and say no to dissension!  
Only positive thought will I mention  
Maybe I will sleep late  
All appointments can just wait  
No TV shows will I hate!  
I'll just close my eyes  
I'll feel myself fly  
Gently, I will touch down  
Preferrably with no one around!  
Remember: This is a day for myself  
I won't take any calls  
This is my choice  
It comes at a moment's notice  
I don't want to hear anyone's voice!  
Just peace and quiet  
I'm going to do it- I am not asking anyone to buy it  
And If I chose-I will even get off my diet!  
No loud music  
just peace and calm  
No situations to cause any harm  
No situations where I have to flex  
And in a moments notice wonder what will come next  
Cause this is the day I've deemed just for myself  
And when it is over again I will worry about everyone else!

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# A Journey Unknown

Toss a bottle into a stream  
just where does it go?  
The moving water takes  
it in the direction of the current.  
Along its way it may contact  
other visitors in the form of  
branches, debris or even other  
fellow cans or bottles.

Where will its journey end? Will it  
be scooped out of the stream and  
placed with other trash where it  
should rightfully be? Will it proceed  
onward and then become merged  
into a larger body of water? How many  
miles will complete its journey? Just  
How long will it be in the water?

How many other bottles or cans will  
make this same journey? As insignificant  
As the bottle may seem, it can be compared  
with our own life's journeys as we grow.  
We must not allow ourselves to become that  
bottle or can that is tossed aside with an un  
known journey.

Make sure you chose your friends wisely and  
that they have your best interest at hand.  
Try to place yourself in the best surroundings  
where you have growth. Not just a stream that  
is flowing in one direction. You want to be able  
to make your own choices and control your own  
destiny so yours does not end like that thrown  
away bottle with a journey unknown.

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# A World Without Music

What would life be like without music?

Periods of silence- no songs

All talk radio

No music stations to calm, motivate or inspire the nations

There would be no vocalists to sing songs of love or even the blues

Many people like myself would be lost without a clue

All commercials would be minus that musical jingle

no verses so strong they make your insides tingle

Quiet journeys on trips by plane, bus or car

Only folks sitting and chatting at restaurants or bars

No music cds. music sites or apps to give us that private or personal feeling

These things we take for granted so many of us would be reeling!

No nursery rhymes, national anthems, college fight songs- Tell me please just what went wrong?

No classical, soul, hip hop or gospel

No songs to announce the coming of the bride

How dull would that be our emotions we can't hide!

No sheet music, teachers, or instructors to rely on

all this would let us know that the world doesn't have a song

There would be no toy instruments to mold kids into music

And if music wasn't here tell me how did we ever do it!

So, for me music is the queen of my soul

I will enjoy it forever even more as I grow old

What would my world be like without music?

I don't want to know!

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# All Because Of Anger

Our feelings get hurt; it's so hard to forgive,  
All will experience this but continue to live  
Learn to get over hurtful words and go on  
Life is too short; so you must remain strong

He said, she said and then those direct quotes  
Some unexpected words and who now is the goat?  
Although it's not right, it's not worth the fight  
put words like the passing wind far out of sight

No matter where you are: work, home or away  
Folks will have something controversial to say  
It may not always be good so learn to expect it  
Think first before your react; learn how to reflect it

I refuse to waste time trying to account for your action  
More important, to me is a calm neutral reaction  
So I forgive you over and over, I carry no resentment  
I am confident in myself and that brings contentment

Anyone who is angry with someone you— got to let it go  
Dimming that flicker of anger, keeps your light aglow

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# Alone But Not Alone

There are times when you are among people yet all alone  
Times when you are out of place and wish you were home  
You must not get down, simply learn to enjoy more; yourself  
This person is in your corner much more than anyone else

With yourself—you won't have to argue or even get in a fight  
You won't even have to raise your voice or retire mad come night  
Learn how to trust yourself more and become your own best friend  
Truly you are the one who will stay with yourself thru thick and thin

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# Alone In A Crowd

There are people all around  
They are walking up & down  
The streets, the mall or at a game  
Yet inside, I always feel the same

They are at work, on the concourse  
In their cars or even on the bus  
While at a meeting or at the store  
I see them walking thru the door

On a plane, a train or at a bazaar  
No matter where I go—near or far  
Alone in a crowd is not the worst thing  
I look forward to what each day brings

I'm still the best person that I can be  
To the world maybe invisible—yet it's still me

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# Distant Dreams

A dream can appear many different ways  
Sadly they usually are not with you to stay  
In the form of a person or a even a possession  
The reality of it can bring you to confession

A dream is a moment to live in and savor  
Even though your thoughts may waiver  
It's not a belonging or something you hold  
When you can enjoy —it's just like pure gold

It can be expensive or well worth the cost  
And for your memories—don't let them be tossed  
The dream can quickly end and forever be gone  
You remember it well; it may only be for so long

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# Don't Wait On Tomorrow

Tomorrow could be a lifetime away  
all we really have is right now- today!  
So live it full and and live strong  
and sing to our creator a happy song  
while still in the land of the living  
everyday is another chance for giving

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# Driftin'

My mind drifts away to a place many, many miles away  
It seems to do this several times during the day  
I see your smile, your bright eyes and for a brief moment I'm ok  
Yet this still seems to happen with regularity anyway

Driftin' to memories cherished old and new  
Driftin' to personal thoughts some of which I wont tell you

Driftin' is not really bad, but too many times it just makes you sad  
Til I see you again, Guess I'll just keep drifting.....

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## Even On A Napkin

When a new thought comes you quickly have to write it down  
Ideas they come and go, so we dont' know how long they'll be around  
Once they are retained you can put them to good use  
They may help or may even give one a much needed boost

A push in the right direction, a positive inflection  
or help them to lose that feeling of rejection  
all because of a thought once written on a napkin! !  
What we think is important to somebody! !

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# Finished Product

Not one of us will ever be a finished product;  
It's has nothing to do with success or just luck  
No matter what you say or whatever you do  
Even if you are an honest person tried and true

Success in life should not allow us to do as we please  
Boasting and trying to bring others to their knees  
Every one of us must continue to learn and improve  
Show more compassion and bad habits try to remove

Then the finished product that everyone sees  
Will be being the very best person that we can be

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# Firefly

In the eve of night, as dusk finally gives way to darkness, your tiny light first appears. You give us a show of light for the next several hours. Oh, what a sight it is! For those of us who grew up in the country, it is reminiscent because you spent so many evenings outside. Your true message is: summertime is here. Catch a firefly in your hand watch their tiny light glow. Allow them to use your finger as a runway and watch them take off. The firefly is not a speed merchant and it's by design. When you observe many of them together their proximity to each other creates one of nature's most beautiful and serene events.

Firefly, Firely

shine your light tonight

Assist the moon and stars

In helping us

To ease our troubled minds

If only our lives could be as beautiful and simple as the firefly.

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# Here Is A Smile For You

This piece is about smiling and its aimed straight at me  
there are hidden smiles inside that I want you all to see  
My first smile should come in the morn: I'm still alive!  
Its a powerful little expression that shows how I feel inside

a special thanks to the writer who inspired these thoughts  
He adamantly wrote about smiling; then into I just bought  
So each day as I awake, I'll look in the mirror and smile  
I'm granted a bit more time and I am still here for a while

With that smile, I'll bring commitment, there is work to do  
I'm filled with anticipation to bring a good day to me and you  
A smile won't save the world—but I believe that it will help  
it shows others that I am thinking of others and not just myself

If just for a moment; can we trade our displeasures for a smile?  
Can we commit to being positive and just go that extra mile?  
I think that we can do it, stay focused and make it our intention  
We all have access to a smile; let's all just make the transition

Here is a smile for you

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# Insatiable

Can't get enough of usually; its something bad  
Can't get enough of it usually make you so sad  
Insatiable like a chronic person who eats  
Or like a partner who sexually will cheat

There is an addiction that just can't be filled  
Maybe it's an inner feeling that seems surreal  
We've all been through it in some kind of form  
If you can't control it, it will bring you harm

Insatiable, you must get control; put it to rest  
It can be overpowering it's not for the best

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# Keeping My Thoughts To Myself

Customers' feelings can easily be hurt  
I have to make sure I am always alert  
So many calls, they make me want to quirk  
It's not easy when you're talking to a jerk

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# Love At First Sight And First Touch

The First time ever I saw your face

Your first picture only shows a portion of your face  
yet with the next picture, there is a full trace  
Of a beautiful set of eyes, I hope to one day view  
and of a full set of lips—I know what I want to do!

The First time ever I held your hand

The warmth of your touch flowed from your hand to mine  
your smile let me know that I should take my good time  
To enjoy this first special memory and remember your touch  
If we are meant to be, I want to enjoy it so very much

The First time ever I kissed your lips

Those lips so full, soft and so desirable—delicious to taste  
I kiss them again and again then plant kisses all over your face  
It's like using a drug—I want that feeling again and again  
It causes my earth to move I desire to be more than friends

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## May It Always Be Mine-Your Friendship

Like expensive sterling silver let your presence shine  
It reminds me of a treasured possession may it always be mine  
Today it remain just like rare and precious gold  
Something that I will always embrace and forever hold

Its your friendship may it always be mine

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# My Quiet Spirit

My quiet Spirit is something that I always keep within  
Sometimes you are judged by it and you just can't win  
A quiet spirit many times will keep people away  
They will talk about you and act as if things are okay

So for me, my quiet spirit will also act as my protection  
I am ok with who I am and I am not open to correction  
Whether you are a quiet spirit or one that is outgoing  
Embrace the way you are and keep right on flowing!

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# Press On

When things around you seem to go wrong  
Your spirit is weakened, and you're not (so) strong  
Through personal and or family situations  
Through issues with jobs or other temptations

In your mind you have just lost your way  
Wondering if you'll make it thru the day  
Continue to strive to reach your own goals  
And be strong and persistent as life unfolds

It's too bad that things are not always calm  
Can't always have the easy life, without any harm  
Every day is a challenge although it may seem  
That others around you are living their dream

We should be thankful for just where we are  
With all we've been through we've come so far  
So continue to press on; to smile and then reflect  
It prepares you even more for what will come next

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# Reaching Someone

I choose to reach out maybe touch some I'll never meet  
Deep inside it's my reward—it's a self fulfilling treat  
This type of writing will never give me mass appeal  
That's ok for me; it's just me keeping things real

Since I'm a dreamer, hopes and dreams come into view  
So I write for someone many miles away— it could be you!  
Thru it all it inspires me and I hope that you can tell  
By the titles of my poems; I accept my call very well

My respect for poetry has taken me to new heights  
So I write to reach someone to help them in their plight  
Don't think for a minute that I don't have my own problems  
My very own writing many times helps me to solve them

I write to reach someone but also I can encourage myself  
To those who happen to find me may I be to them a great help

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## Reflections In The Snow (Moving Away)

The reflection on the snow sends my mind to a distant place  
Many people to see and meet; most I don't know their face  
Yet, I long to be in a place where there is much more activity  
A place where with a chance— where I can be what I want to be

Away from the darkness, rural roads & just a few street lights  
So I moved to the city— with a future with much more in sight.

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# Save The Children

Life's most precious commodity are our children. If we want the best for them why do their lives have to be filled with such stress? They fight peer pressure, drugs, and teen pregnancies, issues galore. Most are just too young and inexperienced to make their own decisions. They have a right to a future; one that gives them hope, inspiration, education, confidence, self-worth and many smiles. Give them a secure home with lots of room to grow. Let's provide for them a chance to make mistakes and let them know that it is ok. We must do whatever we can to save the Children.

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# Smile- Share It

It's true it relieves inner tension when you smile  
A smile looks good on you; wear it for a while  
Then share it with someone else, you'll see it grow  
It will touch many people you see; I told you so!

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# Still Yearning

We started out with nothing  
And our love grew into something  
Something that was time-tested  
And over the years, it's now vested

It has sustained thru dire situations  
It's strong with love and dedication  
So the years keep growing and turning  
But my love for you is still yearning

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# The Child In You

Encourage the child to sometimes come out  
Enjoying our lives is what this is all about  
Live life with vitality, desire and much zest  
Keep a clear mind and always do your best

Incorporate good thoughts and pleasant views  
Always be aware of the things around you  
Participate in life fully don't be so distant  
In your everyday choices always be consistent

Then relearn to let go and to laugh and smile  
Enjoy the child in you everyone once in a while

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# The Flip Side To Love's Glory

The story of love we know does not always tell of success  
Many of our relationships can sour and then digress  
Many to the extent that it should be severed and ended  
All things aren't meant to be and some things can't be mended

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# The Journey Begins

It's said that the journey begins one step a time  
It also important to remember it starts in your mind  
Although it may seem like your progress is so slow  
If you stay consistent – you will see yourself grow!

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# Think And Dream Positive Thoughts

If I were a wealthy person, I would give you a dollar for every positive dream that you told me about. I am sorry, I would turn my ear to any dreams of negative content. Why waste time trying to make sense of a bad dream? So take the vision of your positive dreams and run with them! We should all do everything that we can to turn those dreams into reality.

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# To Move On

&lt;/&gt;There comes a time you have to move on  
And at the same time you have to be strong  
Adversity and stress are things to let go  
There's no way they will allow you grow

To move on first to your own self be very true  
You're caught up in things you didn't want too  
Now just move on survive one day at a time  
In a short time you will be thru this old grind

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# You've Got Mail!

He went to the mail box wondering what had come  
He became more excited; even started to run!  
He jerked open the mail box and gave it a stare  
He just could not believe there was nothing there!

Slowly back to the house he proceeded to go  
Shaking his head thinking: I just don't know!  
You say I have mail but my mail box is bare  
It's as if it just disappeared like into mid-air!

He got the message again and could not resist  
Faster he ran this time, his mail he would not miss  
Again tearing open the mail box, his jaw dropped  
He thought about breaking the mail box but stopped

I said why do you keep run to your mail box?  
The computer has got me on the racing block  
Saying you've got mail, I must be a fool  
Can you make a suggestion? I'm losing my cool!

I said check your email address the next time it states  
You've got mail, It's there—don't hurry it will wait!

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