

Poetry Series

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Abortion

Don't hide behind a cross
That's not even yours

She
She has just made herself one
Out of grief and loss

She's chosen
As she had no choice

She'll carry the cross humbly
Without a word
Knowing she's chosen
Because she had no choice

You can judge with your silence
And even if you throw a stone
It will hurt less than her madness
Of knowing she had no choice

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All You Turned Into Nothing

Want to hold you tight
But you keep on running
Your sparkle is gone
But you carry on lying

The dream disrupted
Not worth catching crumbs
But I am still chasing
All you turned into nothing

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Answer Me

I am what I am...
What am I though?
A tiny droplet in the sea
A breath of Gaea
A someone to a few
Nothing to you

What am I?
A tiny feather dropped off angel's wing
A speck of dust you managed to see
Split second thought
A blast from the past or future to be?

Am I your angel, your ray of sun
Your princess, your queen, your sexy gal,
Your twinkling star, your lady, your tart
What am I? I ask...
For God's sake! Answer me!

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Apart

In your eyes
I looked for a glimpse of love
But disappointment gripped my heart
Because I couldn't read you any more

Out of fear perhaps
My soul has seized
The gate has nearly closed
anticipating a cold breeze

Your gentle smile
Has frightened me over sudden
In case it was for real
To again awaken that dream

The one we dreamt together once
When my spirit was part
Of your inner light
When you were mine

I was ready to fight
Raising hunger for your gentle touch
I kept saying inside
I have no right...

It took dozens of other pairs of eyes
To keep me miles from those arms
That once called for my embrace
And promised to never leave

But I have no right
I have to let you go
if that is your wish
Will you come back?

Those eyes never said no.

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Closed Doors

The heart not a servant
But we dismissed it both
Wrong time in life
Love came knocking on closed doors

You were ready
I was scared
You were scared
I was ready

Did we just miss it all?
Tell me

You were still
When I was running
So I stopped
And finally stayed

It wasn't easy
All I said
But I trusted
You'd understand

And I thought you did
The day
You kissed my tears away

You were going to walk off
But you stayed

Today you're off again
And this time
You may not be coming back

Is it my fault?
Is it yours?
Or was it just love
Knocking on the closed doors...

Closeness

Two lovers
In the middle of the night
Whispers sounds
And heavy breathing

No words
but touch the only language
Closeness being
The melody of the hearts

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Confession

Forgive me Father
For I have sinned
Being joyful with life
Ignorant to death
Heart open to love
Head too naïve to sense hate
Hands too ready to help
Arms strong enough to carry others' pain

Forgive me Father
For I have sinned
Living days as they should be lived
Not judging other people's sins
Being humble and brave
Always ready with the other cheek
Waiting for the hit

Forgive me Father
For I have sinned...

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Dark Prayer

When at times the longing
The cruel desire
Strips my soul off words
Then I no longer want this love

And I swear and I promise
To the darkest of stars
I make grand heartless plans
Not to see you again

When the loneliness of nights
And restless morning hours
Burn my paralysed eyes
I let go of life

Just to trade with the devil
Little pieces of my soul
For a few minutes of you
Bathed in an eternal glow

So I exist one more day
Your fading image being a crutch
The ache numbed with drugs
Every waking hour becoming too much

So in weakness I ask for Him
To tear your dreams out
Of another woman's arms
Before it utterly destroys

Each of us

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Demon And Angel

The demon's awaken
Lady's soul has been taken
To the place
Where your touch feeds this fire
Of the constant desire
And my body will not stop to ache.

The angel's awaken
Lady's heart has been taken
To the place
Where your voice soothes this fire
Of unbearable desire
While all of me is begging for more.

The day's awaken
The illusion has been taken
Away by the empty bed.

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Devotion

Why are you so afraid
To sink in my eyes once more
You won't find anything
But all you've been looking for
Yesterday and the day before

I am forbidden from sinking into yours
But my soul still speaks to your soul
As one both whisper the same warning
Each wall we build will be in vain
And will always and forever fall

Crushing down and causing us pain
Penance for separations
And ground for returns
After all the flame lit by life once
Will never again turn into ice

The acceptance seems to be the way
To walk on the path that only unveils
One day at a time and with every breath
Held for unknown but driven by emotion
You will come to see what's in my eyes

Only devotion

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Emptiness

So many lies
But I believed them all
I wanted to run
But I stayed

And paid
A bitter price
For giving love
You asked for

No tears
Want to drop
No scream will come
Out of me

The numbness
The chill
Hardness of the heart
I can only feel

The time
Stands still
The only thing
That can heal

The emptiness

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Exit

I paved your road
With my forgiveness
For you to keep walking
Towards your dreams

So don't look back
This time sweetheart
Because I'll only be
A cloud in your sky

I lit your road
With utter love
For you not to get lost
In our stormy past

So don't look back
This time darling
Because I'll only be
A flame that dies

I dried the rain of tears
And soothed the clash in your soul
So let me go my baby
As it is time for you to go

Stop on my account
You can no more
Stops and starts
I cannot bear any more

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Failed

I write every word
With hope
That you will read it
One day

It will be my chance
To explain
To show you
How it really felt

To see you radiant
To make you smile
To feel for one second
You were only mine

The rays of your love
That never fade
Your hand in my hand
Your kiss on my hair

The world unaware
Was of it all
The nights brought the passion
The days promptly stole

Without the words
Conversation flowing
But we failed in the end
To keep it going

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First Night

So naked I stood in front of you
Full of hope and full of fear

Locked in your arms I slept that night
Loneliness was no longer real

Your breath carressed strands of my hair
Your palms touched my hungry skin

It was an evening of hurting hearts
That life has put together to heal.

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Forget Me Not

Through the pain and anger
Through frustration and hurt
Memory of you laughing
Comes again and again

I push it away
But it's here to stay
I drown it in wine
But it won't go astray

I am sorry
I whisper
Every evening
But still

You are not coming back
You were not here to stay

I love you, you know
Although it took a long time
For my heart to be opened
For you to be mine

So many things I want you to know...

The bodies entwined
The souls combined
Or was it my wish only
For you to be mine?

Don't walk away
Without saying goodbye
Find it in your heart
To hold me last time

Was it God's gift?
Or devil's trick?
My love for you

Was it a myth?

You loved me, I know
Never said it but shown
Every cuddle and kiss
Screamed the thousands of words

When will I get the chance
To tell you all this?
I was your babe I was your bliss
You were my world

And now all this...
I am hurting
And so are you
Admit that

anyone of us will probably not

Forgive me
Not
Forget me
Not

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Free To Be

I pray for you
So you can break
Every day with a smile
And for burden of life
You choose
Not to overwhelm you

I pray for you
So every night
You know you are loved
And for the loneliness
You choose
To quickly pass

Maybe in some other woman's arms
You'll find
The peace of the heart
And not only lust

I bare the guilt
For the storm I caused
For the thunder I was
For waking up the feelings
You are so scared of

Pray for me
In return
So I can be the woman
I used to be
free

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From Now Only Trust

You have woken up my soul
With that woke up the longing
For eternal love
For sense of belonging

No words will describe
The desire to be close
Passion being only means
To entwine us both

To tie up two lives
So they are forever one
To speak with no words
To read each other's minds

From now only trust
I am finally home
In safety of your arms
Believe this I must.

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From You

Can't put the message
In a bottle
Because it won't float
In our sea of anger and hurt

May write a prayer instead
To the angels
For both of us to see sense
For you to understand

That it's not really nonsense
Contrary to what you said
No point running away
It will catch up with us in the end

Admit you were wrong
And I'll admit my guilt too
As on that night then
I did want to hurt you

And easily succeeded
I saw the pain in yours eyes
The other day you were curious
To see mine

Written all over my face
Impossible to hold inside
No matter how I try
It will not hide

With time I hope
I'll learn to pretend
That the beginning never came
Or there was no end

Which option I choose
I don't know just yet
Whichever one
Will make me not forget

The feelings I gave
The ones that I got

from you

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Goodbye Forever

Too painful to read
What I've written

Every word
Like a sharp piece
Of broken love
Burns my skin
That was once
Touched
And kissed
Caressed with your lips

Grains of sand
In my eyes
The wind blew
Off the beach
On which
You made love to her
And not to me

Sorrow and wrath
Through the body roll
Through the flesh
You cherished and held
In the darkness
Of each night
So lovingly tight

The daydreams
You take
And I give away these
As the meaning of them
You've lost
When you were losing me
With her

It's time for
Goodbye hour
For forever

No matter how many hours
Days or years
Is forever
Goodbye now and ever

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How Do You Know

How do you know
When love is love
and not a lie
an illusion
A wish
A dream
An empty promise
A sudden theme
For a broken life

How do you know
The passion is real
And not a twist
A cheat
A myth
An ugly show
A hell's gate open therewith
For forsaken mind

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I Am No Beggar

I am no beggar any more
I said no
To scraps of your love

I slammed the door
But left ajar
A little window to my soul

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I Keep Asking

You are the one
That kept my soul awake
Through centuries and more

How are you honey?
Long time no see
Do you still think of me sometimes?
Or is it just me
Thinking of you every minute
Of every day

How has your day been?
What made you smile?
What made you cry today?
I keep asking you still
And hoping that
You care to answer one day
Will you?

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I Love You Still

In the middle of the road
I stop
I stare
At the bridge
And trees and cars
And at the crowds walking past
Looking for a familiar face
For your smile
For your gaze
For your arms open wide

But

Deep down I know
That you are gone
And I know
You don't realize
I want you back so much

So many things
I wanted to do
So many words
I wanted to say
But was too afraid to let go then

In case you judged me

But

You judged me anyway

For things I'd done
Out of loneliness
Out of your fear
For me to be gone
You let me let you go
Although I wanted to stay

Please let me say

I love you, still.

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I Ran

back in your arms
the dream came true
again
last night
just pure lust

no love
no longing
no sense of belonging

but it did not last long
as you mentioned love
and every single feeling
came flooding back
to stand between us

so I ran

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If Only You Knew

Did you know
I speak with angels
Every time I pray

The other day
I saw your angel cry
When you turned your face
And walked the other way

I sent you lots of light
For you to understand
That it was not a sin
But gift of love
That happens to a few

You dismissed it though
You tore it apart
With your fear of starting over
With your dread of anew

Offering meant to heal
Slashed the hearts in half
Things could have been different
If only you knew

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It's Time

Nowadays only sorrow
Makes my body tremble
When I miss your touch

Nothing lasts forever
And the moment
Wasn't meant to last

The spark of lovers' lust
So bright one night
Gone by day now

Unfinished sentence
Disrupted life
Balance of that passionate time

We loved and we cried
Suffered and died
But time to get up sometime

Rise from that bed
Made of words still unsaid
Made of whispers

It's time for life after love
The silence and numbness
heartlessness time

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Let Me Go

I am cold and distant
So you say

Can you not see my love
I am struggling
Through each day
After saying good bye

Let me go too my sweetness
I want to talk no more
Promises you broke
Shaped my dying soul

The choices we made
Were for our good
It doesn't matter
It broke two lives

It wasn't me
Who helped you choose
The devil's laughing
As money still talks

The only difference between us

You ran
I walked

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Letter To My Soul Mate

You are there
somewhere
going through the pain
and I can't help
I can't make it better
as I don't know you yet

Please, hang in there
it will be alright
I know your heart is being broken
but save one little piece
to be only mine

It will all be worth it
your pain together with mine
we'll put the past behind us
and it will be fine

As two soul mates will finally meet
us, who have been searching lifetime
or maybe centuries indeed,
two lightworkers, two angels of love
will finally meet..

And I know what you're feeling
as your heart is like mine
teaching about love
has been your job, so has been mine

Single handed we've had to do it
due to the demand
your heart has been walked over
so many times, so has been mine

that all the other angels have shed the tears
and as a reward they will get us together
in a couple of years

Until then honey, hang in there please

I am fully aware
that you are crying
so am I here, as I failed again
to bring love to somebody who ordered
but then the order changed

And this man
is lost now so is his soul
but he damaged the angel in process,
You will have to tell God,
he was the first to succeed
as I wasn't strong, I wasn't aware
I got it all wrong
but I was only doing my job
of bringing to people what they had ordered
....love....

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Love

...Love
Passion
Desire

Intrusion
Illusion
Confusion

Pain
Fire...

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Make A Choice

My heart is stubborn
And screams like a child
It does not want to
Say those goodbyes

How do i make it
Break away
How do i tell it
You cannot stay

You have your life
All worked out
An Inconvenience
the love turned out

It wasn't planned
It wasn't wanted
It caused only havoc..

And look at us now...

The only plans
We can make
Is how to survive
Another day

I struggle not to
Pick up the phone
You're stronger than me
You no longer call

You say to yourself
It's easier that way
Stay where you are
And not move away

It's not complicated
just follow your heart
Whatever it whispers

Don't try to fight

I will respect
Whatever you do
You leave or stay
I will still care

I'll love you from close
If you're by my side
I'll love you from far
If you depart

Just make a choice
Just decide

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Meaning Of Life

To bear the gift of life and to keep the light alive
To taste the fruit off every tree that bends my way
To walk through every door that is open even if only ajar
And grab and grasp and snatch a little piece of paradise

To close my eyes, to hold my breath
Being in excitement or at times in fear
To keep up the pace and not to retreat
Into darkness, but brace once again the given steer

To chase horizon through fermented waters
To smell the sweet smell of all earth's saints
To have the sails propelled with my heart's madness
To fully embrace the meaning of this life

I dare at once

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Misunderstanding

It was not body's desire but my soul's need
To be close to you to feel your skin

A need to bathe in warmth of your gaze
For your lips' softness to soothe ordeals

For breeze of your sighs to turn away
All dark clouds gathered during days

Your gentle whispers to reassure
That all that we had was not unreal

Beats of your heart to dictate the pace
Of stepping into so blissful state

My trembling was to be your prize
For sweet asylum of your arms

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My Guardian Angel

Every morning
when I whisper thank you
in hundreds
I am surrounded
by the softness of your wings

Your strokes on my face
turn the tears
into mist
when I cry
on a sad day

When I fear another
you hold my hand
and dress me up
in an armour made out of your light
so I fight

After every battle
you help me lick my wounds
as I pray for your healing
this evening and at once
I close my eyes

As tomorrow I will open them again
to thank you
for tears to shed
for battles to fight
for licking my wounds
for feeling alive

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Not Broken

Every journey must end some day
But it's not time for our to end yet
The paths have crossed
And they will cross again
Although for now
Each of us is going separate way

Each night breaks with a new dawn
I'll be waiting for that to come
The day for us has come and gone
With dusk at speed approaching
I'm not afraid although alone
Counting down to sunrise

Two lives have been paused
By a scratch on a love record
Someone will mend it one day
If God wants to make his way
For the heart wrenching silence
To be at all spoken

Sorrow in those pairs of eyes
But hope in clammed up hearts
If one key snapped second will be found
Once the rays split the clouds
And the mist subsides
We will come through together sound

And not broken

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Not Strong Enough

I wrote you a letter
The one you'll never read
Before you get a chance
To see a single word
It will be blown by wind

The gust will carry it
Into the universe
It will be placed
Amongst the other wishes
People always make

No bitterness
No anger
No buts or ifs
Just for you to be happy
And not to miss

What would have been
But wasn't meant to be
because of us both
Being too weak
To fight for the could have been

The chance life offered
To only brave at heart
To leave the past behind
And never look back
For that we weren't strong enough

Goodbye my love

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Only When Awoken

The road taken so many times
Losing yourself
And then trying to leave it all behind

The excitement mixed with fear
Trembling of flame
Pondering about things being real

Sound of flowing stream so often broken
Random words heard
And one left wondering whether they were spoken

Fragile calm disturbed by one's breathing
Needs breed more hunger
Sight of control becoming deceiving

All those life's little gift tokens
Sometimes given sometimes stolen
Picked up on that very road only when we are awoken

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Promise

I made a promise not to
but I miss you again
the evenings go past
knowing the emptiness will last
until I see you again

The hunger's awoken
after so many months
the hurtful feeling
which I want not to go
I want it to stay

So I can bathe
in endless lust
and live a dream
that had already passed
hang on to a lie
just to fill the gap

you left so fast

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Rumblings Of My Soul

The poems are for you,
They are about you.

Rumblings of my soul
Unsettled and hurt

If you read them one day
Please let me know

By letter, by phone
Or knock at my door.

Please read them sweetheart
Only then you will know

How I really felt
In love with you

My tough walls were fake
As was the face brave

I am so sorry but I was afraid,
So, so sorry you got hurt.

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So Simply Given

Life
Has given me you
So simply

Love
Has come to us
So real

Longing
Has started in me
So deeply

The need to be yours has won.

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Soul Mate

I now know angel
you can't be mine
God has decided
it won't be this life

We were together
centuries before
you're a blast from my past
from hundred years ago

That's why I loved you
from the word 'go'
that's why it felt like
I'd met you before

It's hard to let go
you keep hanging on
you sense what I sense
a soul mate once more

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Story

Drunk
The pain subsides
Maybe
Maybe it's just me

Needing an excuse
For you
To stop loving me

Leave
Leave me painful
Don't want to talk
Want to walk
Away

From you

So you don't know
What I feel

The reality
Of love
The weight of it all

Will just be an obstacle
An extra lock on
Your solid door

Follow your dreams my darling
Don't mind my tears
The airy fairy stuff

Leave it to me

Or accept

The purpose of it
Is leave it all behind
Let feelings win

For us to give in

Let the story end or begin

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That Love

I pushed it off the tall cliff
but it came back
I drowned it in gallons of wine
but it came back
I stabbed it with sarcasm
and strangled with another man's arms
but it just keeps coming back
that love

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That Time

That day
When you brushed away
My sorrows

That day I knew
I should not push
Your love away
I should stop fighting
you

That night
When you whispered
You wanted my love

That night I knew
I should stop fighting
you
I should let you in
And the walls should go

That time
When you pushed me away
I was confused

That time I knew
How scared I was for me
To be losing you
I was weak and bare
And in despair

and it stayed that way

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The Journey

One day God said
you will be blind
but I still want you
to walk through the woods
called life.

A little experiment
just to see
how you will cope
without a map
walking through the trees.

No map, just people
leading the way, sometimes astray
no wrong turns limit
no number of stops set
just walk

And then he said
no compass either
just laughter and tears
your passion and fears
with heartbeat dictating the speed.

The woods weren't dense
so I did sense
but being blind I had to rely
on my sixth sense
the butterflies

The order was
find what you want
and then come back home
but instead of treasure
I only found thorns

So I keep on walking
I'm half way through my journey
How do I find what I want?

I can't as I'm blind
Father, just bring me back home...

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Together

You look at me
I come close and slide into your arms
You run your fingers through my hair
I close my eyes
You kiss my lips
I kiss yours back and sigh

I feel your heartbeat
Catching up with mine
There is no turning back now
The lust has again won

As your hand travels along my spine
My body shivers and again I sigh
Your skin I taste lost in desire
My thighs against yours just incite the fire

Palm in palm now entangled tight
As I am becoming yours again I open my eyes
I can't get enough of passion in yours
You want to stay deep
I want you so close

Nothing really matters now, not even time
I am all yours and you are mine.

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Too Good To Be True

One was afraid
That the other one would leave
Too good to be true
I thought of you
And you thought of me
Yes, it was all but
Self fulfilling prophecy
Who left whom?
Was it me leaving you?
Or did you leave me?

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Uncertain

Life

I want to trust you again
Though you lost me
At sea of emotions

With innocence
Long forever gone
How do I know
What's a devotion

Locked in embrace
Submerged in deep sadness
Afraid a new love
Will drive me to madness

Play it safe and stay
Where my friend loneliness
Makes my bed each night
Whilst tears fill my eyes

Or let him walk into my heart
Forget to close the gate
Settle for bliss until the day
Life do us part maybe again

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Us Today

If only I could speak
The words of my soul
We wouldn't be so lost

The numbness
Would no longer be
The everyday torch

To take us through
Minutes of each day
And a countdown to dawns

If only I could find
The language you understand
We wouldn't be so hurt

The hearts
Would comprehend
What the minds cannot control

The life in us would again flow.

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Waiting For Thee

A new dawn ahead
After such a long night
Somehow though
I am so afraid
Of that tiny light

A shy single ray
Caressing my face
Is it time now
To fully awake
From numbness' brace

The darkness still lingers
In a losing battle
Is it the glow of our past
Or maybe a flame
Of another soul

Banging on shut door
With a strength of thunder
With a trembling hand
I clench the key
Waiting for thee

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Way Out

Honesty
Is all I wanted
But you couldn't give me that

You wouldn't let me go
But was still holding on
To your other past

Every word I said
Came from depth of my heart
Yours seem to have been
Only cold lies

My intention was not
To complicate your life
But with loving you
I did that to mine

A simple conversation
Could put things right
That would be my way out.

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When I Die

I shall not be afraid
walking through the valley of death
you will be there for me
tightly holding my hand

We will walk through
the parade of people I've hurt
hundreds of lovers lined up
that were once in my bed

will the devil come and get me
will God abandon
I shall not be frightened
for you'll be leading the way

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Where Are You

Where are you
When there are choices to be made
When the heart's desires
Argue with my common sense

Where are you
When my fears destroy
Beautiful moments about to come
Being obstructed by a sober mind

Where are you
When my soul's open gates
Are being crushed
Anxious with another's embrace

God
Where are you

I no longer here your voice
your golden light
no longer shines over my mind

You left me wondering
Do I not need saving
Or whether you abandoned
The impossible to save

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Why

I need to know why
We go separate ways
And after a while
Is it love or lust
That brings us back

I need to know why
We cause each other's pain
And after a while
Is it loneliness or longing
That brings us back

I need to know why
We stay away
And after a while
Is it silence or cry
That brings us back

Is it because we belong
in each other's lives
We cannot live together
But we can't be without

Is it a weakness
Or is it a strength
Having been like this
Through so many turns

why

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Winter's Tale

My soul is still longing
For the divine light
You wrapped around me
By the river that night

Golden shawl of whispers
Entwined with embrace so shy
As if a sudden twitch of lips
Would lose what we only found

And hearts were trembling
Not knowing what was to come
Whether next day would take away
All that previous evening vowed

A week and then a month went passed
Every touch amazed with a sigh
Each gaze brought healing
Both of us at last giving thanks to life

Then clock struck the darkest hour
Time of your guilt and my moments of fear
Worked together well freezing all
What was gifted then by the river.

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Your Returns

you come back home
only when
you cry

when the world
hasn't treated you right
when the hope has died

like a leach
you suck the love
with cold blood

on the nights
you disappear in my arms
offspring of the dark

once the time is right
you go off again
fully nurtured and proud

so I pray for life
to wound you again
I pray for your return

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