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# A Mother's Prayer

Precious baby, joy & love,  
Sent to her from God above,  
Gently as if from a dream,  
Floating on the breath of spring.

A wonderment of quiet grace,  
With peace and virtue on your face,  
Here to grant a mother's prayer,  
A converging bond so blessed & rare.

Please be kind; mistakes she'll make,  
But your heart she'll never break,  
And through your eyes she'll see it's true,  
That God exists in what is you.

So little one so innocent,  
For which her life was truly meant,  
Know that you are joy & love,  
An answer to her prayers above.

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# Second Chance

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I wish I knew what to believe,  
To learn the truth and not deceive.  
But you have told so many lies,  
It's oddly you I now despise.

It could have been an easy thing,  
We said "I do" and gave the ring.  
But somewhere lost along the line,  
You forgot that you were mine.

Your vision changed you let it die,  
You claimed our marriage was a lie.  
Now lawyers sing our battle song,  
With who gets what until it's gone.

The children cry themselves to sleep,  
The nightmares come- the scars are deep.  
It's not just me but they lose too,  
'Cause you can only think of you.

You can't ignore or sell or trade,  
A family that you freely made.  
We are yours to have and love,  
Till Heaven comes from up above.

To take us all in God's good grace,  
And you must look upon His face.  
You'll have to say the reason why,  
You promised love then said "Goodbye"

Then you will witness something new,  
The tearing of His heart in two.  
He won't claim to understand,  
But He will gently take your hand.

"My son, it's all been smoke and mirrors.

Your family is what's really dear.  
And it's not what you do or say,  
That matters on this reckoning day."

"The family I have given you,  
Is what should matter most to you.  
And all I see is shame and doubt,  
Not what family is about."

Then He will want you to repent  
And back to earth you will be sent.  
A second chance to make it right,  
To take it back, to win the fight.

Don't let it go, this lesson learned,  
We can't be bought, we must be earned.  
But know that we, as He above,  
Will always welcome you with love.

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# Earth Song

The world was once a lovely place,  
And beauty shined upon her face.  
But somewhere things went very wrong,  
For now she sings a sorrow song.

Her trees once stood so tall and proud,  
Replaced with stacks of smoky clouds,  
Her rivers that once raged with pride,  
Underneath the garbage ride.

Her fields of gold and amber hue,  
Covered now with concrete new,  
Her air once cleaned by gentle rain,  
Entrapped with smog now gives her pain.

It won't be long before she quits,  
No more will her light be lit,  
Unless we show her that we care,  
And right a wrong that wasn't fair.

It's not a job that burdens one,  
It must be done by everyone.  
For the world that sits in disrepair,  
Belongs to all to love and share.

Then her face will shine with pride,  
And never more will she hide,  
Our world with such a lovely view,  
A song of joy she'll sing a new.

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# You Said

You're killing me  
It's all so wrong  
Why did you leave?  
It's been too long.

You said your love  
Has gone away  
Despite the promise  
Made that day.

You said that you  
Could no longer be  
My friend, my love-  
To set you free.

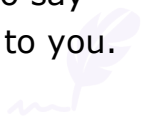
But I just can't  
I'm sorry, too  
I refuse to say  
Goodbye to you.

I've tried so hard  
To give you space  
To let you be  
But it's a race.

The clock keeps moving  
Yet time stands still  
I feel I'm losing  
Against my will.

And now that you  
Have finally found  
The dreams you've chased  
You've left the ground.

You're flying high  
You don't need me  
You said, "Goodbye"  
Then set me free.



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It's not as if  
There's fault or blame  
The games we play  
Remain the same.

You did that  
And I did this  
Sooner or later  
We had to miss.

But you always knew  
There was something wrong  
You kept your secrets  
Far too long.

I never knew  
Your heart was torn  
Resentment grew  
Anger born.

I guess somewhere  
Along the years  
You lost your faith  
In silent tears.

Why couldn't you  
In me confide  
Instead of finding  
Someplace to hide?

And now that you  
Have finally found  
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# To Daddy

Daddy we miss you  
Why did you go?  
Did you leave,  
'Cause we did something wrong?

Did we yell too much?  
Or not go to bed?  
Or brushing our teeth,  
Took too long?

We're little and scared,  
We thought that you cared,  
Don't you love us?  
We don't understand.

Mommy cries too,  
And we don't know what to do,  
Except hug her,  
And try holding her hand.

You have a new home,  
Wasn't ours good enough?  
Without you here,  
Feels so wrong.

We try to be happy,  
But we're angry and sad,  
You've been gone,  
For far too long.

We know we're not perfect,  
We thought that you were,  
We thought we'd be,  
Always protected.

Instead you've found two,  
More important to you,  
Spend your time with,  
And we've been rejected

Do they make you happy?  
And do what they're told?  
We'll never know,  
What we did.

Leaving your children,  
The way that you have,  
Is too much for,  
Two little kids.

The days that we miss you,  
Fail to compare,  
With the damage,  
We'll live with forever.

Knowing we grew,  
Without a father we knew,  
How could your arrangement,  
Be better?

Ohanna means family,  
No one left behind,  
But that must not,  
Mean much to you.

So go on and leave us,  
It's really ok,  
It must be something,  
That you've go to do.

We'll stay with Mommy,  
'Cause she needs us more,  
Although you may,  
Not agree.

But we are a family,  
That's broken and torn,  
With a Dad,  
Who is happier free.



# That's All

I may not be skinny,  
She may not be fat,  
But that is all,  
I'll say about that.

I'm not your nurse,  
She's not your wife,  
So why do you ask her,  
To help you through life?

I don't pretend,  
To be something I'm not,  
But she seems confused,  
She does quite a lot.

I don't hold your hand,  
But she holds it tight,  
And she gets to hear,  
The last "Good-night."

But one thing we share,  
And I'm sure you'd concur,  
She really hates me,  
And I really hate her.

I have a husband,  
And she has one too,  
So why does she need,  
To find comfort in you?

What ever the reason,  
I no longer care,  
She better quit,  
Or I'll pull out her hair.

I have no problem,  
Taking back what's mine,  
And she will soon learn,  
It's just a matter of time.

You are MY husband,  
And you may be a rat,  
But that is all,  
I'll say about that.

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# Set Me Free

Why can't you  
Just set me free  
Go on with your life  
And let me be?

I'm sick and tired  
Of this silent game  
Just get it over  
I know I'm to blame.

But you should know  
You did your share  
You left me first  
As if you care.

I'll never know  
The real reason why  
You decided to marry  
Then decided to lie.

If to punish me  
Was your aim  
You have succeeded  
Now end the game.

I don't have  
Any more heart  
To give to you  
If we're apart.

I'm broken down  
My spirit torn  
I'm so damn tired  
I'm tattered and worn.

You obviously  
Have made a life  
That doesn't include  
Your children and wife.

So move ahead  
And let me be  
I'm begging you  
To set me free.

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# Love's Misunderstanding

All the things we'll never do,  
The places we won't travel to,  
The dreams we'll never see come true,  
The love that's gone because of you.

You left me here and walked away,  
It was time to have your say,  
Oh how I wanted you to stay,  
When you took your love that day.

You made it clear I'm not the one,  
You want to kiss beneath the sun,  
There's something else so now you're done,  
You stopped the game, what have you won?

How can it be we grew apart?  
We didn't have what's in your heart?  
I wish I'd known right from the start,  
But that's the wheel before the cart.

My heart has never been untrue,  
And I would still be here with you,  
But there are things you have to do,  
I guess you were just passing through.

Just know that I will always be,  
As proud of you as I can be,  
The good in you is all I see,  
The man who once gave love to me.

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# Longing

See my heart,  
It's torn in two,  
Since you have gone away.

You must have felt,  
There was more for you,  
And I was in your way.

Why did you leave?  
I'll never know,  
How can I understand?

I am longing to,  
Feel your touch again,  
And gently hold your hand.

I miss you so,  
Please turn around,  
See what you've left behind.

I'll still be here,  
Should you return,  
If you should change your mind.

But I believe,  
You've learned to fly,  
Now you're on your way.

So my heart will stay,  
Where it belongs,  
Hoping you'll come back someday.

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# It's Time To Come Home

It's time to come home,  
You've been gone long enough,  
I know that it's hard,  
But you have to be tough.

The war that you wage,  
Is not about me,  
And if you come home,  
I'll help you to see.

That the life we have planned,  
Is good and it's true,  
It's just been caught up,  
In the war that is you.

The demons you harbor,  
Are killing you slow,  
But there is one thing,  
That they don't know.

I'm here to support you,  
I'll fight to the death,  
I'll never desert you,  
Till my very last breath.

You've simply forgotten,  
What lies in your heart,  
But this war we can't conquer,  
If we stand apart.

So just as I promised,  
Some years ago,  
With my love to support you,  
I'm not letting go.

So find your way home,  
Where together we're strong,  
I am here waiting,  
It's been far too long.

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# I'm Not Letting Go

I'm losing my life  
Before my eyes  
What I cherished most  
I've learned to despise.

The dreams we shared  
The castles we built  
Have now turned to stone  
From anger and guilt.

I have no control  
I'm under your spell  
With the secrets you keep  
You've chained me in Hell.

You're beating me down  
With your words and lies  
The pain is un-giving  
It's useless to try.

But tearing me up  
I think you should know  
I'm not giving up  
I'm not letting go.

So bring on the pain  
Your words and deceit  
My love is too strong  
For you to defeat.

I'll fight to the death  
Be it your heart or mine  
My strength may be weakened  
But my love stands through time.

Through good times and bad  
Before God on our knees  
We promised to love  
I'm begging you, please.

Stop ruling the world  
Just let it all be  
The one thing that matters  
Is you and me.

You may be lost now  
But I'm letting you know  
I'm hanging on tight  
I'm not letting go.

I'll wait if I have to  
For the rest of my life  
Because together we promised  
As husband and wife.

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# A Healing Prayer

I miss you so much,  
My heart aches inside,  
My feelings for you,  
I can't easily hide.

The days are so lonely,  
The nights are too long,  
To be here without you,  
Is painfully wrong.

I know why you left,  
Your heartache was mine,  
The things that I said,  
When I crossed that line.

But healing won't happen,  
If we don't ever try,  
Our love won't return,  
They'll be no question why.

I'll be right here,  
If you want to call,  
No feelings too big,  
No gesture too small.

I'll be looking to heaven,  
With prayers taking flight,  
Awaiting the day,  
I can make things right.

For I'm not giving up,  
This is not the end,  
Just know that I love you,  
My husband, my friend.

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# Lullaby

Close your eyes little baby,  
For Mama's right here.

Don't you cry lovely baby,  
The stars are shining near.

Dream away sweet baby,  
The sun will soon shine.

Close your eyes little baby,  
And know you're always mine.

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# Fly Away

Fly away and don't look back  
Spread your wings and soar,  
It is where you're meant to be  
Free for evermore.

You were always destined  
For more than I could give,  
To stay and not explore it  
Is no way for you to live.

My heart will feel your absence  
My mind will fight your flight,  
It's time for you to go now  
Into that gentle night.

Don't be afraid to lift your wings  
Higher than the mountains top,  
The heavens are your limit now  
There's no reason you should stop.

I'll look for your loving glow  
Every clear moons night,  
I'll look for that gentle soul  
Who found life in taking flight.

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# Innocence Lost

You've got a hold on me  
That's tight around my neck  
The nightmares they won't stop  
You've made my life a wreck

I was only a small child  
Whose innocence you took  
You did your dirty deeds  
When you knew no one would look

I thought that I had put you  
In a place you couldn't break.  
I buried you so long ago  
Your memory I couldn't take.

But now after all these years  
Just when I thought that I was strong  
You have surfaced once again  
It didn't take you long

I remember what you did  
My body knows it well  
I wish that you were dead and gone  
And burning hot in hell

There are no words to describe you  
No revenge that I can take  
Except warn every mother's daughter  
Of the terror you will make

So sit in some group therapy  
And think you're getting better  
And fool yourself redeemed  
Because you wrote some letter

I really don't think I give a damn  
If you're sorry or you're not  
I wish for you to go to hell  
And forever rot.

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# God's Gift

She came to me upon a whim,  
One day she was just there.  
I felt I'd known her forever,  
But I couldn't say from where.

The things we had in common,  
Were too countless to embrace.  
Yet I could see the hesitancy,  
Written on her face.

I think I took her by surprise,  
She asked me why I cared.  
I didn't have a reason,  
Just something that I shared.

For months she was uncertain,  
Her trust she wouldn't give.  
She had so much to deal with -  
Took everything to live.

So I stood beside her,  
And gave her all my love.  
I prayed she would remember,  
The plan of God above.

Now she is the picture,  
Of love and life content.  
She is the friend I needed,  
For which my life was meant..

As it turns out she is a gift,  
That has been sent to me.  
How blessed I am to call her friend,  
How blessed I am to be.

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# I Found A Star

I found a star up in the sky,  
And named it after you.  
It watches over every night,  
And listens closely too.

It waits to hear your secret dreams,  
Your thoughts and wishes true.  
It won't ever tell a soul,  
It's there from me to you.

I hope it guides you safely,  
With its glowing light.  
Through the nights black darkness,  
To the morning bright.

So when you look up in the sky,  
And see your shining star.  
Know that I am wishing too,  
From not so very far.

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# My Ugly Shell

I wish the world could see me,  
The way I look inside.  
Instead they judge this outer shell,  
Where I safely hide.

Not long ago, not far away,  
My shell was pretty too.  
My hair was long and lovely,  
My eyes a sparkling blue.

But life is strange and often cruel,  
It changes on a dime.  
And we are left to live the hand,  
We're dealt for all of time.

So now I sit here all alone,  
The world just passes by.  
The souls that once adored me,  
Merely laugh and sigh.

No one seems to take the time,  
To see that I'm still me.  
Just because my shell has changed,  
There's so much more to see.

My heart still sings and dances,  
My thoughts are still my own.  
But all I get are side long glances,  
Despite my gentle tone.

So to the world that thinks they're great,  
And banishes me to hell,  
You're missing the best part of me,  
Despite my ugly shell.

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