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# A Man's Day

Dreams grew not in the sun  
As so do thoughts in the mind  
Varnishing your touch while  
Making you of sterner staff

A man's day comes  
Not so joyfully yes it comes  
Bearing challenges like thorns  
To name you a man

A man's day comes  
As so do seasons subject to God  
Yours is here oh my friend  
Your day of growth has come

Lilies rose at dawn  
As your neurons made up a thought  
Of a cake we might share  
For this is yours, a day

We sang a poem in a distance  
Hoping to bring you to tears  
Hoping also to see u grow a beird  
For this is your day in this era  
Of joy and tuns of laughter

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# A Rose And A Song

Once in a breezy morning  
Let me pluck joy like a rose  
Once in a cheerful manner  
Let bees make melody while they rise  
From a rose I offer to your morning

Once in a long while  
A song I present at a right time  
Once in a long while  
I sing Happy Birthday  
To you in your own world

Let time fly away yet gently  
So moments go away all captured  
Let fame take rest quietly  
So friends may stay to you attached  
Let peace nowhere out of sight

A rose and a song for your day  
In the rain and hail of the season  
Dance but to the right tune this day  
For growth comes not without reason  
A rose and a song are yours today  
Happy birth day

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# A Tear For A Friend

For the man in blue  
Let me be cool  
For the lady in red  
Let me be great  
For a friend in pain  
A tear I shall Shed

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# Beneath The Skin

Waters flow  
Quite swiftly you know  
As so your joy did  
In the days so old

I see your smile  
At least once in a while  
I see your pain  
Quite a lot these days

Beneath your skin  
Breathes your sorrow  
Beneath your skin  
Blows some untold smoke

Beneath your skin  
A dungeon lies  
Fortified with agony  
Occupied by an air of shame

Beneath your skin you stay  
Wrapped up in fear and tears  
Beneath your skin you stray  
Plunged into solitude far away

You blink a lot  
In your lousy state  
With eyes ringed with black shades  
And sometimes a touch of innocence

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# Conqueror

Give me pain  
Give me a million tons of stress  
Leave me in vain  
Leave me with no chance to rest  
I am a conqueror

Beat me up  
Curse my body yet  
Leave my soul out of it  
For one or two reasons  
I am a conqueror

Tease me as much  
Curse me as much  
Yet swallow one thing  
That I am a conqueror  
I am a fortified wall

I stood tall and strong  
Through lamentations much more fierce  
I withstood menaces far beyond unrighteous  
I am a fortified wall  
I am a conqueror

Storms were never enough  
Bury this golden reality under fear  
Intimidations are a lie I overcame  
Intimidations are a burden I overthrew  
Victory is mine declares I

Awesome is our God  
Awesome is who reigns from heaven above  
Awesome is he who reigns with Wisdom, power and love  
Awesome is who whose word lives  
He who made me a conqueror

So give me pain  
Give me a million tons of stress  
Leave me in vain

Leave me in my fortress of solitude  
Where I happily become a conqueror

Yes, For that blood reaching to the highest mountain  
And lowest of all valleys  
That which quenched my thirst and cleansed my heart  
Overpowers vanity stress and solitude  
I am a conqueror

They pierced his side  
And sent water with a touch of blood flowing out  
They punched holes in his limbs to guarantee my redemption  
They knew not what they were doing  
But I was made a conqueror

I live in peace yet that of mind  
For a clean lamb served as an eternal sacrifice on Calvary  
He saved lives, he gave redemption  
He served his purpose  
And made me a conqueror

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# Dear Nephew

Dear nephew, uncle says Hi  
From a glimpse of memory close by  
With a smile so great and wide  
And a heart so tender and loving

I knew your name then  
So well I can remember Ben  
Especially from those trips in the big old van  
Where were shared more ice cream than words

You ate a lot O' nephew  
Just like your uncle at the bureau  
You were a piece of work my boy  
Yet great and very well taught

It's been a while if not forever  
And reminiscences of our time grow fewer  
I miss you nephew  
But much more than these words so few

I lost touch with your folks  
So dysfunctional and out of hope  
I hope they managed to sharpen their hooks  
To catch that big old love of theirs

Dear nephew, uncle says Hi  
Yet with more words than I write  
So I make a promise in words I can write  
To see you in summer with my wife

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# Fallen Chains

Fallen are the chains  
Swifter than drops of rain  
Yet bigger in that moment of pain  
Fallen are the chains

Fallen are the chains  
By a cross so rugged in a glimpse  
Yet with power too awesome to be gauged  
Fallen are the chains

Fallen are the chains  
At the rising of lamb in grace  
And a son worthy of all praise  
Oh chains you had no clue

Fallen are you chains  
Engulfed by nothing but utter shame  
Engulfed by pure defeat  
Fallen you are

Hello world, freedom has come  
With an appearance so dazzling  
And glory for a crown sparkling about  
Hello world, chains are loose

Fallen are the chains  
For in Bethlehem a saviour arose  
Robbed in godliness  
And heavily armed with faith

Fallen are the chains  
For at Calvary a score was settled  
By a warrior crowned with thorns then  
Fallen are the chains

Mercy reigns, truth remains  
Freedom is here far from the chains  
Freedom is Jesus the saviour  
Fallen are the chains

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# Frozen Generosity

The moments we shared  
The memories we shared  
The mentality we so owned  
Were all the fruits our friendship beard

We smiled long before crocodiles  
We cuddled up like chameleons  
We shared those tears of agony,  
We knew each other insight out

Your generosity lived to be known  
Long before hate conquered love,  
Long before pride claimed victory over your love  
Yes, that which once made your heart elastic

The misery thereof I live to endure  
Since blur became your colour of love,  
Since cold became your heart,  
Since your generosity froze

A million lies you pinned to my thick skin  
Hoping to frame my confidence  
Like you do all your pics  
You took me for a fool while you were the greatest

Putting me on voicemail  
Is a habit so brand new  
Denying me a shoulder to weep on  
Is a key you use to lock me out  
Out of your frozen heart

I survived a lot before  
You were there as a witness  
Now your foolishness has blocked your vision  
Of the strength I so have,  
Strength to survive you frozen generosity

I thought you were smart  
But that was too much the benefit of the doubt

I Searched your heart  
But that was too much a waist of my time  
For what's there to find in a cold island  
If not lumps of cold ice

I thought once I new you  
But time proved the opposite  
Yes, time changes everything  
But never did I expect it to be your heart  
Or swift your generosity to the arctic

The memories we shared  
Are utterly bitter to my taste buds  
The moments we shared died  
In that storm which froze your heart.

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# I Lived

I lived when living was a struggle  
When people swam in streams of tears  
I lived when joy was a miracle  
When darkness engulfed earth

The mystery behind mine strength I knew not  
But courage shrouded mine heart  
Living no space for fear  
Living no space for a tear

A great longing chewed through mine heart  
As infants were delivered into mayhem  
I longed for salvation for all souls  
As desires chased men after their daughters

I lived to see believers shrink into corners  
As governments became first class pollution  
They breathed disaster  
And enforced chaos

I lived with a longing for he, the Lord  
To serve us joy on a silver platter  
He who was and still is  
I lived to see a change

I lived in times when hope  
Was as rare as snow in summer  
I lived when tunnels  
Had no light at the other end

The mystery behind mine courage  
I came to comprehend  
As he send a word at a great frequency  
A word with more than empathy for man

I lived to witness greatness  
As the word of God brought a great feast  
A feast of the Spirit of God  
And deliverance from darkness

I lived

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# Low Blow

As a man I died  
Right after your face I punched  
As a man I ceased to be  
Along with the dream we used be

Should roses ever loose thorns  
Then I might be your friend  
For now love went on a journey far away  
In a desert paved with thorns

I picture your face love  
Before I knuckled it down into new forms  
Before I rendered new colors to it  
Red, black and purple

I loved you before  
Yes I still do you know  
Yet fear and pride swing me about  
Much more than they did before

As a man I died  
Right when complements changed to insults  
As a man I ceased to be  
When you, my first dropped to least on my list

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# My Blessings

When God made man and man was made  
Life began and life proceeded  
With the breath of life  
And the strength of God  
Life still is

When sin took charge of man in Eden  
When life got sour for man in Eden  
When man hid from God in Eden  
Grace was shown by God in Eden  
Yet man's life was never sweetened

So God, with his kindness and greatness  
Plunged man into the world so cruel  
For actions got to be paid for  
Yet God's splendor on man endures forever  
And so does his love

So I'll lift up mine eyes unto the hills  
From whence cometh my help  
My help cometh from the Lord,  
The maker of heaven and earth  
He whose grace abounds in the deepest oceans

I will cling hard to the rugged cross  
Of Him whose burdens are originally mine  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
From whence my life got saved  
I will shout the name Jesus with joy and joy again

Mine eyes have seen his Glory  
Mine ears have tasted his Greatness  
For He wrestled Israel through the night 'till dawn  
For then his Blessings rained unto him  
His faithful servant

So listen to my voice, O' you men around  
The Lord has heard your cries  
So calm you your hearts down

For he has delivered you today  
And forever so he will...

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# My Dream

Dead to the world I recall I was  
When in dreamland I emerged,  
Seemingly humble and gentle  
And also affable.

As a totally different figure I walked  
And in a mysterious way I talked.  
Ladies' prolonged curiosity to play the gallant with men  
Was now on the increase,  
For I excited it all.

A neighbor's old feathery cock now crowed from within  
Disturbing my precious life  
Which was but a nine day wonder,  
My dream.

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# Overwhelmed

Glamour n grace  
Joy n love  
Peace in my heart  
I'm overwhelmed

Sun up high  
Sky so clear  
And colors displayed  
Leave me bt overwhelmed

Music so loud  
Smiles so wide  
Beauty so gr8  
All leave me overwhelmed

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# Right In His Hands

From the street so cold  
With pride too great to uphold  
I fell though not so hard as in a wild pond  
But right in his hands so warm

Like a young born  
Dressed in a time-bomb  
I long to serve you Lord with no clue  
And innocently rush to your hands

Like an eagle so not fickle  
Equip me Lord with an intention  
To stick to you with pure attention  
So like an eagle I may firmly fly

Should I face terror  
I would seek a corner  
Not far away but much closer  
Yes, right in his hands; the father

Should my ears taste evil  
Or my eyes stumble upon evil  
Carry me, O' my mind, to my knees  
Or deliver me, O' my feet, right into his hands

Should I marry lies  
Yet not by will but by chance  
Oh root me out Holy Spirit  
And plant me back into his hands

If I hadn't any tears  
I wouldn't have had any spilled  
At the thought his screams  
Oh just so to pave my way to his hands

At the centre of it all  
I lift mine hands in awe  
To him in his place above all  
The Lord in whose hands I dwell

In the midst of my worries  
I surrender all my glories  
To the one with much more glory  
The Lord in whose hands I'm carried

Oh should I again face terror  
Let me seek a corner  
Not far away but much closer  
Yes, right in your hands my father

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# Still Attached

From the day my heels tasted dust different from yours  
That day when our eyes were for the first time  
Casted upon different visions all in all,  
Lumps of bitterness and distress of a kind  
Whispered your name to awaken those moments

Perhaps to let me know one or two things  
I am still attached, yes I am.  
For I swallowed bitterness and tasted distress to kill time  
Yet it never worked  
So, for a change, I watched your face play in my mind  
Guess what happened!

Flames of joy fired up so much that my heart skipped beats.  
Memories so wide and great  
Yet my mind rests upon that of our first day  
When the only music we heard was Chinese  
But our brave hearts did not mind anything

I chewed through many things  
Sitting on the couch watching films  
Yet the greatest was that which played in my mind.  
Yes, I am still attached.  
Yes I wish to journey back to that junction  
Where we parted ways

For many things I wish  
But mostly for a chance with you,  
For a moment in a million to view your face.  
Yes I wish to kill the present nature of these thoughts  
For them to be reborn of reality,  
I am still attached.

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# The Ever Smiling Heart

Through that storm came you  
With a touch like of an angel perhaps  
With your face brimming with delight  
And glowing with utter brightness

With thoughts so sound and rational  
I grew a weird sense of comprehension in you  
As though you were meant to curb this mayhem  
Yes, this madness that decorated my mind before

That ever smiling heart of yours  
Which radiates joy and a little laughter  
Picked me up from that hole so dark and fierce  
That hole of pure, undiluted solitude

That ever smiling heart of yours  
Spelled your character prior to your appearance  
For through your words I read no cruelty  
For through your words I perceived inner beauty

That ever smiling heart within you  
Glued my thoughts to my phone  
For that's where we first met and still do  
That ever smiling heart of yours

Now the thoughts curling from within  
Have got me fishing for answers in a dry pond  
But fortunately I caught one  
You are a friend to my heart  
Yet a stranger to my eyes

So I walked tall on the streets  
With joy and satisfaction in my heart  
Yes, I held on to one tiny picture  
That of your ever smiling heart so that  
Should we meet, I will know

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# The Lily In The Light

At the lily in the light I stare  
Upholding the beauties within her that lie  
For the lily in the light my heart cares  
And never ceases to catch a glimpse  
With every moment that goes by

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# The Mystery Untold

The little moments we had  
So evidenced by this patch on my hat  
The fading memories of what we shared  
So rich with longing when they dwell  
Yet for a moment in my head  
Arouse love so great and strong

The eyes you so have  
Pop up in mine memories with some nerve  
I love you indeed  
I stay so richly in need  
I hold you by the chick  
In memories I so see

Winter came so soon I know  
Yet never left me with a shiver of cold  
Winter took you from me love  
Yet left me with so great a chance  
To view your face so often  
Play about in mine heart

The mystery untold  
Drove me here to you bold one  
So I could see your smile unfold  
And your eyes blink all at once  
I love you now you know  
Yet we keep it all a mystery untold

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# The Noise From Within

Every now and then I seem to hear  
The little voice driving away that little fear  
The wonderful words that always bring hope near  
Every now and then I seem to hear  
That motivating noise with a great cheer

Over and over I hear voices in my head  
Denying me that moment of silence I need  
And ridiculously driving me crazy so I pray,  
Pray for the conversations in my head  
To proceed at all no more

So a final word to my dear I say  
Subsequent to the conversations that played  
'Our date is far from over my dear,  
Only the noise form within today  
Seems to have all the attention spared for you'

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# The Root Of All Evil

What was he thinking, the great wise man  
Locked in his room all by himself  
Unleashing ruin with the hope to bring peace  
Undermining Barter system for it brought no delight  
And finding himself producing coins and banknotes  
Money, the root of all evil

The great interception to global conflicts  
As so was thought to be  
Rather became a thorn in the flesh than  
Music to one's ears  
What was he thinking the poor wise man  
When he chose not to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs  
Long before it killed him, money  
The root of evil

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# The Sand From The Soil

You push me into the dark  
I faltered not in the light  
So why in the dark should I start  
Like Jerico to fall apart

We walked before like royalty  
Yes we sauntered then in our reality  
When sand and soil were one a community  
I loved you to my greatest ability

You look great in your corner so distant  
Solitude looks awful on you even from a distance  
You look stunning even in the stormy incident  
Strange in a way but more real in your corner so distant

Love dies not I believe at last  
For diggers scratch the soil for sand  
Like words scratching through hearts with a blast  
I love you like sand and soil still

Like sand from the soil  
My joy emanates from your smile  
Like sand from the soil  
My summer time pride was your smile

Kiss me first in the palm of my hand  
To guarantee the warmth of my touch to your heart  
For like sand from the soil we should part not  
Kiss me first you sweet rose in the palm of my hand

So on your way back to our circle  
Bring a gift like a visitor to the castle  
Your smile so divine in its design  
For like soil and sand we have grown

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# The Storm In My Hand

The storm in my hand is a bomb as I glance  
Not far but within  
The bomb in my palm is a choice in a glimpse  
With fear I shake

The chain on my heart is a rock in that pipe  
I suffocate tremendously  
The chain on my heart like a precipice so fierce  
I send the storm from my hand

The storm in my hand is power in grace  
So abundant in me  
The power in my life is faith in the son  
A victor am I made

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# The Wish I Have

If I could share my dreams with you  
Too many to count and  
Too many to share and  
Too weary of reality in a way

Or if I could, like beasts reap out my heart  
Not necessarily to end my life  
But to precisely sketch out a scenario with perfection  
Would you open your smiling heart to my words

For there never is beauty in the world  
If not that which God carves himself  
An all time masterpiece, a work of art  
Yes, you.

You and your ridiculous smile  
Your perfect in a way laughter  
And your slightly bouncy walk  
Born from the streets in your neighborhood

Or the preciously carved dimples that rest  
But quite gently on your cheeks  
And your pure heart that smiles down to most  
Or in a way, to all

If I could juggle fear and excitement now  
And win a case of utmost importance in you  
If I could, or at least may walk with faith  
Would you care...

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# Walking Tall

With pain you pinned me down  
My body you ceased with torment  
The sorrows still I taste of our doom  
Your smile that reeks of entrapment  
Oh you took your shot to break me down  
Yet still, I walk tall

Was I a jerk to love you then  
Perhaps in your mind indeed I was  
Praising you and the marvellous works of your hands  
Was I a fool to open my arms  
To you and your mockery for love  
Indeed I was, indeed I was

So my gut I fixed at last  
The one you so thought to have demolished  
Pain makes me uneasy on the crest  
For your presence renders a taste so similar and harsh  
So my gut I polished for this part  
To take my stand and walk tall

Yes I walk tall and free and sober  
For your presence was quite addictive a substance  
Plunging me in the deepest slumber  
Plunging me in the farthest corners of aloneness  
I am free  
I walk tall

I chased hope to the extent of time  
Knowing little of the new territory called freedom  
Interception has finally met with your reign over me world  
To carry me out on his arms to freedom  
I chased hope at last to this route  
Where with hope I walk tall

Let time polish my look  
For my heart beats with new melodies of joy  
Let my swag thrive now and for good  
For shabbiness and I are on the verge of a nasty divorce

I am free at last  
I walk tall

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# When Love Was Born

When loneliness ceased and friendship came to the front  
As we began to shoot the breeze,  
Some moment when affection muscled his way to my heart,  
then surely love was born.

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# You Happened

Only now do I know what it means  
That look in your eyes.  
For holding your hand allows me a chance  
To journey through your heart, your feelings.

Only now am I convinced that you are sad,  
But rest assured I never did anything bad.  
For all I did was to feel that gap,  
The one between your heart and your feelings.

So now I see you wishing to ask me,  
'What happened that changed you? '  
With great hope of getting a reasonable answer  
Yet one sincere answer comes to my mind,  
'You happened.'

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