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yes I love pizza... of course I love coffee... and yes I'm into poetry, and poetry is into me...

[five] - Of Roses In A Decaying Memory

I never really liked picking roses, or any flower for that matter.

Once, I was told I was a stranger to the word romantic, because I had never had the thoughtful 'consideration' of giving out flowers.

Murderous = romantic: I thought. As it turns out, it wasn't all wrong.

The day after this experience,

I woke up with a bitter taste in my mouth:
in a dream (nightmare),
a hand had reached over,
and took, from one of the most colorful gardens,
a rose no eye had ever seen before
(it sounds much like a cliché I know,
but I don't lie when I write it so).

It wasn't all bad,
until I saw who the hand belonged to:
Yes. It had been one of my hands:
that murderous perpetrator.
A bitter taste in my mouth
that went away under a layer of toothpaste,
and some scolding morning coffee.

Killing roses (and picking pretty yellow flowers) has become easier since.
All in the name of love:
The bitter taste comes and goes,
but I don't mind it anymore.

[homebound I Step Forward]

homebound I step forward following back my tracks among the mist and the fog that relentlessly veil the horizon where I might find some motivation to keep on going back. however, that isn't so bad; somehow such is unbreaking my soul.

I am animalistic in nature.
Tribal. I am a man of my peoples.
I feel cannibalistic at times
when I pretend I eat my soul
for sport while I stab old wounds
with every key stroke.
a few times past I have eaten my hands
for mere survival.

I feel I hate myself no more.

I feel I feel no remorse.

My memories walk me through rooms filled with empty faces, empty hands, empty hearts, empty heads. the air is stuffy in every room. where my heart should beat there is a tiny bird fluttering and screeching. Tiny little red bird has become my heart.

My muddy ruined heart has become a tiny little red bird. I know not which became which, but I am glad it happened that way.

Now as I follow my footstep back into my primal state,
I am not alone.
My hands may be empty,
but my heart is not empty anymore.

1 [tears] (Neverending Poetry - Personal Collection)

Tears of pain burn their way down to the ground, branding our souls by the gravity of the moment.

A Backyard Friend

A guava tree, furnished gently by the sun, in summertime this tree had become my fun, my home, my hideaway, my brother, my all:

The rippen fruit gave me strength, gave me love.

hanging on a branch, resting from the sun, with my eyes closed imagined worlds to come; feeling windy whispers, saw this tree grow in me, and grow out of me, from my eyes and my skin.

he had been my brother through the years, gave me cover; saved my lucid dreams... oh! My friend, my love, my shade and teacher, I tried to bring your message, be your speaker, people didn't care, didn't ever listen.

time passed... you and I became adults in life, but my heart and memories try to keep you alive; there's an image that can't be erased or altered; my guava tree, my life somehow you guided.

from your branches I knew a kind of world, the kind that is not easily forgotten; I saw from up there people are actually small, but act as if they were bigger than this planet.

up there, dreaming in your arms by day, ideas, never known to a child before, were planted, dramatically in a tender soul; and you made strong what used to be frail.

I thank you for that my tree brother friend, and thank you because you were always there; you showed me a way hard to find myself, now, many things, if not all I understand.

I'm glad I knew you from the start of my life, I'm glad I spent my time hanging from a branch; eating fresh fruit rather that watching TV, for all those reasons I have to thank thee.

A Mad Knight

Poetry is

a smile painted into words
eyes described as magical doors
lips turned into fountains of love
the transformation of the sun into the lamp of gods
I, turned into a mad knight
with a book-shield and a pencil-sword

A Peaceful Song

the shade under a mango tree the warmth of a summer day the whistleing of birds dancing in my head a book and a pen

A Sad Memory Of Happiness

I reached over for my watch, however, I don't have a watch; I had a watch before, I remember.
Perhaps, what I reached for was not my old watch, the one I had, briefly, during a childhood moment, but for the memory of a watch that ticked around my life merrily once.

A Shadow At The Door

A shadow flanks the door through which escape is merely possible; the wooden sheet has been swung open by the winter draft that's never cold, but always strong enough to cut the walking pace. Branches crack from ancient trees, the song being sung is old as dust; it brings back memories of earthly days. The shadow at the door holds a known name, known to friends and family alone: the face, the eyes, the feelings that hides. All along it's just a shade that bears my name and has my face and my broken will. Poor darkling - little beast - poor son of naught you've been here all along, and now it's understood: your salvation will cost the life that I've been granted.

A Toast

'Fill my glass to the brink, good man bartender'
I said
'This is the last one I serve tonight, for you or anybody else'
He said
'Look at this amberish beauty'
I said as I handed the money
'One day so much beauty will kill you, my man'
He said placing a hand on my hand
'Your advice comes a little late, since I'm already gone'
I said looking into the tender's eyes
then I just walked away
He took the drink in his hand and lifted it to a toast
'For those who have died of love'
I just repeated under my breath

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'I'm already gone'

Adults' Playground

Most of my childhood memories are a lot of day-dreaming spiced up with a little over-the-top reality, like a bad cherry in a cherry pie.

An Exodus (And Unfinished Story)

LEAVE this mortal vessel once leave it a short moment behind leave it to visit the moon and the stars

then, as hard as later you may try you may never want to take it back for then you'll be able to cross the skies to flee to new horizons in a thought to embrace a new kind of freedom and the new dimension given to your eyes will all of your ideas and feelings occupy.

At Night What Is That I Hear Outside?

at night What is that I hear outside?

heavy eyelids

And a slow thumping on my chest

eyes burning like hell and dry lips and a sore throat

what is that I hear outside my window? □am not scare of dying

we all are dying every second that passes $\ensuremath{\overline{\mathsf{We}}}$ are all dead

like the rock that goes in the water and ripples go after the shore

I understand, I do □pay attention while I rest my eyes

Where is my forehead
my dreams?
I always ask that question, but
Ldon't hope for an answer really

some things
are what they are
while others aren't
What we expect them to be.

at times I wonder,
Dut then, suddenly,
I stop. I come back
Up for air, and forget all about it.

Bad Self

a tree shade and a knife
a fresh pear and a wife
a spear through the heart
killing's been always an art
a green hut and a pun
domesticated animals are fun
serviceable people astray
give way give way
our tamed friends need the road
let them or finish them off
second thoughts are usually wrong
but what's with the pear and the wife
with the shade and the knife?
they're just aligned
just a filthy line.

Brown Bloom In A Quiet Ocean

I had been swallowed by some eyes.
They gradually became familiar.
An untouchable skin wrapped around a hand, like an island in the horizon enveloped in silky sands.

They were a mountain at some point that pulled me up and showed me what they saw. It was a marvelous sight, but frightening.

I washed up at their beach, after years of living on an island of her soul, sunbitten, but alive.

Bright bloom floating all over my dry spirit, absorbing my essence away: they stung me and stunted me for a while.

I saw them, and fear embraced me. Their ardorous presence on me made me melt like wax, scrutinizing what I was, and what I had been made of.

I always tried to hide from them, because I knew I coudln't escape their crushing stare.

I drowned in their deepness, not once.

Empty Spaces

There are empty spaces
Everywhere in the world.
Poetry tries to fill those spaces
With beautiful words.
Furthermore,
It tries to fill them up
With truth and love.
For Love is life.
Truth is all.

Essay On Freedom

We are as free as soap bubbles in the wind; no less no more

Eyes To The East

look

look closely

there's something

something you hadn't seen before

before you weren't paying attention

you didn't need to pay attention

you were too caught up into the sort of thing the others call life

but life isn't about pleasing tossing and turning

you used to be too caught up on the Machine to notice

used to

what now?

you are used to that sort of thing

the thing that most tend to denominate life

but life isn't about denominations wars holy wars race and colors

what now?

look closer

there's you hidden somewhere down in the folds of your soul

there's you, look feel see

there's you heavy laden with beliefs that aren't yours

with perspectives that aren't yours

with regrets that aren't yours

living a life that isn't yours, a lie a hipocritical tale

what now?

you know that somewhere down there you can choose differently

you understand what you want what you need who you are

what now?

choose to ignore?

or choose to come out in one final battle?

this is your call...

Finish Your Drink And Go

grab the glass full of fire and methodically shove it down the throat

run your dirty sleeve again over the broken lip thirsty of a new hello

ask the barkeep for a refill another glass of fire to quench your soul

drink it down fast, never slow close the blood shot eyes, feel the warmth

ask for a glass of forgetfulness finish it off and then go, never to return

For The Sake Of Freedom

it is time we love
I You and You Me
in the end
only Love
will set us Free

Fossil Man

THERE was a man who ran on sunlight; but we forced him to run on gas.

Freedom To Love

WHAT is happening with life? What with me?

I'm free, although your eyes make me think I'm not.

Those lips and their furious kiss drag me in.

I'm left alone wishing you were with me.

He Said

He said 'let there be light' then someone somewhere flipped a switch of His own design.

Hovering Clouds

Clouds hovering over town just barely above the steeples and the rooftops and the treetops just barely above it all soft steamy doves finding their way through the blue the smog the birds the airplanes and above a city full of thankful people who would rather do without the rain but stick to the fresh shade this cotton mantle brings with its ceremonious dance.

but not a drop delivered, today they are passers-by just like the rest of us.

I Always Think Of Freedom

I always think of freedom, but I still don't understand is freedom something I must buy? is it something handed to me? is it something I ought to obtain by fighting? is it something I was born with but been denied? I always think of freedom, but I still don't understand

Immortality Attained

Looking through my ersatz drapes beyond the world of flesh and bones beyond the world of love and hate beyond my dreams and hopes there's a place, virginal and untamed a green and placid rootless tree awaits there a gorgeous waterless beach remains there too looking through my window lays a street there's a cloud, a car, a dog, a cat, an empty bottle of wine there's a door-to-door saleswoman, and an inclement sun accross the sea of glass life and death await in here, it feels as if time had stopped and immortality attained at last

In The Mirror

WHEN you look in the mirror, what do you see?
when I look in the mirror I see myself
what is the direction I need to take?
There are so many questions and so many people to blame
I guess it's an answer that has to be chosen
when I see myself in the mirror I am not scared
I'm shattered on the floor, but I must pick up myself
I guess the answer is a dream to be followed
following a dream will fix the image I see in the mirror
when you look in the mirror, do you see your dreams?

Inclination

There is an inclination
in all human souls
to seek out company;
so, know this now,
I'm here for you
whenever you have need of me.
I'm a soul inclined to be with you,
for you, around you,
and know this too,
there's a line I'll never dare to cross,
the space that makes you free,
the space where you like to be alone.

Interlude

Looking out some window at some random flying birds, I started to think how great it would be to be one of them, to be free, to roam the sky by day and by night. While I kept on looking and wishing, it hit me right on the face: they didn't wish to be me. Maybe, that's one of the things, I thought, that set those birds free.

It's The Whys That Makes Us Suffer

Thinking again about leaving no control no wings no pardon there's a road ahead there's a bridge I need to cross I'm not a child, I'm not a dog.

The sun is setting over town there's a glacial breeze in every eye this lost stare looking for a future a hidden thought of walking away booking a flight was never so difficult.

an intentionally broken wing is the best excuse, however intentional, the pain remains so, wipe the sweet failure of the face embrace it, love isn't always perfect love isn't always the answer either.

It's probably the effect caused by choices evil or not, it's more a perception there's probably a better manner of doing love might be an inequivocal mistake and the whys stab deeper than any other doubt.

I'Ve Awaken

I've awaken
to a trial;
is it life I've awaken to?
darken spaces float around
gathering light as they go;
the light that finds me through my shadow
makes me and develops me,
I am a moving picture;
I am a darken space that has been filled out with glow
the only difference is that now I know
because like I said a moment ago,
I've been awaken
to a trial:
to life or to something called love.

Just Another Day

Today was just another day in which I ate and drank and worried (as opposed to some Holy words I once read): I also prepared for lasting til tomorrow; today I talked myself out of suicide while holding a knife to my throat; today was just another day; my survival was accomplished either corage or cowardice was evident only to me then, and now to whomever took time to walk into my soul unnanounced by reading these words.

Letter To A Girl Friend (A Road Of Haikus)

know this now my friend, your friendship's unbearable. P.S. olive juice.

Look At This City

Look At This City and tell me 囮hat you see.

Do you see What I see? Do you feel the same as me?

Look at the trees.

Don't tell me now

Bat they are in our way.

Progress (Whatever you mean by that) .

Look at this city: 動 much innocence; 動 much fear; 動 much love.

Sometimes I feel
the same way you feel:
the same way you feel:
the same way you feel:
the stand confused
when I try to keep my love alive
the people, and the stray dogs,
and the palm trees, and the Nyms,
but the attitude of the city
the stray of the way, sometimes.

Sometimes, I close my eyes and whisper softly to my heart that all evil that all pass.

Look at the city
Deep into her eyes.
Dell her,

With your spirit in the horizon, that you'll never give up.

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Mostly... (Unfinished Poetry Collection)

Staggering to get up and go wavering to take a first step what is the condition at this point? knowing has never been a strength doubting has never been an issue the real problem is believing the love believing people, the forecast, miracles, believing scientific facts stuttering when speaking the mind reeling into life drunk on survival mostly trying to survive mostly trying to... mostly.

My Soul Is Crying And I Am Not

My soul is crying and I am not.

How is this possible?
Lights are on
which can only mean
there's still hope:
in which direction is the spear
pointed?
Save the heart, and
a bit of intelligence.
Nothing good comes from
dying suddenly,
the way a lightining does,
most times.

When I run, I run for my life.
Not that I am in a hurry.
I rarely am.
Alive I mean.

There were two things
(only two?)
that used to move me more
than life itself:
her eyes, how she looked at me
and smiled with a spark;
and my sadness,
how my eyes reflected
on the emptiness I've felt.

My soul is crying, but I am not.

That leaves me more questions than answers.

Of Her Hair

A waterfall. that's your hair: a dark current that embraces me, offering no escape.

One Last Song

Sing a song that leaves me for deaf a firey tune that burns my heart and awakes my soul fill my eyes with tears and my humanity with love sing the song of songs the whispers of the universe the sounds of god of any god a song for justice a song for joy a song for mercy sing a song that leaves me dying so that I once feel that I'm alive

Poems

Poems are deep breaths, heartbeats, dactilar prints of the soul.

See The Water

SEE the water? there's the water it's a river, an ocean, a lake, a pond, a tear see it there? over there! that's the water it's ingrained deeply into the universe it is you, the water, the soul, the Mecca the deserved uthopia for the restless spirits we're oceans, rivers, lakes, ponds we're rain drops, soothing breezes drizzling from beyond

Small Pieces Of Me

Scales, like those of a komodo dragon, resting on paper, burning holes through the thin whiteness, constricting syllables out of blackness and the emptiness left behind.

'Not now! ' - screams the voice dictating my poetry - 'not ever...' - sadly

Sometimes it falls like dandruff on my shoulders, and its presence makes me uncomfortable. I try to pat it away, but it remains.

Sometimes Is The Emotions That Get A Hold Of Me

Just like the cover of an old book used to read: I live more I will ever die. It was a beatiful book, so full of hope, filled with faith; so tiny and strong. 4 in the morning her pages started turning all the way down to well passed midnight. She was loved. She was cherished by my tender heart. Then, one day, the epiloque: a blow to the head. The kick of a mule turn my precious little book into stone. I sometimes miss her. When that happens I summon her shadow, and reread some pages when she and I existed in the same plain. Sometimes I cry in the loneliness of my soul because the emotions get a hold of me.

Steady

We are pendulums every last one of us pendulums is what we are we swing back and forth from joy to pain from drought to rain we swing steady - steady - steady we are tick-tick dancers from beginning to end life is just a dance that we follow at our own pace a dance - a stance - a race we swing forth and back until we crack open like an egg swinging like a pendulum from life to death from death to life steady - steady - steady

Strive For The Sun

The pencil is always calling me; the words are always forming like a storm; they push me on to that blank safety where I can always jump cry be happy and morn; and all I need is ink paper words to patch my broken wings and strive again for the sun with a little poetry that, somehow, reforms my soul.

The I In Future

I rest upon a hill made of my own desires

I rest upon my desires turned into a hill of bullshit

The Millstone [revisited]

FEAR is the millstone, and confidence is the grain, that we, willingly, place under the millstone's weight.

What if we do?, what if we don't?, we'll never know if we remain full of doubt and just look at the road.

A grain as small as a mustard seed is the first step, cherish it, do not misplace it, have faith in yourself.

Confidence is the grain that we must take to the field, which will grow into deeds and our disbelief will yield.

The Morning Wakes

The morning wakes with a sunny smile, with the giggly song of birds and wind it brings with it; with the smell of oceans and the taste of bread, with a mist of coffee, and with kisses sweet as honey and mint.

The Numbers

UNDERSTAND: money cannot buy love. It's rather the opposite, money, or the love of money vanquishes godly love.

The Same Song For Every Night

A song plays in my head when I think I'm asleep it flows, it does its thing; mesmerizing tune of love of hate some eyes open in the distance, their night's overriden by the music the stillness of the night is torn down to fragments of peaceless doves flapping their wings gasping for air there's a rooster, I'm quite sure, listening attemptively to the melody the sun makes when rising. Then, it dawns on me: I've been scared all through my nights and I am awaken by the sound of my fruitful sorrow what a song that was last night! it's the same song for every night the same song I was listening to before I got up to write this tuneless poem.

The Waiting

for waiting, one must have the talent, for waiting isn't an easy thing to do. you have to have your chances and play with them. Waiting is like being hungry and expecting somebody anybody to decide to make you a sandwich out of nowhere. but realize this, the sandwichmakers are waiting too, although they might not know it yet, but they are nonetheless. look at your dog if you have one or at your cat or at your neighbors' pests and tell me without a doubt that they aren't waiting either. we are all waiting for something for nothing perhaps for everything or for too much or for too little. we've got work to do but we idle and we wait. the flowers are blooming now, can't you see that? but if you look closely, they also waited for the right time, the right weather, and the right station.

the time is ripe for waiting.

let others do the work.
let others sort out our lives.
let's sit here and wait
for our destinies to be revealed,
for the best way of living
to show along the road and then follow.
Let's wait for death to come
and rain upon us like glitter and glue,
and when she is finally here,
let us wait until she shows us how
we are supposed to die.

There Have Been Many Skies

There have been many skies and some birds passing by some clouds gray and white and even cloudless days and nights there have been some blue some dark some firey orange ones some of them have been planted with flowers shooting stars have raced with dragons eagles have played with stars moonbeams and sunshine sunlight and moonlight my eyes have witnessed much they've withstood the test of time and life until my departure day comes when Death gentle touch reaches for my hand to walk together the rest of the path.

This Day Is Bored

this day is bored. he looks at his watch and sighs: it's barely eleven a.m. he is thinking of the sweet mechanical sound of clocking out and on the deep blue of his punching card, then a smile fades in and fades out almost instantly. he looks at his watch again it's still eleven a.m. he shakes his watch and put it to his ear, he winds it up. the watch starts his race anew. he then yawns and decides to call in some rain clouds so he can take a nap.

This Is What Life Is...

There are so many things I do that I do not want to do There are so many things I want to do that I am not doing there is little time left on my sand clock I guess I can use it for regrets and to think of possibilities that will never be one last grain of sand I could've done more I should've had the courage to... one last breath it was a good life, but it could've been better Death befalls me the game board is placed before my eyes I was just a pon adopting behaviors they provoked adopting their 'dreams' as mine accepting blind fears as facts of the future educated for failure forced to betray and abandon myself this is what life is and has been, I think, at least for most of us

Unfortunate Enlightenment

A hostage and a ruler.

The covenants,
we've all made them:
Don't
Won't
Can't
but, perhaps, some day you might
if I ever allow it.
Ever.

Forget about it. Nevermind.

Bring your friends over and let them learn: is love suicide or genocide? It's neither. Perhaps, it is both.

Come,
abandon yourself in my arms
and
rest for a while,
while we wait for your friends to show.
Turn every light off
and
tell me again about the time you weren't brave.
You may yet learn something tonight, boy:
I'm not here and
neither are you.

I'm the ruler of this realm. I'm the hostage of your pain.

Untouched

An abyss
a lonely soul
so the years pass by
I, somehow, remain untouched
a difficult place to reach
a candid light covered by the drapes I've thrown upon
an unmeasurable pain
a flickering light, reminiscence of something learned
an empty room sparkling with moonlight
it's always night in this vessel
stormy as always on this ship
I, somehow, remain untouched

Untruthful Self

I've intended to do the same everyone does when it comes down to rewriting the arts

'there's nothing new under the sky'

words were hiding somewhere in the back of the head feelings crawled back into their original habitats loneliness sprawled from my eyes to my soul I, then, found myself sitting alone my hands and my feet were cold my heart not as much as numb I had pushed and pushed until I couldn't do it more words were gone, feelings were home, eyes saw nothing loneliness sprawled from heart to bone to end of days then, there was an empty seat I ran, escaped, crawled back into my original habitat when the morning dawned I was gone with the stars.

Wanting

My lips are wanting a kiss from yours, a touch of madness that most call love.

My lips are wanting to say your name, to touch your skin and burn with it.

My lips are wanting to catch your breath, to feel the voice of your throbbing veins.

My lips are wanting to be yours tonight, and wake up with you, kisssed by morning light for all the days that soon will come.

Water

My world is water two beads of water form my eyes an eye of water is my heart a constant wave of salty motion is my tongue a mass of muddy water is my soul my hair's like snow and the rain at night combined and a rainy day makes me whole.

What If I Can Fly

you can't tolerate the truth behind the words 'I can fly' - but I can fly

and when I shut my eyes
I actually see better,
but you have been corrupted
and think that we all should
be just like you
a little bitter and miserable.

I can fly - I say while hiding a smirk from the crowd and folding my wings back into my immense skull

all you do is frown and disregard me with empty, unshiny eyes.

Where's Hope?

In the flight of a bird, there is hope. In the smile of a child, there is hope. In the green shadow of a tree, there is hope. There is hope all around, where the eyes can see, as long as there's something good happening in the world, there is hope. Hope for what? I ask, I want to know. Hope for everyone to fulfill a role. Is there hope for me? I just want to be given a chance to do what I am meant for; Is there hope for my words to be given enough room to fly? Is there hope for words anymore in this life?