

Poetry Series

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## **&quot;Vae Victis! &Quot;**

Woe to the vanquished!  
As the powers that be  
Come through your gate to see  
What valuables you have hiding

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# A Bump On The Road To Love

How can we love this way  
It makes me want to pray  
That selfish thoughts  
Have gone astray  
Too bad a friendship  
Turns to love  
A good intention  
From above  
Skewers the meaning  
What is love

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# A Man

He was like a colorful picture,  
Painted in abstract colors of gray.  
His extraordinary ambiance affected no one,  
Though he posed brilliantly each day.

An enigmatic presence he possessed  
And guarded it jealously as if obsessed.  
That colorless thieves might steal or  
Better yet his true nature reveal.

These exceptional qualities hid him well  
As he prowled the naked world to tell.  
Of worlds and creatures not so strange  
Resembling the lifeless horses mange.

As he dreams of days gone by  
Hoping soon to learn to fly  
Away from the colorless sky  
He hopes to do this and not die.

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# A Poem For Me

I heard the call  
Bounce off the wall  
A resonating poem  
I hoped to own  
The words moved me so  
I had to know  
Was it for me  
Could she not see  
I knew the cost  
Alas I lost

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# A Poets Words

A friend just spoke  
With words so still  
My inner soul  
Could hardly feel  
Their inner strength  
With unknown length  
My heart beat fast  
But didn't last  
How could one hear  
And not shed a tear  
At the poetic flair  
That graced the air

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# A Poor Soul

Am I that poor soul  
That moves the poet's quill  
That dares to dream  
His heart won't be still  
Of a time that's gone  
Dreams he can't fulfill  
Where will it end  
This nothing noise  
Makes my heart bend  
Lend me a hand  
And be my friend  
Until the end

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# A Song

A vinyl song embraced my brain  
With a haunting angelic refrain  
The songs melodious sound  
Would unmercifully go around  
Until at last I gratefully found  
A restful rhythm for my brain  
You ask what was that new refrain  
It was mambos and smooth jazz  
That filled me with razzmatazz

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# A Special Island

A gossamer moon  
A poetic lagoon  
And we on an island  
Two mystical hearts  
Observing the stars  
A fragrant breeze blowing  
The whispering trees  
Brings us to our knees  
We quake and we shiver  
The tingling sand  
Caressing your hand  
The fireflies bring us  
A tropical breeze  
A shimmering moon  
And two hearts that swoon  
A romantic ending□

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# A Street Called Sadness

He lived on a street called sadness  
Devoid in toto of gladness  
And those who went there  
Soon were filled with despair  
Heaven then helped to repair  
Along came a stormy banshee  
And wiped all the misery to sea  
This totally turned miserable sadness  
To profoundly joyful new gladness  
A miracle was born you see

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# A Thought On Terror

An abstraction to say the least  
Terror or fear, but of what!  
The unknown? Not really,  
Rather what the psyche knows  
And will not release; except  
Maybe in the form of adrenalin  
That causes the body to react.  
But what part of the brain  
Does not fully assimilate?  
Just the muscles tightening  
And the stomach churning chyme.  
An impulse that says run,  
But where and much more  
Why? And the terrorist  
Rears his undulating head.  
And terror belongs because  
It is unknown to what end.  
And the process begins again.  
We do not learn.

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## A Tribute To Kim Novak's Films

We walked "The French Line" which was no "Pushover"  
When someone broke wind that sounded like "Phfft"  
We all thought it was the "Son of Sinbad" however, we were  
"5 Against the House" which was no "Picnic" because of  
"The Man with the Golden Arm" saying he wanted to play  
"The Eddy Duchin Story" with "Jeanne Eagles" who wanted  
Her "Pal Joey" instead which gave us all "Vertigo" that only  
The seer could cure with her "Bell, Book and Candle" in  
The "Middle of the Night" causing us to feel like "Strangers  
When We Meet" with "The Notorious Lady" who wasn't there  
Because it was "The Boys Night Out" and they went to see  
"Of Human Bondage" or was it "Kiss Me Stupid" which told  
Of "The Amorous Adventures of Moll Flanders" mimicking  
"The Legend of Lylah Clare" who made her acting debut  
In "The Great Train Robbery" a half hearted attempt at  
Cinema by the way she was "The Third Girl from the Left"  
Telling "Tales That Witness Madness" which was a kind of  
"Satan's Triangle" trilogy with "The White Buffalo" pretending  
To be "Just a Gigolo" this caused everyone to laugh so hard  
"The Mirror Crack'd" in the "Malibu" house where "The Children" were playing the  
closing stanza of "Liebestraum" which everyone knows is from Franz List's  
'Dream of Love'

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# A Whimsical Mind

A warbling woobie caught my eye  
As I leaped off the porch and started to fly  
The rascal was startled as I flew by  
I spun right by him into the sky

How thoughtless of me to startle him so  
I spun around and came down low  
I hoped he wouldn't turn and go  
Thinking that I might be a foe

We both twirled round and round  
As if we were both bound  
We laughed so hard we missed the ground  
Fortunately for us we landed on a mound

What a whimsical mind you might say  
I laugh at you all and continue to play  
Just be careful and don't get in my way  
I might swing at you with a fistful of clay  
Ha...

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# A Whisper

I thought I heard a whisper in the breeze  
It seemed to say stay with me please  
It sounded so soft and peaceful  
I couldn't help but fall to my knees

I searched for the source of the whisper  
Foolishly I thought it was by a tall fir  
Time seemed to move like a blur

As I went to a wonderful large tree  
My eyes could not focus to see

A wisteria wrapped around it

Teasing me with its essence of you

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# Above The Crowd

Trials and tribulations signify who we are  
Begotten not made by a comet or star

Whispering willows from afar  
Try to release fireflies from the jar

Struggling bubbles seem tired and strained  
While listening to lost ones not reclaimed

Rising currents of vocal distress  
Maligned good people want redress

A few raise their heads above the crowd  
Trying to be heard but not too loud

A promise on paper placed in a box  
Hoping the outcome won't be a shock

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# Abstractions

Waiting wearily rugged rhinoceros  
Abhor wispy and windy reptiles  
Slithering silently on webbed feet  
Across verdant deserts whispering  
Obnoxious love songs to hummingbirds  
That flutter backwards below bandanas  
Worn by giraffes walking carefully  
Across ponds filled with slithering snails  
How is that possible you ask in wonder  
It's just an abstraction don't try to ponder  
What's meaningless meanders mindlessly  
Meaning that abstractions are like fractions  
They are hard to cipher

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# Accepting Love

Love bonds us closer  
Because of the intimacy  
Of having shared love  
And understanding  
With care and respect  
For what we are and  
Accepting that fact

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# Alien Dream

An ancient alien knocked on my door  
I peeked through the window to see  
Could there be more

The moon was full a chill in the air  
I started to tremble and shake  
Then pull at my hair

A gasp escaped my parted lips  
As a tongue licked my cheek  
It was my dog Nips

I grabbed him and hugged him  
For rescuing me  
From my alien dream

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# All Day Long

She came to me in dreams of glorious mist  
A trembling pleasure I couldn't resist  
Her flowing gown hiding promises to come  
A weakness overcame me I wanted to run  
As she approached my confused mind  
I gazed at her beauty before I went blind  
A smile playfully whispered I'm yours  
My heart leaves my body and soars  
In my brain dead confusion I blurted  
A saying that seemed badly worded  
I've been thinking of you all day long  
Never thinking I'd hear you in a song  
A fragrant finger caressed my ear  
Sending messages I've wanted to hear  
I stared in wonder at her graceful look  
I'll enclose her beauty in my new book

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# All In The Day

Clear skies at sunrise  
Birds are singing  
Bells are ringing  
Children are swinging

It's a good day to write  
A cute fairy tale  
Or a poem that can sail  
About friends without fail

What else can one do  
Before the day is through  
Perhaps sing a song  
But hopefully not too long

The sun is setting  
The children are fretting  
The day was soon over  
No more playing red-rover

All adults are in bed  
What more can be said

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# All Manner Of Being

To her I've been:  
A beggar, a bum, a poet, a thief.  
All manner of beings  
Including a chief.  
She's loved all my beings  
Much to my relief!  
What can I be now -  
To mystify her?  
I'll just try for once  
To be myself  
In hopes that she keeps  
My secretes to herself.  
I wonder how that will be?

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# Allergies

Walking in sunshine  
Smelling the breeze  
Happily singing  
Ops, here's a sneeze  
Hay fever hit me  
Yep, flowering trees  
Running in sunshine  
Away from the breeze  
No longer singing  
Shoot, another sneeze

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# Alliterations A-C

Able athletes acknowledge  
Attempts at ambitions  
Above all athleticism

Behaving badly  
Begets bad behavior  
Before benefits  
Begin building  
Benevolence

Caring causes concern causally  
Continually comforting common  
Culprits conniving  
Capriciously constantly

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## Alliterations D-F

Daily decadence develops  
Delusions demanding decisions  
Declared discompassionately  
Devoutly denied

Emerging emotions  
Entail energy  
Encompassing every  
Entity evolved

Facing fragile  
Features facetiously  
Forgoes familiarity  
Fundamentally flawed

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# Alliterations G-I

Generosity generates grave  
Graphical gestures  
Growing graciously

Hardened hindrances  
Hide hope  
Helplessly holding  
Holiday happiness

Insolence incites  
Incidences irrevocably  
Invalidated indefinitely

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## Alliterations J-L

Jupiter jewels jealously  
Jumping jaded jasmine  
Jointly jammed

Knowledge knows  
Kinetic kinships  
Keeping kindred  
Kids knowing

Living legends  
Laugh lightly  
Loving life  
Laboring languidly  
Latently left  
Linguistically lipid  
Laughing liquidly  
Loquaciously lost

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## Alliterations M-O

Misunderstood misunderstanding

Misses minor metaphor meant

Magically mysteriously

Muted metaphorically

Nimble nightmares

Nervously nag

Nightingales nightly

Noting noises

Oppressed opossums

Openly obfuscate

Obvious others

Ordinarily optimistic

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# Alliterations P-R

Petrified poetry  
Presents putrid  
Prose permanently  
Pausing poignantly

Quaking qualms  
Qualify quietly  
Quizzing questions  
Queerly quatrain

Resourceful rats  
Ravage raisins  
Reaping rewards  
Regretfully ripened

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# Alliterations S-U

Strategies streaming silently  
Secretly sealing something  
Strange stored securely  
Somewhere

Trembling terrapins  
Traipse timidly  
Touching tenderly  
Toasted teals

Understated unicorns  
Unbag uniforms  
Utterly useless  
Unfit undies

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# Alliterations V-Z

Virginal vixens  
Viewing vestments  
Vainly valuable  
Voraciously vicious

Wandering warrior  
Welcomes women  
Weaving wonder  
While worrying

X-rated x-rays  
Xenon xeric  
Xerox xylem

Yachtsmen yearning  
Yearlong yodelers  
Younger yardbirds  
Yuletide yearlings

Zebras zoned  
Zero zealously  
Zapping Zorro

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## Always A Mystery To Me

I often wondered what she wondered when I asked her  
The seemingly foolish questions, like why do you love me!  
Later, the stupidity of the question  
Would make me feel like a complete idiot.  
And, in the discovery of the answer  
Of this self evident query was the wonder of her.  
A wonder that, in spite of all that I knew about her  
Let me know that she would forever be a mystery to me.

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# Amor De Pendejos

Amor de lejos  
Se esconde  
Como los Conejos  
Buscando los  
Pendejos  
Es locura  
No cultura

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# An Ending

Where does it end  
My soulful cry  
I send it to  
The mournful sky  
If I'm not yours  
I am no one  
Together we  
Were just begun  
You saw not what  
Could have been  
Our love was caught  
In a downward spin

Too late we tried  
To ease the pain  
And yet we cried  
A soulful refrain  
Alas I fear  
What is so clear  
We both will shed  
A painful tear

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# Apocalypse

Changing time, cool days, hot nights  
Birds in flight, smoke blowing from  
Cancerous lips, bloated bellies, glazed eyes  
Who sees the seas where plankton is mined  
Because of depleted soybeans.

Changing times, gray skies, rainless prairies  
Parched wheat, meatless plates, cataracted  
Eyes don't see ships at sea carrying surplus  
Overseas.

Changing times, child cries, hunger prevails  
Throughout the land. Man has reached the  
Stars at the expense of the earth scars,  
Life support systems don't exist.

Changing times, grandparent dies, wisdom  
Falls on mutant ears, electrified brain  
Mummified by screams of falling bombs.

Changing times, gods die, primates screech.  
Men forms beseech an entity unseen.

Changing times, man dies, insects eat,  
Hellish storms, earth is cleansed, we're  
At the fore, genesis once more.

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# Armageddon

Angels affirm ambitions

Abruptly abandoned

Acknowledging annually

Accepting acclaim

And adroitly

Awaiting

Armageddon

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# As My Heart Goes

Where goes my heart  
Right from the start

I see in you  
A worldly view

A child of love  
A star from above

A gentle soul  
With a caring role

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# Ask The Muse

Why does it hurt so much  
He asked the muse  
There was no response  
What was the use  
To keep on caring in despair  
You only lose  
Yet we arise past these pains  
Hoping it's a ruse

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# Atavism

Atavism in a prism  
Look back and see  
What you were  
Were you a bear  
Were you a flea  
Or maybe  
A tall oak tree  
It's hard to know  
It doesn't show  
Without the prism

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# Audacity Of Hope

The audacity of hope  
Can be a slippery slope  
Take care who you follow  
That person may be shallow  
Beware of false leaders  
They may be just cheaters  
Stay clear of false sales men  
Who entice you with their amen

The audacity of hope  
Should widen your scope  
Of those you believe  
Can help you achieve  
Take care who you follow  
In mire you may wallow

The audacity of hope  
Should not make you grope  
May you keep a keen eye  
And look up to the sky  
There is clarity up there  
So please be aware  
Or your soul may be bare

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# Awaiting Love

You wait for me  
The light is on in our cabin  
Awaiting love  
Meant for two

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# Awake Dreaming

What was it about her  
That caused me to see things so clearly  
Did I see her through eyes brightly  
Or was it that I had not seen the world before  
Had I just been dreaming  
About what life was supposed to be  
Had I misjudged my life so greatly  
Were all the other players  
Simple figments of my imagination  
In essence, had I just been dreaming  
If so was I now awake

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# Back To Dreaming

I've lived a dream  
I'm now awake  
I didn't know  
What was at stake  
How could I make  
Such a mistake  
Now all I see  
Is pitiful me  
Back to dreaming  
Where I can flee  
This awful dream  
That pesters me

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## Bad Laundry Day

He was forever in a quandary  
While doing the weekly laundry  
The soap didn't bubble  
As he stroked his stubble  
The bleach didn't do its job  
He felt like he'd been robbed  
Then the washer quit working  
It appeared to be smirking  
Then he saw a poetic sign  
This made him feel fine  
He put his laundry in a bag  
Treating his quandary as a gag

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# Be Kind

We seek and plea  
For integrity

Sincerity and trust  
To us is a must

Our faith is firm  
For the long term

As to whom we are  
Shines like a star

Treat others well  
Your life will jell

And love yourself  
Don't stay on the shelf

And others will find  
You're truly kind

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# Because Of You

I hope your day went well  
I tried to cast a spell  
On you  
My magic dried  
I almost died  
Because of you

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# Bee Life

The bee buzzed with nectar  
How can we protect her

The plants need her so  
Please don't let her go

Our pesticides are deadly  
To her way of life

Our environment is collapsing  
We need no more strife

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# Bird In Hat

Alarmed at the sound  
It was a baying hound  
Running in the yard  
It was breathing hard  
Chasing a bird in a hat  
Can you imagine that  
I suppressed a giggle  
As I saw the bird wiggle  
Its way under the fence  
The hound had no chance  
The bird did a dance  
The hound drooped low  
I laughed at the show

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# Blame Me

A crisis screams  
I am to blame  
For thoughts  
Not thought  
I played the game  
The game of love  
I couldn't win  
I lost at love  
I am to blame

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## Blame Poetry

Words of love and praise untold  
Poetry reigns and dreams unfold  
Hope is shattered all too soon  
We waved goodbye beneath the moon  
With a grain of sand in my hand  
I look at the sea and see the land  
The world is twisted for you and me  
Was it all because of poetry

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# Blind To Reality

Willful blindness  
To all that's seen  
Mindless wishing  
For what has been  
Awaken my friend  
To what is real

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# Blushing Moon

I saw the moon blush last night  
As I explained our love was right  
It blushed then blinked  
I thought it winked  
To let me know  
Our love would grow  
As I pondered the moon  
I heard a dove swoon  
It calmly told me  
That our love would be  
Forever embraced  
By the moon's soft gaze

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# Boggling Questions

Have you tried to edit the content of your memories?  
Does the wind whisper in your ear soft vagaries?  
Please think about your memories minus content!  
Will they seem chaotic all jumbled and bent?  
Can you actively manipulate and edit the brain?  
Can you do it so slightly as to not cause a strain?  
Or is it the brain attempting to edit itself?  
Attempting to take notes to place on the shelf.  
Am I able to learn from voices in my head?  
Or is this something I have to dread?  
Are the voices in one's head real?  
Do they really know how to make me feel?  
Does one dream of what one is dreaming?  
Have you thought that it might be the brain scheming!  
Is day dreaming a parallel thought in my brain?  
If so can it cause unprovoked brain strain?

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# Bojangles

An obligatory historical story  
Was read in Harlem last night  
The crowds it did quell  
Because it cast quite a spell  
It proclaimed Bojangles had died

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## Born Bad

He was born not knowing  
In the year of the cat  
He should have been born  
In the year of the rat  
His status was plain  
He had not shoes and no hat  
How bad is that

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# Boulevard Of Broken Dreams

I've lived on the boulevard of broken dreams  
Life there is boring, lonely and decaying at the seams  
Occasionally I've seen a beautiful boulevard that gleams  
However this only happens in my restless dreams  
Someday I'll look for solace while fishing the streams  
In hopes that One day I'll make that boulevard gleam  
With gloriously radiant and loving moonbeams

Lento Maez

# Broken Spirit

The spirit emerged  
From a wounded soul  
All broken and brittle  
As if crushed with a stone  
Salvation helped mend it  
A power intervened  
It's now quarantined  
Where no one can offend it

Lento Maez

# Buildings

Girders of steel and concrete  
Shapes of squares, rectangles  
And occasionally a hint of a  
Curve  
Man's ugliness unveiled  
The mid-primitiveness exposed  
And we beam with pleasure  
At our accomplishments

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# Burnt Food

Denial of fact

Getting caught in the act

Who's to blame when it's over

Mow the lawn cut the clover

Burnt the food my mistake

What more can we take

Go to culinary school

Stop being a fool

Learn to cook and to bake

Stop being a flake

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# Busted

Displaced disobedience  
Children with hands in cookie jar  
Busted

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# Butterfly Gossip

Whispering butterflies caught my eye  
What were they saying and to whom and why

I heard one giggle then wiggle its wings  
The other one blushed then wiggled its wings

They both flew away as I watched their flight  
Circling my head they flew out of sight

I was left wondering what did they say  
I recalled their antenna bent as if to pray

After following a road by clover filled field  
I realized that their secret would not be revealed

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# Buzzing Thought

I explore this thought  
I cannot comprehend  
It buzzes in my head  
And I don't understand  
Why it goes on and on  
As if I should know  
Its content and flow  
How clever can it be  
Am I so blind I can't see  
It's only a thought  
That my mind caught  
Will it ever end  
Is it heaven sent  
I doubt it so  
It has no glow  
It's a buzzing thought  
That I just fought

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# Calliterations

Casual callowness

Cavorting casually

Causing concern

Coexisting calmly

Conceited capers

Colliding calmly

Contenders claiming

Complex connections

Cumbersome calipers

Clinging cooperatively

Collectively clang

Combining cleverly

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# Campfire

The shadows grew dark  
As the sun lost its glow  
But wouldn't you know  
Someone found a spark  
Soon warm fires were lit  
All the campers did sit  
A few tales were told  
Some crazy and bold  
A few were risqué  
What can I say  
As the embers lost their glow  
We knew it was time to go  
As we closed up camp  
Loaded the boat from the ramp  
All headed for home  
No more time to roam

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# Candle Of Love

The candle of love flickered and grew dim  
Next to the glass that once filled to the brim

She needed her space or so she sadly said  
He was left confused and scratching his head

Dear candle what happened to your glow  
Where did our love fail he wanted to know

It seemed his love had failed to please her  
In his busy work life he had not been aware

Too often we're careless with our precious love  
Foolishly thinking it won't end  
Believing It's a gift from above

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# Candle Power

A flickering candle called my name  
At first I thought what a shame  
For such a candle to waste its glow

How it knew me I don't know  
And then I caught its wonderful smell  
Little did I know that I was under its spell

A sneaky breeze blew out the flame  
But just before it again called my name  
I quickly followed its smoky trail

It led me to a rusty half filled pail  
Half heartedly I snuck a glance  
And on the water's surface I saw a dance

Two nimble creatures danced and wiggled  
They looked so cute I suppressed a giggle  
And all too soon the scene was gone

As the creatures bowed and began to run  
Carrying a sign that said "I hope you had fun"  
In return I thanked the candle for its spell  
And hoped its glow would continue to go well

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# Can'T See

Cannot we see  
The end in sight  
Of what we've done  
Be it wrong or right  
Where do we go  
When there's no light  
And you're in fright  
There is no flight  
And you may try  
With all your might  
To save yourself  
From hell's dark night

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# Capricious Concepts

Capricious concepts clarify

Causally closed captions

Confusing cowered

Creatures cavorting

Clandestine constantly

Carefully copying

Cerebral caregivers

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## Carved Message

Once upon a tree was carved a message  
In innocent marks it stated 'I'll love you always'  
This told the world how the lover felt  
Over time the bark took over and  
'I'll love you always' became  
'I'll love you' and in time again  
The bark spelled 'I'll love'  
Too soon the love was lost  
And all that was left was 'I'll'  
A grandchild saw the mystic mark  
With sharpened knife he began to carve  
In no time at all nature's erasure  
Became 'I'll love you always'  
How wonderful that a lover's message  
Was brought back by the act of his love

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# Cascading Thoughts

Captured captions of scenes gone by  
Creatively cavorting before my eyes  
Cascading couplets of things that fly  
A man his thoughts go fleeing by

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# Cautious Love

They both expected love  
Hidden in their embrace  
Caution showed its face  
But thankfully with grace  
Instinct held its ground  
True love was found

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# Chameleon Hue

The painter paints  
Her viewer faints

The chameleon paint  
Took on a hue

Its secret known  
To just a few

The marvelous view  
Appeared with real dew

How can this be so  
You ask in vain

It's in the stain  
That looks like rain

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# Chaotic Times

Ill winds soon did blow  
How were we to know  
That a troublesome time  
Would begin to show  
No soul could survive  
This horrendous death blow  
Soon nations collapsing  
Would one day proclaim  
Peace in our hearts  
Forever would reign  
Regrettable feelings  
Are gone as they should  
Shouldering our cross  
The world is renewed  
Revolving yet waiting  
We all celebrate  
Chaos did have meaning  
Mankind cannot wait

Lento Maez

# Christmas Day

Twass the day we call Christmas  
In a rambunctious house  
All the kiddies were giggling  
They had spotted a mouse  
Their presents were scattered  
The parents seemed flattered  
That they had behaved so well  
Pray tell  
No mischief no screaming  
No new balls careening  
All wrapping were trashed  
A few boxes were gashed  
Then there was a clatter  
The dog broke the platter  
Everyone laughed so hearty  
This had been a good party  
We hope your day went as well  
Tummies full for a spell  
In the morrow we'll chatter  
Bout the dog who broke the platter  
And recall the good time  
Everything went just fine  
Merry Christmas to all  
Wow the kids seemed so tall  
Another year gone by  
Grandma promised not to cry  
As she waved them good bye

Lento Maez

# Civility

A man tried to gather his thoughts□  
And was arrested for unlawful  
Assembly.

Lento Maez

# Clarity Of Light

My mind can't rest  
The words still flow  
From hand to pen  
The phrases grow  
My words may tumble  
Throughout the night  
And return to jumble  
In the morning light

Lento Maez

# Complicated Love

I broke her heart  
Because from the start  
I couldn't say  
"I Love You"

My heart went to her  
Of this I swear  
But the burden I bear  
Is not fair to her

She knew little of me  
That I couldn't be free  
Because you see

I have a life long friend  
Whose life may soon end  
And I can't pretend  
To love another

Lento Maez

# Congressional Chaos

Timeless lessons in our universe  
Too vast is the beauty for a simple verse

How vast are the cosmos within our view  
When will mankind get to visit a few

Our actions on this earth so far are not good  
It seems that most people are in a bad mood

Their reasons are valid there's social decay  
We fiddle with our gadgets and don't pray

Congressional members constitutionally blind  
Gather their riches and leave us in a bind

They argue and scheme not an honest day's work  
They swore to serve us yet don't what a quirk

Not soon enough new ballots will be mailed  
It is up to us to stay alert and not get nailed

Lento Maez

# Connected Cohort

Camping coherently

Considering caution

Cannot comprehend

Combined coexistence

Cleverly connected

Lento Maez

# Conventional Shoulders

Contrary to conventional wisdom  
Wisdom is seldom conventional  
If anything wisdom is hard earned  
Trust me I earned my wrinkles  
White hair and bent back  
And definitely not by being conventional  
The results however is patience  
Patience with those that try me  
By pounding their youthful exuberance  
On my tired conventional shoulders

Lento Maez

# Cosmic Will

When continents collide  
Will humankind abide  
By the cosmic will  
Or will we stand still  
Wringing our hands  
Watching crumbling sands  
With senseless awe  
Thinking this is a flaw  
How little we know  
Of the ebb and flow  
Of the cosmos way  
As we're led astray  
By society's false sway

Lento Maez

# Cosmic Wonder

His cosmic alarm  
Was also his charm  
It did no one harm  
Where was it from

Some were in awe  
From what they saw  
It seemed to draw  
A dragon's paw

Its secrets were few  
And he only knew  
The circles it drew  
Renewed it anew

Lento Maez

# Covert Clarity

Clarity clears  
Clouded concepts  
Continually conforming  
Conceptually covert  
Causally clouded  
Creating comfort

Lento Maez

# Creatures All

This society said be innovative  
So I built a better mousetrap  
The mice said be prepared  
My brothers and do not enter  
They survived my invention  
And society said you are a failure  
So I destroyed my mousetrap  
Made friends with the mice  
The mice said welcome brother  
And a new and better world  
Was found

Lento Maez

# Crumbling Society

A bloated economy in decay  
People hungry work all day  
Social mores in total disarray  
Governments leading us astray

The answer lies in who we are  
No longer acting like a star  
As a caring being you'll go far  
Discard the idea of going to war

Don't vote for the lying politician  
Most of them are egoticians  
Take care who you vote for  
Only you can even the score

Lento Maez

# Cunning Linguist

The cunning linguist writes a lot  
Thinking that his words are hot  
While all the while they're only fair  
I wish that he would be aware  
That he is just so full of hot air

Lento Maez

# Curious

They want to know  
The ebb and flow  
Of a love struck mind

What can one say  
To lead the way  
And not be blind

There is no plan  
For the waiting fan  
That can be signed

Just let love grow  
These seeds you sow  
Will in time love bind

Lento Maez

# Curious Minds

Equipped with a curious mind  
That can sometimes be blind  
The reader may want to know

What do your words mean  
Is there a hidden scene  
That will somehow show

A colorful insight to grind  
Hoping somehow to unbind  
And an understanding to flow

Lento Maez

# Deathly Words

I know not why I write these words  
They seem to act like wild herds  
Beyond my mind my hopes exist  
I write these words that don't resist  
My mind's entwined beyond control  
The words come fast and on a roll  
Alas I pause to catch my breath  
Before my words drive me to death

Lento Maez

# Deception

Kindness can save us  
If we but prevail  
Possibilities prevailing  
Potential profound  
Wickedness wavering  
Never receding  
Like a solemn refrain  
Regardless of options  
It's impossible to win  
It's not just a game  
What truth do you want□  
Is it of who I am  
Where did it begin  
Can you answer me this  
What was it you saw  
Did you think I'd deceive  
I promised you not  
No I did not deceive  
I love you a lot

Lento Maez

# Decking Pains

Deck is old and trashed  
Boards warped and gashed  
Tried fresh paint last year  
Termites wiggle and appear  
Cost of lumber is sky high  
Price alone made me cry  
Looked for nails just a few  
Price too high I'll just use glue  
Maybe I'll buy some screws  
Hell I think I'll just buy booze

Lento Maez

# Deep Thoughts

Ones depth of thought  
Deepens thinking deeper  
Than what one thought  
While thinking deeply  
Therefore think not  
Of the depth  
Of your thoughts

Lento Maez

# Deep Truth

Where lies the truth  
Of who we are  
Of what we've been  
Or could have been  
The mystics know  
Their candles keep  
The secret of  
Who we are  
Or who we'll be  
They keep it deep

Lento Maez

# Delightful Daylight

Daylight denies description

Demanding disregarded data

Diligently disassembled

Daily demonstrating

Delightful dawns

Lento Maez

# Dental Visit

The dental visit was in vain  
I was prepared to bear the pain  
My appointment was at 8 a.m.  
Damn computer missed my name  
Should I reschedule yes or no  
Stay tuned I'll let you know

Lento Maez

# Desire

From what I've tasted of desire  
This poor soul will never tire  
Of just a nibble here and there  
Hoping the hostess doesn't care  
Once tasted desire you'll soon find  
Your heart, brain, and ego are in a bind  
Be careful my friend you may go blind

Lento Maez

# Dirty Dozen

PoemHunter List: Love, Fathers, Life,  
Beauty, Christmas, Sad Friendship,  
Hope, Nature, Birthday, Death, Wedding.

Why Not Add: Hate, Mothers, Ugly,  
Hanukkah, Enemy, Despair, , Anniversary,  
Divorce!

Lento Maez

## Divine Love

You make me feel  
The world is mine  
To have and hold  
Your love divine  
I am what's yours  
You are what's mine  
A love unchained  
A love divine

Lento Maez

# Doctor Visit

Writing poetry while I'm waiting  
Silently debating

Should I stay or go  
The doctor is so slow

As I sit here and ponder  
My skeptical mind starts to wonder

Why do we get sick  
Is it some kind of trick

I am feeling healthy  
Albeit not wealthy

I'll sit here and pray  
The doctor has good things to say

Lento Maez

# Doo Wop

He sang songs mostly in Doo Wop  
More often his genre of choice  
Amazingly his songs never did flop  
He was blessed with a jubilant voice  
And all those who gathered around him  
Would graciously applaud and beam  
At his marvelous virtuosity  
He so readily did with generosity

Lento Maez

# Dream Waking

I had a dream while wide awake  
How can that be you say

My multifunctional mind can make  
Wondrous happy dreams all day

It's not that difficult you see  
I find my dreams beneath a tree

A bench is there for you and me  
To sit and wonder what may be

Lento Maez

# Dreaming

You acknowledged you loved me  
Caused my heart to hum like a bee  
This new state of excitement  
Made me want to climb a tree  
To proclaim that you loved me  
No more despair I could see  
This illusion has ended  
I awoke from the dream  
Good grief how depressing  
I'll just jump from the tree

Lento Maez

# Dulzura Amargosa

Cuerpo de minuta  
gota de miel.  
Dulzura sin sabor.

Ojos radiantes.  
Sol sin sombre.

Te vi.  
En mi sueño de primavera.

Tú eres ella. La estrella  
Que guía los marineros  
En sus nocturnos pasos  
Sobre la mar de la muerte,

Yo, yo soy aquel que despierta  
Con amargura en el corazón.  
Y recuerdos de un amor  
Vibrante, no más.

Mis huellas son del hombre  
Sin sombra.  
Aquel que le has quitado  
La luz de su vivir.

Lento Maez

# Elation

Elated you made me  
Forgotten no more  
In words I find meaning  
With you I grow more  
How often we've know this  
To few we ignore  
Against better judgment  
I continue my lore

Lento Maez

# Elliptical Love

Some relationships are elliptical  
Difficult to understand at best  
They can make one crazy  
Putting your senses to the test

Yet try as you may there is no way  
One can decipher the senders sense  
You cannot always be on the defense

The tried and true response is to  
Let that love go if it's really true  
Then it will come back to you

Lento Maez

# Elysian Fields

I want to go to Elysian Fields for an afterlife  
Where the gods proclaim there is no strife  
To the edge of earth their domain may be  
Where we mortal souls must beg, plead to see  
In Elysian plain you'll find the best of life  
When you go there you'll feel no strife  
If you want to go there you must be blessed  
Enjoying the life the gods have professed  
In Elysian Fields there is no pain  
The weather's clear, no hail no rain  
If Hades guardians find you there  
Fear not my friend do not beware  
Remember though that life lived in vain  
Elysian Fields you will not gain

Lento Maez

# Emotion

Emotion, that locks us in love  
take me as your purpose  
Whose countenance recall  
your face in my soul.

Lento Maez

# Emotional Intelligence

His emotional intelligence was quite high  
Yet when he saw poetic injustice he'd cry  
There were those who thought he was shallow  
Because his outlook on life was so mellow  
In frustration one day he exclaimed  
That his good poet fellows had been framed  
In turn his outlook on life was strained  
And his emotional intelligence was drained  
Alas all good poets must cry  
As they look up at the sky  
Quietly wondering why  
Their poems don't fly

Lento Maez

# Emotions Disobeyed

Evoked emotions

Eternally delayed

Demanding disobedience

Desire disobeyed

Lento Maez

# Empty & Vacant

The streets of my mind are vacant tonight  
The store fronts of my memories are closed  
The sidewalks of my dreams are empty  
The fountain of my hopes flows no more  
The hill of my experiences sees no one  
The neighbor's barking dog makes no sound  
The stars light grows dimmer each night  
The raindrop splatters on dried up ponds  
The expectations of life well lived evaporates  
The essence of being is empty and vacant

Lento Maez

# End Of Poetry

There will be sadness by and by  
The day we let our poetry die  
If this should happen to pass  
Don't come to me en mass  
This quandary isn't a fault of mine  
I penned words I hoped were fine  
You have to look to those who shy  
From words that would let them fly  
Yet they can't help but wonder why  
The sadness from their heart they cannot pry  
Yes sadness steals our wounded souls  
But poetry heals and can make us whole  
In solemn wonder I beg of you my friend  
Please don't ever let our poetry end

Lento Maez

# Escaping Emotions

Escaping existence

Entails energy

Evolving equally

Eternally expounding

Emotions ephemerally

Lento Maez

# Eternal Love

Soon time will erase us  
But love we have shared  
Will live on for eternity  
In our children  
Grandchildren  
Their children  
Eternity

Lento Maez

# Evolving Poetry

Words in a row  
Finally they grow

If they go well  
Phrases swell

In these dynamics  
A poems evolves

A concept solves  
The maker's resolve

Lento Maez

# Evolving Thoughts

There go my thoughts  
Connecting the dots  
Tempting me mercilessly  
And then they flee  
Meandering motionless  
This could be a plus  
Within my brain  
It's no big strain  
Like a song's refrain  
Flittering here and there  
Without a worldly care  
Soon they'll dissolve  
And not evolve  
Now I'm in a bind  
My mind is blind  
Can't see a thought  
It's all for naught

Lento Maez

# Excuse The Poet

Excuses are  
A coward's way  
To say not me  
I'm not to blame  
For things undone  
For life in vain  
The poet writes  
And doesn't strain

Lento Maez

# Existence

Existence apart from all we know  
One lives with thoughts yet unborn  
Torrential cobwebs weave whispers  
Tantalizing us unmercifully as if to say  
Who art thou being? Humbled so  
To no avail my mind explodes  
I exist no more.

Lento Maez

# Expression I

Look up myopic eyes and stare  
At lands in sin while demons plague  
Our souls with laughter wailing  
Thin white spirits sift the wind  
Melodious then and now a barren  
Plain from which mortal souls  
Unbend skeletal frames creaking  
Sickly as fat fingers probing  
Abscesses seeking contempt and  
Degradation spreading through  
Bone marrow crumbling cells of  
Life while devil theories craft  
Poetry of shadowed wing harrowing  
Seeds of wicked contestations that  
Mankind might be seduced through  
Shale and brimstone

Lento Maez

## Expression II

Look up cataracted eyes and shield  
Thyself from rays of power imploding  
In the brain while forceful hells of  
Fiery heat sweep forth through  
Crowded streets. Repress your fears  
For years of tears torrential rains  
On broken plain a seed withers and  
Will not be found

Lento Maez

## Expression Iii

Look up despondent face what withers  
Hearts gone cold what malcontent can  
Do in ears blocked years ago by leaders  
Painted words what lies in different  
Tongues will tell all bloated red with  
Victims gall in death the truth a fool can  
See what evil lies beyond the grave.  
A clefted chin pukes forth its fears  
What gendarmes must not know can  
Throats once slit pour forth their spit  
And venomed words of hate that  
Severs cords of vocal protest

Lento Maez

## Expression Iv

What aggression weeps its slime and filth  
Around a virginal neck  
Exploited chests explode within a vessel  
Gurgles blood of radioactive death which  
Way does light refract in gloom a  
Vulture's eyes of ruby red a laser wanders  
Aimlessly in ease at the dark and starlight  
Glimmers hopelessly who saw it die  
And when

Lento Maez

# Farewell My Friend

A fatal arrow crossed my heart  
Where it came from I do not know  
The pain it caused saddens me so  
I've healed before and will again  
So long, farewell, my dearest friend

Lento Maez

# Fear

Always I have honored you first  
Within my thoughts you dwell  
A dwelling I dare not enter  
For fear rejection awaits me.

Lento Maez

## Fine Love

I gave you me  
You became mine  
What can I say  
We were entwined  
Eternal souls  
Emotionally one kind  
With love divine  
Forever lost  
In love so fine

Lento Maez

# Fleece Leggings

She wore polar fleece leggings  
To keep her legs warm  
As she turned when she danced  
Slightly bending her arm

A chuckle escaped me  
As I took in her charm  
How could I refrain  
From laughing so hard

She looked like a shorn sheep  
Although a bit tall  
My Lord how I loved her  
Fleece leggings and all

Lento Maez

# Forever Pain

Awake I lay  
Waiting for the day  
That the pain would go away  
The pain did stay  
As I pray

Ease the pain  
It pours like rain  
My mind begins to strain  
I hear a refrain  
A bane of

Flashing light  
I scream with fright  
I toss and turn into the night  
As hard as I might  
It's not right

The pain  
Remains  
Forever

Lento Maez

# Forlorn

I imagine you now in bed alone  
You're not with me  
I'm forlorn

Lento Maez

# Forsaken Soul

Where ends my soul  
I do not know  
I was the thought  
I was the whole  
Of what I've been  
My life foretold  
The restless wanderer  
The forsaken soul  
Too late I find  
Why I'm in a bind  
I lost my way  
I forgot to pray

Lento Maez

# Ful Day

Alone at last the day is done  
Busy home chores I want to run  
But where to go  
I just don't know  
Perhaps for a quiet ride  
Or crawl under a blanket and hide  
No that's no good  
Have to fix food  
Maybe I'll run away  
Where could I stay  
Alas I'll grin and bear it  
Maybe tomorrow everything will fit  
In place  
Good grace  
I'll just go on  
And face the sun  
Too soon life's gone  
And that's no fun  
Son of a gun!

Lento Maez

# Future Hope

Hope in the future  
For those who care  
Others just stare  
And blow hot air  
Rise to the challenge  
And be bold  
Form a new mold  
For others to follow  
Don't be shallow  
Spread your wings  
Sweat not little things  
Keep hope in your heart  
That's the best start

Lento Maez

# Garden Pains

Garden hoe  
Flowers grow  
Weeds creep in  
Strong yet thin  
Aching back  
Hit the sack  
Aspirin they say  
Helps the next day

Lento Maez

# Good Night My Love

I heard her whisper softly  
Good night my love  
I'll guard you from above  
In the recess of my memory  
I thought she was there  
Her vision was quite vivid  
I just knew she was there  
I felt her caress my cheek  
She had to be there  
I smelled her perfume  
She was standing there  
Her memory haunts me  
To the point I can see  
She'll always be with me  
To eternity

Lento Maez

# Government Gone Astray

At first I was amused  
Little did I know  
That I was being abused  
At first I thought  
They should be excused  
Then I found out  
I'd been misused  
They begged to be excused  
To this request I refused

Lento Maez

# Grandfather's Gone

Too soon the loss

A mysterious child  
Makes the sign of the cross

The mourners leave  
The grave site sobbing

The child looks down  
Sees his father is coming

How wonderful to know  
The two will reunite

They both fought the good fight  
Now they will share the light

Lento Maez

# Halloween

A special day for children  
Carved pumpkins goblins witches brew  
Scared at bedtime

Lento Maez

# Hats Off To Mary

My friend just broke up with Mary  
We drank gin and tried not to worry  
As we drank and slobbered along  
The jukebox began to play the song  
"Hats off to Mary"  
As drunk as we were  
We both roared like a bear  
Without any worry or care  
The loss of Mary his honey  
All of a sudden seemed funny  
Our drunken hands saluted Mary

Lento Maez

# Health Issues

Emotionally unstable  
Physically a wreck

Visited the doctor  
Paid him with a check

My diagnosis is clear  
I have nothing to fear

Heart rate is normal  
Blood pressure is too

Why do I suffer  
This malady so

Could it be that I'm crazy  
There, we don't want to go

Lento Maez

# Heart Beats

Rhythms of heart beats  
Shouting out loud  
Why can't he love me  
A question profound  
There's no answer  
It can't be found

Lento Maez

# Heaven On Earth

I thought I was a down to earth person  
Never wondering about heavenly things  
Then I met her and time stood still  
The earth stopped, heaven opened up  
And I knew what heaven on earth was

Lento Maez

# Heaven's Door

Don't cancel my life  
Yes, I've had some strife  
I've tried to do good  
Never in a bad mood

I've spoken well of others  
Opened doors for the mothers  
I did cuss one time  
At some poet's bad rhyme

We both later laughed  
At my innocuous gaff  
Now I stand at the door  
Wishing I'd lived more

The supreme one let me in  
Saying my son you did not sin  
Welcome to your new life  
Here you'll never feel strife

Lento Maez

# Heavens Location

Where is heaven  
Is categorically  
Unanswerable  
Question yourself  
As to your quest  
Do you accept  
Or reject life  
As trials  
And tribulations  
Or  
Do you expect  
Perfection  
Your answer  
Determines  
Heavens location

Lento Maez

# Heavy Load

When the load is great  
And the rewards few  
What is a man to do

Lento Maez

# Hello Stranger

I have been greeted many times  
And by many different people  
I have never felt nonplussed  
Then this wonderful person  
Simple put out her hand  
And said  
Hello stranger!

Lento Maez

# Hell's Corner

Temptations

Frustrations

Incantations.

Soul in a hole,

Pit of hell.

Well who cares

Who dares,

Who fares,

Better than the

Forces of all winds.

Gods of blowing

Diehards.

Speaking through

Bleached lips,

Nurtured on cancerous teats.

Lento Maez

# Hell's Fury

Hell hath hope hiding  
Hideously hating harmony  
However hopelessly heaving  
Heaping harmful hatred  
Hoping heaven heeds  
Hell's hollow howl

Lento Maez

# Helping Hand

I see what was  
I see what's been  
A man a thought  
A dream unseen  
He lost his way  
But didn't sin  
Awash in pain  
There is no gain  
Where go from here  
To seek amends  
Go to your friends  
And lend a hand  
In hope they'll help  
To right the wrong  
To help you mend  
And right the wrong

Lento Maez

# Her Absence

Healing wounds

Her absence has left me

Healing myself

Lento Maez

# Her Eyes

Mystical madness in her eyes  
One sly little wink from her

Unexpectedly held you like a vise  
Hid her charm was not a guise

Flowing ringlets of brown hair  
Made her seem without despair

Pouting lips of crimson red  
Made all men lose their head

Her love was meant for only me  
All the rest hung from a tree

She made me feel full of pride  
I'm glad her eyes weren't open wide

Lento Maez

# Her Mojo

I had a choice  
I made a deal  
I didn't know  
My heart she'd steal  
Now all I know  
Is what I think  
I think of her  
Don't sleep a wink  
Soon blind I'll go  
Unless I find  
Her secret mojo

Lento Maez

## Her Reason

He wrote her a poem filled with flair  
Of reasons why he loved her hair  
She dismissed his attempted prose  
As just an attempt to ease her woes  
In hopes their love would soon ignite  
She sensed this with trembling fright  
Not wishing to respond to his plea  
Her basic instinct was to flee  
The reason known only to her  
She wore a wig she had no hair

Lento Maez

# Her Smile

A smile from her  
Cause a stir  
In my heart  
In my mind  
Afraid I'll go blind  
She smiles  
She's so kind  
I'll have to go find  
All the things  
I left behind  
While I was going blind

Lento Maez

## Hidden Clues

His poetry had hidden clues  
The prose was so obtuse  
It subtly made good use  
Of widely different views  
That only she could decipher  
And to others was a blur  
Some thought it was a slur  
This caused them to err  
How clever were these two  
To hide their love so true

Lento Maez

# Hidden Poetic Meaning

Enter and pretend my friend  
That poetry will never end

Our special words move others  
While some hide under the covers

Our poems may yell out loud  
They might even draw a crowd

We pen them with curious thought  
That their hidden meanings  
Will not get caught

Lento Maez

# Honey Bee

A twinkling star whispered to me  
A sensuous story about a wandering bee  
The flighty bee encased in nectar  
Kissed flower upon flower with no exception  
Soon the hive was aglow in honey chatter  
To the nectared bee it didn't matter  
The bee collected the nectar so  
The flowers would continue to grow  
Flowers continuing to grow simply meant  
The bee would kiss them based on their scent  
This simple act can let one see  
How symbiotic life can be

Lento Maez

# Hope Guards The Future

Hope guards the future  
If we only dare  
To stop our sniveling  
And become aware  
Of those around us  
That are threadbare  
We have so much  
We're out of touch  
With reality's face  
We've become a race  
Of greedy humans  
And some with guns  
Stay true to yourself  
Put avarice on the shelf

Lento Maez

# Hope In Love

There is hope in love  
In love there is hope  
Together we're one  
For us there is hope  
Alone we're defeated  
As two we prevail  
United we won't fail

Lento Maez

# Hoping

I walk in a vacuum  
Aware you're not there  
Pleading for your love  
Is there hope or despair  
I am bound to your life  
Show me how to prevail  
Against these misgivings  
Our love will not fail

Lento Maez

# Humor Heals

Hidden hopes help heal  
Honest humans hopelessly  
Hindered however happily  
Hoping helplessly  
Heaven has humor

Lento Maez

# I Am

I am the footprints in the dust  
I write the strike signs with my blood

I am the spirit that moves the man  
You are the death rattle of the government

I am the footprints in the dust  
You can't see me but I am there

I write the strike signs with my blood  
You spat out "losers" I was there

I am the spirit that moves the man  
You are the death rattle chocking me

Lento Maez

# I Love You So

Out of sight  
Out of mind  
To be kind  
Please do find  
I'm not blind  
Love you so  
Please don't go

Lento Maez

# I Think

Genetically endowed  
To think  
Makes me think  
The thoughts  
Of what I am  
Who thinks  
These thoughts  
Of where I've been  
Where will I go  
To think these thoughts  
To probe my soul  
Of who I am  
And where I've been  
Of where to go  
Remains unseen  
To question more  
Of who I am  
Of where I've been  
Rejects the dream  
Of where I'll go.

Lento Maez

# I Think I Am

In spite of the thought  
That I think who I am  
I am what I think  
In spite of who I am

Lento Maez

# I Wonder

I caught two sunflowers giggling  
The worms at their stems were wiggling  
How absurd some might say  
As they rue the day  
They say sunflowers can't giggle  
They admit worms do wiggle  
I laugh at their blinded mind  
Maybe their underpants are in a bind  
I wonder what they'd say  
If I said goldfish love to play  
Maybe they'd go bonkers  
If they found out I love honkers  
As in the avian type  
And that's no hype  
Oh well.....

Lento Maez

# I Wonder Why

A cooing dove sang to us  
As we sat beneath our tree  
I wonder if the dove could see  
That the limbs of the tree  
Reflected you and me  
A sudden breeze  
Stirred the leaves  
It brought us to our knees  
As we held hands  
We heard two bands  
They played our song  
All night long  
Our love  
The dove  
Our song

Lento Maez

# I'M Dreaming

Sleep cycles  
In darkness

Wake me  
Shouting

Arise!  
Before sunrise

Hell's bells

I shout  
Who's there

I'm aware  
I'm dreaming

Lento Maez

# Incandescent Eyes

She had incandescent eyes  
That saw through my lies  
And stirred passions deeply  
I was not aware  
She could claw like a bear  
How stupid of me to try  
To deceive her

Lento Maez

# Inept Words

Glancing backwards the words did fall  
Unable to cross the canyon's wall  
While holding a candle who's light was small

Up jumped a cantankerous foolish phrase  
Not wanting to miss the ensuing race  
Its verbiage was weak so it fell on its face

Now linguist are laughing at the foolish race  
Eliminating all sacrilege with a blank space

Lento Maez

# Inner Rhythms

Above the crowd I saw her cry  
She needs to know I told no lie  
Our inner rhythms move us so  
Often to places we don't want to go

Lento Maez

# Intimate Imbeciles

Insatiable intimacy involving  
Individuals implies immoral  
Instances individually  
Impairing ignorant imbeciles

Lento Maez

# Invisible Love

With invisible ink he sent her his love  
Filled full of sweet sounds like a dove  
Each day he would propose poses  
Their fragrance like a bouquet of roses  
To his dismay she never did sway  
She never did answer his call  
He felt that his back was to the wall  
One day he went to her house to unwind  
His heart did a flip when he saw she was blind  
To her he then became loving and kind

Lento Maez

# Isolated

Isolated I Think  
I Think Isolated  
Thinking In Isolation  
Isolation In Thought  
Alone Am I  
Am I Alone  
Sequestered From Life  
My Life Sequesters Me  
The Cycle Is Complete  
I Will Not Repeat  
I Think I'm Isolated

Lento Maez

# It

I saw it fly  
High in the sky  
It wasn't night  
It was daylight  
I shook my head  
Then began to dread  
It moved so fast  
I was left aghast  
It made no sound  
It seemed to be round  
It had one light  
I felt some fright  
Then it disappeared  
It was so weird  
Was it a dream  
Or a NASA scheme

Lento Maez

# Just A Dream

He had a constant dream  
He called it heartache  
Too often it would seem  
That his heart would break  
Then in walked this vision  
Of angelic proportions  
And wrecked heavenly havoc  
On that constant dream  
Now he dreams of his angel  
In restful delight  
Enjoying his night  
Without any fright

Lento Maez

# Keyboarding

The keyboard taunts me  
I type a new refrain yet it  
Comes out the same  
The keys seem to stick  
They have an awful click  
I pound on the desk  
Out of pure stress  
The mouse jumps away  
Now the cursor's astray  
I spilled coffee on it  
And out comes a sonnet  
I'll be go to hell  
That came out just swell

Lento Maez

# Kind Of Mind

A state of mind  
Sometimes unkind  
Causes pain  
What's to gain  
Treat others well  
This casts a spell  
Reveals our soul  
Making us whole

Lento Maez

# Kitty Love

Ecstatic emotions  
She loves me just so  
I'm now wondering  
How far can I go  
A kiss on the cheek  
A pat on the knee  
How silly of me  
My cat doesn't care  
Just pet her and see

Lento Maez

# Labeling Poetry

Why must poetry fit a category or type  
From love to death is it some hype  
You must categorize what you write  
For fear the hand of fate may smite  
The thoughts you publish day or night  
How foolish these folks must be  
To want to categorize poetry  
The way we do a bush or tree  
I call love hate and hope despair  
These mislabeling I know aren't fair  
But what do the powers that be  
Really care...

Lento Maez

# Language

Phonemically profound

Morphologically sound

Contextually bound

Syntactically ground

Anaphorically round

Elliptically found

Thematically around

Metathesis unsound

Lento Maez

# Leaf Cycle

The leaf fell  
Not dramatically  
Not gracefully  
It just fell

I saw the leaf fall  
But with hope –  
Another leaf will grow

And the cycle repeats  
Leaf fall –  
Leaf grow –  
Leaf fall –  
Leaf grow –

Lento Maez

# Life

How sweet it seems the life we've lived.  
Of futures past of what we've seen.  
When we first met a love did glow, a  
Thought, a dream, a seed to grow.

We brought forth life we nurtured them.  
They bring forth life there is no end.  
Of what will be where will they go.  
With love of life our children know.

Lento Maez

## Life In Perspective

Opaque windows block my view  
Left over bubble gum hard to chew  
Memories of childhood start anew  
Old friends visiting now too few  
Time is passing going too fast  
Know that my life isn't going to last  
Obituary columns full of friends  
Hope they had time to make amends  
Wish I could see old pals again  
They said to visit but didn't say when  
I'm glad I can still use a phone  
Hope they can hear the ringing tone  
Maybe I'll just send them a letter  
Let them know I'm feeling better  
Hospital stays can be depressing  
Every day they change the dressing  
Finally told I could go home  
Can hardly wait to go and roam  
Must not forget to take my pill  
Heart attack I read the hospital bill

Lento Maez

# Little Lora Lee

Little Lora Lee  
Sat on my knee  
She is only three  
Cute as can be  
With her cute nose  
And wiggly toes  
You will discover  
You can't help  
But love her

Lento Maez

# Lives In Pain

Where go from here  
For dreams unknown  
For visions lost  
For souls forlorn  
What is the cause  
Who is to blame  
For love that's lost  
For lives in pain

Lento Maez

# Living In Paradise

In my current state of mind I'm living in paradise  
There is nothing you can do to make me feel otherwise

I see the beauty in my poet friend's souls  
Like the whispering of waves on the shoals

This surreal experience pervades my day  
Their captivating narratives make me pray

That their brilliance will forever ebb and flow  
Do your poetry my friends so everyone will know

Lento Maez

# Living Life

Life is what living is  
Life unlived is wasted life  
Avoid the strife  
Engage with others  
Not like you  
However the few  
In time you'll see  
How good the glee  
Expand your view  
And join the queue  
That march for fun  
And be not glum

Lento Maez

# Lora's Look

Lora Lee sat next to me  
I gazed into her eyes  
It made me think  
Did I see her wink

Or did I blink  
Was something in my eyes

My mind went crazy  
My tongue got lazy  
I couldn't speak  
My knees felt weak

Then I saw her smile  
It took me awhile  
To catch my breath  
I was scared to death

She rose and left  
But waved goodbye  
I felt so bad  
I wanted to cry

Farewell Lora Lee  
I hope you can see  
What you did to me

Lento Maez

# Loretta Lovelace

Her name is Loretta Lovelace  
She can really get in your face  
She's both brazen and bold  
Screams like a banshee I'm told  
Her attitude is like a fever  
That makes you tremble and quiver  
Never look at her with a gaze  
Because she'll put you in your place  
Lord I love Loretta Lovelace

Lento Maez

# Lost Hope

Who am I now without your love  
A winter hand without a glove

My listless flesh a wincing brow  
A hopeless prayer a useless vow

It seems my life has lost its glow  
A foolish mind that did not know

I feel I've lost the best of life  
Alas I lost the hope - now strife

Lento Maez

# Lost Lives

In gutted muted voices they cry  
Seeking the unanswerable why

Collated damaged souls of war  
In strange and foreign lands afar

They die a useless fearful death  
Spouses chocking bated breath

In death are lost the hopes of all  
All that's left are names on a wall

Of thought of action of useless war  
Bring the living home from afar

Lento Maez

# Lost Love

Come to me now I seek your love  
A common bond of what's above

I ask not why nor what has been  
But of what is or what can be seen

I am not sure of what's in store  
A lover's life there is no more

We gave of each of both we gave  
I had become to you a slave

I know I gave of what I am  
What you gave was just a sham

Of this I'm sure  
I gave my best  
My love was pure  
You missed the test

Lento Maez

# Love

Separate realities

Two worlds

One thought

Love.

Conjoined realities

One world

Infinite thoughts

Love.

Emerging realities

Wonderful world

Love.

Lento Maez

# L-O-V-E

Look at my heart  
Open and waiting  
Vacant for you  
Expecting love

Lento Maez

## Love And...

Her passing glance grazed my eye  
In desperation I tried not to cry  
Is love so unreliable and fickle  
That being in it can be a pickle  
Still knowing this we venture on  
In hopes the battle will be won  
We hold love close and keep it near  
While underneath there is a fear  
That rejection may be what we get  
And yet we continue and try not to fret

Lento Maez

# Love Called

A love called out  
I heard its voice  
Subdued it was  
I had no choice  
Respond I must  
This love I trust

The world is still  
I climb the hill  
To seek her hand  
And to this end  
Her love is mine  
This is divine

I softly call to her  
She holds my hand  
We float on high  
Survey the land  
And spot the tree  
She shares with me

Lento Maez

# Love In Sight

Of hopes that sing  
There is a light  
You've but to look  
Even in the night  
We are the hope  
Of life's last light  
Of what we've been  
There's love in sight

Lento Maez

# Love Matters

Love no matter what

What matters is love

Love matters

No matter what

Lento Maez

# Love's Journey

I have journeyed far and wide  
Looking for the perfect bride  
All the pretty faces I have seen  
Make me wonder where I've been  
When I look upon her face  
Lets me know this is the place  
To find the one I've been looking for  
Settle down and wander no more  
The next big question is will she agree  
Perhaps she'll see me and start to flee  
I know I'll charm her from the start  
Let her know I'm truly smart  
I hope she doesn't break my heart

Lento Maez

# Lyrical Whimsy

Lyrical whimsy at its cunning best  
To the uninitiated appears in jest

His intentional obtuse prose  
May seem to some as verbose

Some may not know the lyricist style  
Thinking that he is off by a mile

Understanding how his prose is bound  
Creative poetic knowledge can be found

Still the disquieted poet won't quit  
Because he has an unadulterated wit

Lento Maez

# Magical Mirror

I once looked in a magical mirror  
Unbeknownst to me this was an error  
I saw things I didn't want to see  
All things seemed backwards including me

By turning on the lights all seemed well  
I glanced again at the mirror as it cast its spell  
Soon up was down going round and round  
A keepsake I had lost I finally found

A flash of lightning a bolt of light  
The mirror disappeared out of sight  
My world turned to normal as I looked around  
The buzz of my cell phone was the only sound

A scammer had called me he wanted to know  
If I was interested in a magical mirror he had to show  
With a smile on my lips I said definitely no

Lento Maez

# Magical Snowflake

A crystallized snowflake fell  
And it cast a mystical spell  
A moonbeam guided its fall  
A squirrel watched from the wall  
No one knew it had magic  
Everyone's busy that's tragic  
The message it whispered  
Fell on deaf ears  
This magical moment  
Made me shed tears

Lento Maez

# Man Undone

Here lies a man  
His tales untold

A life less bold  
Of hopes and dreams

And missing schemes  
Of a troubled life

So full of strife  
A life that's lost

At what the cost  
His life's undone

His hopes are gone  
With the setting sun

Now who he was  
Is a total loss

Lento Maez

# Memories

I walked in sadness  
On trembling knees  
As I walked the hallways  
Of my memories

Cascading copulas  
Emitting fractured fractals  
That canceled all sanity  
Of what I'd been

Juxtaposed rain  
Pouring on seeds  
That grow like weeds  
In the memories  
Of my mind

Lento Maez

# Mi Alma

En un rincón

Esta mi alma

Buscando tus dichos

Enredados en palma

Me hayas sin calma

Lento Maez

# Mind Devoid

My mind is devoid  
Of meaningful words  
I can't fill the void  
I've gone to the birds  
Please help me explain  
How to end this refrain  
That is beating my brain  
Alas it's no use  
Why try to abuse  
An empty old brain

Lento Maez

# Mind Fields

Manifested memory and  
Meandering mine fields  
Of the mind occasionally  
Hoping to awaken and flee  
Deceptive visions appear  
Mentally trying to cast fear  
That harkens to a time  
When our love was sublime  
Alas that was a long time ago  
All that is left is a mortal blow□  
That two souls in despair  
Hoping somehow to know  
Their love will repair

Lento Maez

# Mind Over Matter

What does it mean  
Mind over matter  
Like a mad hatter  
I tend to groom  
But then for whom  
Swept with a broom  
It's now full bloom  
But where and when  
Will this all end  
At the next bend  
Will the mind end  
Or does it matter

Lento Maez

# Mirror Eyes

The look in her eyes told me  
I'll be the mirror in your life

Little did I know at the time  
That she would be my wife

How exhilarating life can be  
When someone in your life can see

Who you truly are for real  
How wonderful it is to feel

This warm feeling in your heart  
And know that you will never part

Lento Maez

# Mixed Memories

Mixed Memories

Evoking empathy

Magically meaningless

Tragically tainted

Determined damnation

Lento Maez

# Modus Operandi

I work with words  
That flutter like birds  
Weaving tales  
That regales□  
Those that find  
What I bind  
Intriguing  
Their minds  
Trying to figure  
My mind

Lento Maez

# My Alphabet

Adept agnostics are  
Baffling boundaries  
Causing confused concepts  
Diligently destroying decisions  
Emerging euphemistically  
Feeling forever fractured  
Gazing gloriously  
Hopelessly hampering  
Individuals involved  
Judiciously jaded  
Keeping kinship  
Looking languidly  
Making matters  
Not needed noting  
Opening opportunities  
Possibly passing  
Quizzical questions  
Reflecting reasons  
Simply selected  
Totally teased  
Unified unanimously  
Vocally vented vexing  
Wisdom wandering  
X-rated xylem  
Yachtsmen yodeling  
Zapping Zebras

Lento Maez

# My Complete World

My world is complete  
It's totally replete

With friends of wonder  
None can do us asunder

If we but remain  
And do not deign

To mislead anyone  
But keep up the fun

Lento Maez

# My Favorite Poems

Some poems are long  
And strong  
Some poems are short  
And sweet  
The poems that touch  
My heart  
Are those that I repeat

Lento Maez

# My Heartsease

Misconceptions of dimness a week ago  
a heavenly body adorned the sky  
shouting smoke like a hanging thurible  
misspelling incandescent calligraphy  
whose message awakened blind eyes.  
Those that could not comprehend it  
it screamed:

Do not plow under the grains of life  
whose acreage blooms before your eyes  
and appears as Heartsease

Spread out a veil of hope and catch the rain  
Seek not the drought just catch the rain  
Immerse yourself in meteoric light fully cleansed  
And say a prayer of your ancestor's names

A binding chain of ancestral names that bind you  
Forever will protect you from evil in the night  
And at mornings first glimmer a light will shine  
The morning sun will cleanse thy name

Lento Maez

# My Inspiration

Contained in this world  
Are hopes and dreams  
Of what could be and  
What might be seen  
You my love have inspired  
These dreams that let me  
Reach beyond my means

Lento Maez

# My Mind

My mind's in confusion  
The words just aren't there  
As I pull out my hair  
Roots and all in profusion  
But wait a short while  
I'll come back with a smile  
And fake an illusion  
As long as a mile  
This may take awhile

Lento Maez

# My Mornings

My mornings allow me  
To clear my poor mind  
Of yesterdays troubles  
And leave them behind

Today's new troubles will find  
I've learned to leave them behind  
Alas still I find  
Others troubles still bind  
Me to help them find  
How to leave theirs behind

Lento Maez

# My Muse Is Back

She's back you see  
How can this be  
She wanted to be free  
Yet she came to me  
In my reverie  
It's hard to see  
What she sees in me  
I'll let it be  
Since she cares for me

Lento Maez

# My Prayer

How do I go from here to there  
What do I do but kneel in prayer

I pray to those my kindred souls  
God bless you all I bend in repose

In prayer I feel I've come to rest  
God rest my soul I did my best

Lento Maez

# My Town

A non descript city  
(About the size of  
a beggars wallet)  
one can find naked  
memories baked in  
agony that make  
the place look  
hardly lived in.

Lento Maez

# Mysterious Place

I followed the wind today  
It took me to a mysterious place  
A wonderland of beauty and peace  
Flowers waved in the joyful breeze  
Playful squirrels gathered nuts  
A butterfly caressed my cheek  
This made a small tear escape my eye  
It fell and bathed a dancing firefly  
The swaying willows mesmerized all  
A cryptic sign near the waterfall  
Proclaimed that here there was no fall  
Eternal spring was meant to enthrall  
Oh how I wish the wind would say  
We welcome you you're free to stay

Lento Maez

# Mysterious Wonders

Lost in a maze of mysterious wonders  
Ones thoughts have a tendency to meander  
To focus on a singular thing is wasted time  
When the world beckons one to the sublime  
Ones conscious may seek to know  
What if, why not, where will it go  
And yet the curious self will show  
That life not lived is lost and afloat  
Some may seek to row a boat  
While others fear to cross the moat  
I've often wondered what lies ahead  
And then I pause my thinking  
And go to bed

Lento Maez

# Mystic Mentors

Where came this urge  
To push us so  
Is it the hope  
Of another soul  
That shared the dream  
So long ago  
In lands unknown  
In thoughts foretold  
By mystic mentors  
People unknown  
Like the forefathers  
We have not known

Lento Maez

# Mystical Moonbeam

I saw a moonbeam  
Coax a lizard to dance  
The dove laughed so hard  
Its beak became jarred  
The lilies were giggling  
Worms stopped wiggling  
A falling star glanced  
At the silly dance  
A cloud then hovered  
And soon covered  
All aspects of fun  
But out came the sun  
Hoping all that begun  
Would never be done

Lento Maez

# Nelson Mandela

A man, a giant, a freedom fighter!

At rest at last.

Nelson Mandela, RIP.

Lento Maez

# Nightmares

Evoking emotions

Disturbed her peaceful slumber

Nightmares

Lento Maez

# Nightmare's Ended

Awake at dawn  
Searching for happy dreams  
Nightmare's ended

Lento Maez

## No More

Of what I've been there is no more  
I stand alone on this empty shore  
My thoughts alone I give to you  
What I have been I cannot renew  
Alone I stand on the sandy shore  
Of life I've lived there is no more

Lento Maez

# No Peace

At peace I was  
I was at peace

My peace has gone  
Since I met you  
I know no peace

What can I do  
To leave the shrew

Who stole my peace  
And made me blue

Lento Maez

# No Rules

I followed no rules  
And like most fools

I lost my way  
What can I say

Alas I find  
I'm in a bind

Was I so blind  
I couldn't find

The rightful path  
To escape this wrath

Now this poor soul  
Is in a hole

With no escape  
I need a break

Lento Maez

# No Shame

I am with you  
You are with me  
The world can see

The thought alone  
Is bright full blown

Between you and me  
Our love will agree

We see a light  
That's shining bright

A hopeful pair  
There's not despair

Of what can be  
The world will see  
□  
There is no shame  
True love's to blame

Lento Maez

# Not Crazy

I'm convinced I'm not crazy  
And I'll tell you why  
I do have to warn you  
It may make you cry  
I looked death in the face  
We were in a close race  
As I lay in my death bed  
I was beginning to dread  
That my faith had deserted me  
But where could it flee  
Then a calmness befell me  
I was able to see  
All the good I had done here  
My heart filled with glee  
Death no longer scared me  
For I was able to see  
Being kind to others  
Allows one to fly  
To one's just reward  
High in the sky

Lento Maez

# One's Life

Sometimes others' lives get in ones way  
Try as one may they refuse to sway  
It seems that all one can do is pray  
That the irritable ones go away  
Alas, some seem to always stay

Lento Maez

# One's World

On occasion one's dreams disappear  
One is left wondering is it from fear

A wondering wispy cloud appears  
Floating away ones hopeless fears

The lesson here is not to despair  
Our nature has a way to heal and repair

New dreams can flow in liquid light  
And one's world is full of sheer delight

Lento Maez

# Our Tree

A tree grew in the yard  
Its essence captivated me  
The wonder was its caretaker  
She planted flower around it  
A vine blessed it with its touch  
The beauty of the tree  
Was what she meant to me  
For you see that tree  
Was she and me

Lento Maez

# Over The Mountain

A humble homestead existed  
Just over the mountains  
Across a green valley  
Playful clouds whispered  
To those that lived there  
Their existence had no care  
The flowers danced gaily  
When teased by a breeze  
A butterfly kissed them  
As sweet as you please  
Now where is that valley  
I venture to guess  
That no one will find it  
Unless you've been blessed

Lento Maez

# Parchment & Ink

With parchment & ink  
I have to think  
That rhyming words  
Is not just for nerds  
Loquacious we be  
Or is it we see  
That parchment & Ink  
Allows us to think  
Out loud

Lento Maez

# Passion

The fires will destroy us  
Unless we desist.  
What passion did flame us  
We could not resist.

Lento Maez

# Peace Unfolds

A word from you  
Brings peace untold  
Like a gentle breeze  
Your wings unfold  
An understanding  
Is being told  
Of what we are  
And where we've been  
But most of all  
Of where we'll go

Lento Maez

# Pensamientos

Agua, Azucarillos y Aguardiente  
Is not for the penitente

Cool water, a sachet of sugar, and a good liquor  
For the girl of your dreams may be quicker

Than the grandest chocolate candy  
Although some find candy dandy

Beware my amorous friend  
Don't start this perilous trend

Lento Maez

# Please Explain

Explain to me  
About poetry  
What does it mean  
To those unseen  
Why it moves us so  
I want to know

Lento Maez

# Poetic Excellence

A thought put in prose  
How marvelous it goes  
If the wording is right  
The poem takes flight  
What more can you ask  
Than poems that bask  
In the glow of one's mind  
And they help you unwind

Lento Maez

# Poetic Friends

A wounded soul waits  
It's in dire straits  
The world feels unjust  
Who can one trust  
There is a gloom in the air  
We feel people don't care  
A short message appears  
Bringing wonderful cheers  
One's friend is  
Telling us all is fine  
Why can't each day  
Bring friends to say  
The world is just  
In us you can trust

Lento Maez

# Poetic License For Sale

His final draft of poetry  
Was unlike any he had penned  
His heart and soul were in it  
But his disquiet mind was not  
The words and phrases  
Made jumbled sense to him  
The underlying meanings  
Were hidden even to him  
He tried deep breathing daily  
And all he got was a headache

Lento Maez

# Poetry

I ran out of poetry  
The words were no more  
The mind is a blank slate  
The fingers are sore  
It's scary to think this  
I feel like a bore  
Dear readers forgive me  
I've done this before

Lento Maez

# Poetry Frees Me

Poetry is great it seems to set me free  
To wander around where I can't be found  
If you happen to poke in a barrel of fun  
You'll probably find me writing a pun  
Don't look in the attic  
I may be hiding there  
And you - I don't want to scare  
You might check the moon  
On a breezy night  
I might be there  
Flying a kite  
If you can find me  
Look up the tree  
I might be imitating  
A bumble bee

Lento Maez

# Poets

Uncommon words

Uncommon grammar

Others flutter like birds

But Poets don't stammer

Lento Maez

# Pondering

His being was not common to our way of  
thought however broad or dim our view;  
Exceptionable questions we may ponder  
The innocuous thoughts our mind may  
weave.

Lento Maez

# Prosaic Poetry

She said that my prose was prosaic  
I loved it when she talked dirty to me  
Then I found out what prosaic meant  
So I turned to poetry to help me vent  
The frustration I felt with unkind words  
She now calls my prose poetic  
And that is her final edict

Lento Maez

# Questions

Nature moves me  
Where I do not know  
Will the future reject me  
Will my life still unfold  
Unfulfilled in segments  
Science will not know  
Alive I am  
I know  
I think  
The thoughts  
That move me  
To you unseen

Lento Maez

# Ramblings

Geographically apart, emotionally entwined.  
Mundane flesh concerned with the life of  
The gods. Helpless creatures caught up in the  
Whirlpool of life. Do we hold on to what  
We have or do we let it wither and die?  
The question that comes to mind is; what  
Do we owe to whom and why? How much of  
This involvement do we want to stand up  
To and say, "I'll take this much of life"  
While I can because I may not get the  
Opportunity to do so tomorrow.

Lento Maez

# Redemption

We were there watching heaven fall,  
Not knowing the earth's core bled,  
Regrettably we failed to heed the call  
And soon we would all be dead.  
Our spiritual souls were suspended;  
We prayed and earth's core did stay;  
The abandoning God then defended,  
Beseeching all lost souls to pray.

Thanks to A. E. Housman

Lento Maez

# Reeling Mind

My mind is whirling it seeks a rest  
My thoughts go reeling I've done my best  
Of what I write I need the rest  
Forgive my thoughts I did my best  
Go on you poets laugh and jest  
While I seek the sunset out west

Lento Maez

# Reflections

In consciousness I dream of days unknown  
Of who I am of whom I've known  
My wife my sons my `sis' my life  
I am no more  
I wish you well  
May life restore  
What you feel you've lost is in your soul  
By days I dream of thoughts untold  
What dare we dream can we behold

Lento Maez

# Remiss Poetry

My poetry is remiss  
Like a stolen kiss

It fails to please  
The words freeze

It's no surprise  
I'd kiss the skies

If they could sing  
Or maybe take wing

My words do fail  
And take no sail

To fly away  
Here they stay

Taunting me so  
They refuse to go

To wondrous eyes  
That bind the ties

Of poems remiss  
Like a stolen kiss

Lento Maez

# Resolved To Love

An uncanny love  
Came my way  
It gave me pause  
To think and say  
How can it be  
Your love's for me  
Am I awake  
For heaven's sake  
Let the dream evolve  
That's my resolve

Lento Maez

# Royalty Shrugged

Equally equated nobly obliged his  
Life started solemnly with no surprise  
In time trials and tribulations  
Brought him to his knees  
His honorable beginning  
Was cast out to the seas  
His view of life changed soon  
After living in a small bedroom  
His friends did not know  
Because his royalty did not show  
He was kind to all the people  
Always thinking of the steeple  
He left behind to seek a new life  
Not knowing of the strife  
That a common life could cause  
And the load like a heavy cross  
That he carried each day  
Yet he continued to pray  
That his tribulations would go away

Lento Maez

# Sadness

Caring begets happiness

Emotional distress begets

Sadness

Lento Maez

# Sailor's Lore

The sand and the sea  
Too often beckoned me  
The allure of the unknown  
Just begging to be known

I chose to explore  
Seeking mystical lore  
Too soon time went by  
As if in the wink of an eye

At last I came home  
No longer to roam  
Oh my how we'd changed  
As if mystically rearranged

All gaunt and bent  
No longer the young gent  
A smile escaped my lips  
I should have stayed off those ships

Lento Maez

# Sails Of Souls

I once was a soul  
Whose life had told  
Of thoughts unthought  
Of dreams untold  
Of wishes wished  
Of tales so bold  
Of wisdom sought  
The sails unfold  
And life begins  
Anew for a few

Lento Maez

# Screaming

I awoke screaming  
This morning at sunrise

I was only dreaming  
What a startling surprise

When I realized  
It was only a dream

I started to chuckle  
And no longer scream

Lento Maez

# Searching For You

Emotions rise  
They stir my calm□  
Of whom I've been  
Of what I've become  
A hopeless dream  
In search of truth  
In search of love  
In search of you

Lento Maez

# Secrets

When one relates  
To one's own thoughts  
One stands the chance  
Of jaded thoughts  
Of things that have been  
Of thoughts hence untold  
Of life yet to be lived  
Of lives not quite bold  
Where lies the truth  
In secrets foretold  
By innocent youth  
What is the reason  
What secrets dwell  
Beneath one's life  
Yet cast a spell

Lento Maez

# Seeing

What will I see when I reach the end  
Is it a dream that time will bend  
Of time and space great minds have told  
Of future worlds the mind will mold

Lento Maez

# Seeing The End

What will I see when I reach the end  
Is it a dream that time will bend  
Of time and space great minds have told  
Of future worlds the mind will mold  
Enlightening poems fresh and bold  
Will seem to us made of gold  
And hopefully never be too old

Lento Maez

# Seeking Answers

We climb most hills not knowing why  
We struggle and stumble until we die  
What lesson is this that we have to learn  
Be careful because the tide will turn  
Most answers are in front of our face  
Look into the mirror and don't erase  
The answer you find may not be kind  
But don't delay you can always pray

Lento Maez

# Self Talking

I secretly talk to myself  
And expect an answer  
The fool won't respond  
Is he at home I wonder  
And doing who knows what  
While I lay here and ponder  
Why talk to myself  
I continue to wonder

Lento Maez

# Separate Souls

What are we now  
But separate souls  
Not knowing what  
Our heaven holds  
We tried our best  
To beat the test  
We failed somehow  
To keep the vow

Too late we find  
How we were blind  
We did not see  
What was to be  
Our separate ways  
Without delays  
We chose to go  
A striking blow  
No love to show

Lento Maez

# Shadow Dancing

I danced in the shadows

Until I was able to dance

With her shadow

Lento Maez

# Shadows

Waiting patiently on moon light nights  
Your shadow appears more clearly;  
Is it the darkness that blinds my eyes?  
Or is it the expectation of not seeing you.  
Again the blowing wind rushes you away.

Lento Maez

# Shattered Memories

Wonderful memories

Poetic rhymes and messages

Shattered

Lento Maez

# Shattered Through It All

How often she told me she loved me  
I couldn't answer truthfully  
My words hid my feelings  
With fear of causing her harm

I told her I was happy  
Not fully explaining my state  
Her words of love embraced me  
They were truly heaven sent

I smiled with a gladness  
Knowing what she did to my heart  
I prayed that she'd continue  
Willfully playing the part

Her beautiful glowing words  
Revealed all she could be  
A contentment just for me  
This I truly did feel

I could not say I loved her  
My true feelings I couldn't share  
Although she truly dwelled in my heart  
I could feel her sense of despair

I cried so much I wanted to die  
At the thought of her beautiful words  
Somehow too soon gone awry  
I often said I was happy  
But that was just a lie

I felt her wings embrace me  
This let my spirit fly to her side  
Yet I couldn't tell her why  
For fear I'd choke inside

Lento Maez

# She Brings Me Peace

A sensuous breeze whispered in my ear  
All the lovely things I wanted to hear  
I wondered if this magic would disappear  
Or was it because her presence was near

The breeze persisted to taunt me so  
It followed me wherever I would go  
I spotted a flower bending low  
As if it was trying to let me know

The secret of the sensuous breeze  
Was it her essence in the trees  
Or her soothing sound she used with ease  
Of this I know she brings me peace

Lento Maez

# She Moves Me

Lora Lee was nice to me  
The world could see  
Her sincerity

Her calming voice  
Gives me the choice  
And I rejoice

Her friendship moves me  
Where I want to be

A soul in flight  
All through the night

Lento Maez

# Silhouettes

I saw silhouettes on the shade  
Inside your house by the glade  
It made me tremble with pain  
As I tried to ignore the rain  
That drenched my poor soul  
I wanted to drown in a hole  
Seeing you with another  
Made me feel I would smother  
Then I realized with mirth  
That I had just given birth  
To a dumb oversight  
That made everything right  
I was on the wrong block  
That came as a shock

Lento Maez

# Silly Emotions

Emotions arise capriciously

Cavorting mindlessly

Mindful of meandering meanings

Meant for no one

Even I

Lento Maez

# Sky Dancing

You used to dance in the sky  
That made me wonder why  
You flittered like a butterfly  
You glowed like a rainbow  
What a brilliant new show  
Oblivious to the falling snow  
How were we to know  
Dark clouds would surround you  
Taking away your beautiful show

Lento Maez

# Slaying Dragon Flies

Whosoever dreams of dragon flies  
Knows not of those who tell him lies  
The cause may be that he is not all there  
Of course that might be splitting hair  
And then it could be that he is a brain  
And knows how the dragon flies were slain

Lento Maez

# Snow Crashes

Eons apart  
Alone on a cart  
Or so it seems  
No way to go faster  
Prepare for disaster  
While snow bars the way  
Vehicles start to sway  
Tow trucks far away  
I hear people pray  
Oh Lord stop this snow  
I've places to go

Lento Maez

# Speechless

Her laughter

Her smile

Her wink

Oh my!

Lento Maez

# Spring Glow

A field full of clover  
Daffodils bending over

A lamb bounding around  
No wolf to be found

Quaking Aspen whispering softly  
Their prayers carried loftily

A puffy cloud billowed by  
Trying hard not to cry

At the scene down below  
With a marvelous spring glow

Lento Maez

# Starry Night

On a starry moonless night  
A beautiful bird took flight

Two lovers were holding hands  
Watching the waves caress the sands

In harmony their hearts took flight  
Causing a starry moon filled night

To echo harmonies far and wide  
While the heavens beamed with pride

Lento Maez

# State Of Mind

The past is not present  
In my current state of mind  
I looked everywhere  
But my brain could not find  
What so readily escaped me  
I must have left it behind

Lento Maez

# Stolen Dreams

Where have they gone  
My thoughts my dreams

Who knows  
Who stole  
My schemes

It seems  
They're lost  
In reams

You think  
You know  
What's real

Don't fear  
I'm here  
Confused again

Lento Maez

# Stolen Love

He stole her love  
A few minutes at a time  
Unbeknownst to her  
He returned that love  
Encased in pure gold  
With an eternal pledge  
To maintain its golden shine

Lento Maez

# Stubborn Facts

Facts are stubborn  
Hard to understand  
They won't let you know  
Where they stand  
Their truth is in how  
One views the world

Lento Maez

# Success At Last

Equipped for failure  
Yet he didn't fail  
He took on the world  
Spread his wings full sail  
Doubters derided him  
As if it were no sin  
Through it all he trudged  
His vision didn't budge  
Through all this abuse  
He couldn't refuse  
The dream that he had  
Since we was a lad  
He became a success  
And I have to confess  
That boy was me

Lento Maez

# Such Beauty & Grace

I awoke startled at dawn  
Looking everywhere for her  
The enticing smell of her hair  
Was still permeating the air

I found her by the window  
A marvelous smile on her face  
She stood and greeted me with grace  
I prayed that time would not erase

She took my hand in both of hers  
As if to cure me like a nurse  
In splendid wonder I remain  
At loss for words I can't explain

Lento Maez

## Sunrise & Poetry

Of the poetry I write  
No verse can compare  
With the beauty of sunrise  
It doesn't seem fair  
Frost must be chuckling  
All safe in his lair

Lento Maez

# Sweet Words

My words seemed so sweet  
That she had me repeat  
In hopes that we'd meet  
Somewhere in the middle

As fickle as love is  
We didn't know fiddle  
The words were a riddle

This sad ending refrain  
Has left me pleading in vain  
As I stand forlorn in the rain  
Perhaps I'll just play my fiddle

Lento Maez

# Talking Bones

If bones could talk  
The dead would speak  
Of who they were  
Not what we seek  
They'd tell of tales  
Of who they've seen  
And how they've been  
On Halloween

Lento Maez

# Team Of Rivals

They were a team of rivals  
Two enlightened souls  
With separate thoughts  
And colliding worlds

Two minds not sold  
On common ground

Yet hope exclaimed  
Their love could win  
If they but listen  
To their inner souls

Lento Maez

# Tempting Fate

How soon we die  
Like a fire fly  
Life is so short  
One's afraid to court  
The one we love  
A gift from above  
What message is this  
Sent with her kiss  
Should I stay  
Or run away  
I'll tempt fate  
And open the gate  
To love unknown  
That poetry has sown

Lento Maez

# Thanksgiving Day

Gobbled the gobbler stuffing and all  
Had several cups of cheer and didn't fall  
Desserts were delicious and plentiful  
I should know I had a mouthful  
Kids were typical running about  
This would be ok if they didn't shout  
Family members were conversing deep  
Laughing and making promises they can't keep  
All in all this holiday went quite well  
Glad we won't see it again for quite a spell  
Upon parting hugs and kisses took place  
We all understood why we had said grace

Lento Maez

# That Is Love

She went to Africa. At least that is what she liked to tell me after we made love. To hear her talk about what pleased her; was for me, a way to understand what Africa was like. You see, she also took me to Africa. I was so connected to her that what she saw was also visible to me. It was visible to me only in the sense that I felt her emotions so strongly that I was able to separate myself from whatever it was that made me visible to others. With her my puzzle was complete. That is love!

Lento Maez

# The Blessing

My fears subdued my life renewed.  
I am at peace I've calmed the beast.  
He is no more, he's out the door.  
I am at rest there is no more.  
I thought the fight was always right.  
I fight no more there is no score.  
My wrongs I feel so deep won't heal.  
The pain I've known a life forlorn.  
What is the quest we do our best.  
There is no more there is no score.  
I am the one who thought I'd won.  
I didn't know that there was more.  
You showed me love you were the one  
Who taught me life was just begun.  
For two are one then there are three.  
What is this blessing you bring to me?

Lento Maez

# The Brew

Who knows me now  
Where is my soul  
I am no more  
Along the shore  
Where waves do bend  
The grains of sand  
There stands a man  
Please understand  
He failed at love  
Alas it's true  
Could it have been  
Because of the brew

Lento Maez

# The Call

I await your call  
Until the fall  
The turning leaves  
Shimmer in the breeze  
No call and yet  
I do not fret  
Spring will be here  
Bringing wonderful cheer  
The snows will be gone  
Melted by the warming sun  
Please do not stall  
With your long awaited call

Lento Maez

# The Dove

The poet rhymes  
The songstress sings  
The dove that mourns  
In early spring  
Hopes love forlorn  
Will find its wings  
And fly away  
So a new love springs

Lento Maez

# The Effects Of Words

The effects of words on human souls  
Can rake the best of us through coals  
The writer's intent may be sublime  
To the uninitiated this may not be fine  
The intent of the writer is not to hurt  
It may just be a warning to be alert  
But in the end it is the reader's psyche  
That may misunderstand and be likely  
To reach the wrong conclusion  
Due to their mistaken illusion

Lento Maez

# The End

Our children prosper  
They know not what  
Of where we were  
Of what we're not  
My only wish  
Is not to end  
This way I thought  
All wounds would mend  
I am no more I see the light  
Of what I've been  
It all seems right

Lento Maez

# The Fall

When comes the fall  
We stood so tall  
Unknown to all  
To heed the call  
I tossed the ball  
It was so small  
It hit the wall  
Twas my pitfall  
To not recall  
It wouldn't stall

Lento Maez

# The Fermi Paradox

The Fermi Paradox has me wondering why  
If others have seen them why haven't I  
If a grey with big eyes scare people oh my  
If others have seen them why haven't I  
An unidentified object high in the sky  
If others have seen them why haven't I  
My thoughts soar asunder way up high  
Others have not seen them I know why

Lento Maez

# The Greatest Gift

What greater gift can one give  
To another other than to say  
You are one with me please stay  
Forever and a day

Lento Maez

# The Letter

Her letter came in the mail today  
Too scared to open it I started to pray  
Dear Lord don't reject me this day  
Ensure that what she has to say  
Will blossom like flowers in May  
And all of her loving will come my way

The letter was opened with trembling hands  
I was preparing to beg, plead and make amends

The parchment was tan and smelled nice  
I didn't open it put it back in the envelope twice  
By not reading it was I being wise

At last I slipped the parchment out  
Spread it on the table full of doubt  
The first sentence made me shout  
Crazy words of excitement I did spout  
She wrote that she loved me without a doubt

Lento Maez

# The Look

The look that smoldered,  
the universe it overcame.  
That come hither look its own to blame.  
And thus that love encompasses all:  
I know now its purpose,  
your countenance should face  
what smolders in souls.

Lento Maez

# The Meme

A dream with a scheme  
Produced a meme  
It spread like wild fire  
Leaving all with desire  
Alas the dream  
Was the meme's scheme

Lento Maez

# The Oracle

She resembled an oracle  
In my dreams at night  
I'd lay there and shiver  
With pure delight  
To soon daylight finds me  
Awake and confused  
How rude of the oracle  
To keep me so abused

Lento Maez

# The Painting

A painting attracted me  
It wasn't a Van Gough  
The colors were splendid  
The features all blended  
The scene seemed familiar  
Then I saw it stir  
But there wasn't any air  
After rubbing my eyes  
I came to realize  
It was me in the mirror

Lento Maez

# The Proposal

At last I have seen  
What I am to hold  
A heavenly figure  
May I be so bold  
To say that I love you  
What more should you know□  
What am I proposing  
By telling you so  
A life full of joy  
A long tender kiss  
A subtle beginning  
Yes I did say it so  
Now you know my answer  
I pray that you know  
What I'm willing to show  
That I love you so

Lento Maez

# The Rose

May the powers that be never  
misunderstand me by willfully  
snatching my mind. Never to  
Return. Where in this universe  
is love the brightest? May I go  
there amongst the stars and reach  
heaven, till time stands still.

Then:

My mind traces the uncommon,  
deviating from the mundane  
composing silky prose that seeks  
to imitate the rose.

Lento Maez

# The Spy

He was a spy  
I wouldn't lie  
He moved so sly  
He appeared to fly  
He had no name  
He sought no fame  
He played the game  
Society was to blame  
He seemed so tame  
Yet he was lame  
A bullet to blame  
He had bad aim  
What a shame  
We would exclaim  
Soon he overcame  
The worrisome claim  
It was because of the dame

Lento Maez

# The Traveler

He was guided by a mysterious star  
Traveling tirelessly near and far  
The people in his travels he did greet  
Aimlessly looking for his beloved sweet  
In all his exotic travels he did find  
Glorious treasures but not his kind  
He sought the dream he once had  
In time he thought it was a fad  
Persistent foils he overcame  
To the point he was a bit lame  
One day to his surprise  
Right before his very eyes  
Was the wonder he had been looking for  
And she was living just next door

Lento Maez

# The Valley

In the valley of lonely tears  
Lived a young couple  
Without any fears  
For their love overcame  
All those tears

Lento Maez

# The Waterfall

We watched in amazement  
As the waterfall sang to us  
The cascading mist  
Softly kissed our cheeks  
A mystical halo enveloped our souls  
As we clung to each other  
What wonder was this  
That made us drop to our knees  
And thank the creator  
For the gift of the waterfall

Lento Maez

# The Wonder Of You

It is said that you knew me  
And I knew that was true  
Because of the way you loved me  
Never making me blue  
I marveled at your preciousness  
Your soft gentleness  
The sincerity of your smile  
One could see for a mile  
The kindness of your touch  
Your whispers so lovingly  
Somehow then I knew  
That what bound us so closely  
Was the wonder of you

Lento Maez

## The Wonder Of You (2)

Without a doubt you are there for me  
Whether I swim a lake or climb a tree  
Your wonderful smile is my great view  
I am astounded at the wonder of you  
Yes, it is the wonder of you

When stress knocks me down  
You smile removes my frown  
Life's foibles evaporate in your presence  
There is no doubt it is your essence  
I am astounded at the wonder of you  
Yes, it is the wonder of you

How fortunate I am to have your love  
It's like a gift given from heaven above  
Other's lives are soon torn apart  
With you it's as if we've just begun to start  
I am astounded at the wonder of you  
Yes's it is the wonder of you  
Without a doubt  
It is the wonder of you

Lento Maez

# These Foolish Things

We laughed at our foolish things  
Our collections of the every day  
To us they were just ok  
What we prized above all else  
And appeared as chiming bells  
Was the glow of our growing love  
Hoping it was sent from above

Lento Maez

# Thinking

I thought I saw her think.  
Thinking that I saw her think.  
I thought, how does she think?  
Just thinking about her thinking  
Brought back thought of what  
She thought while I was wondering  
What she was thinking!

Lento Maez

# Thinking Poetry

What do we think when we see a rhyme  
Are the bells tolling is it a magical chime  
We're moved by words I wonder why  
This may go on as we scan the sky  
A statement here a question there  
To all thinking poets please beware

Lento Maez

# This Pen

What write I now  
This pen repents  
My mind resents  
My thoughts unfold  
My brain's on hold  
Until the end  
This pen relents  
It's now my friend

Lento Maez

# This Poets Motto

Be brief

Be concise

Refrain from lies

At least sometimes

Lento Maez

# Thoughts

He lived in the mountains, □  
He lived alone with his thoughts.□  
Summer came in torrents of rain.□  
What came of his thoughts? □  
The wanderer asked, in mockful glee.□  
They ran afoul of hail and snow.□  
Winter came!

Lento Maez

# Tick Tock

The clock just stopped ticking  
It startled me so  
I was rushing to get ready  
I had places to go  
In my rush I tripped  
Over a mouse  
A mouse in the house  
I didn't know that  
It had on a cute hat  
I laughed as I fell flat  
The clock fell on me  
I'd bumped it with my knee  
It was funny to see  
The clock go 'tick tock'

Lento Maez

# Tiny Tots

Casually creative clues  
Forever flock frightfully  
Simple scary spiders  
Devising devilish distortions  
That torment tiny tots

Lento Maez

# To Be Around

I want to be around  
Not have my soul bound  
To pick up the peaces  
When she does with me  
As she pleases

Lento Maez

# To Be Loved

To love is truly wonderful  
To be loved is more wonderful  
How wonderful is being in love  
Loving her is wonderful  
Being loved by her is priceless  
But I repeat myself  
How wonderful to be loved  
How special love is

Lento Maez

# Took A Chance

I took a chance  
To hear her say  
I was worth it

Her sudden pause  
Gave me cause  
To think I blew it

Too soon I knew  
Her personal view  
Of me was jaded

When all at once  
I saw her smile  
She had taken awhile

And then I knew  
My chances grew  
I was worth it

Lento Maez

# Traveling

Happened to get back late  
From an important date  
Had no time to write  
The schedule was tight  
Missed all my friends  
Hoping to make amends  
Off the grid unable to connect  
Gives one time to reflect  
May have to leave again  
Next time I'll take a pen

Lento Maez

# Tribulations

I know I've tried  
To be myself  
I've failed at that  
Place me on a shelf  
Of life well lived  
But not fulfilled  
Of promises kept  
But not revealed  
I close my gaze  
On your sweet face  
Of what we were  
Is there no more  
Nor could have been  
Of what we thought  
Should have been  
I close my thoughts  
Of dreams untold  
Of love forlorn  
And not yet born

Lento Maez

# Troubled Soul

Where do I rest  
This humble soul  
Where can it rest  
This troubled soul  
This soul won't heal  
Without its rest  
A troubled soul  
Does need its rest  
I must confess  
I did my best  
Now I need  
My rest  
Zzz..

Lento Maez

# True Words

The poet writes his words so true  
Sometimes the phrases make him blue  
You ask what he can do to not feel so  
Maybe a new poetic phrase will grow  
If not he'll have to try anew  
Dear reader can you give him a clue  
Of how to save this morbid stew  
Of words that fly as if on cue

Lento Maez

# Truth's Glue

If in seeking truth  
One finds answers  
To ones unliking

Does this mean  
To hide unseen  
A person's biases

If this is true  
Then humanity's glue  
Will cease to bind us

Lento Maez

## Two Leaves

There were two leaves  
One was happy to be a leaf  
The other wanted to be  
More than just a leaf  
One leaf clung to the tree  
The other one fell to the ground  
The clinging leaf turned yellow  
Then brown.  
Snow fell on it  
Yet it clung to the branch  
The leaf that fell decomposed  
And it helped a flower grow  
The brown leaf died  
But did not rise again  
The fallen leaf came to life  
As a beautiful flower

Lento Maez

# Two Strangers

Where are we now  
What have we seen  
Two lovers thought  
They might have been

Too bad they lost  
And what the cost  
A silly quarrel  
That did unfurl  
A perfect pair  
Now there's despair

Lento Maez

# Unaware

Awake at last  
From a distant past  
Love came to me  
Through poetry  
She held me close  
She smelled like a rose  
My mind's on fire  
With desire  
For her  
To bear  
Unaware  
I care

Lento Maez

# Understanding

Alone we are one  
Together we're more

To understand this  
Just tally the score

How easy it seems  
To live on daydreams

Yes true love awaits  
The two perfect mates

As long as they share  
Their true love with care

Lento Maez

# Unfortunate Love

Beautiful Lora Lee was close to me  
This beautiful person could not see  
That as much as I wanted her to be  
My one and only love  
Unfortunately this could not be

Pure words written like a dare  
Can sometimes make one unaware  
The pain that hides  
In the other side

Too bad love flows and grows  
Like romantic movie shows  
Yet consumes the heart that glows  
Unfortunately glows then dies

One wonders at this mystic mess  
How a simple kiss or sweet caress  
Tears out ones heart  
But not from the start

Emotions rage like a winter storm  
Sleepless nights leaves one forlorn  
Yet hope prevails  
The heart still sails  
To lands unknown  
To be alone  
No more...

Lento Maez

# United For Life

Our children our lives  
Lived with love and  
Through the crises of  
Two beings completing  
Each other through love  
Hope and much more  
When we became one  
Then two became a unity  
Unchallenged uncompromising  
To the world of indifference  
To matrimony  
Meaning that two joined  
Are inseparably  
United for life

Lento Maez

# Unknown

Are we despised by some unknown  
To seek what is what was untold  
Can we not reach a peaceful end  
Why do we search to seek amends  
Our lots we cast our lives unfold  
Why am I seeking what is unknown  
Is it the wrath of what is unknown

Lento Maez

# Vegetable Mind

Floating in my mind  
Are thoughts of all kind  
Maybe they'll disappear  
And run away in fear  
While I struggle with a thought  
And end up with naught  
How chaotic is my life  
Or maybe it's just strife  
But what I do know is  
Poetry makes me glow  
And maybe this is silly  
Just like my uncle Willy  
Alas it's time to go  
To plant another row  
Of thoughts in my mind  
And veggies of all kind

Lento Maez

# Velvet Ribbon

A velvet ribbon caressed her hair  
In ringlets smooth her face so rare

Her graceful walk bedazzled me  
She moved without earth's gravity

Her sensuous smile held my heart  
It skipped a beat and wouldn't start

Her finger caressed my cheek  
My knees were shaky I felt weak

A word from her was so sensuous  
It only had meaning to the two of us

What can I say of one so rare  
And to think I met her on a dare

Lento Maez

# Verdant Valley

In a verdant valley  
Rain drops play  
A calming symphony  
That brightens your day

How sweet the smell  
Of fresh mowed hay  
Crickets complaining  
They wanted to play

A rainbows glow  
Scattered mist so slow  
A cranky woodpecker  
Wanted to know

Where else can you see  
Such a marvelous show

Lento Maez

# Vixen Dream

The nightmare won't cease  
In my brain nor my mind  
I can see vile visions  
Of vanity going blind  
Evoking scenes of voluptuous  
Vixens tempting tragically  
Those that dared dream  
And not wake with a scream  
Alas the alarm just rang  
I thought I was going to hang  
Voluptuous vixens oh my  
Glad you woke up big guy

Lento Maez

# Warning Cactus

The flowers were cascading  
Down the rolling hillside  
Unaware of the dry desert air

A cactus soon warned them  
Retreat my beautiful friends  
Or the hot desert sun will blind you

How marvelous that cactus was  
To warn all of us

Of the perils of cascading  
Without even waiting

To see if there is danger

Lento Maez

# We Are Hope

You have given life  
We have seen no strife  
Our children are  
Our lives so far  
We live on  
Enjoying the sun  
Eternal is our love  
Blessed from above  
The love we've known  
Is now full blown  
Throughout our time  
Our life's sublime  
Of our love begotten  
It's not forgotten  
By you and I  
We seek the sky  
With thankful prayer  
There's no naysayer  
That from above  
We found true love

Lento Maez

# We Failed

I failed you so  
I am no more  
I gave you love  
I could give no more  
You took my all  
And wanted more  
Too late I saw  
You failed me so

Lento Maez

# We Lost

Forgive my hopes  
For you and me  
Forget the past  
That could not be  
We gave our best  
We fought the fight  
You said no more  
We knew what's right  
Yet on we fought  
In spite of we  
Two mortal souls  
That could not see  
The eternal end  
That binds us so  
Our love our thoughts  
That could not grow  
And to the end  
We fought the fight  
Who lost who won  
There was no right

Lento Maez

# We Love Her So

She writes with kindness and flair  
Sometimes she's in despair  
At other times she's strong  
And nothing can go wrong  
Sometimes she's oh so sweet  
I want her to repeat  
The lines that move me so  
Oh the places I want to go  
When she is alone with sadness  
I want to fill her heart with gladness  
I hope that she will know  
That we all love her so

Lento Maez

# We Win

We are as one  
As one we are  
No truth unbinds  
No lie denies  
Of what we are  
Or who we've been  
But what we are  
As two we win

Lento Maez

# We Won

We are as one  
I swear my best  
To you I say  
We won the test  
Of life and love  
And what's to come  
Of who we are  
Of what's begun  
At last we won

Lento Maez

# We Wonder Why

Sleepless nights it's no surprise  
While I lay awake I count fire flies  
What did I say the other day  
To make her think another way  
I made no promises this I vow  
Confusion reined still somehow  
I hope for her she'll understand  
I could not give her a wedding band  
Alone we stay look at the sky  
Gather our thoughts and wonder why

Lento Maez

# Wedding Ring

Apart again wordlessly  
Unable for both of us to see  
Two lives full of pain  
Each hoping to gain  
Some hope in this loss  
Both couldn't be boss  
No parting farewell  
Evil had cast its spell  
A small glimmer of hope  
To untie the rope  
And not say farewell  
Let love cast its spell  
Now two are as one  
Renewing the fun  
That true love can bring  
When they swear on the ring

Lento Maez

# Whimsical Fate

Discovered a letter  
Left long ago  
Hidden in a drawer  
Forgotten you know  
You'd pledged your love to me  
So all the world could see  
That we were to be  
Bound for eternity  
Little did we know  
That fate would show  
Its whimsical head and  
Would make me dread  
Having been born  
To live life forlorn  
What illness is this  
That turns health amiss  
Leaving me longing  
For your kiss

Lento Maez

# Whispered Name

A sly wind whispered my name  
It came out as a musical refrain  
I curiously followed it about  
Just hoping that it would shout  
Why it did that without shame

A humming bird whispered to me  
It's only your imagination you see

The chime ringing in your ear  
Is from the hops in the last beer

A raspy chuckle escaped my lips  
My brain began forming quips

What a marvelous surprise  
When a tear grazed my eyes  
And my mind made it clear  
After all it was just the beer

Lento Maez

# Who Is Me

My deepest thoughts of who I am  
Reveals the truth of what I've been  
Within myself I know I'm me  
Myself enclosed within my dreams  
My mind explored remains unseen  
Unseen to most what do they know  
Of what I've been of where I go  
I need to know or see who is me

Lento Maez

# Wish It Were Me

Oh, how I wish it were me!  
When I see you dancing with him.  
Oh, how I wish it were me!

When I see you whispering in his ear.  
Oh, how I wish it were me!

When you rest your head on his shoulder.  
Oh, how I wish it were me!

When you rise on tip toes to kiss him.  
Oh, how I wish it were me!

When I see you going home with him.  
Oh, how I wish it were me!  
How I wish it were me!  
Wish it were me!

Lento Maez

# Wondering

Cruel world cruel fate  
You've made me wait  
At last I've found  
That I can be bound  
To a new love  
A gift from above  
Why me you say  
Could be I pray  
For her to stay  
Never to go away

Lento Maez

# Wondering Mind

One wonders why  
Horses can't fly  
Yet unicorns do  
I know because  
I've seen a few  
The mind it seems  
Stores thought in reams  
And stores short notes  
Of bounding goats  
Chasing unicorns  
Before it storms  
And they melt away  
Like children's clay  
What more can I say  
My mind wanders  
That way...

Lento Maez

# Wondering Out Loud

Pathetic poetry blocked my view  
I was looking for essence  
And found nothing new  
A rambling of word lists here and there  
A few nouns and verbs  
All starting to scare  
I realize we all strive to do our best  
For heaven's sake  
Please take a break  
Write something worth reading  
Not what's on your mind  
Think of the reader  
Please be kind

Lento Maez

# Word Junkie

Whatever he tried to say  
Jumbled words got in his way  
Made him want to kneel and pray

People knew him by his prose  
Most thought he was quite verbose  
Junked up words kept him on his toes

Soon word of him got around  
A new name for him they found  
Word junkie had a good sound

Then one day he found  
That he could be quite profound  
By keeping words close to the ground

No more airy phrase flew  
All his poems became new  
And his fans liked them anew

Lento Maez

## Words Of Wisdom

Cataclysm is not a warning they say  
In reality it may be too late to pray  
Consider what you've done today

Have you helped heal a wounded friend  
Stayed by their side until the end  
And waited patiently for them to mend

Have you said a prayer today  
Helped someone who's gone astray  
Eased their road along the way

Maybe now is the time to consider  
If you're going to let your life flitter  
If so don't come to me when you're bitter

Lento Maez

## Y Ng Y Ng

In drawing a circle, one bends a line,  
To reach an end, one must start at the beginning,  
Thus a circle begins and ends at the same location.

□

In weakness there is strength,  
And in strength there is weakness;

In sadness there is gladness,  
And in gladness there is sadness;

In truth there is error,  
And in error there is truth.

Thus there is no purity in life;  
There is only absolute.

Lento Maez

# You

Today... today I'll wrap  
You in vair,  
A hat made of stardust,  
Bright yet  
Forlorn,  
Yet different...  
Like you.  
Yesterday... yesterday was  
A gown of gossamer  
A veil spun of gold  
Yours was a beauty...  
Mine to behold.  
Tomorrow... tomorrow a new  
Dream and then..  
On again.  
Yesterdays tomorrow will  
Find me today  
Looking for a memory  
Too clear to forget.

Lento Maez

# You Are...

What am I without you  
What can I be without you  
You are my reason for being  
For my keeping on to see  
What lies at the end for me

Lento Maez

# You Belong To Me

You belong to me  
I carved on the tree

We were young then  
It would never end

You found another  
I lost - why bother

Must love be so crazy  
It makes our minds hazy

Will I find another  
Or I won't bother

To look for true love  
Is the answer above

Lento Maez

# Your Essence

My arms unfold□  
Embracing the essence  
Of who you are.

My life, my thoughts of  
What has been and who  
We are.

I am I'm told  
A man so bold.  
That my arms unfold  
To hold you near  
To embrace you dear.

To me you are a rhyme untold  
A dream not dreamed  
A life not told.

Where go we now, the two of us  
What life awaits in God we trust.

The years go by I love you still  
Until the end my heart you fill.

Lento Maez