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# A Boy's Need

Best friends we were,  
Together, parents we became  
My heart filled with love.  
Yours filled with blame

Years gone by,  
Memories we share  
Why did you stay?  
If you believe you didn't care?

Life isn't always easy.  
Takes effort, love & prayer  
It will be a lonely journey  
If you can't give in & share

Being a parent is an adventure,  
Not that your life is through  
You see the little boy.  
Do you see his need for you?

Life can be so confusing,  
Not knowing what to do  
You are just a boy, all grown up  
But you know you need him too.

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# A Brand New End

Looking back on years past  
After the little ones are grown  
Life is just a journey,  
You don't always travel alone  
Someone to stand beside you  
Who believes in all you do  
Can you imagine life without them?  
Do you feel they complete you?  
A family together  
Learns with each passing day  
Living alone, without that love  
Trying to find your way  
Noone can go back  
To make a new start, my friend  
But anyone can start form here,  
And make a brand new end  
No matter where life takes us  
Find comfort in those places  
Will your ending have laughter  
And smiles on little faces?

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# A Lonely Heart

So many memories leave me  
Wondering what to do  
I've left the pain in the past now,  
Still my thoughts return to you  
A past I won't hold onto  
A future, I cannot see  
When your heart is lost or lonely,  
Do you ever think about me?  
Why, I often wonder,  
after all that we've been through,  
Should I give up now?  
When my heart still belongs to you.  
A comfortable feeling,  
To never be alone  
Someone who understands you  
A hand within your own  
A lonely heart still beats,  
As a broken one does, too  
A heart that loves, never forgets,  
As mine holds onto you.

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# A Lonely Valentine

Living here from day to day  
In my world all alone, I stay  
Absorbed in the darkness along the way  
What more will go wrong today?  
I see you smile & I know it will be okay  
So when you're down & lose your way  
Smile & know I miss you everyday  
Maybe you'll cross my path someday  
So many thoughts lost on the way  
Without a single word to say  
I know soon you'll be on your way  
Wishing to myself you could stay  
Can you tell me it will be okay?  
Or will you be gone, when I turn away?  
Have I told you how proud of you I am, today?  
Always on my mind, in my heart you stay  
Patiently I dream, maybe this will be my day

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# A Perfect Place

Touching so softly,  
Your gentle face  
You hold me close  
In my perfect place  
Keep the moments  
Dream forever  
Memories we share  
You & I together  
I'm the place in your heart  
You cannot see  
When you close your eyes,  
Do you dream of me?  
Always in my dreams-  
forever on my mind  
Dreams come true-  
You will find  
Once I was lost  
In your embrace-  
There I found  
My Perfect Place

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# A Secret Look

A secret look,  
A shy quiet smile  
As I wish to myself,  
You could stay for a while  
What is it about you that  
interests me so much?  
Is it the chase? As I've  
yet to feel your touch  
Did you see me smile  
As you looked my way?  
Will you ever find time?  
Is it going to be today?  
When you close your eyes  
What is it you see?  
Do you smile to yourself  
when you think of me?

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# A Silent Plea

Have you ever asked yourself  
Why things never go your way?  
Could it be the simple choices  
As you hurry through each day?  
Have you ever had a dream  
And woke up and you were there?  
Has your heart ever been cold  
Or broken beyond repair?  
I desperately search for answers  
Only to reach another mistake  
How many wrong choices?  
How many hearts will break?  
I want to thank you for my dreams,  
You see, but do not realize  
When you look at me,  
What is it you see in my eyes?  
I only wish you could hear me  
As I make this lonely silent plea  
I just want you to understand this pain& fear  
As I slip into insanity

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# A Smile For You

Where do all the smiles go,  
When things don't go your way?  
If you smile at me, I'll smile too  
Pass it along throughout the day  
If you surround yourself with frowns  
They only bring sorrow & pain  
So fill your world with a smile  
This feeling i cannot explain  
Be careful. It's contagious.  
It's very catching, you see  
You see, I'm already affected  
As I see you smile at me  
It's quite catching. You know  
Smiles find a way into your heart  
Laughter helps to heal, and  
A smile is where it starts

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# Age

Age is the factor  
that keeps us apart  
I'll be here always  
As you remain in my heart  
You have your whole life  
So many years  
You only see me smiling  
You'll never see the tears  
You asked my heart  
to please let you in  
I can't take the pain  
of being hurt again  
When you're face to face  
It isn't always what it seems  
I hide my tears for you  
I keep you in my dreams

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# All About Me

I can't understand me  
I've tried for so long.  
No matter my choices,  
I just always seem wrong  
I used to know me, and  
I've forgotten so much  
Where I'm going, Who I am,  
I often miss your touch.  
I've cried a river,  
You never believed in me  
Why must I worry?  
Why don't I see?  
Will I ever know, or  
Will I always wonder why?  
Will I ever let you go, or  
love you until I die?  
I closed my eyes, and  
What did I see?  
You were in my thoughts,  
But I'm still stuck with me

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# Another

Another day you take of mine  
Another piece of my heart  
Is left behind  
I realize I can't make you happy.  
So I'm forced to set you free.  
Another day, you'll understand;  
I loved you enough to see  
You should've always been there,  
To teach him right from wrong.  
You chose to leave when he needed you,  
For another who came along.  
In my life, I thought you'd always be,  
Another wrong thought-  
It was never up to me  
Maybe someday you'll find a future  
That will make you want to stay  
I thank God for you in my life,  
At least for another day.

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# Another Day

Is it worth the misery?  
The pain & heartache?  
How much more  
Will I have to take?  
A smile, a kind word,  
Just to see you really care  
Doubt, insecurity,  
Always a frown you wear  
Where did all the laughter go?  
The smile within your eyes?  
Never enough.  
Is it worth all the tears I've cried?  
This wall of emotions  
I've built to save me  
From all the pain in the world  
Are there no smiles left to see?  
Never take for granted  
All the things you need to say  
Always take time to show you care  
You may not have another day

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# Blind

I can't help but wonder  
Why must my love for you be so deep?  
A lifetime I'd give for you.  
My love, you chose not to keep.  
You've held my heart like no other  
A stronger love you'll never know  
So broken and cracked, my fragile heart  
Yet my love for you still grows  
When you think of me, remember  
A false smile I hide behind  
Tears I cry to wash you away  
Have made me completely blind  
Blind to all, understanding no more  
My heart still chooses you  
After all the heartache, at the end of each day  
You can't help but miss me too  
My heart refuses to go on now  
Without you I simply can not be  
Will this pain stop my heart from beating?  
Or someday realize, you never loved me.

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# Bravest Of Them All

Have you ever known someone so brave,  
When everything seems to go wrong?  
Everything working against her,  
yet she continues to beat the odds.  
She's so strong and brave  
with such a loving heart  
No one will she let see her  
when she falls apart  
Always positive & smiling,  
despite the pain she feels inside  
She'll never allow you to see her hurt,  
or know how much she's cried  
She always holds her head up high  
Her beauty shines from the inside out.  
Although she is young in years,  
Her journey has been a long hard route.  
Wise beyond her years  
Brilliant like a bright shooting star.  
When she goes to be among Heaven's Angels,  
She will have finally won her war.

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# Broken Soul

I will be okay. Tomorrow. I will be alright.  
I'll say goodbye to you, knowing it was worth the fight  
You left me with only tears  
As I live alone in fear.  
Here I am, losing my grip, as I fall apart  
Trying to pick up the pieces of my broken heart  
Letting go of the idea that you will make it all okay  
Thankful for every second, knowing you'll be on your way  
Here I am, still trying to put a smile on my face  
Here I am, watching you tear me apart at a slow pace  
A broken soul I am, saying goodbye to our past  
Here I am letting go of you, finally at last  
Always I will love you, but moving on you'll see  
Here I am missing you, but a better person I will be

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# Changes

With a smile, our friendship was off with a zoom  
Then every heartfelt letter, 'I miss U's began to bloom  
On your return, closer together we began to grow  
Glad to see you each day, I always told you so  
    then came children....responsibility...  
Art of a toddler, who may be a great artist someday;  
Freckled face 8 year old, waiting for your time to play  
Secrets of second grad, with giggles in clouds of glue,  
Doubledate with Mom & Lee, these are great memories, too  
Just cause our lives are changing, doesn't mean the fun is gone;  
Simply, if something needs fixing, Daddy, You are THE ONE  
Drifting into toddler years, tears & laughs we share  
If we must grow old, I want to be in your arms,  
Life without you, I just don't dare.

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# Crystals

Happiness is like a crystal  
Fair, Precious, and Clear  
Broken in a million pieces  
scattered far & near  
Now & then along life's journey  
some tiny pieces fall  
There are so many pieces  
Noone ever finds them all  
So walk with me and remember  
to treasure every fragment clear  
Fit them as they go together  
Imaging a shattered sphere  
Learning to always be thankful  
Though at times, my list is small  
I cherish each day I have-  
As for my pieces, I finally found them all.

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# Daydreams

One day as I sat alone  
You came into my head  
I tried hard to rearrange,  
I put you in my heart, instead

I think about you often  
Can't get you off my mind  
When I put you in my heart,  
It often got left behind

I tried not to daydream  
Because you are all I see  
You hold my heart always  
So smile, as you think about me

I'm never really alone,  
as the days pass me by  
I have you with me  
Everytime I close my eyes

Now I can't do without you  
It's obvious to see  
I hope someday, if you feel alone  
That you will dream of me

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# Denied Love

Life is a mystery  
Noone can understand  
Happiness is a warm smile  
Loved ones close at hand

When you reach the place in life  
You feel you've nothing left to give  
You've given all you could  
Now there's a better life to live

Sometimes I wonder,  
Where would I be?  
If I didn't have you,  
Who would love me?

In my heart & on my mind  
Where you'll always be  
Tell me, when you close your eyes,  
What is it that you see?

When you love someone so much  
It hurts deep down inside  
Empty, your life is, without them  
Can this love ever be denied?

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# Did You Ever Care?

Cherish every second  
If it makes you laugh, or shed a tear  
Memories slowly fade with time  
They never just disappear  
Letting go of the past  
A time we loved & had to let go  
Leaving behind the broken dreams  
A stronger love you'll never know  
How long must my heart ache?  
This constant pain so real  
Thinking you were truly happy  
while you hid the hate for me you feel  
Holding onto the moments  
Even bad ones you made me smile  
Through every heart break  
Being your girl was ALWAYS worthwhile

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# Distant Thoughts

A life you used to dream of  
Your heart was broke instead  
A thought of another future  
Keeps running through your head  
You have to let go of yesterday-  
Tomorrow will be a better day  
Leave behind hard lessons learned  
Because you don't know what to say  
How many times can a heart break  
before it turns cold and grey?  
Believe tomorrow brings a smile  
You know you are on your way  
What could be so very special  
Is a distant thought you sometimes see  
Then you think about what WAS  
and wonder how it could ever be?

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# Do I Cross Your Mind?

I often sit & wonder  
Do I cross your mind at all?  
How often I ask myself  
what is it about you that made me fall?  
You took his little hand in yours  
Promised to be beside him all the way  
You were my best friend, too, then  
we had a son together one day  
so many little things  
add up to this big love I keep  
You make me laugh when I want to cry  
you hold me in my sleep  
Not just a few things  
There are so many more  
Reasons I fell in love with you  
This I cannot ignore  
Thinking of you again  
Can't get you off my mind  
Wishing you wanted to stay  
and my heart wasn't left behind

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# Do You Think?

Do you think of where you've been?  
Or what life was like, way back when?  
A bad decision, or that ONE mistake.  
Why we make some of the choices we make?  
Do you think of things you've done?  
If you'd only stayed, instead of run.  
That single mistake or wrong choice or two?  
Where would it have taken you?  
Do you think of the first real love lost?  
That a higher price or even higher cost  
What would life be like right now,  
If we had chosen different, somehow?

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# Empty Thoughts

A smile creeps slowly  
upon your face  
A moment to treasure  
memories that can't be replaced  
When my day has been tough,  
Nothing goes right, I find  
Thoughts of you constantly  
cross my mind  
Entombed in my world  
Nowhere, I'll be  
Empty thoughts.  
No will to break free.  
A secure warm thought.  
To have you all alone  
A comfortable place.  
A hand within your own.  
As I watch the world pass by,  
I wonder what to do  
When I feel so very lost,  
My thoughts return to you

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# Faded Dreams

Dreams are what we reach for  
Promises to follow through  
My unconditional love  
Helps me to believe in dreams come true

Why should I worry?  
I know you love me.  
I will love you forever.  
Is this where you want to be?

You are the one I dream of.  
The one my heart holds dear.  
My mind tells me to let you go  
And I will always have you near

Afraid of what tomorrow holds  
Will you make everything okay?  
Will you be beside me,  
Or will you turn and walk away?

I've given all my love  
Always wishing you had stayed.  
What more will it take  
Before my dreams begin to fade?

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# Give Me Strength

Love never fails, yet sometimes blind  
A love meant to last, so hard to find  
Sometimes painful, at times, gentle & kind  
Memories of a lost love always on my mind  
Do you ever wish that time could just rewind?  
Changing the heartache, the words so unkind?  
Future moves forward, past is left behind  
Do thoughts of your future, bring me to mind?  
What would I do, and where would I be?  
If I didn't have you, who would love me?  
A chase, a choice, a desire to be free  
A lifetime to finish, where will I be?  
Once my heart believed in destiny  
Now lost in a place without a key  
I often wonder if I'll ever see  
Or find the place that I'm meant to be  
So silently I whisper my lonely plea  
God give me strength, as I learn to be me.

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# Happiness At Last

You shattered my life  
Leaving broken pieces of my heart.  
Did you ever care at all?  
Or simply used me from the start?  
I loved you with all my heart then,  
it kills me to love you this way  
Enough to let you go,  
Yet you would not stay away  
Just a game to you,  
knowing I loved you so  
Ripping me apart more everyday  
But you will never even know.  
Is this all the pain  
That I will ever have to feel?  
Are you out of my life FOREVER?  
Taking my love for you, so real.  
I'll tell you I'm fine,  
So you may know happiness at last  
Realizing all along  
You never even cared enough to ask.

For Leland, of course. It's Tuesday.

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# Have You...

Have you ever  
felt so lost inside?  
No words to comfort  
A love denied  
Have you ever  
stepped out into the light,  
wondering why you still care?  
Ready to give up the fight.  
Why must I love you?  
When I shouldn't even care?  
Constantly you hurt me,  
painful love for me to bear  
Have you ever wondered why  
your happiness seems so far away?  
Really, you never knew you had it,  
It was never enough for you to stay  
Always I believed it was worth it,  
You never believed that at all.  
I was never what you wanted,  
This led to my heart's final fall.

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# Her Love

She's not made of candy  
But she's simple & sweet  
Sometimes, hard and broken  
Yet, she stands on her own 2 feet

He'd give her anything, she'd never ask  
To not be a thorn in his side  
She smiles when he looks her way  
Her tears she tries to hide

The love she holds for him  
Is more than he'll ever know  
It's hard for her to just be his friend  
But she knows he wants to go

Does he really love her,  
Ans she simply cannot see  
The friendship & love they share  
was always meant to be

Could he be without her  
Does he think about her in his day?  
Maybe one day he'll realize  
That he really wants to stay

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# Her Way

Will you decide you want to keep her  
Because you miss her when she's away?  
Perhaps she makes you laugh,  
At things ONLY she would say.  
Maybe because he misses you  
Wishes you never went away  
Then maybe she hasn't been there lately  
To tell you those things today.  
So as you think of her, smile.  
Believe she is finally okay.  
The little things you take for granted,  
take time to see today.  
For a minute, look through her eyes,  
You'd know she isn't okay.  
A lonely world absorbs you,  
It's nice to meet new friends along the way  
Remember right now, she misses you.  
Take time for her today  
You know she'd give you the world...  
As long as you let it turn HER WAY.

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# I Am Me

How could I not see all along?  
Why must my choices all be wrong?  
Where is my faith, when I need to be strong?  
Where will life take me?  
Which way to go?  
When do I leave? How will I know?  
Who will be with me?  
Will I be here to see my boys grow?  
The heart that has truly loved, never forgets  
The heart that never learns to love, lives with regrets  
Afraid of change, where do I start?  
Afraid if I love you, you'll then break my heart  
I am who I am, I can only be me  
Is it what I say or feel  
or what my mind chooses to see?

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# I Don't Really Know You At All

I don't know you at all  
Maybe someday I will.  
I'm not easy to understand  
Too afraid to show how I feel  
Afraid to let go and live  
Scared my heart will break instead  
How many times can a heart break.  
Before it can no longer mend  
I miss the sound of your voice  
Counting the days til you're free.  
I ask what makes you smile  
And do you when you think of me?  
You make me feel safe  
As if all the world is right.  
Talking to you for hours  
Sometimes through the night.

My thoughts are constantly of you  
Waiting for your touch  
How is it that I don't even know you  
But I miss you So very much?

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# I Miss My Friend

Is fate what you make it, or  
what is meant to be?  
Your dreams, your future,  
What exactly IS destiny?  
If I only knew then  
what I understand now  
Would things be the same,  
Or different somehow?  
I miss the way things used to be  
When I laughed & talked to my best friend  
I'm better alone, as you slip away  
So I can simply pretend  
Wrong choices, or right?  
How will I know?  
If things could be different,  
Would you ever tell me so?  
No worries, no heartache,  
Not a reason to cry  
I keep you in my heart  
It's too hard to say goodbye

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# If

If I tell you I don't want you,  
And go on my way,  
Would you then, really love me,  
and miss me in your day?  
If you weren't in my thoughts,  
what is it, I'd see?  
Do you smile, or run away,  
when you think about me?  
Letting go is never easy  
No matter how hard you try  
Never given the chance to succeed, or fail  
So I'm left with only, WHY?  
The question remains unanswered,  
If it could've been, we'll never know,  
Without a second thought of tomorrow,  
You let what I wanted so much, go.

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# If Tomorrow I Could See

It's a brand new year  
A fresh new start  
Time heals the pain  
of a broken heart  
If I could see tomorrow  
I'd know what I'd do today  
I'd have all the answers  
who to see & what to say  
But I cannot see tomorrow  
we make mistakes along the way  
The path ahead so twisted  
as we struggle through each day  
Just when it seems that life  
Is how you wish it could be  
It never works out right;  
If only tomorrow I could see  
So if I could see tomorrow  
I'd make the best of everyday  
I'd never take for granted  
People I meet along the way

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# Imagine

In all the dreams you imagine  
My mind is so distraught  
Of all the things I see;  
You never would've thought

Where does all the fear go?  
Who makes it go away?  
Will it ever end?  
Or will it ever be okay?

Who tells you bedtime stories?  
Who tucks you in at night?  
Will it be you, I wonder?  
Can you make things alright?

I can't help but wonder,  
When you say you want to be with me  
Is it really what you mean to say?  
Or even where you want to be?

So many worries, I have  
It's all left up to me  
Searching for the answers  
On the edge of insanity

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# In My Heart

Looking for a friend  
I listened to my heart  
Insanity is a lonely place  
that will tear you apart  
I need a laugh  
once in a while  
I need a friend  
who can make me smile  
Will you be there to listen  
when I fall behind?  
Will you hold me together  
Before I lose my mind?  
When my worries weigh heavy  
and my heart is bruised  
When I feel so very lost  
and am so very confused  
You've brought me a smile  
from the very start  
First you were on my mind,  
Now you are in my heart

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# Invisible Friend

Have you ever taken just a moment  
to notice her, there?  
Without a single thought for her,  
Constant worries, noone cares.  
Quietly, she sits in the corner.  
Will you miss her, or take time to mourn her?  
She tries to make you smile,  
When nothing seems to go your way.  
She makes you feel important.  
Yet, YOU are the highlight of her day  
She helps whoever needs her,  
A sad friend, or one in despair  
But, do YOU ever hear her?  
Can you see her? Is she there?  
NOONE takes time to see her  
She's been there, all the time  
Have you heard the words SHE hears?  
So very often unkind.  
She locks them in her memory,  
So noone can see  
Hoping someday you'll notice her.  
And find where you should always be

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# Looking Forward

First I called him Daddy,  
Then, I'll just call him Dad  
As I get older, it will be other things  
I have his temper when I am mad  
He's taught me to walk,  
I've shown him he can run  
He tries to show me how to play ball,  
together it's so much fun!  
Not ready to be a Daddy,  
Still learning to take care of my needs  
Teaching me to ride a bike,  
mow the lawn, and cut the weeds.  
My Dad's advice, so wise  
To help me save a dime  
Often needed, seldom taken,  
But always 'Right on time'  
He'll teach me to fish & hunt  
To play games & have fun  
He'll take me riding & camping  
Teaching me to safely use my gun  
Mom prays I'm a better version of him  
As he helps me grow each day  
At times, he looks at me and calls Grandpa  
To say 'I'm sorry for being that way'.

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# Maybe

A silent thought not spoken  
fear you'll send me on my way  
A secret glance, I steal from you  
Simply wishing you would stay  
When you are alone,  
Where is your thoughts go?  
Do you think about us,  
Would you ever tell me so?  
You may not ever know,  
Unless you are willing to try  
What are you so afraid of?  
Will you always wonder why?  
I keep these thoughts to myself,  
Your friend, Im glad to be  
Searching for courage in a bottle  
Will it make you look at me?  
Maybe one day I'll know you  
And you'll look at me THAT way  
Meanwhile, I will smile and daydream  
Maybe this will be my day :)

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# Memories Fade Away

A small child's laughter,  
Wildflowers in the spring.  
These should be smiling memories;  
Yet, to me, tears they bring.  
She never met a stranger,  
She'll never know pain  
Is it merely selfish, to want her here  
Or a reason to go insane?  
Attracted to misery  
A desire for pain and heartache  
How many wrong choices?  
What will it take?  
So many happy memories,  
Why must I be so sad?  
Will I ever let go of the pain?  
And cherish the laughter we had?  
Time makes it easier  
to make it through each day  
Take time to remember  
because memories fade away

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# Missing Smiles

Where have they gone?  
Did they fade away?  
The smiles that say so much  
more than words can ever say  
Time has a way of changing things.  
I often wonder why  
A memory of your forgotten smile  
brings a tear to my eye  
I'd do anything for you  
This is where I want to be  
The safest place I know,  
Your arms around me  
Are the smiles gone forever  
Or will you smile today?  
A happy moment shared with you  
Your smile says it's all okay  
Memories lost or faded  
A broken heart without you  
A love to always believe in  
Unconditional through and through

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# Missing You

There was a time, not so long ago  
That you loved to be with me  
Future is one day at a time  
In your heart is where I'll be

My love for you has no end  
It grows deeper by the day  
Letting go is never easy  
What's meant to be finds a way

I miss you in my days,  
I miss your tender touch  
Most of all it's the laughter  
I miss so very much

My feelings were never hidden  
You knew just how I felt  
When you looked at me & smiled  
My heart began to melt

So many questions  
with answers unknown  
Wondering what might've been  
Or if I'm meant to be alone?

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# More Than Friends

A happy heart drowning,  
Longing to be free  
What is it you think about,  
When you look at me?  
So many times we've laughed, we've talked  
You've held me when I've cried  
What will tomorrow hold?  
Will you be by my side?  
I miss the way things used to be  
I miss the way you used to look at me  
Never more than friends  
Just happened along the way  
No words can explain my love for you  
Always making it okay  
Life happens. When you're not ready.  
Lives change you realize  
What you wanted, but never knew it;  
Was here. Just before your eyes.

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# My Eyes

A reason to smile,  
A kind word, a simple touch  
Is it wrong to believe in a dream  
You want so very much?  
Looking through my eyes  
Unconditional love runs deep  
The feelings, desire, passion,  
If you only could know this love I keep  
A friendship I'll always cherish  
A love meant to forever last  
You've helped to move me forward  
From the pains inside my past  
Destiny believes in dreams, for  
friendship has led us to our fate  
Each day I know you gives more reason  
To believe you are so great-  
How can I let this dream go  
Always wishing it would be?  
This love for you I can't detain.  
If only through my eyes, you could see

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# My Future

Finally one day, I caught up with me.  
I'd misplaced my future, and where I should be  
So many things to do, so much left to see  
I realized one day, I'd forgotten about me  
Life isn't the way it's supposed to be  
The way it is sometimes makes you set your love free  
When all the time in your heart, you wish it were you  
So many years together we've seen through  
For every harsh word, there were kind ones, too  
Faithfully watching my love change as time passed, it grew  
So my heart continues to love you, this I know is true  
When I finally found my future, I looked up & saw  
It was YOU.

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# My Treasure

A treasure. A keepsake. A memory in your heart.  
A friend to hold you together  
when you fall apart.  
Never take for granted  
What means so much to you  
Be strong enough to make it  
Her strength will pull you through  
Treasures your heart does cherish  
Sometimes are taken away  
Reasons never understood  
and No right words to say  
One day it happened  
It's so hard to really know  
Why the treasure you held so dear  
You are now forced to let go  
My Bestie. My treasure.  
Definitely one of a kind  
Treasures are worth far more than gold.  
I wish time I could just rewind.

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# Never Given The Chance

So often people say they found true love in their friend  
I just have to wonder if it's just a means to fit the end  
I thought I knew you for so long, but now I've come to see  
That you are a stranger, and you never really loved me  
Always I adored you, we had something special to always keep  
You'd treasure me both heart & soul, and hold me in my sleep  
When I had you, I felt, at last, my search was finally concluded  
How was I to know, that I would be so deluded?  
As we grew together, something still kept us apart  
I have your body and your mind, but I'll never have your heart  
I still wish that we could've shared that lifetime forever  
But reality stole my Happy Ending, leaving me with NEVER  
If you asked, what would I say?  
Would I dare to throw it all away?  
Would yes even be right? Or is it NO?  
But we never ask, so, on we go  
Still I know that in the end  
You never loved me, my friend  
This is the truth that kills me inside  
I'd give you the world, all the tears I cried  
I never had a chance.

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# Never Knew

Love leaves a scar. A broken heart  
It washes your dreams away  
A life to rebuild again 7 again  
When will it be okay  
You seem so lost and confused  
You say you're unsure. But of what  
Being unsure of what you want  
Means you don't want what you've got  
Now my heart is cold  
Simply turned to stone  
Is it the way you pretend  
Or the rejection to my love you've shown  
Hold onto the one you love  
Let them know how much they mean  
Someday they'll be gone and you'll. Be alone  
With no shoulder to cry on  
Always be there to support. You, held you up  
And believe in you  
If you ever really loved her  
She never even new

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# No Limits

In my heart  
I live with pain  
Yet, my love for you  
I cannot explain  
So many memories  
full of heartache  
My love still grows  
My heart, you will break  
I keep holding on  
To a love that USED TO BE  
A struggle to hold on  
No will to break free  
Only time will tell  
If love is true  
Is it meant to last forever?  
Strong enough to see through?  
My love has no limits  
No end to see  
My heart will stay forever yours  
Will you often think of me?

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# No Regrets

Happiness is a choice  
That we struggle hard to find  
A feeling I can't explain,  
It controls your heart and mind  
Inside your thoughts you wonder,  
Will I ever see?  
Is it really worth the pain  
Who believes in destiny?  
No regrets as we make it through  
another day  
Put the past behind, and go on  
The pain slowly fades away

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# Nothing Left To Give

It's amazing how you cannot see  
The games you play, painful reality.  
A constant torment, this emotional war  
still you will defeat me  
Your constant drama,  
The need for attention, too  
You're so convincing, these lies of your love  
To make me believe in you  
You kept me close like a blanket  
Simply for security  
I feel so drained inside  
Do you see what you've done to me?  
Why must you lie?  
Look at the lives you tear apart  
The choice is yours, you must face it.  
It was yours to make from the start  
When you are alone, do you regret?  
With choices you make, you must live  
Torn & broken, the lives you leave behind  
When I'd given all that I had to give.

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# On My Mind

When life becomes constant worries,  
So much on my mind,  
Always on the go-  
No time to unwind...  
You've been there to comfort,  
When I'd cried so many tears,  
You made me face myself,  
Through so many years  
You always knew just what to say  
When I had taken it too rough  
And made that last necessary comment  
When surely I'd heard enough  
Before I ask the question  
Your advice is what I hear,  
More than I expect, at times,  
The answers are very clear  
Is it what I always wanted?  
Unconditional love, and family?  
After all the heartache,  
Do you still believe in destiny?

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# Only On Tuesday

I never thought I'd face life without you  
I'm Broken. Nothing more to say  
My love for you= never ending  
Not just on Tuesday  
I tell you how great you are  
to see you smile & look my way  
I know someday you'll think of me  
maybe only on Tuesday  
so many things left unsaid  
searching for the right words to say  
I simply wanted to make you smile &  
bring a little happy to your day  
Broken spirit. Love of sorrow.  
Stolen now is my tomorrow.  
Think of me ALWAYS in your day.  
Remember I DO LOVE YOU. Only on Tuesdays.  
When I am unable to make you feel  
special in every way  
Always know that someone thinks you're great.  
But I only think it on Tuesday.

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# Pages

A new beginning  
A painful end  
Letting go of a dream,  
A lifetime & best friend  
How do you know when it's over?  
After so many times, you let go.  
Did I ever really matter?  
Does HE even know?  
Will he ever know happiness?  
I pray someday he'll see  
I loved him with all I am.  
Enough to let him be  
I loved him for who he is  
I simply wanted his love for me  
It was never the life you imagined  
But it was a perfect memory  
Home is where your story will start  
What fills your pages, may not fill your heart.

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# Please Just Give Me This Last Year

It's been one year, today.  
A year I just want to erase.  
Pretend like it never happened.  
That day death showed its dark face  
If I could just rewind my life  
Live this past year once more  
I'd do everything different  
I'd do everything better than before  
I'd tell you that I love you, I'd never leave your side  
I promise I'll be a better sister, at least you'd know that I tried  
This year I lost my only brother,  
My best friend/love crushed my heart  
Lost Hubert & My Dad both to cancer  
Watching my world as it rips apart  
I miss you so much I can't breathe, or think  
so much pain & heartache inside  
Just wishing that I could just have last year again  
Before falling into this river of tears I cried.

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# Right Now

Smile!

Someone is thinking about you

And because of you-

they are smiling too

Have you ever had a day

that you just wished would end?

Or one that seemed a little better

because of a true friend?

A friend who made it a point

to try & brighten your day

One who cares enough to know you

and refuses to go away?

What can you do with this friend

who wants to see you smile?

Will they leave you alone to retire

or will you keep them awhile?

Future is so uncertain

we cannot see what will be-

So you can't let your friend grow old alone...

There are so many days for us left to see

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# Risks

Why must I go the same way?  
Still wrong, as always, it remains.  
Just when I think I've found it,  
The only permanent thing is CHANGE.  
Cleverly hidden as WHAT?  
I sometimes need to ask  
Where will I find my future?  
Will it lead me to the past?  
If I went a different path,  
What would I leave behind?  
What would I do, If I didn't  
have you on my mind?  
When you risk everything  
God only knows what lies in store.  
If you never risk anything,  
Really, you risk even more.

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# She Never Gave Up

Someday when you look back  
Try to remember what was REAL  
The best times were spent with her  
Tell me, how did you feel?  
She misses you so much  
Yet she can not let you stay  
Praying you won't break her heart  
And Happiness you'd find someday  
No reason to deny it.  
It was plain to the eye  
You never loved her enough  
Slowly she realized  
Yet she never gave up on you  
Loving you even still  
You continue to break her heart  
So it will never truly heal  
If you ever took a moment to notice  
Or cared enough to look  
She never had to say it  
All her love you simply took.

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# Silence Within

Once upon a time,  
A distant memory in my head  
I knew just where I was headed,  
I made a wrong turn instead  
Desire is what I searched for  
With seduction on my mind  
A touch I can't forget about  
Will it be pleasure that I find?  
Deep thoughts, strange emotions  
Crazy thoughts creeping in  
So many tears, a river of pain  
and the soft touch of your skin  
What would I do, and where would I be?  
What will it take, or will you ever see?  
So many thoughts unspoken  
A silence held deep within  
So many dreams forgotten  
Not knowing where to begin

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# Simple Things

I've so many reasons to smile  
with every thought of you  
Thank you for giving me laughter  
with the simple things you do

Don't ever let me push you  
by wishing you would stay  
I just keep you in my dreams  
As I make it through another day

You've listened to my drama  
A craze even I don't understand  
So, when you need a friend,  
I'll be there to take your hand

Every thought of you  
Always brings me a smile  
The simple things in life  
Make it all the more worthwhile

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# Simply Because

When I wake with thoughts of you  
It brings a smile into my day  
For You, I thank God,  
Each night as I pray  
You make me laugh  
with simple things you say  
Your gentle way & tender touch  
Make me love you more each day  
Emotionally broken,  
I worry so much  
Afraid of rejection,  
Longing for your touch  
I feel, as always,  
I'll never be understood  
No matter what I try  
It never does any good  
You can't see why I feel this way,  
It's not just the things you do,  
Or what you say, or how you hold me close,  
But Simply Because You are YOU

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# Smiling Thoughts

Thank you for your presence  
And All that you do  
I've so many reasons  
to smile because of you  
I want you more  
each passing day  
So happy you are here  
wishing you would stay  
Your happiness, I pray for  
as each morning I greet  
You are all I've ever wanted  
You make my life complete  
Your smile so simple  
Always does excite  
My days without you  
were never so bright  
I will love you forever  
Wherever you may be  
You'll smile when you wake,  
As you hear him say 'My Dahdeeee'

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# So Many Questions

As I sit and wonder  
While time slowly passes by  
The only answer I have found is:  
You never know if you nevr try  
Do you ever wonder  
If anyone really does know?  
Where do I search for answers?  
How far am I to go?  
Answers unknown-words unsaid-  
the future yet to be seen  
So many things taken for granted  
so little in between  
Who decides what is Destiny?  
Or if it's meant to be?  
Your heart holds the answers  
that your eyes may not see

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# Someone

Do you ever wonder,  
What else can you do?  
All the while, not realizing,  
Someone is missing you  
Someone in the background  
that brings a smile to your face  
The emptiness and misery  
in your life they replace  
Someone thats glad to see you  
And asks about your day  
When it was a bad one,  
they know just what to say.  
When you need someone to listen  
So you will not lose your mind,  
that special someone helps you  
to leave the past behind  
Someone to finally appreciate you  
And all the things you do  
Once you have that special someone  
You'll easily make it through

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# Something More

Why should I worry?  
Why must I care?  
My heart will never be broken  
If I never let you be there  
Does it really save me,  
Or only hurt me more?  
Noone really knows  
what lies in store  
When you reach the fork in life,  
which way will you choose?  
Who is that determines  
If we win or lose?  
Always something more  
sometimes we find  
It requires something more  
to join your heart & mind  
So take just a moment  
and let your heart see  
Without a second glance,  
I thought of you and me....

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# Special Place In My Heart

Time is precious  
and we often find  
Memories fade quietly  
As they slip from your mind  
When a memory comes to me,  
A smile I always find  
I miss you so much.  
Why can't time rewind?  
So lost without you,  
An empty space  
Silent tears  
fall from my face  
Why is it the good die young?  
Will it always be this way?  
It makes me wonder, who'll be next  
And will they go today?  
So I keep you in my thoughts  
We'll never be apart  
Because you'll always have  
A special place in my heart

Aunt Rachel

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# Stand Strong

Perceptions changing everyday  
I see you smile & I look away  
I want to show you what is real  
For you to see how lost I feel  
In my life, the pain is always here  
So I hide away, inside my fear  
Of loving you & letting you inside  
But I can't give into the love this time  
Please forgive me, if I am wrong  
You'll be safe, If I'm alone  
Can't find a way you can love true  
My sadness only makes you blue  
You can't love me the way you should.  
I push you away for your own good  
It will not change, how am I wrong?  
Alone I can't hurt if I stand strong  
Now I'm free to lock me inside my hate  
I'll fade away, I must accept my chosen fate  
Noone hears this tragic song I weep  
I must stand strong, never let myself be weak

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# Stone Heart

Love leaves a scar. A broken heart  
It washes your dreams away  
A life to rebuild again & again  
When will it be okay  
You seem so lost and confused  
You say you're unsure. But of what  
Being unsure of what you want  
Means you don't want what you've got  
Now my heart is cold  
Simply turned to stone  
Is it the way you pretend  
Or the rejection to my love you've shown  
Hold onto the one you love  
Let them know how much they mean  
Someday they'll be gone and you'll be alone  
With no place to lean  
Always be there to support You, held you up  
And believe in you  
If you ever truly loved her  
She never even knew

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# Stone Pebbles

Afraid to go on,  
Letting go, starting again  
Am I only missing more,  
I've lost my lover, my best friend  
Weakness, or confusion  
Twisted thoughts full of fear  
Lost time, missing moments,  
The future is so unclear.  
Each day, I forget me,  
I'm so busy, all by myself  
What's best for you, how you feel,  
I put my heart upon the shelf  
Why do I bother, When I know  
I should go?  
A heart of stone crumbles in time,  
And sometimes the pebbles show

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# Sure To Find

Each day passes, a new one on its way  
Still no answers, alone I stay  
What now? What next? What will I do?  
Shall I keep it to myself? Would you want me to?  
A worry I keep that weighs on my heart  
A secret not spoken, could tear us apart  
Will you judge my decision, or stand by my side?  
Will you turn & walk away  
Leaving me & your baby behind?  
Will you listen to your heart  
Understand my mind?  
When you're not looking,  
Happiness is sometimes what you find  
My heart is yours  
Love is sometimes blind  
Keep me in your thoughts,  
A smile you are sure to find

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# Taken For Granted

So many words I needed  
to say to you  
You are constantly on my mind  
So many things taken for granted,  
yet time cannot rewind  
If I only look forward,  
Will I forget about the past?  
Can I leave it behind?  
The pain gone, at last.  
A silent teardrop  
rolls down my face  
Will I ever find the answers,  
Or is it the chase?  
Always something more...  
Will I ever realize?  
It was there all along, just before my eyes  
You can never take for granted  
What can never belong to you  
Hold the moments close  
Remember when my thoughts  
were all of you.

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# Taylor

I'll never understand why  
He took her to His place  
So young and innocent  
As death showed its dark face  
Why is it that the good die young?  
I'll never understand  
She'll never put on make-up  
Or ever hold a little boys hand  
Graduation and prom,  
Things she'll never see  
Why did He take her?  
And God, WHY NOT ME?  
No words of comfort, now  
At the park, she'll never play  
I start thinking- Who will be next?  
And will they go today?  
How do I let her go?  
Someone please explain.  
Time hasn't made it easier,  
Nor taken away my pain

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# Thank You

Have you ever had a friend,  
That constantly crossed your mind?  
One you could share everything  
that you could never leave behind?  
One who makes you laugh  
Who always makes your day  
While I wish you'd never go-  
You still have time to play  
A friend who knows what to say  
And just what you need to hear.  
Certainly when life is at its hardest,  
will be there to wipe away your tears  
SO, as I thank God, for all I have;  
I take time to thank him for you.  
Without your support, friendship & advice  
I'd still be wondering what to do

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# That Love

To have loved & lost, only brings pain & sorrow  
Leaving you broken with no hope for tomorrow.  
Will tomorrow be easier?  
Or simply just 'Another Day'?  
No one to rescue me from my life,  
It's become meaningless to stay  
How long will it take?  
Will it ever be alright?  
Losing so much I've loved,  
Ready to give up the fight.  
Fighting to make it through each day  
So empty & alone, I feel  
Struggling to be free of this pain,  
Trying to understand what is real.  
Is it really better to ever know love at all?  
Or to not know what you've missed?  
The love of 3 boys keeps me here.  
It's THAT LOVE, I can't resist.

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# That One Friend

Have you ever had that one friend  
That you never had to doubt?  
One you never imagined  
That your life Would be without?  
When your day was bad  
And you've taken it too rough,  
They had that last comment  
When surely you'd heard enough.  
No matter how much time passed  
A friendship was one to always last  
Sometimes tough ?? simply  
Because they care  
Nowhere is it written  
That life will be fair.  
Always make time to listen  
When they need you  
They always have the answers  
They know Just what to do  
So when you find that 1 friend  
Let them know how much they mean  
You may wake up tomorrow  
Without them. Tomorrow is  
Yet unseen.

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# The Answers

Have you ever needed something,  
But didn't have a clue?  
Or wanted to hide,  
Yet, they follow you?  
Do you peek out the windows,  
Or never leave your room?  
Are you going insane?  
Do you feel your entombed?  
I'm suffocating. I can't breath.  
I can feel your eyes on me.  
What is it that you want?  
Do you look at what you see?  
It's such a tragedy,  
That we've all been consumed  
Forgotten the sunshine,  
Absorbed in the gloom  
When you understand YOU  
Only then you'll realize  
It was there all along.  
JUST BEFORE YOUR EYES

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# Thoughts Of You

Looking for a friend  
I listened to my heart  
Insanity is a lonely place  
that will rip you apart  
I need a laugh  
Once in a while,  
I need a friend  
who can make me smile  
Will you be there to listen  
when I fall behind?  
Will you hold me together  
before I lose my mind?  
When my worries weigh heavy  
and my heart is bruised  
When I feel so lost  
And am so very confused  
You've brought me a smile  
from the very start  
First you were on my mind  
Now you are in my heart

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# Time

Time leaves us moments  
that no one can explain.  
Time heals the hurt  
and eases the pain.  
Time passes by us  
slowly, day by day.  
As it passes by,  
our memories fade away.  
When will I know?  
How long will it take?  
Time makes us stronger  
as we learn from each mistake.  
Time can be precious,  
special moments we find.  
Time only moves forward,  
Don't get left behind.

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# Today & Tomorrow

Help him learn, as time goes by  
2 yr old art, shaving as a teen  
motorcycles, hot chicks,  
and a few things in between  
Daddy has the bandaids  
to cover your scraped up knee  
He lets you eat popcorn  
stay up late watching tv  
He always has the answers  
when you need to know why  
He tells you to be tough  
and to never tell a lie  
From those soft baby curls  
to being mean to little girls  
Training wheels, no baby trike  
Another year, a bigger bike  
Today you see the sandbox  
at the park he plays in...  
Tomorrow when he's in preschool  
He'll have a new best friend.

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# Today I Stopped

Today I stopped caring  
I can no longer love you so much  
I'll never cry another tear  
Or wait for your tender touch  
I'll never let you break me  
You can't hurt me this time  
my heart is already broken  
Scattered pieces are hard to find  
Was it worth the pain u caused?  
The river of tears I cried?  
The love that lasts the longest  
Is the love that is denied  
The pain I felt so long  
I will no longer feel  
A broken heart leaves scars  
But in time they will heal  
Today I will be happy  
My love never again denied  
I loved you with every beat of my heart  
Until it stopped beating today & I died.

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# Tomorrow

One day at a time  
A struggle to see through  
My thoughts of tomorrow  
always return to you  
You bring me hope  
You help me believe in me  
To have faith is to  
believe in what you can't see  
Past is where we leave mistakes  
time now to move ahead  
A future without worries  
on my mind instead  
Can you see tomorrow?  
As you think about today?  
Will you always be there  
to make everything okay?  
When you decide where you want to be  
I'll be on your mind  
Unconditional love for you  
My heart was left behind

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# Wasted

Whatever it takes to be happy  
Endless smiles to see  
The pain as I lose my heart  
Knowing what you do to me  
The memories of the past, & of now,  
The ones that never will be-  
Are ENOUGH, to hold onto  
Because you simply cannot see  
Slowly my heart is fading  
Each time you choose to go  
Sometimes love just isn't enough  
How was I to know?  
Wasted tears, in pain, my loss  
Always thinking of what could be  
Wasted my thoughts, happiness the cost,  
Your heart still longs to be with me  
What will it take for you to let go, and let me go on?  
To finally understand why?  
Are you really happy?  
Or are these wasted tears I cry?

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# What Will It Be?

How much more  
Can I possibly take?  
Will I lose this constant battle?  
No matter the choices I make?  
Will I find the answers  
That I've always searched for?  
Or simply more questions,  
What lies in store?  
When I find who holds the key,  
How will I know?  
So many unanswered questions,  
How far must I go?  
How will I know  
When I've made a mistake?  
Will it always be painful?  
How many wrong choices will it take?  
When it's all over  
What will the answer be?  
Is it a smile? Or No worries?  
Or will it be INSANITY?

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# What's Left Behind

What is a dream? And  
when shall I wake?  
Will I always be unsure,  
Waiting for my heart to break?  
Can you live inside a dream  
Without a worry or a cre?  
Have you ever had a dream, and  
woke up and you were there?  
When will I know?  
How long does it take?  
Is it really true,  
we learn from each mistake?  
To be certain: My worries  
would all fade away  
To believe in something:  
To know it will turn out okay  
Where is the edge?  
When I reach it, will I lose my mind?  
Does it hurt deep inside when I  
realize what I left behind?

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# When Love Is Lost

Inside the mind of a madman  
Thoughts I dare not try to explain  
Reality grabs you unaware  
Enough to drive a mind insane  
I pretend that you don't bother me  
I say I'll never again care  
How long will I be missing you?  
My heart is broken & needs repair  
Everyday thoughts & dreams  
A desire for something more  
Constant reminders cross me  
How our lives were... before  
Do you think about where you're headed?  
Or the places that you've been?  
Is it the comfortable place you miss,  
In the company of a VERY good friend?  
Time sometimes changes hearts  
and minds, we often find  
Is the love always lost,  
When you leave the past behind?

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# When We Meet By Chance

What is it about you  
that interests me so much?  
Is it the game, or my desire  
for your touch?  
Simple pleasures I desire,  
As I steal a secret glance  
Each day I chase you,  
Until we meet by chance  
What do I find  
when I am alone with you?  
I can forget all my worries,  
Make my dreams come true  
If only for an instant  
You bring me a smile  
So I can wish you'd stay  
if only for a while  
I keep fond memories  
so when we meet by chance  
I can enjoy every moment  
Not looking for romance

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# Where I Want To Be

Do you ever question?  
Do you ever wonder why?  
Are they really worth the tears?  
If they always make you cry?

A single moment to be happy  
Better than a lifetime of nothing good  
As you bring a smile to me  
I'd give you the world, if I could

Someone really worth your tears  
would never make you cry  
Am I so afraid of heartache  
that I'm not even willing to try?

Why do I feel so alone?  
Will I ever understand ME?  
When I think of you-  
I know just where I want to be

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# Where You Are From

As time passes by us,  
Rocks, are sometimes thrown  
Would you rather be smiling & comfortable,  
Or face the world alone?  
Deep inside, alone you feel  
Without a place to be  
Always moving; afraid to stay  
What about FAMILY?  
Can I help you make it?  
A comfortable place you call home?  
A tender touch, a laughing child,  
The love I've always shown?  
Still so many memories  
The countless smiles to come  
Happiness is where you make it-  
Not always where you're from

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# Who Will Be There?

Sometimes, I wonder  
Where would I be?  
If I didn't have you,  
Who would love me?  
How close we are together  
Yet, how far apart we seem to be  
My thoughts are of you,  
and yours are of me  
Is anyone really happy?  
Why always so sad?  
My love for you, unconditional,  
Throughout the good and bad.  
I'll be there for the laughter  
There when you cry  
I know I will always love you  
It's so hard to say goodbye

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# Wishing

What is it that keeps me?  
Why do I hold on?  
I've given you all my love  
It was wasted, now it's gone.  
We can't always have  
The wishes that we keep  
Not always true-when you fall  
you land on your feet  
Sometimes it all crashes  
Losing everything you had  
Gone without another chance  
Leaving you lonely & sad  
No tears left to cry now  
All the smiles have faded too  
Wasted so many years  
Wishing you could be true  
A memory I'll hold onto  
My love you threw away  
It could've been forever,  
Had you simply chosen to stay

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# Wondering

Like you, my heart  
is scarred with pain  
I silently weep wondering  
when things will change

Wondering how it feels  
to love & be loved  
To have that feeling  
The only one I wish of

Wondering if tht feeling  
can be given by you  
And if such a love  
could possible be true

My soul is full of love to give  
But fear of heartache won't let it live  
Dying inside, yet keeping it hidden  
Love & Happiness, to me, are forbidden

I'll be strong for you,  
You'll not see me cry  
It's fears like these,  
that make me afraid to try

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# You Complete Me

Never too busy or forgetful  
When the words I don't say  
I'd never take you for granted  
you life complete each day  
Even though it goes unspoken  
In your heart please know  
You're my first & last thought each day  
and how I love you so  
It's a new life for us  
each day a brand new start  
Always know I love you  
with every piece of my heart  
A hug, or a smile  
are big rewards for me  
So if I'm busy or forgetful,  
I didn't mean to be  
When you look at me & smile  
with your eyes so bright & blue  
All my worries disappear, when you say  
'Mommy, I love you too.'

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# Your Heart Screams

A place you feel so comfortable  
You never want to go  
Afraid to be there, always  
Not just to watch him grow

Will things ever change  
the way you feel right now?  
Were things meant to be  
different somehow?

A weak moment, a secret wish  
A step from reality-  
Always my heart prays  
That you could just give your heart to me

Time questions hearts  
And brings thoughts of you to mind  
When you look into tomorrow,  
Who is that you find?

Something worth forever?  
A feeling beyond words  
Someone who means everything.  
Your heart screams to be heard

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# Your World

What's it like inside the world  
you live in? Will you ever let me see?  
Is it dark & lonely? Do you ever  
think about me?  
You've always brightened my world,  
Will you leave me with a smile?  
Although sometimes you need  
to be alone for awhile  
Throughout the aging  
throughout the years  
So many smiles, and  
sometimes a few tears  
Do you ever think of me,  
No knowing what to say?  
We'll always meet, given time  
Somewhere along the way

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