

Poetry Series

# The Pedestrian

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'Words, like families and nations, have rich histories that can be traced through written records. Words have meanings that you encounter every day and others that lurk only in dictionaries.' From 'The Everything Writing Poetry Book' by Eliopoulos and Moffett.

I'm just a pedestrian waiting patiently on the corner while people driving by look left then turn right and are surprised to see me as I stand there shrugging and waving. Shrugging, waving, and smiling.

Sharing is connecting. Create and appreciate!

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We're all phonograph records  
on the turntable of life  
In true stereo  
Following the groove or  
skipping ahead  
Caught in a thought  
over and over or  
dancing crazily  
across the platter  
till the table's turned  
for the last time

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# Al-Kindi

I sure miss al-Kindi  
He died around 873  
I should probably get over it

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# All This

Centuries and centuries  
full of music to  
dance to  
remember to  
love to  
come together to  
All this  
Music's gift to us  
and our gift  
to each other

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# And The Streams Runnin'

Love

like a pretty little flower  
came up one day  
faded away

Somewhere

over the mountains  
and the streams runnin'  
somewhere  
over the mountains  
and the streams runnin'

Love

like a pretty little flower...

Birds still sing

such joy they bring  
ah but I am lost

Somewhere

over the mountains  
and the streams runnin'  
somewhere  
over the mountains  
and the streams runnin'  
somewhere  
over the mountains  
and the clouds blowin'  
somewhere  
over the mountains  
and the rivers rollin'  
somewhere

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# And The Wind

And the wind  
whispered  
change

Yes the wind  
whispered  
change

Worldly possessions  
had flown  
Everyone I'd  
ever known  
And I found  
myself  
alone

Is there anything  
I can believe in  
count on  
or trust  
I shouted  
to the trees  
as I stood there  
in the dust

And the wind  
whispered  
change

Yes the wind  
whispered  
change

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# Concerto

Bach's Concerto

In C major for Two Pianos

What a view of Life!

Ah the inspiration

Ah the natural selection

Ah the reflection

Ah the understanding

Ah the awe

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# Dear Diary

Dear diary  
we need to talk  
Dear diary  
you start  
Dear diary  
what's that you say?  
Dear diary  
oh, never mind  
Dear diary  
I don't think I like your tone!  
Dear diary  
let me introduce you to my old diary  
the one with all the pages torn out  
(may this be a lesson to you!)  
Dear diary  
what are you hiding from me?  
Dear diary  
any last words?  
Dear diary  
can we just turn the page on this?

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# Ebb And Flow

Give and take  
Ebb and flow  
Holding tight  
Letting go

Holding on  
Letting go  
Give and take  
Ebb and flow

Ebb and flow

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# Even On A Cloudy Day

Somewhere in your heart  
I know that you believe  
everything will be okay  
and deep inside  
you know the sun keep smilin'  
even on a cloudy day

And the rain  
will be tears of joy  
The stars will light up  
even the darkest night  
Sun will always  
be shinin' bright  
even on a cloudy day

Winter watches  
as her children sleep  
silently beneath the snow  
Spring arrives  
to celebrate her life  
when warmer breezes blow

Take your time  
try to remember  
what I say  
Sun will always  
be shinin' bright  
even on a cloudy day

I know that it's  
hard to believe  
when you look outside your window  
and rain is all you see  
When it feels like  
forever it will be  
remember  
remember

The rain

will be tears of joy  
The stars will light up  
even the darkest night  
Sun will always  
be shinin' bright  
even on a cloudy day

Sun keep on smilin', yeah

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# Fairy Tale Girl

Dreaming in the shade  
on a sunny day  
my thoughts can't get away  
from you

A fairy tale girl  
whose come into my world  
on a magic steed  
bringing love to me

Sometimes we fly at our ease  
like clouds on a breeze  
surrounded by flowers  
and fun

Sometimes our minds  
can't find each other  
then your glowing smile  
can make our souls  
as one

So long I was looking  
out my window alone  
I came to know your friendship  
through a gentle song

The nights grew longer  
our love grew stronger

A picture painted by your hand  
of beauty in a mystic land  
and I am there with  
you  
and  
I  
are walking by a stream  
with more than just a summer's dream  
a feeling deep and lasting  
as the sea

You're a fairy tale girl  
who's come into my world  
on a magic steed  
bringing love  
to me

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# Father And Son

Father and son  
such a precious thing  
Can make you cry  
sometimes'll make you sing

You'll learn from me  
I'll learn from you, my son  
And I will remember  
when my day is done

'Play with me, Daddy'  
I hear my little one say  
Well, really should go  
aw, for a minute I'll stay

I'll be your hero  
you'll be my friend  
Turn it around  
when we do it again

Want to be gentle  
want to be strong  
Want to know all the answers  
and never be wrong

Want to be patient  
and share what I've got  
Hope he'll forgive me  
when I'm not

You do the best you can  
but you may never know  
Lend a guiding hand  
and then it's time  
to let go

My love is forever  
like the sea  
Though we may spend years apart

I'll always be  
here

Waiting

Here, waiting to lend a helping hand  
to lend a guiding hand  
to lend a helping hand

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# For Billy

Flowers blossom  
in the wood  
They don't all get  
the love they should  
So some grow tall  
and some stay small  
but who can say  
there's not room for all

And some live short  
and some live long

A child is here  
a child is gone

Once our world  
was very young  
a little daughter  
a laughing son  
These fleeting moments  
of memory  
I will always  
hold close to me

In my heart  
as I travel on

A child is here  
a child is gone

A man is what he is  
right or wrong

A child is here  
a child is gone

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# Fountain Of Joy

There's a garden with white roses  
and flowers wild  
When the wind blows  
you can see for miles

That's where I live  
with my family  
and I have to say  
there's no place I'd rather be

So dance in the wind  
sing in the sun  
ride on my shoulders  
my little one  
Hold on to me  
like a new-found toy

'cause you're my fountain  
my little fountain of joy

When I come home after workin'  
a long hard day  
Feelin' empty  
nothin' left to say

You fill me up  
like a fountain blue  
and there's no place I'd rather be  
than right here with you

So dance in the wind  
sing in the sun  
ride on my shoulders  
my little one  
Hold on to me  
like a new-found toy

'cause your'e my fountain  
my little fountain of joy

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# Gentle Rain

Sometimes  
things just  
have to get worse  
before they can  
get any better  
Sometimes  
the sky just  
has to fall  
before your life  
can change at all

But I'll always  
be your friend  
Though you never know  
you never know  
the story's end  
So let's just  
turn one page  
at a time,  
look at the pictures  
and listen to  
the gentle rain

Sometimes  
it's hard  
to understand  
why things  
rarely go  
the way they're planned  
But that's no reason  
to give in  
sometimes you lose  
sometimes you win

But I'll always  
be your friend  
Though you never know  
you never know  
the story's end

So let's just  
turn one page  
at a time,  
look at the pictures  
and listen to  
the gentle rain...

it touches everyone  
It can make you cry  
and then it's gone

So let's just  
turn one page  
at a time,  
look at the pictures  
and listen to  
the gentle rain

Listen to the gentle rain

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# Heaven Stuff

Heaven is a block party  
Heaven is in the sky - you can see it!  
Heaven is knowing you're in heaven  
Heaven is just where you left it  
It's a Southern California spring  
and the cactus I thought for sure was dead  
is sprouting new stuff  
It's laughing with a friend about something  
that was funny years and years ago  
Heaven is a family ritual  
like pancakes on Sunday morning  
Heaven is closer than you think

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# Human Endeavor

A garden

a song

a painting

a pass and a dunk

a home run

a home

a healing

a truth

We deserve to be here

I just hope we let ourselves continue

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# I Found Love

I found love  
when I found you

Sure as the sunrise  
over open skies

We have our ups and downs  
sure we do

But it don't really matter  
'cause one thing stays true

I'd like to change the world  
seems so unfair  
people just don't care

Maybe I don't know the cure  
but one thing I know for sure

I found love  
when I found you

Sure as the sunrise  
over open skies

We have our ups and downs  
just like everybody do

But it don't really matter  
'cause one thing stays true

I found love  
when I found you

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# If You Wait

If you wait  
long enough  
let your garden grow

What goes down  
must come up  
is all you need to know

If you wait  
long enough  
you'll make a friend or two

You may still  
walk alone  
but now it's up to you

If you wait  
long enough  
you'll find your heaven here

Whatever path  
you choose to follow  
could take seconds, could take years

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# It's All On God

Hi everybody  
I see you!

I go back a long way with Myself  
I remember the beginning of time  
like it was only yesterday  
- - maybe it was

People think I know all the answers  
I don't of course,  
because I don't know all the questions  
- - or do I?

I remind Myself of everyone

God is sweet (when He's not smiting)

And there You have it

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# Justathought

I found a laugh  
in the middle of nowhere  
It felt good  
to be back home

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# Love Like A Child

I often wonder why  
people say one thing  
turn and do another

And if it makes you cry  
open your heart up  
that I may be with you  
It isn't much,  
but all I can give to you

Love like a children's song  
played in the sunshine  
sparkling on the water

So innocent and free  
this is all I  
want our love to be  
So simple because  
that's what love is to me

Very well  
you don't want me to stay  
but there's a light in your eyes  
givin' you away  
I know you want me to stay  
'cause the love in your eyes  
is stealin' my heart away

There's so much love inside  
Love is the river  
and fragrant are its waters

Cool in the shade we stood  
Played in the water  
and didn't it feel good

So warm and gentle  
flowing forevermore

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# Monday Morning

'ecmk'

spray-painted  
in big, white letters  
on the backyard fence

I was here

when the fence was installed  
just recently (in oldman time)  
And I marveled  
at what a nice job they did  
replacing the old one which,  
I'm pretty sure, the termites were finished eating

And the installers (partners)  
painted it blue-gray  
or gray-blue  
depending on the weather

And it was really nice  
It still is

But some organization calling itself 'ecmk'  
thought it needed more  
or maybe they wished to claim it  
or the area  
or something...

And it's just a fence  
and I'm just a renter

It's okay 'ecmk' guys

I'm just sorry you couldn't  
dig the fence  
just for what it was

Yours, the pedestrian

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# Mountain

A mountain arose above LA  
but nobody seemed to care  
and what did it matter anyway  
for there were other mountains there

Though it was bigger than the rest  
its purpose was unknown  
Inspected by the scientists  
they turned their heads and left it alone

A mountain with its lofty peak  
high above the smog  
Down it looked quite ominously  
onto the human bog

Smoldering flames began to grow  
molten metals forced to flow

Soon black smoke  
darkened the sky  
but the people chose to stay  
rather than change their lives

Isn't it strange  
they remained so foolishly  
Though they could see their deaths  
is there a similarity?

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# My Little Black Dog

It all comes down to this  
he's good with cats and kids  
My little black dog

I wrote a song with nothin' to say  
all we need is a sunny day  
and everything will be okay  
with me  
and my little black dog

(Now here comes the 'heavy' part)

The truth comes out when we're alone  
What I can't see will all be shown  
It all comes down to this  
he's good with cats and kids  
and I like that  
'deed I do

You might have seen me on the street  
I'm the guy you'll never meet  
with a wave and a smile  
and my little black dog

yeah, yeah, yeah, my little black dog

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# Oh Little Plastic Christmas Tree

We never expect much from you  
but you always surprise us.  
It's nice having more than enough  
decorations to adorn you with  
A small white cloth covers  
your brown 'feet.'  
Oh little 'fake' Christmas tree  
the centerpiece on our fireplace mantle  
surrounded by lights and cards  
the very embodiment of  
'It's the thought that counts.'

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# On A Good Day

Does anybody know  
where all those good days go?

On a good day  
hand in hand  
On a good day  
makin' tracks in the sand

On a good day  
the sea and the sun  
and smiles on the faces  
of everyone

Does anybody know  
where all those good days go?

Somewhere deep inside

On a good day  
right here with you  
On a good day  
all I want to do

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# Penguins

Penguins - little antarctic pedestrians  
We are all God's penguins  
but I drift  
Yes, I drift  
as I search for humanity  
which  
I believe I have finally found  
In Chopin's Opus 28 no.15, 'Raindrop'  
In Scarlatti's Sonata in E k380  
And I drift  
to a small chappel in Norris, Tennessee  
remembering my aunt Anne  
to the Moose Lodge in Burbank  
remembering a friend  
remembering us  
Humanity  
alive and well

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## Point Of View

We're all transients on the sidewalk of life  
Our memories like chalk drawings  
blurred by our footsteps and the drizzle  
until colors and imaginary lines  
are all we see and that remind us  
we were here

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# Rusty The Cat, A Story In The Telling

Rusty laid waste to the catbox  
He burnt that mutha down  
Nobody else can use it  
That's sure to bring a frown  
Rusty laid waste to the catbox  
I'm sure you catch my drift  
Unfortunately, it'll have to be me  
that has to shovel and sift.

The only justification for something like this is if you believe there's a time and a place for everything - and I do mean everything!

the pedestrian, but thank you, dears for dropping by!

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# Some Things

Sun comes up  
as the moon floats down  
the river  
reflecting  
the silent town

Some things are just because  
just as sweet as it ever was  
Some things are easy to see  
some things may never be

Wind comes up  
blows your hair  
close my eyes  
and you're still there

Some things  
still shine like gold  
even after they get old  
Some things  
are just the start  
some things you know  
by heart

Over and over  
I ask the question  
Over and over  
must I learn  
the same lesson?

Moon still up  
as the sun floats down  
the river  
reflecting  
the waking town

Some things  
are just the start  
some things you know

by heart  
Some things  
still shine like gold  
even after they  
grow old

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# Still Standing

Kind thoughts float by  
the pedestrian  
waiting for the light  
with the rest of 'em

(Hazeltine and Victory)

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# Sweet Memory

'My mom loved everything' - Sean Davies

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# Thoughts

building up  
like rainclouds  
or butterflies  
about to pour  
onto an open field

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# Who Am I

Only time will tell  
throw another penny  
in the wishing well  
I think you know what I mean  
we're all together  
in this crazy dream

That makes no sense at all  
the river flows  
and we are carried along  
when leaves begin to fall  
sometimes I wonder

Wish I had a nickel  
for every time  
said I'd change my ways  
I know it's only  
in my mind  
but that's so easy to forget  
just livin' day to day

In the stillness before dawn  
I lay awake  
and hear a train go by  
fading now it's gone  
and I wonder  
who am I

So I climbed my favorite hill  
saw the ocean  
in the morning chill  
spent the day with my friend  
found a rainbow  
at our journey's end

And that makes no sense at all  
the river flows  
and we are carried along  
when leaves begin to fall

sometimes I wonder  
who am I

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# You Can Depend On Me

Here is my love song for you  
I'll love you life after life  
I had been waiting, anticipating  
the day that we'd be man and wife

I know I've loved you before  
I've loved you and only you  
You're all I need, you're all I want  
I know that you love me too

Before I met you all my love songs  
were just words that rhyme  
Written for noone, I knew I was  
just wastin' time

Our lovin' knows no bounds  
I pray that soon you will see  
Before you I never loved, you'll I'll forever love  
You can depend on me, darlin'  
You can depend on me

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# Your Sweetest Dream

You can take your sweetest dream  
turn it all around  
keep it till the morning  
and know that's where you're bound

You might find your heart's desire  
hold it in your hand  
sail across the oceans  
just to end up  
where you began

But it doesn't matter  
what you do  
I love you  
It really isn't up  
to you or me  
They say the story's  
told by stars above you  
It just might be  
could be

Sometimes you try so hard  
well, you shouldn't be afraid  
that maybe someone's laughing  
at some pretty thing you've made

You might spend your life  
pretending  
so many people do  
Without ever knowing  
the beauty that's in you

(Repeat the first two verses if you'd like)

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