**Poetry Series** 

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## A Garden

A sole flower blooms with courage shines out among the barren land.

Alone with no grass, dirt, just rock. It grows

And another. And another. Then thousands of flowers blossoming where no others can.

In this special garden.

## A Speck In The Universe

Infinite, Immense, Our Earth - a mere grain in an ocean of sand

The universe, a great, majesty wonder provides mysteries, amazes all.

It's power is great destructive starts, black holes, All fight for dominance

And in the small galaxy, a small area contains a tiny sun the sun having 8 even smaller planets On one, are the minuscule, insignificant life forms.

Humans.

In the whole of the universe, were are not but the tiniest piece Each of us, a speck in the Universe.

#### Can It Be?

Is it a light? Did I reach the end of what I though to never end?

Oh, sweet anticipation! Do me kind, Make this be true.

Could I have ever been so anxious in my life?

Still bound, Yet to be freed.

Maybe I was heard. My voice considered. Could it be?

Oh, joyful joyful. Hope is come to me again.

Can it be? My fears denied It may not But at least it could.

Do not be dismayed if it is not. But do not be discouraged either.

Can it be? Please.

#### Can You See?

Can you imagine? The wonders? Excitement, Can you?

I can. I see the wonders. I feel the excitement. Can't you?

It's there. Right there. I can see it. Why can't you?

### Discrete

Singing from above, the flowing melodies of clear, empty skies booms through the air.

A symphony of silence, accompanied by the wind. And the swaying grass.

Laying in the midst of a performance.

## **Emotion -Part 1- Happiness**

Graceful, beautiful, Makes you smile, The wondrous feeling, Happiness

It shows the truth within, Brings friends together, Makes peace. delight.

Shining bright, It fills many with joy, Gives hope.

Prosperity.

#### **Emotion -Part 2- Sadness**

Gloomy, sorrow, A feeling of loss. It takes over your life Leaves you in distress

Despair, it creeps into your soul, Like everything's gone, Nothing left.

You don't know what to do, Don't know where to go, How to handle it.

Misery

#### Emotion -Part 3- Anger

The rage inside, Comes out, Explodes Destroys all

You can't control it. Once it possesses you, It takes over, It doesn't calm easily,

Years of turmoil, Finally let out, In a fit of anger,

Fury

### Emotion -Part 4- Hope

It helps you, When times are rough, It gives you strength To carry on.

When you are about to give, Thinking it won't work, You can't do it, It gives you the power

Without hope Life won't move on, Left in fear, worry.

Vivacity

#### Emotion -Part 5- Fear

It steals hope, Crushes it, When it's weak, And leaves you to suffer.

You can't go on, You're under it's spell, You're afraid. It's too much

It takes you, Spreads through you, You tremble, back down,

Uncertainty

#### **Even The Simplest Things**

I haven't stopped loving you. I haven't stopped hoping either.

'Cause even your smile brightens my day.

I want to tell you everything in my mind

Maybe you'd understand how I feel. About this situation How I feel about you....

But who am I? to change your mind, let alone your heart...

I won't destroy the chance I may or may not have

I could write for hours. And I couldn't find The right words

I just want to see you smile Hear your voice Feel the warmth of your hugs.

'Cause even the simplest things Are the best.

## Find

Deep In a jungle, Of twisted vines, Unearthly shadows. Deep. Where none can Find. Nor escape. But safe at least. Not to be. Gone Disappeared. No goodbye; None needed. Where? Far in distance, close in mind. For only those who do not seek Shall find.

### Forever, In The Blink Of An Eye.

It's the brief moment before dawn, when you wonder if the sun's going to rise?

Wonder if after all the time you've waited through the darkness of night enduring the chilling winds and perpetual blackness,

Wonder if after all that time, it was for something. That second of second-thoughts. An unbearable transition.

Lasting forever in the blink of an eye The final yes or no. The inevitable conclusion, resolve.

You wonder if the sun's going to rise? Then you remember, the sun always rises.

The question then is, when is it going to?

#### From The Ashes

Black soil engulfs the shine of his skin. His moans for help are weak, though undeterred.

Stumbling forward, back the blinding sun watching guiltily.

It could have been him. Or them. He didn't know. Who did he die for? Selfishness or Selflessness?

Neither did him well.

His hand brushes the dirt and soot from his eyes and cheeks,

And brushes the tears from his eyes, and cheeks.

He returns to the grave, where he rose, valiant over Death, victorious over Fate.

Standing over, he looks down into the broken coffin

He laid back down. Closed his eyes.

And called for Death to come once more.

#### Give It Some Time To Bloom

A seed is just that. A small simple seed With little a care for size

Then why is it special? It's not. Not yet. Not 'till it touches the skies.

But that takes some patience. Just watch, just wait Give it a little Room

Give it some sun, Give it some love, And give it some time To bloom

It doesn't take days For a man to become Strong, healthy and wise

So it may not be What some may expect. Not 'till it touches The skies

So small a seed, So big a dream How can they both be true?

Give it some sun, Give it some love, And give it some time To bloom.

#### **Going Somewhere**

I'm finally getting somewhere Just maybe I'm going somewhere Hopefully.

Just think positive think think think positive....

Finally, I might be able to say I love you.

Again.

Feel your gentle arms wrapped around me. Your hand, resting in mine.

Oh, doesn't love work so mysteriously? So beautifully So... unpredictable

I might be going somewhere

Going somewhere, going

Where to, I'll see when I get there

## I Dream

Living in a dream, I feel free. Free from the limits of reality. Boundless and free.

A dream, my dream, Longed for. Here at last. Living in a dream

A dream unlike others, This is my dream, When I lie in bed at night, I dream,

Dream of distant lands, Far-off worlds, Strange creatures, I dream,

Dream of adventures, Risks, Living on the edge, I dream,

Dream of discoveries, of oceans, of mountains, I dream,

Dream till the night, has no more dreams for me, And I wait throughout the day Till evening, when once again,

I dream.

# If Only...

If only we could go back Just a month. Relive those moments If only...

You see, that was Real. It was. If only you would Believe me.

To everyone it sounds hopeless. 'Why you stay On a sinking ship? '

Because I won't leave you

## Just Get Back Up

Need to be careful. There's a wet floor sign.

Step carefully If you slip, get back up.

Just get back up.

## Maybe

Maybe Somewhere, somehow Just maybe. It will return.

That which is now left behind Forgotten for eternity Longs to be remembered once more Each cry of freedom haunts.

Dare I open the gate? Curiosity overwhelming. Doubt arising.

What will I find? What will I not?

I ask myself.

Turn my back? Never return? Or continue? Will I find what I've sought?

Maybe.

#### **Memories**

Memories. They come to me. Speak to me. I listen.

They remind of life. Love. Happiness. Hurt.

And through memories. I wonder, If they are not only just memories. If they are real.

I again can feel that life, The love, The happiness, The hurt

And as I feel, What I had felt. I no longer separate Now from then

And when I do I must bring the past Back with me To the present.

Try again, At what I had hoped for Failed Given up.

And though I long for the past, I need still embrace the future. But I do not wish to interfere And what's behind me, and what's ahead of me Lie untouched

### Mirror

Behind the mirror... More than a face, Reflection. But something... else. Different, deeper. Look closely And you will not find. But don't look at all And it is there staring Back at you. What do you see?

### Mistakes

Life isn't free. Isn't easy. Isn't fair.

It takes time, And impossible strength. Because we all have to make our own mistakes

To turn hate to love Fear into courage And sorrow into hope.

Hope. Hope is what I need. But it just isn't there.

## Morning

A path fell Fell into darkness No longer are feet to walk upon It's burdened dirt Until the sun rises once again

#### Not Convinced

There are numerous times where I tell myself 'This isn't worth it'

I'm straining myself, Working against odds Hoping my efforts Will at least be recognized

Something inside me says this is worth it While everyone else says forget it.

No chance, Not happening, Just let go, Leave it all behind

And I would, If I were convinced it was the end

#### **Open Your Eyes**

Sincere is the touch of night. Gently comforting your soul. The calm, silent air is soothing. The moon sparkles, reflecting in the water.

Why is the ocean so mesmerizing? Is it the lapping waves? The familiar call of the seagull? Or the mystery?

What's out there, In the deep, silent abyss? Creatures, small and large, Swimming graceful.

Until the silence is broken, Once calm waters now rage Uncontrollably. Lightning strikes. Thunder echoes.

The screech of a animal, I wish not to imagine, Pierces the night sky. Chaos, torment, destruction.

Death is imminent The sky turns red. All hope is lost The sea churns

Waves crash upon you! You are sinking, Falling, slipping. To your death in the relentless ocean.

Open your eyes. It's all a dream.

### Plant A Seed

A flower will not grow if it is not planted. Will not live if it is not watered

But shines beautifully when loved.

#### Prison

A door is closed. Locked. I've just left it. Changed my mind.

But it will not open. Voices say leave, Forget.

Leave.

I ignore, but the lock will not open The door is closed. Till I find the key. Which may be never.

Someone else may have it already. Or it is lost, for someone to find. But not me.

For there are many doors. And I am left in the hallway. Unsure. Confused.

Regretting my decisions. Confined in my mistakes. Do I try each door, To find the right?

Or will I someday find a key. That will lead me To the door of my freedom. From this prison of myself.
## Reflected

A hand softly touches it's doppelganger, the glass squeaking softly as it runs down the pane.

Two head tilts to the left in perfect unison. Slowly steam fogs the mirror the two stand watching each other fade away.

A smile and a wave from one, from the other a shake of the head.

## Sea Of Destiny, Storm Of Fate

A storm, a deadly storm, Ravaging among fierce waves, Fury within the clouds of darkened madness

An inescapable death, The lonely ship Begs the wind for mercy, But gets none.

The seas collide with the hull, The splintered planks And weathered sails Leave the ship in vain desperation

The winds lash at the vessel Unforgiving, hostile. Hope destroyed in a flash Death imminent.

Resistant, the ship would not be taken, By the depths of the ominous fate, And the silent blue tomb of the ocean. And it struggled to continue.

Memories of the past unfold In the sea that binds Untold recollections Of a history the ocean contains

And the winds The storm that rages Speak of what's to come What is feared most

And I, Caught in the midst Have no escape From the storm I have created

# Shine

The brightest light is the one you can't see Hidden within shadows It is there Always Though shining only darkness, Those who know are blinded.

# The Bug

A bird soars above Grassy plains. Hungry eyes Searching for food.

It swoops down, Snatching a tiny, Distraught bug In it's unforgiving claws.

As the bird opened It's mouth, longing for lunch, His eyes were no longer hungry But sympathetic.

The bug fell back to the ground, To continue grazing in the fields. Till another bird did the same As the last.

It caught the bug, and was about To devour it, when it dropped The bug out of compassion. But the bug was high, and fell.

He was falling, and falling, Until he was about to hit the ground. End his life. He closed his eyes, "Save me"

#### The Ocean

A vast expanse, the ocean miles upon miles of water and fish, and plants, beautiful, mesmerizing

On the beach the waves gently brush the sand the moon at work pushing, pulling the water

Ships rock, crash, tremble in the awesome power that the storms invoke, in those watery depths

Underneath, a jungle Fish, sharks, dolphins, crabs a huge, watery jungle

Gentle, calm also fierce, destructive the powers of the ocean are unpredictable.

The ocean is peaceful, majestic, wondrous.

#### The Piano

As my fingers rest on the keys, Preparing for the song, I close my eyes.

I visualize the song, Hearing the melody in my mind, And I close off my mind.

I simply stop thinking, And let the music, my soul, and my fingers, Do all the work.

My fingers begin the journey, Flying through the keys, Like cheetas.

The music fills me, And I drift off, Into the beautiful harmony.

My fingers soften, Into an Andante pianissimo. And a ralentando takes into affect.

As a decresendo takes me, To a near-impossible pianississimo, I pause, and jump into fortissimo.

The pace quickens to Presto, With a cresendo livening up the feeling, Marcatos are suddenly followed by rests.

Without warning, my fingers fly into 64th notes, And I keep it up, even in cut-time. The audience is awed, but I haven't even breaked a sweat.

Finally, the song ends with an arpeggio, Growing louder in the room and in the soul, Until one, quite Minor chord ends the song. For the first time in, -What,5 min., I can't even tell-I open my eyes.

The vibrations are still heard, within the room, and the audience erupts with clapping.

I bow and my smile beams, but it is not the attention that gets to me. It is the music.

The melodies and chords, They are my life. Music is in my soul.

Music is my soul.

#### The Silent Tree

Gentle and forlorn, Darkness creeps, Slowly stalking The solemn presence.

A misplaced light glistens As the moon shines softly Upon the tender branches Of the Silent Tree.

And the winds lightly Speak, very quietly. Unspoken voices Of the Silent Tree

And the tender river Flows smoothly, Life pours into the aged roots Of the Silent Tree

And unheard by Nature, The delicately woven song Beautifully voiced By the Silent Tree

#### There Is No River

A river once flew. with all it's majesty. Giving life and love, to a single tree.

And the tree grew, Tall and strong, But one day, The river stopped.

And the tree did not grow. It needed the river. And it's roots shriveled. And it's branches drooped

The water left. And the tree stood dying. Wishing, hoping. That the water would come back.

## **Time Shall Rule Forever**

The seconds pass the minutes pass weeks, months years, Time rules everywhere

Nothing can escape it All must be its subject condemned to live in Time One way, never the other.

Time is a mysterious thing it works in interesting ways Not seen, heard, smelled, touched, or tasted, It's just there

And it's undetectable, yet there it's everywhere. It dominates Time is not any more, any less

Time shall rule forever.

#### **Tommorow Is For Believers**

Despite our turmoil Hopelessness Through courage In the face of desperation

Believe.

Throughout pain, Seemingly unending Darkness. The sun that hasn't risen

Believe

There are new days, Experiences. No one is alone. This is always hope.

Believe.

A glimmer of light. Shining from uncertainty. A break in the binding seal Of Misery's grip

Believe.

There is always tomorrow. If you believe there is Hope overcomes fear Even in the most troubled situations

Tomorrow is for believers

## **Torn Apart**

Choices that the past has locked, A dense cloud, harsh knives of rain, Where was the beauty that filled the sky?

A dark blanket that covers, what was and what could never be, Locking away what doesn't exist. The key forged with deep blue fire.

Sing again, bluebirds, sing again.

## Under The Canopy

Lost in the maze of riddles and rhymes, twists and turns.

Only the walls to keep me company. As I slowly descend forever.

Every direction becomes forward. I look up to the ground and down to the gray sky.

The only exit, is right in front of me.

I can see it, right here. Open, free, the end. Finally.

I breathe in the new, fresh air. Smiling for the first time in days.

And I turn around, and continue into the maze. Looking for the entrance.

## Unity -Finale-

We've counted only nine, but the family's much bigger. A connection of Elements, that make a union.

Only together do they make a difference, and make up the world around you. The sky above you, The ground below you.

You, yourself, are an Element. And your family and friends. We are all Elements.

Unity

## Unity -Part 1- Air

As the night shades the world, And everything sleeps, The gentle, clean breeze of Air's soft breath Still flows.

Silently, it flies In it's boundless world, Enjoying the sensation, Of freedom

Soaring through the open meadows, Traversing great distances of sea, Living each day as if it were the last,

Serenity.

## Unity -Part 2- Water

Flowing through the river, Moving peacefully, Throughout the Earth Wherever the currents runs,

Water stirs freely, Living as it wishes. Gentle enough to float a light feather, Though fierce enough to drown a large steamship

Water guides and protects, It gives peace and tranquility And nourishes life with soothing care,

Harmony

## Unity -Part 3- Fire

Raging through the Earth, Burning everything in sight, Fire's untamed fury, Edges to dominance.

The Earth, it's fuel, let's it's spread, But Water, it's enemy, extinguishes the flames Air does not take a side. It can help spread the flames, or it can blow them to nothingness,

Fire unleashes it's worst, Feared by many, it's power spreads Faster than the flames themselves.

Supremacy.

# Unity -Part 4- Earth

Earth forms the base of all the elements, None of them can exist without it, It's beauty can awe even the most impassive people And it's power can destroy the most strong structures

It guides Water, with it's creeks and streams, It fuels Fire with plants and trees to burn, It provides Life to living things And it gives refuge to those who need it.

An amazing spectacle of Nature, But simply a speck, in the infinite expanse of the universe

Liberality.

# Unity -Part 5- Light

The four elements give way to more great, As Light shine's it's wisdom among the lands. Casting away the darkness, And showing the path.

Fire burns and gives source to Light, Water bends and guides Light, Air gives companionship, and company to Light, And Earth is visibly revealed with that Light.

The greatness floods throughout the souls, of Human's on the Earth, and the prosperity lives on.

Eternity.

# Unity -Part 6- Darkness

Don't think the story could just end there, A protagonist always has an antagonist. Where Light fails to reach it's arms out, Darkness prevails there.

The power of the shadows are cruel. Blinding men, ridding them of their sight. Leaving them alone, frightened, In the faint, cold, Dark.

Where the beauty of the Earth cannot be seen, Water cannot flow, Air does not blow Where even Fire, fails to save the day.

Emptiness.

### Unity -Part 7- Life

The beauty of Earth, The majesty of Water, The freedom of Air, The power of Fire.

The influence of Light, The destruction of Darkness, It all gives Life to souls of the world. Who themselves are awed by the greatness of the Elements.

But Life is an element itself. Buried deep within the bodies and the minds, Is the Truth.

Vitality

## Unity -Part 8- Death

With Life there must be Death, Unfortunately so, and the emotions, The are caused by Death, Are as powerful as Death itself.

But Death, Is merely an illusion. Designed to distract, And decieve.

No, no, it is not evil. We just interpret it so. What it is, my friend,

Finality

# Unity -Part 9- Energy

A flash streaks down to Earth, And thunder pursues. The Sound struggles to keep up, As the Energy shoots through the sky.

It has life, in a sense. It seems to have a mind of its own. Unpredictable.

It's power, even hotter than the sun, just ready to unleash.

Mentality

# When Optimism Fails To Serve Me Well

The minute it seems The sun is shining The second I think the clouds are parting

Everything goes dark

The forecast promises sunshine Each day Where is it? Why bother?

It's always sunny somewhere, right? Maybe I'll go away.... But what if the sun comes back.

Trying to get away, But the clouds part and I rush back awaiting the golden sun

But again nothing

Back and forth Either the sun comes out, Or it never will.

#### When The Music Began

The first strike hits the key, And the silence is gone, As the music begins.

And the notes seem to fly, Off the page, Swirling, dancing in the air

The emotions swirl.

The warmth and power That rises from the sounds Fills the room.

Leaves me in a trance, As the music comes And the sensation rises.

And the music takes me, And I follow, With no second thought

The music I hear, I play, Takes it's form As I guide it

I lay in a vast meadow, The sun setting in front of me, And as night falls, I rest,

I awake and find myself, Soaring through the sky, As if weight was a but a myth

And then I fall, Deep into the fiery depths, As I struggle to stay alive,

Just as it is about to give in,

And darkness surrounds me, A light.

And the light slowly brightens, As the music grows louder And the emotions grow unbearable

And the light engulfs me, And just as the song ends. I find myself back, where I began

And as the faint echoes Of the dying music fade away, They leave a mark.

And that mark, I still feel to this day. As the music touches me.

As it affects me in a way, Unexplainable. Unimaginable.

And the emotions, And memories of the day. The day the music began.