

# Distorted Confusion

Hooded Stranger



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*My poetic side* 

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*Welcome to my book of Poetry & Lyrics.*

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## Salt

No memory of my past  
Just grit blowing on the wind  
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Just debris hanging on a hinge

With lungs full of breath  
I breathe for the first time in years  
No more darkness; no more tears

***Turn my back on all that falls behind  
Leaving nothing of any worth  
With a slight sneer & awkward smile  
I step away; slowly salting the earth...***

***...behind me  
With nothing to remind me***

***Turn away from all that lies behind  
There's nothing left of any worth  
With a mild sneer & awkward smile  
I walk away; slowly salting the earth...***

***...behind me  
With nothing to remind me***

No memory of before  
Just a path ahead of me  
Diamonds & gemstones lead my way  
Welcoming me to a better day

With a head full of dreams  
I float for the first time in years  
No more sadness; no more fears...

**Nothing behind me...  
Nothing to remind me  
Nothing lasts  
Of my past**

## Ocean

Only in darkness do I awake & see  
I enter a world free from coloured corruption & connection  
No light to distort my vision  
I can see beyond, behind, above, below & within  
The disconnection from the illusion is illuminating  
New images form; impossible shapes & dimensions exist  
I am free from the five-sense reality from which I was chained  
Everything that was; is now more, wider, purer & never-ending  
I am seeing that which can't normally be seen; I am viewing consciousness

Only in silence do I awake & hear  
I enter my mind free from illusionary distraction & distortion  
No sounds to interfere with the clarity  
I can hear beyond, behind, above, below & within  
Beautiful sounds of silence open up before me like gateways  
New energies & soundless vibrations spark all around me  
There is no beginning; there is no end  
Everything becomes one; the past & future all melt into the now  
I am more than just awake; I am conscious

I have no identity; no body; I am a droplet of water in an ocean of existence  
Where my droplet begins & ends is no longer of concern  
I am the ocean; we are the ocean; the dark & silent conscious tide  
We are full of light & sound  
It was always there; we just needed to open our minds &  
Observe

## Mask

On the outside I am confident, arrogant, strong & secure  
But deep within I am weak, vulnerable & unable to speak  
On my exterior I am complete, larger than life without defect  
But my interior slowly dies, crumbles, shakes & cries

***He is the man of many faces  
And each day is another mask  
His true identity lies beneath  
But under that face lies a wreath***

***He is the man of many masks  
And every day is another face  
The real man hides below  
His proper face he'll never show***

On my outside I am solid, scared of nothing & brave  
Deep within I am nothing at all, neither clever or standing tall  
My exterior shows me so proud, head above the rest & calm  
But inside I'm held by a chain, left withering in constant pain

## Filter

I see things of vivid colour and beauty  
Visions that should make my heart sing  
But as I process the images in my mind  
I burn the colours leaving only sepia stains  
I contort the clarity so only distortion remains

I try to hold onto the warmth  
But it seeps between my fingers  
Leaving me to shiver alone  
Like my heart; I am stone

***My brain is a filter***  
***Sifting out the light***  
***Bringing on the dark***  
***To eliminate the spark***

***My brain is a filter***  
***Blocking out the light***  
***Breathing in the dark***  
***Bitter and razor sharp***

I hear things of graceful melody and sound  
Music that should make me feel alive  
But as I process the harmonies in my head  
I burn the melodies leaving a wall of flame  
I distort the balances so only echoes remain

I try to hold onto the warmth  
But it slips through my hands  
Leaving me freezing to the bone  
Like my heart; I am stone

## Bi-polar

Don't tell me you understand; don't patronise me  
Don't tell me you know how it feels  
Don't you dare tell me it will be alright  
Can you help me; not by a blame sight

Stand back here comes another mood swing  
Hard and fast; out of control  
Sending me down  
Into another black hole  
Jaws wide open; swallowing me whole

***Between the scream is silence  
A silence so deafening that I want to scream  
As I scream I crave a silence to bring me calm  
But there is never calm; bipolar***

***Between the agony is silence  
A silence so deafening that I call back agony  
As agony takes a hold I crave silence from the pain  
But there is always pain; bipolar***

Don't try to pretend you know what I'm going through  
Don't tell me you've been there before  
Don't you dare tell me it will be okay  
Can you help me; nope, you'll just run away

Stand back here comes another mood swing  
Hard and fast; out of control  
Sending me down  
Into another black hole  
Jaws wide open; swallowing me whole

**One moment up; fantastic**

**Next moment down; drastic**

**Head in a spin; manic**

**Loss of focus; frantic**

**Darkness: panic**

## Dragon

The sharp edges of the **K** tears apart my gum  
My swelling tongue licks the concave of the **U**  
Amongst the burning bile & saliva the **O** appears  
The poisoned spikes of the **Y** numb my mouth  
The **F** is jagged & rips a hole in my cheek  
The smooth curve of the **C** tastes bitter sweet  
I crunch & crack the **U** between my teeth

***I take a deep breath holding the letters within  
Trying hard not to swallow & choke  
I place the letters into order of attack  
Ready to release the words of dragon fire & smoke***

***I take one final breath & load the letters  
Trying hard not to swallow & choke  
I ignite the letters from my burning soul  
Primed to release my words of dragon flame & smoke***

I sneer as the **C** encircles my bleeding tongue  
The **O** floats upon my saliva & acidic spit  
The **U** violently stings my gum as it digs in deep  
I bite down hard on the **Y** tensing my aching jaw  
The **K** cuts me like tiny shards of broken glass  
The **U** slips over my tongue making me gag  
The points of the **F** split open my cracked lips

**Deep breath**

**No swallow**

**No choke**

**Lock & load**

**Take aim**

**& maim**



## Decay

Time steals our souls with every second  
The clock keeps ticking and never stops  
No safe haven, no safe place

Nature erodes our lives with every season  
The months keep coming without a pause  
Nowhere to hide, just in case

***No matter who we are or what we make  
Everything will eventually crack and break  
No matter what we do or what we say  
Eventually it will all descend into decay***

***No matter who we are or what we create  
Everything will eventually ruin and break  
No matter what we do or how hard we pray  
Eventually it will all perish and decay***

Tides crumble our shores with every wave  
The oceans move without interruption  
No safe haven, no safe place

Wind thrashes our lands with every breath  
The storms pound without remorse  
Nowhere to hide, just in case

**We stand defiant against a relentless end  
To an early grave this world will finally send  
Everything built will someday fall  
What goes up must come down  
Even The Creator will one day break her crown**

## First

I knew you were out there; but knew not where  
I stood upon the sand; but didn't see your outstretched hand  
The beach I did explore; but never saw you come ashore  
But now I've found you; I shan't let go  
Thank the moon & stars that shine on us below

***I wish you'd been my first love; my first crush  
I wish you'd been my first dance & I wish you'd been my first romance...***

***...but from this day you'll always be  
My first, my last, forever & for all eternity***

***I wish you'd been my first girl; my first date  
I wish you'd been my first kiss & I wish you'd been my first caress...***

***...but from this day you'll always be  
My first, my last, forever & for all eternity***

My first love, my first ever crush  
My first embrace, my first ever taste  
My first dance, my first ever romance  
My first kiss, my first ever caress  
I so wish you'd been my first

I knew you were out there; but knew not where  
I stood upon the sand; but didn't see your outstretched hand  
The beach I did explore; but never saw you come ashore  
But now I've found you; I shan't let go  
Thank the moon & stars that shine on us below...

***...& from this moment you'll always be  
My first, my last, forever & for all eternity***

## Hacker

You stand in the firing line with loaded weapon & body armour  
That protects you from the bullets' blast  
I stand by the firewall with keyboard & access codes  
My protection; my Guy Fawkes mask

No live ammunition or hand-grenade  
Just binary numbers & digital display  
War is waged but nobody dies  
Just exposure of their deceit & lies

***Hacker; code cracker***

***Data hijacker***

***The faceless elite***

***Control:Alt:Delete***

***Hacker; code cracker***

***Data attacker***

***The faceless elite***

***Control:Alt:Delete***

You stand in the firing line with machine gun pointed; target acquired  
Another innocent victim falls to the dust  
I stand by the firewall hacking without spilling any blood  
I'm a soldier of freedom; I'm Anonymous

No live ammunition or hand-grenade  
But binary digits & LCD display  
Secrets revealed; the corrupt exposed  
A silent war; to silence our foes

***The Elite***

***have Control:Alt:Delete***

***the Elite***

*have Control:Alt>Delete  
the Elite...*

## Lines

Standing on the fault line  
Searching for the headline  
Feet upon the base line  
Walking past the stop sign

Standing on the front line  
Reving past the redline  
Feet upon the time line  
Staring at the warning sign

**Lost between the lines I tread  
Torn by the lies I have been fed  
And all I know is that  
I'm gunning for bloodshed**

***I am the cat amongst the pigeons  
I am the wind behind the calm  
I am the lost amongst the found  
I am the sky within the ground***

***I am the opened can of worms  
I am the darkness in the sun  
I am the air within the drowned  
I am the Devil with God's crown***

Standing on the side-line  
Stopping by the go sign  
Feet upon on the time line  
Waiting for the deadline

Standing on the white line  
Searching for the right sign  
Body falls into decline

Waiting for the firing line

## Banner I & Banner II

### Banner I

The kids are all  
Screwed up, tripped out  
Fuckin' wastes of space  
Free of remorse and guilt  
Full of rage and disgrace

The kids are all  
Washed out, messed up  
Fuckin' pieces of shite  
Free of emotion and fear  
Full of anger and spite

***I wave the black flag above my head  
A signal to the lost kids, left for dead  
They flock to the banner in the dark of night  
Answer their calling, ready for the fight***

***I wave the black flag high above my head  
A signal to the lost kids, left for dead  
They rally to the banner, it's their last hope  
Drown the world in blood, make it choke***

The kids are all  
Fucked up, worn down  
Left in a drugged state  
Free from pain and stress  
Filled with evil and hate

The kids are all  
Broke down, shook up  
Caught in a crazed mind

Free from pressure and strain  
They needed help, but never mind

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## **Banner II**

Do we wear black so we can hide in the shadow?  
Or do we wear black so we stand out in a crowd?

Do we hide our faces so nobody can accuse us?  
Or do we hide our faces so we can't be seen?

***We are the black army of the lost generation  
Shoulder to shoulder we fight against invasion***

***We are the dark army of the unwanted nation  
Proud to protect our borders from penetration***

Do we whisper our words so we can't be overheard?  
Or do we whisper our words to keep them secret?

Do we follow the banner for safety in numbers?  
Or do we follow the banner to make a statement?



## Defiance

I am crushed by your harsh words your lies & your deceit  
& by the anger you've shown me, I have no words left to speak  
I am damaged by your vile actions, your moods & your contempt  
& by the hate that you've shown me, compromise, I won't even attempt

***You attack me when I'm most weak  
I have no strength to retaliate  
Crushed, but still I stand in defiance  
You'll never damage my conscious state***

***You attack me when I'm so blind  
I have no strength to retaliate  
Bruised, but still I stand in defiance  
You'll never break my mental state***

I am bruised by your cruel words, your sneers & your disdain  
& by the pain that you've shown me, we will never be the same  
I am broken by your foul actions, your smile & your fake tears  
& by the sorrow you've shown me, this all adds to my waking fears

## Spasm

My vision wobbles, causing unrest  
Pain in my arm, moving to chest  
Brain throbbing, migraine in tow  
Breathing shallow, quiet and slow  
Heart begins racing and pumping in vain  
Body on overload, beginning to strain  
Body vomits, releasing its waste  
Burning toxins are all I can taste

***Amphetamines, Painkillers, Benzodiazepines, Diazepam  
Tranquilisers, Morphine, Overdose, Speed, Heroin  
Cocaine, Prozac, Paracetamol, Amitriptyline  
Opium; Overdose***

Stomach cramps and muscles contort  
Losing consciousness, my mind distorts  
My senses fail, depression hits  
Hands tremble, I begin to fit  
My voice is lost, unable to scream  
Fog enters my final dream  
Body heavy feeling like lead  
Thank those pills, I'm almost dead

## Anonymous

We won't back down  
For the cause we shall fight  
Not for pride or arrogance  
But because we know we are right

We won't stand down  
We shall fight for our cause  
Our voices locked & loaded  
As we assemble our force

**Anonymous**

***Who can you trust?***

**Anonymous**

***Will you stand with us?***

**Anonymous**

***Who will you trust?***

**Anonymous**

***Will you run with us?***

Behind the mask we hide our identity  
We break down firewalls of bureaucracy  
Exposing the lies; make public for all to see

Behind our mask we hide our identity  
Knocking down houses of corrupted cards  
Exposing liars; to smash apart into shards

*Anonymous; they'll never know who we are*

*Anonymous; they'll never find where we are*

*Anonymous; expect us because we're on our way*

*To all the deceivers; are you ready to pay?*

## Example

We're role models of the lowest kind  
We killed the sun leaving us blind  
We're role models of the cruellest kind  
Our legacy of death is all we've left behind

The land we ruled was once light and pure  
Now pollution exists in every pore  
The land we ruled was once safe and secure  
Our legacy of death is in our love for war

*Children*

*Don't follow the example that we've set  
We've destroyed the world  
And left it riddled in debt*

*Children*

*Don't follow our example when we're dead  
We've ruined the world  
And every resource bled*

We're role models of the dumbest kind  
We killed the sun leaving us blind  
We're role models of the harshest kind  
Our legacy of death we've left you to find

Sorry for the mistakes we've made  
Sorry for the plagues we've made  
Sorry for the damages we've done  
But most of all, we're sorry for killing your sun

The land we owned was once full of light  
Now we exist in the shroud of night  
The land we owned is now a burial site

**Our legacy of death has now become your fight**

## Outsider

Wind violently screams and unsettles the calm  
Invisible force powered by a façade of brutality  
He steps away from his dream back into reality

Hail thrashes from the sky onto the frozen road  
Ocean of grey erodes against the wall of security  
He drifts into the void towards unknown futurity

***Hooded stranger***

***Man with no name***

***Cloaked outsider***

***Man with no face***

***Shadowed stranger***

***Man with no name***

***Disguised rider***

***Man with no face***

Lightning streaks and illuminates the empty sky  
Electric currents tear apart the Heavens vitality  
He moves into the storm and disappears silently

Snow rapidly falls and settles across the land  
Blanket of white fuelled by a blizzard of impurity  
He wanders into the night and fades into obscurity

**No name, no face**

**Hooded**

**Then gone**

**Erased**

**No name, no face**

**Cloaked**

**Then gone**

**No trace**

## Perffaieth

I really don't care if your dress size has gone up or down  
Don't mind if you want to stay in rather than hit the town  
Does it matter if there's a crease in your skirt?  
I'd still love you if it was covered in dirt  
All I care about is you & how perfect you are for me

I really don't care if you take a shower or have a bath  
Don't even mind if you walk or run up & down the path  
Does it matter if there's a mark on your dress?  
You'll still be my stunning Princess  
I only care about you & you're perfect; that I can see

I really don't care if you've lost or put on some weight  
Don't even mind if you're running ten minutes late  
Does it really matter if your hair is a mess?  
Doesn't mean I'll love you any less  
All I care about is you & how perfect you are to me

I really don't care if you've been to the gym or not  
Don't mind if you want to tie your hair up into a knot  
Does it really matter if your shoes are clean?  
You'll still be my gorgeous Queen  
I only care about you & you're perfect; that I can see



## Crack

I am the wound that never heals  
The one that festers & weeps  
The one that bleeds with poison  
An everlasting pain that can never be gone

I am the cancer that taunts you  
The one that feeds on your life  
The one that you can't beat or control  
I've cracked your soul; leaving a gaping hole

***Panic attack***

***Reverberating snap***

***Lightning strike***

***Deafening crack***

***Panic attack***

***A resonating snap***

***Lightning bolt***

***Gut-wrenching crack***

I am the tumour that grows inside  
The one that creeps & grows  
The one that seeps with poison  
A lasting pain that can never be undone

I am the cancer that haunts you  
The one that feeds on your life  
The one that you can't cure or control  
I've cracked your heart; leaving a gaping hole

## Descend

Tried life up here on the plains of existence  
But I just don't fit in  
It's too fast; it's never gonna last  
I need to drop below; somewhere within

The force of reality has rocked me off my feet  
Into the sand; broken  
I fall back down as I try to stand  
I scream out for a helping-hand

***Let me descend  
So deep down  
Where I won't be found  
Let me descend***

***Let me descend  
So deep down  
Into open ground  
Let me descend***

Pushed myself against walls of resistance  
But I just can't get in  
It's too strong; it feels so very wrong  
I need to drop below; somewhere within

The force of reality has knocked me off my feet  
Into the dust; bloodied  
I try to stand but I fall back down  
I scream out loud but there is no sound

## Breach

Built with delicacy  
Using fingers of fragility  
I stand sentry  
Protecting my home  
From enemy

**There'll be no breach  
The way is shut**

I may let you in  
Once trust has been established  
Step carefully  
Don't disturb my walls  
My inner most sanctuary

***Come  
Enter my house of cards  
Don't breathe, don't move  
Whisper  
Hushed & smooth***

***Come  
Enter my house of cards  
Don't breathe, don't move  
Quietly  
Gentle & smooth***

Built with intricacy  
Using hands of complexity  
Standing guard  
Defending my home  
From enemy

**There'll be no breach**

**The way is shut**

**Castle fortified**

**Barricades erected**

**Trenches dug**

**Arrows sharp**

**Eyes focused**

**There'll be no breach**

**The way is shut**

I might let you in

Once faith has been accepted

Step cautiously

Don't perturb my walls

My safe haven inside of me

## Agony

How many lies will you say to me?  
Phantom stories all a disguise  
Cloaked in half-truths; built to deceive  
I can't believe

Your words are poison; scalding me  
The flames so hot my heart it burns  
All trust dies in your false lips  
I'm losing grip

***Such agony of mental pain  
Is driving me beyond insane  
Such agony of nervous pain  
Is pushing me beyond insane***

***Such agony of mental pain  
Is driving me beyond insane  
Such agony of nervous pain  
Is pushing me beyond insane***

How many lies can you say to me?  
Broken promises with fake smiles  
Secrets hidden; whispers & tricks  
Can this be fixed?

Your forked-tongue cuts me to shreds  
I bleed for you; under your spell  
All love dies in your stone heart  
I'm falling apart

***I thought we were one  
But this agony has ripped us in two  
Now it's just me & no longer you***

***I thought we were one  
But this agony has torn us in two  
Now I'm alone; no longer with you***

## Erosion

Feverishly I loiter  
Watching across translucent glass  
Petrified  
Gripped by a remorseless fear  
I stare as the sun fights a veil of grey  
Tenebrous pain rages within  
Fuelled by a canopy of flame drenched spears  
The ocean deceives with its placid veneer  
Like me  
It masks a turbulent engine beneath  
A vessel of grinding steel  
Pumps with stubborn exertion  
Eager to disperse upon a tear filled world  
I force down the bile  
Fighting ripples of cramp  
Of disorientated concentric circles  
Anxiety stabs my vitality  
I wince  
Staring blindly into an eclipsed sun  
My vessel of time counts down  
As warmth deserts this abraded heart

I rest confined in desolation  
Savouring the wreckage of existence  
And wallow  
Craving to feel lunar incandescence  
That it may stroke my weary face  
Memories tossed  
Upon the breakers jagged teeth  
Eroding pebbles into pearls  
Forming an arch of protruding lustre  
My doubt  
Longs for the iridescent moon to smile

Forcing my tide of wanting  
Against my senses  
As luke warm touches my hand  
Consumed into the Leviathan  
Swallowing into the storms' eye  
A relentless & torrential pull  
Submerges me into the void of home  
My field of poppies, so long ago abandoned  
Where warmth returns



## Emotionless

No tear stains my cheek of coma white  
Sadness, shame and misery  
Mean nothing at all to me  
No fear fills my heart of granite rock  
Panic, fright & despair  
I simply do not share

*I am emotionless*

*The void that has become my soul*

*Couldn't care less*

*I am emotionless*

*The barren landscape of my soul*

*Couldn't care less*

No smile creases my skin of solid cement  
Laughter, joy & love  
I'm totally deprived of  
No scream sounds from my throat of glass  
Anger, hate & pain  
Just feel so mundane

*No smile, no scream*

*No tear, nor fear*

*Emotion no longer comes near*

*No joy, no hate*

*No fear, nor tear*

*Emotion no longer lives here*

## Rain

Life rains down hard on me  
The fog so heavy, I can't even see  
With open eyes, it's a misty downpour  
Eyes & tired, stinging & sore

***Into the deep I drown  
Dragged into the blue  
Swallowed without sound***

***Into the depths I fall  
Dragged into the blue  
Gone never to be found***

Water-logged & drenched right through  
Just another turn of life's thumb-screw  
Thunder loud & gale force 10  
I used to be happy, but I can't remember when

## HAARP

The acid rain falls as the toxic clouds collide  
Stinging my eyes; causing my pupils to divide  
Can't see! My vision burns from the inside

Our senses consumed by this pollution  
Our DNA being adjusted  
Are we human anymore?  
With our throats scorched  
We've no voice; lost our right to choice

***They control the weather from the flick of a switch  
Like murderous angels they play their HAARP  
But no sweet music for our ears  
Another weapon designed for tears***

***They control the weather with the turn of a dial  
Like murderous angels they play their HAARP  
No melody with each plucked string  
Just a song of death these voices sing***

The chemicals descend from grey clouds high above  
Stinging my skin; causing blisters; they ooze & puss  
Can't feel! My nerve-endings corrode like rust

Our chakras controlled by this pollution  
Our DNA being modified  
We're not human anymore  
With our tongues on fire  
We can't speak; we're diseased & weak

***They attack our ionosphere  
To our destruction they finally steer  
Blind & senseless they play without fear***

*Without fear...*

## Suicide

Why did you choose to go this way  
And never tell me this was your final day  
I had things left I wanted to share  
My world has changed from light into grey

There are questions I wanted to ask  
Like why you always hid behind a mask  
I'll never get the answers I need  
Yet I am left in this depression to bask

***Did I make you leave this world, am I totally to blame?  
I never wanted this, let's have our time once more again  
Did I make you leave this world, am I totally to blame?  
I never wanted any of this, let's have our time once more again***

Your absence slowly tears me apart  
I miss you with every beat of my heart  
No more good times that lay ahead  
No point in making a clean fresh start

I am ready to follow you into the unknown  
Answers to my questions I need to own  
I'm seeking the courage to take my life  
To join you, wherever you've flown

## Panic

Many faces flash through my tortured mind  
Looking for answers to questions I can't find  
I can't control these emotions that burn my soul  
The room shakes; I stumble into my black hole

Thoughts I used to have are now black & charred  
I search for recollection but I have been barred  
I can't control these emotions that scorch my soul  
The world blurs; I crumble into my black hole

***They tell me my depression is manic  
Close my eyes, take a deep breath &...  
...panic***

***This curse I'm trapped can't be cured can it?  
I close my eyes, take a deep breath &...  
...panic***

Memories are vague & lost to a dark place  
My head is so empty, full of ash & space  
Can't control this temper, it comes too fast  
The floor moves; I fall into my forgotten past

Places I have been are no longer in my brain  
Trying to remember causes nothing but pain  
Can't control this temper, it comes too fast  
My vision fails; I crawl into my forgotten past

## Weapon

I kneel down in this cold room of despair  
One temple, one gun  
When I pull the trigger, nobody will care

**One temple, one gun  
I've come undone**

I stand and stare at my sorry reflection  
One wrist, one knife  
I will bleed out my perfect imperfection

**One wrist, one knife  
Enough of this life**

*The weapon of choice, is cold against my skin  
As I touch its trigger, I tremble with adrenalin  
The method of my death, is brutal but effective  
With the barrel in my mouth, I hope they'll forgive*

*The weapon of choice, is cold against my skin  
As I touch its blade, I tremble with adrenalin  
The method of my death, is brutal but effective  
With the slash of my wrist, I hope they'll forgive*

I lay down on this damp and hard floor  
One needle, one vein  
With each hit I slowly die a little more

**One needle, one vein  
Let's end the pain**

I stand alone away from your view  
One rope, one neck

As I suffocate, watch my face turn blue

**One rope, one neck**

**I'm such a wreck**

*The weapon of choice, is cold against my skin  
As I touch its point, I tremble with adrenalin  
The method of my death, is brutal but effective  
With the needle in my arm, I hope they'll forgive*

*The weapon of choice is tight against my skin  
As I tie its knot, I tremble with adrenalin  
The method of my death is brutal but effective  
With the rope around my neck, I hope they'll forgive*

**I've come undone  
Enough of this life  
Let's end the pain  
I'm such a fuckin' wreck**



## Oxygen

Four walls close in  
Claustrophobia takes a hold  
Suffocating; collapsing

Black absorbs grey  
The depression amplifies  
Suffocating; choking

***Can I turn this around?  
Break this deafening silence  
This moment so devoid of sound***

***Can I turn this around?  
Find some light to follow  
Escape from misery & sorrow***

Four walls crumble  
Claustrophobia now gone  
Lungs fill; oxygen

White absorbs dark  
Aggression intensifies  
I breathe & turn around

***Turn this all around  
Break these restricting chains  
Hear my voice, hear my sound***

***Turn this right around  
Let my anger now flow  
See my rage begin to grow***

## Colourless

Where once she viewed her colourful world through vivid chestnut eyes  
She now views her colourless life through lifeless faded eyes of brown  
Listening to the world pass her by from outside the window  
The door locked & bolted shut to keep out the fear  
But fear & dread has already penetrated deep inside  
A once eager heart is slowly eaten by a hidden foe  
This enemy is not visible but lurks underneath & festers  
She is not sure who she is anymore; identity long gone  
Purpose long gone; reality exists only within her four closing walls  
Cigarette smoke drifts & swirls above her head in a mocking halo  
She views the colourless smoke through lifeless jaded eyes of brown  
Watching shadows dancing up the wall like ghosts in frenzy  
Her emptiness draws dark lines under her tear sodden eyes  
She cups her face into her hands to stem the thumping inside her head  
But the drone is relentless & causes panic & rage  
No spark left inside to ignite her passions or dreams  
Staring down at her already scar filled arm, she ponders another cut  
Track lines trace from wrist to elbow like a journey from hell & back  
One more crimson line will break her from the tedious existence for a moment  
She stares down as the blood drips then spreads onto the bed sheet  
Where once she viewed her colourful world through vibrant hazel eyes  
She now views her colourless life through lifeless faded eyes of brown

## SwastikAmeriKKKa

The corrupted states of SwastikAmeriKKKa  
With 50 states of unconsciousness  
Subliminal programming of the highest degree  
Spinning & playing your sub-consciousness  
American elections give the herd a pointless vote  
For a pre-determined political agenda  
Headed up by a pre-selected political pretender  
Slavery & racism go bloodied hand-in-hand  
As the mind-controlled population happily sing  
The Star-Spangled Banner to a marching band

***Land of the free***

***Land of slavery***

***Home of the brave***

***Home of the slave***

The Illuminati run SwastikAmeriKKKa  
Media feeds the animals the illusion  
Chemtrails & polluted water sources  
All wrapped up in a dollar bill confusion  
The all-seeing-eye watches from the cap-stone  
A captive audience shackled & chained  
Soldiers forced to fight return home bloodied & stained  
Slavery & racism go bloodied hand-in-hand  
As the mind-controlled population happily sing  
The Star-Spangled Banner to a marching band

*Government funded slavery*

*Government funded KKK*

*Racism the new agenda*

*Fuck you Corporate AmeriKKKa*

*& stuff your Star-Spangled Banner*

## Arrogance

Your depravity takes you to a new gravity  
Whilst your actions become minor distractions  
Eyes in the wrong direction to avoid detection  
Play your little games; it's your life up in flames

**I'm smarter, meaner & sharper  
I'm harder, wiser & faster**

Your deceit confirms you're nothing but a cheat  
I'm not at all confused: I'm merely amused  
That you should assume & falsely presume  
That you could ever trick someone this quick

***In the blink of an eye  
I can take you out  
Before you can even shout  
Have no doubt***

***In the blink of an eye  
I will take you down  
Without sound  
You'll hit the ground...***

**...because I'm faster, meaner & harder  
I'm sharper, wiser & smarter**

Your fatal decision made without vision  
Arrogance & a game of chance  
You made a mistake & for that you'll break  
One on one until you're finally done  
Bring it on...

**...because I'm sharper, wiser & smarter**

**I'm faster, meaner & harder**

## Loop

The first arc of light penetrates the pre-dawn grey of 5am  
Reminding me that the battle between tiredness & insomnia  
Was yet again won by my inability to relax & sleep  
Frantic nerves splinter up my spine exploding in a crescendo of sparks  
I breathe in deep & hold...

...exhale

As expected, no reprieve from the unsettling churning of my insides  
Closing my eyes to bring calm results in my head spinning & spiralling  
Sickness has reached me as 6am sets in  
Unable to sit still; I pace the moist ground & allow the wet grass to cool me  
The cold does nothing to dissipate the wave of sadness  
Bathed in the suns now stronger rays heat no part of my stone heart  
7am melts into 8am as my confidence wanes  
I fight for breath that has got stuck in my throat  
Silence is the only sound reverberating from my mouth  
I force a scream at last to welcome home 9am  
The battle commences as insomnia finally bends the knee  
Broken sleep & distorted nightmares ravage my mind  
I awake suddenly in a cold sweat & thumping pulse  
12pm has been & gone as I glimpse 1pm arrive  
Hunger pains grab & savage my stomach yet I know no food will settle  
2pm strikes me down as my legs finally give way under the weight upon my shoulders  
I crawl towards 3pm but I get there late as 4pm seizes me by the wrist & twists  
I yell & kick my way past 5pm as the daylight begins to recede  
I stare at the bruise left by the 5pm fight blinking back tears  
6pm drifts into 7 & then into 8  
No ambient moments appear during the next hour as I sit, stand, pace & crawl  
9pm lingers around the bend watching me from the corner of its eye  
9pm finally stabs me into submission as the shadows engulf me whole  
My limbs fall heavy around me as I stagger into 10pm  
I beg for sleep to take me away but my pleas fall upon deaf ears  
The wind & rain slash against my window as 11pm graces my life

11pm clings to my soul determined to drag me into midnight as slowly as possible  
As midnight rings its bell my head explodes into streaks of blue light  
I cradle my skull throughout the relentless ticking of the first hour of the new day  
2am refuses to leave me alone & torments me as the minutes pass like hours  
Darkness soon diffuses into a misty grey as the birds begin to ruffle their feathers & sing  
They announce 3am with such joyous melodies & tones  
The tone in my soul has no melody as the distorted bass throbs my existence  
The moon waves a weary goodbye as he slides from view  
The breaking of 4am shows storm clouds upon the horizon of ice & fog

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Reminding me that the battle between tiredness & insomnia  
Was yet again won by my inability to relax & sleep  
Frantic nerves splinter up my spine exploding in a crescendo of sparks  
I breathe in deep & hold...

## Exposed

Walking past the wolf  
with my throat exposed  
no stutter in my heart  
calm & composed  
testing the water  
without a flinch of fear  
past the wolf, through his lair  
I can feel the Devil  
I'm finally here

***He don't see me  
Don't know I'm there  
Master of shadows, that's my name  
Playing with evil at his own game***

***He can't see me  
Don't know I'm here  
Master of shadows, that's my name  
Messing with evil at his own game***

Stepping through the gate  
with my throat exposed  
no stammer in my voice  
cool & composed  
touching the mist  
without a shiver nor dread  
through the gate, past the mist  
I can still breathe  
I'm still not dead

Now let this finally begin...



## ProzacNation

Increase the dose  
Take me to the limit  
Fill me to the brim  
Let me see stars & let my head swim

Increase the strength  
Push me to maximum  
Send me to the sky  
Let me lose control & let me fly

*I can handle it  
These shakes are normal & these convulsions are routine  
Just need a handful of Paracetamol & a shot of Morphine  
I'm not addicted; I can handle it; I'm completely clean*

***We all live in a Prozac Nation  
Where every store is a pill-popping station***

***We all live in a Prozac Nation  
Where everyone's into self-medication***

Decrease the dose  
Take me from the limit  
Pull me from the brim  
I see darkness & I'm gonna fall in

Decrease the strength  
Take me to minimum  
Bring me back down  
I've lost control & I'm gonna drown

*I can't handle it  
These shakes aren't normal & these convulsions not routine*

*Just need a fistful of Paracetamol & a shot of Morphine  
I'm addicted; I can't handle it; I need quarantine.*

## Sea

I set sail for a while; a short journey across the surf  
To breathe in the sea air; to fill my lungs  
It was a trip alone; a solitary quest to fight demons within  
Each mile took me further away from home  
I found no island of sanctuary or paradise beach  
But I did find myself a beautiful storm that engulfed me  
The black waves rose & crashed over the sides  
I took on icy water from the mouth of the angry swell  
I turned to see the coastline but it had evaporated from my view  
I watched the lighthouse slowly extinguish its glow  
The darkness yet again became my only friend  
Never saw the jagged rocks as they waited to tear me apart  
Before I knew it they had splintered my vessel in two  
Into the cold depths I fell & began to drown  
From beneath the water I watched the moonlight fade  
The abyss wrapped around me as I sank deeper below  
I took a final mouthful of sea drenched lies before the tide took me  
I knew then I would never find my way home

When you stare out at the coast in the morning light  
When you watch the sun rise upon the calm ocean waves  
Think of me; maybe for a while remember me  
Because always & forever; I shall be lost at sea

## Ring

Heart stripped with guts torn  
Commitment was just too much  
Ring in the sand; just out of touch

Eyes dull as smile vanishes  
Doubt has now filled your mind  
Ring in the dirt; that I just can't find

*Across the surf I stare  
My ring you no longer wear  
No love left for us to share  
I'm left abandoned & bare*

***The promise in gold you forgot  
I wasn't enough; I wasn't the one  
My footsteps disappear into the sea  
Where tears & waves crash over me***

***The promise in gold you forgot  
I wasn't the one; I wasn't enough  
My shadow disappears in the sea  
Where waves & tears consume me***

Soul wrecked with love in shreds  
Rain falls onto the beach  
Ring in the sand; just out of reach

Voice trembles as head pounds  
The tide washes us apart  
Ring in the dirt; dagger through my heart

**Lost in the dirt; covered in darkness & endless hurt  
Lost in the sand is the ring you once wore upon your hand**

## Normal

They call it depression, apparently  
Yet I, despite my dislike for labels, call it freedom  
I have broken away from the chains of responsibility  
My so-called affliction is now a tool to soak up any blame  
I live with my regrets, doubts, mistakes & guilt, of course  
But I've learnt the art of compartmentalisation; with padlock & thrown away key  
I awkwardly enjoy the situation in which I find myself lurking  
I don't belong to society; they chose to detach me; for which I am truly grateful  
Solitude & loneliness are my constant dinner guests  
We feed off each other; hand to mouth in synchronicity

I rule my prison of misery & self-loathing  
I'm a strong ruler; a King of my own freedom; slave to one  
The bars on my cell keep 'them' out; not me in  
I paint a false face & smile when I stumble into their fake existence  
I've found true happiness in the dim-light of my underworld  
I'm comfortable with what & who I've become  
No longer haunted & terrorised by the opinions of others  
I even look at myself in the mirror with a slight hint of confidence  
Finding my scars beautiful if caught in the right shade of moonlight  
No shame runs through my veins; I'm in control

I made my bed of nails & I shall lay upon it  
Never have I slept so soundly; free  
Free from the loop of insanity, they, apparently, label as 'normal'  
I found my freedom  
It was just in the darkest place you'd never have thought to look

## Nature

The ocean of disquiet  
Pounds against my beach  
Relentless force of nature  
A device used to capture

The tide of disenchantment  
Erodes along my coast  
Persistent rage of nature  
A weapon proud in stature

***I stand afoot of a slippery slope  
A careful step, just don't falter  
One step, one slip, fall right in  
Leaving me...dead in the water***

***I stand atop of a slippery decline  
A careful step, just don't falter  
One step, one slip, dive right in  
Leaving me...dead in the water***

The wave of discomfort  
Slams into my shore  
Corrosive force of nature  
An instrument of rapture

The sea of disappointment  
Washes upon my sand  
Ruthless rage of nature  
A tool sent to torture

## Kiss

Tension lifts from my shoulders when I feel your breath upon my skin  
I melt & nothing else matters when I see your eyes open as you awake from sleep  
The hairs on my arms stand up when you trace your fingers down my chest  
My life becomes complete when you lay with me & we love & caress  
But these aren't the reasons why I love you  
I love you because...

...you take me to a Heavenly bliss  
As you delicately hold my wrist  
Look into my eyes & touch my lips  
With a perfect, precious, angelic kiss

My troubles sail away to foreign shores when I see your gorgeous smile  
My heartbeat trips for a solitary moment when I see your beaming face  
The hairs on my neck stand up when I take in the aroma of your perfume  
My world becomes whole the very second you walk into the room  
But these aren't the reasons why I love you  
I love you because...

...you take me to a Heavenly bliss  
As you tenderly hold my wrist  
Stare into my eyes & grace my lips  
With a precious, perfect, angelic kiss

## Infinite

The midday sky sends heat from high above  
Yet I am not burning; your gentle breath cools my skin  
Your whispers tell me how much you love me  
We are drawn together; forever

Our connection goes beyond the Sun & back  
It can't be measured; it can't be stopped  
It has no space nor time  
I am all yours & you are all mine

***Infinite love; no boundaries nor end  
Constantly increasing; perpetual universe  
Past stars, planets & galaxies  
Celestial lovers; for all to look up & see***

***Infinite love; no borders nor edge  
Continually expanding; eternal cosmos  
Past stars, planets & galaxies  
Celestial lovers; look up; it's you & me***

The evening sky casts a chill from high above  
Yet I don't feel cold; I'm wrapped in your warmth  
Your whispers tell me how much you love me  
We are bound forever; together

Our connection goes beyond the Moon & back  
It can't be measured; it can't be blocked  
It has no space nor time  
We are infinitely intertwined



## Subterfuge

The earth ain't round it's flat  
That's no lie; it's fact  
How do I know I hear you ask  
Well I stood at the edge; looked down  
Saw the burning floor through the slits in my mask

Cover stories, secrets & deceit  
Our thoughts sent to war  
To make truth from the lies to make our lives of slavery complete

***There is no truth, it's all been removed  
Fucked with, messed up & turned upside-down  
Twisted, stretched, burnt & drowned***

***There is no truth, it's been distorted  
Ripped up, spat on & turned inside-out  
Squashed & pulled, beyond any doubt***

The moon ain't there its fake  
It's no lie; make no mistake  
How do I know I hear you ask  
Well I looked up; stared long at its face  
Saw the hologram flicker through the slits in my mask

Cover-ups, secrets & deceit  
Our thoughts sent to war  
To make lies from the truth to make our lives of servitude complete

**The earth ain't round, it's flat & Heaven ain't white it's black  
so what does life mean when our minds are full of dreams that  
reality tears away from the seams & all that is heard is our  
agonising screams & so we travel the bridge of broken  
beams & thus we fall from our dreams that are torn from**

**their seams & all that is heard are our muffled screams**

## Soil

Pain strikes like a needle through the eye  
Piercing an uneasy scream held in solitude  
Can't hold the desire to release & uncoil  
I'm left in agony on my knees in the soil

I seek darkness on this moon bleached night  
Absorbing the whispers drifting in the mist  
I feed off the insanity swirling deep within  
Filling my void with terror to the brim

My eyes have lost focus as fog surrounds  
I'm lost; yet crawling towards the end  
Bloodied knuckles swell on my clenched fist  
As I hold the blade; trying not to resist

Tears burn my cheek & scold my gaunt face  
The demon inside sniggers with evil intent  
Tearing & clawing at my weakest point  
Ghosts from my past ensure I always disappoint

I crawl forever in the darkness & mist; blind; on my knees in the soil  
Rage simmers & steam escapes as it all comes ferociously to the boil

## OCD I & II

### OCD

Can't stop these persistent thoughts  
Into habitual ritual, I am forced  
Bursting at the seams from utter dread  
Sequential processes clutter my head

Can't remove these repetitive thoughts  
Into habitual ritual, I am forced  
Body under pressure from the stress  
Meticulous impulse I can't suppress

**Obsessive-compulsive disorder**  
**Sequential routine in strict order**

*My OCD*

*Is in my DNA*

*Please DNR*

*As I OD today*

*My OCD*

*Is in my DNA*

*Please DNR*

*When I OD today*

Can't stop these intrusive thoughts  
Into habitual ritual, I am forced  
Irrational behaviour that you can all see  
Psychotic depression is finally killing me

Can't remove these compulsive thoughts  
Into habitual ritual, I am forced  
Pushing my perfection to the extreme

Unrelenting paranoia voiced in my scream

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## **OCD II**

Hands are clean  
I check again  
Down the stairs  
One through to ten

Windows shut  
I double check  
The door is locked  
Yet still I fret

**Don't you fuckin' mess with the order  
Leave it alone, it's my fuckin' disorder**

***Dot the I's & cross the T's  
Clothing perfect without a crease  
Cross the T's & dot the I's  
Windscreen clear free from flies***

The taps are off  
Just a few more turns  
I reach the car  
My stomach churns

I check my watch  
I've plenty of time  
Back down the path  
I follow the line

**I**

I live in a mind trapped by the cold outside  
I move around unnoticed; unaware I'm alive  
I pass through places where I simply don't exist  
I look at nobody; I've never felt a kiss

I am stuck in my world trapped entirely by itself  
I want for nothing; I'm a master of stealth  
I steer clear of people as they circle above  
I catch no one's eyes; I've never been in love

***I return to my bare & lonely life  
I have no friends, lover nor wife  
So I sit in the dark with only me, myself & I***

***I return to my safe & silent shell  
I am caught in a repeating vicious spell  
So I sit in the dark with only me, myself & I***

I survive in a life wanting to be free  
I watch the world slowly revolve without me  
I carry no belongings, just a tight clenched fist  
I never stop to stare; I've never been kissed

I cause no stir as I drift aimlessly like a cloud  
I have no real purpose; I'm just one of the crowd  
I am nothing so I may as well be crushed  
I see absolutely nothing; I've never been loved

## Block

I try but can't hold back the thoughts  
Head filled with rhyme & verse  
I crave the moment that my words  
Are evaporated by this evil curse

**I pray for writer's block  
Where time stands still  
Like a broken clock**

I try but can't fight back the words  
Brain filled with verse & rhyme  
I long for the moment my thoughts  
Finally desert me, no longer mine

***Writer's block is a mental disease  
Authors words stuck in the deep freeze  
I marvel at their illness with such jealousy  
Wishing that blank mind was inside of me***

***Writer's block is a mental disease  
Creative words lost upon the breeze  
I wonder at their sickness with jealousy  
Wishing I could be corrupted, finally***

I try but can't fight back the thoughts  
Brain filled with rhyme & verse  
I crave the moment that my words  
Finally disappear by this wicked curse

**I plead for writer's block  
With all words hidden  
Sealed by key & lock**

I try but can't hold back the words  
Head filled with verse & rhyme  
I long for the moment my thoughts  
Abandon me, no longer in my mind



**360°**

Dust choked mirror reflects dark sunken  
orbs beneath crescent moon halves  
mutated skin wrists hang from frail  
fractured limbs of tormented sinew

**I've been here before & I know the routine  
I've seen this before & I know what it means**

Luna disc penetrates silver shards  
across splintered boards of decline  
concentric circles of aching frown sends  
ripped muscles into relentless spasm

***I've been here before & I know the routine  
Three hundred & sixty degrees  
Right back down on my hands & knees  
Three hundred & sixty degrees***

***I've seen this before & I know what it means  
Three hundred & sixty degrees  
Right back down on bloodied knees  
Three hundred & sixty degrees***

Skeletal digits stab jagged points into  
broken face lingering in hopeless gawp  
déjà vu taunts & amplifies grief  
filled pearls of salt stinging open wounds

**I've seen this before & I know what it means  
I've been here before & I know the routine**

Stiffened facial expression of faith lost man  
known as beast where little else compares

dwelling within on the fringe of the brittle &

crumbling wall of inner haunting & remorse

Arc of hatred paints impure line across

hoarse & exposed chords of sound

gurgled grin of remembrance falls silent

as tobacco stained breath expels existence

## Dementia (for Goldfinch & his dear wife)

You don't have the strength to carry on  
I can see the frailty in your eyes  
You don't have the strength to continue  
I sense the weakness you try to hide

If you stumble I will grab you  
If you fall I will give you my hand  
So take my arm and put yours through mine  
Now let's break through this path of decline

Follow my torch; I won't let the darkness near  
There's still time; your days are not done yet  
Your memories are safe; I won't let you forget  
A moment of wonder; remember and reflect

***Let me wear your armour***  
***Let me carry your shield***  
***Let me swing your sword***  
***Let me wield your mace***

***Let me be your courage***  
***Let me stop your nerves***  
***Let me fight your fears***  
***I'll leave not a trace***

You can't find the strength to continue  
I feel the weakness in your heart  
You can't find the strength to carry on  
I hear the hopelessness in your voice

**I'm your armour, your shield & sword**  
**I'm your mace, your courage & strength**  
**Ensuring you're safe**

### **Keeping worry & harm at arm's length**

If you misstep I will hold you  
If you drop I will be there to catch  
So take my arm and put yours through mine  
Now let's break through this path of decline

Follow my light; let me keep your walkway clear  
There's still time; your days are not through yet  
Your memories are safe; I won't let you forget  
A moment of wonder; remember and recollect

## Beyond

I come to say sorry for one last time  
I need to be taken away from yesterday's lies  
Where every false truth I ever knew; dies

I come to apologise just one last time  
For I have to leave this illusion of reality today  
I shall not return to this place; I cannot stay

***No tears; no not for me on this my final moment  
Let me take in one last breath & breathe you in  
Let you be my lasting memory before I pass onto shores beyond  
Hold your words; say nothing; no need to respond  
Just let me go now***

***No tears; no not for me on this my last moment  
Let me take in one final look & wrap you around  
Let you be my last vision before I set sail to shores beyond  
Hold your words; say nothing; no need to respond  
Just let me go now***

I come to say goodbye for one last time  
I have to take myself away from tomorrow's lies  
Where every false truth I ever knew; will die

I come to say farewell just one last time  
For I must leave this illusion of reality this day  
I have to turn my back now & walk; far away

**This is not the end of a chapter  
This is not the turning of a new page  
This is my conclusion  
It's what it is; it's what I've become  
The demise & the end to this illusion**

**Over & done**

## Android

I touch fire but I don't feel heat  
I hear sound but I don't compute  
I have 20/20 vision but I don't see  
I'm trying to be human but I must reboot

**No connection causes my rejection  
No correction of my imperfection  
Pull the plug, sever my connection**

Is this what it feels like being detached?  
Alienated & separated from existence  
Am I so indifferent to be excluded?  
When all I ask is to be included

***I'm just an android  
Of emotion I am devoid  
I may have human form  
But my connections are destroyed  
Burnt out, null & void***

***I'm just a humanoid  
Of feelings I am devoid  
I may have man-like form  
But emotive circuits aren't deployed  
Burnt out, null & void***

I touch ice but I don't feel cold  
I hear voice but I don't comprehend  
I can speak but I don't understand  
I am trying to be human but it's all pretend

**No connection causes my dejection**

**No correction towards perfection**

**Pull the plug, sever my connection**

Is this what it feels like being detached?

Isolated & removed from existence

Am I so indifferent to be precluded?

When all I want is to be included

**I am a robot in a human suit**

**I exist but frozen in permanent re-boot**

**I am a robot in a human shell**

**I exist but my brain is a worn out cell**



## Lawless

I know he writes some crap about God sometimes  
But he also writes some clever suicidal rhymes  
He drinks way too much caffeine which makes him shake  
Which is why I forgive him for every grammar & spelling mistake

He listens to some weird heavy industrial music sometimes  
No wonder his moods crash to the floor then furiously climbs  
He drinks way too much alcohol which makes him sway  
But despite all his short-comings; he's still my MPS mate

Now one things for sure & there's never a doubt  
He loves his wife; he's butt ugly but she's a knockout  
So what the hell she's doing with him we'll never know  
But then maybe in bed he's like a raging American buffalo

Whatever the reason, he's a top bloke who I call my friend  
If I fell into Hell; with me he would happily descend  
There we would laugh, drink & talk about his shit poetry  
He is Lawless; my new mate from across the sea

## Bullet

Felt it coming earlier today  
A sense of falling; a sense of doom  
Bullet of lead; shot straight to the head

Felt it coming late this afternoon  
A loss of control; a loss of faith  
Gun to the head; bullet of lead

**I'm drifting from colour towards the grey  
I'm fighting & kicking to keep the black at bay**

**I'm draining of colour turning to grey  
I'm shouting & screaming to keep the black away**

Knew it was coming; the air was thick  
Couldn't block it; just stood there waiting  
Bullet of lead; shot straight to the head

**Panic-stricken so eager to run  
Heart pumping; but body numb  
Body fallen unable to run  
Blood spilled; all signs of life gone**

Knew it was coming; the air was grey  
Couldn't stop it; just stood & waited  
Gun to the head; bullet of lead

## Besotted

Just the smell of your perfumed wrist  
Intoxicated; so much, I can no longer resist  
Just the flick of your beautiful dark hair  
Hypnotised; so much, I have to stop & stare

Just the touch of your silky smooth skin  
Captivated; so much, you put my head in a spin  
Just the glowing smile from your perfect face  
Enamoured; so much, my heart begins to race

Just the sparkle from your crystal blue eyes  
Enchanted; so much, I'm left simply mesmerised  
Just the taste of your succulent moist lips  
Infatuated; so much, you leave me totally transfixed

*I'm just a humble wordsmith; a poet  
I've fallen head-over-heels in love with you  
I want to write you the perfect poem  
With all the T's crossed & all the I's dotted  
My Angel; with you...*

*...I have become besotted*

## Contemplation

And so I turn to the weary face in the fractured mirror  
Is this who & what I have finally become  
Am I a God of the rights & the wrongs that I have done

Does light lead my way or blind my winding path  
Is every careful step forward, just two steps back  
I contemplate the errors I have made that I can never retract

The solemn face in the mirror no longer bears a smile  
Emotion falls through my trembling fingers like grains of sand  
I have given up any hope of ever finding my promised land

I accept that darkness shall guide me through my final days  
I pray there will be a beacon of light at my journeys' end  
But until I reach that point of no return; my reflection is my only friend

## Shade (co-write by Hood & Candlewitch)

Tick-tock...

...innocent as  
a calf at slaughter,  
was your way  
of presentation.

you trailed me  
within my shadow,  
so I would  
hardly notice you.

but everywhere  
I went you followed,  
like some stalker  
tag-along.

days came  
nights went,  
ever so slowly  
like liquid ooze.

***The shade of my shadow  
Darkens in the streetlight glow  
Stalks me; hunts me  
Follows every bloodied footprint I go***

***The shade of my shadow  
Blackens in the moonlight flow  
Tracks me; haunts me  
Follows every crimson footprint I go***

I felt the sting

of transformation,  
as year followed  
repetitious year.

gradually changes marred  
my smooth fair skin,  
cigarettes & booze  
have left me altered.

the ravages  
clearly show,  
even after  
reforming my reckless ways.

ever are you silently there  
when screamingly,  
I confront you  
with defiant eyes.

**with my frustrated  
piercing cry,  
the only sound  
you make is...**

**...tick tock! Tick-tock!**

## Siamese (co-write by Hood & Candlewitch)

Sister & Brother, siblings of the night  
With vipers venom filling our veins  
Refusing to drown in depression  
Demonic graffiti is our expression

Dysfunction spreads like a plague  
Our pride won't allow us begging  
So we strike the paper inking  
Anchoring our world not sinking

**Shoulder to shoulder we stand together  
Fighting insanity & hopelessness forever**

***With our twisted tendencies  
Our obsessive poetic disease  
With tortured words we taunt & tease  
Tortured & twisted, we are Siamese***

***With our tendencies twisted  
Evil words Satanically gifted  
With tortured words we are afflicted  
As Siamese, we have always co-existed***

Brother & Sister, siblings of the dark  
With poisoned blood filling our veins  
We follow no rules, nor guide  
Screaming all that hides inside

They say our minds are warped  
Our words not heaven sent  
Labeling us morally corrupt  
Off centre, obscure & abrupt

**Shoulder to shoulder we stand forever  
Fighting madness & blind-rage together**



## Saints (co-write by Hood & Candlewitch/eddy styx)

I know the words I've heard the song  
thing is I'm too far down to care  
don't want to listen to the music  
when I can't sing along  
open my mouth & children stare

just a ghost without a voice  
a solitary man who made a choice

took the long road  
maybe the wrong road  
was turned back at the gate  
shame & regret, I couldn't hide  
because Saints don't suicide...

***Hey Son you're a disgrace  
go back to earth & take your place  
among the rest of the faceless masses  
in this dog eat dog world life there's no free passes***

***Hey Son you're a disgrace  
go back to earth & take your place  
if you want to die young you have to earn it  
seen your record... think maybe you should burn it***

broken & twisted once more  
a man so alone; loss of dignity & pride  
don't want to listen to the music  
as I stumble amongst the poor  
no place safe for me to survive

just a ghost without a voice  
a man who made a choice

took the long road  
maybe the wrong road  
was turned back at the gate  
guilt & remorse, I couldn't hide  
because Saints don't suicide...  
...Saints just don't suicide!

## Horses (co-write by Hood & Candlewitch)

Wild horses couldn't stop her  
from ruining her life  
She was hell bent on destruction  
Her shuddering denial  
denied her intentions  
of exposing her  
tender pink  
silk & satin underbelly  
and all her feminine frills  
like tea & crumpets  
she needs her fix  
of love & pain  
laced with daily humiliation.

***Wild horses pull & drag with ropes of razor wire  
Muscles forced tight & the pain burns like fire  
She grimaces in an ecstasy of her final destruction  
Stoking her inner embers with a spasm of seduction***

***Wild horses drag & pull with barbs of twisted wire  
Limbs drawn taught but the agony won't purify her  
She screams out in her moment of sexual abduction  
Releasing her flame in an orgasm of perfect corruption***

She knew she could  
never go home again  
because the pain  
was so delicious  
oh how much  
she loved  
the chilling rain  
like a shot of  
liquid barbed wire

shooting through  
her veins  
& wild horses  
couldn't stop her...

## Blink (co-write by Hood & Candlewitch)

White chintz curtains  
once smart & sublime  
now aged by sunlight  
yellowed by time

Years quickly gone by  
so carelessly spent  
leaving us asking where  
precious time went

***A day is but a droplet in the vast ocean  
or a grain of sand upon the endless beach  
always wanting & demanding more  
of that which is too far beyond our reach***

***A day is but a blink in the eye of the storm  
or a grain of sand upon the desert plain  
always demanding & wanting more  
of that which we can't control or contain***

I try to hold on tight  
to this day that surrounds  
like smoke it dissipates  
& desperation abounds

Why were we created  
if only to fade & die  
just a cruelly played joke  
a mote in a sadistic God's eye

## Façade (co-write by Hood & Candlewitch)

Look at what the cat's dragged in  
A piece of scum found outside  
Cold & shivering with no friends left  
Stealing away all trust was her final theft

Treachery & deceit her weapons of choice  
Bitter words spoken with the serpents' voice  
A hidden face divided into two  
Which identity will come through?

Ragged & drawn, sad & alone  
Crawls the floor on hands & knees  
Puppy dog eyes filled with crocodile tears  
Beware those eyes hide poisoned spears

***And so the twisted  
Returns to the scene of her crime  
What was she hoping to find  
The victims waiting there in a line***

***And so the depraved  
Returns to the scene of her crime  
What was she hoping to find  
Forgiveness with the passing of time***

Of twisted similarity she takes the stage  
Pretending her pen never went astray  
A name change with transparent veneer  
To sully the spirit of one who held her dear

Miss Kismet of differentiation  
Two sides to her coin of presentation  
Which version will be put forth today?

Onto the field of recognition & play

We've all seen the maiden fair

Whose lilting lines of poetry

Capture hearts & minds ensnare

A façade of treachery now laid bare

## Preacher (co-write by Hood & Candlewitch)

Please don't tell me your bible is the only one  
You're too full of arrogance  
When you quote to me your beloved bible  
Tell me which version you mean this time

Don't you think that it's quite possible  
That I'm tired of your preaching  
Usually, I find you laughable & quite sad  
When you thunder away about your rights

***So don't shout at me about your faith  
Trying to make me believe as you do  
I have my own beliefs that guide me  
You won't find me preaching at you***

***So don't yell at me about your God  
Trying to make me believe his lies  
I have my own beliefs that guide me  
And your every word I hate & despise***

You've become tiresome & you get on my nerves  
You're scared & insecure  
When you bellow & shout your flawless case  
And by the way, I think you protest way too much

**If you really do believe  
You would carry it silently in your heart  
But you've lost your faith  
& now you wander alone in the dark**

Don't you think that it's quite possible  
That I'm tired of your teaching  
Usually, I find you irritable & quite mad



When you mumble away about your rights

**Do you believe?**

**Is it in your heart?**

**Have you lost your faith?**

**Alone in the dark**

## Downward

The sky decrees its sinister intent  
By dressing the weary day in grey  
The waves breach the coastline shore  
The tension builds the oncoming storm

Momentum amplifies as tranquillity dies  
Turbulence impacts as serenity retracts  
Energy compounds; the calm dies without a sound  
The whirlwind twists; the whirlpool wildly spins around

**What face of madness will show you that I'm insane?  
What face of sadness will ensure my tears remain?**

***Inner turmoil; blackened soul  
Hatred boils; poison flows  
My downward spiral; the Devil drives***

***Inner chaos; darkened heart  
Anger burns; venom breathes  
My downward spiral; the Devil rides***

Descending clouds drop like fragmented stones  
Crashing into the horizon seam  
Wind swirls sand into a rage  
The rain turns the view into a haze

Momentum amplifies as tranquillity dies  
Turbulence impacts as serenity retracts  
Energy compounds; the calm dies without a sound  
The whirlwind twists; the whirlpool wildly spins around

## Quarrel

**Spiteful words born of frustration spat out from a venomous tongue lingers a moment in the stagnant air before slicing open an already wounded & weeping heart penetrating deep with the cold sharp steel bite of the hunters knife rendering the victim stunned & slain to the outrage & spite held with each poison drenched word delivered to inflict maximum pain**

**In response to the barrage of explicit missiles launched comes carefully placed sentences formed to cause devastating & counter-productive verbal assaults aimed to destroy any chance of a truce or apology & to leave the victim in no condition to rally a final surge of defiance & only a smirk forms upon the face of the sender of fire who leaves before waiting to see the damage inflicted upon her foe**

**Later...**

**...the words get replayed through their paranoid & confused minds turning & twisting until the result becomes harsher & nastier than first intended eventually spiralling & concluding into a myriad of treacherous lies & deceit from which no clarity can be found from the unrecognisable onslaught of savage & burning words that have scarred both hearts beyond repair when neither meant any of the words spoken to the other & regret each outburst that left their mouths during their disgraceful altercation**

## Clockwork

Words said but misunderstood  
Distorted meanings were taken in  
Chewed up then spat right back  
Another exchange becomes attack

Your jealousy is choking me  
I'm claustrophobic in your embrace  
Must remove this noose from around my neck  
& turn away from your hangman's face

**& so here we go again**  
**Your gift of blackmail & pain...**

***I wait for the sound of those grinding gears***  
***& then the stream of your clockwork tears***  
***I wait for the noise of those crunching gears***  
***& then the flow of your clockwork tears***

I answered the best I could  
You'd concluded before I began  
I'm guilty; it's in your eyes  
Somehow you've turned my truth into lies

Your suspicion is killing me  
I asphyxiate in your cold love  
Must remove this blade from across my throat  
This abuse I need to be free of

*You threaten to leave me*  
*Today I wish you would*  
*Maybe it's time for you to go*  
*Be gone, gone for good*  
*Can't be your victim anymore*

*You win; one-nil the score  
So I submit; I finally quit*

*& just like clockwork...  
...those tears begin to fall*

## Loneliness

Through the empty street I step across the road dodging puddles deep  
I glance up quickly thankful the rain hides the tears of loneliness I weep  
My mind wanders to thoughts of warmth & light greeting me at home  
But then my heart sinks like lead; awaiting me there is nothing; I am alone

I ask myself why I still keep on going when there is nothing left for me now  
A smile has not crossed my weary face in months; I have forgotten how  
My four walls have become a prison from which I fight to escape each day  
Lonely; I force myself against my will; knowing I can't go on surviving this way

***Solitude is my only friend  
I seek no others to join my gloom  
My every step is shrouded in dark  
& now my wrists bear a coward's mark***

***Home is not where the heart is  
My heart died such a long time ago  
Home is not where I lay down my head  
My torn heart has for too long; been dead***

I glance through the downpour & see the only house in the street in darkness  
Like a beacon of depression it calls out to me drawing me with its sinister caress  
I go to step onto my path when I stop & think; with loneliness calling; I ignore  
Tonight I won't go home; I refuse to be greeted by sadness & despair at my door

I turn back into the rain & walk with sudden urgency; to where; I no longer care  
Street lights fade & I find myself by the banks of the river; I shiver in the cold air  
I can't turn back; so I step onto the bridge & listen to raging water's relentless flow  
I wrap loneliness around me like a cloak; force a smile; & fall into the emptiness below

## Options

Loneliness leads me to madness  
Standing on the precipice  
Of survival & defeat  
Where life & death  
Finally meet

Loneliness leads me to sadness  
Standing at the crossroads  
Of truth & deceit  
Where courage & fear  
Finally meet

**& so I choose**  
**From options**  
**Aimed to confuse**

**& so I choose**  
**From options**  
**I can't diffuse**

Solitude leaves me so helpless  
Falling from the precipice  
Of honesty & cheat  
Where right & wrong  
Finally meet

Solitude leaves me so useless  
Stepping on the crossroads  
Of attack or retreat  
Where dark & light  
Finally meet

**& so I choose**

***From options***

***I can't deduce***

***& so I choose***

***From options***

***Weighted to lose***



## Hordes (co-write by Hood & Candlewitch)

west winds blow  
through the cracks  
of bare boards  
but time doesn't slow

***Brace yourselves because here comes the rain  
Followed by the torrential downpour of pain  
Thunderstorm crack with force 10 wind in the face  
Time is forever ticking at an unrelenting feverish pace***

and we break our backs  
to find meaning; the hordes  
still don't really "think"  
about anything profound

***Stand strong & firm because here comes the pain  
Followed by the ferocious downpour of rain  
Lightning strike with a whirlwind storm to the face  
The clock is ticking; time soon gone without a trace***

they've taken to the drink  
all they hear is the sound  
of the wind thrashing  
in their dormant brains...

***... and the clock is still ticking; minds full of empty space.***

## Wanderer

Sea surf spray

Burns chapped lips

With corrosive salt of remorse

Thunder clash storm

Splits bleeding ears

With explosive sounds of despair

Ascending lighted spears

Rips wounded skin

With jagged grains of regret

Crystal drenched rain

Stings red raw eyes

With broken shards of sorrow

Sand filled gusts

Tears aching muscles

With weighted breaths of agony

Death fuelled cold

Smothers gasping lungs

With eroding acid of disdain

## Lunar

Your solemn pitted face bears the scars of war from the depths of the deep where oceans no longer weep from your pours. You hold a mystery that you won't tell, leaving us in a mesmerising spell of wonder & awe.

I look upon you with a sadness of death & solitude as you wax & wane in the darkness of celestial pain. Lunar seas no longer grace your shores; you're just a barren & broken world of craters yet still an inspiration of tales still spoken by the masses.

We have stood upon your dust & rocks & touched your exterior yet you stood your ground letting our heroes feel inferior to your existence. Tell us the secrets of where you came; allow us to understand your longing & shame as you encircle us in silence.

Your power is still an unknown force to us as your actions pull & push our tide & your light at night becomes our guide to the galaxy. Did you once hold life, or do you hide secrets beneath your veneer that we can only guess as you disappear before rebirth.

*Begone; then broaden from a narrow crescent through  
the first quarter & gibbous phase until you become full again.  
Your glacial purity & your limpid rays evoke a reverie of  
charm & tranquillity; long may you remain.*

## Ice

The darkness absorbed her, & he knew not why  
But he knew her black world was painted with pain  
She tried so hard to break free & return his love  
But the harder she tried, the haunting still remained

The blackness consumed her, & he knew not why  
But he knew her dark world was tainted with shame  
She tried so hard to make her misery turn away  
But the illusion she endured, she couldn't sustain

***Snow gently falls in the draft of a thousand chandeliers  
Creating a frozen river over her fallen tears  
Iced crystals float silently from the snow filled skies  
Icicles form from the tears of her weeping eyes***

The sadness engulfed him, & he knew not why  
He tried to understand that she was free from pain  
He had tried so hard to break her from the spell  
But as hard as he tried, he knew it was all in vain

The weakness devoured him, & he knew not why  
He tried to believe, she was now free from shame  
He had tried so hard to make her demons repel  
But the harder he tried, the haunting still remained

***Snow gently falls in the draft of a thousand chandeliers  
Creating a frozen river over his fallen tears  
Iced crystals float silently from the snow filled skies  
Icicles form from the tears of his weeping eyes***

***A thousand chandeliers  
Frozen over fallen tears  
With snow filled skies***

***Darkness, blackness, sadness & weakness***  
***Finally took their lives***

## Reader (for Candlewitch)

From the King of Batons  
To the sad Empress  
With the ace of Coins  
& the High Priestess

### **Tarot reader, truth receiver**

From the Queen of Cups  
To the card of the Moon  
With the four of Batons  
& the Wheel of Fortune

### **Tarot dealer, truth retriever**

*Most of us know her here as Candlewitch  
She reads the cards, & then she predicts  
Some of us call her the Queen of the Twist  
She reads the cards, no answers are missed*

From the Knight of Swords  
To the Hierophant  
With the six of Cups  
& the final Judgement

### **Tarot reader, truth retriever**

From the Valet of Coins  
To the old Magician  
With the eight of Swords  
& the poor Hanged Man

### **Tarot dealer, truth receiver**

## Two-Faced (co-write by Hood & Santita)

I absorb the light coming in from my window bright  
Savouring each stoke of heat in tranquil delight  
I smile with the whole of my beaming face  
Preparing to embark on a day full of beauty and grace

The scarring horrors of fuming rage burns & devours me  
Furiously screaming from the abyss of my soul; I seethe  
This agonizing pain is all I can recall of this vile place  
I look at the abominable world; see its harrowing disgrace

*Jekyll & Hyde,*

***One second an angel, the next I'm a monster inside  
These changes from light to dark I feverishly ride  
Don't know who I am anymore, I've lost all control  
This rollercoaster is off the rails, it's consuming me whole***

*Jekyll & Hyde,*

***One minute a demon, the next I'm a saint inside  
These swings from dark into light I just can't hide  
Don't know who I've now become, I've lost all clarity  
This train-wreck is now destroying everything around me***

Clouds turn grey but my world still shines bright  
I've forgotten the moments before, I grin with delight  
Nothing can touch my mood or state of mind  
I live for love and from the darkness I'm blind

A moment has passed; I'm enveloped in foul agony  
I wonder if I have ever known peace or harmony  
The diabolical sun mocks my everlasting pain  
It desecrates my skin; driving me perilously insane

## Grudge

I follow every stride  
Every twist, turn & place you hide  
& I patiently wait  
I shall stalk where you can't detect  
Be your shadow; attack where you can't protect

***Can't let it go  
Won't let it drop  
Felt every poisoned word  
Your mouth just wouldn't stop***

***Won't let it go  
Can't let it drop  
The wheels are in motion  
Nothing will make them stop***

I watch each move you take  
Every turn, twist & mistake  
& I eagerly wait  
I shall attack when you least expect  
Strip you of dignity, power & respect

*So you thought you'd escape without a sound  
So you thought I'd hide & go to ground  
You thought you'd won this game  
But this injustice runs way too deep  
It pumps through my every artery & every vein  
Waiting for revenge has pushed me to the edge of insane  
But I have been patient; so very patient  
& I now I intend to collect  
I will take everything from you that you took from me  
Every morsel & every fucking grain  
I shall be the only judge*



*To decide when I am through with this grudge*

## Demonise

It violently travels down my jaw into my neck; around my lungs & straight into my heart  
Piercing the tissue & expelling its misery & hatred into the chambers of hell  
My organ pumps the poison through my body with precise precision  
I fill with a chemical that destroys any glimmer of hope; my oncoming demise  
& so I demonise

I tremble with adrenalin & an anger that is past boiling point  
I seethe & fester with distorted images of self-inflicted abuse  
I want to hurt; I want to bleed; I want to scream  
I want to take this to the extreme

***I turn from the mirror that lies***

***I turn from the mirror that mocks***

***I cancel out its taunts & jeers***

***I clench my fist; breaking reflective glass into a million tiny fragmented spears***

***I turn from the mirror that lies***

***I turn from the mirror that's false***

***I cancel out its jeers & taunts***

***I clench my fist; punching its broken frame so it no longer humiliates & haunts***

Laughter lines on my weary face fill with bitter tears that burn like acid  
I lose the sight of beauty as an eternal darkness clouds my vision  
My veins & arteries expand swelling over muscled limbs that ache with agony  
My skin crawls & tightens harshly as the acid tears begin to slowly crystallise  
& so I demonise

I shake with repulsion & an inner fury that is past boiling point  
I erupt & putrefy with confused images of self-induced abuse  
I want to bleed; I want to hurt; I want to scream  
I want to take this to the extreme

## Duel (Hood vs. Orchidee)

So it began one cold & bitter day  
Hood upset Orchi with a humorous comment about his hymns  
Then Orchi responded with an equally hilarious reply  
They were both left feeling down; neither could deny

They met that night ready to engage in poetic combat  
But both had brought a secret weapon to the battlefield  
Orchi placed down his guinea pig with claws like wire  
Hood produced his hamster; Styx; with eyes like fire

Hood & Orchi shared an umbrella from the rain  
Enjoying their salted crisps & strong sherry together  
The rodents squared up with their teeth exposed  
The atmosphere was tense as their fury rose

Styx flew at the guinea but it moved with such speed  
Suddenly the guinea was nibbling Styx on the back  
Squeals & shrieks filled the rain-soaked air  
Making Hood & Orchi stop their buffet with a surprised stare

A sudden lightning fork struck the tree with such force  
That the branches fell down hard to the ground  
The rodents stopped & their eyes lit up ever so bright  
They both darted for the nearest branch in utter delight

Long gone was the thought of stupid poetic comments  
Long gone was the need to fight for their owners pride  
For now two poets laughed drunkenly at the sight  
Two rodents sharing an acorn so big it blocked out the moonlight

**[no actual rodents or actual poets were harmed in the making of this production. A new oak tree has been planted in memory of the acorn]**

## Moment

I open my eyes as the blackness behind my eye lids  
become illuminated by a bright & piercing light  
The planet of flame fills me with warmth & colour  
that settles my mind into a calmness of tranquillity

I capture the sounds of birds dancing happily from  
branch to branch, singing at the morning's birth  
A gentle mandolin wind swirls small wisps of  
sand, whisking them to settle on the waves

The ocean is quiet, with just a shallow abrasion  
of the water enveloping the polished pebbles  
A vessel rocks with the slow tempo of the tide  
travelling away towards lands beyond the horizon

I raise my hand to the brow of my face to block  
the rays of sun allowing me to view the beach  
No clouds break up the perfect sky of light blue  
I inhale, taking in the taste of timeless paradise

I slide my hands under the white sand & allow  
the cool grains to fall slowly between my fingers  
I wade into the clear water & allow the lush  
liquid to caress my toes cleansing away my woes

Nothing can break this moment of solitude on this  
island of myself where nobody can reach me  
I absorb the emotion where I am at one with myself  
& dissolve into the placid moment for evermore

**[optional final stanza for my dark friends]**

The acidic smell of gasoline fills my senses &  
awakens me to the false reality in which I hide  
I flick the titanium lighter & a spark roars before  
my stinging eyes, I inhale & join the planet of flames

## Remain

My skin has cracked along its creases  
& my heart has shattered into a thousand pieces  
My skull has splintered across the forehead  
That blemish down my face is where my brain has bled

I hurt all over from one conflict to the next  
Yet I still stand; awaiting another  
Just because I don't fit in or play by the rules  
Don't mean I can't fight

***Nothing you can do can hurt me now  
Do your worst & watch me smirk  
Want to wipe this grin from off my face?  
Stand in line & take your place***

***Come & hurt me; come on; try***

***Nothing you can say can bring me down  
Do your worst & watch me grin  
Want to wipe this smirk from off my face?  
Get in line & take your place***

***Come & hurt me; come on; die***

My fingers have broken & no longer extend  
The crushed ribs in my bruised chest will no longer mend  
My legs are fractured & I can't clench my fist  
& those scars are from cutting my wrists

**I grin in pain  
I smirk right back in your face  
I don't play by the rules**

**I don't try to fit in  
I fight; I hurt  
But for all this blood-stained pain  
Where once you defiantly stood; I'm still standing  
& I still  
Remain**

I hurt all over from one attack to the next  
Yet still I stand; awaiting another  
Just because I don't play by the rules or fit in  
Don't mean I won't fight

## Chess

From left to right

Up & down

Wrong & right

From pawn to crown

Black on white

Religion & warriors join to fight

A forced mistake

You move into

Checkmate



## Chess II

Royal blood hits chequered floor  
Stealth & strategy befalls the fool  
Black outwits the arrogant light  
Darkness rules supreme  
Game lost but war just begun  
Another state forced  
Into checkmate

## Chess III

First-move advantage  
Ensures the domination  
Of the planned outcome

Masters move with skill  
An algebraic notion  
With epaulette mate

Crushed by stronger minds  
Fair play was never allowed  
Rigged from the outset

***Check-mated Haiku***

***Played by the hidden dark hands***

***Pulling puppets strings***

## Pendulum

I take two steps forward & three steps back  
Never getting to my location  
I take three steps forward & four steps back  
Losing myself to my frustration

**Everywhere & nowhere**  
**Welcome to my very own**  
**Nightmare**

I climb two steps up & fall three steps down  
Falling into the tide of black  
I climb three steps up & fall four steps down  
Waiting for the fatal impact

***Stuck in the middle of between here & everywhere***  
***Caught in the centre of in-between there & nowhere***  
***Wedged in the middle of between here & over there***  
***Snared in the centre of in-between there & anywhere***

I take two steps forward & three steps back  
Never close to my pinnacle  
I take three steps forward & four steps back  
My mental state is at critical

**Over there or anywhere**  
**Welcome to my very own**  
**Nightmare**

I climb two steps up & fall three steps down  
This rope of life is too slack  
I climb three steps up & fall four steps down  
I await my final heart attack

**I have become accustomed & accept my unease  
of this self-perpetuating downward spiral to Hell  
Knowing that solitude has become my only friend  
so I no longer fight this evil twisted Satanic spell**

## Vows

Today & all of tomorrow  
In joy & in sorrow  
Our life is about to start  
'til death do us part...  
...you lyin' bitch!

Whether a spell or curse  
For better, for worse  
Forever until we perish  
To love & to cherish...  
...you lyin' witch!

***The darkness & the light  
In sickness & in health  
Two entities combine as one  
Their journey just begun***

***Rising dawn, declining dusk  
In sickness & in health  
Two minds fused as one  
Not knowing what will come***

Before our souls are sold  
To have & to hold  
As our wounds get sorer  
For richer, for poorer...  
...you lyin' witch!

**Wedding bliss?  
You taking the piss?  
Vows broken like glass  
Stuff 'em up your ass!**

No saviour will be our lord  
From this day forward  
My vows to you I sell  
I'd rather die in Hell...  
...you lyin' bitch!

## Belief

I recall laughter; flowers & midnight summer walks  
Hand in hand without a care in the world  
I knew you'd leave me soon but I held onto the moments we shared  
I clung to the promise you made; that you'd come back for me

I remember smiles; poetry & chasing clouds in the sun  
Arm in arm nothing could break our bond  
I knew you had to leave for foreign shores but knew you'd be back  
I held onto the promise you whispered; that you'd return one day

***You passed through my heart briefly & left your footprints behind  
But now as I trace those footprints; your heart I cannot find  
I fear that I may never find you; so now I plead & pray for a sign  
For now those footprints fill with tears as my heart begins to decline***

I sit now some forty years later; watching out across the raging sea  
Did you forget me; did you lose your way or did you find another  
I still hang on to those precious moments we had & recall them all  
I see your face as clear as day; but I don't see you returning to me

I stand now at the edge of the cliff where we had our first kiss  
I followed the route from the field where many feet have made a path  
I pretended they were your footsteps; leading me back to your heart  
But now as clear as day; I know you will never step foot upon this shore

So I shall take one step  
One footstep off this shore  
You promised to protect me  
So hold out your arms to catch me  
I still believe in you...

## Blind

We go to work to earn money that doesn't even exist  
Forced to buy products, we don't need but can't resist  
We pay our bills for services we never seem to get  
Holidays we take become memories we are soon to forget

***We open our eyes but we can't see  
The false lies, deceit & conspiracy  
With eyes wide shut we are so blind  
Of this illusion in which we are tied***

***We shut our eyes so we can't see  
The faces of our hidden enemy  
With eyes wide open we are still blind  
To see the illusion we just can't find***

We send our children to school to be taught their lies  
The playground violence ignored by the systems spies  
Their future is too bleak with no real end in sight  
From the corrupted news they control there's no respite

***I open my eyes & I can see  
The false lies, deceit & conspiracy  
With eyes wide shut I am not blind  
From this illusion in which I find***

***I shut my eyes but still I can see  
The faces of my hidden enemy  
With eyes wide open I'm able to find  
I see their illusion, I am no longer blind***



## Abyss

I frantically stare at the burning pit below me through the melting ice that supports my decreasing weight

The suffocating air consumes me with apathy & lethargy as I fight my body's urge to hyperventilate

**& then I fall; I descend; I plummet; deep down into my abyss of misery**

I crash rapidly towards the smoking fumes that reach out & drag my soul into its flaming core of death

My corpse ignites into an inferno as I feel the heat absorb my vitality & smolder my last gasping breath

**& then I rise; I ascend; evaporating into an escaping gas of a wasted life**

## Drum

Swimming against a punishing tide  
With no place of safety to hide  
& still I live my life to a different drum

Travelling in the wrong direction  
With no guide for my correction  
& still I exist in a place I don't belong

***Drums beat louder***  
***Beat drums faster***  
***Whispers lost to this screaming laughter***

***Beat drums faster***  
***Drums beat louder***  
***Screams lost to this deafening thunder***

Running up a steep downward slope  
With no purpose or any hope  
& still my heart beats to a solitary drum

Driving forward whilst stuck in reverse  
With my bleeding heart to nurse  
& still I resist a world that's come undone

***Drums beat louder***  
***Beat drums faster***  
***Whispers lost to this screaming laughter***

***Beat drums faster***  
***Drums beat louder***  
***Screams lost to this deafening thunder***

Living my life to a different drum

Existing in a place I don't belong  
Heart beating to a solitary drum  
Resisting a world that's come undone

**A different drum**

**I don't belong**

**A solitary drum**

**I've come undone**

## Rider

Long have I played by chance  
Taking risk when I should've played safe  
Jumping ship before it sinks  
Never believed in a curse or been the owner of a jinx

Too long have I played the odds  
No matter what, always came up on top  
Switching sides before the slide  
I always believed lady luck was my spiritual guide...

*...but she was never on my side  
Trapped in this carriage with its doors jammed shut  
I hear her taunt & laugh as she sends this vehicle faster towards the bend  
& that is where it will all finally end*

***The train is leaving with I its only rider  
Towards the void it beckons me  
Its mouth opening wider***

***The train is leaving with I its only rider  
Towards the dark it entices me  
This time I can't avoid her***

Had the ace of spades up my sleeve one time too many  
Now my truth has been discovered  
I'm a cheat & she knew all the time  
& now I get to play one final game for my sins & crime

No tricks to use, only my mind  
She holds all the cards from the deck  
This is one on one; time will tell  
When I finally meet her in the playground from hell...

*...that is when this journey will finally begin  
Now where did I put that smirk & grin?*

***The train is leaving with I it's only rider  
Towards her spun web of deceit  
Into the jaws of the spider***

***The train is leaving with I it's only rider  
Towards her wicked smile of death  
This time I can't avoid her***

## Precipice

The tide washes upon the sand  
Sweeping away the footsteps that we made  
I turn back to watch the waves erase our love  
I am at the point of no return  
It has all decayed

The now has become then  
leaving me wondering when  
it may ever be  
again

***The moment passes with the relentless ticking of time  
Leaving all that was behind to fade leaving no sign  
I stare back in hope to see the image one last time  
I know that moment was there but is now no longer mine***

The wind blows away my tears  
Forcing the regret & sadness away  
I stand back to watch the storm erode our love  
I have now reached the precipice  
I fall into decay

The now has become then  
leaving me wondering when  
it may ever be  
again  
but I know  
it will never be again  
never ever again

## Closet

Corners darkened by demons  
threatening to jump into the  
light to point & taunt with  
their skeletal fingers & filed  
teeth exposing my inner nightmares  
I thought kept well hidden from  
unwanted & such evil &  
hunger driven eyes

Claws & knives dig deep into  
the back of my two-faced  
skull stabbing with a frenzy of  
sharks attacking at the first  
smell of blood as I pour my  
sanity & secrets across the  
unforgiving floor of mercy into  
a pool of crimson stained tears

***Closet doors won't stay shut  
Force themselves open  
Like a festering putrid cut***

***Closet doors I can't keep shut  
Relentlessly stay open  
Like an infected weeping cut***

Lock & key with dead-lock  
bolt holds little at bay as the  
muffled screams & laughs  
escape from the void within  
as naked I cringe in the half-light  
as accusing stares penetrate  
deep down beyond where

I am no longer safe from harm

Madness creeps up from the  
base of my spine like a spider  
crawling towards his prey caught  
in the web of deceit & sins &  
no matter how much I twist & thrash  
the pincers of judgement sever any  
chance to argue my waning defence as  
guilt is painted across my gravestone



## Fake

Caught in the middle of four plastic walls  
Each player contained within their cosy stalls  
Religion & evil thrown into the Centurion pit  
But for the most part; it's full of blind & arrogant fools

Caught in a world of make-believe for the pen  
Hurt my feelings; I'll never be the same again  
Shoulder to shoulder you barge me from the left  
Shout your stupid belief at me; I'll just pretend I'm deaf

***Negative energy bounces like a meteor into sand  
Bile written to please & satisfy a hungry crowd  
No substance just obsessional drivel; oh so proud!***

***Positive energy left locked in an FBI profiled report  
Views from the outside blocked by their childish hands  
Deep & emotional; when nobody really understands.***

Caught in a web of lies & fake ID's  
Ego's on max in this virtual disease  
False friendship soon burned at the stake  
So much vanity; can't see the woods for the bloodied knees

Themed nonsense crafted into chapter & verse  
Each player chained by visionary limits  
Can't handle the opinion your word implies  
Play games, fit in & be nice behind murderous eyes; because...

***... "I can be your best ever friend or your worst ever enemy," said the cat from the wood  
"Well take your fake story & attention-seeking world & fuck off," said the guy in hood***

## Bile

Can't recall my name  
Can't remember who I am  
Am I alive or dead?  
Or stuck in Purgatory instead?

I'm blocked from my senses  
I've dropped into the darkness  
My skin doesn't feel cold or heat  
My heart keeps missing a beat

***Where does this odd feeling come from?  
It constricts from the inside  
It's dull on the out  
It churns my stomach  
Forcing bile into my throat stifling my scream & shout***

***What causes this chaos inside?  
It impairs from the outside  
It's numb on the in  
It spins my brain cells  
Forcing double vision so I'm confused within***

Can't recall your name  
Can't remember who you are  
Are you alive or dead?  
Or stuck in Purgatory instead?

I'm devoid of my thoughts  
I've fallen beyond the realm  
My eyes don't respond to sun light  
My left has become my right

## Enough

Too many betrayers, liars & wasters  
Too many back stabbers, crooks & thieves  
Villains, fraudsters, imposters & cheats

You've all played your games  
& scored your points  
But those were merely clashes you won  
This is war & you're almost done

***Enough of this  
I've had enough  
For when it gets dirty & rough  
You be sure to watch out for my iron fist***

***Enough of this  
I've had enough  
& as it gets bloody & rough  
I'll finally send you back to the abyss***

Too many players, sharks & fools  
Too many deceivers, informers & snakes  
Illusionists, pretenders, deluders & fakes

**Time to put right all those wrongs I've been dealt  
Everyone & anyone who has ever tried to attack me  
Will stand alone & be dealt my wrath, rage & fury**

You've all played your games  
& scored your points  
But those were simply battles you won  
Now it's war & I have only just begun

"To all the corrupters, the dishonest  
the abusers & the attackers  
know this  
I know each & every one of you  
& each one of you will finally pay  
maybe not today, or tomorrow  
but some day!"

## Viper

Gripped by fear like acid burn  
Polluted anger with nuclear fall-out  
Open mouthed, screamed laughter  
Mind phased by chemical reaction

Brain pattern lost in a maze  
Parental advisory, explicit poet  
Wedding bells with marriage feud  
Damn! My head is screwed

Gravity pulls from a mindless void  
Airless world breathes out death  
Violent playground with adult tears  
Open pathways to dead-end roads

***I stare straight into the face of the abyss  
But something here has really gone amiss  
The eyes that stare back I can't decipher  
Are these truly the eyes of the hidden viper?***

***I stare straight into the face of the abyss  
But something here has really gone amiss  
The eyes that stare back I can't decipher  
Are these truly the eyes of the silent viper?***

Graveyard joy on Christmas day  
Toxic religion, fed by intravenous drip  
Spectacles of life but no future is viewed  
Damn! My head is screwed

Screwed up words that make no sense  
Rain-washed desert with tidal wave  
A trail of glass & bleeding hearts

Head of trash, lost in space

Too many freaks, not enough circuses

Hospital bed for the self-inflicted

Infection grows on healed-up wound

Damn! My head is screwed

## Cancer

### **& so it begins...**

Something in the wind did not feel right  
My body ached & my lungs pulled tight  
It was dark but on the horizon I saw a sight  
It was coming, hiding in the moonless night

From across the ocean the enemy came  
Intent of killing me & setting me aflame  
I had no choice, whatever the physical pain  
Upon my shaking hands is a bloodied stain

From across the seas from a foreign land  
There they stood on my very own sand  
I had no choice; I had to make a brave stand  
I stare at the blood that stains my shaking hand

***Come, erase me  
Do your best to take me  
Because I'm still standing  
Of that there is no doubt***

***Come, erase me  
Do your best to break me  
Because I'm still standing  
Hear me scream & shout***

The onslaught came to take what I'd built  
My spirit was strong it would never wilt  
I had no choice; I gripped my swords' hilt  
There will be blood, just not mine that's spilt

I charged until our paths had crossed

Into a battle for life I was reluctantly tossed  
I had no choice, to win & live at any cost  
Sent back into remission, today I hadn't lost

I checked my coast line for any residue pain  
In vain hope it will never return here again  
But today upon the horizon amidst the rain  
The Cancer has returned, so clear & plain

**& so it begins...**



## Revive

Drawn a line in the sand  
All wrong-doings forgot  
Deleting faces from my past  
Free; at long last

Into the unknown; into the abyss  
Where I will no longer be missed  
Regrets thrown to the wind to die  
Dark days gone; to the light I'll fly

Scars worn but hidden beneath  
Damaged but able to survive  
A new life for me; I'm ready to breathe & revive

***I'm going it alone  
Never looking back  
Leaving it all behind  
Where nobody will find***

***I'm going it alone  
No looking behind  
Bridges left there to burn  
No chance of my return***

Drawn a line in the sand  
All my mistakes forgot  
Deleting places from my past  
Free; at long last

Into the abyss; into the unknown  
No more emotion will be shown  
Misery thrown to the wind to fly  
Darkness gone; just follow the sky

Wounds worn but hidden within  
Broken but able to survive  
A new start for me; ready to breathe & revive

*Hood pulled up to disguise my face  
Cloak drawn tight to keep me warm  
Arrogance & ego kept in check  
Pride growing with every careful step*

## Metaphor

I don't write from the heart with love  
No time to waste on foolish emotions  
I bleed words from a poisoned mind  
Direct, harsh & ultimately unkind

I don't paint a pretty tranquil scene  
No time to spend on serene landscapes  
I drip words from my forked tongue  
Hunting you down; nowhere to run

***You can stuff your clever words & pretentious critique  
Just what is it you're searching so deep between the lines for?  
Dissecting & finding hidden meanings that aren't really there  
Don't you understand; this ain't no fucking metaphor***

***You can keep your inflated ego & five syllable words  
Just what is the point that you are trying so hard to score?  
Evaluating & concluding from meanings that just aren't there  
Don't you understand; this ain't no fucking metaphor***

I don't create a master-piece of art  
No time for beauty & grace  
I burn words from a flame-filled soul  
Scolding embers to consume you whole

I don't compose a melody or tune  
No time for a harmony of sound  
I scream words from an exposed throat  
Hear my condescending voice; every note

**Don't need your guidance, support or insight  
Don't want your feedback, assistance or advice  
Never asked you to open your mouth but you couldn't keep it in**

**But now I have your attention; you know what you can do with your opinion  
The ink had hardly dried upon my page before your first blow had struck  
But now I have your attention; will you kindly shut the fuck up**

## Maniac

5am bleeps on the digital clock  
Don't wanna get up & fight the day  
Because I'm still living yesterday

Morning sun burns my cellblock  
I can't get up, I don't need the pain  
I still have yesterday's migraine

Here comes another wave of attack  
The constant attrition of a raging maniac  
I've been here before & survived the aftermath  
Just one last stroll down this winding psycho-path

***Force fed pollution for my deranged mind***  
***Simulated drowning leaves me disinclined***  
***Epidural penetration takes me to decline***  
***Self-suffocation makes bleeding eyes blind***

A toxic cocktail of a hundred pills  
I try to stand but my legs are weak  
I really can't take on another week

I'm feeling displaced & rather numb  
I know I'm confused, maybe a freak  
I compartmentalise another week

I'm ready now for another attack  
From this self-harming suicidal maniac  
I've been here before & survived the aftermath  
Just one last crawl down this twisting psycho-path

## Haemorrhaging

Each day I feel more disconnected from my yesterdays  
Can't make head nor tail of it  
Reality falls through my fingertips like scalding water  
I reach out but nothing is there to grasp  
I look forwards; but no vision to see  
The sounds I'm accustomed to become muffled  
Can't recollect last week  
I'm dropping & there is no bottom  
I'm haemorrhaging hope; no tourniquet

***Eyes sting; legs shake***

***I'm falling; no brake***

***Voice trembles; arms shake***

***Still falling; going to break***

***Skin burns; arms shake***

***I'm falling; no brake***

***Head wobbles; arms shake***

***Still falling; going to break***

Each day I lose more connection from my yesterdays  
Can't make any sense from it  
Reality slides through my fingertips like burning sand  
I reach out but emptiness holds my hand  
I look backwards; but all is black now  
The voices from my previous world have vanished  
Can't remember my name  
I'm dropping & there is no escape  
I'm haemorrhaging life; no tomorrow

***Still falling; no brake***

***I've fallen; it's too late***

***I break***

## Strait

At night the Strait becomes a long winding python; a snake of mis-direction  
Sliding & sneaking unobserved  
Twisting & coiling around silhouettes of ghosts submerged in the wash  
The surge is silent; deadly yet beautifully pure  
Momentarily a dim reflection from the old bridge breaks the darkness  
Stillness overwhelms the wind & rustle of the overhanging trees  
Waves break upon the unseen rocks protruding like a serpent's spine  
A mystical energy orbits the expanse of black liquid; magical; Satanic  
The atmosphere is alive with an evil tranquillity  
There is passion riding the surface  
A passionate love affair where love above is quickly seduced by the death below  
So many skulls form the river's floor like a pebbled path to Hell  
They stare up mocking the serene moon that knows nothing of what lies within  
The python never ends; filling the Strait with its bloated body  
The snake smiles with its two faces  
One for the love above  
The other for the wreath beneath

## Away

A shattered dream; a life in tatters  
I have to go; not that it matters  
Live each day from the bottom of a glass  
Until this life has finally let me pass

Trying hard to fight back the tears  
I know that this will haunt me for years  
But my final decision has been made  
Count down the seconds until I fade

***Away from this world  
(haunting me deeply)  
Away from the pain  
(destroying my dreams)***

***Away from this world  
(all I ever wanted)  
That drove me insane  
(torn away at the seams)***

It's time now for me to go  
It hurts; but I'll never let it show  
No matter how low I'm feeling  
It's my love for you; you're stealing

I'll be forever grieving  
Even though it's me who's leaving  
I'll never know if the choice was right  
Wasting my life through day & night.



## Glass

Their pace of life is way too fast  
I can't keep up, they travel past  
Faces pushed up against the glass  
I'm way too slow, I will be last

At this pace, I'm in control  
Their constant rat-race takes its toll  
Faces pushed up against the glass  
I try to hang on to my soul

***Too much pressure, breaking through  
I watch the glass fall down  
Cutting, slicing all of you  
As the impact cracks your crown***

***Too much pressure, falling through  
Rushing, crashing down  
Broken fragments, all of you  
Like the shards in which you drown***

These people they, will never stop  
Will something ever make them drop?  
Faces pushed up against the glass  
Too much heat to reach the top

In-between the concrete bases  
They've finally stopped their loop of races  
Faces pushed up against the glass  
Behold, their splintered faces

## Painter

She brings me butterflies on bleak days of grey  
Then chandeliers of ice on days with sunshine rays  
She turns puddles of mud into beautiful rainbows  
& brings the perfume of flowers on days of rain  
When temperatures plummet she warms me with summer scenes  
Careful brush strokes slowly layered building a view of tranquillity  
Images brought to life that I can touch, hear & smell  
Spectrum's of light fill my mind as I breathe in her art  
Landscapes appear in my room as if I was there  
Stars are spoken as if they are were born solely for me  
A kaleidoscope of colours explode across the canvas  
Pure & delicate descriptions of beauty grace the page  
I glide into her paintings & in silence I walk with her  
She is my Queen of colours  
It is not of a painter that I speak  
But of a poetess who lights my darkest days

## Evangelina

Running my fingers along your body  
You are as cold as steel, yet comforting  
My stare is fixed along your curved lines  
Mesmerised in your shimmering shine

Your eyes burn like a halogen light  
As I caress your smooth exterior  
I enter you with baited breath  
& slide into your skin as if we are one

Like spoons we share the same air & space  
I hold you & turn you on with a flick of my wrist  
You purr like a cat & vibrate between my legs  
As I increase the intensity, your purr becomes a growl

***Let's break these chains & leave this all behind  
Ride together, run away from them all  
Never look back, never regret being free  
In our wake we'll leave a trail of debris***

***Let's turn & run & leave them all behind  
Fly together, run away from it all  
Never regret, never look back to see  
The life we've left in a trail of debris***

Sliding my fingers around your zones  
You are softer inside, like the skin of a cobra  
You obey my commands & allow me control  
As I steer you towards the impending climax

I taste your breath, conditioned with ice  
Sending shivers down & into my core  
Your energy electrifies my soul

& as one, we combust into flame & smoke

**Evangelina**

**You'll know of whom I speak**

**When you see her**

**Evangelina**

**You'll know of whom I speak**

**When you hear her purr**

You howl in ecstasy & release a scream

I have control now, as I increase the power

I arouse your senses with a twist of my wrist

You respond with a surge of force & a throaty growl

## Choke

30 years of life & dreams spiral up into the clouds  
Each spark representing a moment of my life  
Desecrated & charred beyond recognition  
Every ember a piece of me I need to remember

Once a home now a funeral pyre of existence burning  
The flames flicker & dance with a cruel smirk & smile  
Will I ever find myself amongst the smouldering ash?  
Every ember a piece of me I need to remember

***With eyes filled with memory filled smoke  
I grip my fists tightly, holding back a choke  
The veil of grey swirls intensely like Satan's cloak  
I fall to the ground, finally empty but not totally broke***

Fumes fill my lungs of grief spreading sorrow through my bones  
This torch of destruction lights the way to where Hell stands  
I look up defiantly & through stained tears I smirk & smile  
Every ember a piece of me I need to remember

Everything I have ever held dear has been reduced to dust  
But my own spark has not been charred beyond recognition  
You haven't taken my family, friends or desire to survive  
Whatever it is you think you've done; know this  
"I am very much alive!"

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why did hope become a hangman's rope?  
when did my silver-lined cloud become a blackened shroud?  
why did She turn into my misery?

when did love become a spike-fisted glove?  
why is every choice I make a mistake?  
when did She become my enemy?

why did a kiss become a viper's hiss?  
when did happiness turn into a vampire's kiss?  
why did She choose to destroy me?

when did lust become a pile of rust?  
why does my life balance on the blade of a knife?  
when did She poison me with her insanity?

Is this reality Her or my insanity.com?  
Is my destiny ruled by my or Her insanity.com?  
Is my clarity blurred by Her or my insanity.com?  
Is my insanity Her poisoned insanity.com?  
Or am I wrong?  
Was I insane all along?

## Intertwined

The candle flickers in the gentle breeze  
I slide the skeleton key into the rusty lock  
I twist & hear the echo of the latch click  
Then utter silence, you could hear a pin drop

The candle wavers in the gentle breeze  
I push open the creaking door of my mind  
I can feel the dampness in the musty air  
I peer into the shadow, & what do I find?

***Pitch blackness rendering me blind***

***My depression & despair***

***Beautifully entwined***

***A madness tripping me from behind***

***My solitude & anguish***

***Perfectly intertwined***

The candle leans in the gentle breeze  
I step in & move across the cold floor  
I stare open mouthed at sight before me  
I jump at the sound of the slamming door

The candle dies in the rushing breeze  
I fall to my knees, hands over my ears  
I'm deafened by the sound of my screams  
Trapped inside my chaos that never clears

I'm home!

**666**

You walk the shadows where light does not reach  
Hiding behind names & deceiving with each step  
Who are you today?  
Lucifer or The Lawless One

You stalk the corners where purity shrinks & recedes  
Each poisoned step is soaked in your treachery  
Who are you today?  
The Antichrist or Satan

***Number of the beast six hundred & sixty six  
Seven heads all two-faced with ten horns  
Serpents slither upon the crown he adorns***

***The mark of the beast numbered six six six  
Ten horns upon seven two-faced heads  
Crowned Prince of Darkness by those long dead***

You stalk the shadows that light cannot touch  
Hiding within your cloak of malice & sinister intent  
Who are you today?  
The Devil or Father Of Lies

You walk the corners where evil & darkness breeds  
Casting death & disease with the flick of a wrist  
Who are you today?  
Abaddon, Tempter or Thief

**Ring out the seven trumpets  
Shake the world from within  
Bring the earthquakes to the world of sin  
Unleash the lightning & thunders of doom  
The moment of choice is soon**



**As prophesised in the Book of Revelation  
It is finally time for The Great Tribulation**

## Subtle

Long into the night I recount my failed past  
Misery holds me tight & close  
I have moved beyond fear & now enter a new chapter  
Here depression comforts me as it wraps around  
Crushing, suffocating; yet so subtle it makes no sound

The silence becomes my friend as I talk into the quiet  
It returns no answers but listens without interruption  
It neither judges nor condemns; the silence is my only friend...

...I raise my glass to honour my new found friend

***But is my glass half empty or is it half full?  
Maybe I should be grateful; it holds anything at all***

***Is my glass half empty or is it half full?  
Maybe I should be thankful; I have a glass at all***

Long into the night I recount my mistakes  
Agony holds me close & tight  
I have moved beyond regret & now enter a new phase  
Here depression welcomes me as it wraps around  
Choking, suffocating; yet so subtle it makes no sound

The darkness becomes my friend as I talk to the black  
It returns no answers but listens without interruption  
It neither judges nor condemns; the darkness is now my friend...

...I raise my glass to honour my new found friend

***But is my glass half empty or is it half full?  
Maybe I should be grateful; it holds anything at all?  
Is my glass half empty or is it half full?***

***Maybe I should be thankful; I have a glass at all***

## Alone

On the arm on his left he wore the scar of a long ago fight  
He watched it shine in the light of the pale grey night  
A vicious attack; four men with knives  
A back-alley; dim light; scared for his life  
A rage; a scream; three lay on the floor  
But a blade sunk deep was the final score  
He rose like a demon & killed without shame  
With justice complete; his eyes burned like a Satanic flame  
The alley seemed blacker than death  
He turned to leave; stepping over victims fighting for breath  
The smell of death burned high in the sky  
Tonight he thought; was their turn to die

***From the wrist on his left & the wrist on his right  
He dripped blood to the floor; time to die tonight  
From the wound on his left & the wound on his right  
He fell down to the ground in a heap; unable to keep up the fight***

On the arm on his right he wore the bracelet of a long ago love  
He watched it shine like the wings of a pale grey dove  
She was a creature of beauty; they met by fate  
In a violent pub; thick smoke; getting late  
A smile; a wink; their paths had crossed  
A touch; a kiss; in love they were lost  
Pure Heaven; stained Hell; it mattered not  
They were never apart; time; they simply forgot  
She gave him a gift; a bracelet of precious metal  
But a forgotten debt; was due for settle  
A hooded assassin crept through the black  
She lay still on her bed; a poisoned dart in the back

## Wordsmith A.V. (co-write by Hood & Santita)

Whoever knows what lurks behind?  
Deep within the wordsmith's mind  
Pain, regret & memories black  
Not forgetting demons of the darkest kind

Under the thin veil of a smiling face  
Embedded deeply; without a trace  
Is agonising fear of a tortured soul  
Wandering life; looking for his place

***Wordsmith, poet, creator of words  
Be gone now my friend & fly  
Your artistic impressions will forever last  
Your masterpieces were a masterclass***

***Artist, painter, creator of art  
Fly high my friend & soar  
Your poetic creations will forever be  
Your words high in the clouds; I'll always see***

Who can ever see what hides behind?  
So deep within the poet's mind  
Strain, misery & ghostly scenes  
Not forgetting shadows that make you so blind

A visionary; painting in rich hues  
An amorous writer of fervent views  
Depicting portraits of impassioned colour  
Bringing to life the whispers of your muse

## Stone

I look into your eyes  
It hits me like a stone  
You're cold, not permeable  
You let no one in; you're alone

The truth is there staring back  
Reach out & take it now  
Lose all your inhibitions  
Enter the real world; it will allow

***False face, false smile  
It's all a disguise  
You can be whoever you want  
Be careful; remember your lies***

***False face, false smile  
It's all a disguise  
You can be whoever you want  
Be careful of your demise***

Don't hide away from the light  
Your mask is tight & hurts to touch  
Remove it; reveal the true you  
Take your time; it's not that bright

I see you now, naked & proud  
Confident, excited, an angel  
I hold you, I touch you  
I love you, can't you tell?

## Hooded

The alley was dimly lit  
Not a sound; conditions perfect  
With just enough light  
To mark the victim from the night

Knife clenched tight in palm  
Wait a second; don't move too soon  
Step out from the shade  
Just a quick flash of the blade

The victim will stop in his tracks  
Handing over the wallet in an instant  
An easy trade: life for cash  
Take the money; turn & dash

***What should have been a simple  
smash & grab  
turned unexpectedly into  
a slash & stab***

But something isn't right  
The victim doesn't play the game  
& draws a blade of his own  
This is territory of the unknown

Panic crosses the villain's face  
No clarity; just confusion & rage  
No time to think clear  
He slashes him open from ear to ear

This isn't how the game is played  
No blood or death to be dealt  
He stares deep into his knife

As the victim lays gurgling away his life

***What should have been a simple  
smash & grab  
turned unexpectedly into  
a slash & stab***

***Victim to victor in the flash of a blade  
a blood spiller  
he replaces his hood  
leaves the alley a cold-blooded killer***



## Caught

With opened mouth I try to scream  
Caught between nightmare & dream  
Neither awake nor asleep  
I am not a part of this world it seems

With opened eyes I try to see  
Semi-darkness prevents focus for me  
Neither alive nor dead  
I don't belong here; yet I want to be

***Shadows dance across my wall  
In my room; insignificant & small  
As I try to dream; I start to fall  
I can't stand; I'm forced to crawl***

***Images dance in the fading light  
In my room, shadowed by night  
I try to dream; eyes squeezed tight  
I can't escape; I'm forced to fight***

I close my mouth; no sound to be made  
Trapped in a void; I'm so afraid  
Neither asleep nor awake  
Any hope of life is covered in shade

I close my eyes as I drift away  
Stuck in this world clouded grey  
Neither dead nor alive  
I sit up; wishing my life ends today

## Blackout

Here comes the collapse  
Never knew it was coming until it was too late  
It was so fast & hard  
The strike took me clean off my feet  
Smacked the ground face first  
Then my boundaries came tumbling down  
Rubble rained down on me  
I tried to stand but the weight was too heavy  
Broken; I curled into a ball

Engulfed by the relentless darkness  
Deep into the void beyond the abyss  
Into the arms of unconsciousness

***Blackout; no warning***

***Blackout; no control***

***Blackout; consume me whole***

Here comes the collapse  
Never knew it was coming until it was too late  
It was so quick & harsh  
The impact knocked me off my feet  
Face first I smacked the ground  
Then my defences began to cave in  
Burying me in a pile of stone  
I tried to crawl but the pain was too intense  
Broken; I curled into a ball

**Falling, spiralling, out of control**

**Twisting, tumbling**

**Upside down, inside out**

**Plunging, plummeting**

**Descending, down, deeper & deeper**

**There is no bottom**

**Nothing to break this fall**

**Nothing, nothing below me at all**

Engulfed by the relentless darkness

Deep into the void beyond the abyss

Into the arms of unconsciousness

## Attention

When things become way too much  
I close my eyes & take a deep breath  
then I submerge myself under the water  
& wait until I almost reach my death

I stay under fighting the urge to breathe  
allowing my lungs to scream for air  
& starving my brain of oxygen  
testing my will, facing my ultimate fear

***The more I cry the less I need your help  
No friends to hear my violent screams  
The need for attention is lost in my dreams***

***The more I bleed the less I feel your love  
Nobody here to wipe my weeping tears  
A moment to feel important never appears***

When events push me to the edge  
I take out my knife & cut at my skin  
pushing the blade in so deep I bleed  
I take the pain & enjoy my ultimate sin

I push further until I finally touch bone  
only then do I feel so very much alive  
I twist & turn increasing the agony  
now I know what it's like to survive

## Awkwardness

Let me set the scene for you  
Because I think you have it all so wrong  
There was no sunshine or cloudless skies  
It was awkward with things that didn't belong

Let me set the scene again  
Because you don't really understand  
There was no trigger; no reason at all  
It was way too awkward to have been planned

Where once laughter & joy was heard  
Now the sound was that of a blackbird's song  
Every candle flickered then burnt itself out  
Then silence; deafening, awkward & long

***It wasn't gradual, nor even subtle  
In the blink of an evil eye  
She changed her smile into misery***

***It wasn't subtle; nor even gradual  
In the blink of an evil eye  
Her perfect smile became history***

Awkwardness bled from every orifice  
She was no longer pure like the angel I once knew  
She wore the skin of a demon & breathed fire with every word  
I tried to protect myself from the outburst & poison  
But I was infected with the awkwardness & I fell  
I never saw it coming; now I bleed too

There was no cure from the insanity that I had been cursed with  
There was no place where I could find sanctuary  
I had been condemned 'til my final day

The song of the blackbird wouldn't stop screeching in my head  
I had been forced into a relentless state of distress

I have become one with her disease; awkwardness

## Blood

I came to spill; your blood with steel  
Killer against killer  
Blade to blade  
'til your life is spent

I came to spill; your guts this night  
Cutthroat against cutthroat  
Knife to knife  
'til you're broken & bent

I came to spill; your bleeding heart  
Murderer against murderer  
Sword to sword  
Welcome to your descent

***Frantic rage, brutal anger & hate  
Bitterness, fury, malice & spite  
Bloodied knuckles on a fist clenched tight***

***Frantic anger, brutal rage & spite  
Malice, fury, bitterness & hate  
Crimson hands strangle to asphyxiate...  
...to asphyxiate...  
...to annihilate...  
...to eliminate...  
...to exterminate***

I came to fight; I came to kill  
Warrior against warrior  
One on one  
'til only one is left

I came to fight; I came for you

Soldier against soldier

One on one

'til the last breath

I came to fight; I came for blood

Mercenary against mercenary

One on one

Welcome to your death



## Station[ary]

I step off the station platform into my reserved seat  
I sit relaxed in the carriage taking a deep breath of satisfaction  
Awaiting the whistle to announce the departure  
No engine roars but the platform gradually moves away  
No sensation of movement  
Everything is perfectly still  
I peer out to watch the landscape escape  
Something is not right here  
Blind panic reverberates through my chest  
The train is stationary; it's the world that is moving  
The window becomes a blur as the world speeds past  
Leaving me perfectly still; stuck in my own existence  
Disconnected; life travels past leaving me in its wake  
I scream & punch at the glass  
Nothing; my fist of crimson stains my view  
Passenger of one; destination nowhere  
Nothing ever changes  
In hopeless despair I cradle my head hiding tears  
This carriage has become my prison  
No key; no guards; alone in solitary  
No chance of derailing  
Faces & places storm by, lingering only briefly to cast their accusing eye  
Trapped inside  
Eyes stare inwards  
Glancing into the deep recesses of my mind  
No air left to breathe  
No relief from this cage  
Forgotten; left in stasis  
Society leaves me behind  
Hands chained; eyes now blind

## Bass

It's 1am

Flickering neon lights & the sound up full  
Ear drums fighting against the distortion  
Hot bodies mingle in illuminated chaos

It's 2am

Alcohol & drugs fuel dance floor rage  
Screams of fear & excitement fill the arena  
Incoherent visions invite vivid hallucinations

***This party is in full swing***

***I'm so out of my mind***

***I'm absorbing the bass***

***My senses; I can no longer find***

***The party is in full swing***

***I'm so out of control***

***I'm immersed in the bass***

***My senses; rendered from my soul***

It's 3am

Voices lost in the relentless onslaught  
Mindless bodies jerk & thrash in time  
Inhibitions lost in the havoc & pandemonium

It's 4am

Disarray & confusion feeds the waning crowd  
Wave upon wave of noise attacks the feverish few  
But the few are lost; lost to the persistent bass

## [in]Sanity

This I choose to be the way I strengthen my convictions  
Infiltrate society & conquer my addictions  
I torture those who pester me with systematic rhyme  
& thus protect the innocence they choose to call a crime

My thoughts live on the edge of insanity  
My words outburst as profanity  
& no guilt or regret fill my heart  
Call it arrogance or vanity

If this be wrong or ignorant, I stand to be corrected  
Sitting in the judgment seat of those who are elected  
Bowing down before the crown of ultimate illusion  
I perpetrate the parody of everyone's delusion

***With bloodied feet shredded & cut  
I walk upon the razor wire border  
Stepping between chaos & order***

***With bloodied feet lacerated & torn  
I step upon the barbed wire border  
Walking between chaos & order***

To prophesy for profit is a thing I can't abide  
& so it is with confidence my enemies I chide  
Persuading them to ponder the damage they have done  
By giving in to greed & sin before the day is won

My thoughts fight daily with my sanity  
My inner demons try to control me  
Yet my mind is my own; I'm in control  
Individuality I can always guarantee

It isn't always easy to eviscerate the fool  
Dances on his puppet strings as though he were a tool  
But this I swear upon the name of eminent conceit  
I'll never let a brother down or contemplate defeat

## Cloth

You judge me with your accusing eyes  
Looking me up & down with disgust  
Like I was something under your shoe  
Viewing me with such hate & mistrust

*Safety in numbers*  
*Do you feel safe?*  
*Where has your bravery gone?*  
*I am just one*  
*Yet you decline to fight*  
*Let's get this over & done*

From your vantage point you think you're safe  
With your suit & polished shoes  
Your money & power means nothing to me  
The higher you stand; the further you'll fall; you'll see

***I'm not cut from the same cloth as you***  
***I'm different in every aspect***  
***The places you fear to tread***  
***I revel in the pain & dread***

***I'm not cut from the same cloth as you***  
***I'm different in every manner***  
***You run away from shadows***  
***I play where the darkness grows***

You accuse me with your damning eyes  
Staring through me with such disdain  
Like I was trash to be thrown away  
Cussing me & calling me insane

*Safety in numbers*

*Do you feel safe?*

*Where has your confidence gone?*

*I am just one*

*Yet you decline to fight*

*It's too late to break & run?*

From where I stand; I have my pride

With my fist & polished blade

My hidden features reveal nothing to you

Behind this mask is a stranger; will I run you through?

## Tick-Tock

Yesterday never existed; it was only Now at the time  
Tomorrow will never come until Now arrives  
We only live in the moment; everything else is gone  
No point in waiting; because Now won't wait too long

Don't look back at the things you can't retrieve  
Your memories can only be played in the Now  
Nothing happens tomorrow as it will never come  
Absorb yourself in Now; because once it's done it's done

Time it ticks on by  
The clock will never stop  
What follows every tick right Now  
Is a perfectly weighted tock  
Amplified by the eternal Devil's clock

## Troubles (co-write by Hood & Ziggy)

You are now entering  
Free Derry where blood  
spat the streets our  
kindred deceased another  
score to add to the tally

**Hand it back, give it back**  
**We might forgive, but we'll never forget**  
**The violent riots; the murderous ways**  
**Or the hostile attacks**

What scars remain on  
the graves of pain, never  
tamed those freedom  
fighters famed, without a  
voice the slaughtered choice

***Have it back, have it back***  
***To all the fallen; we'll never forget***  
***An Ireland rejecting the Union Jack***

***Take it back, take it back***  
***An Ireland full of anger & regret***  
***Have it back & burn the Union Jack***

Eight hundred years without  
remission, abandoning thoughts  
& minds the cleansing of my kind

**Have it back, take it back**  
**We might forgive; but we'll never forget**  
**The deadly bombs or the innocent killed**  
**In the hostile attacks**



Taken from their beds the innocent  
bleed soon dead, yet in my life time  
I've seen the fighting quell the cracking  
of the hardened generation hatred shell

**Keep 'The Troubled' land  
But none of us will be able  
To forget what happened!  
Ireland & the Mainland**

## Diagnosis

He looked accusingly  
Not with humane eyes  
But with vacant ones  
He scanned the patient  
But he viewed not a patient  
She was merely a number  
With harsh words he crushed her  
He stamped down hard  
Splitting her spirit & hope in two  
Not a smile left his lips  
His tone was that of the undertaker  
His hands were cold as he examined  
Compassion had divorced him years ago  
He hardly spoke, he barely listened  
He wrote nothing down  
Then at last he looked up  
He looked deep into the eyes of the number  
& with his vacant eyes  
He told the number all she needed to know  
She got up & left before any words left his lips  
As she fled down the corridor  
She screamed  
"This creature isn't worth saving!"

But as she screamed & ran  
She took in the stranger sitting in the corridor  
She knew his face despite it being half hidden by a hood  
She knew his name  
He knew her not as a number  
But as one of his order  
He had come  
He had known  
He was there for her

**Diagnosis: Protection**

She left with a smile of satisfaction  
Protected by a Hooded one

The one with vacant eyes never left

**Diagnosis: Retribution**

His vacant eyes sit in a jar by her window  
She looks at them every day before whispering  
"This creature has been saved"

## Enemy

Friends are false; I cannot trust  
No secrets shared; silence a must  
You try so hard; to penetrate  
I am no fool; concentrate

You plot & plan the perfect crime  
Take the bait; take your time  
You have me trapped; I cannot flee  
I turn to face my own worst enemy

***Over my shoulder, something follows me  
I am stalked by the enemy, I cannot see  
Hidden in the shadows, away from view  
A glimmer of a face, I'm sure I once knew***

***Stopping in my tracks, a quick look I chance  
Faces, places, my mind a frenzied dance  
Somewhere out there hiding in the black  
Is the enemy of mine, preparing to attack***

Your face a mask; full of deceit  
Your evil trap; knock me off my feet  
Take the chance; make a mistake  
Enemy down; never hesitate

I plot & plan the perfect crime  
Take the bait; take your time  
I have you trapped; you cannot flee  
You turn to face your own worst enemy

## Crows I & II

### Crows

Alone I stare from this nest of crows  
Tension builds, pressure grows  
I take no friends from this land of lies  
The earth is dying, no one denies  
Alone I stand from this castle of sand  
Confusion seeps across the land  
I take no friends from this world of pain  
The earth creaks, shrouded in shame

### Alone I stare

**Alone I stare from this nest of crows**

**Alone I stand**

**Alone I stand from this castle of sand**

***As the sun rises with shadows of grace***

***Take just a moment to recall my face***

***Whatever becomes, the sun will remain***

***As the sun rises over a world gone insane***

***Recall my name***

***Whatever happens, the sun shall remain***

Alone I stare from no return  
Faces filled, full of concern  
I have no friends in this land of old  
The earth shakes, with pollution untold  
Alone I stand from my nest of crows  
Tension builds, pressure grows  
I have no friends in this world of death  
The earth is dying, there's nothing left

**Alone I stare**

**Alone I stare from this nest of crows**

**Alone I stand**

**Alone I stand from this castle of sand**

***As the sun rises with burning disgrace***

***Take just a moment to recall my face***

***Whatever becomes, the sun will remain***

***As the sun rises over a world in such pain***

***Recall my name***

***Whatever happens, the sun shall remain***

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## **Crows II**

The world has died, no Heaven for us

We bled her dry, every last drop

The people believed, it would be ok

We've forced our world into decay

The sky is black, no air to breathe

We're all to blame, for damage done

This is no movie where the hero saves

We've pushed our world into a grave

***Deep in the valley beyond the highest peak***

***There's a hidden gate where the Gods all sleep***

***The valley of death, a place of no return***

***I'm travelling there, to my death I'll reach***

***Deep in the valley beyond the crows nest***

***A secret door, where the Gods all rest***

***Once on the path, there's no way back***

***Destination Hell, it's for the best***

The planet is dead, only Hell remains  
We took her life & killed her soul  
The planet is left so empty & bare  
We knew the risks, we just didn't care

The surface is burnt & full of ash  
A barren place, no life, just death  
The Gods look down with utter dismay  
They gave us life & we took it away...

...they gave us life & we threw it away  
they gave us life & we simply threw it away

## Different

Distracted by despair  
Confused by a Devil that I know isn't there  
I stare into the abyss  
A cobra spits from the dark with a venomous hiss

Beauty in the darkness  
Lurks in the corner of my misery  
Trembling hands hold shaking head  
I'm ripping apart thread by thread

***Consumed by madness***

***No regret nor sadness***

***But I wish to be different***

***Nonetheless***

Mind blanks then refocuses on the false  
But purity & truth no longer belong here  
Only a hiss from the abyss & this Devilish despair

Beauty in the shadows  
Hides in the depths of my psyche  
Shaking hands hold trembling head  
I'm stumbling alone step over step



## Affair

She brings me crashing waves when I need a calming sea  
She brings me utter sadness when I look for peace & love  
She brings me pain & tears when I search for lust & joy  
She pulls apart my stitches as if I was an unwanted toy

She leads me into darkness, away from soothing light  
Turns my sun filled day into a storm filled night  
Rain she sends to drown my inner soul  
She digs my grave; she has control

She makes me love her, crave her & more  
I can't break free; these chains around my wrists  
Are bleeding & sore

***I'm in love with someone else  
But I can't look her in the eye  
You may know her; she goes by the name of  
M.I.S.E.R.Y.***

***I'm in love with someone else  
I'm besotted but don't know why  
You may know her; she goes by the name of  
M.I.S.E.R.Y.***

She sends me a skeletal hand when I need a loving touch  
She sends me panic & fear when I need tranquillity  
She brings me deafening sound when I ask for silence  
She rips apart my heart with such rage & violence

She leads me into darkness, away from soothing light  
Turns my sun filled day into a storm filled night  
Pain she sends to harm my inner soul  
She digs my grave; she has control

She is MISERY; she'll never let me be free  
I sleep with her every night  
Comforted that she loves me  
Never letting me out of sight

## Religion

I stare up towards the clouds free from any shackle & chain  
I look upon the hopeless as they look to their God without shame  
He brings them suffering & pain; yet still they believe & never blame

My religion has no time for a God designed for the lost  
My religion has no place for a deity created for the herd  
Your religion is based on words that you must know are totally absurd  
Yet still you read that bible obsessively; every pointless word  
When was it you lost your way  
& your direction & focus on reality became so masked & blurred?

***No deity for me to rule my life  
No bible to dictate each choice  
No church to waste time on prayer  
So I won't be going to Heaven...like I care!***

***No God for me to rule my life  
No bible to dictate each choice  
No church to waste time on my knees  
So I have no place in Heaven...so I'm free!***

I wander freely among the trees without any shackle nor chain  
I look upon the useless as they worship their deity without shame  
Yet he brings them misery & pain; & still they don't question or blame

My religion has no space for a deity perfected to control the crowd  
My religion has no time for a God that can't possibly exist  
Your religion is based on lies & deceit but still you preach; you can't resist  
The words in your bible make no sense so you manipulate, guess & twist  
When was it you lost your way  
& your clarity & vision on reality became so shrouded in mist?

## Sirens

The sound of sirens split the silence  
It took two hours to cut the metal  
A broken body, bloodied & defiled  
I held her frail hand & gently smiled

She had blood splattered on her top  
Her eyes filled with swelling tears  
Heart beat began to slow with time  
Her face shone in the rising sun shine

***Slip away now***

***Gently let go***

***Just slip away***

***Say goodbye to this final day***

***Drift away now***

***Simply let go***

***Just drift away***

***Goodbye to this final day***

The sound of sirens broke the silence  
Metal still protruded through the skin  
The blood loss was becoming worse  
This day had turned into a vile curse

I watched the despair cover her face  
Tears flowed down across her cheeks  
The Policeman said 'something was wrong.'  
Then he said, 'Ma'am step away, he's gone.'

## State

The world has fallen into utter decay  
The Swastika flaps in the nuclear wind  
Banner for the Nazi's & now the KKK  
A pure race they want, with no mixed up breed  
A master race with no genetically modified seed

One world currency, army & Government  
A breach of trust with fraudulent intent  
We've been the pawns in the power games  
Our minds controlled, broken & bent

The world is now in a fucking state  
Their lies have spread like a biblical plague  
Run, save yourself, before it's too late

***With the stars & stripes  
The land of the imprisoned free  
The bankrupt States hang by a noose  
Swinging in the wind of the blood-line tree***

***With the proud Union Jack  
The land of no hope nor glory  
The Welsh despise the Scots while  
The Brits fight the Irish across the sea***

The world is polluted beyond repair  
Governments are mere puppets on a string  
Such perfect control by the non-elected Chair  
World domination is what they want & need  
No matter how many of the innocent bleed

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A breach of trust with fraudulent intent

We've been the pawns in the power games  
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The world is still in a fucking state  
Their lies have spread like a biblical plague  
Believing the deceit was such a mistake...

...& all in all, we're just, broken bricks in the wall

## SPYDR (co-write by Hood & Ziggy)

The deep web data dump  
fake identity hiding from the  
silent watchers through TOR  
the Onion router hiding in the  
dark net unobserved

Information overload on a web  
of deceit anonymity sought  
against the powers that seek  
our every thought and motion

***The spider weaves its delicate web of silk***  
***Enticing the user to travel deeper into the spiral***  
***The spider lurks cowardly in the dark***  
***Knowing its final catch will eventually go viral***

***The spider sharpens its fangs full of venom***  
***Excited to finally poison its unexpected secret surfer***  
***The spider hides in the darkest corner***  
***Knowing its bounty will be held in the internal server***

deleting our principle of privacy  
revolution once again hiding in  
the dark corridors rebelling  
against dwindling freedoms

instead of privacy we have permission  
to proceed eradication of rights  
living in a world that is an electronic  
police state CCTV big brother watching  
you and me





## Compass

Lost & confused  
Emotions have run amok  
Can't find North  
I've reached deadlock

Sunk & perplexed  
Feelings are blocked  
Can't find East  
I've reached gridlock

***My compass of morality  
Keeps turning & spinning  
Offering me  
No direction or clarity***

***My compass of morality  
Keeps spinning & turning  
Offering me  
Nothing but insanity***

Broke & alone  
Senses have stopped  
Can't find South  
I've become laughingstock

Silent & ruined  
Vocal cords clogged  
Can't find West  
Back to the starting block

***My compass keeps turning  
No direction or clarity  
My compass keeps spinning***

***Sending me to insanity***

Still silent & ruined

Head turned in shock

Can't find my way

Time is now; nothing o'clock

## Mirror

You look at me & see a reflection of yourself  
But what you don't see is what lies beneath  
I play along & pretend to be who you want me to be  
But just below the surface is so much more  
A world that is nothing like yours

I wear a disguise to fit in to hide  
But I don't want to conform; I want to be an individual  
To be unique; to have a skin of my own  
To have my own ideas & express myself  
You look at me & you see yourself

But you are a fool & can't free yourself  
You do what you think everybody else wants  
The words that you say are to please everybody else  
You are controlled like a robot

I'm not playing this game anymore  
I don't care if I don't fit in & say the right things  
My individuality is pushing through  
You won't like what you see or hear  
But I don't care anymore

So stop fucking looking at me that way; turn away  
Leave me alone  
Shatter the glass & slice open the visage  
Expose the real me  
Fucking bleed me out

## Clown

The Circus is coming, full of freaks & oddballs  
Laughter will surely fill the tent  
Rapturous applause & shouts  
But a funny man; the show is without

He's no longer funny, no longer having fun  
Pointed to his head is no imitation gun  
He hides in the shadow of the ring  
He is finally over & done

***I am the man who was once a clown  
Wore a smile & a joker's crown  
Now all that's left is a tear-streaked face  
A solemn expression & a pathetic frown***

***I am the clown who was once a man  
Life of the party, always in demand  
Now I'm broken with a fake-painted smile  
Underneath I'm dying; head in my hand***

The Circus is coming, full of oddballs & freaks  
Excitement will surely fill the tent  
Infectious giggles & screams  
But the funny man is torn at the seams

He's no longer joking, no longer in disguise  
The painted face doesn't hide his Reptilian eyes  
He hides in the corner of the ring  
There he falters, breaks down & dies

## Balance

The time had come  
Forty years of control & only then did I see  
The mind had been the enemy all that time  
It had been corrupted; re-programmed to confuse  
It was out of sync; it was malfunctioning  
It was a virus & out of control  
Every decision had been polluted & designed to mislead  
The connection had been rendered & I never knew  
Light never got in to illuminate my path  
I had been trapped in the dark  
But that day I was awoken  
Not sure what caused the spark  
But the embers turned into a flame & engulfed me  
My soul caught alight & suddenly I was new  
For the first time I could see  
I could feel & smell  
I could hear & taste  
& for the first time I heard it beat  
The sound was music; a melody so sweet that tears fell  
My heart was alive & sang to me  
My body connected to itself & balance was restored  
The mind was confused as it no longer led me  
The heart took full control & I was so alive  
Light shone out through my eyes  
Heat soared through every chakra  
Life poured through my veins & arteries  
The poison in my mind was cleansed  
No longer did I force a smile  
My whole face smiled for my body  
It wasn't happiness or joy  
It was pure love; my body was feeling love for itself  
Regret & despair no longer had a home in my soul  
Negativity was banished

I found beauty in the air I breathed  
I saw colours where before I only viewed grey  
Energy filled my every cell & I vibrated in tune with the earth  
Pain no longer existed within  
Sadness evaporated & was replaced with laughter  
Misery was a word I didn't recognise anymore  
Life was suddenly my universe; my purpose  
I understood; I believed  
I had a spirit & it was real  
My heart was awake  
I was whole  
I was finally one

## Fu#ked

In sickness I find myself so very much alive  
As in health I find myself so very much in pain  
With every movement I stay perfectly still  
As I stand motionless my body jerks & shakes

Like a feather I plummet to the earth  
Like a stone I drift towards the ground  
Like a leaf I sink beneath the waves  
Like a rock I rest upon the surface where...

***...everything's fucked up; it's all fucked up  
Everything is fucking fucked up  
& it's here that I find myself completely stuck***

In life I find myself so very close to death  
As in death I find myself so very much alive  
With every heart-beat my blood fails to pump  
With every breath I take I cannot breathe

**It's all broken, torn apart & split  
Splintered, turned upside-down & ripped  
Snapped in two, smashed & fractured  
Cracked, crushed & finally shattered**

Like a leaf I plunge to the ground  
Like a rock I glide towards the earth  
Like a feather I drop beneath the surface  
Like a stone I settle upon the waves where...

***...everything's fucked up; it's all fucked up  
Everything is fucking fucked up  
& it's here that I find myself permanently stuck***

## Deny

Bankrupt authorities monopolise & control the gun-patrolled schools  
Mind-bending & distorting kids into the famed zombie halls  
Pill-dropping addictive parents work for the latest 'don't need'  
Creating & nurturing more android drones from their poisoned seed

Police, now corporate soldiers with a 'shoot for the fun of it' policy  
Turning this blockbuster manic chaos into a real-life Divine Comedy  
Smile your plastic lips for the social media 'wanted dead or alive' poster  
Ride the white knuckled food contaminated ozone depleted rollercoaster

***No point asking me for my opinion***

***'cos I only speak the truth***

***You don't like that reality***

***'cos you can't compute the proof***

***No point asking me for my opinion***

***'cos I'll split truth from lies***

***You can't handle that response***

***'cos your programmed mind denies***

TV shows with subliminal suggestions are a daily craving need  
Families of zombies glued to plasma screens until their eyes bleed  
God crunching soul-starving squads attack the weak & blinded  
God so loves you but please pay at the door; you will be reminded

War for the rich; paid by the poor who don't know who they are anymore  
Climate control delivers acid rain by remote control from the sky hole  
Surrender your intelligence to the bomb threats & false flag entrepreneurs  
Never ask if the artificial diseases come with refundable money-back cures

***Just don't ask me; what do I know?***

***I don't read the newspapers so I'm uninformed***

***Just a waster & a lost soul; God's squad will save me!***



***Deny all this lunacy; just don't bother saving me!***

## Artistic

The morning sun does its best to penetrate my façade  
But the ice frosted across my soul returns the heat to its sender  
I feel the emotion well in my eyes but only frozen crystals form  
The light adorns my face to ignite my withering soul  
But the rays are soon lost in the shadows of my weathered veneer  
I consider a false smile to crack my cemented lips  
But I am a statue & my expression is fixed & remains solid  
Fresh smelling air is blown across the field of poppies to cleanse me  
I turn my head away & close my eyes from the opportunity to feel alive  
Inside I grin a defiant smirk; knowing nothing can get inside of me  
I am a ghost who has given up on the art of living  
The only way I know; is the art of dying

## Senses

Can you see that?

That's the integral vision of my pernicious chicanery

Can you taste that?

That's the repugnant taste of my inexorable subterfuge

Can you feel that?

That's the succinct feel of my perfunctory duplicity

Can you smell that?

That's the factitious smell of my brazen insecurities

***Caught in two mendacious minds***

***On the fragile precipice of madness***

***My inept thoughts are nebulous***

***Leaving me with chimerical sadness***

Can you hear that?

That's the cataclysmic sound of my synchronous maundering

Can you sense that?

That's the discreet sense of my indefatigable perspicacity

## Clarity

You've lost your way, in this dying world  
But this life ain't no fuckin' charity  
Come to me, let me help you some  
I'll cut out your fuckin' eyes for clarity

You've lost your way, in this lying world  
This dying world has lost its purity  
Come to me, let me help you out  
I'll cut out your fuckin' eyes for clarity

***There's a race for ownership, fuelled by greed  
The hungry go hungry whilst the suits, replenish their need  
The world seems to crumble but no Government sees  
People choke on the death, that's blowin' in the breeze***

***There's a race for dominance, fuelled by need  
The poor get poorer whilst the suits, replenish their greed  
The world seems to crumble but no Government sees  
Vision lost, I can't see the woods for the fuckin' trees***

I've lost my way, in this prying world  
But this life ain't no fuckin' charity  
I come to you, can you help me some  
Cut out my fuckin' eyes for clarity

I've lost my way, in this crying world  
This dying world has lost its purity  
I come to you, can you help me out  
Cut out my fuckin' eyes for clarity

## Aimlessly

My ears bleed to the amplifying sound of silence  
I accept the coldness in my heart as a given  
Into my chest a spike is forcibly driven

Hands shake as my spoken words tremble  
Lost in the ether is any meaning or sense  
This feeling of loss is too intense

***& so the rain slowly drowns my tears  
As I wander aimlessly in this desolate place  
Nowhere to find shelter for my head  
& so I'm left to sink instead***

***& so the rain slowly drowns my tears  
As I wander aimlessly in this desperate space  
Nowhere to find solace for my soul  
So I'm left to sink in this hole***

My brain pounds to the raw relentless sound of silence  
I accept the coolness in my heart as a given  
The pain I endure is so well hidden

Muscles ache as my throat audibly screams  
Lost in the ether is any sense or meaning  
This feeling of loss leaves me bleeding

***& so the rain drowns my tears  
But can't disguise my enduring fears  
& so I drown...aimlessly***

## Farewell

This is where we part for good  
Put on my coat and pull up my hood  
Heaven's door will be surely closed  
Hell awaits me, it's what I deserve...I suppose

This is where I say my last goodbye  
This is farewell, my whispered lullaby  
Heaven's door will be firmly closed  
Hell awaits me, it's what I deserve...I suppose