

# Anthology of Its Raskolnikov



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## Loving Fire

Watch the red and yellow,  
As they dance like the moment's made for them,  
They dance so firm and fondly,  
Together they rise,  
Together they fly,  
Together they die,  
Won't you dance with me?

Watch the flames rise high,  
Into the sky,

'Til the smoke fills our lungs,  
I'll never leave your side,

Watch the flames,  
In that loving fire,  
It looks so fine,  
And divine,

The colors,  
They dance,  
They roar,  
They singe,  
I can take the burn,  
Just don't share the flame,

Help me find the light,  
Your love,  
Your heat,  
Help me find the fire,  
So we can both dance,  
Both back on our feet,

Right by the red and yellow,  
Let me hold you,  
And we'll watch that loving fire,  
Or haven't I told you?  
We can rise,  
We can fly,  
We can surpass the sky,  
Or we can die,

Watch the red and yellow,  
As they dance their lives away,  
Flying higher and higher,  
Past all the rest,  
Would you dance with me like that?  
Would you watch that loving fire?  
Would you let me see too?

As the embers cool,  
Our fire keeps raging,  
Cause love is endless,  
Love is fine,  
Love is as divine,  
As our time,  
With that loving fire,  
Would you be mine?

## Again

*I can still remember the day,  
That day you blew me away,  
We were in a hurry to leave,  
You leaned over and said,  
"Great job, love, you did fantastic!"  
Then you kissed me,*

*The world stopped,  
Love won the battle,  
Despite our innocent sin,  
The sin that you were with him,  
But you were on your toes so your oral love could meet my cheek,  
You made me weak,  
Could you do it again?*

*We went our ways still being friends,  
Not speaking of our bliss,  
But in the end,  
We knew it was more than just a kiss,  
It was that way for two days,  
'Til we put Romeo and Juliet to shame once again,*

*Finally a day of expression,  
With all the band in session,  
Then we dined and refined our smiles,  
Now on to all the fun in the park,  
I hesitated,  
You made our paces one,  
'Til we rode and walked in the dark,*

*We made our way back on the bus,  
We talked; you, me, and friends,  
Then I stroked your cheek to comfort you in your sleep,*



*You thanked me in a most generous lust,  
Could you do it again?*

*Two days more and we were back in class to learn about chemistry,  
But now a different kind than before,  
We saw the beautiful tapestry,  
Life's frame, golden to the core,  
The thing we call love,*

*We were both still broken,  
Neither sure the feeling was returned,  
So we went on in the sin,  
Kept sulkin',  
Afraid to be burned,  
But you were still with him,*

*That Tuesday you had ended it,  
No more need for the sin,  
We had fallen with each other,  
Got cuts and bruises much deeper than skin,  
I said, "Te quiero mucho",  
You asked what I meant,  
So I translated it,  
And you held my hand,  
Could you do it again?*

*Twisted lips let the wrong words out,  
Everyone started believing we were together,  
But no one could kill your new independence,  
But to my surprise you said you loved me too,  
Even in that bad of weather,  
Was it true?*

*You said you were too torn from the fight,  
He had killed you from the inside,  
He may have loved you and you loved him,*

*But it was always full of doubts,  
He had cut you with his use of another lover,  
He had beat you with his angry words,  
He saw your dreams and thoughts unreachable and unreasonable,  
He made you feel pointless shame,  
No love meant to be will ever last that way,  
And you said the pain,  
It was too much to love again,  
But you did anyway,*

*You said all we needed was each other,  
It was a confusing love,  
But you said we didn't need those titles anyway,  
That our love would be enough,  
In the end,  
Could you say it again?*

*We went on being friendly lovers,  
I knew it was meant to be,  
We said to each other,  
"Lay with me,  
Love me for eternity",  
And we agreed,  
Could we do it again?*

*We spoke of adventures yet to be,  
Just you and me,  
Going anywhere and everywhere to see what there is to see,  
We still have past strife,  
But I know what this can be,  
Cause you're the love of my life,*

*Then we got together for a little laugh,  
With a few friends,  
But mainly you and me,  
We were sitting outside watching the beauty,*

*In the warmth of the fire and softness of the swing,  
I held you,  
And for once I felt free,  
You asked,  
"Never let go of me",*

*I never dreamt it like this,  
A totally new reality,  
But I knew you had meant it,  
And I love your bliss,  
Then came the moment to say goodbye for a short time,  
And you hugged me and gave me your kiss,  
Could you do it again?*

*Then we talked every night,  
Even 'til dawn,  
But we never did fight,  
But we did struggle,*

*If love is magic,  
There are no muggles,*

*We ran the same pattern all the time,  
But it never really got old,  
And I'm sorry but I'll have to rhyme,  
Love is a ticket but it can't be sold,  
It can get you anywhere,  
But you have to care,  
And I did and do, I swear,*

*I have no regrets,  
But I knew when you said it wasn't true,  
That you were wrong,  
Cause I still love you,  
And I know you do too,*

*I can still remember the day you blew me away,  
All the nights that we did nothing but enjoy our time,  
All the glorious days when you grabbed my hand,  
All the sparkle that I know I brought to your eye,  
And all of your love and laughter that filled my life,  
And the night I held you in my arms,  
And the times I caressed your head with my hands,  
And how our love seemed to be the greatest of bands,  
And now I ask you,  
Not if you could,  
Cause I know you would,  
But why do you think it has to end?*

## Monster

Mental havoc,  
Have I been locked in my brain's attic?  
Creative disillusion,  
Was I ever here or just a delusion?  
Have I been part of my own thoughts' prostitution?

If it killed me would you help me through?  
Could you let me make my way to you?  
I need a therapist,  
I think the best kind would be a friend,  
One who's just like you,  
One who knows I'm a fool and I'm not so cool,  
One who knows I can see all the hues too,  
One who knows,  
All the vices of me but knows my intentions are true,

I have problems that I don't know,  
But I can change cause I can grow,  
And I know I don't deserve you,  
I keep tearing this love to pieces,  
Still you say, "It's ok, my loving patient, my greatest displacement, my ex-lover,  
I'll love you again cause I know you can",  
With that love I can recover,  
But I still need you cause I'm just a man,

All those dangerous thoughts,  
They led to fires I can't have lit,  
And I really love you,  
And I have a monster inside,  
But I need you to help me find it,  
That love is the fuel to my life that much I can assure,  
I don't want to end myself anymore,  
But it doesn't seem like I have much more in store,

P.S. If you have a moment please look at my previous poem, "Again", and give me some feedback (positive or negative). I'd really appreciate it.

## We March

They think it starts and ends on the field,  
But that's just a part,  
It starts in the heart,

We get up and breathe air of excitement and revelation,  
It's a new day,  
We improve in every way,  
We make mistakes,  
But that's okay,  
We learn from them and we say,  
"No stopping now,  
We're gonna fight,  
Cause we're the Trojans!"

Get up at 5am,  
Go til 9pm,  
And then we'll do it again,  
We have to fight!  
Keep the end in sight!  
We gotta leave it all on the field tonight!

From form to flow,  
We got the music down,  
Cause it's in our souls,  
We can't let any part drown,  
We each gotta give it our all,  
If we don't we all will fall,

We gotta fight!  
Keep your goal in sight!  
Give it your all,  
Keep the music in your souls,  
We will stand tall!

WE ARE THE TROJANS!



## Sit and Think

Sometimes I sit and think,  
About life,  
How it could be different,  
How it could and should be and have been,  
And in the end I'd redo it,  
But I wouldn't change a thing,  
I don't want it to be perfect,  
I don't want to change who I am,

I think about how I laugh with the best of friends now,  
And how they make me smile,  
I'd like them to stay a while,  
But how?

I sit and think of the lovers,  
The ones I've lost to an eternity of heart break and life,  
The ones I know I can never see again,  
Cause all the pain they went through,  
They couldn't pull through,  
I hate that truth,  
It kills me that I can't see you anymore,  
You're deep in my my soul,  
You're six feet down,  
I want to drown,

Then I think of the greatness of life's tale,  
I think of how I can't fail,  
I have to set sail,  
With those whom I care the most,  
And I'll be free to express myself,  
I want to tell all my feelings to those I love,  
I want to share all my joy with those who will set sail too,  
From coast to coast,

Friends and family and romance,  
These are life's doves,

I hope I can find all the secrets to life,  
I want to save the world from the dark's hold,  
I want to live a life of love though I know there'll be trouble,  
I know I can't give in to the cold,  
If I'm with you I know I'll be able to grow old,

Sometimes I sit and think,  
Of all of life's strife,  
What seems to be made of gold,  
Is just a knife,  
But still I want to live long and be told,  
"I love you for life",  
I want to end the world's cruelty,  
Help the homeless,  
And all those in this land,  
That'd be grand,  
And I know life's like sand,  
But I'll still take my stand,

## Happiness

Glee,  
It can run through out,  
Make us shout,  
And have no doubt,  
Even if you haven't,  
You will feel the,  
Glee, glee, glee,

I want to be free,  
I want to play the music under the light of the stars,  
I want to go be me,  
If you come with me this life can be ours,

I know we can live happy,  
I need love,  
That's all that matters,  
I'll give it my all and live for that beautiful dove,  
The dove that shows that love never shatters,

I want to laugh and cry,  
I want you to be mine,  
I hope you never die,

I may not want to be immortal,  
But as long as I have you I'll thrive,  
Your presence is like a portal,  
It's my main drive,

Will you live with me?  
Love me?  
Motivate and infatuate me?  
I won't waste time,  
Please know I am a troubled person inside,

I don't always say quite what I mean to,  
It's my rythmic blues,

I can be a gleeful man,  
I will be happy if you come with me,  
Cause I know we both can be,  
The greatest lovers known to a life so grand,  
I could be happy,  
If we were together for eternity,  
Will you love me?

## Writing

In my bed I think of what to do next,  
I think, 'Maybe I'll write',  
Maybe about the test of life,  
Maybe of my recent strife,  
Maybe of my future wife!  
Could I write of a laugh?  
Could I describe my human past?  
Could I describe the look in her eyes?  
Could I try to find a different path?

Maybe if I took a while,  
Maybe then I wouldn't cry,  
But that's not what I want,  
I have to tell of my poetry,  
Of what's been happening on the inside!

I know I may be a bit annoying,  
Please let me stay a while,  
Love me for an hour of your day,  
I'll make it worth your while,

I'll be on my bed and start thinking,  
Maybe I'll stop writing,  
Maybe I'll start crying,  
Maybe I'll start dying,  
Maybe I'll laugh with my friends,  
Maybe I'll share this moment with the love of my life!  
Maybe,

I think I'll keep going,  
Keep writing,  
It's the outlet to my life,  
But I must also live it like a king,

I must have my family,  
I'll keep writing,  
But without other life,  
I'll just go on dying,  
So instead I choose flying with a pen,  
I love this life!

## Causes

Why is it a god?

The good and evil in this world,

Why would it not be made by you?

## The Artist

Each stroke,  
Made with such finality,  
Such talent, the feeling is so real,  
The art must be the new reality,

The man in the corner looks up for the first time in an hour,  
He realizes the little artist,  
She's art of her own kind,  
She's more beautiful than any flower,  
She's a tempest,  
She's got inside his mind,

He sees her drawing the face of another man,  
He turns away and back again,  
There's a shimmer in her eyes,  
He runs towards her as she cries,

She collapsed into his arms,  
He held her on the floor,  
Hours go by,  
He loves her as she's in shards,  
She yells that she's nothing but a whore,  
He silences her and says, "No, you're just dealt some bad cards",  
He's in love forevermore,

The outdoors become their dance floor,  
She asks if he loves her like the day they met,  
He says, "Yes, and even more",

He tells her how she makes him feel free,  
How in the end she gives him his main purpose,  
She responds that he shouldn't depend on her for glee,  
He says, "I don't, I have other joys too,



But you make me the most happy",

And the artist put the brush away for the day,

She starts cutting away,

With every slice she makes him cry,

He yells,

"If she is to die,

Then so am I",

But she came to him in a dream just before and said,

"I made this mistake on my own, love,

Please don't make this your deathbed,

I think you're the most beautiful of all of love's doves",

They loved so much,

And she drew them as such,

## Friends

The other day I cried,  
The thought of her with another man,  
I thought I may as well die,  
Then my friends said, "Hey, you'll find love, I know you can",

I am always down,  
Wanting to give it all up,  
But others say I hold the crown,  
That I can hold the world in one hand,  
They believe in me,  
I have the best of friends,

Some say love bends,  
That it is flexible,  
But they never tell of how it ends,  
It will sink you with the pain,  
But somehow I manage to float on the raft of friends,

These kindred spirits,  
They make me breathe,  
They make me see,  
They've ran a hundred miles,  
They tell stories to ease my thoughts,  
They try to make me forget her smile,  
I love my confidants,

If only they knew how much they mean to me,  
If I could make them happy that's all I'd want,  
I just hope they are glad to be here,  
I just hope I'm not imposing,

Soon we'll be in Cincinnati,  
We'll be blowing through the world,

Making our way to glory,  
I can't do this alone,  
You're my greatest friends, I'll need you by me,  
We'll rule this world but do it justly,  
Our ties will stand the test of time,  
Yeah, it's these friends I'm thrilled to claim as mine,

## Maybe

Yesterday was so full,  
Yet so empty,  
Life wasn't felt, just seen and heard,  
If I could find more than just memories,  
Maybe then it wouldn't hurt,

Maybe a little feeling,  
Maybe a little love,  
Maybe a little kindness,  
Maybe a devil's day is made when you cross the threshold of life and make it through all of time,  
Maybe he doesn't want us to die,  
Maybe he hates the strife,  
And he's in hell because he knows God put us in this life,

Maybe what we see as evil is beautiful and kind,  
Maybe all is well but Yahweh strives to see us pain,  
Maybe he doesn't want us to live in love and gain,  
He'll say he loves us like a parent to their child,  
He'll say what he doesn't mean like meaningless lies,  
He'll say man was doomed to be vicious and wild,

If he says what he means then I don't think that he's seen love's heartbreak,  
A Romeo begging for love,  
Singing to a heart which to another man a path has been paved,  
A mother and a wife of a man once in the army,  
Now widow and mourner of a government's pawn in the grave,

Maybe God isn't omniscient,  
Maybe he isn't all good, all powerful, or all kind,  
Maybe he enjoys seeing us die and lose our minds,  
Maybe if he's there he's a clock maker,  
Maybe he's not gonna intervene cause he wants to see history unwind,  
Maybe we are all out of our minds,

Maybe it's that there is no god to find,

## Come With Me

Come with me now,  
To the ocean,  
Do you want to feel love?  
I'll show you how,  
No longer will you feel broken,

Come with me now,  
To the land of the seas,  
Do you want to forget your troubles?  
I'll show you how to be free,

Come with me now,  
Do you need an adventure?  
If you want to live in excitement I'll show you how,  
I'll be your soul's resurrector,

If you want to see the world,  
If you want to fear for your life in the greatest moment of your time,  
If you want to dance on the line,  
If you want to risk your life to make a change,  
If you aren't afraid to exchange,  
Safety for love and laughter,  
Then you're the one I need,  
So come with me,  
To the sea,

We will see,  
We will never be blind again,  
Cause all we need is you and me,

We will conquer the world,  
One mind at a time,  
On the adventure when we show the world it can be kind,

I think I want to lose my mind,  
Just for a little while,  
Will you join me in the time of my life?

## Midnight Owl

Midnight owl,  
Won't you say my name?  
Midnight owl,  
I'm drowning in this pain,  
Midnight owl,  
I don't know what to do anymore,  
Midnight owl,  
Don't shut your door,  
Midnight owl,  
You keep me up again,  
Midnight owl,  
We used to be such good friends,  
Midnight owl,  
Where did the love go?  
Midnight owl,  
Why do you act like it was all a show?



## Roads

Wonders and troubles meet you in the street,  
A path of gold,  
Trying to make it all the way,  
Trying to see all the roads,  
But my few years here,  
In this life,  
They have taught me this,  
You never learn if you don't face the strife,

You will never enjoy another night,  
'Til you have gone through the cold,  
To see the light,  
You don't have to be old,  
To be wise,

Walking down the street,  
You see a prison's hold,  
Criminals and civilians alike,  
Most there are not meant to be,  
But their verdict was for life,  
They are thrown away and beat,  
Just to give a small few a treat,

Then you see a doctor and you think,  
Maybe it'll be alright,  
Maybe men like him will give this world a second life,  
But you see him operate,  
Then go home and debate,  
Why he couldn't save him,  
And how if he just ended it,  
Maybe then he'd go to a world where he never again had to use a knife,

And the man on the corner,

He was so high,  
He could reach the sky,  
So one day he tried,  
And as you watched,  
The world lost another precious life,  
This makes you fight on the inside,

So walk a little more down that path,  
Maybe you'll find a reason to fight or maybe a reason to laugh,  
And yet again you try,  
But you find something that only makes you cry,  
Two lovers,  
Now on the street,  
One on the ground,  
The other on his knees,  
Neither makes a sound,  
You go to the scene of the crime,  
You realize people still find love a sin,  
And because he loved him, they ran out of time,

Are we all blind?  
We can't see past our time,  
Nor past our shine,  
Somehow the light ends where the trouble begins,  
We are told man was born to have these sins,  
Do you think you'll walk again,  
Or that you even should in the end?

We can change this all,  
And it's not that those who try always fall,  
It's that no one ever tries,  
They think there is a reason some people have to die,  
Maybe now you'll realize that's all a lie,

## Let It Be

Is it that humans can't love?  
With those petty faults you see that's the way it may seem,  
Why do you think Satanist can't dream?  
Why do you have to say you love a god to be set free?  
These variations are null,  
Can you see?  
Maybe you're blind,  
But the only difference is that you are you and I am me,  
We're all sailing the same sea,

You may be Muslim and think I'm going to hell,  
Or catholic and believe I'll be in purgatory,  
But just let it be,  
We can live in peace and harmony,  
Is it you being afraid?  
Is it you being ashamed?  
Don't worry about my eternity,  
Just let it be,

## Good Day

Good day,  
Good tidings,  
Good things will come your way,

My time I'm just biding,  
But I hope you're not forced to stay,  
The world is a great place,  
It is like a stage,

I hope your love you will trace,  
All the way to forever after,  
I hope you never have to live in a cage,

Don't bind yourself,  
Set yourself free,  
Under the light,  
I hope you can find glee,

## Make Them Stand

Does music flow unsteady?  
Does it ask to be heard?  
Or does it make you stop and pay attention?

Do you want to play?  
Or do you want to perform?  
Make them stay,  
Make them feel your uproar!  
Don't let them question you,  
Just make them stand!

Take the field and steal the show,  
They may be there for football,  
But by the end make them know,  
Who owns that field,  
Make them see your glow!

A true band never backs down,  
True friends are those next to you,  
A true march will be grand!  
A true performance will make them stand!

Be proud every step of the way through,  
Music never goes stale,  
Make them turn and look at you!  
Make them glad they came!  
Make them know your name!  
Make them know the form,  
Make them know the storm,  
Make them know you fly on land,  
Make them stand!

## Belief

I will be there for you,  
Constantly I will watch,  
Never will I leave,  
Today has been rough,  
But for you, I believe,

Like some legend of death,  
We will wonder,  
We will lose our heads,  
I will lay you down in my bed,  
And we will breathe with the trees,  
Because for you, I will believe,

It is not for Jesus, born in Bethlehem,  
Nor Mohammad, Zeus, or Thor,  
I only find reason in fairy tails like Peter Pan,  
I will only keep love when I can stand,  
I believe for you like a lamb,

I need adventure,  
Feet in the sand,  
My heart is still out of my body and you left it on the floor,  
Someone pick it up,  
I need help,  
I'm just a man,  
Let me stand,  
Because of you, I believe I can,

Don't you see?  
Or am I wrong?  
Is life for eternity,  
Until we start to see reality?  
Until we start to believe in our mortality?

I believe for you,  
Not so I can find safety,  
But because you're so fine to me,  
Even if we're just friends,  
Even if I've never considered you,  
Even if we never were to be,  
I love you,  
You're a perfect soul,  
I want you to be told,  
There's no reason to feel cold,

Is it this belief in the arts,  
That makes me seem devilish and foreign?  
I tell you, I'm just pulling cards,  
I just want to be in their hearts for the right reason,  
Love is not treason,  
Stop trying to break it into shards,

Take what you will,  
We are all human,  
We all have perfected flaws,  
Don't make us live in ruin,  
Don't use your claws,  
Just let us,  
Believe,  
Let us take it back to love for eternity,

## Leaf

Found in a puddle,  
You try to save the day,  
And you're given a look so subtle,  
The leaf can't fly away,

Don't let it drown,  
Help it breathe,  
Cry when it frowns,  
It's a leaf with the meaning of a tree,

Let it be one with the breeze,  
Make it fly,  
Just let it be free,  
Just don't let it die,

Dance when it smiles,  
Hold hands,  
Maybe then you'll fly with it,  
Make new plans,

And it flew away,  
Sadly out of class,  
The whole hour you worried about its pain,  
You loved it,  
You wanted it to feel the same,  
That feeling would be wonderful,  
You wanted to turn it green again,

The leaf blew away,  
But it left its luggage,  
And there it lay,  
So you took it up to find the magnificent green,  
That fell from the magnolia tree,



And it was looking rather sick and grey,  
In the best of ways,

You laid down its bag and thought fanciful dreams,  
In your head raged a storm,  
There it was to stay,  
And looking up as she lay,  
In the nurse's seat,  
You thought, "I'll never forget how bright she smiled at me",

Not so long ago you had loved another,  
It was a beautiful sin,  
But your heart she smothered,  
You had to keep going,  
You had to wear a cover,  
Hide the pain,  
But now you found a new lover,  
Someone to love for gain,  
Someone to take to homecoming,  
Someone to give your jacket to on windy days,  
Someone to kiss in cold rains,  
Someone to hold for strength,  
That leaf will make you love again,

## Summer Day's End

Summer day,  
Beautiful and warm,  
So much going on,  
Hope will fill you with despair,

People driving around town in their fancy cars,  
Riding in regret,  
They think they've outrun their problems,  
Running for more than a few hours,  
But they're just strengthening the blow,  
When that car stops the trouble won't be ours,

Men in the fields,  
Bleeding at the hands,  
Working for almost free,  
Trying to feed family and friends,  
Killing themselves to save a dime for the day that they meet me,  
All of their efforts will be wasted when that summer day ends,

Some on the porch smoking,  
Thinking about how they want to live out their moment's in glee,  
Trying to stay joyful by any means,  
Trying to stay with the trends,  
It won't matter,  
Cause once again they will all meet me,  
When their summer day ends,

Women doing laundry,  
Hoping to ignore suppressed scars,  
They try not to think of how they are beat,  
I feel sorry for them,  
Most have no way out,  
I want them to be free,

So some I let come with me,

My love I send,

But all this comes to,

A summer's day's end,

## I Love You

I've been trying to think of something to write,  
To make you feel my love,  
But I just wanna hold you tonight,  
And watch the stars above,

My life is a story unwritten,  
You could fill half the book,  
If life were a bottomless pit,  
You could fill it with just one look,

Love is not a temperamental fit,  
It may seem like my mind is gone,  
But I swear for you it's worth losing it,

You always worry about living up to others,  
But you're perfect,  
Your identity please don't cover,  
You're beautiful, sweet, and kind,  
For me there can be no other,

Your presence is the most addictive drug,  
Will you be my love to hug?

## Dear God

Have you ever wanted to end it all?  
I'm sorry if you have,  
I need to make a call,  
Hope it comes across clear,  
It's not their fault,  
I love them all,  
I've tried to cry so many times,  
You know it hurts me when you fall?  
Dear god, please help me,  
Please end it all,

I'll tell them I love them all,  
I'll make it clear,  
I've tried to draw near,  
I was pushed away out of fear,  
They said I was weird,  
But I was always sincere,  
I don't know what they thought I was missing,  
But I hope it's found here,

The few who care,  
Please dry your tears,  
If you think you can save me, please halt,  
If not, don't ever think it's your fault,  
You can't control emotion,  
Just move on,  
Go on back to the commotion,  
My god, it's like I'm living in slow motion,

I'd like to feel risk again,  
I'd like to pull some cards,  
I want to love again,  
But have you seen my face?

It's a scar,  
Even after I've come so far,  
I feel like it's pointless,  
I've played my heart so hard,  
After all my work, everything's falling apart,  
I've overcome my disease,  
I've tried everything,  
But, I can't handle it anymore,  
This life is a broken heart,

Dear god, I think I'm dead to the world,  
I think it's over,  
Finally, can I fall?  
No one's answering my call,  
So please, dear god,  
Please help me through it,  
Please help me end it all,

## My Life

I was born in the midst of a father's fist,  
He beat my mother and my brother,  
Luckily my memory casts those days away,  
My sister had so much pain, love, and hate thrown her way,  
We left only so to ten years later have him come back and say,  
"I hope there's no bad blood,  
No left over pain,  
I hope it can all be okay,  
And I want to be a father again",  
He had his chance,  
These scars are ugly,  
They won't just fade away no matter what he pays,  
I only agreed to this for my brother anyway,

And it was only two Christmases after the split,  
That I was hit,  
My grandma went away,  
To be right back, or so they did say,  
They pulled her out of the house as we play with our Legos and toys,  
They said she'd be easy to save,  
Now she's in the grave,  
I remember the day I thought there would be no more joys,

And my father to be,  
Since I was two, he was with me,

My family and I left for the land of the volunteers,  
One year of hard times and trouble,  
Dollar store holidays,  
Objectively, my future would seem blown to rubble,  
No money in my life,  
Just family,  
Friends,

And my very own self-made trends,  
And there was no strife,  
It was the perfect animation of how happy could be a poor man's life,

Then, away we went to the Sunshine State,  
My father had everything going okay,  
For another four annus we got to stay,  
I was free to wonder,  
But I never did appreciate that freedom back in the day,

Back to the woods for another twelve months-stint,  
Then we moved to Seattle,  
A place where I'd finally take a hint,  
I'd start to change,  
I started to grow wiser,  
I admit I have a while to go,  
But I think you'll agree,  
I've become a lot smarter, stronger, and nicer,  
Just look at me,  
This isn't where they thought I'd be,

Now I'm at the top,  
I'm doing everything,  
I'm here and laughing,  
I'm marching with pride,  
My education is taking quite the stride,  
And my schedule's never been fuller,  
But the grief, sometimes I can't hide,

I feel I've taken the Via Dolorosa to love,  
I'm in line to ask her out,  
It's so crowded here, please don't shove,



Please don't shout,  
I sink when she cries,  
I know I'm not the one she wants,  
But my mind makes me fantasize,  
I wish she held my hand,  
I wish she'd kiss my cheek,  
That's how I want it to end,  
Not in a hospital,  
But in her embrace,  
She is grace,  
I'm sorry, Sara, but I have to have something to chase,  
I still have to hope there is love,  
I still have to think that's the case,

There it is,  
My life story,  
Not full though, for I can't tell you how much I've missed,  
And there's still another stanza to write in front of me,  
Though only I can see,  
But so can you,  
If you come with me,

## Rose

This is an adventure,  
I've fallen again,  
Maybe this time it won't break when it bends,  
Maybe it won't matter that I follow my own trends,  
Maybe when the music starts the beat will drop,  
Maybe when she takes my hand the love will flow but our hearts will stop,

Take the lead,  
Move your feet,  
Follow your heart,  
It'll make you see,

Dance and smile,  
Whirl and twirl,  
Live and laugh,  
Love and conquer,  
I'll make a cry to heaven,  
I'll meet you at the crossroads of twilight,  
Moving on the wheel of time,  
I could lose myself in your eyes,  
God, you're so kind,  
You have the most prepossessing mind,

To hear your beautiful laugh,  
To see your shine when you smile,  
You can lean on me like a staff,  
Will you stay with me, just a little while?

## Loose Laces

What if I tried?

What if I ran with fight and fury of dynamite?

What if I fled?

What would that change?

What if I lied?

What if I never cried?

What if I never did hide?

If I did all that,

What would it change?

I spend my days chasing all my dreams of you,

Yet I always trip over my shoes,

Man, I hate these loose laces,

Don't you too?

What if I tried?

Could it change what we are now?

Would it give back my power to make you laugh and move?

Would it make you smile?

I've ran a million miles,

Across all the rivers and mountains,

I flew to Mercury and Saturn and back,

Just so I could see your smile one more time,

Every time I drew near I'd trip and fall,

And these loose laces caused it all,

They made me fall,

Then I'd see your face and forget everything,

Makes me wonder,

What if I tried?

What if I lied?

What if I fled?

What if I ran with the fight and fury of dynamite?

Damn these loose laces!  
Why do I always have to cry?  
Damn these loose laces!  
They made me fall!  
All these strange paces,  
Screw these loose laces!  
What if I tried?  
What if I lied, flied, and never cried?  
What if I could make you smile?  
How would that help?  
Could I hold you then?  
Could I make this pain end?

Cause, if I tried,  
If I changed,  
If I did different,  
What would you say?  
What if I tried?  
What if I lied?  
What if I never did hide?

Always on the fence!  
Always down!  
You said I turned that around!  
You said I made you happy,  
That I turned your frown upside down,  
Made the pain go away!  
I'd die for you any day!  
What if I tried?  
I would die,  
Just to show my love,  
To end this pain,  
What if I tried?  
What if I lied?  
What if I flied?  
I would do anything,

But it wouldn't change the tide,

**Now**

Come one, come all!  
This is the show,  
All the people gathered here,  
Yet no one seems to know  
what the purpose of my love is,  
How I think she glows,

They laugh at me see and say I'll be hurt,  
That all the days after her will be a deadly curse,  
And I look them in the eye and say, "You don't think I know?"  
The pain might kill me, but not loving her is worse than I could ever show,  
What comes next, I can't say,  
But paranoia comes at a price I can't pay,  
I know it's possible that she won't stay,  
But for now everything's okay,  
I will live and love for today,

I don't know where the road may lead,  
I don't know whom she may love then or whom she may see,  
But for today, I'm moving at full speed,  
I'm not going to waist time thinking of future pains,  
So if you want, you can come catch me and her hopping trains,  
Cause I can only look at the gain,  
No matter what you say,  
I want to be her swain,

I am not her first,  
She has had more before me,  
One said that she loved him and that our love could never be the same,  
He wants to be with her,  
He wants to lock me in a cage,  
He says that she had to have felt something,  
That she must not love me that way,

She is a magical sage,  
I think our love is special in many ways,  
But don't we all think ourselves Napoleons in this age?  
I have to think of how she is with me today,

She says that she is less than perfect,  
Is that right?  
Please tell me how,  
Can she not see?  
She is the world to me!  
I don't care what came before or what comes later,  
I can't predict if she'll desert me or see me as a traitor,  
The years will pass,  
But I can't tell you how,  
All I know is I love her now,

## Come Home

Find a way,  
Come today,  
You see? The clerk says it's free to stay,  
You can even hear the band from our bed,  
Listen to the hard music and we can play,  
They think the room's messed up now,  
Just wait 'til we have our way,

Help me throw this room around a little today,  
Who cares what they say?  
It'll happen eventually anyway,  
Is it the atmosphere?  
Okay, then we'll find a bed of hay,  
A little too impersonal?  
Then I'll take you home,  
Just make sure to turn off your phone,  
No interruptions,  
Just you and I,  
Bodies free to roam,  
Each the others' to own,  
Come home,



## Down

Down,  
Why do we destroy everything?  
So many want to drown,  
Do you hear that sound?  
Look around,  
Do you see that body on the ground?

Do you recognize the love you've lost?  
Do you want to walk the path of frost?  
Do you know the cost?

Have you stolen the crown?  
The monarchy's down,  
Come around,  
Is the world lost?  
Life is a stage and we're all just actors,  
Are we starring in our own holocaust?  
So many factors,  
These politicians play like they can fix it all themselves and we believe them,  
We're mindless drones,  
The mosque, synagogues, cathedrals, and more,  
They say they provide a home,  
But they're an imprisoning dome,  
Savage dogs,  
You can see their mouths foam,

We tell each other of the world's hogs,  
Yet we spend all our time giving it to the dogs,  
Have they mastered us?  
Can we no longer see through the fogs?  
Have we lost?  
So much cost,  
Just for a few thoughts,

They make us pay,  
They say they want free thinkers in the new age,  
They've lied to us in this way,  
They've locked us in a cage,  
We see the man with the keys,  
He says, "What the matter, think I'm a sage?  
You were warned this is what would happen if you came with me!  
If life were a book, this would be your last page!"

Dry your tears,  
This may not happen this year,  
But no more fears,  
From here on out  
we travel freely,  
Keep your doubts,  
No more frowns,  
Just fight to keep your freedom,  
No one needs to hold the crown,  
Defeat the tyranny!  
Beat it down!

## So Scared

I've never been so scared,  
So unprepared,  
All I want is her with me,  
All the pain to end,  
So off I go, from the boat to the sea,  
The thing is I don't even know if she loves me,

She is my home, my comfort, my eternal salvation,  
She calms my mind and distracts me,  
She is the most perfect, beautiful, and grand mind in all of creation,  
She is a goddess to me,  
Out again to sea,  
Why does she have to leave?

If there is a god he won't do this,  
He won't let this happen,  
I've loved only once before her and only a fraction as much,  
If there is a god I will do anything asked of me to keep us from tearing apart,  
I will never forget her eternal touch,

Why does she have to move?  
Some say that there are so many decks out there and she's just a card,  
No, they're wrong! You've heard of the queen of hearts? Well she is the queen of all parts!  
My god, I thought that this time love wouldn't be a broken heart!

She consoles me, says that I still have a while before we have to split,  
But now I have to live in the knowledge that it'll end,  
Never before have I been so hit,  
I thought love was strong enough to survive a bend,  
She is a god send!  
I love her!  
When we part, I'll have to end,  
I do not write this poem as a trend,

She is my majesty, my one and only,  
Now she goes away,  
I rarely cry, but as these raindrops fall on my empty bed,  
I want only for her to stay,  
But "goodbye" is the only thing to be said,  
Would it have ended anyway?

I'm so frightened and petrified!  
I do not blame her one bit,  
But I think it would have been better if I died,  
Dear god, this is it,  
All the time I have left,  
I've written of not worrying about the future or what is to come,  
But never have I been so lost on what to do when it's done,  
My friends yell, "Give me the gun!"  
Maybe if I just run,  
Maybe if I never stop,  
Just run until I drop,  
I feel like I'm a poison to the love crop,  
I cause it to die every time,  
Time,  
Oh god, that word again,  
I wish that she could just be mine!  
I've not done this for almost six months,  
But now again I cry,  
Harder this time,

If I am a nickel, she is a dime,  
Worth twice as much as me,  
Her absence is a crime,  
Come back, my love,  
Sing this song for me one more time,  
Please, come back tonight!

If? Where? When? Why? How?  
These are the the words speeding through my head,

But please, love me now,  
All day without you I just lie in bed,  
A storm on my homestead,  
Look ahead,  
And there it lay,  
A future in rubble,  
This price is too high to pay,  
So the day you leave,  
I want you to know,  
This was always much more than just a show,

I want you to know,  
I want to show,  
This love I finally know,  
It's you,  
Black bird of love, separation is a crow,  
But you must leave, so goodbye,  
I guess there will be no more hellos,  
I'm so sorry,  
I love you,  
I'll miss the times you used me as your pillow,

## Final Hours

Sometimes I feel happiness,  
Sitting in the shade,  
I wait for morning to come,  
Wash life's pain away,

Sometimes I feel cold and empty,  
Just wanting to be loved,  
Feeling odd and shamed,  
Just wanting to be whole again,  
Waiting for their smiles to stay,  
My soul feels framed,

Gone far away,  
My heart has left me,  
She makes me feel warmth again,  
I've never felt this way,  
I love her now and I'll love her then,  
She has given me my most heavenly days,  
In my dreams she stays,

Sometimes I want to cry and die,  
She asks me why,  
She says I have to try,  
She says she cares about me too much to let me end it all,  
She makes my biggest troubles seem so small,

Always she makes me laugh and smile,  
She knows not what they think of me,  
The jury's verdict is final,  
But I still haven't had my trial,  
My fate relies on their prejudice style,

Approach with the noose in hand,

Before me flashes a life so grand,  
I can't stand,  
I'm a weak man,  
Yes, I know I am,  
Here comes my last song from the band,  
Look at it this way; I'll never have another sad melody to withstand,

Don't follow me,  
You have so much left to see,  
So much left to say,  
No more pain,  
Don't come this way,  
The cost is too much to say,  
These April showers will bring you May flowers,  
But please stay with me and I'll build you the tallest tower,  
The love you have given me,  
It has real powers,  
For now though, this life can still be ours,  
Love me in my final hours,

## Please Stay

I've never made such a disastrous mistake,  
My choice is more costly than I can take,  
I will lose my life in its wake,

She is everything to me,  
The only reason to live,  
I was blinded by fear to the point I couldn't see,  
I've never had so much love to give,  
I swear I'm not a liar!  
Please believe me!

Please don't make these our last moments together,  
I'm so sorry,  
If I could I would go back in time and change it for the better,  
My god, end it!  
I can't handle the fire I've lit!  
I love you enough to fill the universe,  
Your absence makes me feel like a bottomless pit,

I'm so sorry,  
Please forgive me,  
I love you more than anything else I have ever felt,  
I an idiot,  
I think this love was meant to be,  
I hope you still think of me the same way,  
My mistake is eating me away,  
Please stay,



## **Ignorant Eyes - 8/31/16**

I can show you the world through ignorant eyes but I will need you to help me lead this blind . I can show you a million ways but none will fill the haze . It would be solemnly true that you see me as well as I see you . Let me clear the image, war, is not romantic, war does not spawn heroes . Those heroes already existed long before being brought to battle, long before you gave them all a way to die . Long before war there was peace . Long before that there was love . War is blind, it doesn't care who it kills, your mother , father , daughter , son .... you . I can show you the world through ignorant eyes , but I will need you to help me lead this kind of blind .

## If I'd Been God

The meddling fool,  
Crafting such a charming poison pool,  
Letting the fight between good and evil push and pull,

If I had been god,  
I wouldn't have left off at hell fire,  
I would've finished the cure,  
If I had been god,  
I wouldn't let all these souls tire,  
I would let them live in a world so much more pure,

I wouldn't have sent all those brave souls off to die,  
If I had been god, I wouldn't keep her away from him,  
So much strife, I want to cry,  
Why does life seem so dim?  
Still these lovers try,  
Yet they say we were all born in sin,

If I had been the deity that seems so perfect to some,  
I would've been so much kinder,  
Yeah, if I had been god, I wouldn't have made a wait for heaven,  
I would've have created a delightful life,  
And I'd send love as a reminder  
of all the joy to be had,  
But no, the world is cruel,  
Life and love are so very sad,  
It almost makes me mad  
that they can claim a perfect creator of a perfect world when there still exist the chance for a broken  
heart,  
I would not take away any of my experiences now,  
There are too many memories,  
Too many stories,  
But I would not have created so many rules to praise a god's glories,

And if I had been god,  
I would not have ended the season so early,  
After all the hours,  
There aren't any flowers from all the showers,  
The last time they march off the field,  
The depression shoots at them like bullets,  
Those band uniforms can't act as a shield,  
The family they've built is taller and stronger than any tower.

Yeah, if I had been god,  
If I had possessed such powers,  
There would be so many more flowers,  
But now all there is to be found are these powders,  
These ashes,  
Presidents so fascist,  
Political clashes that lead to bloody human crashes,

Yes, there is love,  
That's what I fight for,  
What I live for,  
But there is still pain,  
There's still heartbreak,  
If I had been god, I would not have made so many mistakes,  
So many destructive ways,  
It's seems Utopian, but it pays,

## You're My Heaven

All the times you pulled me through,  
All the love given to me by you,  
You've lead me to success too,  
You make me happier, you do,  
But what have I done for you?

We got in a fight,  
I was knocked down,  
For hours that seemed days,  
I was about too drown,  
And even after the hell I put you through,  
You gave me your crown so I wouldn't frown,  
You gave me your heart too,  
You were there for me when I needed you most,  
You made it so I'd be more than a robot, more than a ghost,

You made it so I didn't have to cut myself again,  
You made my pain end,  
And even if it comes back again,  
I'll think of you as a defense,  
As my friend,  
Cause you're more than a lover,  
You're my heaven,

## Graves

Graves everywhere,  
In the end, life is only fair,  
Death is the great equalizer,  
One day you'll get there,  
Whether you're a saint or a womanizer,  
Whether they call you peasant or Kaiser,

Walk through the park,  
Do you see the bright or do you see the dark?  
I see all the sharks,  
All the paths that won't be paved,  
All the past soldiers so brave,  
All the pastors whom's souls need saved,  
All the nations whom's leaders are knaves,  
And those who look down on you cause you can't afford a shave,  
This is where we are. Is this the world you crave?

Partners whom's love others receive,  
Do you think you can tell?  
Is it just paranoia or have they put another under the spell?  
Sometimes you have to ask if they are constant,  
If they still love you for real,  
If the love you shared they still feel,  
Is their heart still yours to steal?

All the trains running rampant,  
All the pains killing infants,  
All the snows on summer hills,  
All the daffodils in winter chills,  
This thing you call an adulteress,  
He still calls her his love,  
His princess,  
To him she's still beautiful in that dress,

They still love each other,  
And even though her affair hit the press,  
They both still beg for the other's warm caress,  
Cause even if you judge them they don't care,  
They know in the end, no matter what,  
There'll be graves everywhere,

## Do I Love You Too Much?

Before I begin, I understand now, Rose.

Do I apologize too much?

Do I love you too much?

Do I kiss you too much?

Hold you too tight?

Tell me, love, do I bring you light?

Why is it always concealment?

I worship you, you're my delight,

Do I write too much?

You're a beautiful sight,

Pain too much?

Do you not want the contact?

Do I crave too much

you're eternal touch,

The touch that creates happiness as great as such?

Do I hug you too much?

Kiss you too much?

Do I love you too much?

## Make Up For The Love

Past pains,  
Future dreams,  
Down the drains,  
Crushed hopes,  
Most things are gone but they're still here,  
Life is just one big slippery slope,  
Don't choke,  
I won't hesitate to make you laugh,  
Hold your hand and give you that dove,  
No, I'm not afraid of making up for the love,  
The love lost to a shove,  
They didn't treat you right,  
And even though we will fight,  
I'm not afraid of making up for the love,  
I'm not afraid to hold you all night,  
It'll be alright,  
'Til your safe, safe inside,  
I won't let you out of sight,  
I'll kiss you tonight,

Darling don't cry,  
Distance is nothing to affection,  
I'd be a man from Mars and you a magician full of scars,  
And still no love could ever match the power of ours,  
These two months are just what'll be our start,  
I'll do my part,  
Cause I have no fright,  
Not even for a night,  
No, I'm not afraid of making up for that love tonight,

My first dream as a kid,  
Was to be a hero like superman,  
Then I wanted to find adventure, love, and innocence like Peter Pan,



I wanted to change the world, to save it,  
Keep it out of evil's hands,  
Cause in every girl there's strength and in every boy there's a great man,  
And because of you I know I can!  
But I'll still need them,  
I'll still need you,  
Chances may seem slim,  
But the the world can pull through,  
Your love tells me that it's true!  
And there may be tragedies,  
But I swear there are more harmonies,  
And there'll be less tough lucks,  
Cause even though humans have a bad history,  
I'm not afraid of making up for the love,

You may feel like you want to stop sometimes,  
Like you want to give it all up,  
But darling keep me in your memory,  
Keep me in your heart,  
I swear this is just the start,  
This love is more than just another of life's cards,  
And you are more than the queen of diamonds or the queen of hearts,  
Your the queen of everything and you repair my broken shards,  
And even if we're apart,  
I'll send you my heart,  
And when push comes to shove,  
You'll be my dove,  
Cause I'll make up for the love,

## Time

Time,  
A wonderful thing,  
When given it'll make you rich,  
It'll make you so happy but you'll still take it for granted,  
It'll make you sing but still you'll forget it's beautiful harmonies,  
You'll love the way it makes you move,  
But again you'll lose the groove,  
And you lose the happiness too,  
And regrets will follow you,  
Cause when it runs out you'll start to shout,  
Why does it all seem to go away? Why does it seem to make you cry?  
Sometimes you question what it's all about,  
And you'll find what you've been looking for, yet forget that you ever were searching,  
You'll lose everything, and it'll all lose you too,  
Just pay attention! For once in your life, open your eyes!  
Hellos are so rare,  
Life is full of sorrow and despair,  
So keep holding off on the goodbye,  
Make the love stay,  
Don't be shy,  
I can tell you how but I cannot tell you why,  
So please, dear love, don't make the end to our rhyme,  
Don't end the love, don't end the happiness, don't end our time,

## Thank You

Thank you for the stories,  
For all the time you gave to me,  
All the moments I thought I heard chimes,  
Thank you for the meaningless rhymes,  
Magic that I thought we had,  
Thank you for the time,  
I thought you loved me,  
But your time was never really mine,  
Thank you for your crime,  
What did you really mean when you said you loved me?  
You had me convinced that you were really lovely,  
Now I see,  
I may have loved you, but you never loved me,  
I had never had that feeling before,  
You took advantage of my blindness,  
You ripped me down to my core,  
You made me sad for days and weeks that seemed months and years,  
You took advantage of my fears,  
You made me so many tears,  
But thank you for the pain,  
Now I know that someone else really hears,  
I've found a true love, one at the top of the tiers,  
She won't use the shears,  
She is love, she is perfect,  
And I know I really don't deserve it,  
But all I know is that with her life is worth it,  
Oh, and I thank you for the phobia of me,  
Don't you see?  
We were never truly happy,  
You made me afraid to be real,  
So all these emotions that I feel,  
No, I can't convey them, nor can I reveal  
to the one which I love so much how my heart is hers to steal,

So thank you for the time,  
You will never again be mine,  
Not ever will I write you another loving rhyme,  
Thank you for your crime,  
You told me of future quarries,  
Of how it could all be ours,  
You encouraged the lie that we had special powers,

Thank you for all the battles and glories,  
For all the words, I've realized you're a choree,  
No, for you I'd never hurt even one flower,  
But for her, the one who saved me from myself,  
For her I'd topple a million towers,  
So thank you for the hours,  
But most of all, thank you for leaving,  
Thank you for the unsheathing  
of what you really felt,  
I've never been so glad a relationship has gone,  
Cause in this new love, I'm no longer a pawn,  
I just wish it had ended sooner,  
I no longer feel like a marooner,  
If I ever can be, I will be my Rose's crooner,

## I Am Hated

My mind is so twisted, so screwed up,  
I have had it all,  
I've had her attention, her hand, her love,  
I've held the dove,  
But here is a new shove,  
I am hated,  
I never knew what I did was so cruel,  
I never suspected that the debates I made would cause so much pain,  
I never thought they would think of me as a fool,  
I am too downed to think,  
I am too abandoned to drink,  
I can't take the drills,  
I can't handle the way this thought kills,  
I don't deserve the air I breathe,  
Nor have I earned this beauty I see,  
I know I am worthless,  
I know what they say of me,  
I know that they lie to me,  
I know I'm like an animal they hate to watch at the zoo,  
I know she says hurtful things about me too,  
I've never really wished to be cool,  
But if that would make her like me more,  
If that would make me soothed,  
Maybe I could show what I can do,  
I could show all of my thoughts,  
Not just the ones they're used to,  
Maybe if I were liked,  
Maybe if I was not despised,  
Maybe if I held you,  
Maybe then, again, you'd love me too,  
Maybe if I kissed you,  
Would you kiss me too?

## Relationships

*In the early part of a boy's middle school life he had begged for a girlfriend, even if not verbally, had wanted to gain some amount of "coolness" from it. He had wished that someone might like him enough to give him that. And eventually this very nice, sweet girl asked him out and he said yes. He then realized after a few months that he didn't love her and that they were incompatible, she was going to move soon though and she had a birthday coming up and she had given him a present for his in advanced already, he didn't want to hurt her but he eventually decided that if he let her hold on to an empty relationship longer than already he had, she'd fall further and harder. So he broke up with her. His first girlfriend. He had broken up with his first girlfriend and even though he had done it in the nicest way he knew possible, he felt terrible. Then after a while he decided that there was a girl he had had a puppy love for for years and eventually decided to ask her out, so, he did so indirectly through what he considered the world's cheesiest, worst letter of all time. He saw her at lunch the day after and she edged him into asking her out in person after a few minutes. She said yes and they started dating. They would talk and sometimes stay up to pretty late hours. Sometimes even 'til two, three, or, rarely, four in the morning. They had nice, friendly conversations and, at points, they even made each other happy. But mostly, mostly they were unaffected by each other on a romantic level. It took about six months or so but eventually they both started looking for ways out of the relationship. It was only a little while before her birthday and when she'd have to move as well. The boy was walking to sit with his friends when one of her friends, one of his future partners, came up to him and said something along the lines of, "Hey, I have some bad news....." to which he interrupted, "Bethany's breaking up with me?! Thank god!" He sighed, alleviated, and walked away. He was so glad he hadn't been put up to breaking someone's heart again. He was glad it was over. And so for another six months or more he spent time enjoying it. He was relatively happy, careless. He stressed about school, but not much else. He had a good life despite any issues at home. But then he fell in love for the first time. The girl from earlier, the second girl's friend, had become his first love. His first real love. She had just gotten out of a very bad relationship, she said even though she loved him that she wasn't ready for an official relationship, yet still they talked everyday. He told her he loved her and that she was so great. He had never felt love before. He had never known anything about it. And as she dragged him through the mud over months and let him see her whole beauty, he was dying of doubts, he was drowning in fear. And eventually she turned those fears into tears. She told him she didn't love him like that and never did. He cried for days. Then, he wrote. He started writing poems and publishing them online for the public to see. He went on for months and eventually was able to see that she wasn't for him and that even though he did love her, he didn't anymore, she had hurt him too much. Then, without realizing, he went looking for a rebound. He didn't care who really, just someone, anyone. He went through every day and even when he could've had two or three chances at a relationship each time he hesitated and turned them down, even got turned down once himself. He didn't love them and just didn't want to hurt them or himself. He wanted to find someone who cared about him. He wanted someone that would love him so much, but he had to love them just as largely as they did him. And eventually through a time and place when he least expected it, he found an angel, he found someone he loved more than he ever did anyone, he had real feelings for her. And she for him. He had even wrote a song for her, invented a new word for their love with her, and he looked into her eyes and lost himself. He touched her hand and melted. He felt her heart and sung a song without words, without a voice. He truly loved her*

***and she loved him. She had proven that much to him. But as seems a common theme in his life by this point, she had to move. However, unlike the other times, the other girls, his love for this one never died, and never will. He at last is content. He at last is happy. He at last has found his love, his Rose. And Roses are perennial. They will bloom again, year after year. And so will the hope. So will the love.***

## Bullish Dreams

It is my hope to help the world,  
To end suffering,  
I want to give to the needy,  
Take from the greedy,  
I want to see us all holding hands,  
Playing songs in one big band,  
Standing strong together,  
Somewhere down the line we all share the same mother,  
We're all sisters and brothers,  
I'd like to see us all dancing in the streets,  
Not just for one day, one moment, one crowd,  
I want the whole world to feel unified and proud,  
I want all the world's evils to come crumbling down,  
To see all the systematic problems hit the ground,  
But now we're in a fire fight,  
And it may seem sometimes lonely, but look around,  
You'll find love and friendship, hope and romance,  
It's in the music,  
Just listen to the sound that we've found,  
It is so beautiful,  
The thought is profound,



## Goodnight

'One day at a time,  
It'll get better, son.'  
But it always feels like just another rhyme,  
And what do I deserve after all my crimes?  
I don't care what my talents are!  
I don't deserve her, I don't deserve it!  
I will always love her no matter how far,  
No matter what,

I'd sell my car,  
I'd trade my heart,  
I'd do anything to protect her from any more scars,  
I'd hang my self on a cliff and be tortured to keep her heart,

They always say she is no necessity,  
But she gives me a spirituousity,  
A curiosity,  
A happiness,  
A definite prophecy,  
She makes me happy,

I wish to see her soon,  
Under the moon,  
Just her and I under the light,  
And to hear her say, as I hold her close, in my arms so tight,  
And as I feel her skin so light,  
"Goodnight."

## For Her

Don't you see?  
She belongs with me,  
From her blonde hair and how it shines,  
And her beautiful mind and how it grasps mine,  
My love for her can't be described in any amount of time,  
She is the magic to all my rhymes,  
And I hope she will be my partner in all my crimes,  
And now I hear as the bells chime,  
I'll hope forever,  
To look at her gorgeous light,  
To feel her thoughts in her mind,  
And for her to be mine,

## The Love Won't End

I never knew why,  
With you I want to try,  
When you're gone there'll be too many tears to cry,  
And now I wonder why,

Is it time?  
Do the doves have to cry?  
Does the love have a bedtime?  
And in our hearts will it still shine?  
And if we lay it to rest, will it rise again?  
Will it continue to make our pains end?  
Just know, my darling, my love I'll still send,

Yes I know I'm a hopeless romantic,  
And yes I know it may cause pain,  
But for you, darling, I'd do anything,  
For you I'd stay,  
But I thank you for everything,

And there is no doubt in my mind that you love me,  
For when I asked you to stay for just a few more days you didn't hesitate,  
You said, "Okay. I love you",  
And I know it was true,  
I think we were meant to be, cause through the years, no matter what,  
I'll love you too,

## Cry Falcon

Rarely does the falcon cry,  
But concealment is torture of the worst kind,  
And when it's all done you'll wonder why,  
Why he gave up the fight,  
Why he seemed so strong at a distance,  
And you'll know he's about to say goodbye,  
And you'll ask why all good things die,  
When his falcon tears dry,

## **Starry Eyed Woman (Lyrics to her song from me)**

Starry eyed woman,  
Lost in pain so shady,  
Come my lady,  
We will conquer the sky,  
Through rhythms and rhymes,  
One day at a time,  
Come now my darling,  
Won't you be mine?

If I were a thief I'd steal your heart,  
Our love wouldn't be a crime,  
Oh, let the bells of time chime,  
My god your eyes shine,

I'll be on track,  
I'll love you today,  
I'll treat you right,  
I'll hold you tight,  
Keep you warm,  
Comfort you in the dead of the night,  
I swear, my love, it'll be alright,  
Just stay tonight,

Come now, my love, I'll hold you, my  
Starry eyed woman,  
Lost in pain so shady,  
Come my lady,  
We will conquer the sky though rhythms and rhymes,  
One day at a time,  
Come now my darling,  
Won't you be mine?

## Tennessee, You're My Home

Places feel like a dome,  
Built to keep me in,  
Keep me a drone,  
But I love the family,  
It's my backbone,  
A place where I'll never be on my own,  
Tennessee, you're my home,

When I'm feeling lonely,  
When I'm feeling down,  
And when I feel so drowned,  
I go home and look around to find that sound,  
So profound,  
I've been magically crowned,  
A southern boy, so proud,  
I love this clay ground,  
I know this land,  
I know it's grand,  
Down there I don't need a phone,  
I can't wait to hear that country tone,  
Tennessee you're my home,

## First Place

Sixth place,  
I finished the race behind them all,  
The runners so lengthy and tall,  
I feel like all my training was pointless,  
I couldn't beat one of them,  
My mom's watching on the T.V.,  
I should probably call.

Fifth in crafts,  
My car wasn't fast at all,  
The plans were so grand,  
Aerodynamic and more speed than any man's,  
But after it came out of the workshop there was nothing there better than sand,  
It wasn't what I planned,

Fourth in my debate,  
I have a new argument but it's too late,  
I could've proven my point,  
Dispelled their prejudice and justification for hate,  
But now they've gone and made a conclusion like my head's on a plate,

Third in math,  
My brain may be great  
but it moves at a snail's pace,  
Though sometimes it can have such malignant haste,  
Why am I such a waste?

Second in band,  
I tried for a new part but couldn't quite make the brand,  
God, she's so grand,  
I tried to be the best that best could be but she said it was best that I be me,  
That the best thing I could do was to be true and her love has become the best thing best has ever  
been,

She fears how I'll react to her past and what she's done,  
She always looks so blue,  
I tell her that everyday I see her beauty,  
How can I begin to describe our feelings to you?  
She loves me and the best part is I love her too,



## Duet

*Magically,  
A dove to sea,  
Sing with thee,  
Under a tree,  
Finding glee,  
On its way,  
Never quite leaving,  
Feelings still seeping,  
Hearts still bleeding,  
Still there are dreams of keeping,  
Keeping flight in their Corvette,  
Singing for the hope that they will be lying in the bluets,  
Making their music, a loving duet.*

## I'd Like to Say

I'd like to say I have a fortune,  
That I don't feel like my mom should have had an abortion,  
That I haven't made anyone feel tortured,  
And I'd like to say,  
That everyday in my own skin I feel warmer and warmer,  
That I make magic and not just distortion,

I'd like to feel like I've given some sage advice,  
Like I've helped some sort the men from the mice,  
Like I've made someone feel like it'll be alright,  
And I hope I helped someone through the fight,

I've hurt so many,  
God, so many, but the worst part about it is that she was torn away from the light,  
And now the greatest delight has to live in a life that pays the greatest price,  
I'd like to say that I am a good person,  
But I feel like just to know me is a vice,

## Let In

The door is open,  
Children come in,  
Do you see the clown?  
Look around!  
See what I've found,  
Come here little ones,  
Find your seat and listen closely,  
Do you hear that sound?  
It's back in town!

Sweet little children, don't frown,  
You are powerful,  
Put on your crown,  
Your parents won't believe,  
They won't let you leave town!  
So come now my children,  
Into the pin,  
I won't let you leave, but I'll let you in!

## Someone

Someone to spare,  
Someone to care,  
Someone to spear,  
Someone for tears,  
Someone for when I tear,  
I guess I need a certain someone,  
This someone I will never stop knowing,  
But I'm not allowed to share my feelings publicly no matter how much they are growing,

I hope that this special someone knows  
who she is and how she glows,  
She should realize that she can conquer the world,  
I know, for she's started with my heart,  
And if she sees times get hard,  
I hope she knows that through all the hardships and sharks,  
She'll always be the one in my heart,  
She'll be the one I love 'til death do us part, and that's just the start,  
I have feelings that words can't describe,  
And I know that some day I'll be right next to her and she'll be right next to me,  
Once again holding hands, hugging, the way we were meant to be,  
For there is only one person I wish to kiss,  
And only one person with whom I want to share the bliss,  
She can't seem to understand how beautiful she makes her personal brand,  
And if she'll let me, by this someone I will stand,

## Untitled

Steaming along in an ocean liner,  
Trying to please the world around,  
Make myself seem finer and finer,  
So I don't hit the ground,  
Gotta find the life inside,  
Create a world for just her and I,  
Try to make myself good enough,  
She deserves the best,  
I have to pass the test!  
Feeling like I have to fight to keep it on the inside,  
Gotta find myself a pride,  
Gotta find a place to hide,  
Redefine high and reach the sky,  
Is it good enough if I really, really try?  
Positively I have to fly,  
Have to make myself finer,  
Have to live through another day,  
Pressured to make myself diviner,  
I have to be the best,  
Have to accomplish so much before I run out of numbers on the timer!  
I have to be the best rhymer,  
Make myself a place to keep it all,  
Up the wall, god, it's so tall,  
Forsake my case so they're not quite so crappy,  
Fake a face to make them happy,  
Can't say what's on the inside,  
You know I've tried,  
But you've acted like I should hide,  
So here goes everything I'm giving it my all,  
I hope that I don't fall,  
Someone tell me why,  
Give me a reason because I don't want to die,  
Please don't be afraid to pry,

Someone please try,  
I don't wanna die,

## Safe

He throws your feelings down the drain,  
Doesn't consider your pain,  
And I just want to dance with you in the rain,  
We have so much to gain,

He doesn't treat you right,  
Lover, with me me you'll be safe inside,  
I want you to be happy,  
I hope we can be,  
But most of all I hope you can find glee,  
And if I'm honest I really, really want you to be with me,

We were just two lost souls,  
So far away, we nearly froze,  
I'm so glad you don't see me as a ghost,  
Your care, your thoughts, your love,  
You know to me you mean the most,

Darling let me come to you or you to me,  
He doesn't deserve you,  
We are meant to be,  
We both know that I love you and you love me,  
I just want to be with you and to see,

He hurts your soul,  
He makes you feel like you belong in a zoo,  
He calls you stupid when you open up,  
I don't understand how he could ever do that to you,  
I know we haven't seen each other for a while, but I can tell he makes you look so blue,  
And you're afraid to do what is true,  
You are loved, my princess,  
Treasured more than the sky so blue,  
Come with me, please, you know I'll go with you,

He tries to control you,  
He forces the kisses,  
When I look in the mirror with a picture of you I see a man admiring someone he misses,  
Wishing you were still right here,  
So you could be safe,  
I'd love you at any pace,  
I will take you any place,  
You make my heart race,  
I look for a reason to live and your love gives me the strongest case,  
So come with me and you'll be safe,

And give passage and we'll stay 'til we grow old,  
Speak to me and I'll fall again,  
Touch me and kiss my soul,  
Move me and keep me bold,  
Hug me and keep me warm,  
Kiss me and tell me of your thoughts of today,  
Look in my eyes and take away my pain,  
Love me and we'll be safe,



## Dilapidation

Mothers, are you still breathing?

Fathers, are you still grieving?

Aunts and uncles, have you treated her fairly?

Sons, are you still the manly men you said you'd be?

Daughters, how many grudges against her have you carried?

Brothers, have you protected her from harm?

Sisters, have you let her know she's your good luck charm?

Friends, have you let her in?

Lovers, have you helped her pain end?

Poets, authors, musicians, have you described her as full of sin?

But most of all has anyone lifted her chin?

## I Can't Wait

I wanted to take some time,  
Try to find the right way to live my life,  
Fix everything,  
I wanted to find myself a wife,  
Someone who'd be just as happy as me to be in my life,  
One to make me happier than anyone else,  
Oh, I've found myself a wife,

I wanna live with her through my prime,  
I wanna find a way to make her happy,  
I'd really like if she were my partner in this, our crime,  
My love for her is never lacking,  
When I'm with her again I'll probably cry,  
After all this time,  
She says she only loves me more,  
All these other people fight,  
With all the hate in the world,  
So darling, let's have love,  
Let's make love tonight,

Let's get a place together, to live and prosper in no matter the weather,  
Let's kiss, and dance, and enjoy romance,  
Go on so many dates and stay up so late,  
Destroy the pain we've felt in our lives because of others' hate,  
Get married, have children, and together bake their birthday cakes,  
This is love, this is fate,  
Let's spend our lives together,  
Let's hold each other all night long,  
Cause, darling, I can't wait.

## Fatalist Lullaby

Distant lands of flower and grain,  
Migrant hands full of blood and stain,  
Hearts stuck on hope for luck,  
Prides made to dodge the buck,

Minds set to ease, put in chains,  
Beaten bodies use to the pain,  
Hopeless lambs set to believe there is no mystery,  
Doomed thoughts of our past tuned to illiteracy,

Disheartening paths of glory from a valedictory,  
Men like Copernicus forced to die of starvation,  
Foolish knaves trying for creation,

Tragedy strikes at only one time,  
Or but two or three,  
What ever number is needed for a fallacious poet to complete his rhyme,  
To make you believe you are free,

## The Rose

In a field, a field of pain,  
Comes down the rain,  
And I try to become more than what I've done,  
I am the storm,  
Every minute passes like a century,  
The only thing I've ever had was a voice to keep me warm,  
I long for someone to tell me my name,  
It's went down the drain,  
I look up from the grass and see a bird,  
It swoops down to a flower,  
In this flower I saw a face,  
For the rest of my life I wanted to look every hour,  
From this flower a beautiful voice,  
And it gave me a choice to listen,  
So I did, and now I listen to its music,  
The only real music I've ever heard,  
The Rose, the only flower I've ever preferred,

## Questions

Questions,

What am I?

Do I cause any bit of happiness?

Have you seen my heart?

What can I do?

What have I done?

Who am I?

Please come?

What is true?

And who am I to you?

## Got the Ending

A wise soul has traveled to me,  
Its body has stayed,  
Its tears have been pained,

To do what can't be fun,  
Try to fly away, to run,  
To see the sun,  
To end all the suffering,  
To crash a ship, destroy the gun,

Pave a road, and undo what I've said,  
To be a musician,  
To lie in the flower's bed,  
To compose what I've done,  
Come time, come,

But I've got the ending,  
Troubles no longer pending,  
A couple not bending,  
Still images in the grass that I'm sending,  
I know we can live 'til the mending,

I've got hope for life,  
To get through the strife,  
Cause I've got a partner for flight,  
Someone to take me through the night,  
Someone for life,

Artful colors with powerful blendings,  
Always wondered the way my life would turn out,  
Was always full of doubt,  
But now with that soul I've got the ending,  
No more droughts,

I feel proud,

## Winter

Taken to a frozen land,  
Full of bliss and happiness,  
Trip and fall,  
Caught by the soft light of the princess,  
She walked me through her golden halls,  
So beautiful, it's like I've never seen anything else at all,

I feel safe,  
In the blizzard I was almost dead,  
Then I saw her in that dress,  
More than a girl, a queen, a mess,  
My savior, my goddess,

My love, I still ask, beg for my wish to come true,  
For our hearts to beat together,  
My words are many, my reasons are few,  
But my only intention is to show that you are great,  
And that I still love you.



## Flight

A hundred years it seems since we had to dive away,  
Watched the home driven bird find it's way,  
Treasured our flight together,  
I enjoyed the weather,  
Through troubles of the rain and sun,  
It's all better in the long run,

We got lost in the the painful fall,  
I became a monster, the constructor of the wall,  
The simplistic warped reality of my opined causality,  
January was marked by tragedy,  
No one expected any of what we had made,  
Our flight makes my passion cascade,  
And we will never fade,

And when we awake,  
We will nest together, we'll get through the pain,  
Does it have to wait?  
Your song I will always appreciate,  
Just like everything you create, it makes me elevate,  
My song bird,  
We may take flight but someday, together, we'll release our doves,  
We love, let's show each other how much,

## If I Could Be Your Bed Tonight

If I could be your bed tonight,  
If I could take you to the light,  
If I could be your superman,  
If I could be your strength and plan,  
If I could ask you to be my wife,  
Would you be my "yes I do",  
Dance with me through the night,

If I could find a way,  
If I could make a home to stay,  
If I could let you use my hand,  
And if we could share our land,  
I would make you stand,

If I could be your pillow for the night,  
If I could hold you through every moment,  
If I could see your beauty in the moonlight,  
And if our bodies could meet in bed every night,  
I know that we'd be alright,

## The Devil

A dark room,  
There's a light switch to his right,  
Blue walls surround,  
He closed the door,  
He cried as he tried for the light,  
He just wanted to be able to see his way to his bed,  
He hated the imaginary rumors in his head,  
The way he always felt like he needed a supplement to his meds,  
He'll see people standing from the doorway that were dead every time he sees that devil rear its  
ugly head,  
He feels around,  
Back and forth he sways,  
He says it's his friend, but it never stays,  
He tries to dive for the sheets but the devil, again, is all he meets,  
The light flicks on, it's his children, who in his flash anger, he beats,  
When his wife tries to calm him and share her beliefs he treats her like a disease,  
He's conquered, but he thinks he can escape that devil with ease.

## Notes\ End

Come back again,  
See your music's bend,  
It's just apart of the trend,  
Most things do not grow,  
But the river of love will be drunk and always flow,  
To the river I'll forever tend,  
Even when all of my notes end,

## Disease

Developing a sensation,  
I keep fearing the noise,  
Desperately clinging to the vibrations of the sound that's been revoiced,

I want to feel the breeze, you to be with me,  
Time was good yesterday,  
We were free,  
I'm thinking of who to be,  
And maybe there is a way,  
Still I know there will be pain today,

Maybe a new one will wash it away,  
But the way these hearts have been poised,  
Shadows will haunt me until I have you to stay,  
One day we will be able to live by our own choice,  
And I hope that you'll promise on that one day be the strength in my voice,

## Townsmen

Have you yet found the body?  
I fear it is too late,  
The villagers have made up their singular mind and the verdict is hate,  
The implications are grand,  
Quick, the musicians are coming, they will see,  
Find some more music for the band,

Will the prisoners escape?  
I think they've reached to town,  
Can we protect the debate?  
Is this what they've found?  
I don't know, but I think we're all hell bound,

## Day After Tomorrow

Smells of sweet ecstasy,  
Flying in the air,  
Dreams of all the festivity,  
Fingers running through my hair,  
It seems to remind me of a time that used to be,  
A smile that has promised,  
A laugh that always sings to me,  
A powerful incarnation  
of a love with no expectations,  
And I think of her in need of restorations,

Day by day, yet it seems year by year,  
A memory stirs,  
A memory of a time to be achieved,  
A heart I have seen,  
A vision to be believed,  
When the bells call me at the aisle,  
I will be there so my love can be received,

After I've seen what I've seen,  
Done what I've done,  
I still can't help but dream the dream,  
There is a person who needs to know how much they mean to me,

For now I still feel sorrow,  
But I still hold onto those fond memories,  
We are each others' destiny,  
And there's her hand I'll need to borrow,  
All in the day after tomorrow,

## Untitled

I never could understand why,  
I always knew how,  
But I never knew when,  
And that all changed when my life was took,  
Everything I understood had been bent,  
But at least now I know,  
If forty years have gone,  
And death to me has been sent,  
Away my love will never have went,



## I Hate Everything

I hate everything,  
Everyone who's ever came has left,  
Anyone who ever cared left me in the dry air,  
I hate everything everywhere,

I hate the way I smile,  
And I hate even more the life which I've defiled,  
Mostly I've failed my trials,  
Rumors, they flew,  
I feel like I'm through,  
How much pain have I given to you?

Everything to me is defined incorrectly,  
I have to die, cause I've killed myself indirectly,  
Could I have lived my life?  
Maybe I shouldn't try to die,  
Maybe, but someone please tell me why,

"Come here, my life, my love," she said,  
"Try to make it through the night,  
And know that you are not dead,  
I swear to you we can still make our flight,  
Let me hold you in comfort tonight,  
We can show the world how to love, just promise to try,  
Come here, my love, my life, my light,  
We can make it through the night,"

Maybe I don't have to die,  
But I'm still so hurt from what my life lacks,  
With your help I could be more relaxed,  
Could you be more exact?  
Show me how I should react.

## Mr. President

Just again! Yonder!  
A pebble kicked to the street,  
It was a ragged young farm boy,  
He got back up,  
He kept going, kept working,  
4 decades later he falls again at a caucus,  
"Mr. Lincoln, are you ok?"

## Untitled

Every once in a while you'll find a man looking for heaven,  
Wanting to hold it in his hands,  
He'll speak of such great plans,  
I am no longer that man,  
No longer the man wishing he could find a solution,  
Now I'm just wishing I could forget my old delusion,  
Love.  
I don't think it dies,  
Maybe I was stupid to try,  
Or maybe we're both still just having to hide,  
There's someone else for both of us now,  
I know I should move on before I take the final bow - but troublesome feelings have me asking,  
"How?"

## Last Show

A good friend of his asked, "Hey, man, where're ya going?  
Is something wrong? Be honest, ok?"  
He replied, "I'm fine, I'm just going home."  
So the friend let him go,  
But little did he know that this was the last show,  
No more lights,  
No more songs or theatrics,  
No more fights,  
No, not another solo,  
And there he goes leaving the stage so slow,  
Hoping to find a nonexistent home,

## Untitled.

Tick tock.

They dance fast and slow.

Not always knowing which way to go.

But so far they've survived every blow.

However still the clock will go,

tick tock.