Anthology of Finchy



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My poetic Side 🗣

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66 year old retiree trying to do something different, so thought I would have a go at writing a few Poems ????

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MOTHER By Ray Finch

From the tree of life another leaf has fallen Up to heaven another Angel has risen At this time I don't have the words Just the faded memories that were once hidden We nurtured each other throughout your life Now your back with Father to be his wife I wish we could Hug just one more time I love and miss you Mother of mine

ALONE

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Ray Finch

The sound of the sea crashing on the rocks Looks like I'm the one mankind has forgot On this island that's yet to be found I stand on the beach and look around Crashing and rumbling as dark skies appear Me in my loin cloth with my trusty spear A terrible accident happened with the flight Those no longer here are now out of sight Each and every day I still look up high Hoping to see a plane in the sky I scan the horizon looking out to sea Maybe a ship might be passing by me But alas no, I'm all alone Ive given up hope of getting back home

ANOTHER

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Ray Finch

Listening to the wind blowing down the street, listening to the pouring rain Listening to my heart as it beat's, that's when I start to feel the pain I close my eyes tightly shut, to erase the pictures that they took But seeing you, arms around another man, I don't know if I ever can We married young, with much life ahead Vows and promises, we both said Me to you and you to me In front of both our families So in love on that glorious day How could we know it would end this way Listening to the wind blowing down the street, listening to the pouring rain Listening to my heart as it beat's, that's when I start to feel the pain I close my eyes tightly shut, to erase the pictures that they took But seeing you, kiss another man, I don't know if I ever can I thought our life was comfy and good You wanted out but I never would Then I found you had another A younger, taller, better lover That really spelt the end for me Now goodbye for eternity Listening to the wind blowing down the street, listening to the pouring rain Listening to my heart as it beat's, that's when I start to feel the pain I close my eyes tightly shut, to erase the pictures that they took But seeing you, hand in hand with another man, I don't know if I ever can

BAD WEEKEND

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By

Ray Finch

Women together friends forever Our Rings glistening in the light A weekend away months in the planning Our husbands at home its only right Out for fun and maybe a dance who knows even romance Married for years now life is stale We need excitement as we take the chance Someone approaches smiling and sure Drink in hand what's he looking for You look nice would you care to dance Well yes ok are you after romance Because I'm married as you probably can see But I don't mind if you take advantage of me The morning comes head sore as a bear Looking around for my clothes to wear I hear I groan as I look to see Omg who's this lying next to me I stagger and dress as best I can Realising I've slept with another man I stop and cry as I realise now This weekend away has ruined my life for now

BEACH

Lovely sun sea and sand As we walk hand in hand So many sights to be seen Bodies covered in sunscreen The waves lapping at our feet Smiling friends that we've yet to meet Family laughter and children's squeals Let's sit here, this spots ideal So we can gaze and look around Asking the beach comber what he's found His machine keeps going beep beep You digging a hole and burying my feet Sunbathing and swimming is for today So let's enjoy ourselves before we head away

CHURCH

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by ray finch

To Mellor church to see Mum and Dad Yes whenever I go I feel so sad But on this another bright summers day I slowly walk to where they lay I get to the church then turn the corner and see All Greater Manchester looking back at me As I look towards my right The hills of Yorkshire what a beautiful sight Then I look left and everything pales There before me, the stunning green hills of Wales I'm so lucky to have this view Whenever I come to visit you The flowers I lay shine so bright As they bask in your glowing guiding light The light I have and will always follow Yesterday, today and tomorrow So till I come again I will now say goodbye And blow you a kiss with a tear in my eye

CLOUD

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By Ray Finch

I'm a fluffy white cloud floating high in the sky The people below me are like ants passing by Made of the vapor that comes up from below Where am I heading I don't really know The winds that blow me, often change their minds As I link up with others and grow my waistline The heavier I get I then start to fall As my mood darkens now here comes my squall Rain sleet and snow now falling down Some in the oceans or on baron ground But wherever I fall I won't be forlorn Because one day I know, I will be reborn

DARTS

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Ray Finch

New darts in hand, stems and flights aligned Walk to the hockey, in position, now take my time Look at the board aim the dart and let it go Following its path as it puts on a show Wow good throw, 60 scored 2 more to go

Same again, eye and arm in line Foot on the hockey, the release is fine Slicing through the air, It's straight and neat Both side by side, that's no mean feat Wow good throw, 120 scored 1 more to go

DOPPELGANGER

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Ray Finch

When I moved from there to here Out on my own that was my fear The many walks along the beach and pier Were sometimes sad and with a tear But now I'm seeing you everywhere I go But how can that be, you're not someone I know Your face is here and your face is there Each time I see you, I just stop and stare So when I do please don't show anger I know it's not you, you're just a doppelganger

EVENTS

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A tsunami of humanity comes cascading down the street An avalanche of people some friends I've yet to meet A volcanic reaction as the day now turns to night Shadows starting to appear beneath the bright moonlight Gyrating bodies and moving feet make the dance floors shake As the ground starts to tremble like an earthquake Blown in by a hurricane Into my life you came A burning wildfire of love in our hearts As we walk hand in hand as our life now starts So the night lights now dazzle before the sun will next appear When we realise the life we have is special take it and hold it dear

FANTASY

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by Ray Finch

The first time I saw you I needed more time To plot and plan how to make you mine Your dazzling smile and deep blue eyes Just like an angel's, from above the skies Then you were there walking down the street Laughing and joking shuffling your feet Into the club, I followed you there Drink in hand I could but stare Your body moving to the night sounds and beat The way you were dancing was oh so neat Your staring this way, are you looking at me I really hope you like what you see Us together for eternity Omg That's my FANTASY

FRIDAY NIGHT

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The lone wolf's out he's on the prowl Come midnight, you will hear him howl As he sniff's the air and raises his snout The girlfriend's and wives are now coming out The prey is so pretty, and its waiting there He knows it's willing and ready to snare Discarded rings, white bands now showing Husbands at home and no way of knowing He licks his lips he's picked up the scent He buys the drinks its money well spent Now on the dance floor and not alone Won't be long, before he's taking her home

FRIEND

As I lay in bed nice and warm just like the moth in his cocoon under the bright moonlight

You come and speak to me sometimes barley a whisper, but your words are soothing and make me feel good and right

Then other nights when you are there and I hear your almighty roar, like you are angry but still your words are comforting

Like most people all my life I've listened to you, but no matter how hard we all try, you hide yourself and so we never get to see who does our consoling

In the day time you still give us your wisdom, but rarely do we take the time to listen as we live our modern lives at break neck speed

Why can't we go back in time when life was more simple, instead of this rushing around and always needing to do another deed

Peace, understanding, tranquillity and love is what we need to help rid our minds of what we now know is life's modern day disease

As each and every one of us constantly battles with life's challenges, bogging us down because there is always something or somebody we need to appease

I dream of the desert island on my own, living each and every day in tranquillity, the faint rustling of leaves and gentle lapping of the waves the only sound

Looking over the horizon what I left behind now no longer visible, but in my heart I know where I am is where I should be, but also sad when at times you are not around

Sometimes you blow hot sometimes cold, depends on the time of year, but one thing is for certain you will never leave me

I will leave you first but when I do I have the comfort in knowing that you will still be here and helping to guide along all members of my family tree

Thank you for always being there comforting and helping each and every one of us as we live our lives, even those who along the way have sinned

My dear friend the Wind

HEARTBEAT

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Ray Finch

Bright lights, then noise all around Never before have I heard these sounds Aww's and Ahh's and little sighs Then I do, what baby's do, and start to cry So it's back to mother and in her arms for me Dad's standing there as proud as can be Mother speaks to me as only she can Your life's now before you my little man It's a new canvas, white and plain For you to fill in, as your life starts to gain You have 2.5 billion, but use them with care Make every one count while you're still there We all want to see and we all want to know So paint on that canvas as your life starts to grow As we now look, the canvas is coloured and glowing In our hearts and minds all of us knowing We've followed your life the good and the pain And sooner or later we will meet you again

HOLY GRAIL

HOLY GRAIL *By Ray Finch* The thing about love its the holy grail We chase after it but relationships fail If the love is real it wont go away For love and respect will always stay

I DONT EVER

I DON'T EVER NOT WANT

Ray Finch

I don't ever not want, to see your face again I don't ever not want, to heal your pain I don't ever not want, to be beside you I don't ever not want, to steer and guide you I am their always, so close your eyes tightly shut The memories appear that you love so much Tell me your problems your hurt and your pain I will help soothe you, again and again Who am I, this angel above I'm your father sending all of my love The last time we met we said goodbye All smiles and tears our love did not die So my child, open your eyes and look up high My face will appear in the clouds in the sky I don't ever not want, to know about you I don't ever not want, to know what you do I don't ever not want, to always be there I don't ever not want, to have no love to share So always remember, I am here I am there Enjoy your life, be happy, and always take care God Bless

IN THE MIRROR

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By Ray Finch

I look in the mirror and I have to stare I look in the mirror it's just me there I look in the mirror now what do I see I look in the mirror it's still only me So many years I've lived, so many years I've grown Just rambling around with no real home Like the proverbial gnome who sits on his stone Rod in hand fishing alone For the life of me why With tears I cry A family life, I had it all Now as I look in the mirror I feel so small So for me now Its new beginnings The past is the past It's a new set of innings

IN YOUR HEART

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By Ray Finch

The brittle brown golden leaves falling from the soon to be baron and dormant tree, each one decaying, feeding the far reaching buried roots, so once again it will regrow for another year, becoming vibrant and lush green, a tree that will display all its splendour, a tree which will surely outlast me

A cold breezy early morning as I now sit solitary on the park bench, recalling and reflecting on my memories as another leaf slowly flutters down, a kaleidoscope of long forgotten images swirling around for me to view in my mind, before slowly just like the leaves, fade and decay away

So many of them stirring heart-warming memories that I hold so dear, so many sounds accompanying them that only I can now hear, smiling and frowning as each passing memory provokes a non-verbal response, happy, sad, right or bad, I had no teacher, nobody had ever lived my life before, so each new day and every step became a new experience, so did I do good only you can judge

Now just one solitary leaf remains stubbornly clinging on, knowing soon time will intervene, I close my eyes for the last time knowing I loved those close to me and believing I did my best, then with a gust of wind the leaf departs a sigh escapes my lips as we expire together, the tree also, will one day cease to exist, but me, I will always live in your hearts.

L-O-V-E

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Ray Finch

My girlfriend one day said to me look into my eyes tell me what you see Because I really need to know for sure Your love for me is forever more So I looked into her eyes And what I saw to my surprise They reflected right back to me The letters L-O-V-E I smiled, as I then replied You're the girl to be my bride And as I got onto one knee She was staring down at me Then on what would be our special day The five famous words I then did say 'WILL YOU BE MY BRIDE' She gasped out, and then replied ?

LOVE & YOU

LOVE and YOU By Ray Finch **Each and every day** I still feel your kiss as I hear the words you would say Loving you more and more with each passing day 60 seconds, 60 minutes, 24 hours A week, a month, a year or two So much time but it wasn't all ours Now as I remember I smile back at you Our love's forever or that's the way it seems Etched in my memory and all of my dreams My days are still happy colourful and bright Without hearing your laughter or seeing the sunlight Now it's in words and everyone knows Just how much for you my love grows **Each and every day**

MARS

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Ray Finch

Elon says, we Musk go and explore Build on Mars, for evermore Richard says, we will go so high Cheese and Branston, in the sky Jeff says, Bezos we can Watch out space here comes man NASA says, let's stay cool Ignite our rockets with different fuel Kryptonite, that might do Ask Superman, he once flew too The space lab's there for us all to share But do we humans really care Now GPS, is tracking you And everything that you do So the 3 rich men, say that we must go So white suits on, now for the show Countdowns started 10, 9, 8 Waiting at the departure gate 7, 6, 5 Let's keep mankind alive 4, 3, 2 Me you and the crew 1 Gone!

MEDIA

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Ray Finch

Why do we never get to hear The other side of the sphere We always get to hear them say What's out there happening everyday Surely there's another side Unless the truth they want to hide What they tell us just won't do They must think we are stupid, me and you Doomsday is coming, is all you hear That's why they call it project fear You may not believe that its fake news But really, that's for you to choose Me, I have my doubts, I do I really think, so should you They've told fake news many times before It no longer causes a furore So should we look on Wikipedia Well It's Just as truthful as the media

MONTHS

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Ray Finch JANUARY, and the year starts anew With lots of new thoughts and things to do FEBRUARY, and now the cold winds blow Bringing with them the rain and the snow MARCH, and the skies start to clear Easters nearly upon us yes its nearly here APRIL, oh what a month so hot and humid, that sounds so cool What you believe me, you April fool MAY, now starting to flower and the Queens do their dance So don't look back at winter not even a glance JUNE, already, has come way to soon With lots of clear skies, to view the sun and the moon JULY, now halfway through the year Brings lots of smiling faces and plenty of cheer AUGUST, is a must for travel and vacations So no more at home or staycations SEPTEMBER, now time to look back and ponder Come on cheer up and don't be so sombre OCTOBER, a month that's gloomy and dull Never mind, will soon be Christmas with crackers to pull NOVEMBER, the rockets and fires light the sky Lots of treacle toffee, parking and apple pie DECEMBER, the year now almost over, so with a glass and a cheer A toast to those, we love, cherish, and hold so dear

MOTHERS SPECIAL BEAUTY

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By Ray Finch

The darkness now starting to turn grey as the light slowly filters in Like a window blind opening and letting in the daylight My eyes adjusting as the grey becomes clearer Then Suddenly I can see and the sight before me is one of unbridled loveliness That will be etched inside my memory forever My first sight of *BEAUTY* my Mother

Would I ever see a enigmatic sight again Yes the first time I laid eyes on you I was captivated So lost for words so tongue tied and dumbstruck to utter anything sensible My heart pounding then you smiled and your *BEAUTY c*aptured me

We dated we married we had our beautiful children

I remember as I looked down at our first born, a Son I was too immature to realise what a gift you had bestowed on me The *BEAUTY* of this small child that I held in my hands And the man he would one day become

Then our second child was born, a Daughter Once again so small and perfect in every way Another *BEAUTY* that to this day I still marvel at her And how she's become so strong and independent

As I'm sure any parent can relate, I've had my share of heartache and worries from them I still do roll my eyes in surprise when they decide they know better than me But as they make their own way in life with every beat of my heart I love them more each day And could not be prouder of my beautiful children So my Mother, thank you for nurturing me and allowing me to grow inside of you So that I could experience my **4** moments of *SPECIAL BEAUTY* Which I'm sure will be the final images that flash before me When It's finally time for me to come and see you again

MOTORWAY

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Ray Finch

Today's the day we've been waiting for Man and wife under god's own law 10 I'm doing on the motorway It's only slow but I'm on my way 20 now but it's still not clear Lots of rain and hard to steer 30 It's a little faster now I will get there someway somehow 40 and now the sun I see Peeking out and shining on me 50 yes I'm getting near The church bells ringing I can almost hear 60 and it won't be long The congregation in full song 70 the limit now reached and cutting it fine But I will be there, just in time My foot's now further to the floor The wheels spin as the engine roars Red lights in front where did they come from My legs won't work my body's gone But my minds still working, it's just fine A light I see, it brightly shines What's that beep, it's slowing down My body's rising leaving the ground Now it's floating I'm going high Quick my 'WIFE' say 'GOODBYE'

NATURES LOVE

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By Ray Finch

As we walk hand in hand Through the flowers of this green land Quietly listening to natures sounds The love between us knowing no bounds Hills and valleys stretching far and wide The love we have, never to hide The cracks and the rumbles high above The rain that falls will feed that love So you may grow into a rose for me The symbolic flower of this great country

NUCLEAR BLUES

Nuclear Blues

by Ray Finch

Sailing under the seas stealthly and unseen, The first you will know of me is when my missiles scream Bursting through the surface as they now race away, Bringing with them, their own judgment day Tracking them from space speeding towards you, All is now lost there is nothing you can do We could of shaken hands but that wasn't to be, Instead you wanted to make , an enemy of me Now it's computers steer as it gets ever near, Soon on your radars it will appear Say a prayer as you count the seconds down, For soon mankind will no longer be around The rest will join in giving their buttons a press, Omg how did we end up in this bloody mess

OLD MAN

Looking out to sea, clothes ripped threadbare and torn This once proud man, now sad and forlorn He's nowhere to go, he's nowhere to stay Wondering around, becomes just another day So many years ago, when he witnessed such hell So many tales, that he could now tell But they don't want to know, they say go away We don't care about you, either yesterday, tomorrow or today If only they knew, about the battles and cries Head in hands, as another comrade dies The war now over, and back home he came Nobody wanting, to even know his name Shunned by the nation, he once fought for Oh god he ask's, what's the use of war This man, who once stood so proud and tall Now remembers, how all gave some and some gave all So please now help him, to find his dignity Give him a home in your city Where will you find him, he's looking out to sea Yes I'm that man, that man is me

PLANETS

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Ray Finch

The Current Bun our beautiful SUN Warms us up as its always done MERCURY is first on the list It's so small it's easy to miss VENUS is next, the planet of love Lots of kisses and lily white doves EARTH now, the sun's number one Other planets, having long been and gone MAR'S where man will next go What he will find nobody knows JUPITER the biggest of them all All wind and gas so it won't fall SATURN with its eight rings Full of debris, dust and other things URANUS can't be left behind The Greek god of the sky, I think you will find NEPTUNE the furthest away And also the densest for it to stay that way The list is now finished as we know Unless Hubble finds another, where we can all go

REMEMBER

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By Ray Finch

The village where I grew, so picturesque small and pretty So much better we all thought, than living in a city With lots of open spaces, and woods to go and play Coming home at night, head to toe in mud and clay Mother would say, oh my goodness look at you But mum we beat the Indians, and played footy too So many memories, that I now have Fixing bikes and other things, with my dear old dad Me and my brother, were as close as can be Many secrets we held, just him and me So on this day as we now recall The lives of hero's who have bled away We will remember all of them, In our own special way

RESPECT

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Ray Finch

I don't have any stories to tell For I don't want to bore you to hell That was then and this is now And both our lives just don't gel Your beliefs values and time Are nowhere near the same as mine Life changes, what I enjoyed was good But the test of time it's just not stood As people change in every nation Life then changes for each generation Who is wrong and who is right It's no matter they still will fight In my footsteps you once stood Now making your own as you should I know it's hard talking to one other But we really should, tolerate each another Yes you are young and I am old And I know you won't be told But what I've known and seen is good So respect for me should be understood Treat me right and listen to me Even though you don't agree This sermon ends here and now as we will find a way Somehow!

ROAM

ROAM

Ray Finch

Don't be sad and let me see you smile A picture in my heart, mile after mile You all know that I must roam But I promise, one day to come back home Back, so you all can see You are my love, my life, my family But the tracks now call me down the line There's no need to worry I will be fine Who knows where I go, or what I will see Maybe its California or Memphis Tennessee Through all kinds of weather, sun, snow, wind and rain One day I will come back, to take over the reins But till then, please take care of one another My wife, son, daughter, sister, and brother

SCRAPS OF LOVE

Scraps of Love

By Ray Finch

You left my tanks empty all my ballast now gone No longer submerged but sitting high in the sun Pitching and rolling In the choppy seas of love The noise of the sea birds as they circle above As you discard all the scraps of our love Now no more for me to say or heed As they start to dive down In a frenzied feed

SNAKE

So young but how could we ever forget We were strangers when so many years ago we first met Then it happened and friends we became As we laughed and joked then traded our names So silly at the time to think that you could be mine But boy and girlfriend we become and everything was fine All through our teens and youth No secrets or lies aways telling each other the truth Then it happend me on one knee I asked and you betrothed yourself to me Then the snake appeared the one with no ears, just relying on taste and smell With our marriage he caused such hell Now it's many years later and I'm looking back.....

SPACE LOVE

Space Love by Ray Finch A flash of LIGHT then a BIG BANG At the very same moment you held my hand This was the start of something for sure Our love expanding for evermore Stars forming and twinkling their light The moon shining ever so bright Meteors and comets shooting through space Cosmic dust swirling at pace So many galaxies and planets out there As we look up in wonder and can but stare Now we orbit around so many spheres In the dwindling twilight of our years Our **time** having stretched far away Black holes swallow and the memories decay

SPELLBOUND (off grid)

Spellbound

By

Ray Finch

The water oozes out of the sea of green moss as each footprint presses into the spongy mass

The water, a life giving liquid for the marid of life buried in its rich green pastures

Squish squash as each footstep brings us nearer to the edge of the vast expanse of clear blue water

A stillness over the lake except for a small ripple which shimmers across the surface, fed by the gentle breeze of air that passes over

The same breeze that kisses us with a gentle warmth, as the first rays of the Sun start to peek through the slow dancing wispy clouds as they move through the morning sky

The blanket of moss now making way for the encircling small pebbles which create a shore around the lake

A shore where one can stop and stare at the pure beauty of nature and listen to the unrivalled sounds of being off grid

A sigh of pure wonder as a bird of prey hovers overhead its wingspan fully deployed as it watches the small bubbles that rise to the surface knowing below is a feast with which to feed his family

Utter contentment as you wonder do I have the best job in the world, do I swap it for a chair and desk, or do I remain SPELLBOUND

TRANQUILITY

TRANQUILITY

By Ray Finch

The glow of the setting sun cascading its light over the gently lapping waves as they race upon the shore

A shimmering light reflecting off each peak as it rises then slowly slides back into the giant ocean

A gentle breeze that rustles through the leaves of the palms creating a sound of calmness

A far away intermittent light that helps to guide and keep you safe

Such a beautiful setting can only mean

Tranquillity

WAKE

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Ray Finch

Black ties white shirts best suits Buffet plates great mates good roots Great bloke, didn't smoke Had a drink, didn't think Much too late, he hit the brake Speeding car, no control Police out, on patrol Sirens on, a dui No time, to say goodbye Angels waiting, in the sky Another life, passes by Black ties white shirts best suits Buffet plates great mates good roots Envied him, he went so far Never famous, but still a star Never again, will I ever see This guy, always next to me Many times we disagreed But family plants, the bonding seeds One great guy, what can I say Rain or shine, or come what may We will meet, another day Black ties white shirts best suits Buffet plates great mates good roots

WHY

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by Ray Finch Why do you let yourself settle for less How do they get to pass your test Really Is your bar so low You shrug your shoulders and just let it go They swear in front of you, and think it's cool When in reality just bloody fools Find someone that will treat you nice Maybe not all things good, and full of spice Just someone who wants one day to be In front of you on bended knee Looking up into your eyes A straight forward question with no surprise Someone for you to love and trust To get you through that is a must So many of us as we go through life Avoid the issues not wanting the strife So don't you dare ever settle for less Always remember you are the best.

WIFE

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Ray Finch

When you see her please let her know I just gave up and let her go She wanted out, I know not why I stayed strong I did not cry Where's she gone, I know not where These four walls are now so bare I'm not strong, I'm mild and weak How will I make it into next week Has she another, of that I'm sure I miss her so, my heart is sore When you see her as I know you will Your still my friend, that's a bitter pill I trusted you, with my life You stepped right in and stole my wife I hope you kiss her, every night For when it's dark she's sometimes fright Look after her please do it for me Now that I've finally set her free I'm lonely lost and on my own Just sitting by the telephone Please let it ring, and let it be So I can say come back to me I love you now and always would So much more, than he ever could So when you see her please let her know I didn't want to let her go I would of loved her all my life If only, she would of stayed my wife