

Poetry of A Felon

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This Poetry book or poems are related to my very existing life from being a child to becoming an adult who has found God. We learn through experience and hopefully these heart-felt poems can reach out and save others in my position. I've overcome myself as a troublemaker that trusted no one and would do anything to hurt those I didn't feel comfortable around. The entire time I was hurting myself. I prepared myself for a life of turmoil. Now I've renovated my lifestyles and principles. Amen!

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My Lord im COMING- Antaine Roach
Restless ive become, Numb to the pain
of those around me, Worried for NO one.
My patience is my worst enemy.
I chose to rush through life as if I
would miss out on all the wrong that ive
been a part of. Now im back in Prison
Feeling regretful praying to the Lord Above.
Forgive me for my childish ways How
I neglected my responsibility of my family.
The anger I displayed to keep others
from around me. The violence of a an
abused kid, A monster I was portrayed.
Never cared about other's feelings, my cold
heart was in the way. Thought I was
playing the game and got played by my
own ignorance. Blinded myself by my own
selfish ambition. I Pray that you
hear my voice as you read this, I was
a child for too long, even in my adult years.
It's sad that we men think that its soft
to cry. For that I shed tears. Too many
years ive caused pain. Should have been
slain but the Lord saved me again. My
purpose is to be the servant the Lord has
wanted me to be. I shall fulfill what's
left of me on my new Journey. Sorry
for the wait. My Lord i'm coming!

Better than my Past-Antoine Roach
Rage I know. Destruction, i've
caused. Because of my hate for Authority
i'm stuck behind these Prison walls.
No family to call. Didnt hear my
number called during meal call. I
blamed my current situation on you
My choices that I made were wrong.
But who am I to speak of that.
My pride is still intact. But who ~~am~~
I to let go of that, I'll tell you.
A scared child who grew up around
drugs, sexual abuse, murder, and a
system that failed many like me miserably.
But at the beginning and end of the
day, it was my choice to do what i've
done. No matter how I felt. Yes it has
taken me over twenty years to finally
realize I was the problem of my life.
When you look up one day and finally say
to yourself that your tired and your at your
very bottom, you've known in many ways
you wouldn't believe. I've escaped my
wrongful thinking and now im at ease.
So please forgive me to those that i've hurt
in my past. This will not be my first sorry
nor my last. As we all know, no one's perfect
as a human. To become better than my
past. Every night its God that I ask.

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Who can say - Antoine Boach

Who amongst us can surely say
that a calm sea will never see a
storm. Who can say that a life given
will never be harmed.

Who can say that today will
never end. Who can say that
tomorrow will not begin.

Who can say from their mouth that
you're not my friend. When I was
the only one there to help you through
the worst you've ever been.

Who can say that our lives would
not cross paths. Who can say that
one plus one equals two is incorrect math.

Who can say I won't reach heaven
just because now I'm titled a convicted
Felon.

Who can say you're right

Who can say you're wrong

Who can say I'm guilty as charged
when God is the Judge of us all.

Amen

Be Reborn - Antoine Roach

The struggle against ones self is powerful. Like becoming addicted to a powerful drug like nicotine or alcohol. When we are wrong about situations we choose to hear what we wanna hear. See what we wanna see. Blind to the fact that God is the only reason that we hear or see. Oblivious to his good nature and forgiveness. We choose not to forgive and hold grudges. But when we commit that awful sin we are quick to beg God for forgiveness. When our child or loved one becomes suddenly ill we pray for them to get better with help from above. Knowing that our sin could have caused this sickness. But we blame not ourselves, never. We are without hope and understanding because of our wicked ways. But because God is most merciful he will not part ways. Give your life to him and confront yourself. Through him we are made whole and reborn because of Jesus Christ his son. Amen

Purposely Driven Man-Antoine Roach

When gambling with your life there's no such thing as making the same mistake twice. You had a purpose and it was intentional, truth be told.

If selling drugs sent me to prison, why be dumb enough to earn my freedom, get out and do it again.

So many jobs are hiring us Felons, but we stick to the same excuse saying imma Felon. Looking over my shoulder for protection selling drugs is a workout.

I'd rather earn a check or two direct deposit to my bank account. NO worries for this money. I even get great overtime.

My side hustles vary from cutting grass, cutting hair, selling home made candy, to exclusive painting jobs. All my money's on my debit card if that's what the jackboys wanna rob me for. I changed my game up, no mistakes as I move forward.

God was my only life guard as I took my life in my hands and jumped off the diving board. Thanks to him i've become a purposely driven man.

Old Ways - Antoine Black

As I turned away from my old ways,
I woke up on this new clay. Feeling like
a new me. I pray to the spirit above
for showing grace upon me. Merciful
is he, the one that knows everything.
It's sad that we still try to hide from
the one and only God who sees everything.
Do not be ashamed to call upon his
name. Because when it's your time to
serve him he's gonna call your name.

Give unto the Lord it ^{is} he who
saves. The one who knows our sins
and will never turn us away.

Doubt yourself, Never doubt God.
Amen

Victory from Defeat - Antoine Roach

I've learned to convert my defeat into stepping stones to opportunity for success. Failure is not an option. Success is dedication and patience. Every failure has its own seed of an equivalent success for those who never give up.

I gave up from a struggle within year after year. But always had a plan of success in my mind. Over the years I wrote out my plans. Acted them out.

Daydreamed about them even. I knew I had the knowledge and skill to be or do whatever I chose while in prison.

My actions in prison would lead to my thoughts and actions in the free world.

Staying with the street mindset kill or be killed was a losing battle. I lost!

Now my mindset is strong enough to understand that I too can have victory.

They say knowledge is power. I say Faith is above all. With Faith everything else falls in line. I'm no longer the lost man in the darkness. Because of Christ this man shines. Amen

Truth - Antoine Roach

So many chances i've had.

Freedom was in my grasp.

I gave all that up for a gun and
a bag

How dumb I was. Am all A' student

Didn't finish 12th grade, got my

GED so that I wouldn't look stupid.

I regret my decisions. My emptiness

is seen. I'm tired of living my life

behind these walls of reality with

bad dreams. Prison is what it seems.

A nightmare full of thieves taking

your freedom and making a man

feel like a child, as if he were 3.

The programs don't really help us. The

guards here are jealous. These prisons

and the government really don't give

a fuck about us Felons! I'ma tell it

how I tell it. cause it needs to be

heard. Your loved ones are doing more

time for selling drugs than a molester

is for touching young boys and girls.

Lord forgive my words but the truth

needs to be heard. The Justice system

is corrupt without fuck I would

have given up!

Refuse- Antoine Roach

What you build will give you a
Foundation. It will stand on your
hard work, blood, sweat, and tears
When you stand for something that
is important to you, you make it
known to the world.

Giving up only means you truly
never put your all into yourself
to complete your goal.

Refuse to fail.

Refuse to believe the hateful words
others say about you.

Refuse to let them control your destiny

Refuse to let them win.

Amen

Power From Above is

Power made of Love.... Amen

Finish our Job Antoine Roach

As I looked into the mirror a
smile stared back Happy was
I. So grateful for that I've
come a long way. My Journey was
hectic. To stay uneducated and
underprivileged, my dad's expected.
I arose to the challenge like David
to Goliath. I took back my life
from the worlds most hated liar.
I never gave up, just set myself
back. Now im in full attack mode
to help the young brother's still
struggling in the back. Come to
the front and see what I see.
A life full of corruption that needs
leaders like you and me. To serve
we shall, only for God. obedient
ones of Christ. lets finish our job.

Storm Antoinette Roach

Light rain against my window pane
turns into a storm that caused lots
of damage and pain. Floods left
lives stranded. Took all they had
worked hard for. Family members
missing, all we can do is pray and
hope for them. We knew this day
would come. But still refused to
prepare. Now we are reaching out
for help feeling as if that help is
no longer there. But God heard our
cries, we suffered no more. A
Warning to all living. Never ignore
the oncoming storm.

Give all unto the Lord. He
Deserves all. Amen

My sins - Antoine Roach

Forgive my wrongs, I've hurt so many. I finally understand my sin's true meaning. I was once confused, stuck in my hateful ways. Never caring what others felt or really had to say. To them I was a delinquent, a criminal at heart. My life was going down bad, I needed a fresh start. Gave my life to the lord. Asked for forgiveness for all my wrongs. He turned my life around for the better. I love how my new life is coming along. Thank you for your patience 26 years and counting. All of my sins amounted to a staggering mountain. I poured out my heart like a fountain and God told me that great book of sins was tired of counting!

Game of Life - Antoine Roach

Don't give into the world.

Temptations are calling. Choose
not the lifestyle of worldly things.

But the lifestyle of guidance,
Honesty, Honor, Faith, Love and
Respect.

Seek not what is unrighteous.

Believe in yourself. Through Christ
you are powerful, let our saviour
give you the game of life. Not a
street dude who chooses to gamble
with his life.

I've been him more than once, Many
more than twice. A time convicted

Felon who lived in Prison twice.

Don't gamble with your life.

Choose Christ. Amen

Wake up - Antoine Roach

While I was cooking close plotting on my riches, I never once thought about the children who were really in them trenches, starving because their country was cut over. Those high up stealing supplies meant to help dry the eyes of those young helpless children crying. No shelter or protection. Young girls being raped. Mothers forced to give their sons and daughters up just to fill one plate. We complain about the struggle, like we really got it bad. Can you imagine your little brother or sister with a belly so big, because they were far from being fed. Or waking up to screams from them being raped in their bed. We gotta speak up and think about others. They have no way out, they are the true ones to suffer. God give us all an eye to see and a heart to care. Have mercy on those families in countries that may not know you dwell there.

Amen

War called my life- Antoine Roach

To you I'm a criminal, An animal
from the streets. A drug dealing,
pistol toting, pants sagging freak.
But what if I did all that and
still changed for the better. Just
because of my past you still wouldn't
trust a Brother. Throw water on me
if I were on fire. Hate me because
im titled a convicted felon and
a drug supplier.

No matter what I been through
I'm still here fighting strong. A
King Among Men like christ I'm
too strong. I lost alot of battles
but this war im gonna win.

The war called my life. Jesus give
me your hand.

Never give up, keep fighting until
your last breath. Amen

Fate - Antoine Roach

Never underestimate anyone. A child can have the skills to save a life. An elderly person can possess the strength to lift a car off of someone underneath it. We are all God's children. Nothing is impossible because of him. I find strength in him. His guidance is pure light. His promises never broken, His will always done. My gifts as a writer, he has brought me closer too realizing these skills are meant to help the world. My writing sheds light on the unseen. I write about what others refuse to write about such as the corrupt Justice system and corrupted Political Powers of the world. Open your eyes and see through the disguise of hate. An unneeded life put to death should be no one's fate!

Amen.

No Matter - Antoine Roach
Offended by my words. I speak in
detail. And will tell what's untold
for the souls who seek. Air we
breathe to live, our lungs are in much
need of it. A heart's beat is a life
living, im Proud to Honor that.
To take a life is a mock of that.
Innocent blood being shed across
the world. No matter the color
of your skin, a sin is a sin!
No matter where you came from,
a sin is a sin.
No matter where you've been,
a sin is a sin.
All that matters is you being
saved and reaching out your hand
to those who are affected by the
ones who pretend.

Very First Step- Antoine Roach

I've learned to be humble.

Not quick to anger like my past.

I've learned to be more patient.

Everything good doesn't happen fast.

I decided to last.

Forgot how to lose to temptation.

I decided to win.

I took my spin in the winner's rotation.

I grabbed a hand. The hand that led me in so that I wouldn't stumble.

The same hand that was there all them years. I caused trouble.

The same hand that never left.

The Lord Jesus Christ helped me take my very first step.

Life goes by quick - Antoine Roach

Do you see the hurt.

Recognize the pain.

A trapped soul in sorrow

Can you say his name.

That's Antoine Roach, a

young man full of shame,

With no one else to blame

Reality is what's left to gain.

My pulse became stronger

My shoulders upright

My head held high.

Not with arrogance full

of pride.

But joy of not rotting in

a grave, I thank the Lord

I'm still alive.

Made it to 25.

Flew through 26

About to be 27

Yea, life goes by quick.

Give all - Antoine Roach

I came into existence to serve
one God and help those struggling,
worshipping the wrong gods.

Give all I got and never be quick
to judge, who I am to criticize,
I'm a convicted felon still loved.

By the Father and the son Above
They show me so much love.

I give all thanks to them, their
my number one plug.

Never forget. Love is what heals
the world. But because Jesus
loved us, he saved a treacherous
world. Through him we shall
overcome and love one another.

Treat those around us like our blood
sister's and brother's.

Don't give up on one another when
times seem hard. Be sincere
when you pray.

Give all. Glory and thanks
To God, Amen

Those Alike - Antoine Roach

I did this for myself and those alike. We brothers are always chasing the hustler's dream wanting the finer things. If we took the time to let our voice be heard and talent shine. That money we sold drugs for could have doubled in no time. These gifts God allowed us to have, use them for what's right and help other's out.

Sorry to my mother Ms Jennifer Roach and my baby sister Nene. words will not and cannot explain how my heart feels for abandoning the both of you. I pray ya'll can forgive me and believe my words are true. From the very bottom of my heart, I Love the Both
OF YOU!!!!