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INTERIOR DESIGN

A book of poems based on real life, love and triumph.

This is food for thought and food for the soul.

A must read.

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To whom it may concern,

I am enclosing a series of poems. I hope you find them enjoyable and worthy of publishing.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Innocence

She lives, she breathes, she acts without fear
Wisdom her savior is always near
She's naked; she's pure, internally sincere
She's open, trusting, learning and dear
She lives, she breathes, she's just for today
She's focused, she fights, to find her way
She listens, she hears, with few words to say
She's a prime example of the potter's clay
She's a branch, she's a root, she's a planted seed
She's compelling, she's desirable, she's ever in need
She's a cry, she's a moment, she's a mouth to feed
She's teachable, she's sacrifice, she's power indeed
She's Innocence

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Insatiable

I shine upon the light that you give
Insatiable you to quench my soul
Explaining our will to live
Forever to have and to hold
It's you that makes this life worthwhile
My heart makes one thing clear
If an inch is sure, I'd walk a mile
For love without no fear
Who's to say that a day is a day?
When forever is not enough time
So prepared to fly away
In devotion that we define

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We the people

A world of people with different hues
Different thoughts and different views
Different talk and different news
Good or bad, free to choose
To dislike or be amused
The bells, the whistles, the cues, the clues
Oh how careless can we abuse
Much to receive, much to refuse
Grateful to win and grateful to lose
Sing in praise or cry the blues
Many have faith while some accuse
Either stay in debt or pay your dues

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The perfect day

Today is tomorrow's yesterday joy
For the happy girl and the happy boy
Less sorrow to quiet the sickening noise
At peace I plan to be
From hard nights to pleasant days
From sinful thoughts to righteous ways
From criticism to giving praise
Its forever I long to see

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Depth

A shadow box
Confined to a solitary thought
Of freedom fought
So square in a round world
Circa infinity
Better yet divinity
The whole of a hole
Mind heard of a sound
I'm profound

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Sign Language

Vegas, Reno and even Times Square
Neon, Hi-Def everywhere
Consumers and tourists stop and stare
At this big extravagant city fair
Box office, Broadway, Ad space, high
Subliminal messages that fill the sky
All we want is a piece of the pie
Who cares if the commercial is a lie?
Billboards, Facebook, word of mouth
Twitter and Instagram, I'll figure it out
Apple, Google, Microsoft clout
Wally World rules without a doubt
Establishment, store, or upon your door
Let's launch a campaign to win this war
Demand is the reason we do this for
So show me your name or brand once more

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Neighborhood Sky

Blood, sweat, tears and bone
Breathing the slums and living alone
The grit, the grind, the movement blind
No telling how many bodies you'll find
What little hope for a chosen few
It's me do me and you do you
Down pay, down rent, down telephone calls
Up crime, up prison, up juvenile halls
Faint traces of faith, opportunities late
For narrow is the road and wide is the gate
Seeking wonders and expecting signs
The weed, the pills, the dope, the wine
Glass covered blacktop playground deluxe
Nothing better to do with your hard earned bucks
Hidden below a neighborhood sky
The same hood dreams continue to lie

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Crime Pays

Whoever said crime doesn't pay was wrong
I went from staying overnight to staying too long
Experiencing the extreme aside from the norm
Three hots' and a cot and an orange uniform
Often compensation is instant gratification
Programs, parole and supervised probation
Truly a result of miseducation
The excuses, alibis and justifications
Whoever said crime doesn't pay forgot
That everything I am makes me everything I am not
All the hours I've hustled and look what it bought
An unfortunate situation and a reason to get caught
I thought I was right, I totally went left
I thought I was awake, when I truly slept
If crime is my passion, I'm forever in debt
To jails, institutions, insanity and death

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What my life is like

What my life is like, what my life is like
So imperfect to original sight
Who am I to say if it's wrong or right?
I simply draw my sword to fight the fight
I fix my eyes upon the duty prize
So sublime the heavenly time to shine
Light reveals there is no room to hide
What my life is like is so truly mine
My soul is eternal and shall not die
Lest correction in vain will have its way
I will give my heart permission to cry
To heal each moment of every day
A wonderful gift that I truly see
It's the you be you and the me be me

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I saw amazing

I saw amazing when I saw lightning strike
I saw the sun give its shine and a bird in flight
I saw a man on the moon, a child be born
I saw the infamous calm before the storm
I saw amazing when I saw "sad" smile
I saw a single inch turn into a mile
I saw a bud blossom into a rose
I saw a teardrop cleanse a soul
I saw amazing with my own two eyes
I saw a paradise beyond the skies
I saw the spark that made the fire
I saw heaven and higher

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Seek a see

Sneak a peek or seek a see
Whom may I ask, can curious be
Is it I, or tunnel vision
You make your own decision
Look, look, you old thief eye
Secrecy here to satisfy
I imagine the picture that you'll take
When your perception isn't so great

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Overcome

In the riot world
Near to the sound
The wailing and weeping
Is quite profound
Notice the aggressor
His shirt is red
He cares not why he's fighting
Amongst the living dead
Hail to my fellow soldier
Built to overcome
Death where is thy sting
When all is said and done

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Reign

Crave my heart with the simplest of fears
And I'll meet you where you're at
Endless to define the number of years
That our dreams will ever lack
Let me caress your soul with my eyes
Only to ever find
That our love and devotion never dies
Your hand embedded in mine
Seek my soul as an open fire
To burn an eternal flame
To sacrifice for your only desire
Enthroned our souls to reign
Let me embrace your heart in selfless ways
Designing ever joy
Spending with you my rest of days
A happy girl and a happy boy

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Echoes

Who said what? What was said, and why?
It was me! It was me! It was I...
Who are you? You who? Oh my!
I'm that man, I'm that dude, I'm that guy
Where you've gone I've been
So if you're out, I'm in
What? What? Who?
How dare you don't what I do?

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Skid Row

Doctors, lawyers, teachers and preachers
Your average citizen in the ballgame bleachers
Different personalities, different features
These gifted and talented creatures
How dare one judge and state their worth
When the first shall be last and the last shall be first
Condemning beforehand and thinking the worst
Rendering the world accursed

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Truly

I alone behold life truly divine
May expressions speak their heavenly worth?
Its duty lay strictly upon this Earth
Especially to further serve mankind
Keeping my soul so urgently in mind
To rid this curse of a vile universe
Only to dream but expecting the worst
Wear a nuclear face to hide the waste
Trade organic for mechanical tastes
Time never waits so never wait for time
I alone behold life truly divine
Seeking and searching a beautiful sign
Two eyes in a world that no longer fear
What I once beheld is already here

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Elixirs

My mind spills pictures
Of love elicit mixtures
Displayed like public fixtures
Of mind blowing elixirs
Rain drop whispers
Drench the souls of the victors
While axiom lived scriptures
Cure all Brothers and Sisters

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Reality

How can I be there when I'm not all here?
Took the wrong turn and shifted the wrong gear
Loneliness became the man of the year
Subconsciously shedding a crocodile tear
Let's be honest about what's at stake
Exposing what's real to hide the fake
Defining an excuse as an honest mistake
How much nonsense can common sense take?
Here's the bottom line, the grand conclusion
We wouldn't know clarity without confusion
This is why one must keep on using
Reality to remove the mask of illusion

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H2O

Water, water, H₂O

Constantly moving and forever a flow

The ability to take any shape or form

Hot, cold or even lukewarm

Water, water, satisfy

Doing your duty to purify

Splash it, soak it, and wash it clean

Liquid, ice or steam

Water, water, fall like rain

Filling the rivers and feeding the plains

Douse the fire first

For nothing better quenches the thirst

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It's you

Imagine this, a passionate heart with a virgin gift
Kissing my soul right on the lips
A moment of infinite bliss
It's you I long for, it's you I miss
Devotion I can't resist
Putting your desires at the top of my list, I insist
That our spirits create an erotic eclipse
What better love can exist?
I constantly envision how much better it gets
My heartbeat continues to skip
It's you I long for, it's you I miss

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Ooh Wee

The secular freelance material life
Silicon and Botox under the knife
Laws and bylaws where two wrongs make a right
A mental, physical and spiritual fight
Nouns and pronouns that go bump in the night
Tell me what's worst, the bark or the bite
Submerged in darkness, I can see this light
Sober as a judge or high as a kite
Big city wisdom delight
The same reason blind men now have sight
Get on board for the flight
Let's soar to equal unspeakable heights

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So Right

When I first saw you, I had a dream with my eyes open
Whenever I slept, I longed to be awoken
My desire sang songs of words unspoken
Without you my heart would be broken
When I first saw you, I knew the meaning of life
I saw a mission of a man and his soon to be wife
How dare I hesitate or even think twice
About something that feels so right
When I first saw you, I was completely blown away
Left totally speechless, with nothing to say
Your beauty is a lifetime and forever is today
How I adore you in a wonderful way

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To beat

Who dares to love right?

In open heart surgery

Relentless to beat

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Fall

**In living color
The foliage is so ripe
Fall like rain in time**

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Human

**I smell a human
Being created to be
Just like no one else**

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Bloom

To fold and unfold
A rose to infinity
The beauty behold

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A tear

As seen to the eye
Clever in the making of
My teardrop to cry

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Open

Caress your spirit
Within my open window
To my soul be true

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Lively

**A warm silent breeze
Whistle a season of love
Music to dance to**

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Water

**Water is to purify
For drenching my soul
A tear to drop from God's eye**

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Path

He knew the way home
How silly is he astray
The walk is still there

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Lifeline

Save me now from me
We a lifeline today, gives
Mouth to mouth to hope

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Listen

Stay in tune

My ear food

To the listen I rhythm

All the day long

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High

I'm so high

Reality is amiss

I kiss the sky on the lips

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When

**I used to know how
Now I really know why
I need to know when**