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THIS IS VARIOUS POEMS WRITTEN DURING TIMES OF
TURMOIL AND JOY IN MY LIFE, SOME REFLECT FEELINGS
I HAVE FOR SOMEONE, OTHERS JUST ABOUT TIMES IN LIFE
THAT MANY MAY RELATE TO, IT IS A COLLECTION THAT
IS AS DIVERSE AS LIFE ITSELF,

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"THE FATHERS LOVE"

IT IS SAID THAT THERE IS LOVE
IT COMES FROM HIM WAY UP ABOVE
WHEN WE HURT HE FEELS OUR PAIN
WHEN HE CRIES IT FALLS AS RAIN
HE FEELS OUR PAIN AND SEES OUR TEARS
HE MENDS OUR HEARTS AND CALMS OUR FEARS
IF NOT FOR HIM WHERE WOULD WE BE
TOSSED LIKE A SHIP ON A RAGING SEA
HIS LOVE FOR US IS NEVER WRONG
HIS LOVE FOR US IS VERY STRONG
WHEN WE FAIL TO LOVE AND LEARN
HAVE WE FAILED AT EVERY TURN
FOR IT IS US WHO FAIL TO SEE
THE LOVE GOD HAS FOR YOU AND ME

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"THE CHOSEN FEW"

LOVE IS FOR THE CHOSEN FEW
SOFT AND SWEET AS MORNING DEW
IT COMES TO THOSE WHO DO BELIEVE
NOT TO THOSE WHO SIT AND GRIEVE
SO PUT A SMILE UPON YOUR FACE
COME MY LOVE AND TAKE YOUR PLACE
STAND AMONG THE CHOSEN FEW
FOR LOVE HAS COME TO ME AND YOU
THOUGH I MUST WAIT UNTIL WE MEET
TO TASTE YOUR KISS I KNOW IS SWEET
WAIT I WILL BUT JUST FOR YOU
TO TASTE THAT KISS AS SWEET AS DEW
YOUR LOVE FOR ME MY LOVE FOR YOU
PUTS US AMONG THE CHOSEN FEW

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"FRIENDS"

THERE IS A WOMAN IN MY HEART
I HAVE LOVED HER FROM THE START
SHE HOLDS MY HEART WITHIN HER HAND
THIS DESTINY WAS NEVER PLANNED
A FRIEND OF MINE SHE'LL ALWAYS BE
I'LL LOVE HER THROUGH ETERNITY
THROUGH THICK OR THIN GOOD TIMES OR BAD
WHEN SHE IS DOWN OR FEELING SAD
I'LL DO MY BEST TO MAKE HER SMILE
IN LOVE WITH HER STILL ALL THE WHILE
SOMETIMES WE LAUGH SOMETIMES WE FIGHT
WE'VE NEVER SHARED A QUIET NIGHT
I THANK THE STARS THAT THIS IS SO
FOR THAT IS WHY I LOVE HER SO
YET THERE ARE TIMES WE DON'T AGREE
AND THERE ARE TIMES SHE ANGERS ME
BUT LOVE HER STILL I SURELY DO
MAYBE SOME DAY SHE'LL LOVE ME TOO

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"A FRIEND ALWAYS"

WHEN YOU ARE SAD IT HURTS ME TOO
THOUGH YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT I GO THROUGH
SAD YOU ARE AND THAT HURTS ME
YOUR HAPPINESS I WISH TO SEE
I YEARN TO SEE YOUR SPECIAL SMILE
TO SEE YOU LIVE YOUR UNIQUE STYLE
UNIQUE YOU ARE AS NIGHT OR DAY
THE THINGS YOU DO THE THINGS YOU SAY
TO PUT A SMILE UPON YOUR FACE
TO TAKE YOU TO A SPECIAL PLACE
THESE ARE THE THINGS I'D LIKE TO DO
TO SHARE THESE TIMES WITH ONLY YOU
FOR FRIENDS WE ARE AND FRIENDS WE'LL BE
FROM NOW UNTIL ETERNITY

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"LOVE CAN COME"

LOVE CAN COME IN MANY FORMS
ON SUNNY DAYS OR DURING STORMS
WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR
LOVE CAN COME FROM NEAR OR FAR
AND COME IT WILL FOR MOST AT LEAST
YES LOVE CAN TAME A WILD BEAST
THERE'S MANY THINGS THAT LOVE CAN DO
LIKE DRY A TEAR OR TIE A SHOE
LOVE CAN COME OR LOVE CAN GO
WHEN IT COMES YOU'LL SURELY KNOW
DON'T LET IT GO AT ANY COST
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HAVE TRULY LOST

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"AT WHAT COST"

FRIENDS WE'RE NOT THAT'S PLAIN TO SEE
THOUGH I HAVE TRIED ITS NOT TO BE
GO WHERE YOU WILL AND LIVE YOUR LIFE
I PRAY YOU NEVER SUFFER STRIFE
BUT WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO COME AROUND
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF I'M NOT FOUND
WE LIVE AND DIE BY CHOICES MADE
AND IN THE END ALL BILLS ARE PAID
PAID THEY ARE BUT AT WHAT COST
WE KNOW THAT WHEN WE SEE WHAT'S LOST

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"NO OTHER"

MY LOVE FOR YOU IS LIKE NO OTHER
NOT FOR MYSELF NOR FOR MY MOTHER
YOU ALONE MEAN MORE TO ME
ITS YOU ALONE I WISH TO SEE
MY ACTIONS PUT US FAR APART
I HOLD YOU CLOSE WITHIN MY HEART
WITHIN MY HEART I LOVE YOU SO
THIS LOVE IS TRUE I PRAY YOU KNOW
TO SPEND MY LIFE ALONE WITH YOU
IS ALL I WISH TO REALLY DO
YOUR LOVE FOR ME CAN MAKE IT SO
TOGETHER WE CAN WATCH LOVE GROW
SEASONS CHANGE AS ALL THINGS DO
EXCEPT THE LOVE I HAVE FOR YOU

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"SPECIAL DAY"

SPECIAL DAY WE ALL HAVE ONE
ON THIS DAY WE LOOK FOR FUN
ANOTHER YEAR HAS COME TO PASS
IT DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE NO CLASS
SO LAUGH AND SMILE AND HAVE A BALL
AND SHOW THE WORLD THAT YOU STAND TALL
DO NOT LET NO ONE BRING YOU DOWN
DON'T TURN YOUR SMILE INTO A FROWN
IT IS YOUR DAY AND YOURS ALONE
T'S NOT THE DAY TO BE OUT SHOWN
SO SHINE FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE
AND ALL DAY LONG JUST BE HAPPY

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"DEATH OF A SUNRISE"

DARKEST BLACK THE SKY OF NIGHT
FADES TO GRAY WITH MORNING LIGHT
FROM DARK TO LIGHT THE DAYS BEGUN
FROM SETTING MOON TO RISING SUN
ACROSS THE SKY ITS PATH IS SET
BEGINNING EAST AND ENDING WEST
THROUGHOUT THE DAY THE SUN SO BRIGHT
LIGHTS UP THE WORLD UNTIL THE NIGHT
THE SUNRISE NOW TO MEET ITS END
WE WELCOME DUSK JUST AS A FRIEND
FROM DUSK TO DARK THE NIGHT RETURNS
THE SUN SO BRIGHT NO LONGER BURNS

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"MOONBEAMS"

MOONBEAMS DANCE AND LIGHT THE NIGHT
BRINGING SMILES AND SUCH DELIGHT
I CAPTURED ONE OR THOUGHT I DID
IT DISAPPEARED OR RAN AND HID
WHERE ITS GONE I DO NOT KNOW
IT TOOK WITH IT ITS LOVELY GLOW
THEY COME AND GO THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT
GONE FOR GOOD WITH MORNINGS LIGHT
TO CATCH ANOTHER I SHALL TRY
WHEN THE MOONS HIGH IN THE SKY
BUT CAN I KEEP IT IF I DO
IF I CAN I'LL CAPTURE TWO
ONE FOR NOW WOULD BE JUST FINE
I JUST WANT ONE I CAN CALL MINE

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"OUR LOVE"

SOME PEOPLE CLIMB TO REACH THE SUMMIT
WHILE OTHERS TRIP AND ONLY PLUMMET
OUR LIVES BEEN FULL OF UPS AND DOWNS
AT TIMES REFLECTING CIRCUS CLOWNS
BUT UP OR DOWN THROUGH BAD OR GOOD
THERE IS ONE THING THATS UNDERSTOOD
WE STAY IN TOUCH THROUGH THICK AND THIN
THROUGH GOOD OR BAD TIME AND AGAIN
WE STAY TOGETHER WHILE OTHERS PART
THAT SHOWS THE LOVE DEEP IN OUR HEART
THE LOVE WE HAVE SHALL PULL US THROUGH
THE LOVE WE HAVE IS PURE AND TRUE
THROUGH ALL OF THIS ITS NOT TO FAIL
BECAUSE OF LOVE WE SHALL PREVAIL

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"THANK YOU MOTHER EARTH"

WHEN THE WIND BLOWS THROUGH THE TREES, IF YOU LISTEN CLOSELY, YOU CAN HEAR THEM AS THEY WHISPER AMONG THEMSELVES, THEY SPEAK OF TIMES LONG AGO, LONG BEFORE MAN EVER WALKED UPON THE EARTH,

WHEN THE BIRDS SING, DO YOU LISTEN? YOU SHOULD, FOR THEY TOO SPEAK, THEY SAY HOW THINGS WERE BEFORE HUMANKIND INVADED THE LANDS,

DO YOU WATCH THE FLOWERS WHEN THEY BLOOM? THEIR BEAUTY SHOWS IN THE VIBRANT COLORS WITH WHICH THEY ARE PAINTED, THEY MOVE WITH GRACE WHEN THEY DANCE IN A BREEZE,

IF WE WATCH AND LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND US, WE WOULD SEE A MOST SPECTACULAR SIGHT, MOTHER EARTH IN ALL OF HER GLORY,

STOP TODAY, JUST FOR A MOMENT, TAKE THE TIME TO WITNESS SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL, TAKE A REAL LOOK AT NATURE, SEE WHAT MANY TAKE FOR GRANTED, AND THEN SAY THANK YOU TO MOTHER EARTH FOR GIVING YOU SOMETHING SO SPECIAL,

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"HOLIDAY TIMES"

WITH THE STARS AND THE MOON
SHINING BRIGHT IN THE NIGHT
THE SNOW ON THE TREES
IS A WONDEROUS SIGHT
ICICLES GLISTEN FROM EAVES
WHERE THEY HANG
CAROLERS STROLLING
WHILE CAROLS THEY SANG
WITH EGGNOG IN HAND
AND A LOG ON THE FIRE
THE HOLIDAY SEASON
BRINGS HOPE AND DESIRE
A TREE WITH ITS TINSEL
AND PRESENTS GALORE
SHOPPERS WITH BUNDLES
STILL SHOPPING FOR MORE
FAMILIES SHALL GATHER
TO SHARE WITH EACH OTHER
HUGGING AND KISSING
A SISTER OR BROTHER
AS YOU'RE ENJOYING
THE SEASON THIS YEAR
PLEASE KNOW IN MY HEART
THAT I'M KEEPING YOU NEAR

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"YOU'RE MY VALENTINE"

FLOWERS BY THE DOZEN
HEARTS OF PINK AND RED
THE LOVE I HOLD WITHIN MY HEART
IS MORE THAN WORDS HAVE SAID
ONCE A YEAR THERE IS A DAY
A DAY THAT'S MEANT FOR LOVE
WHEN CUPID SHOOTS HIS ARROWS
AT OUR HEARTS FROM UP ABOVE
YEARS AGO AN ARROW CAME
IT PIERCED MY ACHING HEART
FILLING ME WITH HAPPINESS
OF WHICH YOU ARE A PART
ON THIS DAY I SEND TO YOU
AN ARROW OF YOUR OWN
TO SHARE THE LOVE I HAVE FOR YOU
AND SHOW HOW MUCH IT'S GROWN
YOU ALONE NOW HOLD A KEY
A KEY THAT OPENS DOORS
DOORS THAT HOLD ABUNDANT LOVE
A LOVE THAT IS ALL YOURS
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

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"COLORS"

CHILDRENS CHEEKS SO ROSY RED
DEEP GRAY CLOUDS FLOAT OVERHEAD
YELLOW SUNFLOWERS FACE THE EAST
A BIG GREEN DRAGON SUCH A BEAST
COLORS SHINING OH SO BRIGHT
BRING HAPPINESS AND SUCH DELIGHT
FRUIT OF ORANGE AND SKY OF BLUE
PURPLE MOUNTAINS STANDING TRUE
CARNATIONS BLOOM IN PRETTY PINK
AN OCTOPUS AND ITS BLACK INK
COLORS FOR US EVERYWHERE
LIKE THE RAINBOW IN THE AIR
WITHOUT THE COLORS THAT WE SEE
HOW DULL OUR LIVES WOULD SURELY BE

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"HOMELESS JOURNEY"

UNDER BRIDGES I HAVE SLEPT
BENEATH THE WILLOWS I HAVE WEPT
LOOKED FOR FOOD LIKE OH SO MANY
MORE THAN ONCE NOT FINDING ANY
I WALK THE STREETS IN COLD AND RAIN
I MASK THE HURT AND HIDE THE PAIN
A JOB TODAY BUT NOT TOMORROW
BRINGS NO HOPE BUT LOTS OF SORROW
I HAVE NO PLACE TO CALL MY OWN
I WANDER NOW FROM TOWN TO TOWN
MANY SIGHTS I'VE SEEN ITS TRUE
UNABLE TO ENJOY THE VIEW
LIVING NOW FROM DAY TO DAY
HOPING SOMEONE POINTS THE WAY
A WAY TO SOMETHING MORE THAN THIS
FOR IN THIS LIFE THERE IS NO BLISS
KNOWING NOT WHATS NEXT TO COME
STILL LOOKING FOR A PLACE CALLED HOME

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"A DAY AT THE BEACH"

PALM TREES SWAYING IN THE BREEZE
WAVES ROLL IN FROM OFF THE SEAS
SAND OF GOLD AND SHELLS OF WHITE
ON THE BEACH A COMMON SIGHT
CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE SAND
LOVERS STROLLING HAND IN HAND
SURFERS HOPE TO CATCH ONE MORE
THAT WAVE TO RIDE INTO THE SHORE
GULLS ARE SOARING OVERHEAD
SETTING SUN A BALL OF RED
DRIFTWOOD GATHERED FOR THE NIGHT
FIRES BURN FOR WARMTH AND LIGHT
AS THE MOON BEGINS TO RISE
SO TOO THE GLOW OF FIREFLIES
MUSIC SOFT NOW STARTS TO PLAY
A PERFECT ENDING TO THE DAY

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"WINTER"

COLDER NIGHTS SHALL NOW BEGIN
WINTER DAYS HAVE SETTLED IN
TREES AND SHRUBS NO LONGER GREEN
CHILDRENS BREATH CAN NOW BE SEEN
BIRDS OF SUMMER TAKE THEIR FLIGHT
FARMS AND FIELDS DRESSED IN WHITE
THESE ARE SIGNS THAT WINTERS HERE
ONCE AGAIN THAT TIME OF YEAR
SEASONS COME AND SEASONS GO
THIS ONE BRINGS US LOTS OF SNOW
A NORTHERN WINTER CAN'T BE BEAT
FIRES BURN FOR WARMTH AND HEAT
IF YOU LIKE THE SUMMER WARMTH
THEN BRING YOURSELF NOT TO THE NORTH
FOR IN THE SNOW WE LOVE TO PLAY
WE WISH THE SNOW WERE HERE TO STAY
BUT GONE AGAIN IT SOON WILL BE
AND WITH IT WINTER FUN FOR ME

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"SPRING"

SMALL GREEN SHOOTS BEGIN TO SHOW
TINY SPROUTS NOW START TO GROW
WEATHER WARMS WITH TREES IN BLOOM
NO LONGER TRAPPED IN WINTERS GLOOM
NESTS ARE BUILT AS ROBINS SING
FLOWERS OPEN TO THE SPRING
GENTLE SHOWERS SOFTLY FALL
BRINGING LIFE TO ONE AND ALL
SPRINGS THE TIME TO START ANEW
WITH WARMING SUN AND MORNING DEW
BUNNIES BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES
LEAVES OF GREEN AND CLEAR BLUE SKIES
THESE ARE SIGNS THAT SPRING IS HERE
FILLING HEARTS WITH JOY AND CHEER
JUST LIKE BIRDS THAT SOAR ABOVE
SPRINGS THE SEASON MEANT FOR LOVE

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"Summer"

BOATS UPON THE WATER

A VERY WELCOME SIGHT

FISHERMEN IN WADERS

HOPING FOR A BITE

CHILDREN RUNNING TO AND FRO

ALL WITHOUT A CARE

KITES OF MANY COLORS

SOARING IN THE AIR

BATHERS SOAKED WITH OIL

ON THE BEACHES LIE

THESE ARE SIGNS OF SUMMER

WEATHER WARM AND DRY

FIREFLIES ARE ALL ALOW

AS TWILIGHT STARTS TO FALL

COYOTES SEARCHING FOR A MATE

LISTEN FOR A CALL

SHOOTING STARS AND COMETS

FILL THE SKY WITH LIGHT

OWLS HOOT IN NEARBY TREES

WAITING TO TAKE FLIGHT

BATS IN SEARCH OF DINNER

FLYING OVERHEAD

AROUND A ROARING FIRE

ARE TAILS OF THE DEAD

COWBOYS AND THEIR HORSES

WITH HERDS THEY NOW MUST TEND

ANOTHER DAY OF SUMMER

IS COMING TO AN END

SO JUST RELAX ENJOY THE DAY

YOU KNOW IT WON'T BE LONG

THE PLEASURE TIMES WE HAVE RIGHT NOW

SO SOON WILL ALL BE GONE

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"FALL"

LEAVES OF GREEN TURN GOLD AND RED
SUMMERS FLOWERS NOW ARE DEAD
FARMERS REAP WHAT THEY HAVE SOWN
HAPPY WITH THE CROPS THEY'VE GROWN
CANNING DONE AND PUT AWAY
STORED FOR USE ANOTHER DAY
PUMPKINS RAISED FOR HALLOWEEN
JACK-O-LANTERNS ARE THE SCENE
CHILDREN DRESSED UP LIKE A GHOST
HOPING THEY RECEIVE THE MOST
TURKEY BAKED AND STUFFED WITH BREAD
DAD AND CHILDREN ALL ARE FED
PECAN PIE AND PUMPKIN TOO
A PIECE FOR ME A SLICE FOR YOU
IT'S NOT THE TIME FOR TRICKS AND PRANKS
THIS IS THE SEASON TO GIVE THANKS

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"MORE EACH DAY"

WHERE WILL I GO WITHOUT YOUR LOVE
I WILL NOT SOAR WAY UP ABOVE
LIKE THE BIRDS THAT FLY SO HIGH
OR THE CLOUDS UP IN THE SKY
I CAME TO YOU WITH BROKEN WINGS
A CLOUDED MIND AND OTHER THINGS
YOU CLEARED MY HEAD AND MADE ME FEEL
MY LOVE FOR YOU IS VERY REAL
AND NOW YOU NEED TO HEAR ME SAY
I LOVE YOU MORE AND MORE EACH DAY
I'VE TOLD YOU TWICE WHAT LOVE CAN DO
NOW TELL ME ONCE YOU LOVE ME TOO
MY LOVE FOR YOU IS HERE TO STAY
I LOVE YOU MORE AND MORE EACH DAY

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"Autumn's Poem"

WITHIN MY HEART I HOLD YOU DEAR
WITHIN MY HEART I KEEP YOU NEAR
OH CHILD OF MINE DO NOT DESPAIR
JUST BECAUSE I AM NOT THERE
A FATHER'S LOVE DON'T GO AWAY
IT IS A LOVE THATS HERE TO STAY
SO WHEN YOU'RE DOWN OR FEELING BLUE
THATS WHEN MY LOVE WILL STILL BE TRUE
SO WHETHER GOOD OR BEING BAD
THROUGH ALL OF IT I'M STILL YOUR DAD
I'LL LOVE YOU TILL THE VERY END
ALL BECAUSE I AM YOUR FRIEND
SO HERE FOR YOU I'LL ALWAYS BE
WITH OPEN ARMS AND LOVE FOR THEE

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-FOR AUTUMN MOON-
WITH ALL OF THE LOVE A
FATHER HAS FOR HIS DAUGHTER

"SILENT WORDS"

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WORDS DON'T COME
AT TIMES LIKE THESE I JUST HAVE NONE
IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT I CAN'T SPEAK
BUT TIMES LIKE THESE JUST KEEP ME MEEK
IN MY HEART AND IN MY HEAD
ARE MANY WORDS THAT I HAVE SAID
THOUGH NOT OUT LOUD FOR ALL TO HEAR
THESE WORDS SCREAM OUT SO LOUD AND CLEAR
YOU MEAN A LOT TO ME ITS TRUE
SO WHAT IS THERE FOR ME TO DO
I MISS YOU DEAR SO VERY MUCH
YOUR SPECIAL SCENT YOUR TENDER TOUCH
I KEEP YOU NEAR ME EVERY DAY
I HOLD YOU CLOSE IN MY OWN WAY
SO KNOW THAT DEEP WITHIN MY HEART
THE WORLD CAN NOT KEEP US APART
I LOVE YOU MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY
EVEN MORE THAN YESTERDAY

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"CONCERNED"

DEAR FRIEND OF MINE I AM CONCERNED
YOU'RE SAD AND LONELY I HAVE LEARNED
THIS BREAKS MY HEART AND CLOUDS MY MIND
BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE WARM AND KIND
NO ONE SHOULD BE ALONE OR SAD
THERE'S SO MUCH HAPPINESS TO BE HAD
ALL I CAN DO IS SEND YOU WORDS
I HOPE AND PRAY NOT ONES YOU'VE HEARD
THEY'RE FULL OF LOVE AND LOTS OF HOPE
MAYBE MY WORDS WILL HELP YOU COPE
SOME THINGS IN LIFE WE CAN'T CONTROL
SOMETIMES THESE THINGS CAN TAKE THEIR TOLL
I TRY MY BEST TO HELP YOU OUT
SOMETIMES ITS BEST TO SCREAM AND SHOUT
SO SCREAM AT ME OR YELL OUT LOUD
TO HAVE YOUR TRUST WOULD MAKE ME PROUD
FOR PROUD I AM TO CALL YOU FRIEND
YOUR FRIEND I'LL STAY UNTIL THE END

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"GREATFUL"

ALONE I SIT AND MISSING YOU
SOMETIMES NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO
THE THOUGHT OF YOU HELPS KEEP ME SANE
YOUR LOVE TAKES ME TO HIGHER PLAINS
THERE ARE DAYS I AM SO LOW
NOT REALLY SURE WHERE I SHOULD GO
IT IS YOUR LOVE THAT KEEPS ME STRONG
ITS I ALONE WHO WAS SO WRONG
I TRY EACH DAY TO MAKE THIS RIGHT
THEN ON MY KNEES I PRAY EACH NIGHT
I THANK THE GODS FOR WHO YOU ARE
AWAITING ANSWERS FROM AFAR
THEN ASK THEM WHO I AM TO BE
SO GREATFUL THEY GAVE YOU TO ME
THE DAY SHALL COME WHEN I'LL BE FREE
AND ALL MY LOVE I SAVE FOR THEE

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"THE HOLIDAY SEASON"

THE GIFTS ARE ALL WRAPPED WITH A RIBBON AND BOW
THE HOUSETOPS ARE COVERED WITH WHITE FLUFFY SNOW
TREES ARE AGLOW WITH THE TINSEL AND LIGHTS
POPCORN AND ORNAMENTS SHINY AND BRIGHT
WITH COUPLES ON SLEIGH RIDES AND SKATERS ON ICE
EGGNOG AND COCOA WARM COZY AND NICE
CHILDREN ON SLEDS ARE NOW GLIDING DOWNHILL
LAUGHING AND SHOUTING ENJOYING THE THRILL
THIS TIME OF YEAR BRINGS A JOY ALL ITS OWN
FOR TODDLERS AND CHILDREN AND THOSE WHO ARE GROWN
THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH ALL OF ITS CHEER
WOULD NOT MEAN A THING WITHOUT YOU IN IT DEAR

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"A FAMILY HOLIDAY"

THE GIFTS HAVE BEEN WRAPPED
AND THE GOOSE HAS BEEN ROASTED

WE ALL RAISE OUR GLASS
AND THE SEASON IS TOASTED

WITH FAMILY AND LOVED ONES
WE GATHER TO MEET

AROUND A LARGE TABLE
WE SIT DOWN TO EAT

THANKS TO THE SAVIOR
AND PRAYERS FOR THE REST

THIS SEASON FOR GIVING
IS SIMPLY THE BEST

PLEASE TAKE TIME THIS SEASON
TO THINK OF ME TOO

AND KNOW IN YOUR HEART
I'LL BE THINKING OF YOU

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"SHOW THAT WE CARE"

SNOW ON THE GROUND AND SNOW IN THE AIR
IT IS THE RIGHT SEASON TO SHOW THAT WE CARE
SNOWMEN ARE BUILT BY CHILDREN AT PLAY
ANGELS AND SNOWFLAKES THE ART OF THE DAY
FRESH TREES ARE CUT AND ADORNED WITH A STAR
LIGHTS BURNING BRIGHT CAN BE SEEN FROM AFAR
COLORS ARE FESTIVE AND SPIRITS WILL SOAR
COOKIES AND BREADS PLUS PASTRIES AND MORE
THE SCENTS OF THE SEASON ARE AFLOAT ON THE AIR
CHILDREN ARE PLAYING AND HAVE NOT A CARE
THEY WAIT FOR THE MAN ALL DRESSED UP IN RED
THOUGHTS OF HIS COMING AS THEY RUSH OFF TO BED
AWAKE THEY WILL STAY OR AT LEAST THEY SHALL TRY
TO SEE IF HIS REINDEER REALLY DO FLY
BUT TRY AS THEY MIGHT THEY SOON FALL ASLEEP
HE COMES AND HE GOES LEAVING TREASURES TO KEEP
THEY WAKE IN THE MORNING AND RUSH OUT TO SEE
ALL OF THE GIFTS HE LEFT UNDER THE TREE
COOKIES AND MILK WERE LEFT OUT TO EAT
BUT ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE SOOT FROM HIS FEET
THE SMOKE FROM HIS PIPE IS STILL IN THE AIR
YES THIS IS THE SEASON TO SHOW THAT WE CARE

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"WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS REALLY MEAN"

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON COMES AGAIN
BUT HOW DID IT REALLY BEGIN
ON A CROSS THE MAN NOW DEAD
OR WITH A MAN ALL DRESSED IN RED
IS IT A BIRTH WE CELEBRATE
OR A SLEIGH OF GIFTS ON WHICH WE WAIT
WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS REALLY MEAN
A GIFT THATS WRAPPED A TREE OF GREEN
A CHILD BORN ONE WINTER NIGHT
WITH WISE MEN GUIDED BY A LIGHT
TALES TOLD TO HONOR EACH
FOR WHICH ONE DOES YOUR SPIRIT REACH
GIVE A GIFT AND SHOW YOUR LOVE
BUT DON'T FORGET THE ONE ABOVE
REACH OUT TO OTHERS TIS THE SEASON
WITHIN YOUR HEART YOU'LL FIND THE REASON
WHICH EVER SIDE YOU CHOOSE TO SHARE
BE SURE TO SHOW YOU TRULY CARE

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"SMALL TOWN LIFE"

SMALL TOWN LIFE ACROSS THE LAND
COUPLES WALKING HAND IN HAND
RODEOS AND COUNTY FAIRS
BARKERS YELL TO HAWK THEIR WARES
WHETHER SHY OR FAIRLY BOLD
THERES SOMETHING HERE FOR YOUNG AND OLD
COWBOYS TRY TO RIDE A BULL
FOOD TO EAT UNTIL YOU'RE FULL
GAMES OF CHANCE ARE HIT OR MISS
YOUNG GIRLS BLUSH AT A STOLEN KISS
MAMA'S PEACHES GRAMA'S PIES
EACH COMPETES TO WIN THE PRIZE
JAMS IN JARS TO BE JUDGED TOO
TO WIN THE RIBBON COLORED BLUE
LADIES HOPE TO BE CROWNED QUEEN
ALL THIS MAKES A FESTIVE SCENE
WHEN EVERYTHING IS SAID AND DONE
SMALL TOWN LIFE IS FULL OF FUN

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"AMERICAN COUNTRYSIDE"

Big RED BARN STANDS ALL ALONE
SILOS RUST CORN NOW GONE
WEEDS NOW GROW IN FERTILE SOIL
FARMERS HERE NO LONGER TOIL
FIELDS ONCE SO FULL AND GREEN
A COMMON SIGHT NO LONGER SEEN
SIGNS OF LIFE WE THOUGHT WOULD LAST
ARE NOW JUST SIGNS OF TIMES GONE PAST
WINDMILLS LEAN ABOUT TO FALL
ONCE WATERED CROPS THAT GREW SO TALL
JUST THE SCARECROW STANDS ALONE
HIS CLOTHES AND STRAW ARE ALMOST GONE
ANIMALS WITH ALL THEIR SOUND
ONCE ROAMING HERE NO LONGER FOUND
THE SIGN YOU READ UP ON THE TANK
SAYS THIS LAND HERE NOW OWNED BY BANK

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"COUNTRY LIFE"

COUNTRY ROAD OF DIRT AND STONE
DOWN THIS LANE I WALK ALONE
TRACTORS PICK-UPS RUSTED CARS
OUT IN FIELDS UNDER THE STARS
OLD MEN GATHERED AT THE STORE
SWAPPING TALES AND SO MUCH MORE
TWO OL BOYS AT CHECKERS PLAY
AS CORN AND WHEAT NOW DANCE AND SWAY
CHILDREN RUNNING DOWN THE STREET
OLD DOGS TRY TO BEAT THE HEAT
LAUNDRY HANGING OUT TO DRY
WHILE THE SUNS HIGH IN THE SKY
YOUNG BOYS FISH WITH OLD CANE POLES
DOWN AT THE LOCAL FISHING HOLE
YOUNG GIRLS DREAM OF MOVIE STARS
TEENAGE BOYS OF SOUPED UP CARS
THIS IS LIFE AS LIFE SHOULD BE
AT LEAST IT IS OUT IN THE COUNTRY

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"SOUTHWEST SUNSET"

From WHERE I SIT ITS SIMPLY BEST
AS THE SUN SETS IN THE WEST
ON A ROCK I SIT AND THINK
SKY OF YELLOW ORANGE AND PINK
ORB OF RED SLOWLY DESCENDS
ANOTHER DAY COMES TO AN END
GOLDEN STREAKS AND FADING LIGHT
TOGETHER MAKE A WONDROUS SIGHT
THE DAYS LAST RAYS NOW FADING FAST
THERE IS NO WAY TO MAKE IT LAST
WITH THESE WORDS I BRING TO YOU
THE BEAUTY SEEN BY JUST A FEW
THE HAND OF GOD HAS PAINTED THIS
A SIGHT NO ONE SHOULD EVER MISS

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"GATE KEEPER"

CLOTHES OF BLACK WITH EYES OF RED
HE'S THE ONE WHO KEEPS THE DEAD
SKIN SO WHITE IT ALMOST GLOWS
WHY HE DOES THIS NO ONE KNOWS
SOME SAY PENANCE OTHERS FATE
EITHER WAY HE KEEPS THE GATE
TO MEET THIS ONE IS NOT THE BEST
FOR IF YOU DO YOU FAILED THE TEST
SO LIVE YOUR LIFE AND LIVE IT RIGHT
OR YOU MAY MEET HIM ONE DARK NIGHT
THIS IS NOT THE PLACE TO COME
FOR THIS IS WHERE HIS SPIRITS FROM
IT IS HE WHO'S GATE IS KEPT
COUNTLESS SOULS FROM HERE HAVE WEPT
MORE SHALL COME BUT NONE WILL LEAVE
BECAUSE OF HIM THEIR FAMILIES GRIEVE
SO STAY AWAY OR HIS YOU'LL BE
FROM NOW THROUGHOUT ETERNITY

K.C. RAUCH

"UTOPIA"

LUSH TREES FULL AND GREEN
FLOWERS BLOOM IN MANY COLORS
BIRDS SINGING SONGS OF JOY
BEES AND BUTTERFLIES ALOFT
CRYSTAL CLEAR WATER FLOWS
TALL GRASS SWAYS IN A BREEZE
SUN SHINES FROM A CLOUDLESS SKY
A BLUE THAT GOES FOREVER
ANIMALS ROAM SHARING THEIR SPACE
BEARS WITH LIONS MOOSE WITH TIGERS
INSECTS TOIL IN WHAT THEY DO
NESTS AND LAIRS BUILT
TO SEE ALL THIS AS IT IS
UNDISTURBED AND IN ALL ITS SPLENDOR
PROVES HEAVEN DOES EXIST
EVEN IF ONLY WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES

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TIS NOT THE TIME FOR SORROW
TODAY IS NOT TOMORROW
ONCE WE GET PAST THE SORROW
TODAY BECOMES TOMORROW

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"YESTERDAY"

TODAY IS TOMORROWS YESTERDAY
YESTERDAYS TOMORROW IS TODAY
TOMORROW TODAY WILL BE YESTERDAY
YESTERDAY TODAY WAS TOMORROW
TOMORROW YESTERDAY IS TODAY
IF THIS CONFUSES YOU DON'T WORRY
TOMORROW WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT
AND TODAY WILL NOT MATTER BECAUSE NOW
ITS YESTERDAY

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"THE POETS LAST POEM"

DIPPING QUILL INTO INK
THE POET NOW BEGINS TO THINK
WITH HIS PEN INK MEETS PAPER
A MATCH IS STRUCK TO LIGHT A TAPER
A SINGLE CANDLE IS HIS LIGHT
AS HE WRITES THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT
FROM HIS HEART THE FEELINGS FLOW
UNDER THE CANDLES TINY GLOW
WORDS OF LOVE AND BROKEN HEARTS
HOW IT ENDS BEFORE IT STARTS
A MAIDEN OWNS HIS LONELY HEART
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE FAR APART
PAYING PENANCE FOR HIS SIN
HE YEARNS TO HOLD HER ONCE AGAIN
NEVER KNOWING WHATS TO COME
ONLY WANTING TO GO HOME
NOW HE PUTS HIS PEN TO REST
FINISHING HIS FINAL QUEST

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"FEELINGS"

WHAT WILL IT TAKE
TO EXPLAIN HOW I FEEL
HOW CAN I TELL YOU
THAT MY LOVE IS REAL
THE WORDS I HAVE SPOKEN
YOU SEEM NOT TO HEAR
MY FEELINGS FOR YOU
IS NOT SOMETHING TO FEAR
JUST LIKE THE FLOWERS
THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING
THE ROSES THE TULIPS
THE BIRDS WHEN THEY SING
ALL OF THIS BEAUTY
IS HOW I SEE YOU
WHAT CAN I SAY
TO PROVE THAT ITS TRUE
ALL THAT I TELL YOU
THINGS THAT I'VE SAID
COME FROM MY HEART
A HEART THAT HAS BLED
FEELINGS LIKE THIS
ARE A TREASURE ITS TRUE
THESE ARE THE FEELINGS
I HAVE JUST FOR YOU

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"THANKS MOM"

YOU CLEANED UP THE MESSSES
THAT I HAD MADE

YOU HELD ME SO CLOSE
WHEN I WAS AFRAID

YOU FIXED WHAT I BROKE
AND SELDOM GOT MAD

YOU LOVED ME SO FULLY
WHEN I WAS SO BAD

YOU'VE DONE ALL OF THIS
WITHOUT THINKING OF YOU

SO I'D LIKE TO SAY
THAT I LOVE YOU TOO!

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

K.C. RAUCH

"Twilight"

LIGHT GROWS WEAKER AS DARK GETS STRONGER
SUN SINKS LOWER AND SHADOWS GROW LONGER
NO LONGER DAY BUT NOT YET NIGHT
THIS TIME OF DAY WE CALL TWILIGHT
WHILE STARS BEGIN TO FILL THE SKY
THE MOON ALSO BEGINS TO RISE
HEAR THE CRICKETS MATING CALL
AS DARKNESS NOW BEGINS TO FALL
WITH NOTHING LEFT THAT WE CAN DO
COLORS LOSE THEIR VIBRANT HUE
THE DAY HAS LOST ITS FUTILE FIGHT
GIVING WAY UNTO THE NIGHT

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"SHINY TREASURES"

MANY TIMES YOU BROKE MY HEART
PIECE BY PIECE IT CAME APART
TREASURES BRIGHT AS SHINY GOLD
ARE NOW JUST SHELLS EMPTY AND COLD
A BROKEN HEART IS ALL I OWN
THE REST I HAD IS NOW ALL GONE
A LOVE I THOUGHT I'D HAVE FOREVER
BECAME THE ONE WHO TOLD ME NEVER
THROUGH IT ALL I LOVE YOU STILL
WITHIN MY HEART I GO THROUGH HELL
WILL THERE EVER COME A TIME
WHEN YOUR LOVE IS ONLY MINE
PATIENTLY I'LL WAIT AND SEE
IF MY PRAYER SHALL COME TO BE

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"OTHERS COST"

PAIN AND HURT ENOUGH TO SHARE
SMOKE AND STENCH NOW FILL THE AIR
SOLDIERS FALL FROM WOUNDS THAT BLEED
PRIVATES AND SERGEANTS AMONG THE DEAD
BOMBS EXPLODE AS BULLETS FLY
BUILDINGS CRUMBLE BROTHERS DIE
LEADERS FAIL TO FIGHT THEIR FIGHTS
CAUSING OTHERS SLEEPLESS NIGHTS
DEATH AND DESTRUCTION THE SIGNS THEY LEAVE
WIDOWS AND CHILDREN ARE LEFT TO GRIEVE
HOW DO YOU ADD UP THE COST
FOR ALL OF THOSE THAT WE HAVE LOST
WHEN THOSE IN CHARGE BEGIN TO BEND
THAT IS WHEN THE DEATH WILL END

K. C. RAUCH

"ROAD OF LIFE"

DAY BY DAY AND YEAR BY YEAR
THIS ROAD WE TREAD BECOMES MORE CLEAR
THE PATH OF LIFE WILL TWIST AND TURN
ON THIS PATH WE HOPE TO LEARN
WHILE WE GROW WE SLOWLY AGE
WITH EVERY DAY WE TURN A PAGE
CAN YOU VALUE WHAT LIFE'S TAUGHT
LIFE'S TRUE KNOWLEDGE CAN'T BE BOUGHT

K. C. RAUCH

"You"

IF I COULD SHOW YOU HOW I FELT
THE WAY YOUR LOVE MAKES MY HEART MELT
I SEE YOUR BEAUTY A WORK OF ART
YOUR LOVE HELPS HEAL MY ACHING HEART
I HEAR YOUR VOICE MY HEART BEATS FAST
I PRAY THAT I CAN MAKE THIS LAST
YOU'RE MY CAUSE FOR HOLDING ON
ALWAYS SCARED THAT YOU'LL BE GONE
MY HOPE THAT I WILL HOLD YOU NEAR
TO NOT DO SO MY GREATEST FEAR
SHALL WE EVER LIVE AS ONE
I'LL WORK UNTIL I SEE THIS DONE

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