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I am a freelance writer, very passionate and genuine in all words are a window into my soul. I guess i could say about myself that am the result of an upbringing and culture that is proud and strong in its real sense.I'm confident and i'm here hoping to educate and share my trials and triumphs through the power of the pen...

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Wherever you want me to go, Lord  
Lead me  
For I am a willing tool in your hands  
Whatever you want me to do  
Tell me  
For your servant is earnestly waiting  
Whatever you want for my life  
Earnestly, let it come to pass  
For you are the potter and am the vase  
I have tried with my own strength  
Hid my eyes away from you  
And turned a deaf ear  
But what do I find?

Been in this spot for too long  
Turning and turning within a circle  
Fixated on the things of the world  
That offers no reprieve whatsoever  
Been down this road too many times  
But still groping in my wilderness  
Waiting on your saving strength  
To buy me out of my misery  
Pray lord, how long more?

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# ..Sleep Eternally

I'm still in total shock and disbelief.  
My heart is broken and really sore  
I'm still in utter disillusionment  
How, why comes out so often from my words  
Too many questions with little or no answers  
Why would life be so cruel to steal a loved one

I'm here wishing this isn't true  
That by some miracle, you will come to life  
You fought hard in the face of tribulations  
You waged a battle against death every day  
You could have cheated on death again,  
But you faulted and it had its last laugh

I don't know where to start, what to say  
How can life be this cruel and callous  
We shared so many things together  
Looked out for each other every night  
We were sources of comfort to each other  
Shared our burdens and troubles together

Now, your there six feet below earth  
Your clock suddenly stopped ticking  
Leaving behind heavy mourners  
who knew you, your good works  
who thought life would always go on with you  
But how sad, death decided to take you away

Pat, although your gone to rest  
will always cherish all that we shared  
All the times we sat hours on end  
Gisting about nothing in particular  
But just been there to while away time  
and be comfort to each other

Your thoughts live on in the lives  
Of all that knew life was worthy  
And we're happy, though short but meaningful  
I pray for the repose of your soul

And that you find peace and a place to rest  
In the bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ

Adieu...Patricia

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## ~~~~wingless~~~~

Who cares what i think, who cares what i feel  
when all they do is treat me with sceptism  
I have tried to maintain my sanity but daily its threatened  
I have tried to make them happy but what do i get?  
I do all i have to do, bend over backwards always  
All in a bid to appease and soothe frayed nerves  
My pillow soaks daily from my crying out  
I'm daily running out of ideas on what to do  
How best to placate everyone around me

I'm not a bad has been  
So pray, where did things go wrong  
How am i gonna make them believe in me  
when they probably see me as a threat  
Its the first time in my life ever  
That am faced with this kind of indecision  
The pain and tears that wells up in me daily

Cant you see the tears in my eyes  
Don't you worry what about what i feel  
Don't you feel i must be sad?  
You ask why i have been withdrawn  
when all i get is disdain and contempt  
From the very people who promised love and succor  
Am amazed you feel so happy  
Thinking in your wildest dreams that i am too

You need have a rethink about life  
Think about the time you wouldn't be here  
About the things that would be said about you  
Yes, you have tried your best is what i hear you say  
But have you thought what impact its had on me  
Have you thought that food and clothes mean little to me  
Love care and affection means the world to me  
And thats what i crave from you

I crave love and not hate  
I crave affection and support  
Do not despise and contempt me

I'm me. I can't change who I am  
I've tried to please everyone around me  
Make them happy in my own way  
Sometimes at my own peril  
But it's all naughts almost all of the time

It's sad, I can't change these feelings  
But every night it's there sticking out  
One minute, you make me happy and joyous  
And the next minute, you make me lose my cool  
How come? how have you had so much power over me  
Just in one fell swoop, to make me happy  
And in another, make me hate the world

How come...  
You can't see those lines across my face  
You can't see my wry smile  
You can't see how much I'm all by myself  
Because you chose to ignore  
What I'm feeling down within me

Just want you to remember this  
It's only one life to live  
To create and make a world of difference  
If you love me, prove it beyond words  
Beyond every other thing you give  
Prove it with your love and affection  
And all the smiles will come back

For now, I lay my cross on Jesus  
He's the only one who cares and sees  
The pain and tears in my life  
Take me out Oh Lord and let me be  
That man you created me to be.

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# A Dream Fulfilled

As the world watches the euphoria of electing a black president to the white house, a first in the history of the United states, I couldn't help but admire the courage and strength of the american people and its politics of hope over fear and division.

Deservedly, this moment represents a defining moment in the lives of so many particularly what it represents to the African Americans who have had to endure discrimination and segregation based on the color of their ess Americans fought hard for equal rights and al unsung heroes watered our ground with their bloods to see this day when whites and black will unanimously stand together and elect a man not based on color or race but by the strength of his character which Martin Luther King (jr) amplified through his lifetime and died for on the altar of freedom from oppresion.

Today, we see a man who rose from the valley to being the worlds' number one. A man who rose from very humble beginings in life, who had to endure the severance and love of a father and came from the bottom of the ladder to rule the fought the world ahead of him through the many challenges and triumphed over race, color, creed and defeat to a steady rise in life through the many ranks of being elected the first African American president of the prestigious Harvard law school to being to a community organiser, a distinguisd state and federal legislator.

He could have been out on the field working on wall streets, chairing various boards and committees or heaping tons of money practising as a proffesional attorney but the love and service to makind he had within his loins wouldn't let gh the windy and harsh weather, he had his sleeves roled up and onto the streets to help ordinary folks who had lost their jobs, their homes and indeed their stood up for them, heard their cries, gave voice to the voiceless and hope to the hopeless when the world wasn't watching this immaculate rose above partisan politics knowing that the bond that streaks us together as a people goes far beyond what seperates us as we share a common destiny, a common goal, a common future.

Out on the streets, you could see the perplexity on people's on their mind is the worsening ng around their kicthen tables moaning over their job losses, foreclosed houses and an income that's bearylly enough to pay the tuition of their kids after their house rents. In bars, coffee shops, offices, the story is the e have long lost their hope in government and their leaders until....

At this defining moment in history, we're reminded of how you taught us to believe that government isnt always the answer, that too often government is the problem to the solutions that we seek but that we needed to reach deep into our indivdual souls for that abiding strong faith that defines the american



reminded us of your unlikely story which momentarily spurred you into stardom and that each one of us can reach the same mountain tops through the many odds on our way with a fortitude that brings out the best in us.

I doff my hat, President a man of grit, wisdom, intellect and even temperament. A unique source of inspiration to the many folks out there you taught to believe, who have lost hope in themselves and have been given to crime because of lack of supervision and a father that has taken flight due to the many challenges and frustrations of day to day have successfully resuscitated the American dream in folks knowing that we can win if only we dared one more time irrespective of how many times we get knocked down.

President Obama, I dare say that you have re-invigorated the beliefs of the American people throughout your campaign with our hard won trust, your uprightness and an uncanny ability to always speak the truth when faced with make-break situations which could unnerve any mean man.

The party is over now and in the minds of the so many hearts you have won around the world, lies a heavy responsibility which rests upon your shoulders to deliver the dreams of our founding fathers who are waiting and anxiously too, to see this dream dreams for which our heroes defied the assassin's bullet to die for that we may be free and enjoy the fruits of the dream is here now.. we saw it a long time coming. It's here now.

God bless America

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## A 'Lil' Something For That Man! ! !

What can I give to suffice for your love? What can I say or do that will equal how much you love me? How many hymns must I sing just to show how much I feel your love? What in my life can I give for this unfailing love? ..that you would love me so much..when the world and indeed the takers of this world stood close to eat my flesh, Lord, you delivered their meat as a price..when I was up against a wall and indeed it felt like all I saw was a blinding darkness, Lord, you did make a way. When it felt that the only song I knew how to sing was going awry, Lord you taught me to start from the a, b, c's... I shudder at the depth of your love..your unfailing kindness. I shudder at how much you can give just one man so much love despite his unworthiness. I begin to wonder what makes me special, what makes u Love me this much. I'm in awe and no words, no matter how hard I try can capture this feeling. I can only try because You are beyond imagination..beyond my deepest revelations. You are Lord and that is why I bring you all the Glory!

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# A Mother's Love-I Miss You Mama

There's no word to describe this feeling  
There's no match for the thoughts in me  
Yet all i can do is wish and imagine  
Because your so far away.

I miss you, Mother  
No one could ever compare to you  
Your love to me is indeed golden  
Your affection and care, eternal

I wish i could hold the clock  
From ticking away so fast  
I wish you were here with me  
Right beside me everyday

Everyday i think about you  
Your undisputed love and attention  
Too many people have tried being you  
But they can only try

You will never know how much  
How much i long to see you soon  
Only time i have to wait upon  
Before I'm right by your side soon

I love you Mama

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# A New Season Of Me

Its been a while i got my thoughts together  
its been a awful lot of time..time to reflect  
Time to think and time to decipher  
Its time to take an absolute hold on my person  
and take the drivers seat by charge  
I have pondered long enough...  
long enough to see the futility in life  
I have wondered long enough  
to see that its not all things that you hold onto  
There are things in life that are so hard to let go  
much as your gonna feel the pain and feel the hurt  
some things will always go  
its a new season..a new season of me  
to thrust into my future against every hold on me  
there will always be oportunities in life  
for the other guy to know you always meant well  
however they dont appreciate it right now  
it will always run over someday  
its been a long time coming.Im not fazed anymore  
its time to I into that wonderful shell  
cuz some things will always come and some will always go  
its been a long time coming...

So long...

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# A Piece Of My Heart To You...

Buddy, your the wall between, fragmentin in bits  
The one with the allure and sour freshness  
With multiple faces and different twists  
Comin with a double edged sword  
piercin everythin in its path with ur deft touches  
Have you stopped short for a second,  
to think about your awkward and ignoble role?  
spin the table around and tell me what you feel  
No worries but have you thought about the bile you bring  
in your wake? .. along your path?  
You laugh at me and i dont know what to make of that  
what lies behind those eyes and frame  
Turn the mirror on yourself and tell me what picture you see  
wear my shoes for you to know where it hurts  
your conflictin words and double standards  
remember, someday when the kliegh lights are out  
when the curtains are drawn and darkness beckons,  
when the chips are down and reality crawls in, that  
you cant hold on too long playin this kind of ace  
knowin too well that we all shall account someday  
have fun while it lasts..

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# A Poem For You

'Tis but a color  
A faint shade. A hue  
A caress of life  
'Tis but a bit of blue  
'Tis but a sight  
Within life's plain  
'Tis all for you  
Once more again

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## A Time Like This..

I have walked through this door before  
When all the roads to it were paved with thorns  
I have been shut out too many times  
When all solutions I knew were pending  
Had my head in my palms with no help from within  
I was mocked. I was distraught  
Shattered within me  
As daily all my hopes turned into fear  
But within me I never gave up  
Within me, is a will to succeed  
Even though my cross is overbearing

Job was a man who should have given it all up  
He was tested beyond limits  
But he never fell short of praising God  
I have walked through this door before  
And my only saving grace was you  
I shed a tear. Knelt down and prayed  
And u saved me

Lord here I am again in my dire moments  
Times only U know how to save me  
Times when the best of men  
Can't offer anything but jeers  
Times when it takes only strength not to break  
As I look up to heaven this day  
Lord, do not let me go empty handed  
My resolve is breaking and my will is tested daily  
How long more till u come through for me  
What in me is it that it's taking you too long to act  
Don't wanna act ungrateful  
For I know your ways aren't my ways  
But just like the unbeliever,  
Am impatient to get out of this hole  
Which only u can reusrrrect me from

Heaven, accede to my cry  
And one more time,  
Let this cup pass over me!

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# A Word To Cheer You

When life comes hitting hard at you  
In difficult times and daunting challenges  
Never lose hope

When gates are shut and mountains so high  
When prayer fails and hopes' gone asunder  
Never lose hope

When friends you believe in let you down  
And situations are on a downward trend  
Never lose hope

When the will to go on appears herculean  
And there's no one to by your side  
Never lose hope

When tribulations persist and overwhelms  
And their seems to be no way out  
Never lose hope

Your hope sets you free  
Makes you think of accomplishing  
The impossible tasks

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# A Word To My Wife

I really dont know how to come accross to you than my words and a piece of my heart.I want to let you know that i cherish you no matter what we may have been through.i may have acted in someways overly more than i should, not because i want to but how i feel about you.I remember how you came into my life..what you stood for and how many times i tell you how you mean to me and how much i want to live the rest of my life with you.Its not about anythin, its just about how i feel about have been there in a lot of ways for me-truly i dont know if im the one with the problem or maybe its something i cant really gather my thoughts now but i swear to God, i have always loved you, i still love u and will always love i say my heart out, its not to hurt your feelings becos you know i never want to see you hurt, .its because i want the best for us out of the imperfect being that we relationship has its stumbles..i have always been open to learnin, understandin and appreciatin more things about wranglings isnt about if i love you, its about lovin you too much which is who i am.Its easy for me to guard my heart but you swept me away with your love, your everythin.i have always appreciated you and always loved you-i cry because i dont wanna lose you-i cry because i dont wanna be hurt-i cry because of what i see around me from my past but which i dont hold you accountable for.

In life we fight battles, i have my own flaws which im dealin with, hopin to be a better person everyday.i say it all the time that im not isnt the time for you to look away..we have only been together 6months..i want more..i want a home..i want a family with you, , , be happy together and be fulfilled.i swaer im not a kill-joy..i love you from the depths of my heart is why sometimes i act all its worth, for all the times we shared together, for the things we hold dear in our lives, for every dreams you and i ever shared, dont ever look the other a good man, and i want a good life with you-past is past and the present is where we are at about how we started, the love we share and all and if there's still a space there in your heart for me..i regret somethings i should have said better or done better..i will always love you and want you to be there for me becos even if i delet you from my page or my phone, i can never ever delet you from my heart or the picture of my future which revolves around you.i love you

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# All He Asks For Is Praise

This kain God o, I never see your type o, this kain God o, I go praise your name..

He is majestic. He is worthy. He is immortal.  
The effervescent God who knows the beginning from the end  
Who the oceans roar at the mention of his name  
The tree swings to your beauty  
Day after day springing forth  
Your name is more than the world put together  
Often, people have dared to know who you are  
And to find out what you are made of  
But hard as they try, u are still unfathomable  
You are the God who rules the heaven  
Knows by name the birds of the air  
Knows by name the little baby yet to be formed in her mother's womb  
You count by the numbers, the strands of my hair  
And know every thought that springs forth from my heart  
The owner of my heart who can see every dream, every hope  
Who knows how, when, where and what life is going to be about  
You are the immortal God, the invincible one  
Who never counts or name the flaws of a man  
Who forgives like you were never wronged  
The God who knows yesterday, today and what is in the future, now  
Who can tell at the snap of a finger, a man's story  
You know it all. You do it all. You keep it 100%  
Perfection is your other name. No mistakes. No butts. No never (s) !  
You are God and none is like u, no not one, is ever like you, the lover of my soul.

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# All That You Are..

The Man of war has spoken  
What is there that saddens you?  
What is there that bothers you?  
When the mighty Man of battle has spoken

He is the consuming fire  
Never shaken by our battles  
Nor our circumstances  
He is there before the war  
Completed on end before the beginning  
What is there that confronts you?  
What is it that you are frightful of?

He owns the Heavens. He owns the Earth  
Every single creature above it and  
Every single thing beneath it  
He is the Stone of the catapult  
He tells the raging storm to cease  
And commanded peace to reign,  
And it was so  
What manner of man is this?  
Who has chosen not to forsake me

Oh just to be close to you, Almighty God  
Is the desire of my heart

You are never far off  
Never too busy for my healing  
Never too busy for my daily needs

You are..  
Always right on time  
Doing pleasurable things to satisfy me..

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# Alone Can't Walk

I've watched  
The storm in your tea cup  
Shot out of a confused state  
Plagued by the gravity  
Of your own burden  
Deluded and enthralled  
On which way to go  
Pride, your only comfort  
Ego, your second company  
Sets you on a long trip  
Alone, in a grotesque world  
Those raving stark eyeballs  
Only waiting to deride your fall  
It's time to think  
Clean up these cobwebs  
Hanging out from a stretch  
And let out those arms  
Constricted and calibrated  
'Cause ALONE cannot walk  
With a promise of a dim future  
and  
Eyes infused penitently  
In a blanking darkness  
Reveling long into the night..  
A spark of light could still awaken  
A mind fed and shouldered  
Out of a bewildering  
Crass mentality!

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# Another Dark Day

ANOTHER DARK DAY

From the arrays in the sky  
eclipses another bright star  
A curtain is drawn  
A life, to an abrupt end  
A flower once blossomed  
now withers away.

Far away in Pakistan  
A lone voice is cut in its prime  
A life which stood against oppression  
A life which stood for justice  
A life which stood for equality  
A life which stood for democracy  
Snuffed out in daylight

How bizzare  
How cowardly  
How cruel  
This life now withers away

Adieu Benazir Bhutto  
A life that counts  
Better to die a hero  
Than live an unsung life

The world mourns you  
In our hearts, you live on  
Till we meet again  
Good night Mama

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## As I...

As i pour out my heart unto You  
My soul, my spirit  
My all, All of me

As i listen. As i hear from You  
Lord, make me an obedient servant  
For without You, I am nothing.

As i do your will  
Walk in the strength of your name  
Lord, equip me for all the battles  
That lay ahead of me  
Becos without You, i cant do it

As i look up to You  
Knowing that i cant win  
If you're not there to aid me  
Lord, teach me, teach me  
What to do!  
Hold my hands in yours  
Lead me. Lead me  
For without You, i am nothing

As i hearken unto You  
Protect me. Shield me  
In life, I have been thrown around  
Fraustrated and dissapointed  
If it weren't for your grace,  
What would my story be?  
But Lord, through it all,  
I am thankful for making me the man that i am.

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# Because I Choose To..

You think you are far gone  
But somewhere in me  
You live

You live because I let you  
You live because, not that you deserve to  
You live somewhere in me  
Because i choose to

All these time has passed  
Yet you live within me  
Because i choose to

Your smile forever etched on my wall  
Your love, your warmth  
Forever indellible in my heart

So one day, I hope  
What held us strong through the past  
Will mend us back  
And once again  
We can both share in the love  
That held us together  
Because in my heart, you live  
Only,  
Because I choose to..

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# Because They Are What They Are....

Men will claim they like you  
Men will claim they adore you  
Men will claim they cherish you  
because they are what they are...Men

Women will come to you with all  
Tell you your the best and sweetest  
Tell you things to wind you up  
Make you believe they are in love  
But in that heart lies deceit  
Because they are what they are...Women

People will be all they can be  
They will make you feel good  
In order to achieve all they want  
And when the honeywell is over,  
You see them jump away in leaps  
Because they are what they are...People

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# Behind That Mask

## BEHIND THAT MASK

No one sees the tears  
streaming down my face  
No one sees the pain  
coming from deep within  
All they see is a mask

Perhaps, they care  
Perhaps they know  
Perhaps they see  
The hidden tears  
That lies behind the mask

Behind that mask  
lies a feeling of hate and angst  
Behind that mask,  
lies a gaping hole  
Behind that mask,  
lies a real craving  
Behind that mask  
lies a hurting heart  
crying out in pain  
needing for your love

No one sees the tears  
The pain within my eyes  
the tears upon my face  
the wounded scars on my heart  
all they see is the mask  
the mask upon my face

This tears in my heart  
threatening to tear apart  
lonely in my world  
no one sees it but me  
all they see is a mask

No one sees the tears

streaming down my face  
No one sees the pain  
coming from deep within  
All they see is a mask

All i had,  
i willingly gave to you  
all of me, you had,  
i know i said some hurtful words  
i know i couldnt make you stay  
pray, how can i make you come back

I was ditched  
when i needed you most  
you walked away  
in my times of trouble  
when there was no one  
to turn to in the world

I fought it hard  
hot sobs down my eyes  
but guess i shouldnt have  
for you were not mine  
to stay and be with  
for a minute  
you walked away  
i knew i lost you  
only but for a time

Cloud of uncertainty hovers  
reality walks in  
and i know you were not  
that woman that was made for me  
I shouldnt have fought  
to get you into loving me

No one sees the tears  
streaming down my face  
No one sees the pain  
coming from deep within  
All they see is a mask

You said it wasn't all about love  
i thought it was  
how sad you made me know  
a lil too late  
when i'd given my all

Wish i could hide my pain  
hard as i try,  
it keeps resonating  
all the times we had  
the unspoken words  
the beauty of the time  
all keeps coming back  
now, i have to walk alone  
this cruel mortal earth

Its a long road  
thorny, hard and long  
i'm no longer afraid  
walking this road alone  
all i thought meant everything  
turns out to be nothing  
i'm no longer afraid  
for im strong in my adversity  
carrying this cross alone

Sitting and staring  
watching life go by  
wishing in my dreams  
for you to come back  
fighting hard to get over you  
i realise its all been a nightmare  
never to come true

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## Broken Again; (

Three years on, sadly, am having to write u a letter straight from my heart. I am doing this so as to clear my conscience and let posterity be the judge. When I met u, I was hoping for a brighter day, a brighter future, a hope that could not be quelled with despair. I was hoping that I had finally had an answer to all my worries. I wasn't looking for any quick fixes, neither was I looking for any short stint. What I hoped for and what I wanted was, to live my life with you in hopes that we would build a home together, have our own children and live happily ever after. To think that we even dabbled into the names of what our kids might be called by brings back emotions but such is life. Sometimes life hands u more than u can chew at a time.

Omolade, I never in my wildest imagination ever thought I would one day be sitting here, painfully so distraught thinking about what was. In love, I have been dealt a huge blow each time I gave my heart. I have always given my everything, wore my heart on my sleeves each time but all through my past experiences I have lost. I have lost despite being a good guy. I have lost despite giving all of me. That I would think that I would ever write u this kind of mail is beyond my understanding but in all things, God says, give thanks.

I give thanks for the time we were together. I give thanks for the joy we shared. I give thanks for the love we shared while it lasted but still, I am at a loss why this happened. I would think that no matter what happens that we would be there to fight it through everything but u threw in the towel and left me in a rude shock. Now am torn between the devil and the deep blue sea. Now I am left all alone in my world to figure out everything that happened, man up and pretend like nothing ever happened? Yet no one sees the heartaches that am going through. All they see is a mask, a mask of my hidden pain. A mask masked to mask my pain.

I leave it all to God. This isn't the decision I prepared for or wanted but in my mind, I could tell your mind was made up. Just want u to take a minute to remember everything from the beginning to the end. Remember the times, as imperfect as they were that we both laughed, and shared thoughts and hope for a future together. Take a minute to remember how many times over I said I loved u in a day through my text messages, phone calls and in person and how much i really meant it when i looked into your eyes and said i wanted to spend the rest of my life with you. Take a moment to remember when it felt like bliss spending time together. Take a moment to think about the many promises we

both made to each other. Take a moment to think about how many times u wore that ring as a symbol of my love for u even though I wasn't the one who bought it for you. Take a moment to think about days when we had nothing, when it was tough and hard but still we pulled through. Take a moment to think about days we'd fast together, pray together and sing together. All of these you have decided to throw away becous of a decision that seems perfect to you to take. Whatever informed your decision, I wouldn't know but one thing stands clear, that if I had to do it again, I would.

I have been in complete thought since u told me your decision. Yes I have cried but I will be over it. I have not been able to sleep for weeks now so its not news anymore if i told u that since that call, i have yet to sleep. I have just called off work for tonight. I'd rather be home and think myself to sleep than be at work and be at the mercy of some pity party.

I have been around for some years and I have had my fair share of pain. This is one I wished never happened but am not God. I can propose. I can say all I want. Shout on the roof tops what I need but it's for the Father to hear me. I would say this boldly that, I still do love you inspite of everything that has happened but as you want it, so be it but I will be clear, I was never looking forward to a day ever like this, when I'd ever be saying goodbye. Not my wish but your wish. What I had ever hoped for was to see u carry my baby. I nursed this dream with you but somehow, some way, this dream looks to be aborted.

Once again, I will recoil into my shell and hope that the mercy and favor of God finds me a good woman that will be mine. I am not perfect., and never have claimed to be. I have too many shortcomings and I have always admitted them but I know I do deserve better from you inspite of whatever situation you may have found yourself in. I opened up about my entire life to you and I thought your burdens were mine's but u shook me out of that thought with your admittance of breaking up. Three long years just went down for nothing! All the sacrifice! All the time! Ha! It is well. I am very heart broken. My heart bleeds as i write this words. I am distraught but in it all, His will, Lord's will, will be done.

So long..

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# Caged

When a man is in love  
He sees nothing  
Believes nothing  
Hears nothing  
He is so consumed in himself  
As wrongs makes right  
And faults become common place  
He sees things out of the ordinary  
So ignorant and oblivious of the world around him  
As he lives a caged life within a box  
Until he's left in shambles and left to ...die....

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## Callin Me..

You are an awesome God  
who sees the heart of a man  
knows the thoughts of a man  
and lifts him up through your grace

In my filth and weaknesses  
you have seen through all  
what is it you see in me Lord  
that just wont let you give up

You called me once, I ran  
You called me twice, I ignored  
Thinkin i could run too far  
Now in the multitude of your people  
You have called me again  
Just like you called Samuel in the temple  
givin him discernment to hear your voice

Lord you have called me again  
What is it you see in me?

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# Can'T Stop Thinking About You!

Can't stop thinking about you as this cold freezes up my body..all I can wonder is where are you at this time of my need. Wonder what your doing and wonder what you've been up to.I miss u. I really do but what can I do but bury my burdens here in my words knowing that if I called, you would ignore as well as if I texted you..

It is hard baby.., that you had to shut this door on my feelings. It's been hard living day to day, all alone here with no one to share my private time and moments with. I miss you and I hope for someday when some miracle will make you call, If it ever happens but until then, I am here thinking about you..

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# Challenges We Face

Waking up every morning  
Thinking everything would be okay  
We sing, We clap, We pray  
Still, battles are undaunted

We fight some, We lose some  
In those battles, we are broken  
Fragmented in many pieces  
And life looks so miserable

Turning on the world for help  
Seeking for unknown answers  
You realize that those you trust  
All have their backs on you

When they needed shelter  
You harbored them  
When they were hungry  
You fed them from your pot

When they were cold without cover  
You gave them your last pair  
When they cried and were in pain  
You gave them hope and love

Now in the middle of nowhere  
You realize that down the road  
God is the only one to call on  
In life's prevailing battles

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# Children In Africa (C.I.A) .

Every single day in Africa  
There's a child out there  
Who's hungry and sick without meds.  
And also without shelter and clothing  
Needing for your love and succor

Every single day in Africa  
A child goes hungry to bed  
Looking badly malnourished and ill-fed  
Not sure where and when the next meal comes  
Lives in slums in unhygienic conditions  
In a bid to break barriers and above par

Every single day in Africa  
A child drops out of school  
Due to Abject poverty and starvation  
And an inability to pay school fees  
Which results to disillusionment

Every single day in Africa  
A child is psychologically abused  
Sent out on the cold streets  
To eke out out a living for his family  
Inspite of very imminent dangers on his way

Every single day in Africa  
A child wakes up to harsh realities  
Sold into prostitution, slavery and crime  
Against their own very wishes  
To a world of hate and bestiality

Every single day in Africa  
A child is faced with humiliation  
Despair and suppression of own voices  
He cant be heard and he's preyed upon  
In a world where he seeks protection and love

So many have lost hope.  
Some have had their trust damaged

Some are living for the day  
Waiting for what tomorrow brings  
In a cruel world that care less  
About the future of the Africa Child...

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# Christ My Cornerstone!

Through the years,  
Through my many stumbles  
Through the hope  
Through the failures  
Through the joy  
Amidst some disappointment  
It has been you Lord

On this platform  
I let it out  
So many of my heartaches  
I laid bare  
Through so many difficult times  
But here I am Lord

I cried so many times  
My burden bigger than me  
On this platform I came to share  
My many struggles  
Through my prism

Many saw my pain  
Many felt my pain  
Many shared their love  
Oh how grateful I am

Looking back now  
Through the many journals  
Written in pangs of pain  
Reminds me of my beginnings  
My success.  
My triumphs  
And my victories

Lord,  
I just wanted to say thank You  
That which made me cry  
Now brings me so much happiness  
That which made my heart ache

Now makes It leap for joy  
and I look back  
And ask myself how I got here  
If it weren't for you my KING

No matter what I say  
My words would never suffice  
For joy as I know it now  
For peace that surpasseth all understanding  
And a love that towers above my every fear..

In a few days from now  
It will be a year  
Of celebration of Love  
Of companionship  
Of Togetherness  
It will be our first year Anniversary  
Only you Lord. It could have been you!  
Only you...

From a grateful heart! ! !

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# Dancing On Our Graves

I hear the drumbeats  
The drumbeats of war and starvation  
From foreign lands and continents  
Of generations wiped out in their thousands  
Brothers killing brothers,  
Children fighting wars  
Men and women with broken destinies  
Agony and grief rife in the hearts of many  
Seeing charred remains of family members  
Neighbours, friends and acquaintances  
Killed in bizzare circumstances

The story is the same  
From coast to coast  
Generations to generations  
A false ideological war  
Foisted on helpless and innocent civillians  
Unassuaged by the many machine guns  
Tanks, bombs and machetes  
Leaving in its trail-sorrow, tears and blood

Women are daily giving birth to unwanted babies  
Ganged raped by infidels and war mongers  
Suffering greivious humiliation and harm to their bodies and

minds  
Ostracized from the community they once belonged  
Who promised protection and care  
Into a world full of uncertainties  
That could only get worse from fraustration.

Children are left to die in their thousands  
From poverty, hunger, starvation and deprivation  
Many are laying sick with undiagonised ailments  
Some with severed members of their body  
And thousands driven to early graves,  
Littered around the landscape

Horror seems unfit to capture the feeling

As they watch their mothers and sisters  
Callously raped before their very eyes  
Their fathers and brothers  
Dismembered in grief stricken shock  
And left to die slowly in agony and left unattended

Homelands have become desertlands  
Children scattered in distant camps  
Different from their mothers'  
Houses of value and scores of properties  
All up in flames and rubbles  
In a world full of madness  
Moving like a herd without a shepherd

Innocent people are dying everyday  
From an unjustified war  
Wiping ethnicities and kingdoms away  
The souls of which are yet to find rest in their graves  
They are crying profusely and wandering violently  
Because they have been denied sleep and rest  
Waiting for when the world will put a stop to this madness  
And let peace reign again...

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# Deep Sigh..

Pain in my head  
Pain in my heart  
Always in constant thought  
Asking questions and questions  
I wonder quite too often  
Why life is so good for some  
And so unfair to others  
I brood and brood endlessly  
Asking God why  
I know i never should  
But i do anyway..

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# Diamonds

There are some things more important than money  
More honorable and treasurable than the best of gold  
As I continue to grow older, I realize that life means nothing  
Without the people who sincerely care about you.  
I realize that no matter how rich or poor you are in life  
You cannot walk it alone except you have someone to hold  
Someone to cheer you and encourage you. To raise you  
And admonish you which altogether bring meaning to life

In my down times, the people I had with me  
Were what kept me going strong everyday  
I drew from their strengths when mines' was failing  
Their generous smiles was all I needed to be assured  
That there will always be light at the end of the tunnel...

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# Echoes Of War

One day a child was born  
Born into the agony  
Troubles and heckles of this world  
He wanted to grow like other kids  
Wear the same shoes and clothes  
Like kids from other regions  
Longed so much for the best schools  
The best home  
The best country  
But couldn't choose out of all  
Where to be born  
He wanted peace  
But got war in return  
My heart is torn apart  
For the many kids  
Slayed daily  
For a cause they know nothing about  
My heart weeps  
Watching in their hundreds  
Bodies of innocent kids  
Pieced apart from shrapnel  
Wounded and maimed for life  
Pray, when is this going to stop?

That woman crying  
Weary and in total grief  
Could be your mom  
Your sister  
Your cousin  
All in the name of an unjust war  
She is abused and raped  
Striped of her dignity and honor  
Humiliated and scarred for life  
Left to mourn what's left of her  
She watches helplessly  
While her son is stolen  
Recruited by the militants  
Equipped with bombs and guns  
To snuff out innocent lives

She watches as her daughter  
Goes to the market  
Never to come home to her welcome  
For a cause she knows nothing about

The man is the victim here  
He shoulders the entire burden  
Of a family in agony and hunger  
With almost no source of livelihood  
They tell him all sorts  
About what the Quran doesn't preach  
To kill, maim and destroy  
An altruistic perfidy I dare say  
They strap him with bomb vests  
Train him in commando styles  
How to be heartless  
Mean and monstrous  
Suicide and car bomber  
In a war he knows nothing about

The world is torn up against itself  
Properties in their billions  
Leveled to rubbles daily  
Families adrift  
So much blood and sorrow in the land  
Still, no one knows  
If an end is in sight  
Is this war truly justifiable?  
Son, brothers, uncles, daughters  
Fathers, mothers, cousins, aunts  
All gone to honor this country  
Paying their lives as the ultimate sacrifice  
But do they really believe in this cause?

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# Everyday Hero

Another day berths  
Strong as a lion hunting for its game  
Harmed with all the necessary tools  
and into a life of uncertainty  
He goes...

Another day berths  
Oblivious of what lays ahead  
Thoughts of getting the kill abounds  
While a thousand mouths lay wide open  
Waiting for the day's kill

Another day berths  
Hard and turbulent  
Persistent still, he goes...  
Out in the scorching sun  
And the heavy downpours

Another day berths  
Determination supersedes  
Days kill insufficient  
Better to have a piece  
Than have none at all

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# Flames Of Your Fire

You taught me to love  
You taught me patience  
You taught me to dream  
You taught me how to win  
You taught me to be wise  
You taught me how to be strong

Months and weeks have since passed  
and im wonderin how you broke this wall  
of a cage built around my heart for the unknown

You defied my fright and shattered my defences  
stealin me away from my lil shell and anxieties

Baby, im indebted to you for your love  
for the flames of fire in your eyes,  
the sensation that you bring  
that keeps burnin each time  
my thoughts drifts to you...

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# For His Mercies Endureth Forever

What can I render to you Lord for all you have done for me? What can I give for your faithfulness? In spite of my sins, you have never forsaken me. In spite of my shortcomings, you have always been there for me every step of the way. I will praise you. I will worship you with my whole heart and my everything because no one and I mean no one can ever be as kind and compassionate as you have been to me. Really I don't know what to give to this God who is/has always been gracious towards me..

When trouble surrounded me like a wall  
And hell had its fury over me  
When all my signs went wrong  
And tribulations came calling  
In ones, in twos  
And no help came out of my valley  
All I saw was you  
Too many nights, I would cry and cry  
Too many nights I wondered for a way out  
Too many nights I lost the zeal to live  
Wake up in the middle of the night  
Pray and pray I did but no help came  
Lost count of my many sleepless nights  
To see a light out of my dark alley  
But in it all  
You were the hope I saw  
Assuredly,  
Each time I turned my page  
You were there  
Through the thick and thin of my trials,  
You understood  
Leaving me unhurt, unscathed each time  
Even when it felt like the end was nigh  
I fell too many times  
And didn't know how to rise up  
But you held me  
Helped me regain strength  
Through my weak and fragile nature  
I made mistakes I shouldn't have  
Went the wrong path  
And was saddled with too many baggages

That I didn't know how to start again  
But you were there  
People I trusted stabbed me  
Each time I opened up my heart  
It hurt and it bled red soaking blood  
But you healed me  
Time was when I needed help  
But all had their back on me  
But one  
I would have been a mockery  
But in my tribulations  
You gave me a reason to dance  
With the one you let stay..

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# Forgive Me

Forgive me....

Forgive me friend if I hurt you  
Look past my mistakes when I offend you  
For am like the lil baby learning her first steps

Forgive me when I come across as too corky  
I have never claimed to know it all  
For the monkey only learns to jump by practicing

I may have faltered in my words  
Unbecoming in my actions towards you  
But that makes me human  
Full of flaws and imperfections

I may have gone on like I don't care  
But I care about you buddy  
I care about what you think of me  
Cuz someday we'd be needing each other's help

So tell me when I hurt you  
So I can always seek your face  
And our hearts can always be at peace  
Knowing that we need one another  
Like fingers of the same hands

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# Given My All

When it was difficult to love,

I chose to love you

and stay by you

When they said i wasn't real

I went the whole hog

to prove my mettle

I gave..

My body

My soul

held you with my strength

and was your emotional pillar

now I'm lifeless

sucked dry

with nothing more to give

but guess what..

I gave me, you, because..

I cared for you

I loved you

I cherished you

Now with patches of gloom

in the dark grey sky

I throw my hands up in the air

in total surrender to love again!

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# Haba Father! Where Is Your Face?

Open the eyes of my understanding and let me see You, Lord. There are a lot of things I am confused about. I ask questions within me daily. Questions I have no answers for. I have tried to rationalize the things that happen to me. I have tried to give a reason for every fall but I realize my folly in misunderstanding that your ways aren't my ways. I don't know whatever happened to me. I used to cherish the things of God but lately, it just seems like I have lost that flair. I don't attend church services like I used to. I don't pray like I should. I trust God but I don't put my trust into actions. It's as if am waiting for some manner from Heaven to make things happen for me. Lord, have and show mercy upon me. I am giving in slowly. My sins from my past and present are slowly catching in on me. How long until you save me Lord? How long will you wait and watch me put myself on this path of self destruction before you save me?

I am a fool for thinking I can do this all alone. I am a fool for thinking I don't need you. I am a fool for thinking all my problems are just going to fizzle out without praying. I am a fool for knowing what the truth is and not applying it. I have come to crossroads, Lord. I need you. I need your help. I need your grace; I need the saving strength of your right hand. I know very vividly that this isn't what you planned for me, for my life. I know without a doubt that you have riches and treasures stored up for me. Pray, how do I come to your reckoning? How do I come back to where am supposed to be? What must I do to revoke your ire away from me? Lord, from deep within, I ask, I pray, save me from myself! Take my life and mold it into the shape and form you want.

My life isn't my own, it's Yours Lord, it belongs to you. Therefore, Lord, help me! Like a child looks up to his Father's eyes, I am looking up to you to help me, to save me. I need you more than at any time in my life. I need you to answer the raging questions on my mind. I need you to talk to me and give me a discerning spirit to comprehend your words. I need to hear from you. Talk to Your servant, Lord. Your servant is desperate to hear from you. I am nothing without you, and in you alone does my joy reside. In you alone is my victory. In You alone can I find the answers to the questions pondering on my mind.. How long more will I wait...

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## Hanging On To A Straw..

Life is like a roller coaster, one minute you are happy, and the other sad. Why do people always have to take me for granted thinking am like one switch you press on and off at will, thinking less about how I must feel when they launch their so called heartlessness..I'm sick and tired of it..Im sick of getting on in this game, sick of falling for women who don't want me, sick of talking for so long and yet have nothing tangible come out of it...am sick of impressing people, doing the best I can yet get nothing other than rejection most times. Why am I sad right now, why do I feel so dejected..What I thought would be just came crumbling..She promised she'd be my friend..Her words brought so much smile to my face but what did I get only few days after she swelled my heart..No i don't wanna talk to you anymore or have anything to do with you..gurl..What were you thinking before you got me on auto drive..What were you thinking when you let down your guards intentionally for me..Now my heart is in it and you tell me you don't want me no more..What! ..

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# He Endured It All For Me...

He endured it all for me  
He endured it all that I may live  
He endured it all that I may be saved

He was mocked for my sins  
They reviled and spat on him  
Threw pebbles at him  
But still he endured for me

They cast aspersions on him  
Calling his God into question  
They whipped him until he bled  
And as he cried more and more  
Under the excruciating pain  
He endured it for me

He endured the suffering  
The pain and humiliation  
Had his garment rent apart  
And was nailed to the cross  
But he endured it all for me

With hands rammed to the cross  
Blood flowing down his arms  
And barbed thorns around his head  
He still endured it all for me  
Supplicating on my behalf before my father  
Never giving up on me through the pain  
All this he endured for me

He layed down his life  
Paying the ultimate price for me  
And in my heart, I crucify him  
With my words and actions  
Still, he never turned his eyes away  
Enduring all for me

In my dreams everyday  
I see you calling out to me

On the door of my heart, you keep knocking  
Waiting patiently for me to open up  
Yet have been defiant and stubborn  
Still you endured it all

I wake up everyday feeling strong  
No lost limbs, no lost arms  
Failing to get on my knees  
Thanking you for your numerous mercies  
Still you endured

Everytime I get into sin  
I could imagine the expression on your face  
As you bleed within askin me why  
I pray and then you forgive me all  
Always giving me a second chance  
Still im there groping in the dark  
Running back to my filth and stench  
In it all, you never got tired of me  
Stilling enduring it all for me

What manner of man..what manner of love  
That wont make you go away from me, a filthy rag  
Your eyes cannot behold unholiness and unrighteousness  
Still you wanna wine and dine with me in the thick of my sins  
You disapprove of my sinful ways, still you wont go away  
Enduring it all for me

My life would have had no meaning  
Friends would have walked away  
Families would have held their distance  
Acquaintances would have scorned me  
Had you not been there for me  
And been the Lord of my life  
Yet, I don't appreciate you as I should  
And still, you endure it all for me

What will I give that will suffice  
An unworthy man like me  
Where do I start telling of your grace  
That's never unshakeable  
For an unworthy man like me

Still in my sins, you see my heart  
How much it longs for you  
How much it draws from you  
How much my spirit desires you  
Through my every thought  
Even when it seems I despise you

Lord, im ready to give my all  
Open my me up  
You created me..you know my being  
You redeemed me yet from my mothers womb  
Why wont you have your way Lord  
Above every other thing in life that holds me down  
Why wont you pick me up from the dumps  
And shred everythin in my life that wont praise you  
Severe anything in my life that wont let me serve you  
You're the Lord of my life  
To whom I owe everything  
You're my maker..you wrote my story from inception  
Its time Lord that you take charge  
And mold this pot into your like  
Frame my heart for you, to serve you  
All the days of my life, that the world will see  
That you're the lord of my life  
You make me breathe Lord,  
I love you soo much, like nothing ever in my life  
You're my everything.

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# How I Feel..

How does it feel when adversity bows your head?

How does it feel to know the truth and not to apply it?

How does it feel when u know you have to pray, sing and fast but can't find the will to?

How does it feel when you are faced with obstacles you don't have answers for?

How does it feel when your all alone, no one to share the misery of your loneliness?

How does it feel to shoulder a burden that makes u crumble under its weight?

How does it feel to expect the worst after waiting, trusting and believing and nothing happens?

How does it feel when your all alone thinking if Lord hears you in the midst of your trials?

How does it feel when you pray pray pray and pray and things remain the same?

How does it feel when people around you speak words of hope to encourage you and it seems like you're not seeing what they see or that you Just not getting it?

How does it feel to wake up In the morning and know not what to eat becos your broke?

How does it feel to know that in the midst of plenty, you have lil or nothing?

How does it feel to hope and hope and still can't see the things you hoping for?

Today..

I feel tired..sucked out..drained out..

I feel like its just me, the complainant again..with his sad song

I feel so burnt out trusting and waiting and seeing nothing happen

I feel so helpless waiting so impatiently on the wings of time..

I feel a longing, a want of a companion

I feel an emptiness waiting to be filled with God's spirit

I feel a craving, a void that can only be filled with love..

I feel.I feel..I just feel For something beyond me.

I feel for Something that will get me out of my current situation.

I feel for a new day..a new horizon!

Change! Where are you?

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# How Long Is How Long?

Just here thinking why..  
What about why, u ask  
How long does a man continue in pain  
How long do u accept the same things  
Over and over?  
How long and for how long  
Do u remain faithful  
Honest  
Truthful  
How long do u wait things out  
How long does one wait a change  
Been down this road  
And I know the feeling  
It hurts  
It cuts  
It rips me apart  
To always find out, again and again  
That am left out in the cold  
How long is how long  
When the songs u know go awry  
How long is how long  
When that eerie feeling numbs you  
How long is how long  
When the love u feel is no more  
How much longer can I stand being hurt  
How much longer do i wait to be happy  
Lord knows am tired  
Not again. I am drained  
You lit up my sky with your smile  
Lit up my life with your glow  
Replaced that sadness with joy  
How much longer do I wait  
To turn this around  
How did waiting on you become waiting on forever  
My heart is in a rift. Torn apart  
How much longer is how much longer?

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## Hurtin..

In my corner, locked up, i sit and cry  
my heart sour, emotion creepin out  
do you feel what i feel or see what i see  
The joy body breakin out in phases  
candles blowin out and lights turnin off  
and you still dont see., ?  
call me what you want..ascribe what you may  
but this feelins arent goin away too soon...

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# I Am All That You Have Made Me!

I love to praise your name. I love to give you thanks and give you my all. I love to exalt you for I am nothing without you. I will glorify you; sing my best song and dance to every hymn for if it were not for the Lord, where would I be? My life, my soul, all belongs to you.. Tell me, what I will do without you. What will I do without your praise? I am no better than a stone which has no life, can neither speak nor talk if I abhor your praise. You will never know what the Lord has done for me.

Your word says that,

'I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eyes see you'.

My eyes see your glory. Daily my life is seasoned with your grace. Many are lost, many are dead, many are still trying to figure a way out of the mess life has made out of them, but brother, look at me, I am shining with his glory. I am shining with His crown of honor! Me, an unworthy servant, who you have chosen among the plenty to be a cornerstone. My words put together can never capture just how grateful and thankful I am to you Almighty God - I just love to worship you, in your tabernacle, in the presence of your holiness, for therein lies the joy of my heart!

OLUMIDE FAMILUSI

# I Choose To Love! ! !

My soul aches  
For what it wants  
But cannot have  
It aches  
For affection  
For love  
For warmth  
For attention  
Of such that I see in movies  
Of such that I read in novels  
Yet I cant have it  
From you  
without no heart  
Who is prone to destroying  
And unmaking that house  
Once built on a rock  
You stole  
You killed  
You Maimed  
You Cut me  
Till I bled  
Left me with scars  
And stitches  
As a painful mark

A virtuous woman  
You weren't  
Charmless  
Gone berserk  
Promises of a future  
All ended with you  
Scorn and fury  
Were your accomplice  
Stucked to you  
Like a second skin

Pray  
Do you call this patience in wait  
When the heart tarries

Walks alone in the desert  
Yet bestowed upon  
With a heart with no love  
With a heart with no song  
With a heart with no rhythm  
All dead vibes plugged to a being  
That makes my heart grow weary  
Just thinkin about you!

OLUMIDE FAMILUSI

# I Miss You

I cant believe im writin this  
I thought i was tough within  
I thought i was sturrborn  
I thought i could hold on  
how wrong was i with my tots  
cuz im breakin in pieces now

People see me smilin  
but behind that smile,  
lies a gapin hole

Its hard to hold on  
buryin my tots and feelings alone  
no one to share, no one to feel  
as i drift day after day

your silence is killin me  
the wait endless and tortuious  
and if i still had to do it again  
i will always love you

OLUMIDE FAMILUSI

## I Wonder..

Nothing hurts more than a heart that's damaged. Nothing makes u feel so empty as much as when you've given your all. Nothing frustrates more than the feeling of rejection. All these I am. All these, am going through. All these are my lot. But what I have ever wanted, craved with every fiber of my being is to be happy. How this basic thing or so to speak has eluded me, beats me. is it too much to want to be happy? Is it too much to pour your heart out? Is it too much, is it too much to love, love and then love more? Three times I tried. Three times I waited. Three times I gave my all. Three times I sacrificed, compromised, and gave all of Me but three times I lost too. I was downed and out. You bled my heart. Not everyone gives their all..but not me..I give and continue to give but pray, why do I always get hurt. Why do I always feel like the victim? Why do I always have to be the one who waits...hmm...I am tired. Love has dealt me a huge one that I almost can't tell anymore..love has struck and won each time and I sit here and wonder. I wonder about when, how and where this woman, well talked about is going to come from? I wonder how different you going to be from the previous ones. I wonder what you going to like or hate about me, I wonder if you going to accept me with my flaws, if you going to open your heart to me or you just going to be one of the time waster. I wonder what you going to do differently from the others, even until the very end for I have tasted both the sweet and the sour pill of love. I wonder what you going to say differently to make me believe when you say you going to Be with me till the very end, that you truly mean it and that you're not for only the times that things are good and in our favor. I wonder what the feeling is going to be when I meet you, mutual, or otherwise? I wonder if indeed you are God's will for me or just another hay in the stack..hmm...I am waiting..waiting to see what path this journey of life and love leads me on. Not waiting without hope though!

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## I'LI Thank You Anyways..

I will make it  
It doesn't matter what the enemy says  
I will make it  
Because I know i have you  
On my side  
A winner never quits  
Until that day when I win  
I'll continue to look to you  
Life may have drawn me back  
Thrown some spanners in my wheel  
But i'll look to you anyways  
They gathered unto my flesh  
But you made them meat  
For my food  
I have been flung around  
More than the usual  
But I won't complain  
I won't complain  
Because I have you  
You know..it could have been worse  
My wall could have broken down  
My resistance could have let up  
But how can I say that  
This was all my doing  
That am aren't down in the pit already  
How can I say that  
This isn't you  
That my bubble  
Hasn't swallowed me  
I just want to thank You  
Thank you for all You do  
Thank You for my imperfect life  
Thank You  
For making me strong  
Thank You for all the stops  
Thank you  
For the trials  
The tribulations  
The heartbreaks

The disappointments  
The frustrations  
Who knows who I would be  
Without these hills  
Without these battles  
I am grateful  
Thank You anyway..

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## I'M Still Hurtin...

Within my soul im lurking for answers to the word happiness.  
i have tried all i can, given all i can, done all i can but its' still elusive  
The pain that goes through my head hurts more than a dagger stuck in my back  
i have sobbed, cried, jerked, but all has amounted to nothing  
My emotions have been battered, and my thoughts in total disarray  
and all this words still wouldnt express just how deeply i'm in pain, how i feel  
Always tried to push it away but it keeps comin back hauntin with a poundin  
mortar  
i give it my best shot, one day at a time, ..then it comes and too quickly...it goes  
away  
Pray..what more can i do., .im hurtin deep from within me..yet no one sees my  
pain  
All they see is a mask..a scarred mask of my brittle bones which are already  
weary  
of a heart thats given all and gotten itself susceptible to breakin over and over  
again  
and i ask myself why, ..why, , why, , and the more, i do, what trickles down my  
face are hot sobs  
They say that sometimes life comes hittin hard at everything..i try but i see  
nothin  
im scarred...truly scarred waitin for the next way out..my soul hurts, really hurts.

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## In Love, There Are No Winners!

I have made mistakes. Great mistakes in my past, with some of past decisions, with some of the things i said or did. A man is never complete until the day he realizes that there is a life somewhere greater than he's ever known. I make no excuses. I own them all. As hard as it may be to forgive all my deeds towards you, i always want you to remember that the love i have for u will never change. I have said hurtful words to u. Words that can never be taken back, even if i wished i could take them back. I have disrespected you in a lot of ways i thought was the right thing to do. You always said i was being selfish and i always thought u were crazy for saying and thinking that but now i realize. Now i see all that you saw that i never did see. Now i realize that you were the right one and i was the wrong one. You have to understand that a man is nothing without his past. Although i have a father figure in my life, but just like u, i have never really learned anything from him. My father has never really shared anything personal about his life with me or my siblings that we could begin to learn from to shape us into the man who ought to become. Everything i am today, i learned from friends, from books, from experience. No personal experience from my dad. I do not give excuses, its just the reality of who i am. The life which i knew was the one that always wants his way. Never knew what it meant to die to flesh but i thank God for all that's happened. It felt like my life sank the moment you gave me those conditions. I felt like you were pushing me away from you. Alas, little did i know that you are a messenger sent to push me towards my destiny. i have always loved the Lord with my whole heart even though i have engaged in things i have not been proud of. In-spite of it all, i give him all the glory for this light. Again, i have made mistakes. Mistakes i thought were the right things to do. Mistakes i thought were the right path for me, or can a man act beyond what he knows? No. Now, i realize too much of what i know to be true is flawed and God willing am ready to make amends if the opportunity provides itself. I am a work in progress and i have decided to forgo that life you know i had. I have fallen too many times in my life that so many times i questioned how i was ever going to rise but now I have made a decision and a commitment to God to make things right in His presence. In ALL things, His will must be done. I haven't gone anywhere. I am still here. I want to work things out. Out of the imperfection that is me, i still believe without a shadow of doubt that you are the woman for me except if God ordains otherwise. If there is still a space left in you, i ask that u forgive, accept me back as that prodigal son who suddenly realized his mistake and came back to his father for forgiveness. I have settled with my maker, now i ask for your forgiveness and love.



# In Your Nest Lord

Take me into your presence Lord  
For I love to bask in your glory  
Protect and shield me  
As the mother hen protects her eggs  
For in your nest lies my comfort  
Preserve and rest me in your nest  
Where there's no weeping or sorrow  
But joy everlasting to last a lifetime

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# Itch

Infatuation is our ruse  
Clothed in the garb of true feelings  
Meant to satisfy an itch  
That will never take on the shape of true love

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# Jagged Edges Of The Daughters Of Eve

Smooth on the surface like a jewel  
but poisonous at the tail like a snake  
They'd make you go extra length  
To get what they want done  
And then desert you in a lurch  
In your hour of most need

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# Just When You Dont Know What To Say, Say Thank You!

My heart is filled with so much joy. So much unexplainable joy that its so hard to put words to it. What i feel wells from deep within. its the joy of the Lord. Its the joy of Love. Its the thought and knowledge of knowing there is a woman out here who spends our world thinking about me as much as i think about her. Its the joy of knowing that after a long search, that i finally found my bones of my bones.

Lord, how do i even begin to say thank you

So overwhelmed with what You have done for me

So grateful for this new found feeling

This new found hope and love

Lord how do i?

How do i say what i feel

When i cant even put my feelings into word

Its so much joy within

Lord, I just want to say thank You

I know i am rambling a lil here but spare me

Because how do you know joy when you havent been through pain

I have been through it all

But the grace of God has sustained me through it all

And brought me ashore through every trials and turmoils

Today, i am a happy camper

Today, I am blessed

Today, I am reliving of what the Lord has done for me

Today, I know its a new day

My own perfect woman is here

My own perfect match is here

Hallelujah, our God is good!

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# Keeping It Sane!

You know Lord,

I am so grateful for where You have me  
There have been so many times  
That i thought i couldn't go on  
So many times  
That i was nearing the end  
There have been times when  
Giving up was really so easy  
And looking the other way  
Felt so enticing..  
But You know Lord,  
Had it not been for You..

I am grateful  
I am thankful  
I am in debt for Your love  
These things have kept me together  
Kept my mind sane  
Even when it was so hard

I am grateful

Just because You are here with me  
Just because no matter what am going through  
You always provide a way

On this day  
I am here thinking  
Just like every other minute  
Of what it would be like  
Assuming i had nothing like your grace

I look back on times in my life  
I look back on the things you have done  
I look back on where i am  
I look back on where i should have been

If it hadn't been You,  
I doubt if there would have been  
Anything to look back on

Today, Lord, I give it to you  
Thank you for being so good to me  
Thank You for being my everything  
I am here...Only because you are with me.

I am grateful...

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# Let Everything That Has Breath Praise The Lord!

It is a day of thanksgiving. A day of hope. A day which I have decided to leave it all behind into the past and look forward into the future with hope and a broad smile upon my face.

Even though the past was turbulent, He gave me grace in it all to overcome the very tribulations that threatened my downfall. Even though it seemed like I had lost all hope but today, starts another day of hope.

A day to surge ahead, and to thank him for his mercies which endures forever. There is always more than one reason to say thank You to Him- if anything, I owe him all for who I am today, for who I will be tomorrow.

Lost many battles, but I am here today, because of your grace. When my enemies charged over me, when they thought they had gotten me, you stood up for my sake, and gave me strength for my weakness. You armed me with all I needed to win this battle called Life.

I owe it all to you Lord, because in the midst of all these chaos, what you have given me is a goldmine of opportunities to pick up from every fall, learn from it and surge into the future with a renewed vigor.

I thank you for who you are because, I am just getting started with my offerings of praise!

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## Long Night Thinking About You..

Hmm..life. So much to wonder about..so much to think about. So much burden, so much weight to shoulder. I thought about you yesterday. I thought about how far we had come. I thought about how my heart was slowly missing u day by day. I thought about how much hurt was going on within me. I thought about the so many promises we made to each other but lil did I know that it is not all that begins well that ends well. I was missing u sorely and then I decided to text u. U ignored me and then I texted again and still u ignored. I called you again but u ignored me. It hurt so bad. It really did. I really hate to be ignored and u know that as my weakness but still u ignored me anyway. It really felt like a bolt went loose. I wanted to storm out, tell u how deeply that hurt me but then I chose the high way, texted u as to why the attitude but still, no reply. For the rest of the evening I was miserable. I twisted and turned countless times on my portable couch. I thought about life and the experiences that comes with being a man. For the rest of the night, my eyes laid wide open. The woman I thought was going to be my wife and mother of my kids had murdered my sleep. As I look back now, I realize how futile a man's journey is without Christ. I realize how man's word is full of lies and deception. I should have known, I would have taken heed and not done things right from the begining but is it too late?

To think I would be here moaning about your departure is beyond me but like the Bible appropriately chides on not to trust in man, I have learned my lesson. I will always love u cos I gave my all to u. I had Nothing left in my tank. I loved u becos I believed u were the woman for me..but only God knows why. What is indeed a mystery to me is all known to you. Let ur will be done.

OLUMIDE FAMILUSI

# Love-A Never Ending Feeling

Everyone is looking for that special someone.  
someone they can call theirs.  
some go to the ends of the earth looking for that special one and never find.  
some just sit by and it comes to them  
some are still wondering about which way to go  
and some dont even wanna feel it anymore cuz of the pain it has brought them

Everyone is looking for that special someone  
waiting on the wings to make them fly  
some have it and then throw it away  
some never had but want it so badly  
how ironical life can be.

Love, rare to find like a unique gleam  
the true essence of living, we all find  
The longing of a forever never ending feeling we all want.

That special one that truly fulfills our innate desires  
The wants of the flesh and of the soul  
love the irresistible desire of mankind

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# Love-An Enduring Feeling We All Crave

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# Memoirs From The Past

It's so hard when you love and lose someone you so desperately wanted to share a life with..Woke up with thoughts of you this morning...and this has been a recurrent thing for the past days, weeks and months..Don't know what this portends as I try to search myself day in day out if I truly really do loved you while we were together.

I loved you like I never loved any. I protected you the best I could that it almost became an obsession for me. I just wanted us to be happy. I just wanted to give everything within me to you, to show you how much you were worth it all but guess I couldn't cut it..Guess you were made to belong to another man till the gourd got broken and the chips never made a whole again.

From the depths of my heart, I still love you. No one would believe this cuz they would evidently think am nuts or going berserk but truth is I still love you and even though it's been months we spoke or seen, you still live in my heart every day.

I'm most certain that someday, if we're meant to be together, you will get to read this and both of us will shed a tear together and if we still aren't meant for each other, want you to always know that I truly cherished you. I admit I shoulda done things so differently but love is like life where we learn every day.

I have never claimed to know it all, all I have ever wanted was peace and love from my woman and that was all I strove for while we were together..

I still love you and I always will

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# Musing Through The Ruse..

It's been almost a year  
Since that call that changed everything  
That morning in July  
When everything took a dive  
And months after am still reeling from that fall

I thought life would go on  
Without you  
I thought I would be fine  
Without you  
I pretended to be strong  
Without you  
I promised I was going to weather the storms  
Without you  
But months after,  
Am still where you left off  
Broken, shattered and still looking for a way out  
Daily sulking through your absence

That man you left in July  
Is now so broken, ..so fragmented  
Lonely and in need of love  
That man you left in July  
Has been through hell and high-water  
But am still here musing through the ruse  
It will never all be the same  
Because you walked away  
With a huge part of me  
All that joy, happiness I thought we shared  
All now in the throes of what once was  
All that love, attention and time  
We both enjoyed  
All gone, in the leave of your absence

Are you going to heal me  
Or leave me broken as I am  
Are you coming back  
To right the wrongs  
Or just lay back as you watch me hurt

Only time will tell..  
As I figure this out the best I can..

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# My Dark Hour-My Turning Page

I look at the many things you have done in my life,  
the many times you've saved me and raised me,  
could have been dead, could have been forgotten  
a long time since my birth, but you stood by me  
and never let me fall nor let me be by myself

Then came the 9th of october  
oblivious of what laid in wait for me  
the enemy came along and was goin to steal me,  
the treasure you had spent several years building.  
in my pain and weaknesses, you stood by me through it all.  
as i laid down thrown out unconsciously from my sit  
totally blanked out and without any support,  
blood soaked all over my mouth and shirt  
supported and held by 911 paramedics  
only one thing stood  
and that which is i could have been dead save for you

In that second, i lost my bearin  
couldnt remember my name nor could i remember anything  
Friends and girlfriend all in total disarray  
co-workers numbed cuz they'd never seen me down  
everybody with a sense of pity  
as i was wheeled into the waiting truck

At the hospital, i was laid on a bed  
different apparatus connected to my whole body  
I looked up and i could see my heart wave  
pulsin up and down on the large screen.  
next to me was my girlfriend and my friends  
who were all i had in my dying moments  
assuring me it was well.

Lookin back now, i dont know what i could have done

in that dark moment of life and death  
if you had not stayed by me  
and brought me back to life  
i imagine the wailings, the sorrow, the grief  
if for, by happenstance, i was let off the hook  
Thank you Lord Jesus for bailin me out  
in my most traumatic moment in life...

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# My Heart Cries Out...

I'm so over shadowed with this feeling  
This gut feeling of indecision  
All road seems wide open and vague  
waiting for me to choose which to walk in

People come with their different thoughts  
Opinions that don't really count always  
They think they know best how to rule you

Saddled with responsibilities everyday  
Armed with hope and confronted with fears  
Lost in the middle of the road  
I'm crying out of my soul for a way out

Where's thy face Oh Lord!  
Hide not thy face from your humble servant  
My heart groans and mourns for a way out  
I have no one but you to bail me out  
For my bones are weak and weary.

I need you Lord, i want you more and more  
Take me out of this tempest valley  
And lead me through the way

I have tried using my wisdom  
I have ignored you for too long  
and have always had my problems crashing over me

Lord i come to you today  
Come fill me with your holiness  
Come fill me with your righteousness  
And lead me through the long walk

I cant do it no more, I'm crying out  
I need you Lord..Help me, help me

This indecision, one too many, cant do it alone  
Want you to take my hands in yours and lead me on  
I desire you in this wilderness

Show me to whom you've sent to me  
Show me the bones which you created out of me  
Show me the life you want me to lead and  
Crown all with your living spirit within me

Your all i me Lord  
How not to go astray  
Till my eyes catch a glimpse of you  
And my heart is filled with your holiness

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# My Heart Sees..

An open heart  
With hidden views  
Neath whitened stars  
And birds in blues  
Across an ocean  
Within a sky  
My heart does soar  
My soul does fly  
Flowers share  
Their lives of bloom  
With me  
For because of me  
They have much room  
Animals gathered  
About me anew  
Within my thoughts  
Two by two  
And as time itself  
Stops not for zzzzzzzzz's  
Inside a heart of love  
Is what my soul sees...

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# My Highway!

Day in day out  
Am tormented by Your will  
Tormented by what You want of me  
Asking myself questions  
Seeking a way through the cloud

My head hurts through the night  
With questions and more questions  
Whose only answers lies with You  
Searching through the daily rubble of life  
How do I prevail through this flesh  
How do I juxtaposed what You want  
Against the lust of my flesh

Have got questions. Questions  
Pray, who's going to help  
Your will eats into me  
Your desire, my want  
But pray, how do I do it

Every day is a constant struggle  
A struggle between my voices  
I know what's right  
But how do I end up wrong  
Lord, please, through this rubble  
Filter me. Filter my thoughts. My actions  
Filter my life and let your will  
Constantly prevail..

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# My Soul Hurts

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# My Torn Heart

Really I don't know what's come over me. I can't tell what's happening to me anymore. It just doesn't seem to me like I know myself anymore. What is this happening to me..Why should I in heavens name be missing her? Why should I ever be here sitting, thinking and moaning over someone who I sold my heart out to but who paid me back with pain. Why in heavens should I be here sparing a thought for you...Why...what is going wrong with me Lord...or do I need to have my head examined cuz I can't understand myself anymore or the reason for doing all this..Why oh why Lord..Lord please help me..

This cross is becoming too heavy, way more than I can handle..This is way killing me..This is killing me to say the least..Why wouldn't you just let this feeling go away..Why wouldn't you just let me be and live my life on..She's somewhere right now not giving a damn about what am thinking here and here I am moaning..Almost thinking about you every second of the day..Lord..What's happening to me..Lord what's happening to me...

OLUMIDE FAMILUSI

# Nigeria: Awakening The Sleeping Giant

I have tried so much to keep mum and maintain the status quo. I have tried so much to keep my frustrations to myself every single day but it just never seems to work as a look into the papers always brings out the ugly side of my disenchantment about the state of affairs in a country that never seems to get it right.

My heart increasingly weeps for a nation that has lost its conscience and at some point lost the hopes and dreams of its founding fathers on which the very existence of this country was built.

my heart bleeds for a nation where only a few elite are willing to stand up for the truth for fear of reprisal attacks from the oligarchic few that holds the destiny of this nation hostage..

I'm increasingly pained by the fact that what we have on our hands are only tell tales of woe across the more cheer news from the sleeping giant.

The international community and indeed locals alike are bewildered at the shape of events in a country we all thought democracy was going to bring us the much needed respite.

People are daily disenfranchised, frustrated and disappointed from exercising their freedom and you better believe it as there are ominous signs to prove this.

The political class leaves so much to be economy is in shambles across the entire breath of the country and Corruption like a cancerworm continues to eat deep into the fabrics of our dear nation and we do not know where to turn to anymore as our perceived Messiahs seem to be our perceived enemies judging from how they continue to milk our treasury dry.

We all kinda heaved a sigh of relief with the enactment of the financial crimes bill which was passed into law under the obasanjo government and was subsequently implemented. It was a dream come true for several concerned Nigerians who thought the hey days of corrupt leaders and their pay masters had come to an end, not realizing we had another think coming.

we have all watched helplessly, under our noses too, as the so called watch dog agency has gone berserk and turned itself into a willing tool in the hands of our so called leaders to witch-haunt real or imagined enemies of the government under the pretense of cleaning up the economic and financial crimes commission

has increasingly become a bull dog that only bites those who run foul of the government of the day.

what in heavens is going on? No one seems to know what the answers are as a culture of waste has been entrenched in our polity. Its a whole culture of a wasted and irresponsible generation passed down the line..

The situation is indeed worsened by the fact that people that have tried to make a difference are apprehended and have their lives snuffed out in the most bizarre circumstances..and finding these killers for the police force is almost seems like an impossible the sad reality about what our nation has turned into before our very own eyes.

where do we go from -about do we start this crusade and who's going to pick up the 's bringing about this change..when is this change coming..

My heart weeps for my homeland from across the shores and only hope and pray that someday we get it right in a country thats abundantly and naturally blessed with people and resources to bring about the necessary change we all look for on the horizon..

Here is a call to duty that posterity may remember us as one that left our footprints on the sands of time...

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# No Lookin Back

I have a journey ahead  
A journey of a thousand miles  
That begins with my first steps  
No matter how rough the road  
Achieve i must..Win i must accomplish  
With eyes totally set on my goal  
There's no going back

I'm not going to be held down  
By life's countless hurdles  
Distractions are rife  
Pulling down, order of the day  
But with my thoughts on a win  
Nothing is going to hold me down  
Because i have my eyes set  
On that future ahead of me

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# Nothing Without You..Lord

Nothin brings me joy in life,  
Like the thoughts of you sweet Jesus  
Nothin brings tears to my eyes  
and brings me down to my knees  
Like your awesomeness and graciousness  
which transcends who i am,  
My color, my creed, my race

Never go far away from me Lord  
Never let me fall  
Never will push you away  
Because my heart is made out for you Lord

How do i breathe without you  
Where do i go without you  
How do i make a way in life without you

You keep me happy always  
Have my back in my down times  
You Lay your hands of mercy upon me  
And i see my pains go away inspite of my shortcomins

Thats why im shoutin on the roof top  
Thank you Father for havin my back always

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# Obituary...How Not To Say Goodbye

Assumin wishes were horses  
would have spent my whole time wishin  
that this day never came  
Never could have imagined it this soon  
Nor would i have imagined it this short.

Through the many upheavals and terrible storms  
we clunged together like two destined birds  
watchin over each other as we grew older  
sharin our lives, joys and pains in affinity  
until it rocked over like a boat thrust over by whirlwind

You said we were goin to be together forever  
you said we were goin to be strong for each other  
Now your leavin with my heart...

Baby, im never gonna be that same man anymore  
as i see you walk through that door  
i choke and shudder emotionally  
tryin not to cry from the gapin hole within  
as i bid you one last goodbye...

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# On Your Wings..I Fly

HOW DO I.....?

Tell of your faithfulness  
Tell of your lovingkindness  
Tell of your compassion  
Tell of your steadfastness

Inspite of my shortcomings...

You still bless me  
You still heal me  
You still cater for my needs  
You still favor me

How do i say....

Thank you for the battles you helped me to conquer  
Thank you for breaking my strongholds  
Thank you for giving me so much wisdom  
Thank you for the gift of life  
Thank you for your unquestionable love

I was down...but you raised me  
I was sick...but you healed me  
I was disappointed...but you reappointed me  
I lost all hope...but you restored them all  
I was called a failure...but you made me a success  
I lost hope...but you said my tomorrow was assured

How do i Lord, How do i Lord, How do i say thank you for your love  
I'm so grateful for your love to me and wouldn't be here or anywhere  
without you in my life.  
I love you, Lord

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# One Rainy Night

Oh what a beautiful feeling it is  
To be loved and appreciated  
Cared for and wanted always  
knowing that there's someone out there  
Waiting to listen and share your time  
Tendering to your aches and emotions  
Knowing the world revolves around you two

How beautiful would it be  
To see you wake up with a smile on your face  
And a dandy feeling on your heart  
Trusting that someone has your back  
When the billows of life abound

.....a feeling that can't be explained  
Comes over you with a mighty rush  
Makes you blue and wet all over  
As sweat breaks through every pore on your skin  
Oh what a beautiful feeling

I see a smile playing on your lips  
One touch I know could set you on fire  
As I see the tempting flush all over you  
Don't try suppressing it  
As every vibe I get from you reveals to me  
How much you're waiting to be taken tonight

Oh! can't wait to have you in my arms  
Let me your king and you, my queen  
As our hearts thump loudly beating as one  
On that rainy beautiful night

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# Only But For A Moment

ONLY BUT FOR A MOMENT...

This strange feeling in me  
Coming over from a strange woman  
An embodiment of beauty  
walked past and i got lost  
Hot rush of blood runs over me  
Countless words juggle for attention  
Several thoughts and feelings encompass  
Seeing this Arabian princess walk by  
Only but for a moment...

Out of the blues comes this feeling  
Oh, how strange a feeling  
Taking me completely over  
By a strange woman  
Could this be love or lust  
Many minutes of pondering  
Ensnared in my thoughts  
Of wants of this woman in my world  
Only but for a moment...

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# Only God Knows

I have been too trusting  
Opening up my heart at will to people  
And letting them get to me so much it hurts  
I try to be as pleasant as I can possibly be  
Try my best to be understood by my every word  
But it all still results to naught inspite of my gestures  
I wish I could discern the thoughts of the other man  
Wide eyed, staring blankly at me to see what runs behind those frames  
How much evil or good he harbors for me in his heart  
But this one aint given me...Only God knows...all the silent thoughts in your heart

OLUMIDE FAMILUSI

# Pin And Pleasure

wakin up next to you  
i remember the look in your eyes  
Very assurin yet burstin with meanings  
of what the future holds for us  
in a life of uncertainty

i imagine what its like everyday  
having your body next to mine  
each breathin into the other  
layin down on that soft bed  
relievin all the beautiful times  
what we see in the future  
and the hopes of being together  
startin a family and makin a home

Its been one whole heck  
thinkin about the many challenges  
Along our path that terrifies our dreams  
the dreams of being together  
sharin our lives together

Together you said we would work this out  
yet the future holds lil glimmer  
how much more baby are we waitin  
To see our dreams come true  
to live in this world  
painted of you and me...

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# Politics Of Hope And Change

## THE POLITICS OF HOPE AND CHANGE.

Across the Aile in the United States of America, we're starting to see a new vision, a new hope resonating in every sphere and in every mind of how citizens see themselves and ultimately the nation.

Senator Barack Obama, the talented and inspirational presidential candidate of the Democratic Party, who rose from a humble background to being a successful lawyer today has been the torch bearer of this electric movement moving round across America, making the youths and the old alike believe in themselves and overcoming the politics of fear which has been a divisive factor among a people where racism is still believed to cut across board.

In a new world, we're starting to see why we can dream and 're starting to see why hope for the common man isn't about blind optimism and why we can say 'Yes we can' if only we truly can believe in ourselves.

This doesn't sound like a campaign note on behalf of Senator Obama to the world. Its just a wake up call to our leaders that we need a new direction and a new vision in Aso 're tired of the same old and tired figures that cant seem to get things done.

Time and time again, we've waited painfully for the right leaders but each time we come close, it almost seem like we loose it.

We're tired of the same old politics of pull him down syndrome that exists in Nigeria and ultimately around Africa as can be seen in the carnage and destruction of life and properties currently going on in Kenya because of the bloated ego of a oligarchic few tearing down the reins of a once peaceful country in Africa.

For the first time in a while, we're starting to see, that being black isn't about a curse depending on which side of the divide you decide to put yourself to use. I think its about time we need to start talking to get things a generation of new and focused leadership in Nigeria and nay the world.

Late Chief M.K.O Abiola was one personality who resonated with the world with his campaign slogan, Hope 93 during the hey days of the despotic leader, Gen Sani Abacha. It just seems like we've ceased to dream because each time, some generational leaders put up themselves for leadership, they get cut down in their

prime too often than you may think and that has been the bane of why we never come by the true leaders we want in Africa and indeed world loved his was involved with the rich as well as the was a compassionate leader but like they say, its all in the dustbin of history how the whole story went after his incarceration.

We want change from how we see need the right leadership to inspire our ne who can believe in our ability as a people to get out of our doldrums and reach the mountain need someone who can stand as an agent of change in the country so we can have the world focus on our ability to 've had to grapple for too long with self-serving less leadership which is as a result of our continued downturn in every sphere of our national lives.

I think its about time now we need to wake up from our up with a possibility that we know, only we can achieve when we believe in our collective abilities to make a change and not by wishful thinking that everything is going to change when we sit and do nothing about it all.Its about time we want change.Its about time we start dreaming.Its about time we need to work out on our differences and what separates us amongst the various ethnic groups and live happily in a nation which we can truly believe in.

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## Questions On My Mind!

How much does a heart ache thinking about someone you love but lost?

How much does one hurt and hurt knowing you lost someone that could have forever been a part of you?

How much do you keep trying, trying, waiting and waiting on end till you find that right one?

Today, you crossed my mind and I remember all the beautiful moments we shared

Today I thought of what might have been but never was

Today I feel a deep pain, an emptiness on the inside of me as I scroll through a log of your pictures.

For me, you were that shining star, the light that gave my path some illumination.

Today, perhaps as u settle into the arms of another man, who may have worked his way into your heart, I want you to remember and always too, that I honestly did love you with my all.

So long my eyinju.

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# Seedless Tree

The fruits you bear  
Speak of your tree  
And the quality sown  
Sour with no juice  
Dry land, dry leaves  
Waiting to be watered  
To regain its full vigor

Then the rain fell  
Showered your land  
And watered your roots  
Till it overflowed  
Then suddenly  
Rather than flourish all  
Green turned yellow  
And leaf after leaf  
Went off each stalk  
One at a time  
Then in droves  
All blown away by the wind  
But  
What happened?  
Thought all you needed was life  
For you to blossom and flourish  
And to bear good fruits  
Again, you lost your vitality  
And began to die

Your roots absorbed more  
Than it could use  
Your roots got suffocated  
And your depths rather than grow  
Began to decay  
How life is  
A puzzle for some  
A comic to others  
And a tragedy for some more!





# Silent Night

Oh what a beautiful feeling it is  
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knowing that there's someone out there  
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# So Alone..

I am lonely  
Lonely as lonely can be  
So alone in my world  
Without a companion  
So alone in my world  
Without one to share  
I am lonely  
Waking up to the same old pillow everyday  
And dreading every night like a plague  
I hate to be alone  
I was built to have someone  
Someone to love and deeply care for  
But I am lonely without a companion  
Day and night, I never stop thinking  
Thinking about if fairy tales do really exist  
My fantasies all in my head  
Lived out alone and by myself  
Where is her? Where is her?  
I am lonely. Cold and alone  
O' cruel world  
I want to feel the joy of companionship  
But pray, where is her? Where is her?

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# Take Me As I Am

Baby, i come to you as i am  
With my love and affection  
Total dedication and attention  
Waiting to be the man for you

I know I'm not like the other man  
Who's got all the money in the world  
Rides a Bentley and comes from a rich home  
But have got all it takes to make you happy

My soul craves for your love  
My body longs for your touch  
My heart pulsates thinking of you  
Holding my hand, side by side

How much longer must i wait  
To feel the sweetness of your lips  
Our body and soul becoming one  
Baby, it takes you to make me happy

Please take me as i am

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## Teach Me, Lord. I Need You.

wish I could be quiet and just say nothing. I wish I could be someone else and just pretend like nothing is amiss. I wish we could go back to that time when it was just love and laughter and never have to look back. I wish I could juxtapose how I feel now to how I felt then. I wish I could just stop thinking and stop having my heart race as much. I wish that my heart so clouded with emotions will fizzle away. I wish that this is at best, naughtiness rather than substance. I wish that the beautiful woman I fell in love with will always be, like she once was, the woman to bring me happiness. A lil overwhelmed. I admit. Nothing rips me apart like strife. This is who I am.

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# That Phone Call..

I bet you dont know  
how much those words matter  
The thoughtless thoughts that follows  
With indecision at its fulcrum

Your words of grace  
Liftin up in times of despair  
Times of fear and fright  
Is all i wait upon to lift me  
up from this dump feeling

My phone rings and my heart pulsates  
with ecstasy and excitement  
lookin at the phone blankly  
Hopin it would be you callin  
But got a rude shock

Waited all day for you  
starin continuously at my phone  
hopin for a ring, a word from you  
but never came and i kept prayin

Time seemed to tick by so fast  
As seconds ran into minutes  
and minutes into hours  
endlessly waitin for you  
as if my all depended on that call  
still no word from you...

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# The Again Virgin

I don't know if I want to feel the soft touch of intimacy again,

It might burn as before,

Tears I would shed,

And dissolve into a puddle on the ground,

To bury myself in another's body,

To have that permission,

To give that permission,

To meld with another,

So sweet but so new,

Again.

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# The Agony Of Missing You

I wish you could search the depths of my mind and soul  
To see how my heart leaps in bounds just thinking about you  
I wish you knew how much you brought smiles to my face  
With your presence that could light up a room  
You totally had me holed and consumed in your grip  
Hounded and bounded on all fours like a ram taken to slaughter  
As my heart falls prey to your love...

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# The Birds Are Coming Home To Roost

Its now becoming evidently clear that the millions of people in Nigeria are disenchanted with the whole process.I can sit here and count on my fingers the so many constitutional abuses perpetrated during the Obasanjo era..How is it that no one in government has been able to summon courage thus far to probe the several vast estates, colleges and farms owned by this chicken farmer who hitherto 1999 had little or nothing.I see no justification for the likes of General Danjuma and coy who now open their sour tongues and castigate Obasanjo as if they were not jointly involved in the plundering of that country's resources..How is it that Anthony Anenih is now complaining..how about the several billions of Naira he stole from road construction projects which up till today hasnt been accounted for..The list goes on..This haters of Nigeria continue to plunder our resources and when things go awry, they come back to the people pretending they stand us in our adversities..We're tired of the old generation that has never done us any good..but rather compounded our troubles..I hope for one day when it will dawn on this country that the only way out of our present quagmire is to do what Jerry Rawlings of Ghana did in bringing sanity to our country..The likes of Obasanjo deserves and i say emphatically no pride of place in our country's honor 's a self seeking leader who has claims to be the messiah but left our country badly bandaged than how he met it..Its time for a revolution! ! !

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# The Book Of Psalms

O host of Heaven  
O mighty God  
Thank you for loving me so  
I complain. I rant. I admit  
Or how am I supposed to act  
When my daily cry reaches up to heaven  
And wouldn't let up

O you who created the Heavens  
Who promises the gift of a virtuous woman  
O you who created a mate out of me  
Where is the fruit of your promise?  
Where is her? The one you promised in the book of proverbs  
Where is her? The sweet companion  
Where is her? The one created out of my flesh and bone?  
Oh where is her? Where is her?

Again, I am single  
Again I am lonely  
Again I fell to the daughters of eve  
O Lord, help me  
Before my heart becomes weary  
Again...

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# The Dilemma Of A Friend

Through trials and triumphs  
I will stick with you Lord  
My eyes have seen  
My ears have heard  
The dilemma of the unbeliever  
Who runs from pillar to post  
Seeking gods carved out of images  
Offering adulation and sacrifices  
To a god who has no eyes to see,  
And ears to listen. Who has no arms  
To save but asks for money instead.

This is the story of a friend  
Who inspite of all admonitions  
Refused to listen and take heed  
But patronized gods who wanted more  
They gave him black soaps  
They gave him scented lotions  
They gave him colored candles  
Things worked good for him  
And he felt on top of the world oblivious of the doom  
Which awaited him. He made money. He was the toast  
Of every party and all the beautiful ladies on the street  
He was the favorite of the group but he forgot the old saying  
That he who sups with the devil must have a long spoon  
Catastrophe like an ill wind struck and before you could say jack...

All he had acquired over this period began to crumble  
Everything he labored for began to take flight  
And his world came crashing like a pack of cards  
He lost everything. Lost his sanity. Lost his dignity  
He lost everything because he wouldn't listen  
He became a shadow of his old self begging for alms  
Friends took turns as they fled from him  
Leaving him to pine away gradually. Friends he fed  
All were gone. No one to share in his misery  
In his time of trouble, his gods couldn't save him  
Let alone bring him back all his sudden loss  
He lost everything because he served a dead god

Carved out of wood image, who couldn't see  
And had no saving hand like my sweet Jesus.

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# The Pain In My Heart

They dont see the tears  
Streaming down my face  
My pillows teribbly soaked  
Crying day and night  
Pain in my heart  
waiting to tear apart

I have been down this road  
Too many times  
I have wept my heart out  
Thinkin that by sheer wish  
It will roll over soon

No one told me  
it was going to be easy  
No one told me  
It was going to be smooth  
I lost my voice  
but they dont care

But im still here  
Against all odds  
Hoping that someday  
this cup will run over  
And i'll find my voice again

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# The Pain Of Rejection

These days its really hard to trust anyone, for u to commit ur heart to someone or something without coming down with one hurt or the other. Being nice isn't buyin the way to peoples heart anymo..just lies, lies and more lies wins the day. Oh she forever went on, on her many donts, her many rebuttals.., should have known that the heart of man is so deep, deep enough for the ordinary eyes to fanthom.

I am secretely hurt! why u ask? ! I hate deceitful people. People who can't stand by their words. Permit my ranting. I see u and my heart bleeds, even tho I nursed a secret crush on u but I gave up the minute u slept with him. It felt like a dagger struck tru my heart as he related everything he did with u. U were that woman I took time out to listen to. It hurts to know u wanted him more. It hurts to know that after all said and done, u gave urself to him willingly. No questions asked. I guess such is life but want u to know my heart is deeply wounded becos u ate your words and decided to choose him over me!

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# The Pain Of Wars! ! !

Have you heard the wailing  
Have you seen the crying  
The gnashing of teeth,  
The horror  
The grief and devastation  
Coming from distant lands  
Death with a mortar in hand  
Has taken over the land  
Like rain, cleansing everything on its path  
The old, the young,  
Men, women, children  
Visitors and citizen  
All prey to the chilling hands of Esu  
Roaring furiously  
Groping for more blood  
Of a resilient people  
Hard pressed by famine and starvation

Blood spills across the land  
Many still trapped under rubbles  
Thousands in unconscious state  
Some maimed  
As men lose their guts  
And sense of their strength  
Confronted with more than they can bear  
Life in this mode,  
Can't be anything but hell..

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# The Power Of Choice.

In the deep darkest alley of life  
i have a choice to make  
evitable and inevitable choices  
yet, all i got is make a choice  
could break me physically and emotionally  
yet, could make me and have me soar

Faced with choices everyday  
tough choices that could leave life long scars  
and oftentimes too, on the other side of the coin  
bring and leave perpetual joy in its trail.  
Many times relying on self  
and at othertimes, on people's judgement

However good or bad, these decisions are  
They are always nigh, staring in the face  
lurking and haunting, waiting patiently  
to hand out a score sheet of  
all the choices made and their results  
which were all a reflection of me

what choices have you made today?

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# The Things You Do..

I said I wasn't going to shed a tear  
I promised you weren't going to ruffle me  
I swore by my breath I wasn't going to let you hurt me  
But now..

You came like an angel  
With the strength and gait of a Paragon  
Beauty in out was all I saw  
But now..

How do you love and be empty  
How do you give and give  
But get nothing in return  
How do you pour out your emotions?  
Your heart, your soul, your everything  
Into someone and still be empty  
How do you take the pain of rejection?  
Accept it and move on

Pray, how does the mind work?  
Tired, helpless and frustrated  
Every time falling for the wrong woman  
Its wearing me out  
Pray, how can I break this wall?

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# The Unknown Man

I feel a pain in my heart which draws me to tears when I see the plight of the poor man

A feeling that burns so passionately but almost with no remedy I can bear now

Why the poor keep getting poorer and the rich getting richer everyday

Why the average guy who does the hard job gets paid peanuts and

The rich guy ends up feasting on the hard labor of the abject laden fellow

I feel a pain beyond words can have me say here when the poor is incarcerated

And the rich guy gets a mere slap on the wrist for the same offense as the poor guy

Can someone explain to me why life will be so unfair as when the rich keeps buying

Buying every available space to build houses, drive posh cars and date the best women

While the poor guy languishes in penury all his life, unable to pay his rents and afford a decent living

Who listens to the poor? Who sees his pain? Who hears him out when he's faltering in his bills?

I make a case for the downtrodden and hope for someday when someone will listen.

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# They Said...

They said...  
I couldnt make it

They said...  
He has no help from above

They said...  
we know your father  
we know your mother  
we know when they bore you

They said to me, we know your name  
How you had to live from hand to mouth  
And go without clothing and accomodation

They queried, how far can he go...?

Then from no where i heard this voice  
telling and assuring me always  
that no matter what the world thinks  
I'll surely make it and have a break in life

They tried puttin me down, too many times  
But he had his eyes watching over me  
which is why im so blessed and they are distressed

I will sing hallelujah to my Lord  
because he has redeemed me from the hands of my enemies  
gave me a new song and a new name  
Its all about you Jesus, the lover of my soul

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# This Life Of Mine

Beautifully and wonderfully made  
You brought me into this world  
With cries from my little eyes  
Announcing my birth  
You brought me to life...

You knew my name  
You could count my hair  
I felt unsafe in a new world  
But you protected and shielded me

As days drifted into weeks  
and weeks into months  
You gave me wisdom  
You gave me understanding  
You taught me how to speak

I grew up knowing the world  
The love, the hate that exists  
In it all, you asked me to choose  
You gave me judgment  
Judgment to make my own choices

As the days drew by  
Growing and learning  
I learned about you  
The awesome God

My folks taught me about you  
Gave me hope and a vision  
They made me see  
That you alone were worth trusting  
When life's mysteries abound

I heaped all my burdens on you  
Never was disappointed for once  
You loved me with an unequalled love  
Blessed me and cared so much for me  
None like i ever had from my folks

You made me see every new day  
Could have been dead  
Could have been forgotten  
But through the turmoil  
You saw me through all

Now in my youth  
I look back on my life  
with strings and harps  
Cymbals and drums  
I say thank you Father  
For loving me so much

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# Thoughts About Life

Everyday when i think about life  
about the turns and twist  
The hate and the love alltogether  
My heart completely overwhelemes  
With this meaning called life

Each day brings its own challenges  
You win, you lose, your still fightin on  
Till that trumpet sounds  
Your still fighting away those battles  
Hoping to win someday

In the midst of the tempest valleys  
Hope comes in the horizon  
Ill luck full on its trail  
waiting to end that optimism  
That seems to give you light  
Light at the end of the tunnel

People of diverse backgrounds  
Color, shapes and sizes  
All having a stake  
in this creation called life  
Big enough to accommodate  
Everything within its spheres

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# Through The Storms

I thank you Lord  
Thank you for the man you made me  
Through the scare of the whirlwind,  
Turbulent storms and raging fire  
You have made me stand  
Even though trails leave their scars  
I'm not smitten because I have you  
To stand with me through it all

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## Time Was.....

The way I feel about you  
The way you hold me  
And lock me in your embrace  
Heaven knows  
I cant handle it  
Love so calm as a still sea  
So deep  
So subtle  
That keeps me forever lost  
Lips so full of nectar  
Fleshy and sweet to the taste  
Tongues twirling with ecstasy  
Rolled into my ears

In your eyes  
Is a future spark  
Waiting to ignite  
I have waited for this moment  
When the stars will dance  
To my wish  
To hold you and lay by your side  
Till I feel the depth of you in me  
Within us lies this paradise  
As we both harken to the rhythm within  
In silence  
Breathtaking breaths  
To each touch, each moves  
Where only two understands  
The seeming power of love  
As our body responds in one accord  
To hearts forever locked as one

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# Time...The Master Healer

In my heart, in your heart is a tiny space that holds on to the past with a stubborn aggression and bitterness carved out of, oftentimes puke ignorance which builds around us emotions laden with contempt and rage which inadvertently separates us from the voice of reason and extricates us from the world.

We hold tenaciously onto things from our past with angst and wear a must-kill kinda worn look upon our have that tiger kinda aggression that seeks to tear up everythin in its path and albeit unknowingly engrave the hurt and pains suffered on stones that dont break nor yield which further tears and chips into our core soul gradually.

What first starts out like a joke is inflamed with passion which burns wild consumin every intents on its should have been an easy ride turns out into a desire to kill, maim and sciously, we kill our emotions by our own insistence and sturbornness to let go and by our attitude, seem to give that impression that, 'Oh, i dont laugh.I'm always , this is the way i am'

Stop short folks! Have you thought for one moment you could be happy again if your willin to let go...and decided to write on sand those who offended you where it could be erased and forgotten? .Why be unhappy when a true word from your heart could save you a lifetime of fear and terror at the sight of your supposed aggressor.

Methinks its about time we started letting go so we can have a new lease, a new breath..fresh, brewed with love and affection towards our neighbours or however they be to us.Its time to get on with our lives and stop countin a whole page of wrongs done by someone to hurt you one way or someways and then we can truly enjoy that fruit of the spirit that comes ONLY from a happy heart that can do all things and ultimately leaving all things..all things to the master healer..TIME

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# Unknown..

Nothing is easy. Nothing is simple.

There is a reason why this is this

And a reason why that is that

Things that appear ordinary

Have a deep meaning that's yet to unfold

As I continue to walk this path called life

My eyes are continually exposed

To the

Many why(s)

To the

Many How(s)

I seek for an answer in a befuddled world

A world confused in itself ...

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# Unspoken Thoughts Of An Immigrant

In search of golden fleece  
A man is thrown out of his reins  
Unsure and uncertain of the future  
He leaves his family and loved ones  
For a journey into the unknown

Across thousand of miles  
Leaving a whole world behind him  
Stucked in a new tradition  
Culture, color and creed  
Into a world of the unknown

He is abused, used and dumped  
He works the dirty jobs daily  
Summer and winter, he's there  
Holding it down to pay the bills  
In a world of the unknown

Hanging in there for so long  
Almost on the verge of breaking up  
Back ache persist, work confronts  
Family back home yearning for crumbs  
From a man almost made spineless  
In a world of the unknown

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## Unveiled Emotions

Hmm..How time flies so fast..so fast that it passes by like a whiff in a moment..About this time last month, things were all so rosy, full of bloom, looking promising like it never were ever going to come to an end. I feared for my life, feared for my heart. I feared for everything I held dear..telling you bit my bit everything I went through in my past and hoping that you weren't coming on to add more to my long list of heartaches. You promised you weren't..but you did..It's no use sulking over spilt milk..so they say but once again.., my heart has been used by someone I so much invested all of my emotions into while it lasted..How time flies..In a moment..like a flower planted by the riverside, in due season..blossoming beautifully and in a season, withering away causing gloom to its vicinity. We live and we learn and once again, I have learnt never to surrender my heart again. I wasn't naïve, neither was I stupid..all I wanted was to fulfill that part of me that gives to get but I met with a grid in your person. Even though it seems like everything is right...or so it seems cause you walked away without looking back..not even giving a chance to the good times we shared..how I thought all my words and actions meant a thing to you..How I thought you really were for real and not about the mundane which only last for a time..how I thought in my wildest imagination I'd met that half of me to rock my world..Rather than be my rock, you took the rock outta my feeble legs and rode me rough shod without the slightest empathy..Good luck to you..No hard feelings...I just needed to pour out my heart...BYE.

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# Waiting On You, Lord!

I am waiting on you, Lord  
Waiting on you with my all  
I am waiting on you, Lord  
For life has kicked me so hard  
So hard, where it hurts  
I am waiting on you, Lord  
To come take my pains away  
And give me my smile back  
I am waiting on you, Lord  
Please come help me right the wrongs  
And pick me up from this valley.  
My eyes scorch so badly  
From this damning darkness

Lord,  
I am waiting. Waiting. Waiting  
I am waiting as a lil child  
Who waiteth on the father  
Please do not ignore me  
Neither should you cast me out  
My strength is failing  
And all I thought made sense  
Is fast becoming an aberration  
I am waiting Lord. Waiting Lord  
Till this cross is over me  
Please Lord, I am waiting  
Still waiting. Waiting. I am waiting..

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# What Can I Give

What is it about me Lord  
that makes you wanna stay  
that makes you wanna protect me  
that makes you wanna care for me

Inspite of my many sins  
my many shortcomings  
my unfaithfulness  
still, you wanna stay by me

I have been hopeless  
Until i found you  
helpless and lost  
Until you found me

You picked me up from the dumps  
Took away my sack clothes  
and gave me a new song

I was on my way down  
Until you held me by the shoulder  
and pulled me up again  
giving me multiple chances

I dont know what to give  
because have been unworthy  
I have no money to give  
and even if i did, you wouldnt have  
what can i give LOrd  
for all you have done for me

what can i give to you Lord,  
for being so faithful to me  
in times of my fear and crisis  
for being there for me when  
there was no help for me  
but from above,  
what can i give Lord...



# What Makes Me Cry

When i look at you, i see a fragile egg

which needs to be protected from breakin its shells

I see a chokin up built

all welled up with tears within

but no one knows it but you and i

I want to protect you

I want to love you

I want to care for you

I want to be loved as well

Beyond the camaraderie, lies a weakness

only seen by you and i

if we ever wanna be happy

if we ever wanna be together

its time to let up and let it flow

its time to leave this shell

the shell you call home

crawl back to me baby



i promise i wont hurt you

only if your goin to let up

and pick our pieces back again

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# What Manner Of Life?

What manner of life  
With no substance  
With no worth  
With no dignity  
With no pride  
With no virtue

What manner of life  
That preys on people  
That preys on evil  
They preys on envy  
That preys on killing

What manner of life  
Is it without God  
Is it without love  
Is it without joy  
Is it without principles

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# Why Ask Why

Why is life so unfair  
Even when you give it your best shot  
And play the games by its rules

I imagined it was a fair world  
But now i know much better that  
Life is no Fairy tale

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# Why Can'T You Trust Anyone? Why?

What do you say in times like this  
What do you believe now  
Who is there to trust  
Who is there to look up to  
I sought for so much  
And gave so much in return  
I gave my heart  
I gave my love  
I gave myself  
I gave everything  
But what did I find out?  
Months have since passed  
Until that rude awakening  
That I got only yesterday  
I thought I gave you my trust  
I thought I gave you all I had  
I thought I was open enough  
But pray, why did you do this to me  
You said you weren't ready  
You said it'd take you two years  
You said education was more important  
Foolish as I was, I understood  
Believed everything you said  
Little did I know  
How can I come to grips with your lies  
When I believed every word you uttered  
How can I come to grips  
To think that you could ever lie to me  
How can I come to grips  
To think that you could ever deceive me  
I was open with you  
The best I could  
People doubted you  
But I stood in for you  
People challenged me  
Why I trusted you so much  
I laughed at them  
Said that if only they knew who you were  
I was cork sure what I was saying

I couldn't believe any other thing  
Because of what I thought I knew about you  
Pray, how could you do this to me  
How could you break that trust  
How could you break that bond  
How could you betray my trust  
You lied to me  
You lied to me  
You lied to me...No!  
How could you. How could you lie to me  
How could you take me for a fool  
How could you take me on this folly ride  
How could I have been so unsuspecting  
How could I have played along with you  
In innocence and in trust  
Pray, how could I  
Yesterday, I heard that news  
That broke and shattered me  
All the time and love I gave you  
All in the bid to marry you someday  
All, you threw to the dogs  
Chose another man  
Only less than a year  
How could you  
Why were you never honest with me  
Why were you never bold to tell me  
So I could deal with the pains and move on  
Why lie to me?  
Why? why? why lie to me?  
Am so deeply hurt  
How much more of me am I to give  
Am I that easy  
Am I that cheap  
Am I that the one that everyone takes for granted  
Why must people ride rough shod over me  
Why should I always give my all  
Only to be let down, almost always  
Why is it that a plain man  
Never wins anymore?  
Why is it that it's the good ones  
That carry last?  
Why is it that pain and misery is all I have known

In relationships?  
Why is it that the wrong ones have been my company  
In love?  
Why is it that I have chosen so wrongly  
Despite my heart of love  
Oh today, yet again am so broken  
Because you lied to me  
Am so broken because again  
Am taken for a ride  
Same route, same heartaches  
I was through this I thought  
I was through this only two years ago  
Pray, why again?  
Pray why? Why?  
Am so tired  
So sucked out  
Don't even know who to trust anymore  
Don't know who is real  
Don't know what's behind those eyes  
Don't know what's behind that frame  
So much deceit  
So much betrayal  
Am so fed up  
Pray, am so fed up...

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# Why Laugh....

WHY LAUGH...

Why laugh...

Because its the only thing to do when sad

Why laugh...

Because when your going through trials, its the only thing to do

Why laugh...

Because when all things seem down and out, thats what keeps you going

Why laugh...

Because when tribulation surrounds you like rocks, its the only get away you got

Why laugh...

Because its the only probable thing to do to lift your spirit

Why laugh

Because its the only thing to do when you cant cry out your pain

Why laugh...

Because your lucky to have it going inspite of all...

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# Why You Love Me So Much So? ? ?

I have tried to find out why you are so good to me Lord even when i have been so undeserving. I have failed You, failed myself so many times. Did the wrong things, said the wrong things, and followed the wrong crowd but still in Your mercy, You never let me go.

I have wondered about why You choose to listen to me and hear me out when almost always i have unconsciously chosen to ignore You. Why Lord? Why do you Love me so much? Why do You do all that You do inspite of all that i do? Why do You choose to not ignore me? Why do you choose to not cast away. I know Your name is mercy but truth is there is only so much a person can take. Have i not angered You enough? Have i not been unfaithful enough for you to loose your temper and flare out? Have i not been unworthy enough with my sins that i keep going back to time and time again? Lord, Why, why, why do You love me so much.

Sometimes, all i do is just think about it and You let me have it. At other times, all i do is just say it and you make it come to pass. Some other folks pray their lives away and still linger in their tribulations, but You dont let me have that. You dont let me fall without providing a soft ground for me. I have been through situations that i think would have called for a 911. Been through situations i couldnt ever have predicted a way out but somehow Lord...somehow You are just always there with a torch, lighting my path. Now, how do You say thank You to someone who's never given up on You. Whose eyes is all over and has so many to take care of but will never let this one man slip by.

How do you thank a God who never gives up on this one man. How do i Lord, thank You for the undeserving breaks You give me. So lost in my thoughts and so lost thinking about why You choose me. Maybe someday, I would know, maybe not, but i just wanted to let you know that my appreciation reaches from my heart unto the heaven. My appreciation knows no bounds for all that You have done for me and continue to do. I could never thank You enough. I could never appreciate you enough but that You know, that i know that it has been only You. I say thank You Lord. I am grateful.

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# Will You Save Your Last Dance For Me?

Broken and caught in the middle of nowhere  
Endless thought soaked in my fears  
Endless thoughts soaked in my past  
Night after night, thoughts of you erupts  
Night after night  
Daily flashes of what could have been  
My thoughts. Your smile, both tearing me apart  
Broken and lost in the middle of nowhere  
Until that time when I can reconfess what  
You make me feel  
Until that time when all my fears is put to rest  
Imma lay me down and hope  
All of me, I gave. Now empty  
Will you save your last dance for me

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# Yea I Was Wrong, But Now, I Know Better!

Am sorry i hurt your feelings  
Am sorry i took you for granted  
I think about your smile and it hurts me deep  
I think about the short time we were together  
What i could have said or done right  
I forgot that life is so fragile  
And that when it breaks, it breaks

U will never have an idea  
How much i think about you  
How i feel about you  
Is like a gaping hole  
A space filled with nothingness

I would never have thought i had feelings for you  
Deep feelings  
But daily am tormented  
Psychologically becos ur face sticks to my memory

Che'rae, I know i crossed the line  
When i said those hurtful words to you  
I shouldn't have  
I should have been more sensual  
I thought i was right  
How foolish i am to take you for granted

If there is anything like second chances  
Let me have that grace  
In life,  
We live and we learn  
Your love has held me captive  
And now am groping in the dark  
Searching for answers  
Answers whose only solution lies with you

Che'rae, am like the little baby  
With first faltered steps  
Learning how to walk  
I have learnt from my fall

Now, give me a second chance  
I pray you  
I will learn to treat your potters vase with care  
I honestly cant get you out of my head!

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## You Are My King...Yes U Are

Day in day out, I marvel at your awesomeness Lord. Time and time again, I weep thanking you for the things you have done in my life and continue to do. Every single day, my story has always and continually been about one favor or the other. I have lived and continue to live every single minute to witness what it's ever like to know this God. I wonder and always have been in constant consternation what makes you love me this much. I do countless self reflections DAILY and I still never can understand what makes u love me so much. I am an undeserving servant. I never read the bible nor do I ever pray.

I have deserted your church like a stray sheep and have forgotten what it means to tithe but still, I look at my life and all I can say each day, each minute, each second is Thank you Lord.

Thinking about your faithfulness gets me to tears always. Either I am driving or walking, u are always there. So many times when my back was against the wall and all I knew was a dark streak, somehow there u were, lurking somewhere in the shadows, showing up at the right time. So many times my tribulations would have overwhelmed me. So many times I would sit and cry like a baby but you were always there. I never ever know just how to praise you or say thank you for where I am right now.

I know my beginnings. I know where I am right now and I certainly know that I would never ever have gotten to this point without u. I look at my life, how you love me so much so, how you protect me and protect my own, how u constantly get me out of trouble and keep me away from the fowlers nest and I continue, always continue to praise you.

Lord, I am grateful. Lord I am grateful. Lord I am grateful. My words aren't enough to express just how I feel. My words aren't enough to tell of your blessings in my life. I could forever sing on, praise on, pray on and it would never suffice for your faithfulness in my life. I have come like a humble servant to tell of your faithful deeds towards me which are limitless. I will forever be thankful to this God who has never looked down on me nor sent me away with my cloth of filth from his presence. I will forever be grateful to this God who has accepted me for me and my shortcomings, who has not despised me nor made meat of my flesh to the enemies.

Till the day I breathe my last, this life would be for you. Till the day I die, this life will serve you now and forever because you are a true and just God whose

faithfulness transcends every generation, race, color or creed..How I love you so  
...You are my KING.

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# You Bring All The Rythm To My Life

Through the laughs and the tears  
I admire your courage and passion  
your noticeable sacrifice and selflessness  
which brings me smiles at every point

Thousands of words wouldnt suffice  
how you helped made me happier, stronger  
Wiser, because i had you as my compass  
healing my hurts and calmin my fears  
so that i could face the world  
with renewed viguor and determination

Your love brought many blessings  
learning from the fun filled yesterdays  
easin away my pains and fraustrations  
with lil as much as your smiles  
that lightens my entire day

I think of your never failing love  
which gives strenght in the face of despair  
your security which is unequalled, unparalled  
which brings a sense of comfort  
your praise and encouragement  
which keeps me goin through each day

I realise i couldnt have come this far  
without you being by my side  
wanna let you know i remain indebted  
for being so passionate through the thorns  
stickin to me like a second skin  
makin me believe that the sky is within reach  
only if i dared...

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# You Didn't Deserve To Die Now! ! !

I'm still in total shock and disbelief.  
My heart is broken and really sore  
I'm still in utter disillusionment  
How, why comes out so often from my words  
Too many questions with little or no answers  
Why would life be so cruel to steal a loved one

I'm here wishing this isn't true  
That by some miracle, you will come to life  
You fought hard in the face of tribulations  
You waged a battle against death every day  
You could have cheated on death again,  
But you faulted and it had its last laugh

I don't know where to start, what to say  
How can life be this cruel and callous  
We shared so many things together  
Looked out for each other every night  
We were sources of comfort to each other  
Shared our burdens and troubles together

Now, your there six feet below earth  
Your clock suddenly stopped ticking  
Leaving behind heavy mourners  
who knew you, your good works  
who thought life would always go on with you  
But how sad, death decided to take you away

Pat, although your gone to rest  
will always cherish all that we shared  
All the times we sat hours on end  
Gisting about nothing in particular  
But just been there to while away time  
and be comfort to each other

Your thoughts live on in the lives  
Of all that knew life was worthy  
And we're happy, though short but meaningful  
I pray for the repose of your soul

And that you find peace and a place to rest  
In the bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ

Adieu...Patricia

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# You Made Me

When trouble surrounded me like a wall  
And hell had its fury over me  
When all my signs went wrong  
And tribulations came calling  
In ones, in twos  
In droves  
And no help came out of my valley  
All I saw was you  
Too many nights, I would cry and cry  
Too many nights I wondered for a way out  
Too many nights I lost the zeal to live  
Wake up in the middle of the night  
Pray and pray I did but no help came  
Lost count of my many sleepless nights  
To see a light out of my dark alley  
But in it all  
You were the hope I saw  
Assuredly,  
Each time I turned my page  
You were there  
Through the thick and thin of my trials,  
You understood  
Leaving me unhurt, unscathed each time  
Even when it felt like the end was nigh  
I fell too many times  
And didn't know how to rise up  
But you held me  
Helped me regain strength  
Through my weak and fragile nature  
I made mistakes I shouldn't have  
Went the wrong path  
And was consumed with so many errors  
That I didn't know how to start again  
But you were there  
People I trusted stabbed me  
Each time I opened up my heart  
It hurt and it bled red soaking blood  
But you healed me  
Time was when I needed help

But all had their back on me  
But one  
I would have been a mockery  
But in my tribulations  
You gave me a reason to dance  
With the one you let stay..

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# You Made The World My Playground!

I will praise you, oh! I will adore you. I will testify of your mercy that endures forever. I will honor you, my Lord for all the things you are doing in my life. I will praise and praise you until the end of time for no one knows how good you have been unto me. I have made countless mistakes. I have had too many stumbles. Stepped on the wrong toes but still, I am standing because of your grace. I am standing because you love me more than I can ever love myself. You love me in such a way that is unthinkable, unimaginable and unquestionable. You love me in spite of my sins, never giving me away to the snares of the Fowler. You love me even when it wasn't convenient for you. How can I praise you from deep within that would reflect all that you have done for me? Even when I was untruthful to you!

Those times that I took you for granted, Lord you still did not forget me, neither did you push me away. Lord, how can I say thank you to the King of Kings who loves me above all of my flaws, always giving me a second chance.

The world would have mocked me. My adversaries would have had the last laugh, save for you Lord. Even in my deepest slumber, Lord you are always there, never asleep, keeping a watch over me..

Times the enemy would have made a mockery of my life, what did you do? Each time, you turned around and made them the laughing stock.

What can I give you Lord for all you have done? My life isn't holy enough; else I would give it in sacrifice to you. My work isn't righteous enough neither is my walk. What can I give? You are the darling of my heart. My hope, my redeemer. My God who stands above every situation in my life. Who spans me because He loves me but still, never turns his eyes away. You teach my heart what she should know, starve her but you never let her go hungry.

You are the God of my fathers, who remain faithful until the very end of time. Your name is Jesus. You reign Lord, over my life. You reign because without you, I am nothing. To you Lord, I bring all the glory. To you Lord, I bring the entire honor. None is deserving but you. You alone are worthy to be praised. My maker, my Lord, my salvation, my rock, my redeemer, owner of my heart, I worship you.

I worship you in the beauty of your holiness. I worship you because that is what I was created to do. I will worship you eternally until the day you decide to take my life. To you Lord, to none other, to you Only and Only you Lord, do I bring my sacrifices of praise. I will forever adore you because of who you are...

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