

Poetry Series

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I've been living a very...weird life

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Lying, lying
Near the pastures
Near the fields
Waters, waters
Crystal clear

Send me, send me
A vision
To restore my soul
To gold

Yeah, I've been walking through a valley
Oh, and I never hoped to show fear
A rod to help me keep on going
Oh, it couldn't possibly end right here

Yeah, I've been walking through a valley
Oh, and I never hoped to show fear
A staff to help me keep on going
I know, it couldn't ever end right here

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I lift my soul
I lift my soul
To you
No one else

Oh God
My God
I trust in you
Give me no reason
To be ashamed

Do not allow them
Oh God
My God
To triumph over me

Show me
Oh God
My God
Your ways
Your paths

Lead me
In spirit
In truth
And teach me

For you are God
God of salvation

On you I wait all the day

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9/11

Breathe carefully
In this slowness
I can see clearly
Into the eyes
Of the wretched enemy

Now can you see
Into the light
The planes that lead
Us all to fright
Everyday and everynight

What is left
Or what can be
Of the number 93
People screaming day to day
When there's nothing left
To say...

Time passes by
But the memory lives on
All those people
In my mind
All those people in my head
Are dead...

A figure to be
The future is held
For you and me
We won't forget
The tides at hand
When this event
United man

They stood tall
Who could know
That they would fall?
An unpredicted tragedy
Has fallen down for us to see

The man whose eyes
Burn inside me
An ascended demon entity
Hid for years after lies
Till that holy day he died

Can we please not forget
All the people on those flights
For they saw the tunnel light
And it shone for them
Oh, it shone for them so bright
So bright

Please, we cannot forget
The people who risked their lives
The people on those flights
For they saw Heaven's light
And it shone for them
Shone for them so bright
So bright

Now can you see
Into the light
The planes that lead
Us all to fright
From that day
To every night..

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9th Dimension

Where's my standing ovation?
Where is it? Where?
Telling me crap and laughing
I'll show you backstabbers!

You think you can fool me?
Ha! What a joke!
Think you can kill me?
Come on!
I'm ready for you

Got my gun
In my hand
Oh, this is gonna be good
I can already feel it...
Your heart beating fast
As you beg me

So beg
Beg for my forgiveness
But you shan't have it
You will fall
With the rest of them

Fall, fall
And now
The moment comes
That you die

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A Neutral Man

I always thought that if I was nice
Then she'd be subtle
Who was I to think that?
A mere, lonely shadow

Then everyone came to the lot
To annoy us
And they asked us questions
Oh, silly questions

I've got my eyes on her remorse
I follow her throughout her course
Then I remain a neutral man
To see her walk away again

All these believers think good things always last
They're sadly mistaken
I am forsaken
Oh, I am forsaken

My love in my heart looked me in the eyes
Then turned away
Toward the moonlight
I saw no moonlight

Oh, am I really here?
What is this fear?

I've got my eyes on her remorse
I follow her throughout her course
Then I remain a neutral man
To see her walk away again

So many people
So many people
I can see them from the stars
I can see them from the stars

Oh a shining down

Gone for so long
She walked away
Without a care in the world

I've got my eyes on her remorse
I follow her throughout her course
Then I remain a neutral man
To see her walk away again

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A Sense Of Immortality

The truth has hid its ugly head from us
And now I'm caught in a lie
Will I die?
A sense of immortality has showed up
At my doorstep and I'm willing to take it
Willing to take it all
Now it's my call

Will you forgive me now
For all the things I've said
Will you let them go
The promises I swore I kept
Forget and accept

Just forget and accept
Forget and accept
Forget about
All the things
That make you cry
Forget about
All the ones who told you lies
It's me

Now I was the one hanging at your door
And I was the one you were waiting for
So what are you waiting for?
There's no one to stop you
No one to bring you down
Open up your eyes
I'm still standin here
Show me a smile
Don't show me fear
Be who you are
Be who you are
I will hold you in my arms
Safe from harm
Always..

A Silent Truth

Within this cage of shadows bound
You throw your soul onto the ground
And quite mercilessly you apprehend
That cold liar you once called friend

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Achilles

Achilles struck me in the hand and heel
Now I cannot turn the wheel
Now I cannot drive the car
The car I use to get to your heart

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Ailment

Once
You were close to my heart
So close
I thought we would never be apart

What were you thinking?
Did I do something wrong?
I must have done something
Because I haven't heard from you, in so long

I see now
That our friendship was a lie
Like a feeble infant child
Ready to curl up and die

The concept is pain
I swore I wouldn't shed a tear
Even though I lost something
I lost very dear

You are an ailment to my soul
I frown whenever I see you
Yet we were so close
There was nothing I could do

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Air

I never had luck
I miss you so much
Please come back to me
Can't you see?
I'm dying as if you
Were the very air
That I breathe

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All That You Know

I want us never to be apart
For even the thought of it
Breaks my fragile heart
And you know the places I've been
And the places I'll be
For we know our faults
And God knows our sins

I'll love and protect you
I promise you this
For you and all your beauty
Have kept me in bliss
You are my love
You are my light
You are always on my mind
Everyday, and every night

And all that I know
All that I feel
There's no doubt about it
It's definitely real
As real as the sky
As real as the snow
I'm so much in love
And I want everyone to know

There's a smile on my face
And I'm not going to let it
Just fade away.

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All This Time

All this time
I never knew
What went on
Between me and you
And all this time
I could never see
Just how blind
Our worlds could be

And all this time
Is such a waste
If I can't see
Your pretty face
And all this time
Won't matter now
It's all a matter
Of why and how

Why did you leave
I need you here with me
Did you find
What you were looking for, my dear?
As the angels dry your tears
And tell you that I will be yours

All this time
I couldn't really tell
The difference from this earth
And Hell
All this time
I couldn't really speak
For my words would overcome me
And I wouldn't be as meek
As I had claimed

Why did you leave
I need you here with me
Did you find
What you were looking for, my dear?

As the angels dry your tears
And tell you that I will be yours

All this time
I've cried
All this time
You saw
And you carried on

Why did you leave
I need you here with me
Did you find
What you were looking for, my dear?
As the angels dry your tears
And tell you that I will be yours

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Amare

I notice but I turn
From the glimmer in your eye
And I'm afraid that I'll go blind
If I look
So I quiver and I churn
But I cannot sleep in the night
And receiving all this hatred
Is a risk I willing took

Anger enshrouds me
It is the devil's folly
So pray to the angels, you see
That they may descend
And shield me with their wings
That joy fulfill us once again

I speak, but not woefully
For sadness can harm me no more
And I fear the worst
My pride is my own curse
The demons bring about my plague
But I shall stand for all
And never be afraid
I'll fight and I'll kill
Till with their blood my cloak be stained!

Anger enshrouds me
It is the devil's folly
So pray to the angels, you see
That they may descend
And shield me with their wings
That joy fulfill us once again

My heart aches and pains
As if wine was what I drunk
Or emptied some dull drug to my brain
And no truth will prove it wrong
And I will cry out
Nevermore!

On the Plutonian shore
Where light becomes no more
And I will decide
Where my heart leads me now
You won't know why and how
I follow but I do
It's all up to you
My girl you know the truth
This love I have is only for you

And I refuse to let you go
Like the leaves of the snow
When they fall off the branches
Where they go, nobody knows

Anger enshrouds me
It is the devil's folly
So pray to the angels, you see
That they may descend
And shield me with their wings
That joy fulfill us once again
So pray to the angels, you see
That they may descend
And shield me with their wings
That joy may come once again

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Amatorious

Those hours with gentle work has framed
This lovely gaze where every eye dwells
Will fool the tyrants to the very same
And that love which clearly has excelled

Step down, and let your waters flow
Let them rise above your feet
Like the warships when they row
It is me who you complete

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And The Crier Will Cry

The crier will cry
The liar will lie
And my God will live forever
You have not the time
For my faults are mine
And you shall deceive me never

Crying to
The God that I once knew
I know my strength
Yet I am the weakest link
To know and to love
Is what we really want
But to think and to call
Is yet another fault

My shadow thrown down
On the cold ground
As the lavender starts to bloom
A hinder of white
A glorious light
Till the whole world is doomed

Crying to
The God that I once knew
I know my strength
Yet I am the weakest link
To know and to love
Is what we really want
But to think and to call
Is yet another fault

I am no more
I am no more
On this shore of late
I am no more forever
I am no more
I am no more
On this shore of late

I am no more forever

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Angel

Angel, call my name
To rid me of my shame
We are alike
But you are in light
With wings made of gold
You restore my soul
A vision of reality
Something easy to see
Demons pull away
When I call his name
Behold the Lord
Who puts them to the sword
With wings made of gold
You restore my soul
And you are like me
But I cannot see
This vision of reality
Humans, full of sin
We can never win
And we can never learn
No matter how badly we burn
With wings made of gold
You restore my soul
And you are like me
But I cannot see
This vision of reality

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Anne Frank

She was a young girl
With many hopes and dreams
Or at least
I think so

She lay in silence
Waiting for death's shadow
To pass by
Her window cill

She wrote a diary
To keep up
With the days
And with the nights

She had a faith
That could not be explained
With a few
Simple words

And she was discovered
And thrown on the gray
Freight train
Which led to hell on earth

Now she lives on
As a simple memory
And we cry
When we think of her

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Apple Tree

I hid from the truth
For it pained me to see
Lies of the unborn
Beguiling my lover and me

I spoke to the wind
And I whistled with the birds
I became one with God
I heard His holy words

So be that way if you must
Just know on this day you have my trust
To have and to hold without love or lust
Until the day my soul be turned to dust

So open your eyes
And open your mind
For once in a while
The spirits are kind

They loved without a knowledge
Of the sin with which we were born
They be omnibenevolent beings
Who show mercy but do not scorn

So be that way if you must
Just know on this day you have my trust
To have and to hold without love or lust
Until the day my soul be turned to dust

I cut down my towering apple tree
The apples they fell
They fell around my feet
And as I lifted them up
To put to my lips
All I could think of
Was you and a kiss

So form your armies

And form your defense
I care no more forever
In my lie spoken hence

So be that way if you must
Just know on this day you have my trust
To have and to hold without love or lust
Until the day my soul be turned to dust

I lied, I know
But you can't leave me in the snow
I loved with a love like no other
And I lied, I know
But please don't leave me in the snow
I loved with a love like no other
Like no other..

So be that way if you must
Just know on this day you have my trust
To have and to hold without love or lust
Until the day my soul be turned to dust

All I want is you
My love
All I want is you
My love

All I want is you
My love
All I want is you
That's all that I want
All that I need
That's all that I want
All that I need..

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Army

Holding the rifle
Finger on the trigger
Don't try to avoid truth
The war is getting bigger

Falling from peace
To say I know the least
About the world

Now we are here
Our enemies stand to cheer
To see that we can bleed
We have none to lead

Falling from peace
To say I know the least
About the world

Soldiers march the land
I wonder if you can
No hiding behind walls
As friendship starts to fall

Falling from peace
To say I know the least
About the world

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As I Forced A Smile

As I forced a smile
Had it stay a while
Yeah, I knew my faults
And I knew my desires

When I added up my steps
And I find out where they went
In the snow
Where no one else knows
That's where they go

And I could think of no other way
And I could think of no other time
To tell you just how I feel
And how much I want you to be mine

But if darkness covers the sun
Will we be blind like everyone?
Blind to the truth and to the light
Walking past everyone in sight

At least we'll be together
In the cold and in the rain
And at least we'll have each other
At least that will stay the same

So if you feel like falling down
Just know I'll catch you
Even when you think I'm wrong
Yeah, that's just what I'll do

And I could think of no other way
And I could think of no other time
To tell you just how I feel
And how much I want you to be mine

I see your eyes in the dark
I see where my aura ends
And where yours starts

I feel your smile burning through me
And the way your aura sparks
There's a light in this darkness
You've taken away my heart

And I could think of no other way
And I could think of no other time
To tell you just how I feel
And how much I want you to be mine

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Ascended

The tide has turned
I have lost
Fallen from grace
Taken away

I saw God
I saw God

Oh, I did
I did
I did

I saw God
I saw God
Smiling at me
Gave me the key

And I entered
The gates
I am forever
Forever
Forever..

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Ashes

Made a day list
For the things I do
I know you don't care
But I'm writing for you

Oh, God, can I describe the system
Your laws are not followed
You must step in, save us
A little bone was swallowed

Take the time to show her
That you're not a fake
Do whatever it takes
To make her believe you

I'm reborn in my ashes
Ah, yes, I am
I arise from the ashes
Ah, yes, I do

Take the time to show her
That you're not a fake
Do whatever it takes
To make her believe you

In these tragic times

We will arise from the ashes
And be reborn

Into the light

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Assassination Of A King

And now we start to see what's right
Despite the fact we spent all night
And now the air is moving slow
Giving us the chance to go

This wretched system won't hurt me now
Neither will I be forced to bow
This silent hell ruled by the king
Will soon fall down like eagle's wing

Tonight we reject the laws they made
And question exactly why they came
This time we have we shall not waste
Till kingdom come face to face
And then we draw our swords and fight
We will end this war tonight
This war will end despite the right
And now I sing to shake off thoughts
Of atrocities the king has brought

I arm myself with the loaded gun
To kill the king I will find so fun
His traitor ways soon come to an end
Till then I will kill the fiends he sends

The apple by the midnight moon
Will brown and brown so very soon
And then I will go in to perform the task
What kind of questions will you ask?

I've pulled the trigger to shoot him dead
And surely the bullet arrived to his head
And now the king is gone from place
I hope no one remembers his face

He is gone, I am here
The darkness is nowhere near
You will remember me
The one who set the kingdom free...

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Astronauts

Self proclaiming astronauts
Resting on the rocket docks
Don't even know
How to tell you

Race around the time fabric
Plans that seem so elaborate
Don't even know
How to tell you

I will rebel
I will rebel
I will compel
I will compel

Don't even know
How to tell you

Dream of the past
To make it last
Reach for yet-to-come
As the angels hum

I will rebel
I will rebel
I will compel
I will compel

I will
Rebel against
The machine

I will
Rebel against
The machine

I will
Rebel against
The machine

Just try and stop me

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Beautiful People

Beautiful world
I am in a nightmare
Panic attacks
Got me in a nightmare

You and I are beautiful
Don't doubt it
Don't doubt it
You and I are beautiful
Don't doubt it
Don't doubt it

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Beauty

As bright as the sun
You shine
As clever as the feline
You lie in wait
As beautiful as the nymphs
You are
Beyond any shadow of doubt
Because if God Himself
Formed you
From the light of Heaven
Then how
Could you not be beautiful?

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Became An Angel

By fragile wind
The leaf travels through
It speaks to me
And it falls to you

You read the note
Writ upon that leaf
And slowly, slowly
You start to weep

For I am here on this earth no more
And to the stars I travel for
Maybe you and I shall meet again soon
Under the mist of Jupiter's third moon

My wings have grown
Grown for me to know
To know past this earth and past this sky
To know that so many dreams have passed us by

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Believe Me

Please, believe me
When I say
My eyes get dreary
Please, believe me
When I tell you
How I feel

One day
Oh, one day
My love

And I can't believe
Once life is over
But I want to spend
All my time
With you
All my time

One day
Oh, one day
My love

You've got to see
All the trouble I've...
Can you see?
The light of the world
It's in you
Oh, my love
It's you

Closer to me
One day
To yet another
My love

Can you
Can you
Can you say it
Back to me

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Beyond

Counting down from eleven
One, two and four to seven
Soaring past the sky to Heaven
Oh, I've been counting down the days

You may think you know me
But you don't know what I go through
Just to get closer to you
Oh, I'm breaking out of faze

And I'm, I'm beyond what there is to say
I'm beyond all the lies of day
And I'm just waiting for this day to fade

She may be worth saving
If she could be saved
If she would behave
She won't be too late

And I'm, I'm beyond what there is to say
I'm beyond all the lies of day
And I'm just waiting for the ending phase
Oh, I'm just waiting for this day to fade

You may think I hate you
But I don't hate life
As long as I have this light
To keep me in the line of sight

And I'm, I'm beyond what there is to say
I'm beyond all the lies of day
And I'm just waiting for this day to fade
Oh, I'm just waiting for the ending phase

I'm just waiting for the end of days
And I'm just waiting for someone to save
Waiting for the day to fade
Oh, I'm looking beyond what there is to say

Black Friday

After work
In my bed
I can feel the breeze of the afternoon
Smell of oak in the air
As flames burn in the fireplace

The world is a sad, sad stage

Black Friday morn
Ten o'clock
People waiting outside store doors
Yeah, they are
Wallets out
Aisles filled with smoke from cigarettes

The world is a sad, sad stage

Trying again
To fend for myself
And all that I am
It's come down to this
And, let me say
This world ain't always been this way
You said forget just who you are
And continue to follow
The north star

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Bones, I.E.

Bones shaking
Heart aching
Tuned to a natural pause
Lies cheating
Head bleeding
Left without a good cause

Silent deadly eyes
Staring me down
In the deep of night
I'm afraid
I'll lose what I have
And all that I am

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Books

Lights out in this place
Forming walls around my face

I listen to birds singing
And call out to God
While singing

Lions roam the streets
The Ides of March below my feet
Reading books off the shelf
Dreaming of my newfound wealth

Fall, fall
What else can I do
Fall, fall
What else can I do
Fall, fall
What else can I do

Fall, fall
What else can I do
Fall, fall
What else can I do
Fall, fall
What else can I do

Simplicity never seemed
So innocent
In my mind's eyes

Fall, fall
What else can I do
Fall, fall
What is there to do
Fall, fall
To let go of you

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Breakthrough

Somewhere deep inside
So deep inside
Far down where I cannot reach
I see a light
In me
I see a light
In me

Cold fires pull it away
Like tornadoes in spring
Like trains, the sound of trains
Being so close to me
And finally
I'm free
I'm free

I am not the one you love
I am not a fool
I won't be deceived by you
I won't be another tool

Baskets full of candy
Made me smile
As I thought of you
Those days you gave me skittles
And kept that laugh
But you were not my other half
Not my other half

I am not the one you love
I am not a fool
I won't be deceived by you
I won't be another tool

Remember when we hugged
Under the stars
A permanent reminder
Of who we are
Hypocrites at dawn

Awaiting our fate
The tunnels by the water
By the lake
And then I knew

I am not the one you love
I am not a fool
I won't be deceived by you
I won't be another tool

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Brite Star

Say it's love
If it's only true
Otherwise I cannot
Say it back to you

A piece of heart
I give to you
You are the brite star
I don't want to lose

Give me time
Everything will be fine
I'll make them rhyme
I'll make them rhyme

Love is two
One plus one
Weigh my love
It weighs a ton

Shattered dreams
I give away
Just to see you
Every day

I can't stand
Sinking in the sand
I see the shadow of a man
Shadow of a man goneby

Politics
And religion, too
What is lie
And what is truth

My love for you
Is not a lie
To see you gone
I'd rather die

Soar away
With me
Soar away
With me
Soar away
With me.

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Calvary

This time shall come
And it shall pass us by
These feeble minds we have
They know no mercy
Towards the will of Mother Earth

I apologize for all I am
And all that I promised not to be
But you must know that I am lost
Lost within my own mind
Lost beyond any shadow gone

Lord, God, I need you
Feed me your wisdom
Feed me your wisdom
I am but a blind man
Teach me your ways

I'll start before anyone
Gives up
Don't worry, I'll still praise you
I'll start before anyone
Gives up

Don't worry, I'll still be your follower

Till the end of time
I serve but one God
My Lord Jesus Christ
You are the Messiah, the Savior
The Everlasting Prince of Peace

Break from these chains
Break from these chains
Break
Break
Break from these chains

The Devil tries to haunt me

But I leave him no room
For God, my God
He stomps the demons out
Of my heart

Together, as one
Let us believers join hand in hand
With our Lord, Christ
That we may stomp the devil away
And destroy all that he has created

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Can'T Be Scared

I saw you walk by
And didn't even smile
Already had a guy
And a child for awhile
But only God can judge
So I won't waste my time
Watching people
Hurt you so much all the time

So I propped up a bed
In the middle of the street
And called you at midnight
To get a chance to meet up with
The girl who used to occupy my mind
All the time
I thought she was what made
The galaxy shine

Can you believe it?
Or do you have to see it?
Oh, I'm just a shadow on the street
Watching cars go by I saved you a seat

And I'm not frightened
I'm not frightened
Better know
That I'm not frightened
Not at the least bit

The chardonnay tastes
Just a little bit different
Life is like a roller-coaster
And I'm here just to live it
I wonder
Does it matter you're not here
To enjoy the music
Television and beer

Don't try to slow me down

I know what to do
I know every word
I'm gonna sing to you
Am I afraid you'll leave again?
No, I'm afraid it might just end
But what am I saying
Have I gone insane
Is there anyway I can get
Out of these chains
Back so I can see you now
And I bet you wonder how

I'm not frightened
I'm not frightened
You know
I'm not frightened
Not at all
Not at the least bit

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Castle

Forming portals
Far as I can see
Equality
Time to let it be

Running circles
On the yellow road
See you drive up
Up to my abode

Oh, oh I smile
Oh, oh I smile
I am
I am

These aren't words
Of self blasphemy
I see a God here
Watching you and me

Oh, oh yes I do
I always have
And I always will

Believe
I believe
Believe
I believe

So, words to know
What do I know
What can I show
What can I show

You're here
You came
Thank you
For staying the same

Clockwise

The levers are pulled
The wheels are turning
The wires
They spark it to life
As the river runs
The same as a clock turns
One hand, two hand, three hand
And I use to be sad
But then you touched my hand
And I flew like a bird
At the speed of a tempest
The wind carried me
It led me to you
So here I am for you
And I will always be at your side

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Clouds

When you walk away
Or decide to stay
You take my breath
Away...you do

And the skies
Turning dark
The fire, it sparks
Sparks for you
It's you

Clouds fall
Clouds fall
Clouds fall
Clouds fall
For you

I don't know
I don't know
What is below
My feet

And you..
I saw you
Beneath the stars
So very far

And clouds fall
The clouds fall
They fall
Oh, they fall
Fall for you

When you do
I think of you
It's true
Say you love me, too

And when you fall

I'll pick you up
And with a little luck
We'll be an 'us'

Pete Rivera

Coldheart

Cold and fire
For my desire
You shine like heaven
Oh, godly seven

I dreamt the feeling
Of wounds and healing
When I look through
I see a crying you

My heart is cold as ice
No mercy will suffice
Why won't you disappear
Why won't you leave me here

Steady aim
What a shame
I could almost say
I found the light of day

My heart is cold as ice
No mercy will suffice
Why won't you disappear
Why won't you leave me here

They swore a tale for me
They swore a tale for he
They swore a tale for she

You call a sin to me
You call a sin to he
You call a sin to she

Pete Rivera

Compare To

When the lights fade out
I hear people screaming
For all the times I thought
There was something to believe in

When the decibel point
Reaches thirty
Gave me a look
A look so dirty
Cuz when you were here
I could swear you
Had a beautiful face
No one else could compare to

All the lights dim out
As the play reaches its conclusions
And I think it's the wine
That sets in the illusion
Cuz no I thought
I could see clearly
But you're right here
My darling, dear, we..

When the lights fade out
I hear people screaming
For all the times I thought
There was something to believe in

And people say that God
Is something to swear to
This feeling I have
I cannot compare to

All the lights dim out
As the play reaches its conclusions
And I think it's the wine
That sets in the illusion
Cuz no I thought
I could see clearly

But you're right here
My darling, dear, we..

When the decibel point
Reaches thirty
Gave me a look
A look so dirty
Cuz when you were here
I could swear you
Had a beautiful face
No one else could compare to

Who could compare to you
When people think lies are truth
Who could swear to God
When they all know they haven't gone far

And all the lies
We choose to bare true
Cuz this love I have
Is nothing to compare to

When the decibel point
Reaches thirty
Gave me a look
A look so dirty
All this time I thought
Of something to believe in
Singing
Screaming

Cuz when you were here
I could swear you
Had a beautiful face
No one else could compare to

Who could compare to you
When people believe the lies are true
Who could swear to God
When no one here has come very far

Cuz when you were here

I could swear you
Had a beautiful face
None could compare to

Pete Rivera

Completely Apart

All the time we been here
I never thought to go there
I never realized
How much I really cared

So give me a chance to speak
I swear I'll make things right
What do you see in the dark
I see a shining light

I wish I could
Compare my heart
To the thing I set
Completely apart
That was you
Oh, yes it's true
Now I don't know what to do

So please just give me your time
And the stars I will align
Because for you
I'd make them all blink twice

I wish I could
Compare my heart
To the thing I set
Completely apart
That was you
Oh, yes it's true
Now I don't know what to do

Sadness and pain
Destroys a happiness
Most cannot get back

And now I think completely of you
And these words are true
Now I don't know what to do...

Couplet #1

A short verse can never do wrong
But we've been lost for so long

Pete Rivera

Couplet #2

Out of the black I emerge
To write and sing you this dirge

Pete Rivera

Couplet #3

As the earth stops turning
Then is time for concerning

Pete Rivera

Couplet #4

Remember the first
It's always the worst

Pete Rivera

Couplet #5

My love who is true
I will forever stand by you

Pete Rivera

Courage

In spite of all the lies
That fill my head
I promised I'd be here
And I keep evry word I've said
You can never know honesty
Till you feel it in your heart

No justice but with malice
They shall come
And force the world
To accept their loss
But I have not given up
I know just where to start

I will not let go
Nor will I let my cowardice show

The idiots come crawling
You see
For they do not know
The meaning of defeat
But I will know the time
I swept their blood off the street

I will not let go
Nor will I let my cowardice show

Take whatever fear that's in your head
And drown it in the fires of hell
For I will always try to keep you in my mind

I will not let go
Nor will I let my cowardice show

Pete Rivera

Death Ascended

Death coming
I'm ready for your touch
It's here
Moon shining
The dark combining
My fears

I'm one with the seraphs
I'm one with the seraphs
One with the seraphs
One with the seraphs...

And you, you are
Something strange
Unique, even
So, there
I hide myself from you

Pete Rivera

Eradication

Our hearts are here no more
As flames breach the sandy shore
And people look onto the stars
But cannot reach something so far

Now our hearts are gone from here
No caring no need to shed a tear
Souls daunt and black as night
Fall to Hell as the ravens take flight

Our bodies are soft and unclean
Unlike anything we have seen
Unlike anything we have ever felt
As our hearts start to slowly melt

Contention is here with the people
It enters us as we exit the steeple
A long day of prayer does us no good
Not the way we think it should

Disappearing into the glorious dark
No time for joke no time for lark
We must realize our destiny our fate
Here and now before it is too late

As our hearts go away from here
There is nothing we should really fear
Souls are cruel and demonically black
As they fly to Hell and then fly back

Now spread the news of the sickness
Be sure now they are infected
As we see their hands reach out for us
Ignore their crys of pain, we must

Pete Rivera

Falcon

Never knowing when
The falcon flies away
Till the end
And he doesn't care
What's up ahead
Or what tries to slow him down

Fauna in the woods
I would stop
If I only could
But you just don't want
To let me know
How I can make you smile

This time has gone to waste
But I'm never a moment too late
As long as you're on my mind
You know I'm all right
And one day wasn't enough
Cuz you know
This feeling I have for you
This feeling I like to call love

Diamonds by your ear
Listen closely, love
Can you hear?
I'm about to tell you something
And I really think
It will widen your eyes
Oh, you know it will
Widen up your eyes
And you won't say goodnight

This time has gone to waste
But I'm never a moment too late
As long as you're on my mind
And one day wasn't enough
Cuz you know
This feeling I have for you

This feeling I like to call love

Christmas Day, I hear
Is like Valentine's
Without the beer
But I can still smell
The wine in your breath
Don't try to cover it up
You know I don't care, love

This time has gone to waste
But I'm never a moment too late
As long as you're on my mind
And one day wasn't enough
Cuz you know
This feeling I have for you
This feeling I like to call love

One, two, three, four
Knocking on your door
I wait awhile
To see you smile
And it just makes my day
Cuz you know I can say
And one day wasn't enough
You know this feeling I have for you
This feeling I like to call love

Pete Rivera

Falling

You turn away in cold sight
And begin to shiver with frostbite
Now warmth is far beyond imagination
Just be calm and just be patient

Time and time again we walk
Time and time again we talk
Till you turn away from me
And enter a stage beyond reality

At least let me get out what I must say
And please, let me speak without delay
It is my intent to be utterly kind
With two blue eyes, how then could you be blind?

Was all of what you said true?
Or perhaps you are hiding something new
A secret that keeps you on a thread
To prove true what I have said

But my chance is gone, why bother try?
I let myself down with a common sigh
And watch you walk away in cold fright
To enter a world beyond any light

Pete Rivera

Falsetto

In my falsetto
I sing tales of a new day
To take you away
My love
My shining heart
Take you away
From all the lies of this earth

Come with me
And you will see
Just how much I truly
Truly care for you
My love
My shining heart
You are who I adore

Pete Rivera

Feather In The Wind

The walls seem so much closer
When you're far away from me
The things I shouldn't have said
Have finally set you free

And now I'm traveling much too fast
To find out where I need to be
A place far from the moon and stars
A place just for you and me

But sadly no matter how hard I try
You will not come with me
Don't you understand, I need you
For to my heart you hold the key

Why would I lie about
The way I feel or the way
I look at you
My words are true
You reacted in spite of all the things
We shared that were good
Now you're a feather in the wind
Prone to land somewhere
I've never been

Please dear, I'm calling to you
You don't get how bad this is killing me
Can't you see
I need you to be with me

Set me free on this horrid ride
Of death and life
I will confide
Truth hides in the souls of us
Death comes quick
So what's the rush?

Now you're a feather in the wind
Prone to land somewhere

I've never been

Pete Rivera

Fly Away

Shining loopholes
Filling cold souls
And I'm slipping away
From the daytime
Listen as bells chime
And pull the twilight away
So I'm reborn
Nothing here to scorn
And I'm falling asleep
To nighttime bell rings
And bright seraph sings
Daylight I will keep
I'll keep in mind
The colors of the distant stars
I can taste their coolness
But I can't jump far
Because I'll fall to reality
And that'll be a sight to see
Crescent moon crust
Turn my joys to dust
In the darkness below
But I will grab hold
And watch the paper unfold
To defeat the common foe
Lamp shade bright green
Hiding to be unseen
By the spirits of day
But I will fly now
Don't even ask how
I just want to fly away
I just want to fly away from here

Pete Rivera

For You

During the winter of lore
My heart revealed its core
It revealed every point and truth
And I opened my heart for you

You speak but noone listens
Only I notice you shine and glisten
What I would do to set you free
Free from all your insecurity

In the light you shine
You stand beyond the fabric of time
You draw your boundary with many a line
But you don't know what I'd do to call you mine

As I wait in the cold rain
What I would do to ease your pain
Calm your mind if you wish to start
A life that comes from within your heart

In the light you shine
You stand beyond the fabric of time
You draw your boundary with many a line
But you don't know what I'd do to call you mine

Put your trust in me
I will set you free
Give you all that you need
For it is love that I bleed
For you
I'll always be waiting for you
It's true
I'll always be waiting for you

Pete Rivera

Freezing (All This Time)

The knives don't help to stop me grieving
I'm in a pool of sharks while I'm still bleeding
I'm lost for phrases no I can't think even
Cuz you were so cold you left me freezing

All this time I thought
The lies were truth
And you were you
All this time I couldn't see
The bull**** you set up to me
All this time...

The guns still go off when people are thieving
And no new law's gonna break the stealing
Cuz no matter what people will always be dealing
And you were so cold you left me thinking

All this time I thought
The lies were truth
And you were you
All this time I couldn't see
The bull**** you set up to me
All this time...

You were so cold you left me freezing
I'm in a pool of sharks and I'm still bleeding
All this time...

Pete Rivera

From Where Has This Angel Flown

Pretty smile that shines through the night
I had to think of some other way
To approach you and try to break the ice
Is there anything I can say?

These time zones have gone by so fast
And I don't know when to start
The only thing I can say right now is
You've stolen my heart

All this time I have never known
Just from where has this angel flown
With wings of gold and flawless face
You're the one I won't replace

Pretty eyes that draw my attention
You never bothered to wink at me
I guess the colors aren't that important
But I'm blushing, can't you see?

All this time I have never known
Just how far has this angel flown
With wings of light and pretty face
You're the one I won't replace

It's not just the people who come along
To write a song for you that's by me
It's just everybody comes to take away
The only person nice enough to brighten my day

All this time
I have never known
Just from where
Has this angel flown
Wings of gold
And flawless face
You are the one
I would never replace

Pete Rivera

Ghosts Of The Grandfather Clock

Can you hear them?
Tick tock, tick tock
The spirits of the realm
They have returned

Invisible, yes
Inaudible, no
They produce so much noise
They do
Oh, yes, they do

They call from the clock
I can hear them
I wonder
Are they calling me
Or are they calling you?

Pete Rivera

God

God is beyond
All that is to reach
What is to learn?
What is to teach?
What is real?
And what is fake?
How much violence
Can we take?

The world
Filled with hatred
Nothing sacred

We call to an entity
Far from our dreams
With hopes that He
Will soon redeem
Arms lifted high
Asking for grace
Feet off the ground
Trying to see his face

The world
Filled with hatred
Nothing sacred

Quarrels fill the air
Most do not seem to care
We are in pain
Love we must ordain
We must be as one
In order to drop the gun
We must stop war
To open Heaven's door

Pete Rivera

Gunpoint

If you were held at gunpoint
I wouldn't hesitate to save you
To take the bullet for you
To shield you from any harm
For you know it's true
I love you with all my heart

Pete Rivera

Heaven Is Hell Without You

Why don't you come here?
Why don't you see me?
Why won't you call me?
Why won't you free the inner thought?

I have not spoken
In quite a few days
But you have not answered
Have you nothing to say?

Heaven is Hell without you
Oh yes I know it is true
Heaven is Hell without you
What can I do?

You have not tried to
Reach out to see me
How can I trust you?
Long as you don't free inner thoughts

Heaven is Hell without you
Oh yes I know it is true
Heaven is Hell without you
What can I do?

Paradise falling
Into sweet demise
You cannot answer
I cannot stand the paranoia

Oh yes I know it is true
Heaven is Hell without you

Pete Rivera

Home

You can see the teardrops
Descend from the mountain tops
And you can feel my heart
As if we were never apart

I'm home
Oh, I'm home
I'm home
Oh, I'm home

Falling
Shame
Playing
Game

I call, I call the spirit
He can't hear it
My voice
My choice

I'm home
Oh, Im' home
I'm home
Oh, I'm home

I'm breaking down words
To see the birds, oh high
And now I see
Oh yes
I now can see
Oh yes
Now I can see
The reason why
Home means so much to me

Pete Rivera

I Will Teach Them

Come higher now
And I will show you my design
Look clearly now
And I will speak to all mankind

I will teach them that their laws are unheard
I will teach them that their sound is faint as yuletide birds
I will teach them the ways of truth and of love
I will teach them to become pure as a dove

Stand by my side
As I am taken away
To a place upon the hill
What more is there to say?
I'm giving up myself for you

I gave myself up for you

Listen attentively now
As I am nailed to the tree
Breathe this air gracefully now
As I am lifted up for all to see

I will teach them that their laws are unheard
I will teach them that their sound is faint as yuletide birds
I will teach them the ways of truth and of love
I will teach them to become pure as a dove

Follow me
As I ascend into my throne in clouds
And take a seat
Because in moments these clouds will enshroud
You, with the glorious light
Of Heaven above
where my Mother and Father stand

Pete Rivera

If This Is What You Will

Sitting alone, I see
The error of my ways
And I see no shame
In crying my days away
For the tears in my eyes
Form a river and drift away
To the light of a tunnel
Where in silence, we cannot say

And where was I when you disappeared?
And, love, you know, that I need you here
I cannot bear the pain of my thoughts
For in my own net, I was caught

I saw you there
By my windowcill
And I chased you for hours
To every valley and hill
Yelling 'Please, please! '
'If this is what you will,
'Then I am to blame
'For it is our love I have killed'

And where was I when you disappeared?
And, love, you know, that I need you here
I cannot bear the pain of my thoughts
For in my own net, I was caught

And where was I when you disappeared?
And, love, you know, that I need you here
I cannot bear the pain of my thoughts
For in my own net, I was caught

And now I see, I see
My eyes are open to the truth
And now I see, I see
My eyes are open to the truth
And now I see, I see
My eyes are open to the truth

Pete Rivera

If You'Re Sorry For What You Did, Why Do You Keep Hurting Me?

Please, dear, don't cry, I know
Exactly how you're feeling
All the thoughts I've conjured
Can't stop all the problems
That I'm dealing with

I can't stop the rain from falling
But neither can I prevent the lightning
From striking down my soul
The arrow of hate has cut a hole
Into my bleeding heart

And let me tell you exactly how I feel
Because you know the way I feel is real

You broke my heart into so many pieces
The blood is on the ground
And I don't know whether I'm lost
Or if I'm found..

So open your eyes to see
How much I have been hurting
And all the sorrys in the world
Cannot begin to form
The slightest possibility
Of an apology

And let me tell you exactly how I feel
Because you know the way I feel is real

You broke my heart into so many pieces
The blood is on the ground
And I don't know whether I'm lost
Or if I'm found..

Oh, my heart is broken into so many pieces
And the blood is on its way to the ground

And I can't tell whether I'm lost
Or if I'm found

So, please, dear, don't cry, I know
Exactly how you're feeling
All the thoughts I've conjured
Can't stop all the problems
That I'm dealing with

Pete Rivera

In The Alley Of Truth

As I was standing by the hillside
A voice spoke to me
It said this world you have forgotten
Will finally be set free

And I prayed to a spirit
I wasn't completely sure of
But what if I wanted to fall
Instead of come up to find love

Oh, these lies
Killing me
Killing me
Shot dead
Darkness

Oh, it's you
In the alley of truth
I see the sparkle in your eye
You can't deny it

As I spoke to the river
And breathed life to you
You turned your head away
Away from the truth

The truth
The truth
Where can I find the truth?
Is it inside of me?
Where can I find the truth?
Is it here with me?

I can't say
Please don't let me go
I'm lost
Be my light
Be my guide

You are so

Pete Rivera

In The Light

In the light of my lover's mind
All those memories were harmless at the time
But this be mine
And in my mind
It was in me that my lover would confide

So give me hope and give me truth
I see now there was nothing I could do
But if I cannot win
But have nothing to lose
How then can I bring myself to you?

It was in my own mind that I was lost
And it was your love of me that was the cost
I know that images in light have you tossed
But it is to you I will hold on inside my thoughts

Where can I go to get away
From everything that gives me inner pain
And where can I stay
To rid the pain
For it is myself that I have constrained

Oh my dear in the dark you look so confused
But I can lead you to love if you so choose
To follow me and let me guide you through
Together we can take the lies and make them true

Let's make them true
Let's make them true
Let's take all those stupid lies
And make them true

It was in my own mind that I was lost
And it was your love of me that was the cost
I know that images in light have you tossed
But it is to you I will hold on inside my thoughts

I shall stay within these walls

A captive of love is no captive at all
So attempt to bear me down with your chains
I already have myself constrained..

A fool, a fool
Is not one who knows the truth
But I consider myself no fool
For falling in love with you
No matter what they may think
No matter what they may say
I will love you forever
I will love you always

It was in my own mind that I was lost
And it was your love of me that was the cost
I know that images in light have you tossed
But it is to you I will hold on inside my thoughts

Let all the sky of angels proclaim their joy
For jealousy in its wiles is a trick the devil coined
Like a term of inner peace that shows I know the least
My love is the one thing I can never be forced to cease

In my valley I see the inner light
No blindness, no fury, but with you will I take plight
So please, follow me, and I will give you love
A love so strong
That in good time you will not doubt

Pete Rivera

Indescribable

In the morning
When I open my eyes
Comb my hair
And let out a sigh
Nothing seems to ratify
My mind

Broken systems
On everyday
Got me crying
In the rain
Can you feel my pain?
This is my bane

But my conscience said
To go about the rest of my day
And keep on living
No matter what anyone may say
Cuz even though I lost you
In the middle of the fray
I'm only one step closer
To holding you in the rain

Standing still
Waiting for you
Got nothing else on my mind
Got nothing else to do
If that lightning strikes me
So help me God I'll live
As long as you find it in you
To forget and forgive

One step closer
One step closer
I'm one step closer
Just one step closer

It's true, just one step
One step closer

One step closer
Taking one step closer

You knew just where to start
To break my fragile heart
These things don't take too long
You had me by a string
Broke my precious things
And ran away before I sang my song

And I'm just one step closer
One step closer to the truth
Just one tiny step closer
And I will be next to you

How did it feel
When you burned my soul
Ripped my heart
And made half from whole
I bet it made you feel
A bit unbearable

But I don't want anyone
To fix my broken heart
Just gonna find a way
To go back to the start
Aiming Cupid's dart
I would go so far

How did it make you feel
When you called me undesirable
I bet the feeling was huge
I bet it was..indescribable

But I knew it was a lie
From the very day you tried
Never bought anything you said
But girl you got those pretty eyes
Enough to make me satisfied
Enough to get past those stupid lies

And I'm just one step closer

One step closer
To you
You know
I'm one step closer
To you
We'll be back soon

Cuz even though I lost you
In the middle of the fray
I'd still take one step closer
To holding you in the rain

Pete Rivera

Introvert

General feelings of regret
Fill all points of view
The first, second, and third
Till all points directed toward you

Now I sit upon the sandy beach
And watch the waves wisp by
As the albatross calls my name
Like a baby I start to cry

This sense of introvertedness
I can keep it to myself
Like books in a library
I organize thoughts in a shelf

Now I am in need
Of an instance of reconciliation
Before the day pass by
In this beautifully free nation

I am alone in the dark
Sitting on the floor
With a knife in my hand
No, I won't, no more

No more will I give in
To his persuasive speech
I cast him out in light's name
With fire, I burn the leech

Goodbye, world
I am flying with the birds
Do not point, do not shout
Please, not a single word

Pete Rivera

Jack

Standing in the moonlight
I saw him planning away
All of the day
Jack got in his motorcade
Went to Texas where he met his doom

Presidents come and then they go
Get shot in the head
They shot him dead
Oh yeah
Bullets came around
From all around
Shot him in the head
They shot him dead
They shot him dead

A bullet hit him right there
He cupped his throat
And he ducked on down
Another one hit him again
Broke through his head
And now ole Jack is dead

Presidents come and then they go
Get shot in the head
They shot him dead
Oh yeah
Bullets came around
From all around
Shot him in the head
They shot him dead
They shot him dead

Who coulda done this?
CIA, Hoover or that LBJ
Who would kill Jack?
Maybe most didn't like him
As a matter of fact

Presidents come and then they go
Get shot in the head
They shot him dead
Oh yeah
Bullets came around
From all around
Shot him in the head
They shot him dead
They shot him dead

Jack wasn't that quick
But guess he didn't know
He would die that day
And I guess Bobby didn't know
That he'd get shot five years later

All the big people
Who preach about peace
They get killed
They get killed
Shot in the head
Bullets come around
From all around
Shot him dead
Shot him dead

Pete Rivera

Jesus

Time out now
Long you gonna be
Before talent
Takes over me

Light shining
Going over me
Sweet sorrow
What's it gonna be?

Force rising
Rising over me
Like Jesus
Giving time to see

Dark shrouding
Clouds over me
Come out now
Come and see

I don't want you
Too away from me
I need you
Come over and be

You are
Heaven's light to me
And you are
All that I can see

Show me
All that I can't see
And you bring me
To the seven seas

Show me
All that I can't see
And you bring me
To the seven seas

Pete Rivera

Keep Me Close

Just a taste of midnight blue
Has me so high I'm up to you
In your little parachute
Away from this earth
Do you know, love? It's you
Your beauty is my rebirth

Lighter wings means more time
As we watch the galaxies align
Why couldn't Saturn wait?
Before it spun too late?
And all those rings
When I buy you
All those pretty things

Keep me close
All I ask is that you
Keep me close
So keep me close

I apologize for all the times I hurt you
But you know I had no intent to abuse you
Just listen closely
And my story shall be clear
You know, despite it all
I love you so much, dear

Keep me close
All I ask is that you
Keep me close
Please keep me close
So keep me close
Close to your heart

Why did you have to leave so soon?
Just as the sun covered the moon
It was dark enough
For us to be alone
But I guess your morals are too strong

For my sins you must condone!

Why did you have to say goodbye?
I never really took you in as shy
You seemed like the kinda girl
Who liked to stay awhile
So why can't you stay awhile?

Keep me close
All I ask is that you
Keep me close
Please, keep me close
Close to your mind
Close to your heart
Close to your soul

Pete Rivera

Knowing

Up above
The shooting stars
I know who you are
I know how far
You will go
And just where
You will stop
To get what you want

Pete Rivera

Liege

Dreary, weary, teary yet so full of zeal
It's the way the winds turn that make it seem real
Wind blowing, birds crowing and the crow on the sill
Born from the darkest depths of Teal

The crow soaring, blood pouring down
People run in fear as this liquid showers the town
Running from the cunning cun who bears a crown
The crow, who is king, allows not mercy to roam around

But let me tell you this
Leave life with one last kiss
With the blood upon your lips
For it is a cruel end this demon gives

As the crow gazes, its eyes blood red
With sharp talons it'll rip your eyes off your head
You'll bleed and you'll bleed and then you'll be dead
But your spirit should take pride
Knowing it is a king you have fed

But let me tell you this
Leave life with one last kiss
With the blood upon your lips
For it is a cruel end this demon gives

As the bell of death rings
All hail the king
As the bell of death rings
All hail the king

But let me tell you this
Leave life with one last kiss
With the blood upon your lips
For it is a cruel end this demon gives

Pete Rivera

Light

Tiny little dot
Inside my natural vision
Can you be removed
With a mental incision
No, it's not that simple
Now you are gone away
From twilight to dawn
From night to day
Colors of the rainbow
Fill my mind's eye
Purple, yellow, blue and red
The myths I will deny
We are the children of God
Roaming freely on the earth
Till the Saviour come again
And give to us new birth
On this Spring morn
I call intent for solution
To a problem unanswered years on
For every chance at resolution
Now my friend of long
Bring me away from here
Take me beyond the clouds
Where silent air turns into tears
This final stanza
Of Heaven's golden pen
By holy dove that purges light
The letter shall be sent
Till it reaches the mailbox
Of the correct address
To silent deity whom I trust
My sins, I will confess

Pete Rivera

Lions

Shining yellow sun
Where is everyone?
What have I done
In the clear present night
Birds are taking flight
And everywhere I go

I just get lost
And my life is the cost
Cuz every path I try
Is blocked

Silver crescent moon
Hope I get there soon
I hope you're there, too
Wearing golden chains
Lions and their golden manes
And there's always one

That just gets lost
And my life is the cost
Cuz every path I take
Is blocked

I just get lost
And my life is the cost
Cuz every path I try
Is blocked

Shining silver star
I haven't gone far
No, I haven't gone far

Pete Rivera

Lullaby

Dreaming of
Love gone by
Gonna sing you
A lullaby

I am
Yes, I am

Thinking of
Birds gone by
You stole my heart
Made me shy

You did
Yes, you did

Now I'm getting ready to process
The thoughts that have developed
And you can feel for a second
As my heart starts to swell up
Yes, it does
Yes, it does

And you know that I'm here
All the time with you
You are my everything
I don't want to lose
Oh, no

Cuz you got that magic smile
That kinda makes me forget
All the things I did
And all the things I regret
I did
I did

And now you're gone
But I'm still standing
My ship just broke down

So I won't have a good landing
I won't
You know I won't

And when I said
We'll always be together
I should've known that lie
Would never last forever

Pete Rivera

May

Hear! The saintly bells ring
Again and again the choirs sing
Lost for words, they are of course
For beauty like this can be no remorse

Shine, shine, my fellow men
For the sword has become mightier than pen
See now yourself in bright leather lore
Let the blade of hell pierce skin..nevermore

Oh, quite quaint I call my mistress maid
To come with me and watch daylight fade
Oh, how lovely to view the sunset play
Within the arms of an angel in May

In the May, the month of May
So much can happen I cannot say
But Spring turns against my keen eye
It turns to April, and soon dies

Pete Rivera

Mean To Me

I'm in a line
Trying to get through
Trying hard
To get to you

Have a little heart
Cupid's dart
Has struck my soul
And pulled it apart

Come on now
I see
Just how much you truly
Mean to me
Oh now
I see
Just how much you truly
Just how much you truly
Mean to me

And I don't wanna slip up
I'm trying to help you up
So why don't you take my hand
And we can go anywhere

Truth is here
I see
Now I see
Just how much you truly
Truly meant to me
You truly meant
So much to me

Pete Rivera

Melody Of A Lost Soul

The streets are paved with people from our past
We need to drop our debts if we want to make it last
This life of ours is nothing short but not too fast
If we continue to the destination of future we will surpass

When we see things that aren't really true
And we think, is it something to do with you?
Life is like a dissipating flu
It starts off slow till there's nothing left to lose

A world of lies is a world of infinity
Continue on and you'll see your destiny
Cuz life traps you in places you don't want to be seen
But if you pray to your God, then I know you'll be free

Trial of a man, trial of a man
Trial of a man
Trial of a man
Am I me? Yes I am
Yes I am
I am me, myself and I
I am me until I die
I am me when I smile and cry
I am me when I speak and lie

Stress is a knife from hell to the back
You bleed and bleed even when there's nothing left
A scar leaves you not unmarred and out of breath
But you'll still be alive to listen to the words I've said

The Universe can't help you answer their cries
Whatever you believe and whatever you despise
I extend my arm and say just don't be shy
I'm here with you, all those others can die

Who am I?
God judges me. Not you
Not you, not you
With God, there is nothing to lose

Trial of a man, trial of a man
Am I me? Yes, I am
Yes, I am
I am me, myself and I
I am me until I die

I will always live up to my own self
With no one else will I share my wealth
Cuz I deserve it after what I felt
Lies and lies in books I place on my shelf

A melody that I rather keep unturned
He hurt you so I really hope he burns
We make mistakes but never really learn
Who we are, and do we show concern

Who am I?
I am me

Pete Rivera

Mirror

From the fire
I turn away my head
No ashes cover me
Ashes cover me

The people stare
As I write my thoughts
In a little yellow book
Little yellow book

The mirror smiles
It sees your face
I want to be
A little more afraid
Cuz I won't look back
Are you gonna look back?

Strike me down
I couldn't care less
I hold my hand
Closer to yours

Move in for the kill
You have the blade
My heart is here
For you to tear
Don't be afraid
Never be afraid

I want to be
With you
Don't you see?
Bountiful lies

Nothing else surprises
Nothing else shows me
I follow through
A little lesson
Gonna think this through

Jesus, when do they end
I'm tired of waiting
Just take me now
And be done with it
Cuz the way it is
Will never be
The way I want it to

Pete Rivera

My Touch

In the night
I twist and turn
Got nightmares been lasting for awhile
They are of you
Leaving me
Seems like forever I can see
But nevermind
I can't explain the rest
This love you gave
Put me to the test

Yes it did
Yes it did
Come back to me now you will
I can see
The magic key
Gonna open the door at last

And I'm feeling compelled
Got my quarter out
Thrown in a well
Can't you follow me?
You know I love you much
And it's beautiful
You know
It's beautiful
That you're sensitive to my touch

I have no problem caressing you
So long as you don't mind me undressing you
Thoughts of a time now here
So pop the cap of that cold beer
In the day
And in the heavens
I can see you by count of seven
Sound profound
I think so!
But so you know
I'm kinda out of control

Out of my heart
So in love with you..

Pete Rivera

My Way

In the park
By myself
I can smell
The sweet caramel
By your window

And a flash of light
Brought me down
To my senses
I saw you by the tunnel
I did
So I said this:

Now everytime
I feel so confined
I look at you now
And I say why?
Were we never real?
How did you feel?
Was it ever true?
And no matter what they say
Things never seem
To turn out my way

Coal by the fire
So hot, burning lots
Wish you were here
Though...
It's my curse
That I'm missing you
My curse
That I'm not kissing you
By that fire

And I say why?
Were we never real?
How did you feel?
Bet it wasn't the same as me

Was it ever true?
Cannot believe you
Can't say the truth hurts
If I've never been told it so

And no matter what they say
Things never seem
To turn out my way
No..

In the car
Smell of gas
Windows begin to fog
In stormy rain
Here I am
There I was
Lost like a puppy
Till that lady came

The sweet perfection of Apsara
So beautiful I cannot bear it
Like the love she slipped into me
Gave me wings to set me free
Phoenix down and I'm alive
Magic potion and we're in love

Everytime...
I feel so confined
I look at you now
And think to myself
Why?
Were we never real?
How did you feel?
Was it ever true?
And no matter what
Doesn't matter what you
Or what anyone else may say
Things never have
And never will
Turn out my way

Nebula

Feeling cold under the moonlight
Not much warmer under starlight
Breathing Spring air in soft night
With the hummingbirds in our sight
Drinking cidar under the tree
Look up and there's everything to see
As long as you trust in me
For to my heart I hold the key
Now I'm searching for a reason
A cause
Something to distract me from your flaws
I've lifted every rock, every stone
I've spoken to every bird that's ever flown
And none gave me an answer
Feeling cold under moonlight
Not much warmer under starlight
Breathing Spring air in soft night
With the hummingbirds in our sight
I'm staring at the expanse
And there is a nebula in my glance
A cloud of stardust in my vision
Affecting the concept of decision
Now I'm searching for a reason
A cause
Something to distract me from your flaws
Because in the air
There are many birds
And you must empty your mind
If you wish to understand
Their words

Pete Rivera

Neon

Guns go off
And I'm smiling
Each time I hear a ricochet
And life's secrets
Kept me runnin about

And places changing
Making my mind
Spin round and round
Life making
Making my soul go out

And it's gone
The thrill of bein here too long
Cuz each time
Is a matter of fact
That I've been blind so long

The fire is burnin
Helicopters racin
Neon moon
Tryin to get by
Much too soon

And I can't help but feel
That once the thrill is gone
I've been blind for so long
Oh, blindin me for so long
Voices are ringin
People tell me
They know where I am
But all I can say
Oh, they're so very wrong

And it's gone
The thrill of bein here too long
Cuz each time
Is a matter of fact
That I've been blind so long

People breathin
Don't know what it's like
To live and breathe
Don't know what it's like
Can't believe my eyes
I have been blind to the truth

Oh, I have been blind to the truth

Pete Rivera

On Like River

We had such fun
Underneath the sun
But it's done
And time has won

In the ocean beneath
Washing away our feet
Offering my seat
And you go

On like river
Off like hurricane
Oh yeah

And you go
On like river
Off like hurricane
Can you feel my pain?

By the light in me
Helping you to see
Try to believe in me
Cuz, love, you go

On like river
Off like hurricane
Can you feel my pain?

I can't just move on
I just can't faze it out
Oh, no..

I think I'll run away
Nothing left to say
In the light of day
You go

On like river
Off like hurricane

Can you feel my pain?

Lost for words
Following the birds
May seem absurd
Cuz you go

On like river
Off like hurricane..

Please don't leave me
Standing, take me
In your arms..

Pete Rivera

Pain

Racing for your approval
Giving in to man made rules
Gesturing with fingers atop my palm
How do you now stay so calm?

Whispering secrets from ear to ear
Tell someone else to be queer
Saying I've done the unthinkable
Now on a ship unsinkable

Feelings I can't give in
Mortal feelings of pain and sin
Have me stretched up to my knees
Oh, I call, I call in need

Calling a friend of mine
Could be easy if they were kind
I speak nothing but the truth
You act like a common sleuth

Solving mysteries under my coat
Isn't easier without a boat
To sail past my pool of tears
I dress myself in several fears

Now I wrap myself in melancholy
Hear my callings to be free
You are my shot at truth and hope
Quickly now, throw the rope

So I can hoist myself
To return to commonwealth
Calling to friends not around
To chains, I must be bound

Pete Rivera

Picture

You try to take a picture
Of something you cannot see
And you know you're going
Where I'll always be

Show me that you know
Where I've been before
Silence and forgiveness
You can ask for more

Let me try to help you
Cause I know where you've been
And I've heard things about you
About moral and sin

My stamina has escaped my grasp
Now I don't know where I'm heading
Or how long it will last

The people all around me
Are the people who cannot see
And the people keeping silent
Are the ones I want to be

You try to take a picture
Of something you cannot see
And you know you're going
Where I'll always be

Pete Rivera

Planet X

Your heart and soul
Is all I want
Run with me
You won't get caught

Planet X isn't as far away
We can reach it in a day

With chocolate waterfalls
At the end of each galaxy
Tell me these sights
Are part of my reality
Like these thoughts
As far as the brain can know
And love
As far as the heart can show

Dear, do you want to know
How far my love for you goes
It's just a matter of simple times
Before you watch the comets collide

So sit here, on the end of the sun
With me
Watch the solar flares erupt
And you will be so lost for words
Flying with the solar birds

And girl, my love for you goes far
Farther than the Northern Star
And then it goes back some more
All the way to the planet's core

So call me, when you're back from the moon
And I hope you are back soon
Cuz I need a constellation
To give me that warm sensation

And I traveled to the ends of the Universe

For you
You have no idea the things I try to do
For you
Maybe then you'll be back
Sooner than you planned..

Pete Rivera

Portals

Swirling in portals of vanilla
Twirling in sequent purple dots
Till landing on the ground a new man
And swimming in simple green lots
Tasting the berry flavored air
On my light pink tongue
Sipping the coolness of the summit
For simple goodness, for simple fun
Now I am stuck between dreams
Stuck between the fabric of dimension
Calling for a way to escape
From the darkness of red tension
Flowing with the sequence of ideas
Gaining knowledge from the heart
Till Death separate my complex knowing
And tear all but soul apart
Now I am swimming in portals
Of soft moonlight shining
Then the thought comes to me
Every cloud has a silver lining
Then the ideas flow again
And blockage I have no more
And I will always write in every moment
Till I reach the age of 104

Pete Rivera

Postal Plane

I stare
Into the black void
And wonder how the stars die
While they appear
Throughout the open air
Most do not really care
But I would like to find out
The distance between the earth and the sun
I blink
And then I miss the comet
Floating silently away from here
As I break into a dirge
The devils will emerge
To breathe the oxygen away
And blast off into space
Because on the moon there is no one
I am sitting low class
On a postal plane
I don't want this nightmare to last
I'm about to go insane
And I am buckled
For this terrifying death ride
As the plane went slow I chuckled
My dreams I won't confide
I am floating away
In a black and blue parachute
To a wormhole so minute
And I am thinking about
The lifeless forests of winter
Correct me if I'm wrong
But I know sadness
And it feels as if the whole world
Is frowning on me =(

Pete Rivera

Problems

I'm lost and can't be found
Words spoken to be profound
Shouting help me doctor please
Place the needle to my knees

And I can't breath from my nose
It all just goes, goes to show
Feeling out there in the blue
I'm trying to find a way to get to you

Pleading

You are my light, my shining bulb
There are too many problems to be solved
And I can't think with conformity
Just promise, promise you'll stay with me

Solutions everywhere
Hold on now I will be there
Someday breathing the new clean air
Slowly, slowly without a care

Pleading

Falling now far from grace
Turn to me so I can see your face
My loved ones fight constantly
Oh, please God can't you see

Shots rain from cloud to cloud
Pull the trigger to be loud
And I cry silently through the night
I sleep not and in cold fright

Pleading

Help me please
Help me please

Pseudonym

In my mind and in my sight
Are these thoughts with which I will take plight
More than enough to make you mine
I'm confident it will work out fine
Now here I am and here I shall stay
Life or death won't steal me away
Or a dream that places me in the fray
Verily, verily, my heart will sway
Everyone, and all will see
Why and how you mean so much to me
In my thoughts you fill you give me glee
That it's your beauty that sets me free
How can I describe it better so?
You know it is true that I love you so
Oh, do not deny that my heart has grown
Unlike the birds who have never flown

Pete Rivera

Purgatory

The souls taken here
Because Hell they will fear
And cleansing must be known
So that He may condone
My sins

Purgatory, not a place
No time and no space
A concept, abstract
But still a fact

Sacred is the Lord
Through Him, you are born
And you are unique
You should try to seek
Love

Purgatory, not a place
No time and no space
A concept, abstract
But still a fact

Behold, purging fire
To cleanse all the liars
Years the process takes
A clean soul it will make
Of you

Purgatory, not a place
No time and no space
A concept, abstract
But still a fact

Pete Rivera

Rain

This time we have
We cannot waste
To meet this God
Come face-to-face

Everyday I feel
The stabbing pain
Rushing through
Just to see the rain

My love
My lost
Holding on!
Holding on!

Breaking life
Just to find my space
Walking alone
To this lonely place

Being me
Is my own disgrace
Look, the mirror
It shows my face

Holding on
To the Lost

Pete Rivera

Rainbow

Somewhere in the forest
There's a voice that beckons my spirit
The birds of the air
Know not the beasts of the field

Somewhere in the valley
There's a voice that beckons my soul
Calls me down from the mountain
Everyone seems so innocent

And there it was
Perceived by grace
Brightest spectrum filled by love
I knew how to listen, listen, learn

Somewhere in the meadow
There's a voice that beckons my mind
My train of thought
Has never been so deceived

That even though
She knew the seasons
She knew not the days
Hours, minutes, seconds

And there it was
Perceived by grace
Brightest spectrum filled by love
I knew how to listen, listen, learn

Someday I'll get you to love me
Someday you'll see how much I need you
My heart my soul
Knows nothing of the future

And my shattered heart
The way you turn things around
You never pitied me before
Why should I believe you now

And there it was
Perceived by grace
Brightest spectrum filled by love
I knew how to listen, listen, learn

I know why the caged bird sings
I know why the tigers swim
I know why the babies cry
I know, I know, I learn

I know
Oh, I know
I know
Oh, I know
Oh, I know how it goes
Oh, I know how it goes

And there it was
Perceived by grace
Brightest spectrum filled by love
I knew how to listen, listen, learn
I knew how to listen..listen..learn

Pete Rivera

Raindrops

Looking out the window
And counting every raindrop
That falls to the green grass
And saying every raindrop
Is like a simple blessing
But I don't want to seem crass

Skies open your dark clouds
And rain on my cheerful parade
Because I will count the drops of dew
That form in the aftermath
One by one I will count non-stop
Till I find the secret to you

Drop the magnet because metal won't attract
To count the pulses of electromagnetic beams
And smile as lightning strikes the phone pole
A cruel, non-happy smile I smile
From the black depths of the red heart
And the empty fabric of my inner soul

So I count the seconds
As to when the sun will disappear
And the moon will fill the night sky
Watching as the black cloud enshrouds
Filling the air with glimpses of light
Till my emotion stand tall and die

Now I look past the glass
To a world of happiness
And as much as I want to go there
Sadly, I cannot reach the knob
And no one tries to help me
No one tries to show they care

Pete Rivera

Redwood

Listen as the bell chimes
Shrinking away
Atop the mighty redwood
Past the break of day

Silencing noise upon night
And slipping on my toes
On the snow on the sleet
Only God knows

I am fearful
And you are beautiful
And I love you
I will always
Always
Tell you

Speak loud and clear
Before you leave
Show me your wings
On posture so naive

Bringing me to smiles
You are my light
Shining on me
So warm and bright

I am fearful
And you are beautiful
And I love you
I will always
Always
Tell you

Pete Rivera

Religion

Crying out more
For the end of all war

No peace in religion
No peace at all
The will of man
Stands above all

Crying out more
For the end of all war

Dream of a new day
When all the people say
I will love I will love
All that is below and above

Crying out more
For the end of all war

I speak crystal clear
When I want all to hear
That the world is damned
Just as I am

Crying out more
For the end of all war

No more peace
War will never cease
And I am crying out more
For the end of all war

Pete Rivera

Revelations

In the end where do we go
Into the fire, into the snow
Where do we go and who will we see
Angels from Heaven smiling at me
That if I die and never awake
I pray it is my soul God will take

Pete Rivera

Satan

Satan, hear my cry
Now, before I die
I call and I call
I watch you as you fall

Because you are the cause
Of all my flaws

Heaven, bright and gold
The Lord, standing bold
I reach out beyond
Tonight, before dawn

Because Satan is the cause
Of all my flaws

Michael draws his sword
To fight for the Lord
With his shield before his chest
The demons he shall best
And the Evil One, no less

Because Satan is the cause
Of all my flaws

Gabriel, call me now
Before I am forced to bow
But I will fight
All through the night

Because Satan is the cause
Of all my flaws

Pete Rivera

Save Me From The Light

Swimming in a pool of tears
And counting off the days of my calendar
Velvet rains can't take the pain away
Everyone just stares me in the eyes

My God, how far have I gone?
Everyone looks so small from this point

Far from my friends and family
Reading under the rings of Planet Saturn
Oppressing my depression for awhile
Mixing the red wine with water

The heathens do not understand my light
He calls to me to be with Him in Heaven
Everyone is zealous of my success

Light the candles before dawn turns dusk
I will stay here and await your return
Give me your hand before we walk this world
He will set us free
Together we will get through this harsh time

Pete Rivera

Sea Of Darkness

I'm lost in a sea of darkness
I cannot find the way out
I call constantly for your help
Why won't you help me?

Have I dishonored you?
Have I deceived you?
What have I done?
If nothing
Than why do you deny me?

Why do you continue to ignore me?
Ignore my cries for help
Please, I beg of you
Save me from this sea
This sea of darkness

It is enshrouding me with hate
It is blinding me with malice
And poisoning me with contempt

Save me from the darkness
And I will be indebted to you
All the days of my life
I will gratify you always

So, please, I cannot take it
I need to be free
Free, free
Free from the everflowing
Free from the sea of darkness

Pete Rivera

Secondheart

When you're sad
I'll make you happy
When you're down
I'll bring you up

When you're lonely
I'll rush to be with you
When you feel sick
I'll make you better

When you're broken
I'll fix you
When you need a second heart
I'll give mine to you

When you need someone
To tell you you are beautiful
I'll be the first one to tell you
When you need someone
To give you a hug
I'll have my arms open for you

When you need someone to talk to
I'll always listen
When you shed a tear
I'll cry along with you

When you're confused
I'll give you free-will
When you don't know how you feel
I'll stare back at you and smile

When you're depressed
I'll sing you a song
When you're not sure I'm true
I'll write down exactly how I feel

I'll publish it
And everyone would read it

Read about how much I care
About and love you

Everyone needs a second heart
Mine is fragile
But I trust you
And I want to give you my heart

Pete Rivera

Seeking Love

Well you swore
You wouldn't tell
Anyone
Not a single soul
How I felt

And you left
Without another word
Without a
Care in the world
Makes me think
Did I ever know you?

Apparently not
In your own lie
You were caught
But I am the fool
For it was your love
That I sought

I didn't want to be a burden
Turn around and draw the curtain
Stare at what I see

Were you mine
Were you ever kind?
How long did you lie?
Was it longer than awhile?
Was it?

I don't think I could
Look at your face
Again
Seeing how you
Left me for dead

In the middle of town
I hear cries all round
Now let me

Ask you this
Did you care at all?

Apparently not
For in your own lie
You were caught
But I am the fool
For it was your love
That I sought

Where are you now
Is a visit allowed
Did you ever think of me
After you made
Your choice

Apparently not
I am the fool
For it was your love
That I sought

Pete Rivera

Serendipity

As I wear my countenance with pride
Lo and behold as I take what is mine
A thief in the night
With no other light
Be it as it may
We'd kill for a chance at life

Ya are not required to believe me
Nor are you fit fo deceive me
But in every word I hear ye
Ye are a fool and nothing but
Lost in your own dignity
Lost in your own destiny
You are a fool lost fo serendipity

Serendipity, serendipity...
A concept that lasts and will last
'till infinity
Oh, but we are all fools
Fools to ourselves
For we take this serendipity
And make it our reality

Pete Rivera

Shadows

What can I do?
What can I say?
When I call to you
But you run away

And shadow form
Shadows form
I saw them form
My heart is torn

Why did you run?
Why did you hide?
You left me to die
When I stayed
Stayed at your side

I sang for you
These words for you
I sing to you
Only for you
It's true

When I saw your smile
I could run for miles
To get to you
That's what I'd do

And if I could
And you know I would
If I only could
Take you away

You're gone
What went wrong?
I showed you how I
Felt, you walked along...

This is...the end of me
The end of me

The end of me
The end of me...

Pete Rivera

She Will See

Maybe, she'll see
Maybe, she'll see

She was a good girl
Living in a bad world
Trying to make sense of her surroundings
Never held her hands out
Never learned to shout
Watching me die
Murder's like a fairy tale
Just living in a fairy tale
Watching me die

She never had anyone to look after her
She never had anyone to make her smile
And I always thought if I came back to her
She'll remember after awhile

Maybe she'll see
Maybe she'll see

Who knows, maybe she'll be set free
Maybe she'll remember me
Maybe she'll look down trying to
Climbing up the apple tree
Maybe she'll see that my smile turned to a frown
Maybe she'll see that only she can turn my world around
Maybe she'll see

Maybe
Maybe, she'll see
Maybe, she'll see
Just maybe

I just wanna know
How far can I go
Without you
I just wanna know
How far I am

From the truth

Got that twinkle in my eye
Got that cloud in my high
Got that concrete down low
Gotta put on a show
Make a scene
Gonna make a scene
And maybe
Maybe she'll see
My smile turn to a frown
And maybe
Maybe she'll see
That only she can turn my world around

Pete Rivera

Shinebright

Walls closing while keeping my pace
Cuz I held the mirror that let me see your face
Times have changed and you've gone post-haste
Makes me wonder if you saw me as a time waste

The feelings I have smashed up go inside out
And I'll cry my tears out till the final drought
Cuz all this life I have been calling out
To the one I have been thinking so much about

Final times
Slipping away from the light
And you, my dear, gone from here
You shine bright
Shine bright like the stars

The lies you fed me had me going
But the truth wasn't what kept the river flowing
Cuz when I thought the future was in sight
You shone a light to blind me
A light so bright

Final times
Slipping away from the light
And you, my dear, gone from here
You shine bright
Like the stars of the sky

Pete Rivera

Sister's Necklace

Will you shatter my defenses
With yet another mistake
For this gun shall go off
And my soul you shall take
But if my demons so choose
To steal back all which they make
Then all blame put on me
If I would not fight for my own sake

And the tears stream down
The face of the mourning
The tears stream down
The faces of the discerning

Little sister, will you approach
And receive what is rightfully yours
A necklace found buried
Beneath the icy shores
And I know not of his return
'Less there be something more
But I cannot confess
What I found behind this door

And the tears stream down
Oh, yes, they do
Clear waters will rise
And take me to you
And the tears stream down
The face of the mourning
The tears stream down
The faces of the discerning

Oh, what a shame
What a shame
My life will never be the same
Oh, what a shame
What a shame
My life will never be the same

Crying out
For another chance
I'll correct my faults
As the demons take stance
I fear not what they do
Or the evil they enhance
I will continue on and on
Till blood covers my lance

And the tears stream down
The tears stream down
Oh, the tears stream down
Yes, they do
They stream down
Oh, they stream down
The faces of the mourning
And the tears stream down
The faces of the discerning

And I will live
I will live
I will live
And fight for this right
I will live
I will live
And fight for this right

Pete Rivera

Sorrow

Do you hear me now?
Calling out to you
Will you listen now?
To words untrue

Falling behind
A line of sorrow
Nothing left to give
Nothing left to borrow

Go now from here
And watch Heaven fall
Because no one
Has heard seraph's call

Fear me if you will
Help me if you can
Pass the boundaries
Drawn by man

My heart is..
Crying out
Hear me now
As I shout

Go now from here
And watch Heaven fall
Because no one
Has heard seraph's call

I want to be
Free
I want to be
Free

Pete Rivera

Space

Brush out to see me
Drenched in fallacy
I'm reborn through my ashes

Dreaming of ruling
And staring into space
Not too late
It's not too late

Give me the time
Give me the time to think
Give me the time
Give me the time to blink

I just need to blink
The tears away
I just need to force
My thoughts away

Silencing the crowd
Never felt so good
Nightmares of the realm
Take me away

Give me the time
Give me the time to thlink
Give me the time
Give me the time to blink

Show me
How we can be
More than what we are
More than what we are

Forces take me
Forces take me
Forces take me
To the realm

Stallion Of War

Make your temples grand
If you wish to see
The glimmers of the moonlight
Reflecting off the sea
Maybe it won't go as I planned
And maybe your actions
Will make you less than a man

Call upon your horse
And he shall come
This stallion of war
And all that you've won

Now throw your armor on
And I'll give you my shield
Hand-in-hand
We'll own this battlefield
Maybe one day we'll meet again
And maybe I'll discover
That we were never friends

So call upon your horse
And he shall come
This stallion of war
And all that you've won
So call upon your horse
And he shall come
This stallion of war
And all that you've won

In the end of time
Our paths will cross
And the demons of this earth
Will be at a loss
For no good such as this
Can ever show
Just how much we truly
Did not know

So call upon your horse
And he shall come
This stallion of war
And all that you've won
You'll saddle him up
And ride away
Into the mellow light
Of breaking day

To be or not to be
This is what I ask
I hide behind my mask
And from everyone I see
Now go for a family
And make them proud
Hear their voices now
And you'll make smile
Everyone you meet

So call upon your horse
And he shall come
This stallion of war
And all that you've won
You'll saddle him up
And ride away
Into the mellow light
Of breaking day

Pete Rivera

Stars

Close my eyes
You're in my mind
You were hard
So hard to find

Hold my hand
And walk me through
I found a path
That led to you

But I let go
And you walked ahead
Was there something wrong?
Was it something I said?

Maybe so
Or maybe
I'm just...lost
Who knows

It's your smile
That keeps me going
That kept me going
For a while..

Your eyes
They shine
Brighter than the stars
Brighter than anything afar

They do
And I would run
Miles and miles
Just to see your face

Pete Rivera

Stormy Skies

The light that shrouds
My inner soul
Delves within me
And takes control

Who I am
Is nothing more
Than a broken shell
On an empty shore

But I will continue
To fight for you
And I will continue
To hold on to the truth
And my heart conjures words
That my mouth dare to speak
But this time now
The wicked enshroud the meek

When I may watch you go
Upon the stormy skies
Like the wind to the willow
It's the lies that you despise

But hear me now
I would never let you down
But it's the way you doubt
That keeps me around

But I will continue
To fight for you
And I will continue
To hold on to the truth
And my heart conjures words
That my mouth dare to speak
But this time now
The wicked enshroud the meek

Sunsets

The rise of dawn
Marks the end of me
Scattered bats
That I couldn't see
Shoot right up
At the speed of light
My soul calls forth
To the start of night

And I don't know
Where I've gone
I don't know
What I've become
And I can't see
In front of me
The twilight breeze
Is killing me

But I am distinct

The dragonflies
And bumblebees
Can't I see
The sunsets, please?
Tore me out
Upon the sky
Now I feel
When will I die?

I am distinct

Can I smile?
Tell me
Can I smile?
Please
Can I smile?

I am distinct

Death, death
It is now
My final wish
Fulfull it now

Pete Rivera

Survival Of The Fittest

Do you want to know
When I draw the line
In the shadows
Where can it shine?

Mercy me, mercy me
Shame
Call to me, call to me
Insane

It's time to bury the weak
The frail, the helpless
The meek
It's time to survive the hunt
Cycle of selection
We've won

Oh, we've won
Won the hunt
Someone shine the light
The strong have won
The fight

Everyone follow me out
Shout with me
Shout with me
Someone shine the light

Shine the light
Shine the light
Can you shine the light?
We've won the fight

This time
This time
This time

How can we find
Our disgrace?

Laughing it out
To our face...

Time to bury the weak
The frail, the helpless
The meek
Time to survive the hunt
This cycle of selection
We've won

Pete Rivera

The Aeroplane

And I found myself
Alone in the dark
Mending my broken heart
But didn't know where to start
So I let myself fall apart

And soon enough
I couldn't breathe
Couldn't take it upon myself to leave
Now I'm stuck with no relief
What a cruel idea I've conceived

In a moment it crashed
For it had flown much too fast
It caught our eye but we didn't see
We truly weren't meant to be

And soon enough
We turned away
With a chill not of love
But of hate
And I couldn't help but say
What happened that day?

In a moment it crashed
For it had flown much too fast
It caught our eye but we didn't see
We truly weren't meant to be

It's gone in a heartbeat
Forever lost within our abyss of misery
I feel no emotion around you
I look away because
Because seeing you hurts me
I thought I could change you
But I was wrong
So wrong..

In a moment it crashed

For it had flown much too fast
It caught our eye but we didn't see
We truly, truly..weren't meant to be

Pete Rivera

The Barrier (Written By A Friend)

Alas, the time is nigh
The time to correct all wrong
Let out a sigh
Begin by singing a song
End by giving a toast
For we know we gave it our all
We are not here to boast
For no man is too big or small

May all the men and women, big and small
Break down this barrier, this gigantic wall
Now we must join hands and rejoice
For we have made the most difficult choice

Through our struggle, we have grown strong
We have shown the bonds of our hearts
We have corrected the most evil wrong
We have healed this world's deadly scar
All people sing a song
We have started a new era
Go, my friends and sound the gong
All people can rejoice together

May all the men and women, big and small
Break down this barrier, this gigantic wall
Now we must join hands and rejoice
For we have made the most difficult choice

We have heard our call
We have played our roles
Now we have broken the wall
We looked into our souls
We are bonded by our love
Hand in hand and peace in mind
Our symbol, the majestic dove
We will leave no one behind

May all the men and women, big and small
Break down this barrier, this gigantic wall

Now we must join hands and rejoice
For we have made the most difficult choice

Pete Rivera

The Bus

Got that knife
It hurts so badly
Too bad it had to end
So sadly
You and I
Could've been an us
If only you had
Taken the right bus
Now I hate to love
And love to hate
This is where I think
I'm a little too late

Pete Rivera

The Candle In The Cave

Light shimmers away
That I may let you go
And I shiver in the dark
As it begins to snow
Knowing that before it ended
You wouldn't let me know
Why you said the things you did

There be no comfort
In this folley of mine
There be no hope
If you refuse to shine
There be no stars
No light, no dark
If you refuse my love

And I'm just a slave in my mind
I keep getting lost in your eyes
I know that this dream will not last
And it'll go by so fast
I know
Cause you are the candle in the cave
You expel the dark
I won't be the same
Cause now I know

In the shadows
I will watch you go
And where you go from here
Only God knows
And still there be no light
Less you come back to stay
But I will wait for you
And wait I shall every day

And I'm just a slave in my mind
I keep getting lost in your eyes
I know that this dream will not last
And it'll go by so fast

I know
Cause you are the candle in the cave
You expel the dark
I won't be the same
Cause now I know

Pete Rivera

The City

Darkness after sundown
The spirits would rise
And the shadows were growing

So I rode off to the city
The cathedral in light
And I saw God
In my own way

Crying God will you guide
Day to day
For the ghosts of the city
Will stay

I rode down the streets
And soon they came
Demons were surrounding
Were surrounding me

They said show me this God
Whom you forever obey
He leaves no room for shadows
No room for shadows

Crying God will you guide
Day to day
For the ghosts of the city
Will stay

Pete Rivera

The Creationist

Questions of spirits
Fill out our landscapes
And drive us insane
Within every moment

Oh, how do you know
Oh, how do you know

Questions of spirits
Fill out our landscapes
And drive us insane
Within every moment

Oh, how do you know
Oh, how do you know

Pete Rivera

The Dove

You forced the hands of evil
I killed without a name
My mask, it hides my figure
To this, I hide my fame

You kiss the lips of evil
The devil's one to tame
Like a tiger from the heavens
You wonder why I came

In the dark
I feel your spark
You shine
Like God

It's what I feel
With any try
I've died away
This night

And you, my love
A pitch black dove
I lost your heart
From the start

Crying here
After every lie
So I die away
Tonight..

The cruelty of faith has left its mark

Pete Rivera

The Drug

Teach me now
To become less stressed
Sedate me now
And give me rest
This drug, this drug!
Has renewed me and made me whole
Now the curses of my loved ones
Will never take their toll

Oh, here I am
And here I will stand
Cuz I admit to no one
That I am a living man!

On a cloud and on a raindrop
Are the colors of a spectrum
The rainbows in my vision
I remember my mind connects them
And they enter my veins
Oh, they enter my veins
And from that moment
My pain, it drains away

Oh, here I am
And here I will stand
Cuz I admit to no one
That I am a living man!

Oh, here I am
And here I will stand
Cuz I admit to no one
That I am a living man!

Pete Rivera

The Evolutionist

Answers we search for
Do not evolve
And will not appear
At the blink of an eye

Lost beyond words
Lost beyond words

Answers we search for
Do not evolve
And will not appear
At the blink of an eye

Lost beyond words
Lost beyond words

Pete Rivera

The Friend

I called to a friend
But he did not answer

Whether he was silenced
Or just did not wish to speak
I did not know

But soon I ceased
To call my friend's name

And soon
After then
We were friends no more

Pete Rivera

The Greatest Myth

Was there ever such a time
That I could persuade you to be mine?
When the lights fade and you disappear
You should know that I need you here

I shall forever hold you in my arms
I shall always keep you safe from harm
Such as a mother bear protects her cubs
I will show you that same kind of love

My love, you shine just like the stars
All that makes you who you are
Because of you I can keep a smile
Just promise me you'll be here awhile

More than a while, don't ever leave
I would never see you as one to deceive
I know in the past I made mistakes
But it's your heart I wouldn't dare to break

I'd stand in the freezing cold just for you
If only the frostbite could prove it true
The bleak December chills me ever so
But I take this cold for you, you know

Just for a chance to give you embrace
Because there is love in a loveless place
There is, there was, and always will be now
I stay through everything, you wonder why and how

A mystery to me and you both, I'm sure
My love is one true, we must concur
That ever we meet in glory by the sky
A hopeless endeavor, but I, nonetheless, shall try

To know and love you in life is a gift itself
And no amount of coin will amount to this wealth
True, so true are the words I speak and write
We were but two love birds prompt to flight

But if lost is air, I will return to see
The reason you became lost to me
Forever in a sanctuary by the cliff
The stories of us shall be the greatest myth

That so ever the cherubim cry in pain
And hoped that our love would end in vain
A moment bleak but simple to remember
I will love you always from first to December.

I will forever love you and show you care
And give you what you deserve, this I swear
That when my life ends I hope to see
You, my love, shining star, sitting beside me

Pete Rivera

The Guitarist

Strum the strings
From room to room
The sound will ring

Sealed in its case
Taking up space
I use a pick to play
The guitar, everyday
Playing a chord
Only when I'm bored

Strum the strings
From room to room
The sound will ring

Its base is wood
Its strings are not
When you cannot play
There is nothing to flaunt
Before you play
Tune the sound
Strum on and on
Until a rhythm is found

Strum the strings
From room to room
The sound will ring

I
I have nothing to say
No light to use
No music to play

I'm idle
For I have
No guitar to play

Pete Rivera

The Heart Of Battle

With a sense of hope
I dive into the heart
The heart of battle
The heart of battle
No enemy shall overcome me

Pete Rivera

The Moon Waits

Crescent moon now
Lies in silent wait
For the sun to go down
In summer, too late

Adrift in the spring
The silent moon is
Gone in the day
During the sun's bright kiss

The stars accompany the moon
In the dark of night
But do not the sun
When all is bright

Pete Rivera

The River

River running with soft emotion
The current flows with the silent wind
Bring peace and harmony back into motion
And leave behind the nature of sin
I wish that was the case
But sadly I turn my head in shame
I've made the biggest mistake
And it has led to hatred instead of fame
Now I cannot turn away
From the nature of the beating heart
My mind is constantly in the fray
Now it's tearing my silent soul apart
I'm not filled with depression
If that's what you believe
It was just merely a simple session
But not a single lesson was received
I'm asking kindly for forgiveness
For all the things that have come to mind
You've struck my heart with great precision
And seperated us with a simple yellow line
Do not be frightened by the light
That's what they told me long ago
But even this did not save my life
It all just goes to show

Pete Rivera

The Soldier

A shadow in the light
I've prepared myself for battle
Once weak, now strong
They won't stand in my way

Pete Rivera

The Speech

Nothing left to say
These floods have taken hold
Filling this earth with rain
Making home seem so cold

So cold
So cold
So cold
So cold

I, I have nothing to say
I, I have nothing to say

And you, you have nothing to lose
You, you have nothing to lose

So cold
So cold
So cold
So cold

Nothing left to say
The floods have taken hold
Filling this earth with rain
Making home seem so cold

Fear
Fear
I am not here
Fear
Fear
I will not fear

Pete Rivera

The Speed Of Light

I thought about you
Oh, what a thing to do
We spoke after so long
We had forgotten what we'd done wrong

Here and there, gone for a day
At the speed of light I'm never late
To hug you and tell you goodnight
And pray that you sleep in lunar light

Come to be here with me
I'll show you what you've never seen
Two of all, but one heart created
The other is the one heart fated

I wish that I could believe
That you are fated for me
But after all I've been through
There's no way I could ever
Be fated to you

So what is fate?
Is it lie or truth?
Is it something I can deny
Without worrying about win or lose?

Here and there, gone for a day
At the speed of light I'm never late
To hug you and tell you goodnight
And pray that you sleep in lunar light

Pete Rivera

The Spirit Of Death

As the spirit of death
Begins to take its toll
To the tide and to our hearts
'Less we relinquish our souls

The cries of my loved ones
As they grieve day-to-day
Fill the sky with a mellow cloud
That will never roll away

So hear me now
My brothers, my sisters, my friends
I will stay here forever
With me there is no end
And if my God hears these words
May He forgive all of my sin
For in the light of the harvest moon
I pray with all beneath the wind

I take no pleasure
In receiving what is mine
I take no comfort
In the absense of my pride

My sweetness and hope
'Less you take it all away
And there be no words to speak
There are no words to say

So hear me now
My brothers, my sisters, my friends
I will stay here forever
With me there is no end
And if my God hears these words
May He forgive all of my sin
For in the light of the harvest moon
I pray with all beneath the wind

The Thorn

In the cold, snowy night
When my eyes met yours
This is what was in sight
This is what we're waiting for

An embrace to protect against the cold
And a smile to guide my day
I'll be yours from the young to the old
I hope you never, ever walk away

I thought me to be a thorn in your side
A simple coincidence for us to collide
But now that I see you shine in the light
I'm going to attempt to make you mine

By the sunflowers and cornfield
Where we hid from the crowd
By the roses and windmills
Prayed that they heard no sound

I thought me to be a thorn in your side
A simple coincidence for us to collide
But now that I see you shine in the light
I'm going to attempt to make you mine

When I fade away
Stay by me in heaven
Because its you that I hope to see
Standing by my side

I thought me to be a thorn in your side
A simple coincidence for us to collide
But now that I see you shine in the light
I'm going to attempt to make you mine

Pete Rivera

The Tomb

In the dawn of snowfall
The uranium crystals bore
A light to cancel the shadows
To dispel them forever more
That we should walk on the sandy shore
That we should run on the sandy shore

Look up at the clouds
As they pass over town
With merrily the wind carry no sound
I searched for love
And it was you that I found

The clouds of snowberry hill
And the dissipating gems
As I watch the manor on the hill
The cold shall sever my limbs

Look up at the clouds
As they pass over town
With merrily the wind carry no sound
I searched for love
And it was you that I found

So lead me to a tomb
Of which I know
And I will notice
The world has gone to hell
But it is you and I that will
Continue on this path of broken hearts
But it is you and I that will
Continue on this path of broken hearts

Pete Rivera

The Window

Out the window I see the birds
Can you find the correct words?
Don't answer me if you're not sure
There is quite a lot to learn..
In the shadows, I hide my fear
The sun itself will dry my tears
Winds as cold as outer space
In the dark, I saw your face

Shining like the stars...
Shining like the stars..
You are
You are

Enter my mind, this residue
Tries to bring me back to you
Clap my hands I call the sights
To emerge and turn out the lights

Singing at the top of my lungs
Singing at the top of my lungs
Can't you hear me
Singing at the top of my lungs
Singing from the heart..

Cuz my heart soars
My heart soars
Evermore, evermore
My heart soars

Pete Rivera

The Winds Of September

The winds of September
Kept you from your dying ember
And your eyes became open

Clearly you can see now
And await the world its freedom
As it goes around the sun

You know I love you
I hold you in my arms

The cold winds of November
As the season shifts to winter
You cling on for warmth

The liars of the forests
And the myths of tomorrow
Will be gone, long gone

You know I love you
I hold you in my arms

You know for you I would
Do everything I could
To keep you here

You know I love you
I hold you in my arms

And if I could
Give you the world, I would
My dear, I would

You know I love you
I hold you in my arms

So if you wonder if you should go
Just remember and you'll know
That even though some times were rough

I gave you all of my love
I gave you all of my love

You know I love you
I won't let you go
You know I love you
I won't let you go

The cries of us were heard by God
He asked us what, if anything, was wrong
I couldn't answer
I couldn't speak
My love has me speechless

You know I love you
I won't let you go
You know I love you
I won't let you go

And even though these times are rough
Just always know you have my love
To have with you throughout your life
But I cannot pick what you decide

Do you love me?
Please don't let me go
Just know I love you
I can't let you go

Pete Rivera

Theism

Forming the pieces
Seems like forever
Now I know how I feel
Love in the air
Not to compare

Smiling at your smile
Laughing with your laugh
Seems like the world is
Smiling on us
I had to wave back
At airplanes in the sky
As they spelled out your name

You are the answer
The answer to my searches
My hand is on my heart
And I see you grin

Proving you are true
Never was that necessary
I did believe you
Always in my eyes
You seemed happy and so carefree

Smiling at your smile
Laughing with your laugh
Seems like the world
Is smiling on us

I am the theist
You are my angel
The powers of heaven
Shall bring us together

Pete Rivera

There Are Many

There are days
When you can see
That many people aren't
Who they seem to be
And you feel
That the friend you knew
Wasn't always that much
Of a friend to you
And the people
That you come to care for
Don't even care enough
To show up at your door
There are many feelings
On the street
There are many people
To come meet
There are also many enemies
That you will make
And fighting all of them
Is a risk you'll have to take
There are many people
On this earth
That God designed
Before their birth
And they still turn out to be
Something God
Did not want them to be

Pete Rivera

Thinker

You are the air
The air that I breathe
You are the light
The light that I see

Shining in my heart
You are, you are
I love you, but you're
So far, so far

Away from me

You are the air
The air that I breathe
You are the light
The light that I see

Pete Rivera

To A Brother In Christ

To the stars you have gone
My friend
My brother
And now, because of this
I am lost for words

R.I.P. Tyler Matos

Pete Rivera

To Become

Darkness and dreary nights
Clouds of death
And glooming lights
The blade of my own
Integrity intent
To stab past my own
My own dreams hellbent

And now the mist
Ghosts of the realm
Kill with death's kiss
And my own spirit
Chanting for truth
To enshroud the lies
Coming from you

We are
We can be

There is no moon
To light the dark
Light a match
Hell will spark
And spark around
The sleeping trees
I beg of you
Please

The eyes, the smirk
All the shadows, death
It lurks
Lurks within my soul
My soul, my all
And I beg of you
Never true
In the crystal blue

We are
We can be

We are
We can be

Anger builds
And doesn't stop
The thief continues
To pick the lock
And the wolves
They spot him through
And soon his flesh
Became renewed

We are
And we can be

The sky is darkening
Darkening slowly
The sky is darkening
Darkening slowly

I can see
Past the lies

We are
We can be
One

Pete Rivera

To The Stars

What beholds
In my sight
My lover in the night

That she may sleep
In inner peace
Atop a bed of fleece

And how cruel of me
To confess
Of her long purple dress

We gazed upon the night sky
All of who we may try
And as we met each other's eyes
With love, to the stars we shall rise

And what is
My temptation
To ignore my condemnation

And how
Can I stay sane
Within a field of shame

We gazed upon the night sky
All of who we may try
And as we met each other's eyes
With love, to the stars we shall rise

As you gaze
Fixed upon the stars
All of who you are

Is revealed
Unto me
And I couldn't see

So I confess

Nonetheless
Like a small bird in nest
In her long purple dress

We gazed upon the night sky
All of who we may try
And as we met each other's eyes
With love, to the stars we shall rise

And if I
May so hear
An unpleasant

To awake
To the news
Of one gone I would not lose

To know the one
In the dress
Is nothing now but dead
Then how can I live
With this utter feeling of dread

And as I gaze upon the night sky
All of who I may try
And as I close my tired eyes
With love, to you I shall rise

Pete Rivera

Tornado

You were spinning round
In my heart
Spinning round
In my heart

It's a little too late
To relive our fate

You are the light I see
Shining in the dark
The angel who struck me
And damn it left a mark

Got me good
Had a lot to lose
And I lost you

Lost the best thing
I had for awhile
Lost the one thing
I had
To save me from myself

I regret
Every mistake I made
Doll, I need you here
Need you now

It's your time now
To take a bow
You know just where to start
To get to my heart

I lost the one thing
That ate away my mind
Couldn't figure it out
Was it ever out of line

Can't ever tell

Hid in my shell
Cuz, doll, things ain't
How they used to be
But, if you're happy
Then...
It's all right by me

Pete Rivera

Tranquility

Graceful patterns of blue
Among the nighttime sky
Watching the petals
Float silently away

I can taste the cool air
On my tongue
Knowing the difference
Between night and day

Dreaming I am far
From this world
Thinking nothing less
Of anybody

Dreams so far away
I have no regret
About running to them
Because I know
That I belong there

Tranquil dots of scarlet red
Scattered upon the daytime sun
As I watch the raven fly
Away into the distant light
Of the cold, yellow moon

Death doesn't seem far
But I shouldn't think this way
Life should be treasured
Like the blue sky
Of silent day

Letting the butterfly
Rest on my shoulder
Causes me to smile
Because of the beauty
I see in this creature

Dreaming I am far
From this world
Thinking nothing less
Of anybody

Pete Rivera

True Religion

Way down below the concrete
Lives a land of depression
I drown my eyes in water
You make a bad impression

Why can't you help me smile
And make it last a while
Violent thoughts of no virtue
I do not want to hurt you

Judge me no more
Leave me alone
In this alley, I sleep
My own pride I keep
Judge me no more

Be yourself
Uniqueness is a gift
So be yourself

Three cheers to 'normal people'
They have no recognition
Like lions off the pride
They fear to be different

I am alive
No one can tell me to die
I form my own thoughts
Yours can't make me cry

Judge me no more
Leave me alone
In this alley, I sleep
My own pride I keep
Judge me no more

There is no true religion
Affecting my decision
Your lies will hurt me no more

For I have locked my heart's door

Be yourself

Uniqueness is a gift

So be yourself

Pete Rivera

Until My Ship Sinks

I've been thinking of you
Of all the things you do
And I've been dreaming a dream
I've broken past the seam

I've been reaching out
And I have no doubt
About the way I feel
You know it is very real

So let the armor drop
And the arrow go through
Because I'm running past
Just to get to you
And I won't stop now
No I won't stop to think
I'd rather keep on going
Until my ship sinks

And you know me so well
But I don't know you at all
I've made so many jumps
Now just watch me fall
I caught onto the edge
Now come help me up
A can of Dr. Pepper
To come fill me up

And I've been thinking of you
I've been thinking of you

Pete Rivera

Upon A Starry Sky

I am lost for words
When I see your face
Yet you seem to make
So many mistakes

And I look through them
To see what's true
I'd thought I would lie
But then I saw you

And my heart sparks
Slowly into flame
Because the way I feel
Will never change

I love you too much
To let you go
And none of the lies
Can overthrow

I can never try
I can never know
How much I truly
Love you so

Winds form too late
As I contemplate
About how much I
Love you

Winds form much too late
As I contemplate
About how much I...

Pete Rivera

Valerian

Don't remind me how I messed it up
I just messed it up, I know this now
You know I know he knows of me
Now I'm alone, but no one sees

Jagged knives bid me to them
The same as I bid you to me
I knew not of my fabric
Or your so called plans elaborate

There were millions and millions of us
Who thought we could defeat fate
But now, I see, I am not my friend
I wasn't with myself at the start
And I won't be in the end

Right there, I saw who I was
Someone lost in the dark
Someone who had lost their mark
And fought without a sword

My allies see me unarmored now
Frown at me frown at me my love
You played my heart and not my lute
And with that there was no fruit

I painted in my mind back then
I knew it would become my destiny
To be lone and like my fault
The freshwater fish tastes not its salt

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I wasn't with myself at the start
And I won't be in the end

Right there, I saw who I was
Someone lost in the dark

Someone who had lost their mark
And fought without a sword
Twenty nights I cried
Twenty nights I cried

Spaces in time and spaces by me
The sound of hummingbird wings
Beats with me
A lion's roar gave me fear
Not strength
'Till my days be incomplete

And I knew, right there
That I was not myself, my friend
Not in the start and not in the end
Fountains of youth are not of water
And my spirits rest in their tower

You know I know he knows of me
Now I must find my thoughts you see
Killing, killing our fallacies
Ghosts of my own are not good to me
No, they deceive me you see

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Twenty nights I cried

Trapped in my box of fears
The rivers of my flowing tears
And I was wept I mourned for them
The creatures knew not of themselves
And I did not find what I had sought

I only found the truths I caught

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Pete Rivera

Vampire

You hurt me emotionally
Like a demon burning 1000 souls
And devouring them individually
I hope you are happy
Because like a vampire
You've sucked away my life

You tore my heart in two
How does that make you feel?
You've lost the only friend in me
No forgiveness now
Will be bestowed upon you
You've sucked away my life

I don't know
When this horror will end
I don't even want to know when
You've torn me apart from happiness

You crushed my soul to dust
Now you must pay the price
Hell is where I want you to go
Do not try to turn away
There is no use to it, because
You've sucked away my life

And like a fallacy
I hope you remember me
When worse comes to the worse
An open-minded girl
Gaining a kick from
Sucking up my life

Pete Rivera

Victoria

I am short a breath or two
To find out what life means to you
Does it mean to you what it does me?
Then let go of my wings and set me free

True is the world beneath my feet
For it gives me shelter and food to eat
But it cares not how I become
Nor does it care I am blind, deaf, or dumb

For the mind of me has spoken
Verily, verily, my heart awoken
I must be true to myself and I
And I must fight until I die

I am the emperor of my life
I will decide how far I fly
And when it comes to one and two
Know that to myself I will stay true

I am the architect of my fate
And no obstacle shall make me late
Success is in this palm of mine
And to no gods I will confide

Black as the night sky before death
To reach blissfulness at final breath
I must become who I want to be
I am the wielder of my destiny

Pete Rivera

Vocation

Guarding with my life
My last vocation
Calling to me softly
I can hear it in the night

Pete Rivera

Walking In The Rain

Did you get sick yesterday
Walking in the rain
Thinking of his shattered heart
Trying not to go insane

Did you lose the key I gave
For you to open the door
To turn the knob and enter the room
The room of my heart's core

My heart is a labyrinth
But you navigated through
You traversed past the walls
And found my feelings for you

They were in a box
Protected by a shell
But now that you know
I'll meet you by the wall

And we can see our destiny
Within the glimmers of water
But we are truly meant to be
So why even bother?

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But you navigated through
You traversed past the walls
And found my feelings for you
My heart is a labyrinth
But you navigated through
You traversed past the walls
And found my feelings for you

Pete Rivera

When I Looked You In The Eye

When I looked you in the eye
But you turned away
Was my character too bold?
If not, than why won't you stay?
I have a fear of loneliness
Only you can cure
And when your straight turns to smiles
That truth seems less absurd

This love has followed me through
And my heart was taken by you
You may not know now
But it is the truth
And I speak it only to you

The earth will stop turning
And life here will stop
But I'll still hold you in my arms
As if everything's all right
You'll ask how I stay sane
Throughout the persecution
I tell you now, my dear
It is I who will lead the revolution

This love has followed me through
And my heart was taken by you
You may not know now
But it is the truth
And I speak it only to you

Pete Rivera

When You Go

When you go
I want you to know
That you'll always be
In here
In my mind always

So call me
Whenever you feel like
Any day and night
Just know that you're always
Always in my mind

So we fade out
Whenever the world turns around
We try not to make a sound
For this love that we've found

In my story
That page was so empty
But you helped me
To write it
I'd describe it
But I don't know how

And I told you
That I'd always love you
And you'll always be
In here
In my mind, in my mind

So we fade out
Whenever the world turns around
We try not to make a sound
For this love that we've found

You make me smile
When I'm depressed
And for awhile
I'll confess

That when I see you
My heart will always beat fast
It's true

My heart bleeds
My heart bleeds
My heart bleeds
For you tonight

My heart bleeds
My heart bleeds
My heart bleeds
For you tonight

So we fade out
Whenever the world turns around
We try not to make a sound
For this love that we've found

Pete Rivera

Writings On A Stone

Once in the night I stumbled upon
A stone that the ancients had writ upon
That this stone had writings carved upon
And they were translated into a song

Pete Rivera