




The Rose that  
grew From  
Concrete

# IN THE DEPTHS OF SOLITUDE

Dedicated 2 me



EXIST IN THE DEPTHS OF SOLITUDE  
pondering my TRUE GOAL  
Trying 2 find PEACE OF MIND  
and still preserve my Soul  
CONSTANTLY yearning 2 be accepted  
and from all receive respect  
Never Comprising but Sometimes Risky  
and that is my only regret  
A Young  with an old Soul  
How Can there Be   
How Can  Be IN the depths of Solitude  
when there R 2 inside of me  
This Duo within me causes  
the perfect opportunity  
2 learn and live ~~twice~~ as fast  
~~as those~~ who accept simplicity

# SOMETIMES CRY

Sometimes when I'm alone  
I cry because I'm on my own  
The tears I cry R Bitter and warm  
They flow with life but take no form  
I cry Because my heart is torn  
and I find it difficult 2 carry on  
if I had an ear 2 confide in  
I would cry among my treasured friends  
But who do u know that stops that long  
to help another carry on  
The world moves fast and it would rather pass by  
than 2 stop and c what makes u cry  
It's painful and sad and sometimes I cry  
~~because~~ <sup>and</sup> no one <sup>cares</sup> ~~knows~~ about why.

# Under The Skies ABOVE

Ami

After the miscarriage

my child is out there Somewhere  
under the SKIES ABOVE

Waiting anxiously U u and me

2 Bless it with our Love

a part of me a part of u

and a part of This Love we share

will protect my UNBORN child

Who lives dormant out there Somewhere

Sometimes in my Dreams

I imagine what it would be like

How could I properly guide him

when even I don't know what's right

whether he is Born in wealth or Poverty

There will be no deficiency in Love

I welcome THIS GIFT of life

given from GOD under the SKIES ABOVE

## Life THROUGH my eyes

Life through my Bloodshot eyes  
would scare a square 2 death

poverty, murder, violence

and never a moment 2 rest

fun and games R few

But treasured like gold 2 me

euz I realize that I must return

2 my spot in poverty

But mock my words when I say

my heart will not exist

unless my destiny comes through

and puts and end 2 all of this

When Ure Heart Turns Cold  
2 KRISTEN & My other Friends  
WHO WONDER

When your Heart Turns cold  
it causes your Soul 2 Freeze  
~~instead of~~

IT Spreads Throughout your Spirit  
like a ruthless feeling disease  
The walls that once were Down  
now stand firm and tall  
Safe From Hate / Love, pain / Joy  
until u feel nothing at all

When ure heart Turns cold  
a Baby's cry means nothing  
A Dead corpse is trivial  
Mothers neglected children is Daily  
Lonliness Becomes your routine friend  
DEATH Seems like Tranquility  
Sleeping is never pleasant  
if u even sleep at all  
u forget ideals and Turn off the reason,  
2 make Sure the product gets Sold  
You Don't understand How I Behave  
Just wait til your heart Turns Cold!

~~UNTITLED~~ UNTITLED

Please wake me when I'm free  
I cannot bear captivity  
where my culture I'm told holds no significance  
I'll wither and die in ignorance  
But my inner eye can see a race  
who reigned as kings in another place  
The green of trees were rich and full  
and every man spoke of Beautiful -  
men and women together as equals  
War was gone because all was peaceful  
But now like a nightmare I wake to see  
that I live like a prisoner of poverty  
Please wake me when I'm free

**I** cannot bear captivity  
I would rather be stricken blind  
~~If I~~ Than to live without expression of mind

## THE ETERNAL LAMENT

From my mind 2 The Depths of my Soul  
I yearn 2 achieve all of my goals  
AND ALL of my Free Time will Be spent  
ON The 1's I miss I will Lament

I AM NOT A Perfectionist  
But still I seek Perfection  
I am NOT A great Romantic  
But yet I yearn 4 affection

ETERNally My mind will Produce  
ways 2 put my talents 2 use  
and when I'm done no matter where I've been  
I'll yearn 2 Do it all again.



## Only 4 the Righteous

I'm Down with strictly Dope "So"

That means I'm more than u handle  
"Hot" I'm hotter than the wax from  
a candle

"Him" that's Roc he's my microphone Companion

"Lyrics" Full of Knowledge Truth and understanding

"Hobbies" Rapping is my only recreation

"retire" u must be on some <sup>kind of</sup> medication

"why" because I'll never loosen up my mic grip

"Drugs" never  <sup>cuz</sup>  I'm living on the right tip

"sex" only with my girl because I love her

"Babies" impossible I always use a Rubber

"~~Vacation~~ <sup>Sore</sup>" rarely cuz I'm keeping myself Busy

"Scratch" nah I leave the cutting up 2 Dize

"Dize?" yeh that's my D.J. he's the greatest

"WORD" nah he's paying me 2 say this

"the MIND" is something that I cultivate

and Treasure

"Thanks" Your welcome and besides it was  
my Pleasure

## WHAT OF FAME ?

Everyone knows ure FACE

The world Screams ure NAME

Never again R u ALONE

# THE SHINING STAR Within

DEDICATED 2 Marilyn Monroe

Secrets 2 hidden within the clouds  
OF DARKNESS,

And in this place no one Dares 2 Breathe  
IN FEAR of Self expression

It has been This way

forever AND A Day  
until she came 2 Shine

with a SPARK of innocence and questions  
only 2 be answered with DARKNESS

NOT just DARKNESS but the silent kind  
that steals your soul and kills your mind

There was no COMPASSION  
for this thriving star

only exploitations  
and confused Jealousy

u saw no hope and brought the end  
NEVER acknowledging the star within

# STARRY NIGHT

Dedicated in memory of  
Vincent Van Gogh

a creative heart, OBSESSED WITH Satisfying  
This dormant and uncaring Society  
u have given them the stars at night  
and u have given them Beautiful Bouquets of Sunflowers  
But u there is only contempt  
and though u pour yourself into that frame  
and present it so proudly  
this world could not accept your Masterpieces  
from the heart

So on that starry night  
u gave 2 us and  
u Took away from us  
The one thing we never acknowledged  
your Life

## IF I FAIL


If in my quest 2 achieve my goals  
I stumble or crumble and lose my soul  
those that knew me would easily co-sign  
there was never a life as hard as mine  
no father - no money - no chance and <sup>no</sup> guide  
I only follow my voice inside  
if it guides me wrong and I do not win  
I'll learn from mistakes and try 2 achieve again

WHAT IS IT THAT I SEARCH 4

I KNOW NOT WHAT I SEARCH 4  
BUT I KNOW I HAVE YET 2 FIND IT,  
BECAUSE IT IS INVISIBLE 2 THE  
MY HEART MUST SEARCH 4 IT BLINDED.

AND IF BY CHANCE I FIND IT,  
WILL I KNOW MY MISSION IS ACHIEVED?  
CAN ONE COME 2 CONCLUSIONS,  
BEFORE THE QUESTION IS CONCEIVED?

JUST AS NO ONE KNOWS  
WHAT LIES BEYOND THE SHORE,  
I WILL NEVER FIND THE ANSWER 2  
WHAT IT IS THAT I SEARCH 4.



THE FEAR IN THE HEART OF A MAN

DEDICATED 2 my HEART

AGAINST AN ATTACKER I WILL BOLDLY TAKE MY STAND  
BECAUSE MY HEART WILL SHOW FEAR 4 NO MAN  
BUT 4 A BROKEN HEART I RUN WITH FRIGHT  
SCARED 2 BE BLIND IN A VULNERABLE NIGHT  
I BELIEVE THIS FEAR IS IN EVERY MAN  
SOME WILL ACKNOWLEDGE IT OTHERS WILL FEEL 2 UNDERSTAND  
THERE IS NO FEAR IN A SHALLOW HEART  
BECAUSE SHALLOW HEARTS DON'T FALL APART  
BUT FEELING HEARTS THAT TRULY CARE  
ARE FRAGILE 2 THE FLOW OF AIR  
AND IF I AM 2 BE TRUE THEN I MUST GIVE  
MY FRAGILE HEART  
I MAY RECEIVE GREAT JOY OR U MAY RETURN IT  
RIPPED APART



GOD

WHEN I WAS ALONE AND HAD NOTHING  
I ASKED 4 A FRIEND 2. HELP ME BEAR THE  
PAIN NO ONE CAME EXCEPT... GOD

WHEN I NEEDED A BREATH 2 RISE  
FROM MY SLEEP NO ONE COULD  
HELP ME EXCEPT.... GOD

WHEN ALL I SAW WAS SADNESS  
AND I NEEDED ANSWERS NO ONE  
HEARD ME EXCEPT.... GOD

SO WHEN I AM ASKED WHO I  
GIVE MY UNCONDITIONAL LOVE 2  
LOOK ~~FOR~~ FOR NO OTHER NAME  
EXCEPT.....

GOD!





Nothing Can  
Come Between us

# Nothing Can Come Between us

4 JOHN

let's not talk of money  
let us forget the world  
4 a moment let's just revel  
in our eternal comradery

in my heart I know  
there will never be a day  
that I don't remember  
the times we shared  
u were a friend

when I was at my lowest  
and being a friend 2 me  
was not easy nor fashionable  
Regardless of how popular

I become u remain  
my unconditional friend

Unconditional in its truest sense

Did u think I would forget

Did u 4 one moment dream

that I would ignore u

if so Remember this from here 2 forever  
nothing can come between us

# My Dearest One !!

There R NO words 2 express  
How much 🙌, truly care  
So Many Times 🙌, FANTASIZE OF  
FEELINGS WE CAN SHARE  
My ❤️ HAS <sup>NEVER</sup> KNOWN  
THE Joy u Bring 2 me  
As if GOD KNEW WHAT 🙌 WANTED  
AND MADE u A Reality  
I'd Die 2 HOLD u or 2 Kiss u  
R merely 2 C your FACE  
My STOMACH quivers my ~~body~~ <sup>BODY</sup> shivers  
AND My ❤️ increases pace  
2 give me \$ or LOTS OF GOLD  
WOULD NOT BE THE SAME 2 me  
🙌, prayed AND WATCHED THE DISTANT <sup>MY</sup> STARS  
AND FINALLY u came 2 me!

Faithfully Yours,

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IF THERE BE PAIN ...

If There Be Pain,  
All u need 2 Do  
is call on me 2 Be with u  
And Before u hang up the Phone  
u will no longer be alone  
Together we can never fall  
Because our love will conquer all

If There Be Pain,  
Reach out u a helping hand  
and I shall hold u wherever I am  
Every Breath I Breathe will be into u  
4 without u here my Joy is through  
my life was lived through falling rain  
So call on me if there be pain

Faithfully  
Yours,  
Tupac  
Amal

## THINGS THAT MAKE HEARTS BREAK

pretty smiles

Deceiving laughs

and people who dream with thier eyes open

Lonely children

unanswered cries

and souls who have given up hoping

The other thing that breaks hearts

R fairy tales that never come true

and selfist people who lie 2 me

selfish people just like u



## BLACK WOMAN

LI MARQUITA

THE DAY I MET U I SAW STRENGTH  
AND I KNEW FROM THAT POINT ON  
THAT U WERE PURE WOMAN 2 ME  
POSSESSING A SPIRIT THAT WAS STRONG

I WANT SMILES 2 REPLACE THE SORROW  
THAT U ~~AM~~ HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN THE PAST  
AND SINCE IT WAS STRE TH THAT ATTRACTED ME 2 U  
IT WILL TAKE STRENGTH 2 MAKE IT LAST

MY NEGATIVE SIDE WILL ATTEMPT 2 CHANGE U  
BUT PLEASE FIGHT THAT ~~AM~~ WITH YOUR ALL  
IT WILL BE YOUR STRENGTH THAT KEEP US BOTH STANDING  
WHILE OTHERS AROUND US FALL

## AND STILL I LOVE U

I don't have everything  
as a matter of fact I don't have anything  
except a dream of a better day  
and you 2 help me find my way  
Being a man I am sure 2 make mistakes  
But 2 keep u I would do all it takes  
and if it meant my love was really true  
I'd gladly die and watch over u  
I wish u knew how much I cared  
u'd see my love is true by the life we'd share  
Even if u changed your mind and said our love was true  
I'd want 2 die continuously cry and still I'd love u


## THE MUTUAL HEARTACHE?

INTRODUCED WITH INNOCENCE  
who would have ever guessed  
that u were <sup>the</sup> one I HAD

BEEN so desperately searching u  
u talk as I do BUT yet u DONT  
understand when I mumble  
u c as I do but your vision is  
blurred by naivety

This is the barrier that separates us  
I cannot cross yet

There is 2 much of me that  
would frighten u so I live in  
heartache because we cannot  
fully replace this love and  
what of your heartache

Does it feel as sharp? as mine  
no matter where I go or how long it takes  
I will never recover from this Mutual  Acne.



# 1<sup>ST</sup> IMPRESSIONS

4 IRENE

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I'D SEEN IT ALL  
OUR PATHS CROSSED AND MET  
AND I KNEW FROM THE FIRST GLANCE  
THAT U WOULD BE HARD 2 GET  
YOUR EYES ATTRACTED ME FIRST  
BUT YOU REEKED OF SULTRY CONFIDENCE  
I COULDN'T WAIT 2 TOUCH LIPS  
AND KISS WITH MY HEART'S INTENTIONS  
WHEN WE DID IT WAS WHAT I EXPECTED  
AND 4 THAT MOMENT WE ERASED THE TENSION  
OF THE AWKWARDNESS OF FIRST DATE JITTERS  
AND THE INITIAL BLIND DATE FIRST IMPRESSIONS  
WE KISSED AGAIN AND I FELT THE PASSION  
AND THIS WAS CUPID'S BLESSING

## A Love unspoken

WHAT OF A Love unspoken? is it weaker without a name?  
Does this Love deserve 2 exist without a title  
Because I Dare not share its name  
Does that make me cruel and cold  
2 Deny the world of my salvation  
Because I chose 2 let ~~it~~ grow  
People TEND 2 choke  
that which they Do not understand  
Why shouldn't I be weary  
and withhold this love from MAN  
What of a love unspoken  
No one ever knows  
But this is a love that lasts  
and in secrecy it grows

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## FOREVER AND TODAY

u say that u'll love me Forever BUT what ABOUT TODAY  
AS the Dusks Become Dawns and the years pass on will u love me the <sup>same way</sup>  
if so let us rejoice and Bathe in constant Pleasure  
if NOT spare my heart today and I shall recover Before forever  
And if my Doubts and ?'s upset u, forgive my fragile heart  
I just wanted 2 Know if u'd love me forever  
Before today would START !

## WHEN I DO KISS U

I Haven't yet for reasons of your own  
But soon I'm sure you'll tire from being alone  
u haven't recovered from the pain of the past  
So u show me affection behind the wall of glass  
But when I do finally kiss u  
u will realize at last my heart was true

# Carmencita of the Bronx!

Dedicated 2 Carmen

U SAW innocence at its BEST

I WANTED u more THAN I WANTED ME

I remember my last Thought at night was of u  
and my First Thought in the morning was of u

It has BEEN a long time since I've actually  
sat and adored u but every once in awhile  
your beautiful smile guides me through a day

I hear u R with another and u R expecting

I wish u good luck He is lucky 2 be able  
2 wake up 2 u each morning

C u in Heaven!

Yusac Aman Shah

Every word

CUTS 2 THE HEART

CONVERSATIONS R ENDED

BE4 THEY START

is this what u want ?

is this what I want?

is ~~this~~ what  
MUST Be?

~~THIS IS NOT A GAME~~

This is A Love

one should be played

The other cherished

I feel 2 Hearts Breaking ...

is this what u want

is this what I want

is this what MUST Be 0

YOU ASK ME 2 COMMUNICATE  
WHAT IT IS I FEEL WITHIN  
I SEARCH 4 WORDS 2 ASSIST  
BUT I FIND NONE 2 HELP ME BEGIN  
I GUESS LOVE IS JUST COMPLICATED

Love

is

Just

Complicated.

I THOUGHT I KNEW MY HEART'S DESIRE  
I THOUGHT I QUENCHED MY BURNING FIRE  
I THOUGHT I WANTED "A"  
BUT "A" WAS 2 MIXED UP WITH "B"

THEN "C" MADE ME MORE CONFUSED

SO "A" TURNED OFF ME AND "B" FEELS  
BETTER. "C" IS UPSET AND LONELY  
AND ME, I THINK LOVE IS COMPLICATED

Love

is

Just

Complicated.

2-Pac

# ELIZABETH

A different Love From B.S.A

I Remember when u were LOST  
and your soul was in the wind  
IT was at this awkward moment  
that u and I became friends  
But Then your soul was found  
and u discovered ~~the~~ celibacy  
But with this u forgot about me  
and our Bond was a memory  
And now I c u felt it  
the Bond we made Before  
I pray 2 God it stands  
and severs never more





KNOW my ♥ HAS LIED BEFORE

~~I know my heart has lied before~~  
but now it speaks with honesty  
of an invisible bond of friendship  
that was formed in secrecy  
Coming from me this may seem hard  
but 2 GOD I swear it's truth  
We R friends for eternity  
and Forever I will always love u.

With All My Heart,  
" & "  
Spirit

P.S. JUST SO U DON'T FORGET THAT  
I AM HERE FOR U. U R A TRUE  
FRIEND

FROM FIRST GLANCE,  
4 Michelle From LAP's  
FEB 1, 1990

From First Glance I know exactly what would be  
u and I have perfect hearts destined one day 2 be  
The circumstances don't even matter because my heart <sup>never</sup> lies  
And if u don't admit 2 this it is u who will be surpris

# 1 FOR APRIL

2 Me your name ALONE is poetry  
I Barely KNOW u AND ALREADY  
I CAN'T explain THIS feeling I Feel

4 APRIL

I WANT 2 C u FROM THE MOMENT  
u LEAVE my side til the moment u return  
my NONchalant cold heart Finally has eyes only

4 APRIL

So NOW I risk it all

Just 4 The feeling of Joy u Bring me  
I accept the ridicule  
in exchange for the words u share with me  
ALL OF THIS & MUCH MORE I WILL DO

4 APRIL

Wife 4 Life

Dedicated 2 April

I hope u heard me when I asked  
u that night 2 be my wife  
not for this year or next  
But mine for all your life  
2 Accept me when I sin  
and understand me when I fail  
NOT 2 MENTION STANDING the rain  
which comes down as hard as hail  
I AM NOT the Best of men  
my faults could scare the night  
But my Heart is always pure 2 my wife 4 life

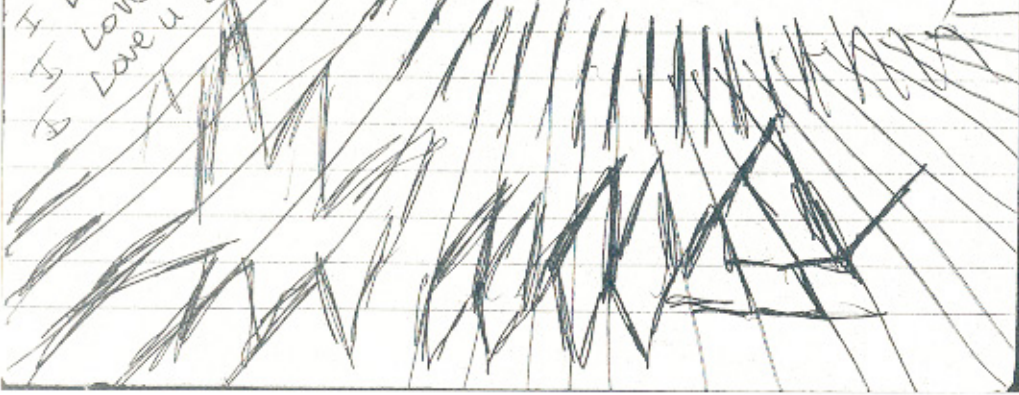


TEARS From A STAR

4 me & APRIL

My Tears they fall w/ passion  
Like tears conceived from stars  
Full of brightness & energy  
Seen only from afar  
Tonight these tears are  
full of pain But also I can feel  
relief from my Heart  
Because the stigma is revealed  
unfaithful and unforgiven  
I cannot <sup>be</sup> let this Be  
So I must Be Pure  
2 only Her for eternity

I LOVE U I Love u I Love u I Love u  
I Love u I Love u I Love u I Love u  
I Love u I Love u I Love u I Love u  
I Love u I Love u I Love u I Love u



MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> - THE DAY AFTER April  
Dedicated to the divorce of  
me & April

Today I wake & feel even lonelier  
But I c. positive potential  
My heart shook much like the Quake  
then the pain was gone  
the arctic breeze formed the fortress  
Barricading my fragile heart from PAIN

I ~~am~~ <sup>don't</sup> nor that I Love U  
and it was because I did love U  
that I must move on  
AS LONG as I Breathe  
I will remember

" WE AS 2 "

WHY MUST U BE UNFAITHFUL!  
4 WOMEN

MEN!

U SHOUDNT LISTEN 2 your selfish ♥

IT DOESNT REALLY HAVE A BRAIN

Besides keeping u ALIVE

IT'S EXISTENCE IS IN VAIN

How COULD I BE SO MEAN,

and say your heart has no place?!

BECAUSE MORTAL MEN FALL IN LOVE AGAIN

AS FAST AS THEY change their face

I MAY BE CRUEL BUT THINK awhile about!

The hearts that u have Broken

MATCH THAT WITH THE EMPTY VOWS

and broken promises u've spoken

I AM NOT SAYING FEMALES R PERFECT


BECAUSE MEN WE KNOW IT'S NOT TRUE

BUT WHY MUST U BE UNFAITHFUL

IF HER HEART IS TRUE 2 U !!!

Shakira

## The power of A Smile 4 Renee'

The power of a gun can kill  
and the power of Fire can Burn  
The power of wind can chill  
and the power of the mind can learn  
The power of anger can rage  
inside until it tears u apart  
But the Power of a Smile  
especially yours can heal a frozen Heart 



# Genesis (THE REBIRTH of my Heart)

DEDICATED 2 Renee Ross

FIRST THERE WAS NOTHING  
NOT EVEN THE FAINT ECHO OF A SONG  
LONELINESS WAS DAILY 4 ME  
UNTIL U CAME ALONG

THERE WAS A GLEAM OF STARS IN YOUR EYES  
I THOUGHT I'D NEVER FEEL THIS WAY AGAIN  
BUT U WERE THE ONE 2 REACH INTO MY HEART  
AND FIND IN ME A FRIEND

I ~~COULD~~ COULD NOT IGNORE THE MAGNETISM  
THAT I FELT WHEN U WERE NEAR  
AND ANY PROBLEMS PLAGUING MY MIND  
WOULD SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR

~~THIS~~ WAS THE REBIRTH OF MY HEART  
THE DAY U BECAME MY FRIEND  
BECAUSE I KNEW FROM THE MOMENT  
I HELD U THAT I WOULD FIND LOVE AGAIN

# Love WITHIN A STORM

4 ELIZABETH

We made Love within a STORM  
in the midst of PASSION AND CHAOS  
Somewhere, somehow our TRUE BOND  
of friendship was LOST

In the eye of the storm  
The rain always falls harder  
Those who prevail this Trauma  
will ~~love~~<sup>learn</sup> 2 Bring their love farther

BUT now the STORM Has Passed  
and the seas of our friendship R calm  
But as long as I live I will remember  
the Love within the storm

## WHAT CAN I OFFER HER ?

ALL OF MY LIFE I DREAMED OF MEETING ONE WITH IMMENSE BEAUTY, AND ONCE I FOUND HER I WOULD CHARM HER AND SHE'D BE MINE FOREVER.

I HAVE FOUND HER AND INDEED SHE IS ALL I WISHED FOR AND MORE BUT SHE IS NOT CHARMED NOR INTRIGUED. THEN I THINK 2 MYSELF "WHAT CAN I OFFER HER?" THE TEARS WARM MY EYES AND BLUR MY VISION I STICK 2 MY STANCE OF BRAVADO AND GIVE HER THE SAME UNINTERESTED LOOK SHE GAVE ME. SHE WAS SO BEAUTIFUL BUT WHAT CAN I OFFER HER

# JADA

4 JADA

u R The omega of my Heart  
The foundation 4 my conception of Love  
when I think of what a Black woman should be  
it's u that I first think of

u will never fully understand  
How Deeply my Heart Feels 4 u  
I worry that we'll grow apart  
~~and~~ and I'll end up losing u

u Bring me 2 climax without sex  
and u do it all with regal grace  
u R my Heart in Human Form  
a Friend I could never replace

# The Tears in Cupid's Eyes

4 JADA

The Day u chose 2 leave me  
it rained constantly outside

In Truth I Swore The rain 2 be  
The Tears in cupid's eyes

IF

## CUPID'S SMILE II

I ran outside 2 feel the rain  
and I stayed outside awhile  
when the rain was done along came the Sun  
and this was Cupid's Smile!

WHAT  SEE!

With my eyes closed I can see  
we have a chance 2 Discover ECSTASY  
But the clouds of DOUBT HAVE made u Blind  
So u R afraid of the emotions that u may find  
I KNOW THAT u've BEEN Hurt Before  
But THIS is NO excuse 4 u 2 ignore  
The seed THAT cupid planted, in Hopes THAT we would sow  
This infant emotion Deserves 2 Breathe So why won't u let it grow  
A Neglected flower will WITHER and on its own it will surely die  
But with honesty, passion, and mutual respect we can Soar Beyond the Sky  
So please don't follow what u c follow the rhythm within your heart  
Believe in me Though u cannot see what lies within the Dark

# IN THE MIDST OF PASSION (ADULTERY)

IN THE MIDST OF PASSION 2 FIGURES STAND  
EMERGED IN ECSTASY JOINED HAND & HAND  
WORDS R UNNECESSARY FEELINGS R HEARD  
THE BODY TAKES CONTROL DEAF 2 WORDS

IT IS AT THIS STAGE THAT I THINK OF U  
IN GRATITUDE 4 THIS JOY U HAVE EXPOSED ME 2  
EACH DAY IS BRIGHT WITH YOU AS THE DAWN  
WITH THE COLLAPSE OF EACH NIGHT A STRONG BOND IS BORN  
IN THE MIDST OF PASSION I REMEMBER YOUR KISS  
I REMINISSE ABOUT YOUR TOUCH AND SUDDENLY MISS  
THE SCENT U WEAR AND THE TONE OF YOUR VOICE  
ONLY U CAN BE MY CHOICE

IN THE MIDST OF PASSION  
I C U & ME

LOST IN CONSTANT ECSTASY !!



## 2 PEOPLE WITH 1 WISH

There were 2 people with one wish.

2 Live a Life filled with LOVE

2 GOD they would pray THAT 2gether they'd stay  
UNDER THE STARS ABOVE

BUT someone else MADE A WISH

AT THE SAME TIME ON THE SAME BREATH

And although the wish 4 love was granted

So was this evil wish 4 DEATH

NOW I MAKE A WISH

SEALED WITH TEARS AND LAUGHTER

IT IS MY WISH THAT THESE 2 LOVES

R REUNITED IN THE Hereafter

## Hours Pass By

I THINK OF U IN MY ARMS

AND WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE 2 MAKE LOV.

I THINK OF U RAISING MY SEED

AND WHAT THEY'D BE MADE OF

I THINK OF HOW ALONE I WAS.

BEFORE U CAME 2 BE

I THINK OF THE JOY I FELT

WHEN U SAID U THOUGHT OF ME

→ Hours Pass By AND cupid cries ←

until we meet again

I'm proud 2 BE THE HEART U

CHOOSE 2 MAKE A FRIEND

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Just A BREATH  
OF Freedom

# Just A Breath of Freedom

4 Nelson Mandela

Held captive 4 your politics  
They wanted 2 Break your Soul  
they ordered the extermination  
of all minds they couldn't control  
4 u the fate was Far worse  
Than Just a Brutal homicide  
They caged u like an animal  
and watched u slowly die inside  
As u Breathe your first air of freedom  
on the day u become a free man  
Raise your Regal Brow in Pride  
4 now you R in God's Hands  
The life of many were given  
so that this day would one day come  
that the devils in Power at Pretoria  
would pay for the evil crimes they've done

FOR MRS HAWKINS

In Memory of Yusef Hawkins

This poem is Adressed 2 Mrs Hawkins  
Wtho lost her son 2 a racist Society  
I'm Not out 2 offend the positive souls  
ONLY The racist Dogs wtho Lied 2 me  
An American culture plague with nights  
Like the night Yusef was Killed  
if it were reversed it would be the work  
of a Savage but This white killer was just <sup>STRONG</sup> willed  
But Mrs Hawkins AS Sure AS I'm a Panther  
~~Be~~ with the Blood of Malcolm in my veins  
America will never rest  
if Yusef Dies in VAIN!

# THE SUN AND THE MOON

YOUR WAYS R SIMILAR 2 THE RAYS OF THE SUN  
WARM 2 MANY BUT 2 STRONG 4 SOME

THE MORE U R NEEDED THE BRIGHTER U SHINE

WATCHED 4 2 LONG AND YOUR BRILLIANCE WILL BIND

THE 👁️ 👁️ 3 OF MORTAL MEN WHO THREATEN U WITH DOOM

THEY REGRET 2 C U SET BUT IT IS TIME 4 THE MOON



# "FALLEN STAR"

Y Huey P. Newton

They could never understand  
what u set out 2 do  
instead they chose 2  
ridicule u  
when u got weak  
They loved the sight  
of your dimming  
and flickering starlight  
How could they understand what was so intricate  
2 Be loved by so many, so intimate  
they wanted 2 c your lifeless corpse  
This way u could not alter the course  
of ignorance that they have set  
2 make my people forget  
what they have done for much 2 long  
2 just forget and carry on  
I had ~~loved~~ ~~wondered~~ ~~and~~ ~~loved~~ u forever because of who u R  
AND NOW I MOURN OUR FALLEN STAR

Government Assistance  
or  
My Soul

It would be like a panther  
asking a panther hunter  
if some meat, All

High School Dropouts R NOT DUMB  
All unemployed aren't lazy  
and there R many days I hunger  
But I would go hungry and homeless  
Before the American Government gets my Soul



# FAMILY TREE

4 MOTHER

Because we ALL Spring  
From Different Trees  
Does Not mean  
We are NOT created Equally

Is the True Beauty in the Tree  
or in the vast forest in which it breathes  
THE TREE MUST FIGHT 2 Breed  
Among the evils of the weeds

I FIND greatness in the Tree  
That grows Against all odds  
it Blossoms in Darkness  
and gives BIRTH 2 Promising Pods.

I was THE Tree who grew from weeds  
and wasn't meant 2 BE  
Ashamed I'M NOT in fact I am Proud  
of my Thriving Family Tree

OR MY SOUL Dedicated 2 MOMS

Dedicated 2 <sup>THE POWERS</sup>  
~~THAT IS~~

The choice is NO STRANGER 2 poverty  
your Soul or GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

I'm 18 in a Country with NO PATH

4 A young unaddicted Black youth with a Dream  
INSTEAD I am giving the ultimatum:

## WHEN URE HERO FALLS

41 my Hero (my Mother)

when your hero falls from grace  
all fairy tales R uncovered  
myths exposed and pain magnified  
The greatest pain discovered  
u taught me 2 Be strong  
But I'm confused 2 c u so weak  
u said never 2 give up  
and it hurts 2 c u welcome defeat  
When ure Hero falls so do the stars  
and so does the perception of tomorrow  
without my Hero there is only  
me alone 2 deal with my sorrow.  
your heart ceases 2 work  
and your soul is not happy at all  
what R u expected 2 do  
when ure only Hero falls

## UNTITLED

Strength is overcome by weakness

Joy is overcome by Pain

The Night is overcome by Brightness

and Love - it remains the same

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# U R Ripping us Apart !!!

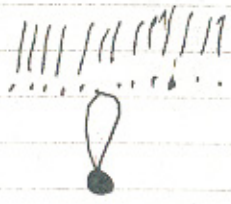
Dedicated 2 CRACK

Before u came The Triangle NEVER Broke  
we were BONDED and melted as one  
BUT as the 2 pushed u away  
The one got weak and embraced u  
and now u R Ripping us Apart

The worst feeling of helplessness  
The greatest pain has rested in my heart  
The vision of heaven fades  
and the nightmare of loveliness has started

My Hero has been defeated by you  
and now what can I do  
Watch as u Destroy us  
and our love is finally Through

I know the worst is Here  
I feel it in my Heart  
u got ~~into~~ INTO the circle  
now you're tearing us apart



# A River That Flows Forever

4 mother

AS LONG AS SOME SUFFER

The River Flows Forever

AS LONG AS THERE IS PAIN

The River Flows Forever

AS STRONG AS A SMILE CAN BE

The River will Flow Forever

AND AS LONG AS U R WITH ME

We'll ride the River Together

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# CAN U C THE PRIDE IN THE PANTHER

Can u c the pride in the pantha  
as he glows in splendor and grace  
Toppling obstacles placed in the way  
of the progression of his race

Can u c the pride in the Pantha  
as she nurtures her young all alone  
The seed must grow regardless  
of the fact that its planted in stone

CAN'T u c the Pride in the panthas  
as they unify as one  
The flower blooms with brilliance  
and outshines the rays of the Sun

## TEARS OF A TEENAGE Mother

He's Bragging about his new Jordans  
The Baby just ran out of MILK  
He's Buying gold every 2 weeks  
The Baby just ran out of Pampers  
He's buying cloths for his new girl  
& The Baby just ran out of Medicine  
u ask for money for the Baby  
The Daddy just ran out the Door



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WHERE THERE IS A WILL . . . .

where there is a will  
there is a way  
2 Search and discover  
a Better Day

where a positive heart  
is all u need  
2 Rise Beyond  
and Succeed

where young minds grow  
and respect each other  
Based on their deeds  
and not their color

When Times R Dim  
Say as I Say..

"Where there is a will  
there is a way!"

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Liberty Needs  
Glasses

## Liberty Needs Glasses

excuse me But lady liberty needs glasses  
AND So Does Mrs Justice By her side  
Both The Broads R Blind As BATS

Stumbling Thru the System  
Justice Bumbled INTO MUTULU AND  
Trippin' ON Geronimo Pratt  
But stepped right over Oliver  
AND his crooked partner Ronnie  
Justice stubbed her Big toe on Mandela  
AND liberty was misquoted by the indians  
Slavery was a learning PHASE  
Forgotten with out a verdict  
while Justice is ON a rampage

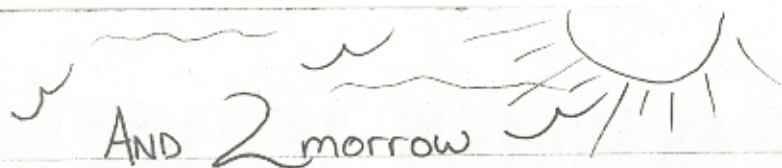
4 endangered Surviving Black males  
I mean Really if anyone really valued ~~the~~ life  
and cared about the masses  
they'd take em Both 2 Pen optical  
AND get 2 pair of Glasses

# How Can We Be Free

Sometimes I wonder about this ~~race~~  
Because we must be blind as Hell  
I think we live in equality  
While Nelson Mandela rots in a jail cell  
Where the shores of Howard Beach  
Are full of Afrikan Corpses  
And those ~~that~~ do live 2 be 18  
Bumrush 2 join the Armed Forces  
This so called "Home of the Brave"  
Why isn't anybody backing us up!  
When they ~~are~~ these crooked ass Redneck cops  
constantly jacking us up  
Now I bet some punk will say I'm fascist  
I can tell by the way you smile at me  
Then I remember George Jackson, Huey Newton  
and Geronimo and 2 hell with Lady Liberty

# THE PROMISE

" I will give u LIBERTY, BUT FIRST give me ure spirit,  
THIS I MUST CONFISCATE BECAUSE THE EVIL FEAR IT"  
I TOO WOULD BE AFRAID OF PASSION GOVERNED BY REASON  
AN OPEN MIND 2 TRYING TIMES WHEN CORRUPTION <sup>IS</sup> <sub>SEEK</sub>  
THE PROMISE THAT THEY CLAIM  
2 BE COMPLETELY TRUE  
IS HYPOCRISY AT ITS FINEST  
A TRICK 2 SILENCE U  
NEVER WILL I BELIEVE A PROMISE  
FROM THE MASTERS OF THE ART  
TRICKERY DOES NOT SUCCEED  
WITH THOSE WITH HONEST HEARTS

AND 2morrow 

TODAY IS FILLED WITH ANGER  
FUELED WITH HIDDEN HATE  
SCARED OF BEING OUTCAST  
AFRAID OF COMMON FATE  
TODAY IS BUILT ON TRAGEDIES  
WHICH NO ONE WANTS 2 FACE  
NIGHTMARES 2 HUMANITIES  
AND MORALLY DISGRACED  
TONIGHT IS FILLED WITH RAGE  
VIOLENCE IN THE AIR  
CHILDREN BRED WITH RUTHLESSNESS  
BECAUSE NO ONE AT HOME CARES  
TONIGHT I LAY MY HEAD DOWN  
BUT THE PRESSURE NEVER STOPS  
GROWING AT MY SANITY  
CONTENT WHEN I AM DROPPED  
BUT 2MORROW I C CHANGE  
A CHANCE 2 BUILD ~~A~~ A NEW  
BUILT ON SPIRIT, INTENT OF HEART  
AND IDEALS BASED ON TRUTH  
AND TOMORROW I WAKE WITH SECOND WIND  
AND STRONG BECAUSE OF PRIDE  
2 KNOW I FOUGHT WITH ALL MY HEART 2 KEEP MY  
DREAM ALIVE

# NO-WIN

(Dream poem)

Backed INTO a corner  
alone and very confused  
Tired of running away  
my ~~manhood~~ <sup>manhood</sup> has been abused  
NOT my choice 2 Be so blunt  
But u must fight fire with flame  
I allowed myself 2 run ONCE  
and was haunted by the shame  
if I must Kill I will and if I must do it <sup>so</sup>  
I would but the Situation is a NO WIN

THE UNANSWERABLE ?

QUESTION:

WHEN WILL THERE BE PEACE ON  
EARTH?

ANSWER: WHEN THE EARTH FALLS  
2 PIECES !!




# NIGHTMARES

Dedicated 2 Those Curious



pour my heart in2 this poem  
and Look 4 the meaning of Life  
the rich and powerful always prevail  
and the less fortunate Strive through strife  
MISTAKES R MADE 2 Be 4 given  
We R 2 young 2 stress and suffer  
The path of purity and positivity  
has always hidden rafter  
Your ~~INSATIABLE~~ <sup>INSATIABLE</sup> Desire 2 Find perfection  
Has made your faults magnify  
curiosity can take blame  
for the evil that makes u cry  
It isn't a good feeling when u disobey your heart  
The nightmares haunt your soul and your nerves Ripped

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SO  SAY GOODBYE

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I'm going in2 THIS NOT KNOWING WHAT I'LL FIND  
BUT I've Decided 2 Follow my HEART & ABANDON MY MIND  
and if There Be pain I KNOW That at least I gave my all  
and it is BETTER 2 HAVE loved & LOST Than 2 NOT love at all  
IN THE MORNING I may wake 2 smile or maybe 2 cry  
BUT FIRST 2 THOSE OF MY PAST I MUST say goodBye

# IN THE EVENT OF MY DEMISE

Dedicated 2 THOSE CURIOUS

IN THE EVENT OF MY DEMISE  
WHEN MY HEART CAN BEAT NO MORE  
I HOPE I DIE FOR A PRINCIPLE  
OR A BELIEF THAT I HAD LIVED 4  
I WILL DIE BEFORE MY TIME  
BECAUSE I FEEL THE SHADOW'S DEPTH  
SO MUCH I WANTED 2 ACCOMPLISH  
BEFORE I REACHED MY DEATH  
I HAVE COME 2 GRIPS WITH THE POSSIBILITY  
AND WIPED THE LAST TEAR FROM MY EYES  
I LOVED ALL WHO WERE POSITIVE  
IN THE EVENT OF MY DEMISE!