

# POEMS THAT I KNOW

chapter five

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*my friends  
are my poems*

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**POEMS AND FRIENDS**

*In a blink of an eye  
I lost more  
then the nights sky.*

*With the shed of a tear  
I lost more  
from the passing year.*

*And if I didn't grow  
I lost more  
then friends that  
I do not know.*

## **WHO**

*Whose dream is this  
I keep coming back to,  
we play this scene  
so many times,  
but I know its not for me.*

*Whose idea was it anyway  
to try and break loose  
from my child life,  
even then a stage  
was all I needed.*

*And you can only see,  
what torment comes from me,  
and you will only be  
that I cannot seem to reach.*

*Whose dream is this  
I keep coming back to,  
We played this scene  
so many times,  
but I know its not for me.*

## **OH MY WORLD**

*I have a hard time  
remembering my dream anymore,  
when I wake I lock the door.*

*I have a hard time  
remembering what is said to me,  
I lose patience  
when I do something.*

*Oh my world  
so close to me,  
I try so hard  
to show you  
what can be.*

*I have a hard time  
Keeping all those days clear,  
something I started yesterday,  
seems like I've been  
doing for years.*

*I have a hard time  
keeping a world  
so close to me,  
I'm left unsure.*

*Oh my world  
so close to me,  
I try so hard  
but cannot find the key.*

**TOBY**

*We all die  
to suddenly  
and those  
who were angry before,  
find no anger  
once were gone.*

*We all go sometime  
and can no longer  
find our way,  
to say how we love them.*

*We all need those  
moments of ignorance,  
how we take for granted  
the presence  
of the one life we love.*

*We all could learn  
from one death,  
but it always  
takes more,  
to open our eyes.*



**SUZI**

*I've fell in love  
with life,  
all those things  
you share with me.  
our moments of passion,  
times of laughter  
and freedom we share.*

*I'm in love with  
the life inside  
each of us.*

*Today I fell in love,  
its you who has brought  
me more things to share,  
more reasons to care.*

*Even though we have  
been together for years,  
its today that I feel  
my love for you is strong.*

***LABOR OF TIME***

*I care so little of time,  
yet I always know  
when its there.*

*Its presence changes  
my idea of life,  
it allows no error  
and wastes not its own.*

*I would gladly trade you,  
something for a little  
more when its for me,  
but when its for labor  
you could get it for free.*

## ***LIGHT SLEEPER***

*Its not that I dislike  
the sunrise,  
Its waking up  
in the early hours  
that tires me.*

*I enjoy the freshness  
of a new day beginning,  
but my clock  
doesn't ring until seven.  
If let be  
I would awaken naturally.*

*Its only the struggle  
of the world,  
who wakes me at this hour.  
This keeps me  
from enjoying the light.*

## ***TRIP AT THE PARK***

*I dreamed of you this morning,  
I held you as I did in the park.  
I have always felt as one with you,  
your eyes absorbing every gesture  
I made.*

*I felt the same desire  
and wish we shared then.  
Its sad to think we  
never explored the feeling further.*

*I took you to a place  
I have not been to for years.  
I always felt most secure there,  
I was sure our minds  
would bring us together.*

*I'm sorry things changed  
when you left,  
life can be a rude awakening.  
I've only dreamed of pure air  
between us.*

## **UNDEFINED**

*I'm left searching  
for the love,  
and looking for  
the future.  
I am not satisfied.*

*I've looked the way  
to the new world,  
but cannot say that  
the world is for me.*

*Though the world  
we cannot see,  
and the future is more  
than we have to share,  
and if we do not seem to care,  
then the world  
is more or less aware.*

*Did we as people believe,  
and we as people succeed.*

**OUR LOVE IS TRUE**

*I've forgotten that night,  
the word left to us,  
the feeling escaping  
both of us.  
And the time left alone  
we could be but one.*

*If our love  
is left behind,  
we could begin again.*

*And if our love  
is the two of us,  
we cannot share  
our views.*

*And we are not  
but the sky above,  
we share our  
beginning of love.*

*You can be the beginning  
and all I have is you,  
then the day has no surprises,  
the light is our life  
and our love is true.*

## ***ADVENTURE***

*What ever happened  
to the adventurer's  
of yesterday.  
Searching for more,  
a world apart from our own.*

*A journey shared  
and still not scared  
of a new world.  
What were they looking for  
that we do not search for today,  
Adventurer's of yesterday  
still not afraid.*

*In our time,  
we have no surprises,  
we are left behind  
all life's disguises.*

*Searching for discoveries,  
to be the first.  
Maybe they were looking  
for the peace of mind,  
or they were looking  
for a way to change the earth.*

*The power, the love,  
to hold all that we desire,  
to be the one  
who lights a single fire.*

***EARL***

*I dropped a pebble  
in a pond,  
and watched  
the ripples widening.*

*As they moved  
I was reminded  
of how I once knew you  
as a child,  
you were a giant man,  
a world that  
could not be shattered.*

*And as I grew  
I remember you  
as a gentle man,  
quietly breathing through  
the life that existed.*

*And as the ripples  
begin to thin,  
and the last days,  
came to be.  
I remember the sorrow,  
of seeing your life  
slip from me.*



**KAPRIN SKY**

*Another day,  
and still my dreams  
have not come true.*

*I often wonder  
if there is another way  
then sleeping,  
to see my dreams.*

*The stillness  
of the air around me,  
as if no friction  
can hold me back .*

*Maybe its the force  
of a greater soul,  
that changes the way  
I fly.*

**THE BE BOX**

*So livid with color,  
its brightly lit gems  
shine an aura of beauty.*

*Its texture  
is worn to a polish,  
well cultured exterior*

*It radiates its warmth  
as would your true self,  
to all whose eyes touch it.*

*It locks only the essence  
of being, inside,  
and stops all reality  
of life from getting in.*

## **CARING**

*Your hyper heart  
has taken its toll  
on us all,  
Your push button fingers  
run so out of control.*

*Your eyes barely see,  
your ears never  
stay to hear.*

*Life speeds us through  
all too quickly,  
that we all need to stop  
and listen  
to the stillness,  
and see the tears.*

## ***AN INTRO***

*I've always wanted  
to make them laugh,  
my friends  
they all have sad eyes.*

*I've always wanted  
to see them loved,  
I tried so hard to see  
that there is someone  
there to meet.*

*Its easy to do it all  
for them,  
What's hard is  
doing it for one.*

## ***HEAD ON WITH TIME***

*I was on my way to see you,  
Talking to myself on the way.  
Driving in a daze as always,  
the road hadn't phased me much.*

*I've often stepped outside,  
not to play.  
But to see myself  
as I am today.*

*Then my whole being  
came to a stop,  
and the world rushed by,  
it only lasted for a second,  
but the feeling  
I cannot forget.*

*Its as if I hit  
head on with time.*

## **JOSHUA**

*You speak to me  
in words I do not understand,  
your expressions  
tell me stories,  
the adventures of a little man.*

*Your quiet smiles,  
your sinking frowns,  
even at this time  
tells me your emotions run high.*

*And the laughs you give,  
when your happy,  
makes my heart see  
this is a good life.*

***LIFE IN THE FAST LANE***

*I've traveled at cruising speeds,  
scattering bits and parts of me.  
Slowing only for the radar,  
and speeding when I pass.*

*I left only the memories,  
to all you who have seen.  
Images that say Im here,  
just another thought to clear.*

*There is a world that I found,  
if I could but shut it down.*

**1979**

*I can't help  
but think of you,  
all your many moods.*

*I always wonder where  
you are,  
in Alaska or very far.*

*I always feel  
I made a mistake,  
by letting you leave  
this place.*

*I even left you with  
a lasting impression,  
a lonely man in desperation.*

*If only I had not  
broken the way back home,  
in my heart,  
I wouldn't be alone.*



**LISA**

*To describe the beauty  
I see is hard,  
its as if I am afraid,  
to limit it to one word.*

*You leave me tongue tied,  
as if I spoke one word,  
I would have no other  
to follow.*

*And your eyes  
leave me spell bound,  
keeping me mesmerized  
my heart paralyzed.*

*Its hard for me  
to describe the whole you.*

## **MY FRIENDS**

*I saw the moon today,  
going down followed by the sun.  
The light chasing me,  
as if dodging into the darkness  
was the only way to avoid  
any close encounter.  
The feeling there  
catch's me when I am unaware,  
and I remember  
the life I had,  
The friends  
I've left behind,  
still seeming to touch a part of me.  
Its the moon light  
that holds me here,  
and the sun that gives me  
the light to dream by.  
The thought of my friends  
I've loved them,  
They are all a part of me.*

**Mike K.**

*You have left,  
empty faces fill the wall,  
but the thoughts,  
fill the minds of us all.*

*The only friend  
real to me,  
one who let  
me be me.*

*Left crashing  
by the fall,  
the silent pain  
hurts us all.*

*A space for you,  
to take again,  
when its time,  
we will be friends  
together again.*

*to mike; you left to soon.*

***A LONG DISTANT FRIEND***

*A long distant friend  
you know you cannot defend,  
what your life is all about  
when your not there.*

*So why do we try  
to stay in touch,  
to tell each other  
who we are.*

*A long distant friend  
you cannot pretend,  
one who picks up and go's  
with out saying goodbye again.*

## ***NIGHT DREAMS***

*If I were left  
to fly alone,  
in the moons light  
I would travel.*

*I can achieve more  
in the dimly lit haze,  
While others are soundless.*

*I am able to move  
more freely,  
no barriers  
to hold me.*

*I can even see  
my old friends  
around me.*

*There is hardly  
a struggle from my ally's  
just a bit of emptiness  
in there eyes.*

*And I am able to  
do more before the twilight.*

***FURTHER FROM HOME WE FLY***

*We fly  
reaching higher  
to the sky.  
I didn't mean to change  
the things you knew.*

*Days spent looking  
for the life, the night,  
the sun drops from sight.*

*Leaving the night sky  
traveling alone,  
the day has flown,  
the day has gone.*

*We fly  
to bring back life  
to the things we once  
were apart of.  
In going  
further from home  
we fly.*

## **JASON**

*I gave up  
some things in my life  
for you.  
You've changed my awareness  
and my ability to relax  
while I sleep.  
Its not that  
I mind watching you,  
I do enjoy seeing you grow;  
It's your ever demanding  
personality that drains me,  
making it harder for me  
to recharge myself.  
It's like driving a car  
on a empty tank with  
ten more miles to go.  
All I can do is try  
and hope that you to  
can understand why I  
may not always be so happy.*

## **PAST AND PRESENT**

*Lately I find  
I am losing sense  
of who I am,  
unaware of the thoughts  
around me.*

*I sit and prepare my lifes work,  
repeatedly I speak out  
trying to impress  
my own mind,  
not necessarily  
that of others.*

*I am hoping someday my sons  
will listen,  
to the things I've said,  
and wonder as I did,  
what was going through my head.*

*I didn't mean to change  
the way the sun drops from sight,  
the end of another day  
and still such a fight.*



## **THE CHALLENGERS VOYAGE**

*Its so sad  
how you tried,  
so hard not to lose  
the gamble of life.  
you can not forget  
though you try,  
because your warmed  
as you walk into the light.  
The power to overcome  
the strange sense  
of failure is gone,  
with the victory  
of the challenger,  
and the seven new stars  
in the night,  
we move on.*

## **MY DAD**

*As a child I've seen the dream  
awakened by my dad's scream.  
My eyes glistening  
he sees an unspoiled life.*

*As a child I've loved the dream  
he showed me more the need,  
my light shines  
and he sees a way.*

*As a Boy I've changed the scene  
I moved from his own means,  
my warmth burns of rebellion  
and his own eyes begin to change.*

*As a boy I've screamed  
I saw his dreams,  
My confusion changes the seed  
he showed me his needs.*

*As a man I've left the dream  
like him I scream,  
I've seen his tears,  
now he no longer hears.*

## **ELUDE**

*The purple sun glows  
so brightly in the sky,  
forcing its way  
into my eyes.*

*The pressure I feel  
pierces my mind  
ever so sharply.*

*The restlessness i feel  
takes me for all  
that is a safe part of me.*

*I feel uneasy  
in my present state  
a feeling of not  
accomplishing  
what my lifes goal are.*

*I feel the time changing  
as the warmth of the sun  
covers me like a blanket.*

*I slip into a thought  
of what I've been before  
and how so many times  
I wished to be more  
then I am now.*

*The sun slowing  
my present perception  
of the way things are,  
it gives me the restless  
desires that keep me  
hungry for more to grow.*

***I HOPE***

*I hoped the day  
would never come,  
that which I love  
and share with you is gone.*

*I hoped the day  
would never come,  
that we could not  
be as one.*

*I hoped the day  
would never be,  
that we would  
not leave separately.*

*I hoped this is  
all but a day,  
that is not  
misunderstood.*

## ***A PROMISE***

*I always promised  
myself I would never  
be hurt this way again.*

*I always thought  
that we could feel  
each others pain.*

*I guess we don't talk much  
about the way our day has been,  
and we don't share  
the needs within.*

*Something to lose  
with nothing to win,  
we struggle for the life  
and we still have to live.*

*Something to see  
with nowhere to go,  
we feel the need  
and then we know.*

## ***THE SECOND LIFE***

*The child sees  
the eyes of another  
and they are the same  
as his own.*

*The child breaths  
the air of another,  
and to a new life  
he is born.*

*The child touches  
the shell of his brother  
and his life  
his memory is recovered.*

*The child tells  
the love to another,  
and to a world  
a second life undercover.*

***I LOOKED***

*I looked for  
you yesterday,  
but today  
I spent time in the park.*

*I looked for  
a light to show me,  
but in a way  
I'm lost in the dark.*

*I looked for  
the answers,  
but lost the questions  
somewhere along the way.*

*I looked for  
the love,  
but could not find  
a word to say.*



## ***DREAM NIGHTS***

*My time has been so preoccupied  
by the separation of life,  
I've reached for the stars  
that come out at night.*

*Why when I sleep  
do I leave the pain,  
Still the nights life  
brings a dream of another plane.*

*I haven't spent the time  
watching the flowers change,  
can we say what we mean  
and stop playing these games.*

*In turn I've reached  
to the world spinning,  
and for the moment  
heard an angel singing*

## **WE**

*We move the world  
and do we know what for,  
can we teach our children  
what love is for.*

*We reach to the stars  
looking for the answer,  
we still come short  
of the picture.*

*We touch our lives  
to the sun,  
looking for the answer  
we are but one.*

**WHY WORRY**

*I am not going  
to pretend it never happened  
because it did.*

*I am not going  
to dwell on it  
because it happened.*

## **WHY**

*Why bring your ideals  
into this place,  
is it not for me to see  
what's inside the space.*

*Why show your faults  
to the world,  
it seems more important  
to express the word.*

*Why do you let me  
see my true self,  
Its the dusty memories  
I've taken from the shelf.*

*Why are you so willing  
to let me share,  
the feelings I saved  
and began to bare.*

## ***YOU TOOK AWAY***

*You took away  
a part of me,  
you broke my heart  
the love inside of me.*

*Its going to take time  
for me to be free,  
Its going to be a while  
before I feel the need.*

*You took away  
a part of me,  
you broke my soul  
and killed the intimacy.*

*When your are here again  
I'm not sure that we,  
can be true to life  
as friends can be.*

## **CHANGES**

*I see your life  
as you don't  
I watch the changes you make  
and the mistakes.*

*I see the world you shape,  
the pieces you fit  
that bring together a picture.*

*I want the empty  
space found,  
In a wooden place  
white with emptiness.*

*I dream the moments  
I shared with you,  
and cannot remember  
if you were there.*

## **FAREWELL**

*If I were  
to remember your love,  
it would only bring  
pain from within.*

*And if I were  
to bring you a flower,  
You long for the life  
that is not at hand.*

*If I were  
to give more of my love,  
would you show me  
a part of your life then.*

*And if I were  
to leave you forever,  
would taking my own life  
make you feel the pain.*

**TO A BELIEVER;  
IN A UNBELIEVABLE WORLD**

*Lets begin again  
with no lies  
that keep us from living.*

*You showed me  
with your eyes,  
that life is worth living.*

*But please understand  
that a new love  
cannot bury the old in the sand.*

*Your love would have to be  
more than a dream  
that would understand.*

*My drunken nights  
may bring to me pain  
and the chance to see who I am.*

*I cannot forget  
a hurt cut deep inside,  
but with you I could  
start a life again.*

*Would you be  
able to see me with others,  
my suns are more  
they are my brothers.*



*Your giving to me  
in the time we shared together,  
you gave me more  
than any other.*

*I've made mistakes  
that I wish were few,  
but if I could believe  
that maybe you knew.*

*I've only loved  
what has been my life,  
and wish I could be  
a part of the light.*

*So give me a chance  
to scream out the pain,  
so that someday  
I may love again*

*And if you could  
only see,  
what I lost  
was a part of me.*

*I need the strength  
of your love,  
to make me  
that what I want to be.*

## ***THE FINAL DAYS***

*They fell with me  
there color was no color at all,  
there shape  
as different as us all.*

*Winter has come  
early this year,  
and its blanket laid down  
with out a wrinkle.*

*The final days  
before you left me,  
I new there  
would be no sun.*

*They fell with me  
their own life interconnecting,  
floating slowly  
to the earth.*

*Beneath them  
lies a mark,  
cut deep  
into the ground.*

*The final days  
were hard for me,  
I sensed your desire  
to be free.*

## **ODE TO AN ANNIVERSARY**

*I lost the world  
that which was my life,  
at times I feel as if  
I don't belong,  
and my friends  
no longer hear me.  
I awaken with a feeling  
of being out of control,  
nothing to turn to,  
a scattered soul.  
I should feel bitter  
for the way things  
have become,  
but I feel compassion.  
for the one I love.  
I'm not sure where  
it stopped,  
what hurts me most  
is the feeling of being lost.  
What was it  
that I said, or didn't say,  
or did, or did not do,  
at this moment  
I'm more confused.  
I don't even know  
how to begin again,  
who to turn to  
when I need a friend.  
And if I could share  
a love again with you,  
I don't believe it  
would be as true.*

*And if I found someone  
to ease the pain,  
I would hope that  
I could love again.*

*The silence has eaten  
a hole inside,  
we were better off apart  
then together you said,  
but you may feel good  
and you think should.*

*But of the lies  
you've shared with me,  
I'm better off dead.*

*And think how great  
I am doing,  
But what they don't see  
is my insides burning.*

*Sometime this year  
I lost my home,  
all the things I love  
fell in a hole.*

**BOBBI**

*It seems like ages  
since I've seen you,  
your constant smile  
and laughter has been  
a healing light to me.*

*I remember the good  
moments we shared,  
and moments walking  
together in the  
cool night air.*

*I left you standing  
at the door,  
I walked away  
from so much that  
I do not know,  
but in time I hoped  
you could show me.*

*And yet I still  
cannot find the answers,  
to all the problems  
left unsolved.  
The fog that restricts  
my vision from seeing,  
you clearly in time.*

## **FAR AWAY**

*Far from the mess  
of insincerity,  
the sun still brings  
the warmth of humanity.*

*Far from the screams  
out loud,  
the sun still shines  
above the clouds.*

*Far from the world  
you reach for another way,  
but you quit before you began  
and went on to another day.*

*Far from the grasp  
of the past,  
its sad to think  
that it didn't last.*

*Far away from  
the love you showed me,  
you stripped me  
of my reality.*