

### THE ABUSED WIFE

The abuse has gone beyond cruelty, going to far this time  
The hurt is passed reason, not coming close to mere unkind  
If only your love could be as strong as your passion is to hate  
Then time together would be filled with peace, leaving misery to wait  
Unfortunately life with you has been more sad than gay  
I'm overwhelmed, my feelings lie in the mist of disarray  
I know that you love me under all the relentless control  
Yet when abuse turns angry, resentment takes it's toll  
There is no sensible reason for the pain that you inflict  
Your words are not a true picture of the person they depict  
I guess I should be used to the roller coaster ride  
If that's true, then why do I feel like crying all the time  
You justify getting even when you feel you've lost command  
When I have to deserve your love, is that what makes a man  
Maybe if I try one more time, or forgive just one more thing  
Should I have fed your ego more, and made you feel like king  
I've called on God to help me, so I'm able to endure  
But God knows I've had enough or should I stay for more  
I will be assertive and make this my final plan  
Instead I'm left deserted with my heart held in my hand  
Dying are the embers that yesterday's love stoked  
Replaced by the harsh words that cruelties evoked  
It's hard not to let abuse color all my thoughts  
For resentment leads to hate, being hateful leads to naught  
But what are the words that remain to echo in my mind  
Words oh so meaningless yet always there to find  
Abuse has no limits when it reaches to it's height  
It leaves me very tired, but sleep won't come at night  
Now I recognize the evil before it casts it's spell  
It leaves behind a flood of tears to fill it's thirsty well  
Lord I pray that my future brings more joy than sorrow  
Get me through today and I won't dwell upon tomorrow!

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