

# The Poet's Corner by a special member

- A Past Member -

## Mask

I'll smile pretty, big and bright  
don't look too close  
don't shine that light

I'll be happy all day long  
I'll be your rock  
yes, I'll be strong

but no one can know  
no one can tell  
that I'm not sick  
but I'm not well

you're bound to see  
behind the grin  
a fragile soul that's  
wearing thin  
cuz it is an exhausting  
task  
just trying to stay behind  
this mask

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## Creator

i feel you  
i feel you near  
your presence  
is always here  
constantly reminding me  
that you dwell inside of me  
I feel you

I need you  
like an infant needs it's mother  
I need you  
like I need no other  
to guide my naïve useless hand  
live this life as you command  
dear God, I need you

I love you  
so deep sometimes it hurts  
I've always loved you  
and always try to put you first  
I know that we live hand in  
hand  
with a love I may not  
understand  
but I love you

Creator  
please excuse this clumsy  
prose  
my Maker  
I know that you are always  
close  
closer than the air I breathe  
nearer than I dare believe

Creator... my Maker  
i trust you

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## I am the body

I am the body you are the soul  
I live at the mercy of your control

I am your body, hear my plea  
I know what we need, please  
listen to me

you've put me though hell, but I  
can forgive  
now I hope you're ready because  
I want to live

I am the body, you are the mind  
maybe we should switch places  
sometime  
because it's not enough for me  
just to survive  
I need to be healthy and fully  
alive

I am your body, resilient and  
strong  
I have to be tough to have lasted  
this long

within me exist your feelings...  
your mind  
I deserve so much better, so  
please be kind

you are my soul, you have so  
much to give  
I am your body and I want to live

I am your body, hear my plea  
these twelve simple steps can set  
us free

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## IF

when I was just a little kid  
I knew exactly who I was  
I knew exactly what I wanted  
I never dreamed that I'd get lost

but if someone had told me  
when I was a teen  
that life itself could stunt my dreams  
and if I'd listened, maybe now  
life might be easier somehow

if someone had told me way back when  
that there's more than just one way to sing  
and more than just one way to love  
maybe I'd have lived those dreams

it's when we need to be most wise  
that we seem to shut our eyes

but...  
it's a different kind of knowing  
a special kind of smart  
the kind reserved for the very young  
and perhaps, the young at heart

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## Right

i need my mind to just be still  
not to exercise its will

i need my heart to just be strong  
to recognize these thoughts as  
wrong

i need my brain to just behave  
forget the drugs it's come to crave

i need my integrity to just hang-in  
because i know "right" will always  
win

be still, be brave  
be strong, behave

not sure what my creator had  
planned  
letting me stray so far from his light  
i don't know if i'm blessed or  
dammed  
i only know, he's always right

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## Two Roses

I am two people  
two minds, two hearts  
one of them adores her  
life  
the other is trying to tear it  
apart

I am two people  
two creatures, two voices  
one of them knows how to  
live  
the other is making  
dangerous choices

but these two people  
within my being  
are starting to create  
scene  
each unique essence  
sorely resenting the  
other's presence

clearly, one of them must  
go  
and so...

I offer you two roses  
which one will you have?  
one is strong and healthy  
the other is wilted and sad

but it's a stupid question  
because everybody knows  
no matter what the  
situation  
nobody wants a wilted  
rose

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## Rooms

here in this room  
here in this space  
love is taught  
so is grace

here in these rooms  
here on these chairs  
wounds are healed  
as hope is shared

new lives built  
new friendships bound  
fear gets lost  
as trust is found

together creating a  
better way  
magical rooms of peace,  
embrace us  
this I ask  
just for today

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