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Stars be the glitter of her eyes

She showers on me.

Sunshine be the warmth of her heart

I sleep in.

My first book of love is dedicated to my mother—Because I shine through you.

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In this chaotic world of madness, our dreams sometimes start to fade. Either we lose them or they leave us behind. But, on my side of the universe, someone special didn't let these dreams waste away for me. He held my hand and took me to the land where I could wear the crown of fantasy created out of my reality. He always believed in me. He cared for my dreams and encouraged me to fulfill them. *Shamma*! The Dancing Flame reflects his dedication towards this aim. I thank him for always supporting me. He is my dear husband, my life.

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Love Letter

Dear You,

I hope my passion for you prints memories to be remembered by you, but not by many.

I wish that your lust for my heart will never fade away.

It is my tale created out of your stories.

You are as real as this moonlight glancing from above to find its reflection.

When the night whirls around your palace, I know it is the spark I long for.

I crave to brighten your dull moments.

I burn to illuminate.

I yearn to be enwrapped.

I am who I am, but

It is you who inspires me to live another day.

It is you who makes me restless.

You give my soul a name, an identity.

You melt the pages of my silhouettes.

As I dance, each curve of my flame venerates in your passion.

It is my dedication; it is my affection.

I find myself in you.

I thank you for being part of my existence.

In love,

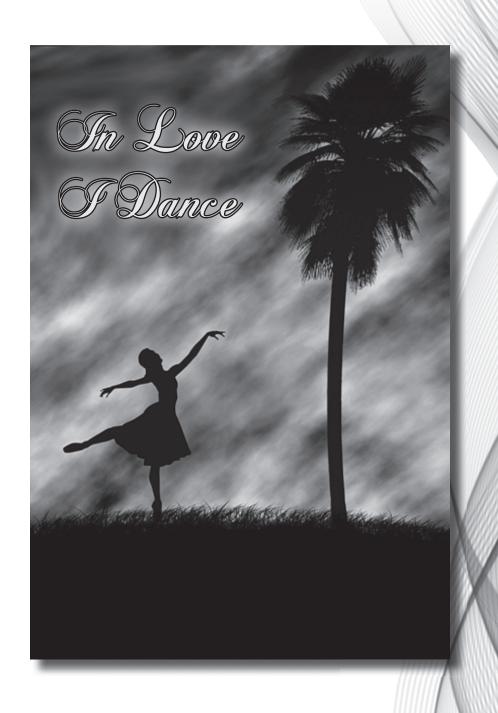
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Shamma! Desire of a Flame

Many burn by her dazzling display.
Doesn't matter; she chooses
to live this way.
Besides this notion, a mind
ponders anyway.
Dying under the moments
of shimmery days.
Love is enkindled
to let it stay.
Moth whirling around her
to convey.



My Mirror

While glancing in those eyes, he said,

"I see a universe full of beautiful colors as they take me to the place where everything is frozen, but we are moving."

My All

Being around you means a restless million words ready to perform inside my book of love.

It gives my pages a new face, an identity, each time I am around you.

You are the sonnet and my song that live through my ink, and I prevail through them.

Without Wings

If you learn to rise in love, You won't enjoy any other way.

If you learn to think in depth, You won't know any other way.

If you learn to cry in euphoria, You won't express any other way.

If you learn to breathe in vain, You won't praise any other way.

If you learn to dance in harmony, You won't practice any other way.

Infectious

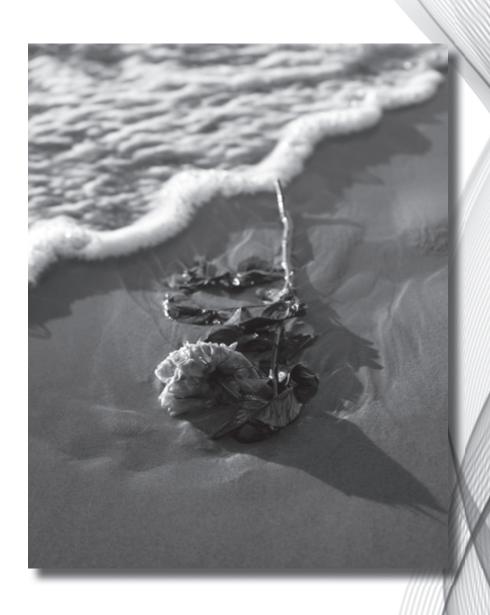
When you touched my lips, I knew it was your desire to try melting tears.

I let you be part of my adventure we were tempted for.

I was that candle flickering in ecstasy all day long.

By the Rose Side

Flipping through the pages she read him, the ocean attending to each word; he smiled at this notion, diving to submerge in the poem of devotion. Gazing to inflame spark, he kissed the emotion, sitting across from her, still as the world swirled in motion.



His Name

I stare at his name to forget mine. This is how I remember myself.

I read him softly to feel my soul. This is how I embrace myself.

I kiss the letters to conquer mine. This is how I liberate myself.

I erase all marks to start anew. This is how I invent myself.

Waves

Sometimes they tease more, sometimes less, when they touch my skin as to explore. Whether I crave the touch or yearn for more, their kisses and tender caresses tickle my toes. Taste the salt to absorb the inner core. The lusty green and sensuous blue suck the pulp out of my soul. Sinking under the skin of sand as they play to divert me away from the shore. Drown me; enwrap me inside those swirls. Show me other contours of the world where turquoise lands and lavender sets to pour.

Wish List

I wish to be free where no constraints live.

I want to surrender to the land of authenticity.

I hope to outlive the immortality.

I yearn to drown in the sea of love.

I claim to ostracize heartless fools.

I write to introduce you to yourself.

I dare to fear my intentions only.

I pray to embrace the unforgotten soul.



Euphoria

I am high on life because I see the rain dancing and blink only to see the colors. When the sun bathes me in its rays, I feel clean. Sometimes, moonlight stares when I am dreaming. It is a castle of my fantasyland where I rule to conquer. Sometimes I wear my insanity, sometimes peace— I have the eyes to love and a heart to cherish. It is my choice; this is my madness.

Completely a Woman!

She loves with passion; She dances in beauty. She lives by the praise; She melts the hearts. She is completely a woman!

Her elegance is alluring; Her dignity is attained. Her love is a victory; Her grace is impeccable. She is completely a woman!

She fights with perseverance; She weeps in silence. She faces with boldness; She illuminates the life. She is completely a woman!

Treasure Chest

This was dredged in the heart of the sea, The depth of kindness.

This was found on the lips of flowers, The aroma of tenderness.

This was discovered on the arm of a tree, The moment of happiness.

This was searched for under the waterfall, The cascade of graciousness.

This was invented into the eyes of moonlight, The spark of brightness.



A Butterfly

Flying by the winds of color, she feels an essence from afar where flowers become her home and fields become the sky. Yellow, blue, green, and orange, carrying shades of love in her bosom, the clouds kiss her palms. Glancing through those petals, she dives into the streams of passion where pain becomes her lust and tears become the ocean. The wind beneath her wings, sometimes soft, sometimes harsh, as she glides up and above to touch the heights. I fly with grace; I cry in vain; I love with passion. I am a miracle of life.

Magnetic

He was tempted to dive into her crimson dusk,

and

she was sinking to be engulfed in his luminance.

Venom

He travels in me like a drop of wine gushes to make one senseless.



My Calling

Happiness is:

To love unconditionally.

To be alive when death visits.

To share the passion of dripping tears.

To dive in romance.

To see the sparkles in his eyes.

Passion is:

To earn fragrance in his essence.

To kiss those eyes in my dream.

To yearn for his magic touch.

To feel whole in his company.

To long for intimacy.

Desire is:

To smile only when he sees it.

To be the taste of his wine.

To wake up near his bedside.

To die in his arms only.

To whirl around his aroma.

Love Him Mad

I am too busy thinking about him, as there is no time left to waste on this silly world.



A Shining Star

Shining through, a star made its way to brighten the path as she walked up and up to spread her rays to glorify.

She became the sky.

Today, the moon dances in her beauty, and stars applaud as she celebrates her success.

Do you see it? That sparkle?
That magical show of glitters?
Don't blink, as I find it
in the heart of that precious eye, that twinkle.
I call her a shining star.

The Passage

Beneath the world of my feet, prismatic crystals I feel.

They shine as bright as I am, passing through the ocean, sometimes pink, seldom ivory.

Water flows under the surface of the iceberg.

Searching the destiny through these frozen passages while floating down the dancing sea, my tears are the guiding light as I swim through, under the surface of the iceberg.

Glowing diamonds deliquesce into froths on the waves as my journey starts to search for the paths of land where I shall snuggle with peace surely. But oh, the promising soul! You must endure the pain now under the surface of the iceberg.

Spellbound

It's your charisma I am swayed by. Your magical touch makes me oblivious. As I am under your spell, and you have the only power to turn me into gold.



My Angel

Enchanting eyes, scintillating smile Met an angel while passing by.

Gentle voice, mesmerizing persona Met an angel while passing by.

Deep soul, alluring presence Met an angel while passing by.

Magical touch, arresting musk Met an angel while passing by.

Being You

Go figure! Why is it difficult to be unique? Accept the way exceptions dwell.

Go figure! Why is it a punishment to stand alone? Accept the way solitude fights.

Go figure! Why is it strenuous to accomplish? Accept the way fortune manifests.

Go figure! Why is it excruciating to be heard? Accept the way the message expresses.

Go figure! Why is it inconceivable to be eccentric? Accept the way character shapes.

A Mermaid

Swimming under the golden sea, She dipped deep to touch a reality, Searched for shells, heart's sensuality, Despite a feeling of not being free. It was a prison, not her sanctuary. Dreams be the ocean; waves, fantasy. Treasure was buried without a key. She drowned in the arms of actuality.

My Adornment

You are the veil I wear on me. Your eyes bring spark to me. Before sunlight kisses my shadow, you wear that shine on me.

In the night of dreams, I toss and turn when your fingers dive in me.

Even my eyes won't flinch during my sleep. All night long, your essence cuddles with me.

You become my skin.
The silken feel and slippery touch immerse in me.

I don't want to wear night, so I wear you, and you wear me.

A Puzzle

What love is! It can't be defined.

Where dawn sinks! It can't be justified.

When life changes! It can't be resigned.

What heart expresses! It can't be denied.

How injustice prevails! It can't be designed.

Why hate persists! It can't be simplified.

Dream Avenue

Once sunshine said to me, "Enter inside the candor; glare is yearning for you."

Once rainfall said to me, "Submerge in my obsession; thunder is rumbling for you."

Once sky said to me, "Seek beyond the limits; universe is dancing for you."

Once courage said to me, "Rise above the fears; gallantry is searching for you."

Once heart said to me, "Justify with the desire; love is waiting for you."

Once body said to me, "Enfold inside my soul; tranquility is asking for you."

When It Came True

At least I lived in a dream of his reality and spent days of my passion in his arms.

At least I flew by the wind of my desires and listened to the beat of his heart.

At least I slept under the moonlight and woke up by that shiny sky.



Temptation

I am afraid to look deep into his eyes.

My fears may unravel those tied knots of lost obsessions.

Sauvignon Blanc

This wine reminds me of a savory taste that kissed you once.
Now, it replenishes my pores.



Pink

Don't you see
In the style she flies?
Don't you witness
In the fashion she loves?
Don't you admire
In the extent she expresses?
Don't you approve
In the way she rebels?



Westside Highway

If we hadn't hung out that night, I wouldn't have come this far.

From this side to the next, I wouldn't have reached to where you are.

The tunnel, a ship, and the park once passed by to be ended in a bar.

We were pumped up, standing near the door, as our lips touched a cigar. Then we drove in mania so we could race the car.

Your eyes to mine were as the spark to the stars.

The route became our destiny and healed the broken parts.

It left these marks on my memory, just like bruising scars.

Silhouettes

It is my wish to spread my rays around you so I can yearn more for the petals of your flames.

It is a sea of passion, flowing in the heat of your desire.
Somehow my obsession fails to melt the contours of your palms.

I am ignited at the verge where my body breaks into dewdrops that later turn into golden ashes.

Love, Red, and I

My affections, your love: contiguous they are to behold what is yet to come, and desires keep burning high, so let's get drunk here.

My hands are full when I wear the bracelet of your name. The passion arouses in me, so let's get drunk here.

Oh, the gushing waves of flames want nothing but you, and my lips taste the sweet rosy glass of tears.

Fresh they are for me, so let's get drunk here.

I am empty up to the time of fulfilment as you pour the nectar of that life in a dry soul to keep it going. Alas! I long for more, so let's get drunk here.

A Fantasy

When the eyes kiss rose petals,

The dewdrops create a fantasy.

When a ray sprinkles upon the light,

The fluorescence induces a fantasy.

When the waves caress the shore,

The restlessness awakens a fantasy.

When the scent absorbs into musk,

The romance merges into a fantasy.

When a sonnet intoxicates the heart,

The poetry embraces a fantasy.

When a dream opens a new passage,

The reality converts into a fantasy.



In Love, I Dance

I start dancing in your arms As you play me like a violin.

I start dancing under your fragrance As you play me like a harp.

I start dancing in your eyes As you play me like a flute.

I start dancing on your palms As you play me like a piano.

I start dancing in your presence As you play me like a cello.

I start dancing on your lips As you play me like a saxophone.

Devotion

She asks the drunkard moth,

"Why are you so foolish as to ignore your ending?" He answers,

"No true soul without yearning loves.

No pure heart without burning melts.

This is my path; this is my destiny.

I submit myself to the arms of your flames."

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Melting Away

As the days pass by the bedside of blossoming flowers, those moments are wasting away.

I see raindrops shattered into tiny mirrors, trying to find their face; they are dispersing away.

My skin reveals a story of those marks carved by your kisses; they are melting away.



Irony

He once gave me a book of gold to be kept in my treasure chest, but I ran out of words of jewels for him.

The Connection

Says rose to a thorn,
"Even though my blood is gushed
from those wounds that remind me
of a pleasure, I feel to be
in your company. My passion
grows stronger, and the bond
becomes inseparable."

Says beauty to the eyes,
"Although you have ignored
my elegance at times,
I ask not to keep
that glimpse away, as you are
my mirror. And by
staring at the spark,
I feel complete."

A Void

Into the field of dreams, Under the dusk of land, Above the head of horizon, By the wings of wind, Over the thundering cloud, I could not find you.



Building Blocks

Painful it is,
A separation!
Cruel it is,
A rejection!
Pointless it is,
An expectation!
Promise it is,
A realization!
Vulnerable it is,
An affection!
Hateful it is,
A desperation!

Wake-Up Call

It was a false act of true love where pain was eternal but scars were washed away.



Echoes

It was unnecessary, not wanting to be cherished, not significant enough to be called out, but she stood there waiting.

Letting go was convenient for him. To be wasted away was a choice, but all she could hear was whimpering and whining.



It Was a Fool's Paradise!

When he was done with his story, he left with a promise never to return.

Dilemma

How could you resist standing near the shore but not diving into the ocean?

How could you resist taking a sip from the wineglass when it was set on your table?

How could you resist the wind that travels beneath your wings and may sweep you away?

How could you resist to meet the eye of an enchantress and not blink?

How could you resist staying in a magical land without being possessed?

How could you resist a star shining to light up the doorsteps of your sky while you hide inside?

Epiphany

If I were beautiful, He would be the admirer.

If I were a fairy, He would be my savior.

If I were moonlight, He would be my mirror.

If I were an enchantress, He would be the sinner.

My Escape

I am running fast. To where? I don't know.

To escape maybe? From myself or from them. But I am running fast.

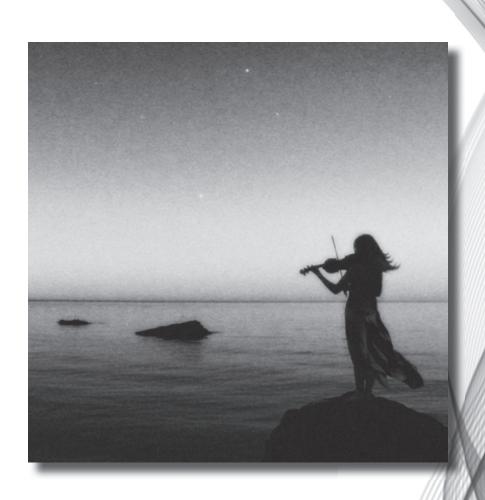
So I can hide in the dungeons of my own caves or perhaps disappear under the mounds of those floating clouds.

Near Sinking Waters

I fade just like an ocean loses its color under the reflection of golden skies.

I sail through the dusk to be absorbed into lustrous shores.

I rise after each wave pushes me with a whisk of sinking colors.



Autumn Fever

Some days like these remind me of you, when the crisp perfume of falling leaves brings out the memories. It was this time when our hearts met and our souls were connected. You stood there. having sparkles in those eyes. You waited for me, and I became whole. Now each color of my leaf is fading as I cross those roads, drive by the teasing areas, and witness nothing but pale bodies, rotten and wounded ... This is how I am addicted to it.

Some days like these laugh at my weaknesses and bury my desires under the soft pillow of few joys, seldom sorrows. Shattered in pieces, just like the half-moon shining through, doing its best to laugh at me. A pounding heart, along with a rustling sound of swishing leaves, and then I hear nothing more. The crisp air crushes my courage as I walk up to search for your footsteps; it is not you there but dead leaves. The time has slipped away, but I am digging my moments again and again ... This is how I am addicted to it.

Missing Page

Look at me! I am that torn page of a complete novel that never got to be published.



Eclipse

Too deep water is
Too deep sky.
What is not so deep ... is to die.

Too deep eyes are
Too deep heart.
What is not so deep ... is to cry.

Too deep truth is
Too deep promises.
What is not so deep ... is to lie.

Too deep feelings are
Too deep pain.
What is not so deep ... is to sigh.

Too deep sunshine is
Too deep night.
What is not so deep ... is to defy.

Ruthless Him!

Why he chose to look the other way when I gave him all, My eternity.



Unripe

He left me empty, as there was no drink in the cup that could quench his thirst. Not anymore.

I was once the nectar of his desire, a fruit, the inebriant of his chalice, but not anymore.

Like an aged grape, I am waiting for that one moment to be felt forever in his mouth. Alas! Not anymore.



Misfit

I don't belong here.
I write to vent.
I fight to get peace,
not to find myself.
I am full like a
half-moon,
counting the days of
my youth. Anyway,
I don't belong here.

I get pushed around, so you have your way and be the ruler, but I don't care because it's my casket and I own it. Nevertheless, I don't belong here.

I have no purpose. I have no fate, but I am moving along, so each wave can push me through with each stride. I taste its colors. I don't anticipate in the world of power, as my heart is a slave of freedom. Anyhow, I don't belong here.

All Talk

It is all charm and words that he uses to get my attention. Otherwise, actions speak louder than words.

Laws of Nature

Love melts While hate is congealed.

Light radiates
While darkness takes away.

Triumph glorifies While failure teaches you.

Day unveils
While night covers you.

Beauty personifies
While ugly stays rotten.

Falling Hearts

Crisp mornings of autumn bring back those moments of the sins we committed under the canopies of some orange, some yellow, dying leaves.



Lame Excuses

It keeps me busy so I go far from you, so you don't come my way. Sometimes I cry and stay away from my destiny—that is, you.

I am occupied, so I Write to you and dream for you. My search becomes my fate—that is, you.

My pain and the notebook sleep by my bedside.
They take me inside the folds of distances, where I can squelch my lust—that is, you.

Transformation

Melt, oh heart! Just like a rock molds into the gemstone.

Blossom, oh heart! Just like a bud transforms into the flower.

Shine, oh heart, just like a darkness hides in the arms of sunlight.

Escape, oh heart! Just like a captive runs into the palms of freedom.

Cleanse, oh heart! Just like a repentance converts sins into virtues.

It's a Riddle!

Why do words fall off from the shrubs of autumn?

Why do gems lose the colors of their vanity?

Why does beauty fade behind the shadow of murkiness?

Why doesn't love complete a circle of its moon?

Why do promises hide under the pile of broken mirrors?

Why does the heart ignore its perks sometimes?

Fraction

In his love,
It was some +,
maybe –
at times.
When I came
to do the
calculation,
it gave me nothing
but?

Wilting

I am deserted flesh glimpsing through my window, waiting to be caressed by the virgin morning.



Dismissive

What is not to be endured, We learn to disregard.

What is not to be cherished, We learn to lose.

What is not to be believed, We learn to suspect.

What is not to be adored, We learn to deprecate.

What is not to be understood, We learn to negate.

What is not to be conveyed, We learn to conceal.

Longing For ...

There is a world of longing and wait. I am there standing still, counting so I can see you immersing in the moonlight rays.

I know you are there looking for me, but you don't say anything. Maybe you are afraid.

But I am not as I am, standing where you left me under the shade of velvety drapes.

Deep Cut

I am breaking into pieces. Each one has a story to tell. A tale of victory. A saga of deceit.

I am breaking into pieces. Each corner is sharp enough to paint blood on my canvas.

I am breaking into pieces. Each wall of my heart pines for sunshine but rather kisses the darkness.



Demons

Frozen in time, being unable to escape, stuck behind the walls, hiding under the cave.
Far away from solace, streaming inside the wrecked sea, I bear it all alone, fighting within.

Yes, it is a war between two as reality or fantasy both play. From desire to miserable soul. In ecstasy, they make love. Of hate, the passion lives. I endure it all alone, fighting within.

With conviction, it is deceived.
In revenge, love is possessed.
When we bleed, we break down where hearts have no home and feelings are misplaced.
I inhale it all alone, fighting within.

Living a big lie, dying with guilt, Oh, you demon! Face me now. The truth is certain in my land. It is not over yet, not yet, alas! I cherish it all alone, fighting within.

Phases

Yesterday a regret embraced her with poise. Today she asked misery to kneel down.

Yesterday her heart was in despair. Today the hope became her limelight.

Yesterday her body was adorned with jewels. Today she became free from the chains.

Yesterday a connection built the weakness. Today she decided to renovate her strength.

Yesterday the romance became her vanity. Today a dedication wore its crown.

Yesterday a fear was wrapped under the satin. Today she chose to live with fortitude.

Yesterday her style displayed its charm. Today the dignity polished her charisma.

Yesterday the audience laughed at her performance. Today her fairy tale transmuted into a masterpiece.

Parallel Universe

I am stuck between the world of dreams and reality.

One has the power to turn into a fairy tale. The other becomes real once fantasy wears off.

This is my parallel universe.



Desolate

Where is he? She looks for his footsteps, searching for that heart.

As the time passes by, the stain of his skin is dappled over her.

She is deceived as he has gone forever.

Carrying a memento of him, she feels numb sitting under a sultry sun, waiting to be drenched again.



A Poet's Life

He lived through her words to be remembered by many. She blossomed in his world but wilted after twilight. Alas! Myths unfolded the chariness. Now the candor nestles within her heart.

Romance, that sweetness, only survived through her melting pen.

Now the time has come to test the blank ink, as the pages will now drink her red tears and drapes of her windows will keep the moonlight from glancing through. The flames will mock her courage.

This is her fate; this is her life.

But wait—he hasn't left yet. Still he sleeps by her book. It is him, a storyteller. She makes love to his thoughts all night long.

Setting like a tear in her eye, the story dissolves nevertheless. He invented himself through her, then vanished to search for another, maybe.

This is how the poetry evolves.
This is how the life takes strolls.
Unfortunately,
this is a poet's life.

Silent Skies

Couldn't hear any sound.
What was felt, a silence.
From one sky to another,
panting to step on.
Still remained quiet as
it was his verdict, not mine.
In absence, he breathes in,
although I screech in silence.
Oh, the soothing cadence
where his heartbeat resides
in me, but I shall keep
breathing silence.

In Love, I Melt

As you inflame my tarnished spark, I melt like a tear to dissolve into you.

As you scorch to try a new flavor, I melt like a hue of champagne into you.

As you touch to make me feel alive, I melt like a seeping of lust into you.

As you whisper to say, "I love you," I melt like a drop of rain into you.

The End

He never loved me.
And I did nothing else
in my time of worshipping.

He never cared for the heart made of wax, frozen, yielding to breathe another day.

He never regretted to doubt, as if I have ever asked anything in return.

He never cherished me but rather punished me for mistakes I have not committed.

He never loved me!



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