

## Valentine's Day 2024

### Shine

Thirty times I've tried to impress  
Across the table I would read it to you  
For the last five years you've been missing  
So looking up will have to do

You drift into my dreams  
It happens almost every night  
But my grip on you loosens  
As my eyes succumb to the light

But I'm not ready to wake up  
I'm not ready to let you go  
Can you stay a little longer Juliette?  
Spend time with your Romeo?

We missed you at graduation  
Our Mia is getting ready to fly  
But your presence was felt  
When we looked up at the Arizona sky

When Cole moved to San Diego  
I wanted him to stay  
But your words echoed in my head  
Michael, get out of his way

And when I get stressed  
Deals that won't close are a pain  
I hear you say, "just pray"  
And God will make it rain

Of all the things you taught me  
Watching you live surely shows  
You can live your life as poetry  
Rather than living in prose

You were never a victim of circumstance  
The devil could never fool ya  
You thought your life was a screenplay  
Not a broken Halleluja

Some people barley flicker  
Others sparkle and that's fine  
But you made every day count  
And Baby did you ever shine

Beloved Lana,  
Again, As Always & Forever  
Happy Valentine's Day  
I Love You, Always!  
Michael