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> All the poems in this book are from my real life experiences. They cover philosophy, spirituality and every day life. They are based on real people and events in the Author's life.

I dedicate this book to the Holy Spirit. I also want to thank Jamie Harris who Inspired me to write again.

# REALITY

No matter how much I try I cannot wrap my mind around What you are telling me I find it difficult to grasp The reality you are presenting Perhaps the illusion you portray Is so great that I cannot see pass the glass The distorted prism you live in I would rather live with My limited understanding Of who you are And be happy with The littleness of that. I am satisfied I need not more to love you.

#### DEAF

Beautiful words in your heart Ache for expression Fall on deaf ears.

### MORTAR

We are all stones Our voices are dead When our hearts are cold We become building blocks When we soften the clay.

#### PERCEPTION

How one sees Depends on the angle of light How one lives Depends on the light given How one reacts Depends on the casting of shadows.

### THOUGHT

Sitting I breathe deeply Cool hands over eyes Let this pause linger.

### SWIRL

Quietly you sit as The world swirls around you You lift your eyes to see constant motion Yet you are in your calm composure Serenity is in your heart Your fortitude of strength Does not wane or retreat You are planted solid in your anchor.

### FORMULA

Respect is earned Grace is given Love is developed Tears cleanse the soul You fill my life.

# YOU ARE....

You are the calm in the storm You hold me up when I am weak You give me strength when I have none I call out to you and you are there Your wisdom has never failed me You are my friend who I trust You tell me in love things I need to hear and can accept You show me the way to change You bring healing in your words **Comfort in your presence** Peace of mind in chaos I never worry when you are near I know I am in good hands As you hold me there I am written on your palms

I look up to you The salvation of my soul For which I am grateful I am in awe of thee For you are life itself Humbly I thank you For the gift ~ I pray I can learn To follow and not fail thee.

# CONTRIBUITON

"We each grow in The same garden. Let us adorn The beautiful vase Set before us".

# **VERY IMPORTANT PARABLE**

Luke 17:34-16

Parable of two – one taken Two in a bed – Job 33:14-18. Yahweh Shows men in a night vision upon the Bed; he openeth the ears of men, And sealeth their instruction. Reference By the Messiah to a bed is speaking About a warning that people receive From Yahweh when they are sleeping, In some supernatural way; one will heed And be accepted by Yahweh, the other Will reject the warning and thereby be Rejected from the Messiah's Body.

Two grinding at the mill – Isaiah 47:2-5 What Yahshua wished us to understand Was that His coming would be in a time Of war and slavery (grinding was the slave's Occupation) as well as the other characteristics (the uncovered head, scanty clothes, etc.) of the daughter of Babylon in Isaiah 47.

Two in the Field – Matthew 13:38 The field is the world. True Messianic worshippers Stand steadfastly in a position of opposing all Other religions called Babylon. The group Selected to be taken because they have prepared Themselves to meet Him. The ten virgins in Matthew 25:1-12 is a good example of Yahshua. Remember, the oil is symbolic of the name of the Bridegroom, See Solomon 1:3, Remember, it is Not the Holv Spirit that seals us, but YHWH name That is written on us as ownership. (This parable deals with watching / preparing for Yahshua's return. It does not deal with the rapture). Yahshua wishes to warn His people that they should Beware of turning back into the worldly culture, even Though He might delay His coming for them. He wishes To encourage them to seek to live for Him, even though The world follows its carnal nature. Blessings ~

# GOSSIP

2 Peter 2:13-14. Fake teachers at the love feast (Communion). In one of the greatest of hypocritical acts, they gossiped and slandered those who disagreed with their opinions. These men were quilty of more than false teaching and evil pleasures; they were guilty of leading others away from Yahweh's Son Yahshua. (You cannot walk in faith which is the obedience of love and gossip/slander others). You turn others away from Yahshua as a result and personally reap Yahweh's curses onto vourself. Gossip is one of the most hypocritical acts. It defeats Love and unity in the Body Of Yahshau, it is rebellion, pride, and actually is the quickest way to kill the gospel. Those who do so will be called sowers of discord among The brethren, which is an abomination unto Elohim; One Of the things HE cannot stand, but this seventh one being Gossip, especially an abomination unto Him. Wow! Powerful stuff. It really puts this into context. If we have a problem in this area, we can come to Yahweh As Isaiah 6:5; "Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone; Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the

Midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have Seen the King, the Yahweh of Hosts." Yahweh will Purge our mouths, give us a clean heart and a clean Mouth to proclaim and live the gospel. Blessings ~

#### I BELIEVE

I believe in love, I Believe in you, I believe In myself. I believe in the Miracle of humanity. I Do believe all of us make up One body. I believe.

#### WILLINGNESS

Lay down your visionaries No longer gaze for answers It has been there all along. Stop talking oh one Listen with your eyes And great truth will be revealed. You seek answers With all your noise And knowledge ~ Learn to let go And discover real truth. Can you become the end of yourself? Can you learn to stop making noise? Will you be willing to learn From what is in front of you? I ran away from noise For it pushes me awav I cannot compete with vanity Or the pride of men. Simplicity and sincerity You will find me When you lose your life It is then that you will live.

# WE ARE HALVES

Joy is something that twinkles When I look at your eyes Happiness is evident in your smile The ties that bind are deep Resemblance in your family members Love embraces all of you In your kindness and affection You are a lit candle that brightens All who come to be with you Infectious is your laughter It brings lightness to my soul I am blessed to have you For we are halves that Compliment one another.

# HUNGER

Mystery shrouds you Mists of vapor **Clinging to night** You loom over the waters Flowing the traces of land Softly your words speak Faint are they heard It is the voice of reason You have come seeking I am covered with your cloud There is no direction For you exist in the air exhaled As well as the mist breathed And I trace my finger On the waters surface Knowing you encompass everything Your secrets flood my soul I soak them up with hunger Asking for more You can hold true tonight I am within you.

### SHIFT

What one must do To put behind them All that hurts and offends Looking forward daily To a fresh start No carrying forward Old entities of naught Rather looking forward To the goodness in men Casting aside all that Drags down ones self From the essence of love.

#### **STEPPING STONES**

Surprise, shock and rebuttal Then clarity floods in Sifting through false verses real Looking with a new pair of eyes To see what was not all That it portrayed it was Damage control is done Yet harm has been done I can choose to bury the pain The hurt will die down As I use this experience As a stepping stone To walk ahead On the waters of trouble **Everyday there will be** New things to work out And walk on by We cannot walk around them We have to walk through them To get to the other side My goal is to see These stepping stones As a gift of hidden strength To walk past harms way.

# YOU ARE THAT RARE LILY (Dedicated to Karla)

You have a presence of mind A strong eye to see Small of stature yet Large of heart You underestimate your worth You are a precious flower A lily in the garden of light Flowing with love top all Who touch of your blossom **Courageous and splendid** In all your ways A teacher of sorts Many learn from your pearls of wisdom How you have illuminated Many minds with truth To be strong in an uncertain world Your trials are many Your tears do flow Yet you go on to be The pillar of strength that you are Your words flow beauty Show forth treasures from your heart I learn at your feet I accept your person In its entirety And learn to love The dark side of the moon I will walk the moon beams And touch of its essence In the smell of yesterday The fragrance of love The pools of soothing Lilies that bloom where they may And you are that lily Always in full bloom A rare flower indeed.

# **MOON GATE**

The first time I saw you A huge stone ring With a keystone on top Facing the ocean ~ You stand in the ring Facing over the waters You make your wish And it comes true  $\sim$ It was many years ago I made a wish That I wish I had not And it came true ~ Only to show me The power of the ring And what you ask for The water carries your wish ~ And brings it forth Without explanation it comes I will never doubt again The wishing well effects Of the ring facing seaward.

### FEATHERS

An old pewter vase Filled with bird feathers Blue Jays amongst others Something someone did I always remembered it ~ Treasures are different For everyone's variety Feathers make one fly. Such natural decorations When I do find one I like to keep it A reminder of such beauty In this world of nature.

# **COST OF THE INNOCENT**

Great arch ways in the entrance Tiled with infinite mosaics Years of labor to enshrine Your idols of stone and gold.

Many flock to your beauty Kneeling chant in your echo chamber To the god of opulence and duty Your beauty masks your emptiness.

Layers of art, depths not known To hope to tip the scale False hope in deeds To gain ones way to heaven.

And the money changers clink As you drop the coin on by From admission to come in And pray to the god of men.

Your beauty stinks The timbers and structure rots Of ill gotten gain To the cost of the innocent.

# HOUR GLASS

Wood and glass with sands of amber Flipped over to yet replay Fragments of time slowly pass This being an hour glass

> Backwards in time I see through the globe A period of darkness That compassed shadows

Your stigma of intrigue To all who ponder As you are smashed Sand that is blow away I can never rebuild The depth of importance The key you held for so many Lost forever to mankind

And I search for that vial Of sand in two spheres That trickles in suspension The lives of so many.

# SANDBOX

Sandbox ~ Something children play in What others fight in It is a frame of mind To let us be kind

Sandbox ~ It carries fleas Brings fun for awhile Dirt is flung and thrown It can be a war zone

Sandbox ~ You cannot see the scars Of rage and sulking Of bruised egos Amidst the lure of soft cool sand

Sandbox ~ Something handed down From generation to generation Learning what interaction is Learning how to love.

#### TRUE BEAUTY

There are beautify people in the world Of every nation and every tribe You see their faces everywhere On the television and bill boards

> We are told to admire beauty To go after all things beautiful Yet we do not see our poverty Inside of us that is so obvious

We adorn with jewelry and clothes We highlight our characteristics To draw attention to what can be seen But what is inside I ask...

Some hide it so well They come across so nicely told Yet different and animal within Their brutality and indifference they hide

> Under much beauty Is true ugliness Of the most awful form And people are blind to it

> Give us beautiful That we can worship And idolize with pride Ignoring the beast within

True beauty... Are within the poor The deformed and unkempt Their hearts bleed with love.

# THE BARE BRANCH

We are all familiar with the bare branch parable. That being a tree that bore no fruit. After three years it was given another chance. If it bore not fruit it was to be uprooted and burned. I think of believers in their walk with Yahweh. I was asking Him for confirmation on something for direction, whether to make a change or not. Right there in front of me was a tree that was half dead. On further inspection a wind storm had ripped off the dead branch from the trunk, and planted the base in the dirt, which looked like part of the tree. But it was dead. It had caught a live branch bearing berries in the dead limbs. A few of us pulled the live branch out of the dead branch. The live branch was so weighed down by the dead branch that it was almost touching the ground. After pulling the dead branch off the live one, slowly the live branch is rising back up to where it should be. So it goes with us as believers. We must prune all that weighs us down. If we do not, we will be like that live branch entrapped in the dead branches, weighed down. If the dead branch was not removed, it would have killed the live one with it. We must move as the Holy Spirit directs us in our life. We must be willing to move away from all that is not of Him, all that is dead to bear fruit for the kingdom. Sometimes it is reaching beyond our comfort zone, pruning us, making us sacrifice our securities that we have trusted in; whether money, a job, home, friends, etc. When I saw that branch weighed down by the dead one, then later the dead branch just laying there on the lawn for the gardener to take away and burn, I thought of the wheat and tares. First the tares are gathered and burned, and then the wheat is gathered and put in the Father's barn. So must we do the same. We must remove all that would hinder us from walking further in the Messiah.

#### **EMANCIPATION**

Ecstatic with elation Conversion flows in my veins Blithe and ancillary To the prospect it brings

Incite latent dreams Of aptness in limbo Once again free to become The self I was born to be No more duress Of the soul in fragments Emancipate now I rise Upward and unabashed

My time is finalized here Concluded and sealed I am unobstructed once more An au courante lease on life.

### SERVANT OF LOVE

I am but a servant of Love I bring forth the mantle **Consoler, Comforter** I wrap you in the arms of understanding I dry the tears of confusion I help clarity the struggles within  $\sim$ I am but the servant of Love My walk is not my own My path has been forged for me I must sow the seeds of knowledge To a better way So that others may also Walk with the Master ~ I am but a servant of Love Giving is what I do This is what I am made for To help others to become free Be restored to their first creation Free and lively in the strength given  $\sim$ I am but a servant of Love I only know but to serve To those I am sent to Walk with me on the journey See the open scrolls The heavenly scribe inscribes Our names within ~ We are servants of Love When we yield to the Master Who makes us one in Him With the Divine Heart aflame Love so deep and cleansing It burns all out of us That would destroy our being with Him.

# TRANSPARENT

I bare to you The windows of my soul Naked are my emotions For your gaze My humanity cries out

You are nectar to me Golden Life so sweet Purity that is unknown My life is a kaleidoscope Overview and replay

You have eased my load Erase the film off me We dwell in unity Humbly, grace, mercy Love of splendor.

### JOURNEY

Self sorrow, pain manifests itself Don't let it last too long Move past it Or it will consume you Mercy we cannot understand When in our hands is anger Release the clench of retribution **Receive the tears of love** Pride blinds vou It's the cancer in your soul Humility gives you the gift To receive new life Suffering is misunderstood The wise embrace it The foolish avoid it Immature in stature they wither away Weakness and surrender Are the building blocks To a wall well mortared **Cemented with strength of love** 

To forgive ones self Is to cast pride down Accepting ones actions Embracing love's humility I am forever learning Yet the things of You Are new and fresh each day You bring me into the truth.

### UNLATCHED

Helpless I'm falling And no one can pick me up As a leaf in the wind I have no control

Your voice is comfort Yet you are so far away I at times feel the need To be rooted like a tree

To look up and always Be eager for the next wind To carry me about I linger for your touch

Invisible hands they are I am lifted in time So I don't touch the ground I turn to see but a pinnacle

Everything comes full circle And that is key For one cannot exit Without the other.

#### MIND GAMES

**Thoughts swirl around** Without any reasoning Attack your inner self and Doubt your abilities. And once there in the pit It is hard to climb out The walls are so worn They are smooth from Years of inflicted anguish. Those who are the best tormentors Are those to themselves To relive all the things caught short And replay over unending. There is no mercy **Relentless and volatile** Is the self accusations That come forth to afflict. There is no letting up To suffocate the pain Rather it smolders always Letting and ember reignite. To self brandish ones aura Letting this demise of infliction And torture continue Is the mind unleashed... We are not who we say we are We are not who we think we are We are not who we perceive we are We are and feelings have nothing to say about it.

# **PLEASANT TO BE HERE**

**Content within my solitude** Temporary and satisfying I choose to sit back And watch from afar. I see zig zag of motion And emotions Ripping, tearing, swearing. Not a good reception to take in. Tired of the excessive effort To stay afloat with some Tired of the negative energy Sometimes it is well to be alone Within our solitude. People are never ending **Constant turmoil in motion** They have yet to learn That doing nothing is something That being is living Without having to become someone. And I sit and watch the fools evolve Generation from generation. And tire of weariness Looking for wisdom that is lacking And wondering if it has gone. And I blame the elders Who dropped the ball, They stopped teaching their children Wisdom they threw away Discretion to the wind In exchange for rebellion unleashed. And it has brought us this far. I will wrap up with wisdom And inquire of her quidance To deal with such things. Meanwhile it is pleasant to be here.

# I REFLECT AND DREAM

I hold your hands in mine Withered, aged and knurled They have seen years of work.

Many hours labor of love They have built dreams **Birthed a family** Dried many a tear Buried a loved one Hugged the abandoned Always they are open They outreach with care **Communicate the rhythm** Of the heart I reflect and dream... Your hands speak forth Knit souls together They touch with expressions of love Soothe, comfort, compassion. Our hands fit well together **Fingers intertwined** Rooted like the earth With life in all our touch.

### WAKE UP MY CHILDREN

As you sit back in ease With slumber on your eye lids Without a care of the world Suddenly destruction comes On those who slumber.

Wake up! Rise from your sleep! Destruction comes swiftly. My people wake up! You have lost your vision You no longer see me Or heaven your home You see the world around you As your reward.

Shake off all the world I will not come for Sleeping children as in the garden I come for a Bride Who expects and awaits her Groom. Know and expect dear children Through much suffering You shall inherit The Kingdom of Heaven. Strengthen yourself in Me. You have a race to run, to finish.

# THE PRIESTHOOD

You are a priest Let your light bear forth Do not let the candle stick go out You are a bearer of light **Expel the darkness** Throw it far back Shine the power forth All consuming fire burns ~ You live inside the flame All is burned out of me The blue flame purifies There is the fragrance Of frankincense and mvrrh I feel the oil flow down  $\sim$ Life comes forth As the light burns brightly I am consumed By the priesthood We are priests together Our communion is holy Nothing can robe me of The light within For Your truth is eternal.

# SILENT FORTITUDE

Softly I dwindle Till one day no more Fade away without notice No regrets for such.

The woods are silent They stand tall and radiant Quiet on the floor Of earth's compost and soil. These are my epitaph Bend and creek with one voice I decay and go back To the earth and nurture it.

Let a might Oak stand Where I once stood Re-crown the earth once again With silent fortitude – A language all its own.

### **THE WATERS BLEED – THE URCA 1715**

Storm clouds blow in My soul aches with anxiety Uprooted and tossed As waves on the ocean.

With arched back And stretched arms I cannot reach the heavens To silence the angry sky.

The sun is shrouded I'm surrounded with A halo of thunderbolts I stand naked to the sun.

Clutch as you will from me The hands weighed with stone I have touched the ocean floor My watery grave cries out.

Let streaks of red flow The waters bleed I am tossed no more My limbs rise upward Where sea and sky meet So I kiss the new dawn.

### I AM COMPLETE

My heart longs for you Strong is my desire to follow Where you may lead me, I trust in the way you lead me. I yield to you completely My soul is yours. I believe in your love And all you have given me. When I am with you I feel alive In every part of my being. You have raptured my heart **Consumed my every moment** You are all I think about. I cannot stand to be away From your living presence. You fill the void in my life In you I am complete. You turn my sorrow into joy Time with you seems forever. I am young at heart I feel as a child again. You see the good in me Encourage only the best. I give to you my very soul I love and adore you. Words cannot express The love so beautiful I am grateful you are in my life.

### NURTURE YOURSELF IN ME

Take time out you need To be kind to yourself Put others on hold for a day Nurture yourself Do not deplete your soul Of what you need most.

Noise is constant It assaults you everywhere Your ears no longer hear Your mind no longer thinks Stress builds, wears you down, You react irrationally.

This world should not dictate Your thoughts or expressions It is time to come away When it treads on your territory Take back what you have lost Rest in peace and joy Rest in my word.

The wind of my spirit Will lift and refresh you Be kind to yourself I am all you have You can change things With the strength I give you Nurture yourself in me.

#### QUICK SAND

Life goes on as usual Or so we think Meanwhile the quick sands of time Pulls us into a spiral In an instant things change...

#### FOREVER

...And blindly we live Not sensing we all must go At our appointed time.

Life is a gift Only given once What I do here determines Whether I have made it My goal is eternal The bridge is love ~ Unconditional love And then I need not fear What quick sands can do to me.

### SOON TO COME UPON US

Crickets jump in numbers They invade the house Chirping you hear them Hard to find. Summer is winding down All green is faded yellow Soon to go all brown Leaves die and fall With the colours muted. Frost covers the ground Everything is white Burns your fingers to touch Your breath does crystallize It hangs in mid air. All things fly south Few do remain Go through the house Start to winterize For the long duration Of white slumber. A time to gather the harvest Much canning and baking to do Prepare like squirrels with storage Running to lay up supplies Soon the skies turn gray Sunlight sleeps in mid afternoon. Garnish your home with scenery Pleasant to look at for hibernation Which is soon to come upon us Only we are awake to live through it. Autumn is around the corner Then harsh blows in winter's cold Stinging all with bitter frost Freezing air patterns on window panes. It is a time to sit and watch Daydream, sleep and relive The summer days we were in And draw off the joys of mid year.

### CYCLES

Tender is a soul when young Brought up in the world To succeed in it. Much ambition and plans Goals to be achieved. All is excitement when in youth Energy is never ending. After you have done that Which you set out to do Always add another goal. Pity the man who has Done all he said he would do And finds joy no more In what once was his talent. To have nothing to look forward to To feel useless and unappreciated Is to be invisible and void. Learn we are not competing With that of others We are learning to grow On what we already are. Early in life we look To please others, Later in life we look To satisfy ourselves. Mid life requires the wisdom To balance the two. You are raising up youth Yet tending to the elderly While being true to vourself. **Everyone is going in cycles** Different circles and levels. We all intertwine needing each other. Just realize growth is change ~ Change is acceptance ~ Acceptance is peace ~ Build on these things. You will succeed at being yourself By being genuine ~ You shall never fail.

### CONTINUANCE

The world leaders, powers that be Puppets that follow their orders They goose step to the plan Give the populace a dream Fill it with anything to get them to agree Yet pull the strings. Let them work thinking they are free Let them believe in a lie They are okay if they don't go against Or rock the boat. Hitler is not dead He lives on in his disciples His blue print is repackaged. No longer a third Reich No, a fourth Reich Known the world over As the New World Order. Ultra greedy individuals Rule the souls of men To play the cruel games given them In the name of survival. There was always meant to be Nations Not one World government. Nations were the balance against A sure world dictatorship. Keep your blinders on It is easier to believe in a lie And go with the flow Then let your voice be heard And lose your head in the process. The handwriting on the wall Is universal in all languages. Yet there will always be free men Who think for themselves. I choose to be free.

# THE SACRED PIPE

Long hair black as a raven You jump off your horse In full Native Dress Adorned with white feathers You approach me in sunlight. The smell of sweet grass Fills the air when you walk Truth you wear as a robe Beaded ceremony on brown skin. You come to me in my dreams Indian Princess with a message The heart of Mother Earth You nurture all in your care Your walk is on light No shadow follows vou Always you embrace me And lift me up new. You hand me a robe To wrap around my heart With a long peace pipe. It is hard to smoke A Sacred Ceremony ~ Few are worthy to join in. Gentle as a deer You move softly Leaving no trace behind. When I take only that Which I need, And nothing more, Then I can smoke the pipe  $\sim$ I am given a white feather You place it in my hair It shows my heart. We shall walk in the sun In the next world The Sacred Pipe will light. All walk in the knowledge there We are keepers of the earth  $\sim$ The earth and us are one.

#### THE PRIZE

Subtly we move off mark Lose our focus of the prize Often it is too late When we do realize. Wind blows and you see it not So trouble comes our way Like a reed in the wind we must bend And not snap or fray. Yet be ever so anchored to the root From which we come from Enduring to get the prize Is that not the sum? And I find it often cumbersome To keep in constant remembrance My eyes get off focus and blur With a smidge of semblance. I walk in this world alone What I have is not really mine I have no real home Rather I the prize must find. And do we relish the journey Of hardships pain and sorrow To help us develop our character To get through to tomorrow? I say this in guite earnest I would rather guit and get a rest But I know the race is not for the weary The reward is only for the best. Let us run and not grow weary Let us claim our stake in Him Who teaches us to walk above The pain, noise that will grow dim. And so I listen to the wind As she softly carries echoes my way I know I must endure for but a season For my soul the prize to stay.

### LET US

Hard to live in love In a world of hate. We must shine the light For all the world to see Regardless of the darkness ~ Be anchored to our hope With salvation sure. Do not lose your hold And forfeit your inheritance, Stay focused on Messiah The Living Word. Remember life here is temporal We strive to enter in By the narrow gate To obtain the crown of life. We must not forsake The assembly of the brethren We must pray each other up Encourage and exhort each other For the race is swift And will end soon. Let us not lose heart But endure to the end **Occupy till His coming** Being about the Father's business. Love is more than words It is actions of obedience. Let us shake off slumber and sleep Let us wake up and be Warriors **Or Righteousness Of Holiness Of Mighty boldness** Of living the Word To a dving world. Let us keep our eyes FIXED on Yahshua.

### BUTTERFLY

Light feathery blue wings Flutter on by To smell the flowers of today And drink the nectar deeply. So graceful and delicate You ride the air Invisible currents carry you Onward to new heights and dreams. The field is alive Moving wings glide With sun radiant As warmth lets you Spread your antenna And lift off quietly. Circle about from one to another You flit so beautifully With effortless ease ~ Your movement so light and free Dance in mid air to the motion Of the suns rays on you Exalting in the nectar of the field. Your landing is wonderful to behold.

# TIME IS A THIEF

Time is a thief ~ It robs me of all intentions Pleasures escape placed by obligations. In my mind to comfort I relive my youth Of endless days of fun Outdoors with happiness unlimited. And now with age comes responsibilities How I hate the word For it has robbed me of real life And true meanings To be replaced with societies demands.

As a hamster on a wheel I tread round and round Putting my time in My pound of flesh To extract what means for a living. Time is a thief ~ Honestly I dare not look For my heart says one thing My head another. I lie to myself to maintain My consistency So that I can continue functionally. My heart yearns for real life Not a token but a reality Not years of service or labor Nor of existence Rather for being and living What we are made of Rather than the wants and dictates of others.

# **TEACH US HOW**

You have breathed life in me Lovingly watching over When I look up It is not a face I see But the elements of Love. Your being is so real. Truly I am raptured with Joy It defies reasoning. You want us to love Teach us how ~ We shall never go wrong.

# RICH

Simplicity I seek Balance is key The less I own The happier I am The richer I become.

### BEAUTY

Stifle the noise And listen to the silence There is shrouded beauty there.

# **ALTERNATIVES**

Kiss a fool and he will rise He has no fortitude Preservation ~ Keeping alive the thoughts Penned from long ago.

How I love your words They are life to me They comfort me when I'm afraid Strengthen me when I'm weak Give me light when I'm confused. Words ~ they are life Words ~ they can bring death Our words bring forth both.

If we build on your foundation We must shed the dual tongue The dual mind Become single minded Your words seal my mind To live what you desire.

#### REVERIE

Leather recliner, bookshelves Leaves of knowledge The nerd cave. Vacation in my mind I live vicariously.

### RESPONSIBILITES

We have all heard the word Had a few of our own Some burdened more than others You see its wear in peoples faces It can age you so fast No matter how you try to avoid it It makes your bear your load. I have no faith in those Whose face is clear of wear Who never lifted a finger You know these are kept ones Out of the realm of reality Clueless to how things work. Responsibilities ~ When we have them Bear them well Do not blunder under the voke Be not the cause of shattered lives And broken promises Be known as successful to deliver For by doing your share You earn the trust and respect When it is your turn You will be cared for.

#### SIREN

Ascendant expression, Deceitful partisan wish, Credulous breed assume Trickster usurps, inevitable, Shocking veracity, absolutism.

# **MOMS COOKING**

I remember sitting as a little girl On a stool in the kitchen Watching my mother bake She would whip up the batter And bake something yummy.

I would wait patiently Instead of being out playing I really wanted to lick the batter Off the beaters or the spoon. My patience was always rewarded. I got the first piece of pie, cake Or the first cookies That would come out of the oven. My mom would stand there All full of flour and paste Singing opera While baking dinner Setting the table And getting everything ready. And lovingly I would watch her. No one was allowed In her kitchen This was her place to shine And no one was allowed to go there. And to this day When I eat something sinfully delicious I compare it to my mom's cooking Which no one has been able To come close to vet.

#### **OUR HEARTS**

Heavenly Father You have shown me My heart is deceitfully evil That I a mortal man Need to seek your face Your ways, your understanding In all my ways. It is a painful gift To see ourselves as you do. Your light shines on us Our heart's condition So that we may repent And seek you in our weakness. Oh Yahweh Truly you are sovereign You have our best interests At heart You love us so much To expose our wickedness So we can reach up to you And be whole in your Son. Truly thou art A Holy and Righteous Elohim To bring us into your truth Lovingly setting us free.

#### PRETENSE

How people are such social beings They will promenade to the beat Careful to be acceptable To the denying of themselves And cutting off their own speech. Let our tongues lie consistently Yet our eves are daggers that could kill To shake a limp hand of pretense Is like a dead fish out of water There is imagined life A portrayed imagery of communication. Let us exalt ourselves and others While seething underneath Let us agree to be agreeable While all the time undermining others. Media recants our statements We wrap the mantel of hypocrisy around us Speaking louder our words To convince ourselves and others. It is the volume that will scare people off Not the truth for there is none. We are isolated souls wrapped in social cocoons Only to be broken before our time Under developed moral beings With hypnotic notes to sing aloud While nodding furiously against. Let us pretend and pretend And pretend. If we fake it enough Perhaps we might just get it right.

## **SPLENDOR TO WATCH**

Tall and sleek stand the aspens Wind blowing, tussling your leaves Shimming and flipping like coins Their undersides showing variants of colour.

> Wind blows through the pines, Making heavy boughs sway and dip Fragrance of pitch and tar Pleasant to absorb.

Surprised by constancy in motion Flow of greenery alive Stems, branches and trunk All bow and sway gracefully.

I know you all are speaking What you are saying I know not Yet I feel your love of expression In so magnificent a splendor to watch.

## TYRANNY

You know you don't belong You have outgrown the place Sad thing is there is nowhere to go. Only thing left is dreaming to escape. Hate to wish my life away. All I can think of is there has got to be A place untouched, somewhere.

Many put their hope in money Just a temporary bail out The unease goes much deeper Unsatisfied with life as it turns Away from us, no more choices Rather dictated for us. How even nature screams out And things around are dying. We knew the day would come soon Of paying for the stupidity of others And now they have pressed it onto us Soon to make us into service To pay off debts we did not make.

Presently we are suspended by a thread While waiting for the other shoe to drop. History repeats itself. What makes it so much worse Is technology is everywhere It records everything, so invasive. This is shadow lands, Where true life is aone We live through illusions And self sedate ourselves In manufactured fantasies remade for us. And the restlessness climbs. Soon it will roar to a head And the people will rise up To meet their own end On their own terms ~ With dignity.

## **OH ELOHIM YAHWEH**

Oh Elohim Yahweh ~ To think that You Created all the world For man to be in it All creatures, species For our pleasure The world is so vast The stars in the sky **Beyond the universe** We are but your footstool. Oh Elohim Yahweh ~ My mind cannot comprehend The wonder of Your Glory And of Your Holiness, Majesty. It is only right and due To truly praise and worship You ~ Oh Elohim Yahweh.

#### WARRIOR

One who does not conform Who stands up for a cause A watchman for the people One who has conquered fear And walks the path of conviction Loval to their beliefs Not willing to compromise A walking sacrifice Willing to pay the ultimate. A person who knows Their destiny, who they are, One who will not quit Will complete their mission. A loner who does not lean On acceptance of others One who has an inner strength And stands on that fortitude Whose feet are solid. This is a Warrior, tried and true One who will stand forth As the sands of time.

## SOLACE

Rain has swept through Bad thunderstorms Temperatures dropped greatly Mist rises off the mountain tops The rain is damp, chilly The sun has not shown all day.

> Inside I think of All those less fortunate I am grateful for a roof And my favorite pet. This is summer? Feels more like autumn.

How the seasons are mixed So unpredictable lately I still have energy in me

- I think I'll do some baking Nothing like the smell Of fresh banana bread On a damp drab day.
- I am grateful for days like these. They make my home comfy A place of solace and ease To just rest from the toil. And to sleep with the rain Softly hitting the roof Is soothing to my ears.

## SOMETHING MORE

Oh Yahweh, how I feel I have assembly, fellowship I have biblical doctrine, belief We gather to worship you Yet, there has got To be something more. Somehow I feel Yahweh We have missed it. Somehow community feels empty Where is the true love \that you spoke so much about? Where is the oneness of heart The oneness of mind? Is it possible Yahweh For your believers to really love? Where Master is the reverence? It seems the assemblies Have changed to social clubs A financial business Where is the weeping at the altar? Where is the standing in the gap? Oh Yahweh, have we missed it? Where is loving your law? Where is keeping your commandments? Oh Yahweh, the assembly is asleep Master, where is your righteousness? Why does the Body sin like the world? Whey is the assembly so carnal?

Why do they feed the flesh And starve the spirit? Where Oh Master are those Who seek you? Search for you? Where are those who press into you? I am living to see hardness of hearts The great falling away Many are deceived With false assurance of religion Without repentance. Oh Master Yahweh, There has got to be something more. (2 Timothy 3)

#### WALLS

Sitting here looking up Cinder blocks painted for a wall I feel people are that Cinder blocks cemented together.

Most never breathe or break out To new heights or dimensions People choke on change. And the whole room is cement Mortar and water As hard as stone.

Let us paint over the wall Make it pretty, adorn it Bring colour and design To a voiceless, lifeless wall.

And many are shrouded in gray Walled up so high A prisoner of their own making.

## HOME SWEET HOME

Home, sweet home How true Home is a safe place Beyond the threshold. It is where a person Can truly reside In peace. No pressures, demands, Just solace. Sweet balm of being.

How much more I appreciate The solitude Of the sweet home My ark of safety from A world off tilt. In Heaven You go to Prepare a place for us, A mansion ~ Home, sweet home How true.

## **GOOD AND RIGHT**

Free as a bird I say My heart is light It just wants to sing For the love I feel I feel so gay And it is good and right.

Love is the most benevolent To us truly unworthy I am enraptured by the beauty Of true kindness I could fly away If given wings. And my heart is warm With joy in my bosom ~ I feel so gay And it is good and right.

#### REVIEW

At the end of the day When I reflect back It seems it is like Trying to grab An allusive oiled rope. All tasks slip by us. We never have a full grasp On the tasks at hand.

Every day is a spill over To do list, ever growing, At night when I stop I reflect how Yahweh You carried me through it.

I have to remember It's never about us It is about you Elohim ~ Your loyalty to us Your Love never ending.

As I review my day I thank You Father For the ability to do it With your strength in my weakness. May I continue to acknowledge Remember and ever thank You For the days fullness And all within it.

(2 Corinthians 12:9)

#### THE VISION OF HOLINESS

With eyes closed, hands raised I worship you Oh Yahshua Your presence fills the room Joy fills my heart I cannot contain it. Your light fills the room I cannot open my eyes I feel plugged into An electrical current **Energy surrounds me** I see with my eyes closed A cloud of light descend. It is filled with silver lights Bursting with energy. Slowly the light fades away. I reach up to touch it  $\sim$ It has gone. The Joy in my heart It does remain. I have touched The Throne of Heaven. I have foreseen The Vision of Holiness ~ Awesome is Yahweh! Awesome is Yahshua!

# TIME IS OUR TEACHER

Time was created for man To be able to measure His many successes To use time as a gauge For structure, growth, maturity. Time is a teacher. It shows us what we were, What we are, who we become. It never rewinds itself Rather it does review, So we can compare and change To grow to new heights, Become the person We are meant to be.

At the end of our time We can trade in Our life's accomplishments. The check list is much different To what we live by. It will be the little things We have done and lived With much care and concern Being the grade of rewards. Each of us, our time Is various lengths. Let us in all sobriety Seize onto it, use it Cherish it as precious With no guarantees of tomorrow. Toss aside regrets and miserv Look and see today For what it really is A gift of no guarantee That tomorrow will come. Live it in the fullness It presents itself. And doing so you Will find the Divine present.

# THE KING'S COURT

Majesty Worship His Majesty Glory and honor And splendor is yours! Righteousness exudes you. Love beyond reason Beyond our human measure Love within itself Has filled all corners Of the Universe. Yahshua died so that We may live I can never comprehend The depth, the height Of that love so consuming To sacrifice ones self So others may live. Truly Thou are the King Master of all, Majesty and honor and glory Are all due your name. The chorus wave will roll For all eternity ~ Worshipping His Majesty on High. I am glad to be In the King's court Joining my voice of praise.

#### THE TREASURE

**Ribbons of many colours** Laid out in front of you From the many colours You must choose. How can you decide Against such variety of art? You cannot do justice All colours exist for a reason. Many roads in front of you Most lead to compromise One leads to life but requires sacrifice. Once you have found the one You must take and keep Then you have crossed over From indecision to the cloak of choice. The world is full of treasures Luminous riches that glimmer. Much is thrown at us, Yet within we know the truth. We are born with that Inner voice of reason when we follow it We see clearly the road to choose. We walk on it to finish the race set before us. Instead of ribbons, Medals of Honor Or the praise of men's lips We earn an eternal Crown of Life To throw at the Master's feet And prostrate down to His throne.

In that eternal city of no more tears No more fear, no more dark Of love itself. The ribbon is the Blood Covenant The road is straight and narrow The voice is the Holy Spirit The Treasure is Eternal Life Through Yahshua the Messiah.

# **NO MORE WANDERING**

Rest your soul Oh weary wanderer There's no need To walk any more You have found true rest On the shores of prayer Praise He does inhabit He will renew you.

Rest your soul Oh weary wanderer To verdant pastures With skies of blue He is faithful Who has promised It is the Lord Almighty Faithful and True.

Trade your worries and burdens Gladly drop the load He will carry you further Beyond your expiration point To renewed beginnings He is the Master of Eternity No more wandering here.

#### MASK

My life you cannot comprehend Nor can you climb to the depth of it A mind in waiting using up thoughts To survive the loneliness of solitude I have grown a whole garden of thought And they have borne children Weighing heavy on the vine Touching the earth's core. My compass is not yours Rather one of thought To where I dwell upon I reach And it carries me there. The depths of a being Make them climb limits And crawl over barriers Of others doina. Inside this steel mask I breathe Locked within, waiting for release To show my face One of strong emotion. And the chain that hinders it Become unhinged and wave As tossed to freedom The mask relents Having left its impression on me.

(Tribute to Man in the Steel Mask)

COINCIDENCE YOU SAY ~

Coincidence you say ~ Something happened Your plans are altered You feel the day was wasted Then someone you talk to Needs something which Only you can help with. Coincidence you say ~ It is raining outside You need to mail this letter The post office is closed And you are broke

You find a single stamp On the wet lawn, dry. Coincidence you say ~ You forgot to pick up someone They are waiting at the hospital They are broke. They look down and exact change, They take the bus home. Coincidence you say ~ Truly in this life There are no coincidences **Rather small miracles** Sent our way To help us through life. Father, thank you for Your many "coincidences".

## ANGLED AND WOVEN LIVELY

Lush green of emerald Succulent foliage edible Sweet aroma of earth lingers The air so cool and clear Caressing my skin All the leaves and grass Woven, curled together.

After a rain storm Drops of water sparkle As diamonds on a dirt mound Such a newness feeling Alive and a part of my surroundings Cycle of life is constant.

My ears and eyes take it in Movement small and large A pallet of colour Sheltered from the touch of humans Pure and unaltered You parade your growth All can see the lines so true Angled and woven lively.

(Tribute to Nature)

#### **TRUE POVERTY**

A life of privilege Wanting for nothing It so seems that those mentioned Are the most wretched. Affluence has a way of Poisoning ones self. How often the sad tale Of a very rich person's life Ending in despair and utter demise. Yet you hear of those happier With nothing to carry forward. The poor are rich in ways That we cannot comprehend. They walk in the integrity Of their souls, definition pronounced. Riches amassed elude us, They fall out of a bag with holes Yet the Poor's wealth is a spiritual treasure. They are one with the earth And reverence it for its substance To help them make it Yet another day. They understand the balance of things And the cycle of change. People are drawn to those Who know who they are. Their essence exudes To those in great need. Two worlds meet and clash. Society holds one in great esteem Based on the values of men. The heavenly choir Holds the other in great esteem  $\sim$ The meek inherit the earth. They have the true treasure They are the guardian of it.

## FORGIVENESS

At the bottom of despair Injustices and hurt, If you look real close Unforgiveness is the root. The pain, deep pain That is so prevalent, If we were to find The courage to forgive ~ There is nothing we can't Heal or overcome. With the smallest seed That falls to the ground In our short life  $\sim$ The seed of forgiveness To heal all wounds, To set you free with hope To become alive.

#### **YOU NEVER CONSIDER**

**Quietly I watch you** I protect you, love you. You go about every day With no notice I am there. Months, years pass by. I never leave you I sustain you, comfort you. You graduate in life from One success to another. You plan your days, years. You are satisfied With your gains and accomplishments. You never consider once How I graced you with them. You are old, feeble and alone, Your friends deserted you. You are aware of loneliness, abandonment. You become bitter and angry. Yet you don't see me in your life. The day comes for me to Call you forth from this life. You enter the realm of timelessness.

You look up before me Standing at my footstool of my throne. You see my longsuffering, My patience and love. You say, "Oh Yahshua! I never knew, Forgive me!" And I say with great sadness "I loved you yet you ignored me. You coveted life over me. now I must say go away from me, I never knew you." How sad! We hear the Word, The warning yet don't pay any heed. We lose all thought of Yahshua, Some find out too late. Mv friend don't wait -Find Him now.

#### **EVERY GENERATION**

**Every generation leaves** Something behind Growing up we question our elders And why the outdated way of life. As we mature we see the necessity To mend our ways and settle down. I quess being "outdated" is really Having come full circle to acceptance. Change has washed over us To show us who we really are. As we become so we are And we pass that down To our kids. Lessons are not always learned Nor easily received. For the ones that are It leaves a mark of honor Which is handed down, Respected and carried on. It is our duty to Learn from others. That is what we are here for, Integrity.

#### SOJOURN

I am a sojourner I have traveled far Footprints sometimes heavy. Let us walk the wasteland  $\sim$ To the world of void Infiniti's line -No matter, no space Just non-definition. Let us climb the mountain  $\sim$ The pillars of knowledge Frozen in time, discarded by men. These are the columns to heaven. Let us run the beach  $\sim$ Where worlds meet **Embrace each other** This is the place for life. I wash my soul Let the tide remove the stain. Let us sit in the forest  $\sim$ The wonderland of imagination **Growth springs new** Giving to the eternal cycle Make a home for me. Let us stand on the road  $\sim$ Which is drawing us To our own quest **Envision the direction** And walk towards it. Let us see the horizon  $\sim$ The worlds compass That is evolving within us. May we journey there.

# **A LIVING PAINTING**

Off in the tree line Rises Mount Arrowhead White cloud streaks crown Your pleasant green peak. I see a field of grass Landscaped with an occasional Sweeping green sapling.

**Canopies of sumac** Dot as far as the eye can see. It is a beautiful cold truth Survival of the fittest Such a precious balance In harmony ~ A living painting I have stepped into. **Duration of the daylight** Frames your canvas The light exposing variations Of texture, smell and colour. To be here in the midst Of this living treasure I want the day to last. I cannot replicate your beauty I can only bask in its warmth Reveling in your grandeur.

#### **USERS, USERS**

Users, users, they are everywhere No matter how careful you are It seems they come at you From a distance a far. Snide looks, malicious smile Hideous curl on the face They devour you and spit you out Not even leaving a trace.

Users, users, they are everywhere Friends, relatives, workers too They all leer so near They falsely will befriend you. Once they have your confidence They do a tale spin Hoping your sympathy And benevolence to win. They drain you emotionally Take all you will give Drain you financially Like a might sieve. Users, users, they are everywhere Two faced hypocrite losers Will bleed you dry They are the great moochers. Guard yourself with protection They still seem to seep in It's like they are poison They breed like vermin.

Users, they are losers Don't give them an inch They deserve to die on the vine Let them to others pine.

#### CHANGES

Adults, little people grown up Souls defining themselves Capturing the essence of being Merging its worth with life.

Friends, other self souls Searching for validity Reaching and combining ideals Agreeing with those who blend.

Peers, the group that surrounds Which to evaluate Opinions, differences, ideals Adjust our aspirations wisely.

Enemies, a necessary evil To show us our temperament Reveal the ugliness we have Exchanging for newness of life.

Babies, innocence pure Valiant display of loyalty and trust Challenge ourselves to teach Grow with the process. Death, the mask of which We all shall one day wear Which we must leave our mask May it leave tranguility to those who grieve.

#### **DEAD EYES**

Her eyes were black as pitch The face motionless, yet the eyes, the eyes They followed you around the room. Death permeated from them A cold chilling without meaning Isolated with that permanent stare Locked into the hypnotic glare. I slowly back up reaching for the door handle Wishing for this down staring to end. I make it to the other room Only to find it goes no where. I must walk back that way to get out. I reenter the room with those eyes The air is stifling, the temperature cold. I look back up and see Just those piercing cold dead eyes. How did they get here? Whose are they? What could have happened? To a soul to become like this? And I am locked in place Unable to move I open my mouth Letting out a scream. No one around to hear me Or to show them this face Hanging on the wall with those piercing eyes. And they do linger Even with my own eyes closed. They etch upon the soul bring fear to the mind Of a never ending begging To look beyond and see, Yet I cannot get past the illusion The torment that is expressed so gravely.

## EARS TO HEAR

Prophecy spoken, written Becomes a warning To all who heed A disaster to those who mock. An eerie hush prevails As men lift eyes to watch The doom fall.

They question why Should this be any different? Yet given the time frame It gives it credence and weight. Men don't lie about death. They avoid it, fear. The prophecies are coming true All take shape to reality. When on knows who they are They can discern what Pertains to them. It is not proof of falsehood Rather mercy to prolong. Mockers will refute that. They will be partying The day the fire rains on them, Few listen, few heed. Do you have ears to hear?

#### **TRUST HIM NOW**

Be not in love with world You are but passing through All in this world Is passing away. Set your love on Yahweh And the kingdom of His throne.

Sin has corrupted this world It has fallen from Its original state and splendor, Men will fail you Money will fail you Put your trust in Yahweh And Yahshua His Son.

By faith lean on Him By faith trust Him To meet all your needs. Drop the doctrines of men The promises and reassurances Of the world around you. Put only your hope In Yahshua alone, The Living Word. He will deliver and transform you. Learn to trust Him now Before it is too late.

# **INTEGRITY BE TRUE**

My hand does make The pen flow Ink is on the pages, Reveal words of truth And I do tell The effects and wages. People rise and fall By the power of the tongue So the same with the pen, And I should be The most careful of all For I can make or end. **Destruction can come** Influential and spoken Time can carry it all The writers edge and touch Yet is most responsible For others advance or fall. And know the pen Is but a sword In the wrong hand, Many a person Has lived and dies When a monarch did stand. Yet individually we Can kill so quick with but a word or two, So I remind all fellow guills Honor, integrity be true, Or one day Someone else's pen Can be the end of you.

## **MY DAD**

I choke with emotion When this pen I do write For I know soon Dad Of your earthly plight. Your eves are now dim Your memory not so sharp I remember all the ways Your life has been in part A molding of my character And my love so today I fondly do recall Your influence in every way. The little girl I was On the toilet lid I'd stand And you would teach me How your neck tie to knot, And then slap aftershave On your shaven face The glee of excitement As a little tot. Older I would walk with you Reaching up hand in mine You'd pull me up to you My arms your neck to find. You were such a maverick A power house you were A father, husband, worker And immigrant called Sir, You were a farmer A carpenter too A soldier, officer, politician, Businessman to name a few. It seemed you were never home You were busy earning so To support your loving family In the years we all did grow. Each of us you married off Helped in every part To become a man, a woman After your very heart.

Mom would beam with pride In all the years through The ups and downs together She clung and stuck with you. And now that you are older And I care for you so It touches my heart the memories And your life does go. From the earth we came And return we all must Loosing you my loving Dad The Master does ease I trust.

#### **MY GRANDFATHERS**

Indian blood runs in my veins White men's rules choke The life that is in me. I dream of flying eagle And running wolf Of brother bear of the woods. My Grandfathers Come to me in my sleep They talk of spirit truths I live in two worlds not of my choosing. How vines wrap around trees and rocks, I feel the hold of life's demands. If I could shift I would walk free Into the forest and be one with Brother sun, brother moon, And be the cycle handed down to others. The legends would be alive Live on in the story telling Of man and nature as one long ago. The earth hums softly to those who listen Can hear the tom toms of the sacred drum The turning wheel of life with the sacred arrows. Hear oh brother flute I hear the owl call my name I now join my grandfathers in the sacred lodge Our memory will guide you.

## THE TREASURE SO PROFOUND

There is a secret place One we all must find To place our hearts treasure, It is within the soul Where we keep our heart The things in life we measure.

Hands cannot touch The depth within Where I do reside, It is immortal Eternal breath of light The thing of life's pride.

Our beings very core Unique in itself This is the gate, Each of us discover The arch of the soul Our true character's slate.

Written in our minds More upon the heart Emotions swell and full, They rise up wings Which give us flight Heavenward it does pull.

Waste not your time To dwell on troubled thoughts Nor give in to fear, Rapture of love so deep The treasure so profound It is our heart my dear.

# MURMUR AND COMPLAIN

Murmur and complain You kill your blessings Destroy all your rewards. Murmur and complain You push people to the limits Turn them bitter against you. Murmur and complain Your words speak death They rob hearts of joy. Murmur and complain Your negativity is cancerous Takes root into the bones. Murmur and complain Your push people away Friends and family stop coming. Murmur and complain You breed hate and discontent Causing ingratitude and unbelief. Murmur and complain You are a tool of Satan To destroy believers in the body. Murmur and complain Without faith you cannot please Yahweh Nor inherit the kingdom of heaven. Murmur and complain You will be destroyed In the wilderness of your making. Murmur and complain Stop now, repent. Ask Yahweh's forgiveness Cleanse yourself, be made whole Do this, save your soul Before vou are blotted out Of the Book of Life. Get rid of it -The murmuring and complaining.

# THE GATES OF THE ETERNAL

High above the clouds There is another place Where vapor tapers Form is void The spirits gather there. All you have lived for Is nothing here Naked you stand **Before the Almighty** His presence does burn All that is not holv. He is a consuming Elohim. The seven pillars of Wisdom You have entered Profound and Sovereign, This is His Throne. Oh man, you have entered The Gates of the Eternal. Your mind is free You know the secrets Of the foundation of the world And see from afar The Truth in Love. This shall be your school master. You are restored To what you were created for The trial of testing is gone Your reward is now here.

# THAT WHICH DOES NOT FAIL

When I have tried all else And it has truly failed There's nothing left to do I get down on my knees And turn to talk to you. Life is overwhelming I know not where to turn Confusion in my mind Yet within my heart does burn That you are Elohim.

I don't know why I wait so long To empty my heart all out And always afterwards My heart feels light and new. I may not see you But I feel your presence near Your peace and comfort They do surround me When on bended knee I have your ear. To enter the throne One must be humble To be on our knees With head forward cast Is truly surrendering To the Heavenly King. There is one thing That does not fail But truly does last It is prayer to the King **On His Throne** We are connected We are not alone.

#### RAIN

Rain falls softly on the leaves Droplets fall so tenderly The parched earth it does quench Thirst is filled and it does spill ~ Overflow trickles and carries away The stain, the pain of the day...

Freshness in the air Fill my lungs full and linger ~ As the green glistens Film of all is washed off And seeps away...

> Rain how I need it so Every now and then To wash my soul ~

And carry away all That does weigh down I let it with the water drown...

Rain let it fall... Gently, softly as a lullaby And lull me to sleep ~ With closed eyes I can live The freshness that Was brought to me...

And shape new thoughts ~ Ambitions and desires Will come from this.

# **HIDDEN THEN FOUND**

I have been dispersed Among the nations Brought into bondage and slavery Centuries I have been pursued Hunted down, tormented and killed. I have traveled the globe And landed in two countries Where I have come To enjoy great freedoms. I am assimilated among All kindred's of peoples I have been hidden For over eighteen hundred years. Just now my identity is known. I am the Lion and her whelps I am Ephraim and Manassas I am the lost tribes of Israel. We were lost when we **Broke the Covenant** Of keeping Sabbath. Now people are discovering Who they really are. Elohim's Ruach is waking Up the sleeping Israelites. They are knowing who The El Yahweh is.

As promised He has Watched over us We have become a country Of great nations And a country of great wealth. The light has shown our hearts We are the lost house of Israel, The house of Judah is not lost. Let us step up And take proper ownership Being sons of Yahweh Through Yahshua the Messiah. Let us follow in obedience Keeping Yahweh's commandments.

## **MOMENT OF TRUTH**

There comes a moment of truth Where you have to stop Ask yourself what really matters Then walk away from it all And pursue only what is true. We all have blind spots They sabotage us Honesty says we have them  $\sim$ Is the first step to rid them. Can you really decide To give up everything For a belief, a principle? Can you take comfort In knowing who you are And that being enough? We reach a point Where we just sit and watch Others work and pursue We come to accept our surrender In being comfortable as we are. This is a point of death. You decide to stop growing. Can we be solid enough To Stand?

And be happy we can Stand? Yes, we wind down with age That does not mean You have to give up All hopes for a dream For things new and wonderful. Courage to change And then doing it ~ This is the moment of truth.

# **TO ANOTHER PLACE**

Nothing matters anymore It's alright really I have reached my Apex And once there Nothing can touch that. How can you handle life Once you have tasted eternity? It is all relative Time is just a span In eternity itself. Once you have reached your Zenith There is nothing more You just live in its shadow. Within is new, Reached beyond the heavens To another place The evolution of a soul. The Quasar is in the north. My name is written there, Let the journey being.

## **REBUILD THE CIRCLE**

It is good to have unity The circle had been broken Now we are together again. Small detours, so subtle Not realizing years drift by How you are needed here. Much has escalated In your absence. Time has been kind to us Where age has claimed residence. There is much work to be done School days are over with Childish ways are past Now the seriousness of the hour Has given all of us An urgency and precedence Like never before. Let us hold onto that truth No longer waste days so precious Rather rebuild the circle Working in unity, commitment Our lives depend on it.

## **ANSWERS YOU SEEK**

When you have lost your way Walk into Nature She will give you answers That you are seeking. Oujetly she speaks to all Who will watch and listen She calms the soul within Through her majesty displayed Reveals to us our balance. We no longer define ourselves By empty words We can walk the way Of the garden once removed Heal our minds in tune Connect to the cycle of rhythm And be one with the answers We so seek. I promise you Nature has never failed us, We have failed nature And ourselves in the process. **Return to her new** And reach up with wings As the great Phoenix Soar high towards the heavens, Where you belong.

## **OUR TONGUES**

The power of the tongue Many don't even consider Without a thought they will Speak the words away, they whither. Fly they do on other's lips With reinvention of meaning Not it is unleashed And the damage escalates. Flatter, stammer, hesitate, Justify, Oh My! And this member to communicate Can also bite and devour Consume and consume ~ Give it no room. Such a small part of us Yet all that we feel in our hearts Flows through our mouths As expression it parts. Truth blurts out of control And all can see our knurly soul Or beauty divine forth will shine. And words build And words destroy Others can scar forever. I ask, the tongue, Can it ever consistently be kind?

#### IMPEDIMENTS

Many times I yearn My life were divergent That the burdens would rise The obligations go elsewhere Often we get straddled No choice of our own. We must dispense with them This is duration. Unrealistic they say to have an incubus You are shot down For having something compelling. As the ocean tide Life pulls me in that inclination Helpless, tired I release.

It is nice to have a structured environment Where no opposition holds your goals away. Yet what is life with no resistance, Nothing accomplished? It seems so meaningless. In fulfilling my purpose Of serving others I discover my true self. Often I inquire for others Which I really don't want And end up with what Is most notable. I feel so much is unfinished Yet not really I am just coming to terms With my impediments When I accept them. The burdens will lift, For I would have let go And accept the tide in my life.

## BALM

Layers I have peeled back To the core I've entered Pulsating flesh so tender So many slashes, cuts, bruises You gush blood everywhere I can only put balm On your ever present wounds Enough to slow the flow To make it stop. Leeches, suckers, wild things Have all but drained The life within. Darkness hides the injuries Light exposes them. I must save before I rescue The ember within is a flame No voice is necessary Your eyes speak volumes Hush, let us rest Know one another Fight no more The terror is gone.

## THISTLE

Your beauty is guarded Oh spiny herbaceous, Your crown of rose and purple Circular bracts, hairy receptacle Thy noxious weeds persistent Your five parted flowers Attributes to their beauty. Your grooved stems branch high **Prickly are your leaves** Showy is your crown of purple. The feathery plume you grace Adorns many a family crest You are attributed to royalty The national emblem of Scotland You crown the fields I choose you to fill my vase Everlasting, your beauty never dies.

#### INK

Ink appears on the pages It fills in to make letters The book was never empty ~ You walk into the future You cannot be seen or heard Deeds manifest themselves ~ Thoughts, desires, actions Goals accomplished They bring forth much Into the future ~ A man's work shall follow him Some will multiply greatly. Your seed turns into a tree Many eat from you branches. ~

We don't seem to grasp The magnitude of our lives Or how we touch others. If we knew our true value We would tenderly nourish our souls. All of us are unique and beautiful With a mission just for one Let the ink fill in The pages of your book. May it be deep, vast And inspire others.

#### YOUR WORD

Many books adorn my library But one is most read It is the voice of Yahweh Spoken by the prophets, My inspiration in need **Comfort in sorrow Direction in confusion** Hope in despair It is I tarry there. To be in your presence Yahweh Is more than the wealth Of which the world holds. Nothing can give me The wisdom, the direction Which I seek and need. It happened there, In the beginning. I have it all at my fingertips. Your Word is a treasure I love and thank you for. How blessed I am To have it, to read it. Thank you Yahweh for giving **Us your Holy Word!** 

#### ENDURE

Quickly so, The bible says days With so much happening, Like these would come. Knowledge would increase To and fro, People's love would grow cold. Lawlessness would abound.

"Society" has driven man To put a price tag on everything. Even souls of men have dollar value, Nothing more. **People are treated** Like commodities Faster things will escalate There is no stopping what Yahweh set in motion. Only those who are anchored In El Yahshua himself Will stand steadfast. All others will fall away. There are the terrible days Of much pain and affliction. Men shall betray each other You must be born above To have love to endure. Pray for it, To endure to the end.

#### DRIFTER

The drifter within Yearns to get away Seasons past A maze of faces Drugs, alcohol, the haze Music brings me back I feel detached, floating Above it all. All my former life died Yet the dreamer within **Relives the ultimate trips** Even recycled highs are ecstasy. Psyco9delic music lifts me To a land of fantasy Harmony, euphoria There I cannot share They are but lived and relived The fourth dimension **Experienced** in full Colour, sound and motion Years have taken their toll My soul ~ Drift away.

#### DREAM

Think it not silly to dream When you life is going nowhere Let your imagination nurture you Be kind to your overloaded soul. Nurture yourself, learn how Do all that's necessary To unleash your inner voice Squash all who would silence you. Dreams have kept many alive When all hope had failed Enough of the despair, madness Which engulfs us like a wave  $\sim$ Rise above it. Your mind is free, keep it so. Content with who you are Like parched land drinking up the rain My hands hold a butterfly I throw it up in the air And it leaves with no trail to follow, You too take wake my friend.

#### PLENITUDE

Tangled nerves what once were steel Stunned by ambition which has Come to self implode Mangled, self impaired **Disorientated of sorts** Howling in pain not audible Yet decibels felt crudely Biting, knurling to the bone So much sinew mass blemished Seeping with emotion Move now for it's over Standing collapsed and ruled Others dominate your once province Gorge yourself no more Pathetic little cries waft upward No one cares for your woes Abandonment by your former colleagues Defend yourself against your own jurisdiction Find a way out of this one The world of plenitude has no loyalties.

# I CHALLENGE YOU MY FRIEND

I challenge you my friend To try to go a whole week Without "acquiring" anything. We are a world of consumers And hoarders, these we've become. It never seems right to have more Than what one can consume or use. I challenge you my friend To try to go a whole week Without complaining Oh yes, the ultimate venting machine! Try oh yes try! Why? To see what you are made of. Our ears are filters Sometimes they get clogged We shut them off to those Who would dump on us **Needlessly** Rant and rave in other ways Than useless verbiage Or complaining. I challenge you my friend To reach out to a stranger At least one this week And get to know them As a person, not an entity Or a statistic. I challenge you my friend To reach for a quiet place Within vourself, and listen To your soft heart's whispers They are trying to communicate With your soul. I challenge you my friend To strive to be a better person Not for any one else But for yourself You are the nucleus of all change Wit, char, meaning ~ "I challenge you my friend".

### POLISHED

How does one shine? Glow? Smile brings forth much To the degree of understanding Nod is but affirmation and agreement Hug is unconditional acceptance. How does one grow? Live? Walking away from what hurts Toward what can cure Not glancing back and reliving The cloud of pain. How does one crv? Grieve? Expel the pain from your soul Toxic poisons bleeding forth Trail of salt on your cheeks Drying to new resolution. How does one become brave? Courage you see is more than fighting More than a stance of purpose It is living ones convictions Against the crowd of many Which condemn you on every side. It is being yourself when others hate you. How does one move on? Forward you go with No map or instructions Blindly you walk with faith In your hopes and dreams To see you through. Shine? How do I shine? By the constant wearing down Leaving a rubbing mark on my soul Which has polished the rustic gem within And now the world can see Yes, be gracious to "Me".

#### WEB OF MEDIOCRITY

Gilded silver tongue has she To baffle them with brilliance Yet the tongue is sick you see And the pen is stooped as well It feels her soul is stuck in hell.

**Compression all around her** The smile is now gone Wishing her life away In the meantime for some change.  $\sim$ This web of mediocrity Has spun heavy at last Breaking out of the vial With a fierce some blast. ~ The candle is knocked over The flame is gone out Trivial meaningless things is all They seem to spout about ~ This madness wanes freely Elusive and menacing of late **Rocking back and forth** Not knowing what road to take ~ Leaves of trees plenty Much to write down Scattered thoughts unclenched Falling to ruin on the soil Of frustration and anger. (Tribute to a Job I WAS stuck in)

#### RYE

Harvest time You lean back in a field of rye Knowing soon this will be cut The beauty of the fruit when dried Braids itself back into the stem.

Soft in my hands are your kernels So small yet needed Breadbasket of the world Birds perch on your tops You are plenty.

The wind sweeps my trace It is not visible on my parting I leave you to sway in the wind And silhouette in the sun With birds eating from your stalks.

## **TO BE A KID AGAIN**

You are my friend And so I will listen What have you got for me? Don't you just want to be A kid once more? Free to explore and roam With no one barking at you? Friend, don't vou wish You could just drop everything Be irresponsible for once And take off to nowhere? To stand at the ocean And chase the waves  $\sim$ To run through cornfields Getting lost in the middle ~ To riding old jalopies With the doors gone  $\sim$ To stay up late at night Walk by people's houses And look inside? Seeing the luminous glow Of the huge television sets  $\sim$ To ride double on a bicvcle To hand onto the side of a tractor To stay up all night gazing up at the stars Listening to the train whistle on the tracks Waiting for the morning sun to dawn  $\sim$ To chase each other on the lawn Playing tag and falling down ~ To skip across the garden hose Getting sprayed and loving it  $\sim$ To lay out on a blanket Plastered with sun tanning lotion Listening to the radio And the dog is licking you ~ Friend, don't you want To just be a kid again? I know I do.

### **MY HOME**

A moment's silence That's all I ask Birds are my canopy Their music is my orchestra White and lavender lilacs in bloom So perfect, nature's lace on stems Light angles across the lawn Shadows being cast Heat gives way to cool Humming birds fighting overhead Chasing among the tree tops. The red wing black bird Letting out is majestic call. Chipmunk racing up the lawn **Dodging red squirrels** Dogwood trees have grown Touching the second floor Covering the back door. The sun, a bright gold coin With ravs around Highlights the grass tips The dandelions gone to seed The full white heads Are lit up with auras Green grass and clover A living, breathing carpet **Dragonflies and butterflies** Dance and dash about The perfect air So crisp and clean. All I hear are the birds Full melody conversing Many varieties together The field and woods My home, it is heavenly.

### SUBLIME

Yellow swallowtail butterflies Zigzag across the lawn Knee high grass Of clover and daisies Queen Anne's lace Black eyed Susan's Indian paint brushes Buttercups, chicory, Alfalfa, wheat tares, A field of white Dandelion heads, Slowly move with a gentle breeze. Dragon flies hover about Trilliums purple and white Pansies and violets Tucked in a tree line. I'm in awe of the sublime.

# FOUNDATION

Beating in your chest Vibration in your mind Vision while asleep I am your voice I want to echo. Rings from a ripple Transmit waves of thought Understood by animals Your actions are the Life to your thoughts Truly you have chosen And orchestrated.

Decide, don't look back Be loyal to your conviction Commitment, actions Build a foundation. One day you will see All the small things added They make up much. Our lives are choices Which bring rewards. Know the foundation You are building on.

## **THRONE OF ELOHIM**

Yahweh mentions in heaven is a river Of water that flows from the Throne of Yahweh. It flows through The New Jerusalem and waters the Trees of fruit which we shall eat from. He is the foundation of life The light that brings light The foundation of knowledge, All wisdom. He is the seven pillars of wisdom The seven candlesticks The seven spirits of Elohim. Holy, Holy, Holy Is the El Elohim Almighty. He is I AM He is all there is. Amen! Great, Holy, Merciful is He.

## HELL

Down you descend The light vanishes Darkness takes over Your senses are heightened Every remorse, pain magnified Over and over in your mind The torment rages on. **People without number** Surround you in the dark Prayers of desperation uttered That goes unheard Too late, too late, You hear teeth grinding with pain -This land of the dead Separated from all that is Beautiful, loving, kind. You try to communicate With your loved ones, The living. You go unheard. There is no time here Just an unending reliving Of every regret you ever had.

You are separated forever From the Master and His Mercy, You were never created To dwell in this place. This could have been avoided, You were warned. Now you are separated from Elohim For all eternity.

# MANKIND IS A MIX

Yahweh His Majesty is on high He overlooks the world from a far. Nothing is too small For his loving eye or ear Or too lonely, his **Compassion For a tear.** He gives us the elements Protects and clothes us so Rain, sunshine comes To makes our crops grow. King Majesty on High Gifts without end To his faithful and true Does he rightly send. Of foolish are the men Who ignore the Author of Life Instead of comfort and peace They choose a life of strife. They gamble their life Not knowing the day or hour When like in the hot sun The fading of a flower. Youth is but fleeting Strength does not always reside Cares and riches of the world Wrapped up in pride. It is all our goal For us to be about To reach every soul With the Father's love. Mankind is a mix One of every kind

My prayer is this That they the Father may find. That the Book of Life Will have their name written in And they'd be delivered From a life of sin.

## LET US LAUGH NOW

You were in a rush Had your glasses off Grabbed a can and sprayed your hair The "hairspray" being bathroom foam cleaner You leave with a spike hairdo  $\sim$ Let us laugh now. You were in a hurry You back out of the garage With my car slightly behind yours Dad navigates who is almost legally blind You almost hit my car You angled out And ripped the side mirror off the door  $\sim$ Let us laugh now. You show me your car is broke An air gauge clip is next to the emergency brake I tell you the brake is not broke You ask why the emergency light is lit up I say you have your foot on the brake  $\sim$ Let us laugh now. You had boiled hummingbird food Mixture, water and sugar You are standing there watching It ooze out of the bottom All over your shoes and on the floor You asked why it does that The bottom was not screwed on  $\sim$ Let us laugh now. You had walked away from the stove Left a frying pan on I come home to a house full of black smoke The pan is on fire  $\sim$ Let us laugh now. You get a phone call It is from the doctor's office

Notifying you of your appointment Your write it down wrong You miss the appointment  $\sim$ Let us laugh now. You want to know what I did with your pill box Why the pills are not full You took tonight's pills this morning And in the spirit of things Mixed the days all up to backfill the spaces  $\sim$ Let us laugh now. You are still able to drive To answer the phone To take "messages" and "convey them" Yet you won't get a hearing aide You won't get your eyes checked ~ Let us laugh now. (A loving Tribute to the aging process)

# **IF I WERE TO EXPIRE TONIGHT**

If I were to expire tonight What would I say to El Yahweh? How could I account For how I lived my life? For my choice and actions? Put into perspective I have been self focused Absorbed with the world Negligent of spiritual matters. If I were to die now, What would become of me? Where would my spirit go? It seems all of life We consume, constantly. We become what we absorb. I cannot see myself for Who I am, But others can, The Master can. Perhaps I have the power To change, maybe not. To know a truth is good, To live it is something else. Sometimes it takes A lifetime to learn.

#### **HUMBLY I BOW**

Words cease to express For fear of the unknown, I am a fool if I try. My knowledge is limited Some things are too deep for me. I am aware of my limitations. Rather than to try to Understand what I know not, I am grateful for what I do ~ Silence is golden -It is submissive to A wiser knowledge, Bows to its supremacy -The Ancient of Days Has in His power -The keys to life and eternity ~ So I humbly bow In reverence To His Sovereignty. There is no room For foolishness.

## **HOW HARD TO LIVE HOLY!**

Oh Yahweh! I had No idea of how hard It would be to live A holy life! I believe In you, love you. I Have faith in vou. Yet to be holy! To be righteous Takes all my effort. Is this what you meant? To love the El Yahweh With all your heart, Soul, strength and mind? For it takes all that To put and keep you first. The strongest of believers The most knowledgeable In the Word

Yet we all face the task To remain faithful, Consistent in living holy. Oh Yahweh! I had No idea of how hard It is to live holy!

## SINGLES

Few understand a single person. They are a mystery to most, Others we become invisible In the fabric of their lives. We pick up the slack That others leave Often treated like we don't count No family, no children. We are expected to do All the holidays, overtime That others need for their family As if we don't have a life. Alwavs we are invited "You come with a friend" Like we are incomplete Just being ourselves. Yet it is the single person That waits and tends on you In public and private sectors We are expected to be there. We go home to Often an empty house We have none to greet us Or cook or share a meal with. Some but not most Choose this solitary life It is how we are made We are comfortable with ourselves. How sad that society Looks upon us single people With pity as if We are not a whole person. Yet we do more than most Are taken for granted Treated as an after thought And not listened to by others.

What prejudices can play And come back to haunt -The recent widow, widower Now feels the exclusion. It is cold and uninviting Lifetime friends are no more You make them uncomfortable You are a third wheel. Remember that we all Come into this world alone And we must choose our path And live it for ourselves. So smile at that person Who works the off shifts Who is ignored, taken for granted For couples one day Become single too.

### WISDOM

The door creaks open A ray of light emits Illumination. Grasp what you can Wisdom knocks. Stop wasting energy Learn from me. My time is limited I won't stay long You couldn't handle it. I adjure you Trade all you have For what I can give. The opportunity is highly coveted. Centuries have sought after me I can fill your mind. You can move in ways That defy reasoning -I transcend time-My pillars are deep – The fountain flows crystal. You shall understand The beginning to the end –

The continuous motion of energy And all within it. Oh vagrant, learn of me And time shall be no more.

# **RIGOR MORTIS**

I am alarmed Most are indifferent I am ostracized, Being drowned out. Brute beasts they are Callous. You think me inept To understand circumstances, Look beyond and Your reasons manifest themselves. Hide what you like Your actions betray you. **Reinvent yourself**, The inner core still rots. The seed of the tree is depleted Death not life blooms -Many eat of your leaves Bitterness, they die. Vultures flv off from vou A skeleton stands – Grav as stone -Colour is void -Extirpation.

## **OUR SHELTER**

Matthew 6:25-34: 6:25; Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what you shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? (6:26) Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? (6:27) which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? (6:28) and why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: (6:29) and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. (6:30) wherefore, if Yahweh so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, [shall he] not much more [clothe] you, O ye of little faith? (6:31) therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? Or, wherewithal shall we be clothed? (6:32) for after all these things do the gentiles seek: for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. (6:33) but seek ye first the kingdom of Elohim, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (6:34) take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof.

In this parable Jesus teaches on trusting the master. He addresses worrying about our lives, what we will eat, drink or clothes we will wear. I have read and re-read this. No where does it mention about a house. So I was asking the Father about this. First let us look at the priesthood:

Revelation 1:5-6; (1:5) And from Yahshua Messiah, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, (1:6) and hath made us kings and priests unto El Elohim and his Father; to him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 61:6; but ye shall be named the Priests of Yahweh: [men] shall call you the Minister of El Elohim; ye shall eat the riches of the gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. Now let us look at Deuteronomy 10:8-9; at that time Yahweh separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, to stand before Yahweh to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day. (10:9) wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; Yahweh [is] his inheritance, according as Yahweh thy Elohim promised him. Yahshua said in prophecy in Isaiah 61:6, that we shall be called priests of Yahweh. In Deuteronomy 10:8-9, the priests of Yahweh (us) were not given land like the rest of the tribes. The reason was Yahweh is our inheritance. He is our house, our dwelling place, our refuge. We live in him. Deuteronomy 10:8 says we are to stand before Yahweh to minister (praise, worship, prayer) unto him. Matthew 8:20; and Yahshua saith unto him, the foxes have holes, and the birds of the air [have] nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay [his] head. Yahshua himself had no place to lay his head (no home ownership).

Having read this, it put the parable of Matthew 6:25-34 into perspective. Yahshua will meet all our temporal needs. He will give us what we need, not what we want. He owned nothing himself, yet Yahweh provided for him in this world. Hebrews 11:13; These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of [them], and embraced [them], and confessed that they were strangers

And pilgrims on the earth. 1 Peter 2:11; dearly beloved, I beseech [you] as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul. We are pilgrims passing through this world. We are to be spiritually minded. We are citizens of heaven passing through this world, not citizens of this world trying to make it to heaven. Yahweh wants us

to trust Him. In the coming days many of us could be pressed, have to endure much trials and tribulations for the kingdom of heaven. As Yahweh did provide for Israel in the wilderness, He will do the same for us also. We must trust Him.

# **CONVERSION OF THE HEART**

Heart not converted: 2 Peter 2

Heart converted: Luke 22:31-32

Exposed to word of Yahweh, hear it, but don't ever have a true heart conversion and fall back into the ways of the world. 1 John 2:16 - Lust of the world. 2 Peter 2 – Is a person who has escaped the things of the world, yet backslides into it. For they never had a heart conversion, only a head knowledge of Messiah. Matthew 18:3 – Conversion is obedience, walking in the ways of Yahweh. Except we become converted and become as little children of Yahweh, we will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Again, what is the kingdom of Elohim? Luke 12:32, Romans 14:17. What is eternal life? John 17:3. It is a dangerous thing to be exposed to Yahweh, to know the Word, yet again to be entangled and overcome with sin (2Peter 2). The latter end will be worse than the beginning for them. The flesh must die, the flesh must die. Otherwise we are 2 Peter 2:20-22. The flesh must die, or you will lose your soul.

Jeremiah 14:1-12, especially verses 7 and 10. I believe there comes a point where Yahweh no longer will wait for us. He is tired of fooling around. Believers can say, "Yahweh, you have to forgive me for your names' sake or because of the promises of forgiveness in your word". But He does not have to do any such things. Read Galatians 6:7-9. There is a law of cause and effect (obedience). What you do will bring results. Yahweh will not be mocked. He can forgive us our sins, but his grace reaches a certain point where we cross over and our continual sin has no excuse. Then Yahweh comes to collect. That is what happened in Jeremiah. Yahweh came to collect from his people, but they stopped seeking Him, so He turned them away to ruin. Yahweh does this not just to nations but to people individually. Yahweh comes to collect, and I believe the word I got is he has come to collect from you and me. We must seek holiness, righteousness, and we must mean it.

## **FREE IN YOU**

I sat on my back deck And listened to the wind Your voice came to me You spoke of the depth Of your love that I've yet to grasp –

Of truths so real that I wanted To trail with your voice Where the wind would take me. How vielded I was, I gave to you everything And I sat satisfied. The burden is lifted, gone, And I felt so light, free. The gift of your voice -Hearing it makes my heart melt. Nothing tangible to feel or see, Just your presence with me. I feel vour love – It is overwhelming. I soak in your radiance. How my soul is alive You coarse through my being, I am enraptured by you. You know my name and I know yours. There is no measure of time In your expression, Lovingly with me you reside Graciously vou overlook All my weaknesses. You ask for nothing more Than my love for you. I weep, touched by love. You have seen my inner self, That which I try to hide You expose it bare. You voice comes to me It whispers in my depths Caressing my heart. You moved me out of myself. I have come forth I ride the wind -I'm free in you.

#### YIELD

Intentions – When I want credit For something I did not do. Honesty – Being grateful for the chance To make amends to everybody.

Peace -Proportional to my expectations Of others and myself. Acceptance -Doing what is in front of me Not worrying about results. Happiness -**Enjoying each day** And making the most of it. Contentment -A guarantee against Taking life for granted. Work -My decision to not Let myself be stagnant. Love -Knowing myself and others Not wanting to change anything. Silhouette -My outline lived, aura emit My mark in this world.

# **FUTILITY RINGS FORTH**

Futility rings forth -When all I try gets nowhere I cannot change things like I want The world is evolving With no place for us Homes are lost Jobs are dissolved People are to move on To no mans land. Futility rings forth -In all my actions They cannot make a dent Nor influence, deride Shout or scuffle You are but batting air Much hot air with no meaning. Futility rings forth -Security is ripped from you And you are told to take it

Others are with you The numbers swell. You are the unheard mob Walking the pavement in false hopes That things will come back. Futility rings forth -Prices are escalating You have no idea how to maintain In despair you choose to walk away And be one more Tents and sleeping bags Food kitchens and shelves. You sit at the long table With people with no names You have a new identity Not of your own doing. Futility rings forth – And no one seems to care And I sit here in my chair So much hot air -So much hot air.

### PROGENY

Oh my fellows When I ail ardent misery I seek sodality, Souls of semblance. The rooms are tutelage I can be unbarred Not decreed as outside ~ You are my mainstay When I have no root -My armor when I'm vulnerable. Your collective wisdom Helps me stay on route I become refocused And can resume Where I once was. I owe you all my vitality You are my progeny. (Tribute to the family of friends)

### NOMAD

I vacillate between Anger and remorse, I feel awful for the rage How can I disrespect you so? Yet your mean demure Blatantly you belittle me In front of others How difficult to live with Your mental illness. The love I had has Died long ago. I cannot put myself through **Repeatedly being crucified** Anew by you. It has been your way of life I have covered for you Long enough out of respect Family secrets die an get buried With the one that goes. I cannot betrav them. How difficult to not bear Emotional scars of your doing. I know I am not Your inflicted pain. Without feeling I go on With no emotion left to give. I reach for my solitude within. I have become a nomad In a world of wounded souls Being but one person I cocoon myself from you Your words sink deep no more. Your pain has lost its voice On these deaf ears. Survival screams -I am free.

### **FELLOW QUILLS**

Oh my fellow poet Your quill has been silenced The pages of your journal Remain empty at present. How we miss the songs That lift from your pages We dually note your absence And lift up a verse to you. May the queen of prose Rest in great comfort That all her fellow poets **Patiently await** Her renewed vitality And her quill nipped anew With strong verse and feeling. We truly send this note In the bottle to wash ashore For your eyes to read And hold close As vou take stock Of your many obligations. We bid you a due for now. Your fellow guills In the inkwell of prose.

## **MIDWAY DURATION**

It transpires Before you know it Middle age wanes on you. Your mind has yet To approach with the body And you have a lucid juncture Posing, where did the years go by? Busyness has plundered you With distracted interests Deferring from goals and dreams Most set aside for the moment Fade in the background. You stabilized for what is Dropping the zeal of inception And of dreams once genuine You grow old before your time. And you look at yourself In the shock of truthfulness How to at least venture To pursue now What you didn't then. Realize that age and youth Defy each other. Youth is foolish, age is wise. And middle age is The great pendulum swing.

## TRANSITION

I am only as strong As my weakness Only as thoughtful As my stationary moment How I must learn Things are temporal Yet I will last forever ~ All my self efforts and pride Will be stripped I will stand naked -**Uncurl my fingers** Grasping for answers -Learn. Fleeting things fly away Look for what is eternal ~ None of us like surgery The kind of being torn apart The pain, loss of identity Let a babe vulnerable Yet cared for like the birds -Learn who you are ~ There is no instructions Just walk forward Trusting that you Will make it another day. And be given the vision Of the Spirit realm To see the eternal in the temporal. Learn how to walk in it, The transition is life.

# I WALK AWAY

She's gone mad! Mad I say! And I can't get her back! And I see it in the eyes Kaleidoscopes of wander Unreachable ~ And the visions in her head Are all of her own I cannot share in her journey. How the demons of abuse Have taken their toll ~ I look for her, And she is not in there. The drugs have captured her mind She is a shell of a person Somewhere her soul flew away And ravens came and clawed within ~ And many lights sparkle Dazzle and blind Her vision is no more. How I wish I could erase The pain, recover the loss She is gone. I walk away.

### I MUST

I take comfort in knowing You will always be there. Every day is one step closer To being my last. Sometimes uncertainty, fear Grab a hold of me -My inner self needs reassuring ~ What do you tell A drowning soul? Lost in their own depths? What do you say To a child who is abandoned? What do you do For a single elder, alone? How much can you give away And yet remain in tack?

I am beside myself My foundation has crumbled And I don't know how To start over. And I ask of you Give me your comfort Be here with me I cannot walk today. I must seek your presence.

## STEMS

Old English Roses twine up the wall Cinder blocks holding the hill in place Steps that come down the center. Deep maroon petals with sharp thorns Yet fragrance pungent ~ Old tabby cat walks on by Mother clipping her rose bushes Lilacs, violets, irises need tending With lily of the valley tucked nearby ~ Off in the distance are the crows Floating, gliding in the cornfields The pleasure of smelling the earth's perfume After a thunderstorm The heat upward steaming ~ Clipped stems, gather together A bouquet to grace the table At evening to give after dark The pleasures of scented air. Of these floral things I treasure.

# RECTITUDE

He is a sloppy old soul Truly he has burned his bridges Has been tossed out on his ear Since then has been a wanderer ~ You walk by and see An old man and nothing more Inside is a husband, father One who had a career, success Yet somehow ~ It slipped his grasp.

He lost everything. Now he is damned to wander aimlessly Never can he take back the hurtful Things said and done  $\sim$ Now a days he has recourse To be an example What not to become. Yet he prays He could regain some comforts Which he lost long ago ~ He still is coherent, not amiss So he can reason within himself ~ "I may have started out wrong But my goal now is to end With some dignity"  $\sim$ And he helps all who will listen To a homeless old man.

#### WALK MY WAY

Stepping out in the sun A moment captured gratefully The wind cool blows and I sense The freedom of being solo  $\sim$ Big beautiful white pines nearby I kick a pinecone across the way And think how wonderful it would be To live out in the wild  $\sim$ Nothing touched just natural And I yearn to be one with that. Most of us are indoors all day long And miss the moments that count ~ Everything seems to be so complicated With fake light, heat and smell To just trade it all in And walk my way through the forest ~ As a bird in a cage A thing of beauty trapped How I often feel in this world Of our making.

# **TEARS IN A BOTTLE**

My mind is very fragile right now. It wants to be alone, to purge the past And make peace with the present. Yahweh savs he collects Our tears in a bottle (Psalm 56:8) They are so important and dear to him. Only tears alleviate the pain. Poison is coming out of the soul. I have stopped asking questions, Stopped doing, I have just learned to sit still – To be in that place of quiet. You cannot run from vourself. And yourself always tells you That you are but human. You make mistakes And always will. And your body does fail you. Your friends will too, And so will your memory in time. But Yahweh is always there standing guard. He watches for those tears To collect in his bottle. He feels the pain of our humanity. He understands what it is to be fragile. He loves us broken and weak. He loves us as we are. I hold onto that truth, So when I shed these tears, My hope is He will take away The pain and give me joy.

#### TRANSFORMATION

Gossip, criticism, Soul-sickness, Unkindness, bitterness, tense, Dislikes, resentments, Gloom, despondency, Unnatural, revulsion, Helpless, remorse,

Pride, selfishness, Stubborn ~ Honesty, surrender, Fellowship, sharing, Admitted, renewed, Tolerant, accepted, Faith, loyal, Peace, relax, Sober, humility, Discipline, usefulness, Silence, meaning, Love, acceptance, Serenity, patience, Grateful, uphill, Trusting, strength, Jov.

# **INSIDE OUT**

The day you compromise Is the day you die You turn inside out And shut off the flow Of who you are meant to be.

# **CUPID IS CRYING**

Cupid is crying His face is in his hands His wings slumped. Love is lost And grown cold. His arrows mean nothing. For all the golden rule For love's ardor It is vapor in thin air ~ Cupid is crying Watching the souls of men Hate and kill each other. In a race to conquer In the name of peace Destroying many. The laurel wreath Falls off his head The flowers shrivel They blow away ~ Cupid is crying For love is lost And is no more.

## I AM IN CONTROL

When the world is falling apart All around you And people are dropping like flies And hysteria rules in peoples lives ... Realize ... I am in control. When people are struck with fear And catastrophe after catastrophe strikes They run around in shock Cannot handle what is happening Or what is coming ... You are to be still And know that I am Elohim. Realize ... I am in control. Yeah Yahweh, though the world were To fall apart all round me, And the mountains were to fall Into the oceans ... I will yet praise Thee ... For you are my high tower, My strength in time of need. It is to the shelter of your wings That I go under. For I do realize ... You are Sovereign Yahweh, And You are in control.

## THE MIRROR OF TRUTH

Be honest with yourself. Do you see what you've become? Not what you expected is it? How you can't believe This is your life and Not someone else!

Like someone walking from sleep – You are walking out Of a long slumber. Now what? It seems everyone else Is drugged With the illusion of Success, wealth – They chase the endless rainbow. Getting older, Traveling farther – And you watch them go.

> We all have to learn From our mistakes Advice becomes wisdom Once you've lived it. Better late than never. So I look in The mirror of truth, Yahweh's Word.

# THE ECHO WITHIN

Leave me still Your words drill Into my mind One more time. I cannot hush The noise within.

I go away I know not For the length Or the time I need space To heal myself And take mine.

Fortitude is stable Balance for now Resources are here Forth I plow Yonder and how. Unfetter my mind I seek kind Meek not cruel Solace shall rule, Peace shall find.

Memory you see It is me Choice I made Let you fade The echo within.

# **QUESTION WHY**

Wings of angels In fluffy snow white **Diamonds sparkle** In your light. Fairies fly above you now Bringing kisses to you As the flakes softly land On your petals they do stand. Layer on layer they climb Making you bend this time. The weight has gotten so Your limbs break and bow. Mother Nature has been cruel To make winter with spring duel. **Confuse blossoms and flowers** To bud forth, freeze and die You should not have rushed Spring so soon. And now you question why And so do I.

# **CROWN MOTHER NATURE**

The bough from the earth Did unfurl with all its worth The green leaves did untwine Bringing forth long thin vine.

Rain droplets did run off The ends making a little trough The berries round and lush Gave me such a rush Move forth your branches so, Quietly I watch you grow.

Fragrance you just unfurl Your scent heavy in a whirl. A long vine I did take For my wreath I did make To twine circular in my hair For Mother Earth to but wear.

How fitting it is from thee To crown myself with such beauty, And so you see me as so Mother Nature's wreath of Bough.

# WHEN I WAS A CHILD

When I was a child I thought as a child. When I became a man, I thought as a man. So Yahweh's ways and thoughts Are not ours. There are many members to the body Be we are all one. So there are different levels of maturity In the Body of Yahshua. It is only by walking in Yahweh's Love that we can become one. Nothing else will work. All of life is about growth, Change – Love. And the life after, Eternal life is a continuance Of that growth and love. We can think like adults But still trust like a child On our Heavenly Father.

### THE JOURNEY OF A SOUL

The journey of a soul A brilliant mind Used greatly For good purposes But yet just a mind. Much is required of it Expected, taken for granted. But yet just a mind. The body ages So does memory One must reach a Cut off point To not absorb anymore To retain what it has.

The soul grows, reasons, Understands, thinks, feels. It is more than a mind. Tragedy happens when The two part ways. Old age they say Stress they say No, fragility, a reminder It is just yet a mind Yahweh contains the soul.

#### YAHWEH YOU ARE MY ANCHOR

Yahweh you are my anchor I hold onto you. You are my strength My Rock My Fortress. You are solid. In you Oh Yahweh I have my being.

The wanderer Has put down stakes Has grabbed your anchor Unmoveable.

Oh Yahweh, you are my anchor When all else fails I hold onto you. You are my strength My Rock. I bless your holy name Oh Yahweh. With gratitude I thank you For the Anchor of your Word.

# YOU AND I

Beauty so rare, hard to defy The presence of your love Eyes that sparkle of truth to me When I am around you I feel free.

Presence felt, heart warming it is The comfort that we bestow Upon each other as being one I feel our love grow.

Not long ago I felt like a child And could not reason why And now with life and time More events have gone by.

I cannot measure the time alone To that which I have now And still it feels new Each and every day With your own special loving way.

> I cannot happier be Than I am right now

It is my given right And so it shall be With you and I For all eternity.

H. A. A. R. P.

Oh HAARP, you evil angel You send waves to the globe You cause wave to emit guakes Your seed clouds to emit rain You spread silver in the air – chemtrails You cause drought, floods And even earthquakes. Harp, you play your strings The evil weather machine In the name of engineered warfare – You harness the heavens And play God. Unknowingly you reap havoc On your own people And other's domain. You are far worse than Weapons of mass destruction, You are the birthing pains. Who will stop you Before it's too late? You cause untold loss to many. Oh HAARP, your evil cousins From Germany, England, China, Japan They care not who feels the pain. Technology to play God To destroy the weather. Next comes the thought police To arrest based on **One's failed body language** For the expected response. HAARP, your job is to eliminate In the name of global green Too many men there are, And machines rule now over men. Break the wheel, Break the current,

Walk and walk Eden a new. No more computers for you. You have learned well, too late.

# EMANCIPATE

Oh so cordially I resist Do not cull me in To your disconcerted thought I want no part of Your visceral pain.

I haven't time for that For you see I've come to the rectitude Of what is most essential That right now is me.

I think you abash Persons in question And I am not one of them So go on, do your concern And I shall be done Once for all With your ardent state Emancipate I say Best to stay that way.

### ACHROMATIC WAYS

Oh agamid being Your achromatic ways immodest Uninviting complimentary calm Descending onto my being Immaterial your fine grained touch.

# **COOL DOWN**

As of late your burning desire Permeates all that I stumble upon The read is blurry The words singe with the heat And I want to extinguish the flames. Water cannot be fast enough To cool down The rupturing flow Of magna And it snaps and sizzles Upon diffusion. My foot prints are singed And left burnt The signature is gone Unrecognizable to me **Off with you** And ever be drowned.

# **RESTORE YOURSELF**

My friend you are drifting Slowly drifting away -And you are so preoccupied You don't believe it is happening. Where you once stood You are no more Ask yourself how it happened You will not like what you hear. Our love grows cold When we take our focus Off whom means the most And place it on "other things". Don't deceive yourself And say it will never happen For then you are turned over Your pride blindly leads you away. I ask for Heaven's sake That you stop and return where You once were, repent -**Restore yourself** Before the great falling away.

# **FINISH TO WIN**

The time for games is over We are not children anymore Strengthen yourself in the Word Gird up your lions with Truth. A line has been drawn In the sand. I am separating sheep and goats You should discipline others You should be exhorting the Word. Know who vou serve And serve Him well. Time of laughter is gone Much sorrow and tribulations Is to come upon the saints. Be counted worthy To suffer for my names' sake. I call for a Bride Without spot or blemish. I allow suffering to purify you. I use Satan to buffet you To crucify your flesh So you will turn to me. Pray to be county worthy To endure to the end. Games are over, This is a race One you must finish to win.

### SACRIFICE FOR ME

Long brass spikes Did impale thee To the tree – Sharp thorns punctured Your skull deep This you were crowned – Stripped of your clothing Whipped, mocked, slapped A purple cloak you were gowned – Visions in your head While helplessly you bled Forgiveness you prayed – Two thieves, one each side You Thy Holiness they did deride And still one strayed – No man can comprehend That history altering day – And I can only cry When I think of Thee When I pray – For me! For me! You died! You rose – It is finished, you accomplished Thy grace is sufficient for me They blood on Calvary Your sacrifice on the tree.

# **GET THROUGH THIS**

We will get through this You and I I have seen worse Yet I got through it. They have doctors, medicines With much success. Don't take the weight of this Do not let it weary you You have me and others You are not alone. Truly my dear I have seen worse Yet – we will Get through this. It does make one re-access Their goals, ambitions, life It stops you Makes you own it And what you plan to do. Yet I have seen worse We will get through this You and I. Learn to let others Give to you, Pick up your slack Focus on yourself getting better, We will get through this.

# **QUIET CALM**

Quiet calm Is in my soul Gratefully I reflect On past pain From the Iron Crucible I have passed – Turning blood to wine. And laughter within Rings forth Joy.

Golden petals unfold Expose the Jewel within Rays of peace permeate My present surroundings. I take the calm with me I am stronger for it. And it is well.

# THEY FLOAT UPWARDS

Overrun with dandelions A lawn becomes a field Redwing black birds shrill Fledglings flit about in tow. Harmony, unity, blend From land, trees, clouds And all on the earth.

Simple things spill forth For my eye to drink in Not enough hours in a day Too quickly it erases. At the mercy of the weather All of us roll up In warm splendor.

I tie up my thoughts Of you – I release them They float upward. And alone I stand Windblown, erect Pillar in the field Of hopes and dreams. The grass is my pillow I lay down to contemplate Beyond the Emerald Throne To that great City.

# NO ONE KNOWS YOUR NAME

Clothed in wimple and habit Silence is your vow In rows you gather Chant after the bell rings. Daily you do so unnoticed. Prayer is your vocation For a dying world Requests for sick loved ones, For the sake of loving people.

Your knees are worn From hours of kneeling Prostrate yourself so Your heart has been pierced You heard the call And accepted.

Sister you have become You have a sense of community. Always on the altar The book remains open. Living and dying is one You are a vessel. You stand in the gap And pray for a dying world. And no one knows your name.

(Tribute to all the nuns who pray for everybody)

# **IF STONES COULD TALK**

Out in the field stands The remains of an old stone wall. Vines have grown over it, Dirt, trees breaking through Here and there. You wonder who made it Took the time to stack All the stones What kind of purpose That wall had served.

And it still is standing All this time later. It has long since been abandoned Yet is shows forth. I am drawn to sit on it, Touch the stones And think back to An earlier time. If only these stones could talk, What would they say?

#### PRIDE

I take those who Are full of themselves I snap them in half And there let them lie. I hate the proud Know this – I Yahweh am Sovereign I am a jealous Elohim I share my glory With no one.

### JUSTICE

The Lion gave birth To the Eagle There sprang forth liberty Stars fall from the sky And shall consume thee All that lift themselves up. I am a jealous Elohim I share my glory With no one. The earth is a ball Of life I made thee Of wrath I will shake All that is evil and haughty. And they shall be no more. My people shall not cry All tears will be dry. I come back to Justice give And let life live There on the shore of eternity. And I El Yahweh Sovereign Will rule and reign.

# YOU CALLED ME

**Oh Father!** Thou art King of Kings And Master of Masters! Your majesty reigns on high. I am so pleased Father That you had called Me by name, That I am thine. You knew me before I was born You chose me as your own. Thank you Yahweh For loving me Before I knew you. I am not worthy oh Yahweh I am but a worm, Yet you loved me.

Thou are worthy oh Yahweh Of praise and glory Worthy is the Lamb Yahshua That was slain! (Isaiah 43:1)

## **MEASURE OUR DAYS**

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom"; "Yahweh, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is, that I may know how frail I am".

> We mortal men live On earth as though forever We learn the ways of man Forgetting there's nothing we can Do without the Father. Mere mortals take life for granted As though their lineage will stay They toil and sweat For material wealth, Only to be given away. When you rush to be older To make your mark in the world, Searching for they not know what -The eternal within is knocking And they need to let Him in. Let us search for wisdom For Yahweh to show us our end The measure of our days So we'd mend our ways. (Psalm 90:12; Psalm 39:4)

### LULLABY

Lay your head on your arm Close your eyes and drift Sleep little one, sleep Pleasant thoughts in your head As angels watch nearby.

Sheltered you are from The war that wages without In peace you are kept. Battles are fought That you know not of For your well being. Rest my little one, rest, For now all is well. Soon enough Tomorrow will come With all its troubles.

# **OUR SOULS**

Our souls are sponges They sop up all they absorb So we must guard them At all costs.

### SETTLED

Beautiful days of blue Lush green and warmth Humming vibration of the earth I walk into your beauty Not tainted by man. Pristine emerald hues In the wooded glen Kisses of the morning dew. Fragrance of flowers in bloom Blades of grass so alive -Barefoot my feet tickle. To lay looking up Seeing the branches reaching up Creak and sway in the wind Clouds crown you above. **Eves closed I feel settled** My roots run deep in you.

# ASPIRE

See the vision in your mind Know it can be done Do not let the dream die Live to see it become reality. Be faithful in little things Soon you will do greater – Don't give up your dedication Stay true no matter what Remain true to the dream You will bring it forth To give it life. Never let another rob you Of your goals and visions Guard them with your life.

### THE GLOBE

It's all a jigsaw puzzle People, cultures, diverse Somehow we are all one. The globe is a rubic's cube The combination is there Someone smart enough Can solve the puzzle.

What was an attempt To rule the world was cast down From humanity of one mind Came multitude confusion Centuries later at last We can re-communicate To try again to rebuild The great tower of Babel.

It is a jigsaw puzzle Everyone reinterprets all things As something different. It will take great charisma To give the answers We all seek to unity.

The globe is a rubic's cube The combination is there. The puzzle can be solved.

# THE QUILTER



Yards of fabric, thread Sit and trace for hours Plan the colour scheme Cut the squares needed. Patiently plan the pattern Row upon row is sewn. Added together, The pattern emerges.

Something from nothing I work with what I have. I never know the ending Until it is complete. Hours hunched over The sewing machine, Then up to dawn the face Spread out the backing Batting then face.

Pinned together first The border is sewn. Spread it now level And square by square Sit and tie tack it through. The backing sets the frame As a picture well does. It draws the eye in To the face itself. I am the Quilter – This is what I do for you. (Tribute to Melody my sister who taught me how to quilt)

### BOOKS

No one can walk In another man's shoes They cannot erase mistakes Those are badges we wear. Walking, living books We are read of all. We confuse words for actions. We are not what we say We are who we live to become. A man of silence Is a well read book. His wisdom is superior. Teach by actions rather than words. I knew a pond once Its surface was as glass The perfection bothered me. I threw stones in it To see it ripple, And echo it did -This book was clanging symbols Many words yet hollow. The spider spins its web It lays pearls of dew To entice it's prey,

Some books pull you in To die alongside the author – The pages do bleed, The words smudge. By each title is a name Recorded inside the book Are the secrets lived. As a hand in a pail of water Removed with no trace These are the rare pages, Those once read – Walking, living books.

#### ISOLATION

In the Brain, electrons -A busy place And within this lies The thoughts echoed -Memory is stored. With eyes closed As a movie projector We relive it again, Our true self is here. All our thoughts We will into actions – They define us. Even within our own universe We need each other to survive. Intellectual isolation brings insanity. We were made to create To intermingle, To socialize. Rather than be an isolation chamber Pool your thoughts together. Be of like mindedness. Draw courage, strength Heal yourself. **Enjoy the fellowship Of other thinkers** To drown out sad emotions The replays of our own making.

# IT WASN'T HER TIME

The weight of life presses in, She has come undone. Tears, uncontrollable sobs She loads the .22 Cocks the trigger back Puts her finger on it With the barrel to her head. She cries, closing her eyes. And in that moment – Before she pulls the trigger Faces of loved ones Flash in her mind. Sobbing now, She uncocks the gun Puts it down still loaded. She could not do it. She wanted to, she tried But some invisible force Stopped her hand From pulling the trigger. And the broken soul Their heart bled out Till it could not anymore. The hands of angels Lifted her up to safety They floated around her Fill the room with light. The dark was pushed away. Those that tormented her Are long gone. She was spared that day, It wasn't her time. For that she is grateful. And she whispers To her angels -"Thank You!"

# THE GLASS

The glass is half empty Soon it will become – I have so much more To drink of Before it's all gone.

Hand grasp strong Busy working Busy reading Busy sleeping Hand gone limp.

The glass is empty – The mirrors are covered The clocks are stopped You work no more To sleep you've gone.

# CLIMB

**Rock on rock** Tree roots surfacing Uphill incline A four mile trek To the top. The view breath taking. The trail is a hard climb today Much rain has washed The dirt in many places. Permafrost shows itself Still snow and ice. Windy, cold, exhausted I relish the rest and view. Nothing can compare To this summit. I sit by the cairns Feeling like a sentinel I made it -Victory.

(When I climbed Mt. Mansfield, VT)

### AWAY

Away I have been for so long Nothing looks the same anymore How I try to look for the familiar. There is a place in all of us That goes further, out of reach And that is untouchable of others. The rain keeps falling The ground drinks Growth, movement, flourish. And how I wish it was a part of me.

I was walking through a door A one sided mirror I can look back But never reenter there again. Death crossed over with me The day I walked through.

My voice is not heard My presence is not seen. How I try to look for the familiar. All I see through these eyes Is newness not touched A place where no feet have walked. And so I must go. (Dead to the world, Alive in Him)

# NO JOB

Twenty two years I worked there Now the doors are shut without notice It is an epidemic these days Have to look for new work But really nothing pays.

What am I going to do? Car payment, rent and the kids And how do I tell the old folks Who are dependent on me? How can I tell them not to worry? In a day our life can turn From having to wanting

All your securities taken from you And you are too old to go to school I ask myself, what will I do? It's a shame the older you are You have to take two or three jobs To make what you just lost Downsizing and going without Still doesn't make up the cost. Something has got to give For now I will just sit tight Hoping for a sign In the meantime I will move back in, I resigned. Homeless is not a nice word To those of us without jobs After the unemployment runs out Then sell our belonging too, There is nothing else to do -There is nothing else to do.

### JANITOR

Her hair in a silver pixie Dressed retro 1970's Black pants and belt With rivets in them – Tall black boots to match. She pushes the 32 gallon Trash barrel on wheels **Comes desk to desk** Exchanges jokes, laughs Collects our trash. On breaks she sits Crochet, knit -She will also show us The Jewelry she makes Selling them for Christmas gifts. Keeps the place spotless Kitchen, floors, toilets too Wash, wax, dust, mop Vacuum like the wind -This is our lovely Debbie.

(Loving Memory of Debbie Gabaree – we miss you)

### THE WATCHERS

A young person with an old soul Their eyes have seen too much Deep sigh and resignation Of having to succumb yet again To the dumb dictates of men.

The sacred wheel in the sky Flies about where it will Whirling and bronze wheels Within a wheel The eyes of Yahweh to and fro.

The watchers are here Waiting for their orders To relinquish the sacred Clueless mankind goes on Not knowing orders of the divine.

Confusion, symbology, keys Seals, vials, bowls Trumpets – The watchers wait their orders To relinquish the sacred.

> Old soul, You know – You know. And many are Deaf, dumb and blind.

#### MANHOOD

Little boy you be scolded You straighten up to First comes Mom Then your teacher And your peers at school. Learn the ways Of those around you Pick up your pace young man Much is expected of you Measure your success In what you can.

Go away and learn about Solitude and fraternity **Comrades in arms** Women and their charms And things of eternity. Much is required you say Slowing down a bit **Compliant to all commands** Even those in off time With much charm and wit. Then there comes a moment You can reflect so **On your life** As you know it How fast it did go. Stop and regroup Ask yourself anew For all you've done For everyone For yourself what will you do? Got to have a new plan Exit must be grand To go out in style Ponder on what matters most Think of that a while. Old man you reflect Think on these things With no rearet For what the future brings Your heart glad sings, Your heart glad sings.

# **HEART FELT INNOCENCE**

Cute little toddler Barefoot on the grass With his arms out Such a huge smile Moving, walking towards you. "Look at me! I walked!" Down he falls. He looks down at the grass. Feels it, pulls it up Looks at it, smiles, Puts it in his mouth Tries to eat it Then throws it away. Gets up and runs to you. And you, with arms open Catch up your bundle of Joy. And you love on each other With giggle and delight With heart felt innocence. There is no other Like the love Of a child And its mother.

#### LEGACY

Often we look to others For our value, self-worth. We look to acquire It through wealth Through our work ethic. How misquided we get To look to the directs of others You only know your heart, You worth is within. Most waste their time They think not on value – True value. Generations come and go. With a passing elder Goes a pillar of strength. **Buried with them** Goes their ways, wisdom. The true strength of a man Is what remains What he was known as. We all have self-worth The question is Do you value yourself? With honest integrity? Forget the measures of society That matters not Where are the concerns of the heart. We can chase the wind Illusions, dreams, fantasies, It all is nothing. But a man's true value Is within his soul. Once you have anchored that You can branch out Into a solid tree With deep roots That will go down Into the lives of others. You legacy will become All that you have left, Not taken.

### RELISH

Lean back under the tree The warm sunlight on you. The wind tassels the leaves You smell rain in the air. To be free as a bird No restraints. To alide on the wind Land on a branch of green. To build a nest in the sky Scout in circle for food. Landing you fluff In a puddle. You grace the morning with song I hear all varieties Call each other by name You gather at the feeding pole With such Joy. And such simple pleasures As a summer's day and breeze I relish them so. It is the rewards of summer After a harsh winter.

# THINK IT NOT QUEER (ODD)

Why do you Think it queer That I your Elohim Could be near? That I can My ear hear? Your pain and sorrow Cries and tears, Your prayers to me? Do you not know I do listen? Do you not know I do answer? **Push the doubt** Out of your mind Trust that I do hear. And know of sure Forever more I am always near. A promise I gave to you I will never Leave or forsake I will be with you always When tribulations you walk through. Think it not queer That I am near. For I am Yahweh -I love you.

# YAHWEH – YAHSHUA

Words fail – Cannot describe The presence Of Yahshua Speechless, on bended knee I prostrate myself And pay homage – The creator Just. Love consumes me My heart melts within Your loving kindness Is beyond understanding – I am in Awe of Thee, For You are Sovereign.

### SONG ON THE WIND

The sky cries The wind howls forth Words of anguish and remorse ~ The land is forgotten The balance of earth and sky Is lost to mankind ~ He forgot he is but clay **Boastful words he speaks** The heat dries the clay  $\sim$ Parched are his words He speaks no more ~ It is the rain that falls Gently giving new life The land sweeps with emotion ~ The wind whispers through What stands in her way Sacred words with no footprints A song on the wind.

### **DO NOT ROB**

Do not rob you soul Of the Divine Yahweh is not religion. Confuse not the sins Of religious men Yahweh is not religion. He is not in dos and don'ts He is not in traditions Yahweh is not religion. He is the Law of Love The commandments of obedience Yahweh is Spirit and Truth Not the lies of men. Deceive not your soul Of eternal life.

Yahweh is not in structures gothic He is not in wood and stone Yahweh is in the hearts of men When his son Yahshua who did atone. For our weaknesses, faults and sins When we but ask him in. Yahweh gives us a new heart He lifts the stone and weight He gives us eternal life For yielding to love not hate. Do not rob your soul Of the Divine Yahweh is not religion. Let no man tell you **Obedience is legalist** And give you false hope In traditions of men instead. Reliaious men with their lies Rolled up in disquise Will have you never ending, Beg, plead, coerce and buy Your salvation they will try. Yahshua paid the price but once Good works it cannot attain All religious hocus pocus Will not get you any gain. Rather religion will roll you Into the gate of hell For Yahweh did warn Man more than once In his Word he did tell. I have come to give life To all those who but seek I resist the strong and proud Yet I receive the meek. Come to me with brokenness I am a prayer away A life of new I give to you If you but call on me today. Let not religious men Sell you their pack of lies For I am the Elohim, Mighty One Do not rob your soul of me And be separated for eternity.

For I am the Holy Yahweh I made all men for a purpose To have fellowship with me. I love you all so very much I give you my grace and mercy Come while I am near For I will not always tarry. Do not rob you soul Of the Divine Do not rob yourself of me, King Yahshua the Almighty.

### I HOLD TRUE

Only one go around No second chance So put your best foot forward Creatures we are, here to learn How to love and treat one another Careful how your heart burns. Easy to lose your focus – To drift aimlessly away.

Oh look up From where you came – "Know I hold all things I protect my own Others who mock I remove my hedge Let them be consumed. I say, know that I AM". Only one go around I know who holds life I put my foot forward in faith I want to know love I want to follow his ardor I told true – And drift no more.

### DIVIDE

I Understand you, You are above. Many starts, no finish. I try so but just don't get there. Heavy weight presses me down. I am having A momentary lapse I'm in a funk in a grand way.

I try to leave you see But I never do. I was cut from this cloth I am one of a kind Just can't make me your way I try to change But I just can't – Like a granite rock I stay.

Round and round Inside my mind – I had a talk with myself, And I couldn't listen To me anymore You or anyone else besides – I just know I am in a grand funk. This I do realize. I'm on a continuous circle Can't seem to get off the track. (Life without Messiah)

#### **SMELL OF HAY**

Heavy clouds of rain Rumbling thunder on stone Lightning strike Off we run for cover The barn is stale, musty Straw old with age All abandoned long ago.

Boards give way to light Vulnerable we watch Lightning strike again. Ever so close warm breath On damp skin Rain soaked clothes In the dark the sky lights up.

Captured we stay put Fate has given us Presentation we consume.

Thinking of then I still smell hay in my hair And feel A smile on my face. (Love Ballad)

### LIKE EVE

Walk into the forest dense Come to a circle open Overhang tree boughs The floor carpeted with pine needles. Hemlock, pine, oak and birch And the cherished aspen – Stand up tall and leaves shimmer Canopy of blue shrouds your tops.

Gorgeous maples reaching out Stretching upwards – Leaves change, change – Green, yellow, reds crimson – Set afire blazing the trail Acorns crunch underfoot.

Pungent, sweet leaf decay From this springs new shoots Life is swaying, humming, moving. Birds flit branch to branch The wind twirls around my frame I wrap my cloak tighter. The air pulls up old leaves Airborne and circling. Elated I feel reborn Like Eve in the garden once more. Truly the earth and I are one.

# THE WHEEL

Like the cog of a wheel Mechanisms of a watch The teeth interlock and turn In opposing directions. Others go back and forth Like a pendulum. Some pieces are so minute Yet they hold the key. And without the spring They all lock up and stop. So we are Interdependent with one another.

### GLUE

Structure holds the key For you and I Lest we come undone Unity no more But endless sorrow.

# YAHWEH IS ON THE THRONE

Yahweh is on the throne Take heart my child Fear not the things of the world I am bigger than that I flung the stars in the sky I created the earth And all in it. I am bigger than that. I created the Universe The Galaxies, The Stratospheres, I created beyond that.

For I loved you so More than you can comprehend That is why my son Yahshua I did send He died for all your sins On the tree at Calvary And by his precious Blood You can come into my throne, Prayer I will receive For his Blood your sins atone. You are my child I am with you wherever you go I will never leave Nor forsake you. This remember and know, This remember and know. (Psalm 37:25; Hebrews 13:5)

#### **SNOW FALL**

The sun is shadowed By a snow shower. A huge cloud of white Touching from sky to ground Flakes fly through the air. They land and melt On your face and eyelids. **Cool breeze blows them** In your hair Gently they float And pile on the ground. The coldness Makes your nose pinch together Your breath goes out Like steam from a vent And the sun is a Huge white circle Surrounded with more white. **Only your footprints** In the snow Show where the sky ends And the ground begins. The silence is welcomed To the ears. Just the crunch of Your walking greets you.

### EARTHQUAKE

One huge land mass Three million dwell there One coast to another We feel it as one.

Woken as if on a roller coaster Solid structures ripped, Objects shattered, tossed – Dazed, in shock Fear for what's next.

Frantic, helpless I look around Nothing seems safe. I look for cover From dangerous falling objects.

An eternity passes, When will it hit again? Time turns hellish People walking outside staying Standing in the streets, Waiting for more of the same.

April 4, 2010, 7.2 magnitude, April 5, 2010, 5.1 aftershock They keep coming... (California, USA; Matthew 24 the beginning of sorrows)

# VOLCANO

Black rain Volcanic ash Voices, muffles – Sulfur rising. Rise to higher elevations Cleaner air The earth opens up – Self dissolves. Memories gone Buried for centuries Under new rock. The sun becomes the moon – Dark, drifting ash. You will not be forgotten. Your memory Will live forever. (In memory of civilizations destroyed by Volcanoes)

### ROUTINE

Routine is a man made word For a perfect world Where everything stays the same But in real life That's not the case Much change with much pain.

You hold up your end real good And walk the golden mile Some days aren't so nice You know what I mean You can't even pull up a smile.

Erratic is the way to go Flow in any direction With what comes to you Routine is a thing of the past There is now nothing that you have to do.

After a while of aimless meandering It all seems so pointless to me That we should just walk and bump Into anybody that you can see.

Manmade words are sometimes necessary To keep us all in line So I will stick with what works for me Routine works just fine.

(The structure of obedience is necessary)

# **MOURNING NO MORE**

Hear ye... hear ye... Mytron the 5<sup>th</sup> dies At 112, on March 9, 2010, Ruler since the year 8449.

The world ruler of Illuminati over rule Of the souls of men Owner of wars and world chaos.

Hemmonphanes the Ancient Who predeceased Mytron left This psychokinetic control to him.

The world corrupt does mourn The brain child Mytron The heart of the earth, Bavaria, Germany is hollow. The chamber is now empty. Spirits now rule the earth.

Hear ye... hear ye... All the old ancient temples Are rumbling a new. The earth is to yet Spring forth a new leader. The great counterfeit of old. He soon shall appear.

Hear ye... hear ye... He shall rule the souls of men The earth lusts for the blood of men, And no one will mourn.

(Illuminati Successor -Antichrist & N.W.O. ruling mankind)

# GARDEN

Beating of wings, angelic Kiss the morning light With dew sparkling On grass so fresh A magnificent sunlight With rays beaming Life awakens. Morning glories, birds A rabbit across the yard And set foot across To my garden bench Where I soak in the morning With my coffee for the day. **Birds eating worms** Flowers opening up Fragrance rising upward Pleasant memories invoking. This is my breakfast hour That none shall take away.

# **PONDER THIS**

Why swim in the ocean of deceit When you can walk In truth and righteousness?

# SUDDENLY

It often takes the unexpected To realize what you have, You have taken for granted. Everv now and then Life throws you a surprise It catches you off guard You say so surreal You move in shock. For a moment you are in limbo Before your adrenaline kicks in. And then – It happens. **Everything happens –** Fast. At a very clipped pace Many things from all angles Come at you at once And you stumble through it Till it ends – it stops. And once at a stop You sav **Oh My Yahweh!** How close, oh how close! And gratitude seizes your soul To be alive vet another day With those you love.

#### OWNERSHIP

We all work so hard To obtain things To have a place of our own. But really, do we own? Or rather, do we but manage? To say I can own something Is really not true. One must work hard Giving up time loss To earn wages to pay To have ownership.

And one must work hard To pay to maintain ownership. Yet in "owning" One is a slave To all taxes and upkeeps. It is better to say that We all manage things That eventually will Slip through our fingers. **Ownership is when** You do not have to work to maintain. **Ownership is acceptance** Of who you are And what you become. **Ownership is to things** That are not material, And cannot be taken away. We can change our venue Our variety of temperament But never really delete **Ownership of character** For that is who we are.

#### REFLECTION

As people get older They magnify who they are. It seems the larger the deficit The more blind they become. Reflection can be dangerous If through the optics of illusion.

All men must succumb To leadership of others. Equality is but a term Tossed around for civility. People are manageable As long as they believe the illusion.

Once self awaking occurs People have learned to question This is most fearful To powers that control. Civil disobedience is not wanted It must be avoided. Self deception is just Another means of one coping With dissatisfaction in ones life. If one can reflect in honesty With acceptance, they have peace, With rejection, you have rebellion.

> So reflection must be Portrayed for others As what to believe To avoid resistance. Many are too busy To care less. It is in old age One can reflect with regret Age robs you of youth And passion to resist. This explains leadership's Portrayal of reflection, And the use of it To control others.

# THE PERFECT DAY

The sun goes down On the remains of the day. Temperatures drop back down The bird feeders are emptying I lay here curled up Contemplating.

Shrubs already in blossom Light buds to full flowers Sky such a cold blue Water still standing in the field My eyes give way To sleep they yield.

Such a lovely day Too quickly it's gone by Shared with a bosom friend Lifted up in spirits The sun has gone down The day light comes to an end. If I could put in a bottle All the wonders felt today To relive yet another time But that cannot be So I retire for now And will add it to my memory.

# **GRATITUDE MAY I EXPRESS**

Gratitude may I express For favor undeserved Provisions not asked for Comforts of life that others don't have. Thankful For your governing my life With favor, honor, happiness For companions of ernest Honest and integrity. For work given for my hands to do **Talents that bless others** For a light load and easy burdens For a network of support And encouragement of friends. You are my heart, my life. My Yahshua, For that I express my gratitude.

# FALL NOT IN LOVE WITH THE WORLD

Go and sin no more in thought Word or deed. We must walk in the Holy Spirit. We have no time frame, only today. When I close my eyes I take for granted I will wake, that everything Will be the same. Reality is that it changes. There are no guarantees. Are we so in love with The world and sin, we find Comfort in them? How sad to forget we Are spiritual beings in a physical world. We can never be totally happy here. The only joy that lasts is in Yahweh. When we fall in love with the world We sin against ourselves And the purpose of our being. Fall not in love with the world Or the things of the world, For all of this is passing away.

## PERHAPS...

We didn't always get along You and I Too much alike In so many ways -No more antagonize **Rather work together** For a common good. Both talented but raised differently -Different spectrums as it were. But now we found a common ground The love of verse and poetry. I have such empathy for you Your growing up Your struggles even now Yet I do admire your inner beauty -That which you are too shy to show. You have qualities that Are deep and rare Often misunderstood. At times I see your inner heart weep -And others your soul sing. Our swords have been forged Into pens of peace -**Ouills of verse.** The power of thought To converse wonderfully Where words fail. Perhaps we are more alike Than either of us could ever admit. (For Jamie)

## CALLED

Abandon yourself to me. My peaceful calm will restore you. You will walk in my strength, No longer your weaknesses. Isn't my love enough for you?

A person is known by the shoes they wear, They say a lot about themselves. Are your feet shod with my gospel? Are they carrying the liberation Of Messiah wherever you go? Are you walking in my footsteps?

> I have shown you the way. Are you surrendered and willing To follow the path I have led? Are you willing to walk To Calvary and be crucified With me on the tree? Are you willing to Abandon your will to mine?

#### DEVOTION

People mock and ask, Why am I so obsessed with Yahweh? They don't realize The love of souls The love of purity. The rebirth of holiness The awareness of eternity The reality time is but an invention.

To die for each of us With no guarantees of redemption Unless we desire and seek it. Those who protest the loudest Weep the greatest Banished forever From the presence of Yahweh. How cannot I talk of him? He is my life My reason for being He is my love He is my husband I am not ashamed of him.

# **SQUARES OF BLUE**

Square of blue All different Many jeans and designs Cut up and sewn together And tie tacked. When done make a quilt. When I look at the sea of blue All the many shades of colour I think of people, humans The souls of men. How we are all different Yet when together make a whole. Some squares are new, others old Some bright, others faded **Textures from the thick** Thin to soft. All got that way by being Worn of the owner. Humanity has warmth, character When we learn from one another And work as one. So much can be accomplished When we allow others To gather us Into the wholeness of their lives, We become a blanket Unified from love.

## I WENT FOR A WALK

I went for a walk today -I saw, felt and touched A slice of heaven. How I wish I could remain Within that moment But it is not to be so. On this side of life it cannot be But once I finish what I started here I then can walk over there. For the moment I was caught up in There was nothing but being one With the nature I was walking in. No demands, commitments, obligations, No sense of time in fact. And I felt exalted as though This was the true essence of being alive. This is how we are meant to be Unfettered, and unrestrained. I went for a walk today -I saw, felt and touched A slice of heaven.

## RAIN

Sitting here listening to the rain fall Tears from heaven. We have all lost our way. The world is covered in darkness All the rain can't lift the stain within it. There is something about the sound Of rain falling, It reminds one of finality The end of something. It brings to mind Emptiness and yieldedness. Cold and damp I think As I clutch my jacket Around my neck tighter. Rain can revive thirst It can drown, cleanse. But the sound of it In the darkness Reminds me of an hour glass Emptying itself to the last Grain of sand, and then Quiet, nothing. Yes, Yahweh even talks to us In the rain.

# SCALES OF TIME

Of all things I still stop and ponder The present moment... Of many moments gone by And the likeness of none other... Today the scales have tipped... And I wish to cash in And sleep on time past spent. Nature has a way of making one feel safe Whole and healthy And of not aging but being one In a cycle of creative life. My energies are better suited For today I pace myself much slower. All actions eventually slows to a stop All events come to an end. It is the pausing one appreciates them All the more. Sunshine is wonderful When shared with someone else The warmth giving strength and peace. The rays have a way of making One shines a nice brown And fill your bones with hope and joy. Time is but scales Held in the hand of the Master. Everyone's time is of different lengths. How I wish to catnap through it, If I did I'm afraid I will miss something. When one gets older it is acceptance To shed your old skin And stay in the shape you are.

Acceptance that we cease to be But our works follow us. I am grateful that in the scales of time Are included the people who have Made an impression, Left their imprint on my heart, Gave me another way of thinking, Such are you.

### ORACLES

I have sent my oracles Some carved in stone (Ten commandments) Some on scrolls (The word of Yahweh) Others manifested in nature (My creation) Yet you do not heed them. Elusive man on the cusp Of a new era Without an anchor, You will not remain. We are to be living stones White stones together **Building a Bride.** We are meant to conquer To obtain, to dwell in glory, As a testament of Yahweh's love. The oracles have delivered We should receive To be in the temple Living stones. Grasp this truth The word of Yahweh, Become enamored by it, And the truth shall set you free.

# I AM HERE

When life seems hard And you feel it isn't fair The pain is overwhelming Thoughts are reeling Know that I will be there.

The world can be crazy And a very unsafe place With people in your face Invading your personal space Take heart my friend Know that I will be there.

We live half a globe away you say And how can what you say be true? Just think about knowing this You have a family near and far We are your support in time of need Distance has nothing to do with it you see. Take heart my friend Know that I am here.

I can feel your emotions, Your heart spilling over with tears I know your uncertainties And I know your fears. We live on the same earth We believers share each others pain. Just know this my friend I am here, I am here And I will lift you in prayer.

## **TREES REACH UP**

Trees reach up And so do I To praise Yahweh By and by Tell me now, how lovely! Fruit of the tree We must bear For if we are empty We will be burned. So I ask you – What does your tree bear? Is it fruit lovely on the vine? Or a bare branch to be removed? Yahshua can't say Thou art mine If you bear not The fruit of the vine. The fruit of the vine. The trees reach up And so do I To praise Yahweh By and by.

# **GROW IN STATURE**

Each of us with our Own circumstances Rules to be measured by Ways to compare, Yet doing so We rob ourselves. When we stop comparing Competing among ourselves We are set free To be who we each Individually are meant to become.

The world is a trap You can get caught in it And never know Your full potential. You must open The eyes of your soul Cease to conform to others Give yourself permission To grown into the stature of Yahshua Who you are to become.

#### PRAYER

When the illusion is more real than reality, Then you have lost your way. One must shatter the illusion to see truth. Life is busy, fast paced, consuming.

You are a pilgrim on earth passing through. You are to learn growth through what you create. Do not fall in love with your creations Or those around you. Fall in love with the truth, Yahshua.

> You have a keen sense of spirit. I made you that way. You are spirit in a physical world. Your vision is my gift To stay connected to me, Spirit and Truth. Develop your vision through prayer And worship to me, I am El Yahweh. You are my beloved child. Do not lose sight of that.

### **LIFE IS A JOURNEY**

Life is like toilet paper It unrolls a little slow at first But once you get going You lose track It goes by way to fast. The point it Have fun tearing the roll down Till you get to the end. Life is a journey Have fun while getting there.

#### THE TREE

In the woods are many trees Of various kinds Some soft wood, some hard Some with leaves, others not. All different yet compliment one another. Woods are woods, mingled and united. When a tree gets old, it falls. In its place is a shaft of light, Room for others to grow up into. Others drop seeds that grow into new ones.

With the wind they bend and creek. Their leaves rustle and glisten. Their roots run deep, making them strong. If you don't stand still You will miss it, The singing of the trees, The clapping of their branches The raising of their limbs To Yahweh the Most High.

I can say my friend Yahshua Was a Majestic Tree, One not to be forgotten. We can all grow in the light he gives.

## **BEAUTIFUL TO ME**

Thou art beautiful Oh Yahweh Maker of the morning **Rising of the sun** Fullness of a day. Thou art beautiful oh Yahweh Maker of the birds that Are a wonder on the air Showman of the thunder And majestic lightning Maker of snowflakes Each wonderfully different. **Creator of the Universe** The Milky Way, the Galaxies. I am in awe of thee For the wonder of life For creation made for me And the joy of our fellowship Truly, Majestic Infinite One Thou are beautiful to me.

#### CHOOSE

Choose to turn the other cheek Choose to walk in love Choose to sacrifice for the kingdom Choose to forget wrongs done Choose to find good in all Choose to give words of life Choose to treat all people equal Choose to walk in holiness Choose to perform the Word of Yahweh Choose to bless the body of believers Choose to die to vour old nature Choose to live as a new creature Choose to heal the wounds Choose to listen with patience Choose to walk the extra mile Choose, yes chose So that you may be the light.

## BALANCE

Some of us get cocky Others feel insignificant Some have no feeling at all People all fan themselves The level of attention they need.

We receive people in our lives To balance us out Some are knocked down A peg or two Others are pulled up.

As trees we are planted We bud and bloom And bring out full leaves, Then shed them standing bare. Bitter cold of winter suspends us We are dormant for a season To reawaken with the spring.

There are reasons in our lives People are brought forth Giving us balance, perspective To function in the manor And time we are meant to be. Yahweh uses people to bring us balance.

#### THE PERFECT MAN

I was born one cold morn For fear of my life We escaped to Egypt. After four years we go back To my country of birth. I was submissive to my parents My father was a carpenter.

I was at the Jordan River When a dove descended on me. I was highly favored of my heavenly father. Shortly afterwards I go into solitude for forty days. I am tempted to my measure Yet I do not give in.

> I befriend twelve men I invite them to follow me. Many nights I go away Alone, I pray For the souls of mankind.

I have pity on them. I heal the sick, cast out demons Deliver them from their diseases. I raise the dead. I lovingly gather the multitudes Telling them of our Father's love.

I teach with parables, I show by example The true meaning of love. I am a defender and advocate Of the despised, widow, orphan Of the outcasts of society I reach in and heal their hearts.

> I stand up against hypocrites I stand on trial for this I am led as a lamb to slaughter.

I never open my mouth. I gladly lay down my life That all men can call me friend. I rise to new life I come back and breathe My Spirit on those waiting I fill them with heavenly power.

I was raised a carpenter's son. I die accused. I rise a King. I call all your friends Who will follow me In your hearts. I am Yahshua the Messiah, I am the perfect man.

# GROWTH

Yahweh does not give you the people you want He gives you the people you NEED To help you, to hurt you, to leave you, To love you and to make you into The person you were MEANT TO BE.

# THE GOSPEL PLAINLY PUT

Love Yahweh and constantly pray To him for help, Love my fellow man, Endure with patience whatever happens To me for the benefit of my soul.

# **KNOW FOR WHOM YOUR HEART BURNS**

These are the days Which the prophets told about Much distress is soon to come Global upheaval like never before. Many will faint in heart Fear will grip and destroy All who are hopeless Who have no faith. Even those who believe Must anchor themselves In their hope. Individuals will have to choose Will have to stand. Selfishness, greed rob hearts Crushing their eternal light. There is no place to hide No escaping it. Strengthen yourselves We are entering with no return. For whom does your heart burn? Blood shed knows no bounds There spirit is eternal, It will live forever. Know for whom your heart burns.

(Let no man deceive you, pray that you may endure to the end, strengthen yourselves all the more in prayer as you see the day coming)

# **REACH THE WORLD**

We live in times of much Where others before did want What the word is all about. The word is everywhere, TV, Radio, tapes, CDs, DVDs, internet, Why it flies through the air!

We have much more of the word Than ever was before Yet there is such a famine For the Truth Why this shouldn't be! Sad to see we take for granted All this technology!

Too much is really little Where little is actually more. You will not take for granted When you pray for everything. Yahweh will sift and shake To rid us of all that would cling.

Let us use modern day marvels To reach the world for Yahshua To preach around the world To receive into the kingdom The souls of men.

#### A WORD

My children how I weep How I lament you are asleep And destruction is upon you. How you have fallen You have lost your first love The rudiments of the earth Have enraptured your heart You have forgotten me Yahweh your Elohim. I do not desire for any to perish Yet you choose your rebellion Over my way of love and obedience. Terror of such magnitude Will suddenly destroy Thou are hated, despised Many are against you Many within your own borders, You will be as lambs to slaughter. There is no place to hide, only in me, Prepare your hearts, come into my presence On your face, seek the hiding place **Under my wings** For I protect only my own, Only those who are separate to me. My children how I weep, how I lament

This doesn't have to be so You do not have to perish If you will only come to me Before the hour is here. You have deadened my voice You have seared your conscience And now you are but the walking dead. I cannot protect you. I have never abandoned you But you have deserted me. Come before it is too late. Before it is too late, And I shall plead no more. (Psalm 91:1-4)

#### THE NEWS REELS ON

Like a kaleidoscope News reels by No sense of direction Pages torn from a book Ink smudged on a page Once mentioned then gone.

Humanity is the cesspool Of improvements Laws to suppress into submission For the better good Helplessly watch life Change before your eyes. Keep them drugged, Over sensitize.

Whip the masses to receive more Senseless redderick Gibberish knowledge of futility at its best To slide back. Hypnotize with your lies, The news reels on. (To the end times media machine for deception) I HAVE BEEN BROUGHT LOW I AM HUMBLED I HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE WORDS CANNOT DESCRIBE I AM STUPEFIED.

THE VISION, WILL IT REMAIN OR WILL IT REFRAIN? WILL IS SHOW NEW, WHAT IS TRUE? CAN YOU?

#### **A MOTHER'S QUEST**

What love has a mother For her child. How she will stand For what is best, Allow nothing unfit To touch them.

She will search for answers When there seems none, She will continue on When others give up, She will make do With what she has.

A mother's quest For truth, For what remains, What endures. She will not stop When told to give up. She will continue on until She has peace in her soul, When she has finished What she set out to do, Such is a mother's quest.

#### **MY TREASURE**

The heavy back door open, Cooing of mourning doves Waifs in the air The squeaky hinge of their wings As they take flight.

The golden beam of afternoon Before dusk sets in The moisture forms dew On the ground Brings evening chill.

Life happening, moving Minutes click away The earth is humming People have settled down The night shift wakes Business fades.

These are my treasures I store away To draw from When white death Blankets all motion.

# **REVERSAL MOMENTUM**

The RORRIM A dual sided plexi view Reversal momentum. SGNINROM, the tilt axis Is when one's YDOB is out of bed. Full forward motion, top speed.

The REPAP Broken columns of information Which pauses work, DOOF, the refueling of one's self To move past the halfway point.

> When ENOD for the day, I enter the RAC,

To escalate home. GNINEVE is here!

My YDOB has come full circle. My SEYE are closed. DEDNEPSUS motion SEYE closed. Snort, snort, doze Tis a RORRIM, reversal momentum.

# WE ALL WANT THEM

How we all want them Have them Keep them Grow them Send them On their way – Some move on, Some return to stay.

We learn how to make them Understand them Play with them Some of us sadly Even use them – Or they use us.

Our whole life we search for them Find them Unite with them Maintain to keep them. What else can these be? My friends you see.

## **GUIDANCE**

So many people are joyless They have much materially Yet are depleted spiritually. They are the walking wounded.

Life we have no control over But choices we do. When we know we cannot control life We stop going against And start working with destiny.

Many seek enlightenment And never find it. You will find that knowledge Without wisdom is foolishness. So is enlightenment without Understanding. This just brings much confusion.

When one stops searching Then they find Answers manifest without effort. It is in being still In Sovereign Yahweh That you will find guidance. There is Joy in each of us. We just have to see it By the Kodesh Ruach.

### EXALT HIM

Satan comes to steal and destroy Yahweh brings new life Many things on this terrestrial ball Will bring forth strife.

> You are a child of the King Yahweh is he Whatever you need Is at his command Pray it forth and it will be.

Know and walk In the knowledge of the Word We are not to be defeated Our prayers lifted heavenward Know that they are heard.

Greater is he that is in us So be not dismayed For Yahweh will send his angels To overcome, to make a way.

Our Elohim reigns! He is to be exalted! He is majesty on high! With praise on our lips His presence does come nigh!

> Praise his majesty! Exalt him! On the throne is he! For Yahshua's sacrifice Made for you and me. Exalt him! Magnify him! For now And all eternity!

HE WILL MAKE A WAY

One day Yahweh and Satan Were having a wager. Go ahead, tempt Job, He will not sin. For Yahweh knew his soul And what was within him.

And trials sore, losses great Job all went through Even his friends came against But he remained true.

For Yahweh did wager a bet With Satan regarding his servant You can bring him loss and pain But his soul not touch And Job remained observant. He never questioned nor criticized The Majestic Yahweh on High Why all this tragedy Rather he blessed Yahweh With eyes lifted to the sky. Job passed the test Of such pain and loss He is our example For all of us today When in a tight spot Don't despair, dig in and pray. For Yahweh is on the Throne And He will make a way.

#### **BEWARD LEST YOU FALL**

Joy was alive When I was reborn How contagious I felt And over the years Life has brought wear To the place where I once dwelt. What once was vibrant And overflowing Had tapered down to a trickle And that I thought right And was the norm In my maturity being fickle. Then I heard a brother Speak the truth of the Word I felt a touch of Yahweh I was guickened, touched anew The Spirit was fully restored. So it is true what is written For our admonition To truly take to heart, Beware lest you fall It is so subtle, So we must do our part. For the Word says endure Remain strong in me I will keep you alive Let your roots go down Very deep in my Word And you shall conquer and survive.

## **NUMBER 44**

Oh Great Eagle Number 44 is at the door, Change is the word Like never before.

Oh Great Eagle What was promised you That I will do.

Change is the word Change is the game What use to be the norm Will never be the same.

My pitch is Green Crank the money machine Spend our way Out of our debt – Out of work? Need not fret.

Print more money Spend our way through This is the change I promised you – Commerce, Trade Health Care too! These are things I will make come true!

Oh Great Eagle You are a Phoenix Risen anew The promises of change Have come True. (President Obama and N.W.O.)

#### 2012

Doomsayers are trumping Setting dates Apocalyptic persons watch For the great crescendo. Fear rules the hearts of men.

A calendar of stone Everyone is frenzied With the date set on it. Like a good read The book 1984, So like the calendar - 2012.

Much boggles the mind Over stimulation Of what's around us. What are you looking for? What is your anticipation?

To yourself hold steady. The only date you should care about Is Today. (Mayan Calendar of 2012)

### SIBLINGS

The large brood And the pecking order We know all about these, From oldest to youngest To the one in the middle, To the one on mother's knees.

As one is grown up Ready to go into the world Yet the youngest is yet to see The middle age one Defiantly rebels While the one on the way Is yet to be.

Mother and Father try so hard To stretch themselves thin So the older take over And boss you around Till the parents come round And step in.

How we bicker, how we fight Tear at each other with a fuss Scream and holler Break things Then everyone's quiet, Angelic like When discipline is certainly a must.

> "I didn't do it, he did" – "No she did not I" – And Father yells "Shut up, be quiet, I will not put up with a lie!"

Now someone has to be the scapegoat Let it be the younger of all They are naïve, so trusting Let them for us take the fall.

Disappointed Dad takes me To the other room to 'get it' He bends down and says "I know it wasn't you". Then he winks and hits the bed Telling me to scream loudly so – And afterwards he says to me, "Next time it won't be you, But the one to whom it is due."

So smile I will When I hear of those With large families of their own – So glad I have none No daughter or son For I've had enough Of all that stuff. borrow a kid When I need my fix I spoil it rotten so – Then I give them back All sugared up – It's a payback from long ago. (Tribute to our family of 10)

# **OH ARRAGANT MAN**

Arrogant, self assuming Wasteful, ungrateful humans – Boastful, braggarts, proud, Self inflated egos and plans Dissatisfied and always wanting more.

> Always increasing your worth Too busy to enjoy today Too occupied with things That what is important -Family and friends Slip through your fingers.

Boasting of tomorrow – Oh Tomorrow, I will do this! And so pathetically poor A depleted, shriveled up soul Mean, twisted, angry soul Demanding for more!

Oh Arrogant man! You are but a piece of dust! And one day Tomorrow will never come, Who will inherit all you have Worked so hard for?

# THE EARTH

I am not eloquent Nor high society My desires are simple My life is basic I am but a farmer's daughter I was raised with the soil Love of it is in my heart Twice over a gardener – Indian, sacred trust of the earth -Farmer, tiller of the earth. I weep, I mourn For the earth to be torn Molded, plastered To an entrapment of worship All living life dies To do so -More concrete spirals, steel towers More earth dies. And the stones cry out Vindicate us! They go unheard. Man kills all in his path I mourn, I mourn.

# SET FORTH

I have been set free This flower has been plucked For the Master's vase No more shall my petals Crown the grassy knoll I know not what to expect When the future does change Beyond my imagination I hope that day of My crowning touch Is one of great love Surrounded by those I follow Let us exalt Him who is worthy For He has chosen this flower.

#### WISDOM

With my head on my pillow I delve into slumber It is there a voice Utters words to me Wisdom communicates With my heart.

In the clouds of earth Above the tumult And endless bondage Wisdom speaks to me. My heart is enlarged Flames of Love consume me Hunger for more manifests. Shrouded in mystery She whispers great truths From her seven pillars.

Morning rays rise And I feel the other world Slip away. How I want to linger there In the beauty of Truth. Knowing at dusk I shall return To her great mystery I am content to wake And walk for the day. (And they shall dream dreams)

#### CLEANSE

Love comes in many ways And so I know Acceptance is hard Of differences not embraced Putting self aside Love what's not your own Understanding is required.

To hold others as important Not at arms length Rather pull to your bosom Heal the poison in your soul. To hate is a death wish Cut the cords and be free.

As light to darkness Each can obtain. What has not life I choose to throw away. Cleanse your soul Take the stone Out of your heart. The light is pure It will heal you So you can heal others. Be reborn from above.

#### TRUE WEALTH

One can measure wealth And still be poor. I knew a rich man once His wealth seemed endless Anything he needed he bought He never went without **Pleasures and more.** And I knew a poor man He worked so hard to just get by, His children loved him so They were constantly mocked And laughed at. The boys even wore girls jackets Rather than freeze. Their clothes had holes Their house was finally condemned. The father died, The kids were passed on. Years later it seemed All the rich kids squandered The wealth that was earned. And the poor children All worked and made a go of it. There were there for each other. If there was a need they would all pitch in. The rich man died.

The world called him wonderful names, The children fought over his will. He was too busy amassing a fortune His children grew past him, And he died alone. One can measure wealth And still be poor, One could live poverty and be wealthy. The lesson – Never be envious of rich men Consider their end – Live for today and be the better for it.

# **I CREATE UPON**

Hand over my eyes Block out the light Another work day is ended. Horizontal bed feels wonderful Buzz in my ears of the furnace. My mind is a blank, A content relaxed no noise blank. Ears still decompressing Constant buss in them till it fades.

Recapturing moments like snapshots In my head of the day, How quickly it turns to night time. Myself once removed My private space is who I am And endless Joy of dreams, Aspirations to dwell upon.

Such moments precious as they are Reassess my goals These are the things I create upon With new visions, And old ones complete.

# **HOAX OF SUMMER**

I was told it was summer The calendar says the same But I find it hard to believe With all this much rain.

No need to worry about drought Or of anything not being green It's just the temperature is not warm enough To sunbathing be seen.

I worked hard in my garden Waited too long for it to come up But now it is overgrown with all these weeds Green mold on the soil Knots of greens mixed of every kind Where the veggies are, Never mind!

> I was told it was summer More like autumn it feels And only two more months We will be there, Frost in the air.

I was told it was summer The hoax, okay I've had enough Take all this rain back Give me some sun Please... Before the two months later is here And autumn has begun.

### **MY LIFE ON THE FARM**

Mom and Dad they are to me. How I think of all the love in raising a family of eight. Endless nights of staying up, worrying about the kids. Fun willed weekends on the farm long ago. The men haying stopping for a break, homemade lemonade from the pitcher with some of moms fresh baked goods. There would be corn cutting, and gathering up the Rye fields, getting it in for the cows. Out all day till dusk, doing first cut of haying. Then there would be running the tetter machine, turning the hay

to dry, and baling it afterwards. Yes those old hay wagons pulled behind the baler. And the milking parlor at three am and again at four pm. Finally dinner at six pm.

At the picnic table with two long benches and two chairs. Dad would sit at one with his hat on the back of his. We would wait for him to say grace. Mom would serve all the men first, mending and ironing to do. And the occasional homemade ice cream to churn.

For fun Dad would take us three youngest fishing at night. With poles and kerosene lantern in hand we headed for the cove, the mouth of the Winooski River. We'd fish for bull pout. They would love to bite at night. We would tend to leave them in mom's old double scrub sink in the cellar. When she found them she would scream at us, upon which we would immediately gut and clean them. The fish were good fried up in corn meal.

We would ride the ponies down back towards the berry patches. We'd pick black caps. If we got enough mom would bake us our own pie. How motivated we were. When mom wasn't looking, we'd pick concord grapes off the arbor and eat them. Once a summer we would have a get together with some, not all of our relatives. Out of dad's eleven siblings, three would show up with their families. We'd have eight picnic tables by the apple trees out back. Eight kids, twelve kids and seven kids, with six adults. Food served was corn on the cob, hot dogs, pies. We ate well on those occasions.

And we all thought nothing of it. Get up and go non stop till you went to bed at night. They were hard days, but ones filled with honor and pride. And we were a family. And my parents, how I thank and love them so for it.

# I HOPE ONE DAY

Sad eyes speak to me Of having lived and seen enough They plead to me They ask of me A relief for the sorrow They ask for hope They ask for new life Yet they accept and resign Themselves to the life they have A slow death is such my friend One of feeling no change Nor pursing it anymore

One of living in the chamber Of silent lament ~ Sad eyes speak to me And I look back with a knowing With a love for life And a love for you Hoping that you could find Also the peace that I have To strengthen you To give you hope And give you new life. They eyes are the windows Of the soul And yours my friend show sorrow I hope one day they reflect Life with change anew.

#### THE ONLY ONE

There is only one Door, way, bridge To Paradise my friend It is Yahshua the Messiah alone So drop the weight, burden Yield and drop your stone ~ For the truth in the Son Yahshua is the way The truth and the light Many will claim the same But not the fame Of resurrection and eternal life ~ Man tires to earn his way Make it on his own Walking under the burden The weight of his stone When there is already a way One he could claim today ~ Yahshua is not a religion He is a way of life To live the Word of Yahweh **Being Spirit led** This is the only one It is Yahshua His Son. (John 3:16-17; John 14:6)

#### MAGNITUDE

Crawl out of that pit One of drowning despair Count your blessings No matter how small It will change your life Your attitude in all you view No longer will it be askew ~

Hang onto every kindness Every word and deed done That you are a recipient of Let the magnitude of the small Endlessly grow upon Your gratitude for much This your soul will touch. (Philippians 4:8)

#### JUDGE

As a feather weighed on a scale So is your life before your eyes A lifetime viewed in a moment~ The journey is long The road is very narrow And few find it ~ Drop every weight that hinders Ride up on the wind To the Throne of Yahweh ~ The Word calls your name You have an appointment to keep Surrendered you hear your reward.

# **DIED IN OUR PLACE**

The Halo of Elohim Is the Crown of Thorns The scars that still bleed An everlasting sacrifice ~

The scepter is the nails Pounded into the wrists of Yahshua They spill blood down the tree Down onto the precious feet That brought the good news  $\sim$ 

The robe of Yahweh is White brilliance of Mercy White light of Love Searching love that radiates Into all the hearts that seek ~

And I see those eyes That have seen a world of cruelty Have seen the ways of men For which He loved enough To die for them ~

It is the blood life flows From the tree life was bought For you and for me On that torture stake elevated Between earth and heaven ~

Realize the agony he endured for us There is no price greater For this he was born Truly he is the King of Kings For he died in our place.

## I AM COMING

I am coming Be not like the world Scoffing and mocking When you least expect it I will come You know not when The day or the hour It is not what you think For it is appointed once For a man to die He knows not that day It is then that I come Live soberly, righteously Shake off all that offends Let your conduct be holy For it is only such That I will return for The hour is late my beloved I am not like the world And neither should you be Cling onto me Be the redeemed A witness to the lost Of my love for a dying world Be the reason for hope Yes, I am coming You know not when. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 \*\*\* the return of Yahshua is the resurrection of the dead)

# **FREELY TO ALL**

I have the words of life No one else has This is my Word Read it and learn of me Without knowing me You cannot enter the kingdom For the Word and me Are the same I have given you all things ~ **Our Father which art in Heaven** Thy kingdom come Thy will be done On earth as it is in heaven You can live this life now While on earth through me ~ I am the Living Word To know me is to Know my Word, Live my Word. My Word is truth I give it freely to all Who come to me  $\sim$ I imparted to you my Spirit To guide and lead you I am with you in all things I walk with you now

You are more than a conqueror To the Father through me My child grow in me My love will shield you ~ Yahshua.

## **GUIDANCE**

Wisdom ~ Yahweh's direction and insight When I have none Discernment ~ Spiritual enlightenment To know things Beyond human reasoning Awakening ~ The gift to rise from slumber To break up fallow ground To become pliable for harvest Expedience ~ Urgency of essence Deliverance in divine fashion Exceeding all comprehension.

# **BEING WITH YOU**

Family ~ The most beautiful word Do we really know this? Life ~ It is time in a frame To be lived but once Do we cherish this? Love ~ The expression of our being The fullness of meaning Have we lived this? You ~ Total summation of all things Words cannot do justice For you are life itself Fellowship ~

The given privilege To but express my heart Which swells in your presence Just being with you.

#### SEASONS

Truly it is something so simple As spring time with sunshine On the leaves so green on the twig The newness of life leaps within It helps one spring in their step  $\sim$ Rebirth all around us From the frozen barren earth To buds and blossoms And as such so do we go through These seasons of our own ~ Many a time we have had The leaves die and fall From the tree leaving its limbs bare The harsh winter freezing everything With the thought of it being The end to all things ~ And then one day spring arrives It thaws out all that was cold In a day, in a moment Life starts to come from death And the excitement brings rejoicing  $\sim$ Singing catches us in the spirit One of hope and joy Our surroundings are changing Lifting up our heavy hearts ~ I relish the sun in my soul It radiates out the pain and sorrow Replacing it with a knowing That I am not alone I have the strength to go forward.

# **MY FRIEND IN BRAZIL**

I sit here early in the morning Looking at my friend's picture She lives in Brazil and I in USA Worlds apart yet we are connected  $\sim$ How I feel for her and the family How I often wonder how my life Would have been different if I lived In another country In another culture ~ It seems here in this country The more we have the less we have And those with less are wealthier by far ~ **Riches are but a deceit** They rob your life of Those things that really matter And how those with less Think they have to get more Not realizing the riches they have  $\sim$ I love my friend in Brazil And how I wish we could but meet To experience the richness of her life And the fullness of it ~ I thank Yahweh for such friends They are rubies and pearls to me They crown my heart with love With admiration and lovalty To the things in life that matter ~ My friend who is a world apart Is a great treasure I cherish. Thank you Yahweh for her And the love of her family.

### AND YET YOU LOVE ME

Sobriety of one's heart It is a horrific truth To see our true sinfulness How far we are from Yahweh He shows us in degrees The true condition of ourselves. Weeping for our fall from Grace Humility for not measuring

To what Yahshua has called us To become in the stature of himself. Oh our sinful nature! How we fail ourselves! A day is but a vapor They slip into years that pass And we are no different Then when first we came to Him! It is Grace, it is Mercy! Only by these can we be Can we live and believe! For without we would perish. The truth to see it is not us It is all Yahshua within us, This is the greatest gift To be stripped of pride. Lovingly I lay my life down For it is death without Yahshua. Oh Yahweh, you have shown Me my human heart, How sinful it is! And vet vou love me... You love me!

LET US...

One day at a time to live For today may be your last Time is no more but eternity Is your reward for being faithful Let us burn this scripture to memory **HEBREWS 12:2** Messiah is our example to follow When we keep our focus on him Then we can endure to the end Yahshua is our hope and salvation It is He who became our Lamb He died in our place once and for all Now we are given a new life in Him Let us not fail him in this race Let us finish with patience and endurance Let us magnify His name and lift it up For on His is His Throne

We run the race with Him by our side For He is ever with us in Spirit and in Truth Endure, endure, endure ~ Our salvation and election is sure Yahshua is King of Kings Master of Masters, Majestic is your name **Crown Him with many Crowns** Worth is the Lamb that was slain For us, for us, for us ~ His Blood bought our redemption Holy, Righteous and True is He Loyal to the Father and Loving We have a friend and a brother in Him Let us walk worthy of our calling Let us rely on His Grace and Mercy Let us not lose our focus on Him Let us see the prize, New Heaven and Earth and its rewards The privilege of being with our Savior.

### **IF YOU QUALIFY**

The global commerce system Of which we will impend upon **Requests your compliance to but** Simply, gualify... Yes, you must sign here And agree to this... No rebuttals just compromise To continue receiving financial aide All which you have paid into, Before given freely even to Non-citizens from abroad Now we are a global community You see, if you qualify... Many for convenience sake Will compromise their beliefs Will give their allegiance to another  $\sim$ How can a scan, a mark Disgualify their belief in God To but qualify here in life? Simple he would understand This is but a mere symbol ~

How can doing so jeopardize **Ones salvation in Yahshua?** To qualify one must Embrace the world and all in it See all religions leading to God The gospel as non-threatening A unity of all religions so as not to offend anybody. Surely the Most High would understand! He would not want us to suffer To go without, to abandon All our hard work we have stored up! Yes, you must qualify... Saint, the gospel explicitly states: "Come out from among them... "Be not like the world..." Remove the stain, mark from your soul. "He who loses his life shall save it; He who saves his life shall lose it". Saint, for which kingdom do you gualify? (Matthew 16:24-26)

## NOTHING CAN COMPARE TO THEE

For all the sunsets the world could give The light's reflection of worldly beauty Nothing can compare to your brilliance O Yahweh For all the mountains, pinnacle of height The rolling meadows and pastures Nothing can compare to your beauty O Yahweh For all the variance of colours Shades majestic of an artists' pallet Nothing can express your light divine O Yahweh For all elevation of expression From sorrow, sadness to joy Nothing can contain, express your heart O Yahweh For all wealth the world does offer In excess of ever wanting a thing Nothing can compare to your riches O Yahweh For all the eve can see or ever want For all the human mind could ever dream of Nothing O Yahweh, nothing can compare to thee.

#### REBELLION

Folly ~ The denial of truth In word and deed Embracing death with glee ~ Abandoning all hope Giving way to insanity ~ To turn ones back On all hope and assurance Choosing destruction over life.

## **GROW UP IN HIM**

The word by itself is knowledge The spirit does give wisdom to open The two together are keys that unlock They bring forth discernment and direction Life comes forth off the pages Spoken word becomes living word It goes forth to perform to completion Our lives are the pages that the spirit Does write upon, and makes it happen There is so much more above our understand It is by being in His presence that He gives us illumination in our being We absorb his light, his glory We watch the restoration of all things Come and live within our beings As we yield to the Master's touch He brings about in us his perfection His divine will is performed We grow up in the stature and fullness of Messiah The scales fall off our eyes We see in the spirit realm Doubt plaques us no more For faith directs our path In the reality of his love and presence Let us grown up in him With the strong meat of the Word Fulfilling our destiny he has given us.

# ALL THOSE WHO REJECT...

You were told long ago You heard but did not listen You saw but did not see You did not take to heart my message Daily I sent people to warn you To give you heed time and again Now after the fact you ask of me To give you mercy for your disobedience Why should I? I sent my prophets and they were murdered I sent my Son and Messiah and he was killed I gave my law, commandments I gave my word of grace and mercy I suffered long with you I gave you every chance possible to change And you did not find it necessary Your heart was upon the cares of the world You strived and lived to your content You ignored those less fortunate You ignored my word and my grace You scoffed saying all things remain the same And now you are in front of me Begging me for mercy after time stopped Your time was up and you failed the test You did not want any part of me Even though I begged you long ago to come Why should I? I must turn you away with sadness I never wanted my creation to perish Man was made to fellowship with me Not to live in rebellion like the fallen angels I am sorrowful but only those who chose me Can be with me even now You were told long ago And now you do hear Now you do listen with fear And with disbelief that you are perishing This is the fate of all those who reject A loving Elohim and Saviour.

## SO MUCH TO THINK UPON

So much to think upon, distract All that seems so real is not For my spirit screams out Let me free from this prison Not one of my making but there ~ I have come to believe we can Reach up to the heavens For our hearts can see for us And bring us there in a new realm  $\sim$ Oh like a dandelion blown about With the currents of the wind It does ride the air and lands So our souls are batted about in this life We were never meant to be so wretched  $\sim$ Free... we all want to be Wild, full of energy and zest To roam the earth so vast Everywhere we turn we are put aside  $\sim$ Hindered, weighted, drowned Made to feel like a failure for we are We fail to live by others laws and rules Rise above the wicked and uncaring  $\sim$ Love is loftier than all those self professed May our souls be ever light and blissful Soar to the heavens and beyond To paradise where men do not rule  $\sim$ Yahweh calls us home now in our hearts To yield the pains and sorrows For he will dry our tears and comfort us As we are on our journey with him.

### CONNECT

Angels are sent to intervene For mankind in times of distress We are surrounded by the hosts of heaven Daily we are viewed upon and recorded ~ Constantly the human condition wears us We must refresh our spirits in the newness of light Come up high unto the throne With the joy of gladness and mercy ~

Our prayers are urgent messages Sent on behalf of others Swiftly angels are dispersed to answer Prayers are never wasted, never ~ For they are eternal and echo forth They are heard into the heavens You have the power to receive help As you utter your prayers to on high  $\sim$ The battle is not ours For on the tree it was finished Angels minister on our behalf To the promises to which we claim  $\sim$ Know who vou are in Yahshua And the power that is available to you But mostly know that prayers determine everything And without them we have nothing  $\sim$ Mostly we are to uphold others to the Father And He will reward us in kind. Angelic forces, army of ranks Swirl about us in the spirit realm Soon one day we will see and understand In our new spirit bodies ~ Let us join the angels in our singing Hymns and praises to Yahweh our Elohim For heaven is worship in spirit and truth.

## YOU FOUND YOUR PLACE

Quietly they do sit As their fingers follow The words on printed page Reading aloud sacred script Comfort of promises for us Holy and true to life are they With love and edification to convey ~

Quietly they do kneel As their fingers cover Each bead that is strung Saying out loud their prayers Consolation in hard pressed times Sanctioned and necessary are these Solemnly said aloud for others ~ Quietly they do stand As their hands old the book Saying aloud as they davit Prayers of the fathers of old Traditions of holy obedience To a sovereign Elohim on high Bound by the covenant For generations to come ~

Quietly you do ponder Meditate upon the word of Yahweh Lifting up holy hands Praying in the spirit Entering into the holy of holies United with the high priest Yahshua who intercedes for us, For you have found your place.

## I DIED TO LIVE

A sepulture is a mausoleum An ornate tomb with pillars Many are the decorum of a morgue Inside is dead and empty. We adorn our life with much Titles, achievements, degrees Strip it all away and look For inside is the real man ~ Does it need props to hold it up? Does its echo reverberate? The walking dead parade As the righteousness of the Son Yet decay and rot dwells within They live, feed and rule The flesh they serve unashamedly. Foolish men who decline life Slaves of the baser selves Cling to religion all the more Hypnotizing themselves in the death walk For all that are unborn die. Give me a simple place Without notice or esteem For rebirth has changed me

I live no more here Rather I walk in the Spirit The simplicity of life in Messiah The miracle of a new self. The white wash is gone away The grave cannot hold me anymore Victory, I have conquered death Through Him I died to live.

### **BLESSED ASSURANCE IS NOW**

You don't have to wish Hope for the future Your blessed assurance is now Embrace the King's presence He lives and we know Him Life-beings new and fresh He gives us beginnings Alive with hope and peace ~ You fool yourself and miss it You let salvation slip your grasp For we live in Him now Not in a future wish Be alive and awaken Throw off your grave clothes Put on the garment of praise Worship Him in the light Let Him fill you up  $\sim$ Joy will overflow your heart Love will shine in your eyes Your life will be a testimony That grace and mercy endures forever Let us take hold of His garment He will transform us, heal us As we walk in obedience To His commandments and law **Bearers of the light** Carrying truth to all.

### THE WORD HE PERFORMS IN ME

Holiness is the only way That we shall ever see Yahweh For nothing unholy is ever in his presence Our ways are to be separate to him And daily our sacrifice is to die to self I willingly lay down my will and life To follow in Yahshua's footsteps ~ To be dead to self is To be dead to insults To be dead to injuries To be dead to indifferences To be dead to the world To be dead to all that offends ~ For holiness asks of me that I become my spiritual being Over my fleshly being It asks of me to be the new creature For which Yahshua purchased for me On the tree long ago  $\sim$ I must walk in faith I must live the Word of Yahweh I must carry the tree I am nailed to The tree of discipleship Not just believing but putting in practice Of bearing much fruit of righteousness ~ Holiness Is the only way That I shall ever see Yahweh And I set my mind in Him as I Walk in the Word which He performs in me.

## **PEACE IN HIM**

The darkness of the night upon the soul When you feel that nothing is left Then my friend reach up to Yahweh For he hears you on high He will lift and refresh you Place you on the rock of Messiah Our redeemer and comforter Yahweh watches over us constantly He never tires nor slumbers His love is great and healing Let the balm of the spirit

Soothe your troubled soul Remove the heart aches and pain Rest, lay your burdens down They were never yours to carry Learn the meekness of the spirit And your troubles will fade away He gives us gladness and joy And all our troubles will flee away You may cry in the night But the morning brings forth joy And he hears you when awake He hears your spirit even in slumber Gently he does heal us and mend us And our Rock is our fortress Ever present in our times of trouble For he does save us from all. Trade in your heaviness and worries For assurance and peace in Him.

#### I HAD WRAPPED MYSELF

I had wrapped myself With the cloak of pride It blinded me to my faults I thought I was above reproach Then Yahweh humbled me ~ He saw fit to send me illness I was forced to admit and ask The help of others in my life I had to accept my limitations My health as become weak ~ **Once I was arrogant** I felt invincible and self sufficient Now I have yielded to Yahweh He is my strength and main stay ~ In his mercy he has shown Me the conditions of my heart In love and patience he changes me Daily I turn to him for strength I surrendered my ways ~ No longer leaning on my understanding No longer dare I question Yahweh And it is a process of humility A great gift of Divine Mercy ~

I am but a man, flesh Who has come to respect and love The hand of Yahweh in all his ways No I understand the scripture ~ "For in my weakness is His strength".

# WHAT IS IMPORTANT

The traveler has wander lust Insatiable desire for the unknown His soles are worn yet doable Thought does provoke him further Time away from home grows One day he awakes up and questions Where is my home? His eves span the entire horizon He sees the universe as one So unfortunate man has not learned that He ahs spanned the globe and yet His beginnings all for him Methodically he makes his journey home One step at a time is all With each passage a new revelation That people are the same And all aspire for love eternal And good will to all The traveler has shed his wandering For contentment in his humble abode He has gained a treasure It's Yahweh's kingdom in his heart And peace that no one can compare He now knows his journey was not lost For it showed him the end of himself And the beginning of a new life So it has begun and he must follow To yield is to gain, to fight is to lose And he has chosen what is important.

### LOOK, LOOK O' SAINT

The world has become A grave to me And all that is in it I am dead to what I see No longer feelings that are fleeting ~

> Superficial ways of men Have all lost their meaning It is no longer I that lives But Yahshua within me ~

Re-birthed within me is new life My home is in the Messiah My hope is to be with him Eternity calls me and I answered In the book is my name written ~

Our yearnings but grow stronger The more we immerse in him For he is pulling us home New Jerusalem we are bound Look, look o' saint Towards your reward.

## I SHALL FINISH

Sitting in the autumn sun Towards the end of the day The wind does blow my hair I talk to the wind Atop your grave ~

I communicate with my loved one Of unsung victories Of sorrows for which My heart has passed through ~ Time becomes golden rays As the sundial shifts across With precious moments slipping away I pay you great tribute One of admiration and loyalty, Your memory guides me Your legacy is my vision ~

Wind blows in various notes It lifts my heavy heart Music to my ears ~ I shall carry on my friend I shall finish what you started, You life has not been in vain.

# **TRUE AND FAITHFUL**

Let us not question why Yahweh puts on certain hearts To perform acts of mercy What seems like a waste And foolish to believers Is but an offering to Yahweh. When David's men fought valiantly To bring him fresh water to drink He rather pours it out To Yahweh as an offering When the woman came to Yahshua With a costly alabaster jar She poured it on Yahshua Anointing his hair and feet Yet she was rebuked by others. We all are called to do Great acts of mercy which appear A waste to those not Walking in the Spirit. Remember to who it is That you are giving the mercy Fulfill the call of Yahweh He has placed on your life. Despite the opposition of many In the house of Yahweh Remain true and faithful And you shall be rewarded For many are called But few are chosen.

# **KING ETERNAL**

Royal blue and white raiment Swaddling clothes adorn you From you mother's robe Tender and innocent you arrive Crowned with straw and wood Angels sing excelcious Glory on High **Creation displays your majesty** The bright star adorns your birth Animals bay and humble The cradle in which you lay ~ Royal red and white Blood and water did flow From your side that was pierced Your birth and your death Proclaim rebirth and innocence Your hands, feet and side An eternal memorial For those you died for In humility and awe I dwell in your love so deep  $\sim$ Roval and true are you Born a King, died a Lamb **Forever reign King Eternal** And I shall never tire Being in your presence O Yahshua.

# **PRAYER OF REVIVAL**

Waxed thick with fat and laziness of heart Is this nation of excess and waste While others beg for want Starve for a crumb that we toss ~ Have we forgotten to appreciate things? We place such disregard on gifts given Sell them off or throw them away No respect for the giver or the toil Put into the making and giving of the gift ~ Do we not treat each other in the same way? How we disrespect others and their estate Rather we are always looking beyond What we have in front of us ~

Their eves of hell are never satisfied Neither is the belly of hell who Wants to take out of the mouths of others ~ You cannot give anything to others For they will destroy, misuse or discard You can only give what truly matters Pravers to lift that soul out of the mire To set their feet on the Rock of Yahshua ~ We shall find peace with less Happiness with contentment Gratitude with realizing want ~ Our hearts need to be circumcised To break up our fallow ground So the word can bring forth fruit Otherwise everything will fall flat On ears and heart that flat lined  $\sim$ Fat drowns, leanness revives And sorrow is but a prayer of revival.

## THE GREAT PROVIDER

Be anxious for nothing Know that I am Elohim over all I make a way where there is none I prepare things for those I love You must learn to trust me. Lean on me for everything I am to be your provider in everything Lean not unto your own understanding In all your ways trust in me For I am the great provider. I shall never fail you or leave you Eradicate the root of doubt From your spirit and soul I am more than enough ~ Do you not know that? You must learn to receive from me All that I have for you And it will be well with your soul. Anxiety is but worry over much When you have control over little. When you realize you have no control Then your trust will blossom and Your anxiety will subside.

Look to me for everything As you see the day fast approaching. Come to me and I will give you the manna For the day that approaches Come eat of my word and of my bread And share with the world my hope That Yahshua Messiah is Sovereign over all And saves all who are obedient to him. Remember my child Perfect love casts out all fear.

#### HINDSIGHT

Of a sad truth you can never Go back in time to what was You can revisit your past But often will find it missing Only memories can linger in your heart ~ You can never go back to the past Or the familiar or secure For change uproots, time eradicates We can cherish what we have known And be thankful for what we learned ~ With age we mature and grown beyond Our infancy to that of adulthood One can only mentor those who Are vouthful in heart Uncultivated in life or its wavs To show wisdom to avoid misery ~ How we all have said on time -"If I only knew then what I do now" But hindsight is just that And it only can show us this -We are never in control ~ That is is Yahweh who sustains us He even allows us memory so That we may learn from it And a cause to be grateful in the process ~ We have pilgrim shoes that walk The earth and clouds to infinity Hoping one day to rest with the Master Let us trade our sorrow and happenstance For Joy and confidence in our hope Yahshua Messiah, today and forever.

# HUMANS CAN BE SO TRYING

Humans can be so trying Especially those of your own family They think they know what is best for you They will try to manage your life It gets real old as an adult I find that this is what Yahshua Was talking about in the scriptures  $\sim$ Family members fighting against each other Or those manipulating and controlling What is not theirs to do or give It would be a much freer world If others learned their place in life It is not over another human It is taking care of their own self And getting right with Yahweh ~ There is an overwhelming fact Of families not getting along All through the bible it is mentioned As the word says there is Nothing new under the sun  $\sim$ To think that Elohim made us and Loved us enough to send Messiah To die for us while yet sinners! And we cannot even stand each other. Even on a good day ~ To die to self is so hard, To let others not bother you To pray for them and not Want to retaliate in kind. This is much patience which Bears fruit for Yahshua and the kingdom ~ No matter where you go Humans will always complicate life For their souls are always in turmoil. Yahshua is the only answer for us To be able to love each other through him.

### VINDICATOR

The souls of men are stagnant **Overflowing with stench and vapors** Rising to the heavens as an abomination To those who blaspheme the Sovereign Elohim He does sit on the throne It is but grace that holds back The judgments of Yahweh His wrath is kindling It overflows in a cup of reeling He will toss it down to earth Consume the vile and vermin Who oppose the holy and righteous For Yahweh is vindicator of those Who suffer greatly for righteousness Know O saint that your tribulations Are not in vain rather they are An incense that is most pleasing To the Holy One of Ages Soon the world will tremble For he will come with a consuming fire And devour all that is wicked and ungodly Rejoice, look up for Your redemption draws nigh And Justice will be served.

### **MY DESIRE**

There is this constant desire For something more, My life is okay but I desire a deeper more Satisfying life in the Spirit. Secular life has its set backs Where spiritual life has momentum. Question is can I live an austere lifestyle? Can I truly give up everything To live a consecrated life to him? The world's lure tarnishes over time What use to be wonderful is no longer. How my soul yearns for simplicity,

The purity and Joy of knowing Of being with the Master Life tends to take away from you It does not give back. **Only Yahweh can restore what** Life does consume from us. There is a call, a quiet call That still small voice whispers "Come to me"... And my soul wishes to Run away with Him. Maturity is throwing aside ones infancy Trading it in for more tangible duration For the lasting gift and treasure ~ Oh to dwell in the House of Yahweh Forever, this is my desire.

## **IT IS IN YOU O MASTER**

It is in you oh Master That I believe, I trust I live and function Nothing is of myself For I have not the ability To perform or carry out What life demands of me  $\sim$ It is in you oh Master To love the unlovable To give to the ungrateful To minister to the downcast To encourage those without hope To be a blessing to those Who would constantly curse me To count all sufferings as joy For the kingdoms sake ~ It is in you oh Master That I can walk forward Yet one more day through heartache To lend a hand were so needed To toil in you without thanks You are my life's stay I manage only in you And only through you  $\sim$ 

Help me Master to continue in you To not give up on the race To last and endure in this race That you have set before me. I pray Yahweh that I fail you not In all you have called me to do. It is in you Oh Master That I believe, I trust For you are everything.

# **STILL SMALL VOICE**

Truly there is nothing New under the sun, Mankind scurries here and there As children to the market place **Excitement over many things** Yet there is nothing New under the sun. Each generation must find For its own self the truth Accept or reject it There are many voices One must listen for That still small voice calling. Our soul is sought constantly For there is an enemy who wants it Yet the Master calls us To be restored in Him Beyond price is our redemption For the world has nothing to offer, For it is perishing and all in it. Find that still small voice, He will never fail you.

## **MASTER'S HAND**

Humans love change Yet they resist it. There are times of testing And then abandonment Pottery after being cast on the wheel Being thrown over again Finally the clay can be shaped.

Once done without fault It is put on the shelf to dry It stays there till it is bone dry Then it is glazed and loaded Fired in a kiln furnace. Anything left is burned out of it In the fire of affliction. Humans are like molded clay To the Master's touch He sets us aside to die to self Then he glazes us and fires us To remove the last speck Of self will till final surrender. Out comes a beautiful vessel One used for honor. Let us be vessels of honor Not those of dishonor Know when you are on that self You feel abandoned and alone, You are in the Master's hand.

## THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The kingdom of heaven Is within you  $\sim$ It is not outside you It is not a church Or a religion or creed The kingdom of heaven **Comes within you** When you yield to Yahshua Your heart of stone ~ Yahweh gives us a heart of clav One that he can mold Can shape and perfect With his spirit of love Let us not look in the world To know or see Yahweh For he comes to sup with you  $\sim$ When you become born again In spirit and truth Then the kingdom of heaven Is within you

We are told repeatedly in scripture To guard your heart Let no man steal thy crown For the kingdom of heaven Lives within you ~ You must guard it Protect it, nurture it With the Word of Yahweh and The Holy Spirit of truth You must endure daily to the end So that you will be saved Let no one deceive you For the kingdom of heaven Is within you.

# THAT IS ENOUGH

Among men there will always be Hardships, bad times, misery Our focus we must not wane From our heavenly prize ~ At times life can be overwhelming **Read upon the scriptures** How our Master did go away Alone to a deserted place To pray and commune with the Father  $\sim$ We are only as strong As our prayer to Him As our worship to Him As our love for Him Then nothing can move you ~ For Yahweh is in control When He comes our portion That is to say our everything Then nothing else does matter ~ Know your perspective in life That Yahweh is life itself And in Him we do Breathe, move and have our being ~ So see things with the eyes of Yahweh Walk in faith to the promises **Trusting solely in Him** And you will find what it is You have been seeking your whole life ~ And that is enough.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

The words of men grieve me They spew forth doubt Hatred, suspicion, anger Malicious gossip, contempt A voice is to be one Calling in the wilderness Not a torrent rushing **Overwhelming ones soul** You have the ability to create To instill, edify, encourage Or destroy, tear down, debilitate Excessive words is a grievous sin So grave is this issue I place accountability on each word You are your brother's keeper You keep or destroy with your mouth Words are tossed around carelessly Vulnerable, innocent souls consume them They tear, devour the trusting Destroving their stability in me It would be better that you were mute Than to be the devils' mouth piece Know I spoke creation into existence Know you speak life or death Into the souls of men You find me not in many words You find me in stillness. (Isaiah 30:15b)

#### DO COME TO ME

With age comes wisdom Sometimes too late I hope and pray, that's not your fate ~ I woo you softly, my words do plead In times of trouble, do come to me ~ Years are fleeting, they quickly go by One day you're aware, they simply did fly ~ I have been near you, always by your side Many times ignored by you Through the worse of time ~ With age we mellow, we see with our heart What once we couldn't, but see only in part ~

I tell you solemnly, you're a breath away From leaving this life, it could be today ~ Stop wasting time, no longer dream away This moment for you, I will not with you always stay  $\sim$ Closer and closer you do find, that many a friend has died And you I pray I do ask, have you to the Father cried? ~ Get your heart right with Yahshua today, Not always with man will he stay Don't gamble the gift to be lost The one that I did pay the cost  $\sim$ Your fate is yours and yours alone You must come vielded in whole For me to honor your prayer today And to restore life to your soul ~ I woo you softly My words do plead I say to you now Do come to me.

### LET US SUP TOGETHER

Deeply I am moved by your love for me I have given much for your companionship Hoping always that you would accept Mv wedding invitation I give you light to clothe yourself With a garment without spot or wrinkle I have prepared the marriage feast of the Lamb My whole life was so that I could extend The invitation of the Father to you That you may accept and become A Son of Yahweh and live in me Everything I have done was for you There is nothing undone for it has all Been accomplished at the tree You must have the faith to believe in that Accept what is rightfully yours through me Every prayer, every hurt, every need Has already been heard and answered Your whole life has been predestined You are given the ability through me To overcome by my blood and The word of your testimony Let your life become vibrant and alive in me For you can do all things through me

For I will strengthen you Just trust me, believe and rely And walk in the victory I have won for you. Deeply I am moved by your love for me In our fellowship our love can grown As one in the Father's love Come to me and let us sup together.

### WE ARE PEARLS IN THE MAKING

The making of a pearl Is the hardest task of all For to send a grain of sand To irritate the clam It sits in its craw ~ Continuous a thorn in your side The grain of sand imbedded In the muscle it does hide As you fight against it The muscle does become injured A welt then a lump does rise And after time the sand  $\sim$ You adapt without knowing to yourself The sand and you are one And merge the shining pearl From all the persistent irritation Comes a treasure sublime One that many hunt for To behold the beauty of For the struggle has brought forth A mirrored polished gem Brought about by the pain endured  $\sim$ Are we not to seek that Pearl of great price? And are we not like the clam Enduring all struggles and pains, By our tasks to multiply our talents, To bring forth a prize to lay At the Master's feet? We are all pearls in the making Strung together as one body Glorifying the Father's throne.

# THE TRUE GOSPEL

Be not deceived to live and act like the world Do not chase after success or riches and prosperity Rather deny yourself everything To cling to the hope of redemption  $\sim$ Do not demand your rights, your privileges, your promises Rather die to self picking up your cross Yes, your cross to be nailed to For the follower is not greater then the teacher, And in all their ways are to follow their master ~ Do not stand up for equality, for human rights Nor oppose governments, or leaders of tyranny I did not send Barabbas, the hearts of evil men did. Know that I am sovereign I use evil for good, I use evil to punish sin, I use evil to cleanse unrighteousness ~ Do not fall into the trap, that your life is here on earth I never sent my children in the name Of patriotism, to hate, fight and kill ~ My ways are not your ways, do not resist evil Do not fight men nor governments I sent Yahshua as your example ~ Do not be deceived by thinking You follow Yahshua Messiah When you live opposite his life For his was one of sacrifice, He loved people without changing them He asked they surrender to the Father's love Mercy, grace, so the miracle could change them  $\sim$ Stop and read the scriptures and see The mirror of your soul, are you living the gospel? Who rules the throne of your heart? When people see you do they see Yahshua in you? Or do they see Barabbas? There is no time to put off today What there is no guarantee of tomorrow Be not deceived, live the true gospel For it is very narrow, and few find it.

(Galatians 2:20; Matthew 10:38; Revelation 3:11; Proverbs 16:4; Jeremiah 17:5; Luke 17:20-21)

### HUMILITY

I know nothing **Everything I do know** I was taught or learned But knowledge is a revelation I do not know its columns The foundation of wisdom ~ In my humanity I struggle With my foolish pride Stubborn to change what I know For a new truth shown me ~ I think it's not what we know Rather our hearts reception To what we are shown Frail I struggle with things To wonderful for me It is easier to quard the familiar Then to embrace the unknown ~ Faith is stepping out believing Truth will show a way Leading and guiding to change When I accept my limitations When I humble myself Then I can receive knowledge Which is meant for me ~ The Spirit guides, directs, protects He talks to us through the Word He deposits within us great measure For success in all our ways If I humble myself before Yahweh Then the heavens open to me.

### **EYESIGHT**

Eyes, your vision To see all that surrounds you The heart is attached to your sight Your thoughts conger up Visuals of want and passion Endless, never satisfied Is the sight of men The more they see The more they covet.

Beauty is appreciating What is in front of you It does not want to possess All that is not yours The lust of life is in the eyes Always dreaming, acquiring Always wanting more One must learn to see With the eyes of the heart They will illuminate the soul Showing you the passing earthly things To the pure and lasting ones. It is vour sight And how you see that you feel With your soul and mind. Possess your eyesight wisely. Block what is evil Dwell upon what is good.

### **NO LONGER YOUR OWN**

Do not take upon yourself Extra responsibilities Only do that which I tell you To do more is vanity ~ Do not meditate on anything Other than my word For you entertain the teachings of men And open the door to deception  $\sim$ Do not seek the wisdom Given by the world For it is twisted and corrupt Seek my wisdom Which is foolishness to the world  $\sim$ Do not labor in vain For the things temporal Only a fool throws away True wealth which is lasting For the fleeting glimmer of promise ~ **Guard your heart** No one can steal it from you Unless you yield it to another first Your heart belongs to me

It is not yours to give away For I bought and paid the price You are no longer your own You belong to me ~ Do not take anything upon yourself For you died and now You are a new creature No longer seek for yourself anymore Rather seek the Father And all truth will be manifested.

## YAHWEH'S IRON

Standing here ironing fabric I think of the process Of being ironed smooth Yahweh takes us and removes The spots and wrinkles from us He will pull us forward To iron that next section straight ~

When you are done ironing You hold up the fabric and look For any spots you may have missed And you return the fabric Back to the board for re-ironing ~

Yahweh takes us and he removes All flaws, spots, imperfections He looks for a beautiful gown One of beauty and perfection To cover the body of Messiah ~

Know this my friend We all are being ironed Having all that is unacceptable Removed from our lives It is a process called sanctification Which leads to holiness and righteousness ~

> So the next time you see an iron Think of what Yahweh does for us To become acceptable to Him.

## THE BLOOD

In a dream I saw myself Having left the earth I stood in heaven before the throne I was shown through a vision My whole life before me An opening in space was a screen Upon it lays all the words I had ever spoken in life Those kind, loving, encouraging on one side, Those wicked, evil, damaging on the other. In a quick vision was portrayed The balance of justification And of condemnation. Matthew 12:36-37 scripture Was shown to me in my actions For I judged myself by them. All the good next to them Had the scriptures listed, And all the bad has scriptures listed also. And I wept to see How I failed so many times Then I saw blood wash over All the bad shown me. They were erased before my eyes. Turning to Yahshua He said, "This is why I died for you, To wash your sins away For I remember them no more". Then I woke up realizing The gift of unmerited grace and mercy  $\sim$ O blessed by the Lamb that was slain!

### WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?

Chronicles, the book of Kings When men followed a leader Of flesh and blood, no longer Yahweh himself. Yahweh watches as Judah and Israel fought each other, No longer under the cloud by day Or the pillar of fire by night. They lost the fear and awe of Yahweh Almighty ~

Each King differed in heart Many did fall away from Yahweh. Amaziah worshipped the gods of men So Yahweh had him slain. Uzziah his son ruled 52 vears Yet his wealth cause such pride, That he blasphemed Yahweh. He was struck with leprosy Living a life of solitude Not buried in the place of the Kings Rather that of a common cemetery. How Yahweh does tell us He is a Jealous Elohim, He will not have other gods before Him. We each are a living book We record events of our lives, Our deeds follow us. Just like these men of old we also are called to live Righteous and follow Yahweh's ways. The Holy Spirit helps us follow After Yahweh in our hearts, not men. Let us not fall prey to the pride of life Causing us to sin against Yahweh. For we are warned time and again To quard our hearts To let no man steal our crown. Only those who endure to the end are saved. I ask you, what does your life Sav about you in your Chronicles? And is your name written In the Lamb's Book of Life?

> (2 Chronicles 25:14, 27-28; chapter 26; Matthew 24:13, Isaiah 61:10-11)

#### THE LESSON

How I learned a valuable lesson today I got upset over the loss of a modern convenience I allowed it to rob me of my peace It showed me my spirit Has not yielded to suffering. To be so affected by this loss When this is but temporal, How shall I endure physical loss?

We truly do not know What suffering was like to those of old. Modern reality is but an illusion A mockery of happiness and peace, Yet for most it leas us unsettled and agitated. Mv lesson was this  $\sim$ I have no control over anything, All that I own is not mine anyways. It can be taken from me at any given time. Myself as a person must stand In Yahweh's peace and assurance That He alone is my existence, And He is my only salvation In this changing world. How did I react? Was I resigned that all things Happen as Yahweh allows them? And did I praise Him "in all things"? The light has been shown today Mv soul needs more work It is these "things" happening To prune me, show me What is rotten inside What more need to die, That He may live and rule in me. Our success is not physical It is only spiritual in Him.

## YESTERYEAR

Silently I sit and watch the snow As the flakes drop and flutter. Gently they build up a height One I find weighty to walk through. Something as delicate as a flake Water frozen in design to confound Building a beautiful landscape, Reflecting light from the gray skies. Nature stops us in our tracks It deadens our modern conveniences, Once again we are place back Enduring the taste of rustic times Without electricity or heat We are in a panic doing without The things we take so for granted, Sad truth is we have lost so much. Mankind always lit a fire To heat, cook and work by Always managing to use only What was necessary leaving the rest. In our fast pace world We have accumulated masses of things Spending our time and health acquiring, When the real things are free. It would not be easy to go back To a yesteryear but It would help our resolve In knowing natures value in our lives.

#### VESSELS

I am just a vessel One to be used for the kingdom Daily I do the task before me Little things that witness to Yahweh's Word I never know when I will be used Or whose life I may touch ~ I am but a vessel A grateful happy soul Who is glad to be used of the King I always ask for the mercy and strength To be able to do what is asked of me Nothing is too small to perform ~ I am a yielded vessel One to go and not look back A vessel of honor and sanctification Truly mending broken spirits Giving hope and calming words That His presence may be known ~ A servant of the Most High Gladly I bear the pain and shame The disgrace for His honor I count it all as nothing For my reward is at the finish ~ Truly we all are called to be saints Bearers of the light, of His mercy

To give love and live love To those rejected of men The downcast of society Those that have been given up on ~ Vessels ~ A branch from the stem Fruit bearer to maturity Bringing more and multiplying Yielded and grateful servants Called of the Most High.

## VALUE

I ask myself how does one value And what is the meaning of it. To have weight or meaning To be needed of importance All these things define Yet there is value of another kind. Value, the existence That holds the key Without it there is no need No parts to put in motion No growth to go forward Value is completion It spells success and assurance For when I am done I have value. Yet value has meaning even before Value is weight of itself. True value cannot be bought Nor traded or diminished Value is and always has been Value always will be It is the laws of existence Set in motion by the Maker. Value is beyond price It goes to sacrifice paid That can ever be repaid True value is eternal It shall never erase or disappear Value adds never takes away, And I ask myself Do I have value?

And the answer is yes For I have been bought and paid for With a price, one of great Value. And in so doing the purchaser has Transferred His value unto me For my value is now in Him For now I am complete, Yes, I have value.

# TROWEL

As a mason with his trowel Works the cement to a grade Then he plies his trowel to the stone For he is building and making A wall so unique It is his design alone ~ So the Father takes each of us Works the cement to the right play He applies his spirit in us To make us pliable to use  $\sim$ The Father will spread our cracks That need the balm of repair He'll use his will **Bringing forth His word** To bind and repair our weaknesses For in our weaknesses is his strength ~ I sit and watch the mason His perfected skill to mend and repair So does our heavenly Father To each of us apply And we are all members Built up in one body United and solidified in Him.

# TALLIT

Cover thyself within my tent Let the name of Yahweh protect The tassels of my garment They spell our my name The line of blue runs through The corners touch the crown The prayer of the Shama **Covers your forehead** Down to the heart Your earthly tent give for mine One that never wears out A High Priest and intercessor My canopy covers the stars Bevond the galaxies and orbs My throne is in the north Bind my laws upon thy heart Cover thyself with my tallit The priesthood before my throne.

## STEADFAST

The world has gone mad Each fighting one another You would have thought man Would have learned by now From WWI and WWII But hatred breeds forever new In the souls of men It is at death they realize They have fought for nothing. And I ask vou reader Is your heart polluted with such? Or do you have peace within That passes all understanding? For we are to guard our hearts We are not called to take up arms To fight our brothers Nor are we called to differentiate In systems of wealth. All men are created equal Our biggest sin is not believing

Or treating others as our brothers The world will get worse Hearts of men will grow cold And troubles will increase. Do not let these things Take your eyes off your prize Be steadfast and faithful in all things Be a beacon of light In a world of darkness around you. Let us be the sanity Let us be the love The world seeks.

### T & Y

Tomorrow That elusive line Of yesterday.

## SEEDLINGS

I think of the seed that grows Against all the odds it pushes its way Up through the ground and stone And it makes it up to the surface Then it sprouts and grows to maturity  $\sim$ It knows not when or how it just does And thinking of the pressure it must exert To go against all that is on top of it It pushes its way to the top and lives So must we be a seed and die to live  $\sim$ We grow after we have died to self We then come alive and are new with life We grown before others eyes changing And in the process unfolds our destiny So we are that seed that learns sot grow ~ Yahshua came that I may live He died to give me new life And when I die to myself then I come alive new in Him I am bearing forth new growth.

## CHILD

I can only cry I weep for my youth I have learned and now I am old ~ I catch myself staring into space Thinking of long ago The tears purge the memories ~ Such a deep profound loneliness Nothing can touch the depths My child lives and plays there ~ Secret chambers of my heart Hold the key Vacant is the innocence of youth.

## **QUIET, STILL AND UNTAPPED**

No movement, motion or sound Deadly quiet with my thoughts Not another human being around To talk or share with Great withdrawal in solitude Not always that of comfort Having to see yourself realistically ~ At times we don't like what we hear From our thoughts and heart We drown out our own noise We ignore our inner voice talking Deadly guiet and alone I sit Pondering the end as I see it I have landed in a no mans land No direction, no noise... Just my breathing and heart beating ~ Strange how we work our whole lives To but retire and when we get there We feel uncomfortable with our solitude This is a very deep well Quiet, still and untapped A wise soul would take this time To earnestly learn of themselves Then they can walk with confidence With their gift of loving silence As their new found teacher ~

I am but a weak person With divine strength within Her resides and helps me live each day In tears I express my gratitude For helping me climb the mountains Of overcoming the pain of life ~ He is my comforter I no longer fear the quiet For He resides there in it His presence is enough to love me through I can see myself as He sees me There is no end, just beginnings Each and every moment given to me.

### PORTAL

It is the eve of yesterday We look out towards the world Much is happening so fast We cannot keep pace with tomorrow We had been told of this beforehand All things are parallel They run back to forward History repeats itself Mankind does not learn He chooses to remake mistakes **Compounded upon our forefathers** Pride says we can do better We can change what they could not The lure of wanting to be god Destruction is that in the making It is the eve of vesterday The book reads then and now Time is eternal Just portaled for our understanding Things are set in motion We are bound to repeat them This is as it is written In Yahweh there are no limits Time does not exist With man it does It was given to us to see

We are constrained by the Spirit We have no destiny over our lives When we learn this Then we can look at all things With the vision of truth.

# **PEACE WE ALL SEEK**

Peace we all seek **Desperately pray for** Willing to give anything To see it in our lifetime Yet false peace will manifest In the form of a man When true peace is eternal In this world but not of it Killings, murders, violence Hatred, human trafficking, **Devalued and epitomized** The soul can take so much It cries out for deliverance From the misery of human condition Truly life is taxing, trying And at best is doable There needs to be a substance To live through the pain One needs to have strength In the midst of suffering And that is what we pray for When peace we ask The world wants it now Not realizing it is not temporary Peace is eternal and lasting True peace that is.

## LIFES EBB

Life with its many ebbs and flows Cycles of setbacks We have all been there It is like the water currents They pull in different directions Even though they are unseen The wind will blow and toss about Will rise up higher than drop down It can be warm to extremely cold And so life when it happens ~

I use to think that I was all set But the rug got pulled out from underneath In shock and total denial How could such things happen to me? Oh it is true we are but mortal Always thinking endless thoughts Not realizing there will come An end some day We just are not privy to it ~

> And so the flow comes forth With a big whooshing sound Swept off in an unknown course The compass has no direction Away and out of reach ~

No one can follow or determine The set course we must follow I am being recycled again Life's ebb has a hold of me.

## I RATHER YOU COME...

I rather you not come to me at all Then out of fear or preservation I called you friends when you love me Fear is doubt and selfishness ~ I rather you not come to me at all If you have a lukewarm heart If you still are in love with the world If you seek the praises of men ~

I rather you not come to me at all If you love not others If you are a follower I name only If you are not willing to sacrifice ~ I want you to come to me The Giver of Life The Merciful forgiving Father With arms open wide  $\sim$ I want you to come to me Yielded and pliant Soften in heart to the Master's touch Caring and forgiving as I am  $\sim$ I want you to come to me Dying to self and born again To the Spirit and in Love To being one with the Father ~ You can come to me now You have a choice to decide For what you do in this life Will determine yours in the next.

## GRACE

Grace ~ That gift beyond words Unmerited underserved Grace When I think on that How did I ever come by it? What did I ever do to know it? And beyond my reasoning Is the knowledge that Yahweh Sent His Son Yahshua for me That I may inherit Grace Even the ability to believe and Have the faith to receive Grace All that is a gift  $\sim$ I just have to see the need For Mercy in my life And the willingness to live it To others in turn Mercy is only mine to keep If I give it away And Love is only mine to keep If I live it to others ~

Grace ~ The divine ability to live The gospel, mercy And the free gift of my choosing To own and share.

## GOODBYES

No one likes to say goodbye Not in this life for anything We like to think things are permanent We like to fool ourselves into thinking Those things will never change They would stay the same And we have all the time in the world To revisit them as we leave them Reality tells us there are no guarantees That someone will be there tomorrow Or those things we have will not be gone Everyday is change and some forever We have no control over things Even though we plan as though we do And I can say that goodbyes are difficult Painful yet needful for growth Sometimes we need to walk away From what we have known Towards the new we are to discover There is one person who never says goodbye That is Master Yahshua For he says in scripture, "I will never leave you nor forsake you". Today as you go through much change With the heartache and sorrow Know that it is Yahshua the Messiah Who is with us through it And he never says goodbye Not now and not in eternity. This is a great promise Let us cling onto this in this life Knowing we will see him and be with him. How wonderful is this.

## DEATH

I come for all men Some sooner than others I wear a thousand masks This morning you wake Can be your last No one really knows for sure I am allusive, untraceable You cannot escape nor find me With each birth comes a death Some younger than others There is no human reasoning for this You cannot understand why I come Or my full purpose Everyone has a given time In which to live And they are to accomplish that For which only they can do No one has come back from the grave To speak of me or my person Everyday grab a hold of it as a gift To make right your way with Yahweh For once you are gone All chances are lost forever Today live wisely, seek mercy And give mercy to others Know that it is love that covers A multitude of sins Yes, my name is death And I come for all men Including you ~ One day shall be your last Make it your goal before you go To leave your foot prints in this world Those of meaning and love Especially those of the Saviour For whom you serve.

## CHALICE

Oh my child Be not eager to drink From the chalice I did It is a cup of suffering Three times I asked if possible For my Father to take The cup away from me But not my will rather His And I took of the cup I drank of its bitter dregs Not all cups are those of jov Nor all wine of celebration For the chalice is sacrifice One unto death You cannot drink of it Unless you are willing To pay the ultimate price Oh my child Love, edify and exhort For each day brings its own troubles **Rejoice in the knowledge** Of truth and love Of being called and chosen Let that be enough for now For my grace is sufficient unto thee.

## CAULDRON

Here we are in the end times Living it but hard to believe We compare it to what we learned From churches and secular So easy to be deceived regarding this So easy to believe we are not in the end times For those scoffers, hard of heart Against unbelief and slumber Mostly against slothfulness Really do we know what end times looks like? It is more of a spiritual condition And can only be discerned spiritually Not so much physically To be in prayer and in the Word This is survival, it is discernment

It is keeping ones lamp trimmed and burning And ones garment white Without spot or wrinkle The cares of life How Messiah spoke against them For they are a riptide that pulls us away They so consume our attention That we neglect what is most important **Our fellowship with Him** In prayer, worship and studying. Throughout the centuries men have scoffed And said yes but it has not happened yet But it will and soon For the world is now a boiling Cauldron Ready to flow over with human misery and suffering Like none ever seen before We all know something is coming And is happening before our eyes The world cannot put a finger on it But we know it is the spirit of antichrist which is here And is pervasive throughout all civilizations I can only say, watch therefore and guard For you know not what hour Yahshua cometh.

## **BE RESILIENT**

It happens so suddenly to all of us One moment we have our schedule The next it is taken from us forever Looking for the familiar is unsettling When it is gone for good Having to start over is an awakening To ones inner self Alive as never before from your slumber You must look at things fresh and new To have no resources and be caught unprepared This is the hardest thing to do Life has cycles and phases As we age we go through passages They are not for the weak at heart Rather one must be strong or One must be resigned to ride the wave That has you swept up in it And for all the things we learn in life

Nothing can compare you for that gigantic leap One we all must take To go from here to there With nothing in the middle To grab a hold of It happens so suddenly to all of us May we learn to be resilient To trust in the Almighty to carry us through For we were never meant to carry the loads Or the burdens for which life places on us.

## CHANGE

People tend to push others away Rather than say goodbye They don't deal with change very well People don't like change They avoid it or ignore it Hoping it will go away Life is nothing but change A lot of it not our own choosing Yet through these various cycles We find that we carry ourselves forward Into the next sphere we are going Others push people away out of fear For self preservation It hurts too much to get attached Then feel you are loosing something When in reality you aren't Just sometimes we let fears **Rule our lives** Much unwarranted We make our lives a self-fulfilling prophecy When we don't have to Yes, people are who they are Accepted in all forms And ourselves as such We never say goodbye To those we love and cherish.

## CAMELON

What do you say when people ask? Where do you begin? I have learned that Society is judging and unforgiving Unwanted advice is imposed upon you The thought police scrutinize Hoping to glean any weakness To composite your being ~ What do you say when people ask? Where do you begin? There is a certain mold We are expected to fit in To comply with others wishes Always giving to others demands And I cannot do that I have died a thousand deaths Always pretending what I am not Never free of this leash that tethers me To the pole of expectations  $\sim$ What do you say when people ask? Where do you begin? I have lived rough and wild Touch the ocean, reached the sky I have traveled my mind Into the outer realms I have visited the spirit world I have seen the abyss My days of being wild are over The pain has gone away I am a beautiful empty shell inside ~ What do you say when people ask? Where do you begin? You will never understand me Nor can I explain myself If I were to try You would judge and reject me What little rebellion is left Would lash out in sanity And this I know ~ Please do not ask I cannot tell Nor will I begin.

## YEARNING

So much I long for you Yet I cannot bring you here Feelings go the distance They suffice without a frame ~

If I could I'd hold you I would love you from my being My heart would speak to you Through my hands and limbs ~

The art of self would emerge Making splendor and joy It would leap to live Waves would cascade upon you ~

> Love would crown you As we bind together The being with each other Your presence as one.

So much I long for you Yet I cannot bring you here Feelings go the distance They suffice without a frame. (Loss of a Loved one)

# **I FOLLOW YOU**

Finger tips sweep the air In circles of motion You are here as I sweep Envisioning the spirit minus the body ~

> Sweep with side motion Making room for the other half As you come to my side You are with me even now ~

> I cannot stoop too low For you always catch me I cannot fall nor cry For you strengthen the weak ~

I ride on the wind in your wings You blow forth warmth in caress Inner stroking of the heart It doesn't stay there ~

For I gather the wind I carry it in my sail Joining you on the journey I follow you.

## INFIRMATIES

Sick in body illuminates the spirit Racked with pain and agony I look up for answers My soul is heavy laden Infirmities lay upon me Slowly my life ebbs from me I let everything go I dreamed upon All hopes and aspirations leave me I am naked, stripped and alone If it were not for your spirit I would perish entirely I look up to you The healer of my soul To bind and heal the wounds Kiss me with your balm The realization that everything Is now nothing, all is vanity And I feel it too late I would have rather learned earlier To freely given it all away For I cannot take it with me And all I thought and lived Was an illusion and a lie For my spirit was killed in the process Now as life ebbs from me I embrace the spirits fullness Hoping to restore what Has been consumed from me And I can be given the olive branch Extend it to all who are dying Without a hope or dream.

# **TRIBUTE TO MY COWORKERS**

I will remember all of you In your own special way And here I would love to verse To all you convey ~ Alice and Polly The endless whispering wall Of children, cooking and recipes ~ Carolyn with her expert advice on dog care  $\sim$ Danny and his marvelous beer making ~ Beth and her British guote of "Onward and Upward" The great encourage for the team  $\sim$ Alyson and her in depth expressions of knowledge  $\sim$ Dee Ann and her love for animal rescue ~ Stephen and his wonderful stories of travels abroad  $\sim$ Dan and his marine portfolio ~ Louana and her medical marvels which amaze me  $\sim$ Marie and the stories of farming and parenting And daughter Dr. Darby of Dirt ~ Steve and his life's experiences on everything ~ Jamie and his many hats he wears all at once As well as my respected peer with love of poetry ~ Lisa, the originator of the WAR document  $\sim$ And Karyn, the founder of the Easter Forms Center Fondly referred to as Mother ~ I have these images when I think of all of you  $\sim$ Carry on as you always do in the face of change.

# FAITH

Faith ~ To walk into the unknown To resign all worry To be confident and trust In Yahweh's provisions Faith ~ Simply believing Dropping all reservations Being at peace And not looking back Faith ~ Letting go and letting Elohim Believing for the miracle Praising for the answer In the hope of things not seen.

## HARVEST

I am the husbandman I dress my garden Prune away dead growth I harvest the fruit there of All that I plant and grow Never do I call anyone To leave them on their own I always guide them In the way they should go I impart my Kodesh Ruach To fill you to capacity That you may move in anointing Walk in holiness And you shall bear much fruit I will crown you Your rewards will be great.

#### LESSONS

It is as of yesterday I was young, youthful I had energy to burn Now I am older The trials of life have worn Against my soul and heart ~ It seems the more I go through I become a better person I would not trade My youth of yesterday For the wisdom grown today For I have learned the secrets of life They are handed down to us ~

We must come to our end To begin to understand Our way of thinking put aside To absorb the knowledge of truth ~ You can have only one will And that follow and live A divided soul is confused You constantly travel a circle Never breaking free ~

Old age may take my youth It may take my body But it gifts my soul From the lessons of life ~ I can only be grateful For the daily lessons I learn They are a gift from Yahweh Even though at the time I may not see them as such.

## I AM HERE

There is no need to fear of losing me For I am here ~ I am in the sky I am in the wind I am in the ocean I am here ~ When you look at the trees and rocks I am there When you look off into the distance I am there When you read my words I am there ~ For I am spirit And I live in everyone I travel in love I live in love For I am free in love ~ You can close your eyes And I am there For I will never leave you ~ My friend I am here within your heart Within your soul and mind ~ Do not fear of losing me For I am here Always with you.

## NOT MY OWN

My life is not my own It is bought with a price I belong to Yahweh, He is the keeper of my soul.

#### WORSHIP

In your presence oh Yahweh I worship you in spirit and truth Your mercy is endless I am raptured by your love You fill my heart with joy I am nothing without vou  $\sim$ Oh Yahweh, you are beautiful Flow through me **Overtake me totally** I surrender my soul I enter into the cloud The shroud of your holiness I am lifted up To the throne of glory  $\sim$ Daily I ask your mercy I ask your grace on me I wrap my arms around love Your light floods my soul You illuminate my heart My mouth sings your praises I am lost in you  $\sim$ In your presence time ceases The world and its cares All that is falls away To eternity itself I have entered into The center of creation Which stems from love ~ Oh Yahweh, I cannot speak I am overwhelmed with joy You love me so much I can only bow in awe You show me marvelous things ~ My heart is in your hands It bursts with humility For your tenderness to me, My tears of joy accept Rivers of living water Flows from my heart I am all yours Yahweh.

## LUKEWARM

These tears I cry Come from my heart They stream sorrow and pain For all I did and believe I thought the world to gain ~

And as I stand here now At the cusp of eternity I lament sore and weep I thought the world to seek But lost my soul ~

The book, the book Of eternal life ~ Is my name in there? Well le us see, did you repent Did you give your life there?

Did you receive me With all your heart? Did you obey and follow me? Did you die to yourself? Did you mean your prayer?

Do you bleat like a sheep? Or do you nay like a goat? Were you sincere in heart and mind Did me you seek? Did me you find?

Did you follow your heart The whims to your fancy? Were you lukewarm to my call? Let us see, open the book ~

For it will reveal all. Now on knees prostrate Before that heavenly throne I see the angels search for me He does look up with such sorrow And then the words he does say  $\sim$ "I have searched my child I have given mercy and grace To see your name in the book I do not see it now So go away form me, For I never knew you ~ For vou never knew me" ~ And the angels carry me away I descend to the horrors of hell And I weep sore, With bitterness and Knashing of teeth. (Luke 12:15, 37-46; Matthew 25)

### LAMP

One lamp lights another From that comes many lights It all starts with one ~ My life is love in progress From grace and mercy To daily sacrifice With joy to give to others The light I have within ~ A hillside of candles Cast a beautiful glow A community in prayer An incense sweet smelling It's fragrance reaches heaven ~ We are bearers of the light We live in unity Function as a body With one head, Yahshua ~ A living, breathing body The hands and feet of love Living the sacrifice of praver Of faith in motion  $\sim$ Yes, one lamp Lights all others.

## ANGELS

Often I send my messengers in disguise, They test the hearts of men, I send them to minister To deliver you from harm. You may often encounter An angel unaware ~

I made them in another dimension, They came into your world Surround with protection, They are an army of light Called forth to war for you ~

You must never forget You are not of this world You are just passing through. My angels help the passage The transition from one world To that of another ~

The wings are quiet They flutter to flight Deliver from danger Manifest when needed, Bring help in time of trouble. They are my love to you While alive on this earth ~

Deliverance is in their wings I send them when you call When you pray to me. Never forget, you can Encounter an angel unaware.

# YAHSHUA

Come to me my child I will shelter you As a hen with its chicks I will gather you to me Come into my tent I shall protect you From all that harms ~ I search for that one That is alone and lost As a straying sheep I break your leg And wrap you around my neck So you will bind to me As you slowly heal. I must do these things To mend a wayward soul ~ Come to me my child I will give you pastures green I will quench your thirst Ease your weighted heart My eyes are ever upon you I always guide you In the path you should go  $\sim$ Look only to me Seek only me my child And I shall keep thee For you are written Upon the palms of my hands Where they were pierced With nails so deep And blood did flow Your name is written there You have been etched with blood In the Book of Life  $\sim$ Come to me my child We shall dine together At the marriage feast.

# THERE IS A BETTER WAY

When you are cast down Despair has you in its grip Fear has rent your heart You lash out to those around Know there is a better way. When in sorrow you drown your tears With excessive alcohol You numb the pain with drugs Give in to moral decline Know there is a better way. When hatred fills your heart Revenge you seek Stop at nothing to vent Caring not for those you hurt Know there is a better way. Yahshua came to us To bring peace in a dying world To replace hatred with love To give hope for despair He is the better way. Yahshua wants to restore us To the love he created us from Lift us out of our world of sin Give us a new heart, new life He is the better way. Yahshua is the door The one we must walk through To become a new creature To be born again He is the living way. Come to Yahshua my friend Your sorrow he will melt Love will flood your heart Joy unspeakable in his presence ~ He is our salvation today He is the living way Come to him, just pray For Yahshua is the better way.

## CRAVING

**Israel was protected** By Yahweh himself They had all the needed Yet over a period of time They forgot Yahweh, They lost their respect Reverence and awe For his majesty, They only sought Yahweh For his provisions No longer for his presence. They lost communion They lost fellowship With Yahweh himself. They had a legal binding contract Minus the Master's presence. The churches of today Are no different From the Israelites of old. When all we think about Is what Yahweh can do for us We have truly lost Our prized possession, We have lost our great Craving for his presence. Yahweh must shake all that hinders us From fellowshipping with him. He wants us to seek him Fresh and anew with all our hearts. Yahweh loves us enough To humble us to repentance So we can once again Have the love of Elohim In our hearts. There is no way there but by prayer, Praise and worshipping the heavenly King. Then we enter the cloud of glory The shekanah glory fills us It lifts, renews the spark divine We are raised on eagle's wings, We soar in his presence United with his heart of love.

# WORDS FAIL

Words fail – Cannot describe The presence Of YAHSHUA Speechless, on bended knee I prostrate myself And pay homage – The Creator just. Love consumes me My heart melts within Your loving kindness Is beyond understand – I am in awe of thee, For you are sovereign.

## HARVEST

True fruit matured The golden sheaves Weighed down to bough Soon they shall be harvested. Singly we are cut off **Returned to our maker** The fields grow pale Little does remain. The winter white magnifies A piece of golden straw Alone blowing in the wind This soon to be plucked. Nothing goes to waste The raven lines its nest Each element serves a purpose For which it was created.

WE SEE...

My heart is still Quiet is my soul For I see the magnitude in front of me Only those with spiritual eyes Can see the tsunami coming It is now upon us I know nothing will be the same

The world hungrily consumes It presses on the souls of men Slavery to build its needs At the expense of eternal salvation Multitudes are in the valley of decision Soon I will be called to tow the line I will have to die to self So that I may live Martyrdom is nearing for all of us Who are loyal to Yahshua Who deny the world and its ways That hold onto the crown of life Those of us who endure to the end WE SEE our end nearing It is crossing over to that threshold That requires courage not our own For HE will carry us over the other side. Saints ~ Have you counted the cost? We must run our race with patience Enduring to the end. This is required of us To lay hold of our prize.

#### SONG OF NEW JERUSALEM

Golden, golden, golden Are the streets you have paved Golden, golden, golden Is the city you have made Majestic in Holiness Beautiful for situation Is man wedded to his King ~

King of Kings, Master of Masters You are the King You rule the city of gold And all we do bring At your feet ~

Golden, golden, golden Is the streets you have paved Golden, golden, golden Is the city you have made ~ It is the New Jerusalem Messiah our King My heart is glad With your praises I shall sing ~ Golden, golden, golden Is the City of our King!

# **REFRESH ME ANEW**

Sabotaged by confusion From every direction confliction Once removed I regain my composure Within I must auiet It is there I lift up my soul My focus is only upward I look past what I see To that which I cannot I hunger and thirst to know And to become in the other realm A day does not go by That I do not grieve The loss of many I anticipate the day I too Can return from where I came To be complete again In a realm of truth, light And of love divine I lift my heart, my eyes I lift my soul For I long for thee Come and refresh me anew To help me carry on To make it to the other side.

#### RESTORE

I feel poured out as water As a libation for your soul I have been sacrificed by you And I am left an empty well.

Why did my soul have to impede To crack and bleed endless? Your ways are harsh and unforgiving The love is an illusion That turns on you It sucks one dry. I must rise outside your reach And restore what has been stolen I must nurture the sacred For it has diminished my spirit.

Faint has been the breath Truly you are evil incarnate Your face is a trickster Tricking your prey to you To consume mercilessly.

## **IT WEEPS EMPTY**

I stand alone outside The barren hills Cold, covered with snow. My thoughts think over The many seasons past Of fruit and plenty. Each season must sleep To rise into the next ~

Painful the earths roots Reach down inside me Past the barrenness deep To the warmth within. Every year is added yet One more loss ~

The tree dies slowly The day it was born. The earth I came from ~

Yes, the earth Does cry and bleed, It weeps empty. (Our lives and the losses we live)

## NOISE

They say one third of our lives Is spent waiting, one way or another Communication is so abused And very overrated Much commotion is unnecessary. If we could speak far less And observe and listen more The earth could breathe a sigh Nature could be heard and sing again.

Our noise pollution affects all Even to our bodies on overload. Having to cohabitate Communication is a necessary evil Yet noise is now an art form, Taken to yet another level, Audio and visual our senses. There comes a point where humans Act out against it.

Nature is the last frontier Untouched and pristine Now that is slowly dying From our quest to spoil All within our reach In the name of pride. The stupidity of humanity Never ceases to amaze me They feel all of us Must be subjected to their sense Of importance in the poison of noise.

#### **OTHERS**

It is in sharing That I get to know you I learn about myself My short comings with others Those with myself. I learn of my human nature Which often fails me With the best of intentions,

Often I do not attain Those I would like to aspire to. People make me commit They help keep m honest. I deceive myself when I isolate and rely solely On my own understanding. It is then my world Becomes narrow and lopsided. My pride does not Want to admit I am incomplete Without others in my life. Humility gives me the Gift of littleness, It strips me of myself So that I learn to ask Help from others. It is then that I become A better person and grow. We really do need each other It is growth to admit That even the bad is for our good For we learn from it.

## A CALL TO MANKIND

When I carry your burden You help carry mine Then we have less to fear Before the great Divine. For man at great ease Ignoring the woes of another How great the judgment then The fear of Yahweh, I shudder. Was not Sodom and Gomorrah Their vilest sin to be Ignoring those so destitute Of what around you see? To think that of mankind Has not changed much In the coldness of heart To not help or another touch. The sin of greed The sin of indifference goes

Have we not by far Exceeded the ways of Sodom so? And now the day is setting You are content I see But when does oh man The hour glass empty for thee?

## FALLEN

You stir my heart I've regained youthfulness To feel love and blush Your words stroke me I'm moved within  $\sim$ Hands caressing each other **Fingers intertwined** The sweetness heavenly **Kisses brush my skin** You heighten my senses Eagerly I search your eyes ~ You tell me of your love deep **Stolen secret moments** Warm closeness of eternity Mv face buried in your neck Deeply I have fallen, Fallen in love with you.

#### MENORAH

Softly burns the wisdom of your pillars How you appeared to Moses In the burning bush Your still small voice did thunder Everything did hush as you spoke Holy was the ground you spoke from Your pillars of fire do burn Seven spirits of wisdom This is a mystery I grab a hold of the altar Holding onto the horns It is there that I do Worship you in the Beauty of your Holiness For you are life forever more.

# **JOY LIKE NO OTHER**

You are not a fantasy You are real my Yahshua Closer to me than my breath You hold me up constantly Give me courage to live Strength to go on Your spirit is in my heart Your love burns within A warm glowing radiates Into a smile ~ Your essence exudes me Waves of light permeate All that I touch We have become one **Divine is your softness** In the fullness of love  $\sim$ There is no bottom Words cannot describe Your person my Yahshua **Eternal and majestic** You give new life to me And forever I praise thee For you chose me  $\sim$ When I was in the dark You drew me out Into your light My heart is captivated With joy like no other Forever I will hold onto you ~ I love you with My whole being Together we move on Pass time itself to paradise Your love is eternal.

#### SHARE

Stupid things The permission to laugh To wear a smile Where one has not Been for so long ~ Silliness The permission to Be a child again **Regardless of age** Recharging ones heart ~ Laughter The permission to Be heard for The sake of merriment To cheer up a drowning soul ~ Hugging Permission to go Touch another human being **Connecting in love** With much warmth ~ Kissing **Permission to become Completion of another** Union as one In consummation. (Holy Unions)

## HEALING

Thoughts and memories You have died one thousand times How they want to resurface You push them back down Only to return. There comes a time One must profess ownership To lift them upward Scatter their ashes to the wind, Let the Spirit blow them away.

> Healing is choosing To look back on ones life Accept it as who you are

And then let the balm Close the wound To never open again. I do not want to relive the past I want to live in the present. That is what Yahweh's Spirit Does for me He helps me move forward On the wings of his love That I may regain My innocence that died. I am a new creature Yahshua lives in me.

## **PLEASING TO YOU**

I find myself on my knees Constantly asking forgiveness For my weakness and failure To have the patience and love You ask me to have Father. I ask for your strength To flow through me Let me be a vessel One of honor not shame, One of hope not despair. Oh Father I ask That I may become What you want of me Not what I desire My life is yours. Daily I die to self I surrender that I may live  $\sim$ In my weakness be my strength In my sorrow be my joy In my sickness be my health In my doubt be my faith. Conform my mind to your word Teach me to walk by faith Through your love Father. May my life be a living sacrifice Pleasing to you.

## THE REWARD

Far cast are the shadows Reflections of the struggles of man We have come so far Yet done so little Solemn is the process With choirs of angels singing The echoes of voices lamenting The loss of so much Here after sight is much revered We worship what is lost What we tossed aside as insignificant  $\sim$ I have come to the end Faltered yet I stand again I am at the end of my race My eyes have seen much I have heard the voices of many Yet I've never lost your voice Oh most High Yahweh ~ I yield to the finish My arms open wide To your embrace.

#### FORGIVEN

As your footprints On the beach are washed away So I remember Your sin no more. ~ Yahshua

## THE LITTLE THINGS

Many of us have gone shopping We bought a list of items The shock truly is All the small things added up Which cost the most. We look at the receipt disbelieving How so small, few items Can cost so much. Isn't that how life is?

Just that little short cut Cheating here or there Slacking off in diligence Thinking it won't matter Yet it is noticed. Daily we are called To be faithful to the little things Yahshua says IF we're faithful In the little things Then he would reward us In the bigger things. Let us look at our inventory Our list of little things. Let us remain faithful in Him To enter the straight and narrow Rewarded as a good and faithful servant.

#### **OUR WORDS**

Slow we are to understand Our fate is truly in our hand Our words justify or condemn All the prayers in the world With all scriptures quoted besides Will to no avail If we drop the promise of the word But rather quote doubt Or what we felt, seen or heard. We can undo a prayer Break its fulfillment coming true When we agree with doubt We bind the hands of Yahweh. Even of his word and prayer When what we say does not agree With what was spoken upon thee. Faithful in the small things Not giving into voicing doubt Rather holding true in faith To the promises prayed to come about. When we learn this truth And know the severity of it We will guard all we speak For our words will

Justify or condemn us On Judgment Day. And for all, the life or death They brought our ways And filled the lives of others. (Matthew 12:36-37)

## **YOUR LIGHT**

Clouds of cornflower blue From sky to ground Yet sun beams strong and brilliant To you are beamed straight down. The light shines off the leaves The birds are abound in flight Off a ways a golden tree glows With your light so bright. And the sun hides again Behind the clouds blue gray Everything outdoors does linger For your touch in a special way.

#### **A NEW CREATURE**

We can live a life of regret Or turn it around Wipe the slate new and clean Yahshua picks us up Anoints our minds He touches our hearts To start over, a new man. We can be born again Let our past and failures die And walk new in his light He is our source of hope His grace and mercy are ours For the surrendering our past For a future with him. Don't let the opportunity Pass you by To become a new creature You have a chance to be new Yes, there is hope in Yahshua.

# **PATIENCE AND LOVE**

Each of us is given The task to live our life To fulfill our calling. Many of us start aright Only to veer off Forgetting it's not our power Rather the Kodesh Ruach in us. We can never claim the praise For it is Yahweh working in us. All that we have and are Come from the grace of Elohim To empower us to become His hands and feet of Love. Our lives have a purpose To fulfill our commission To be ambassadors to a world Dying, void of hope or love. We are the example for others To see what life can become When Yahweh is in it Directing our path. Our life is not a whole Each of us is a piece Of a larger puzzle That becomes the body of Yahshua. Let us with patience and love Bear one another with understanding.

#### THE MASK OF THOR

"He who wears the mask becomes the hideousness the mask represents".

A long time ago There was a man named Thor. He wore a two tusk mask To hide his boars head. He discovered abandoned Nazi camps He also learned of their experiments. Becoming obsessed in mind He rehired the tormentors,

Saving those who had been criminals Were discriminated against And deserve the right to employment. Thor took it upon himself To restart the human experiments. Unknown to many of this They sought refuge in the woods, Discovering this abandoned housing They made them their own. They were the cannon fodder used For this clandestine mission. Thor caught them one by one And caged them like animals. He tested their physical endurance To see how far one could go, With no air and hot temperatures Then he took it to the next level. There was a huge whirlpool In the river below. He herded these people Into the river, Then he watched them As the water pulled them under. Many clung to the sides Slowly they gave way And were sucked below the surface. The endurance of man, Limited and weak He took great joy in this.

> How Thor wanted to conquer! Trying to remove his mask He found his face misshaped As that of a boars head. Repulsed he dawned the mask Having gone mad with rage He swore the extermination Of every beautiful face. He secretly loved the one Who was repulsed the most To look upon him. His lust and greed for power Had misshapen his image,

He became the hideousness The mask represents. This madness was brought on For the lust of power, To set those beneath him A lesson they wouldn't forget. His hatred killed himself In the process of living his fury. May this story bring fear To all those who see A dictatorship rise out of Apathy to the reinstitution Of ethnic cleansing Under the ruse of intolerance, **Political correctness and** Harmless play acting. In the arena of human suffering, Thor still lives, He has yet to show his face. (A glimmer of Revelation)

## **BLANKET OF LOVE**

Oh my lovely How the seasons stir my heart I will weave you a tapestry Of brilliant colours I will cut and design A many colored quilt for you The depth of light and love Will fill the span of it It will be warm to cover you With love, prayers For much peace and dreams You will smell the softness Of the earth and flowers Feel the warmth of mothers love And the gentle touch of one Who sends forth her heart to you Wrap me around you in this And feel my loving arms And my gentle kiss On your face so innocent Let the hunger and want dissipate With contentment of being loved

Slumber in this knowledge I am with you now As you dream dreams. (With love ~ for Karla a mother's heart)

## **MY CHILDREN...**

Oh how it saddens me My children I have given you everything I created the heavens and earth I have filled it with all beauty Given you all wisdom and knowledge To enjoy the creation I have made As a reed blown in the wind So you hang in the balance Do you not know that I must return? And when I do I will judge all unrighteousness? Why do you put me far from you? Why are your hearts lifted up and cold? Why do you turn away from me? It saddens me to have to turn you away My tears fall endless On a parched and angry planet Filled with sin and sorrow You have lost your way You have chosen another god to follow You worship what is not of me I don not want to send you away I would much rather embrace you Heal your wounds with my balm You have been given much And still you refuse me I have no choice but to remain just My justice demands judgment And I am sending it forth On this wicked and evil generation Much trials and tribulations are coming You will have to endure them You will have to remain in me And endure to the end To get the crown of life Salvation is to be lived daily When I come it is with wrath My children, how I lovingly weep For your lost souls who refuse my love.

I love the mountains You love the ocean I love the earth and sky You love the water and moon The night does captivate you The sun soothes me We are friends around the globe Both of us love the unknown We see the scars of humanity Touch them to heal the wounds Our words are the trademarks Of a peace maker We strive to heal the wounded Uplift the downhearted To see the good in all people It is beautiful to belong **To Love itself** And embrace it in others What really matters Is the heart within And the willingness to really love For love's sake And the purity of being You are my other half And I love you for it You make me whole Fill my being with life I cannot express The happiness you bring to me.

# LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER

To love one far away What is distance? Nothing And to be in love Is the wellspring of life We are so interconnected In all we say and do To love another To uplift and edify To stand behind and support To not judge but accept To not try to change

Just love them as they are And this is true love From the heart for them Unique as they can be To love one far away There is no distance really For the spirit is eternal It has not bounds or compass It flows from one heart to another We are strengthened you see For w3e all make up the Body Living stones we are Let us refrain from what hurts What kills or destroys Let us embrace love unconditional Not just for ourselves But so that we can give to others.

## DETACHMENT

How autumn is here With its biting cold The rain washes all that remains **Of summer away** I see leaves floating on the water Two perfect leaves, hearts no less And they flow on the reflection Of sky and sun Riding the ripples to where They are being carried ~ We are in this world yet not of it Our heart is to be joined to His He will direct and lead us to follow him We must die and fall from our tree And land to the earth We must die so that we may live  $\sim$ **Detachment of all things** To learn to be free To minister where Yahweh leads us Let not your heart be weighed down With the cares and riches of this world Of the stuff that is portrayed to us As worth holding onto Fighting for, dying for  $\sim$ 

You have no control over your life Over your situation or status One day trouble can come And wipe it all away **Everything that you have** Worked so hard for Life really is not things It is love, it is feeling It is giving of ones heart And receiving back a hundred fold The depth and breath of love so bold  $\sim$ Let him take you off your tree Let him detach vou from all things That hinder and hold you in this life Let him bind your heart to his And ride the waters where they flow Where he leads you Be not afraid for Yahweh is Love.

## **PURITY OF HEART**

When I was a child I thought as a child Now that I am grown My thoughts have developed From innocence to cynicism From trusting to guarded. We teach children the dream of love Yet they learn by example **Develop by experience** The world is hard and cold. We learn to throw naivety aside Simple trust to that earned. The concept of love is lofty It is spoken, sang, dreamt, proclaimed Yet never seems to grab hold. We go from simple and pure To complicated and tarnished. Let us recycle the dream Seek once again purity of heart See it in ourselves first. To block out the darkness about Children live in the promise For they are born of love.

Sad to see a child weighed down With burdens not their own, Taught this is the way to life When thy were right all along. Yahweh honors the heart of a child They know unconditional love. Let us seek again purity of heart.

#### FINISH

We are citizens of the kingdom Never should we forget that As we live in this world As we go through trails and tribulations This is not our home We are but passing through As we are walking in it Let us do what we are called to do Let us not fail to bear the light Of Yahshua Messiah to the world May we extend the kingdom That gives us salvation For we have the love of Yahweh Shed abroad in our hearts To live and give away We shall all meet again One day on that distant shore Let us finish the race before us.

## **EYES OF MY HEART**

Quietly your head bowed Peace of another realm You have slipped into Go into the emerald rainbow Where melodious harmony hums Off the crystal sea echoes. The essence of prayers Sent heavenward for the saints I have entered the King's throne He is high and lifted up His train fills the temple. Ripples outward flows living water And the eyes of my heart See you oh Yahweh ~ I give glory to you for your mercy And truth's sake I bless Yahweh For evermore.

# FORGIVE ME FATHER

**Forgive me Father** For I lack love I am intolerant With the foolishness of men. Impatient for what agitates me In the souls of others. How I often would rather Feed my flesh rather than my soul ~ **Forgive me Father** For I am slothful and lazy I desire not discipline but ease I am indifferent to the calls of others I shut out all conversations I choose not to hear ~ **Forgive me Father** For I am a selfish being Lacking the gualities of Yahshua. If it please you Father Do what you will with me I ask that in the process Of my dying to self You love me enough To look past my sins, And gaze on the blood of Yahshua Which washes me whiter than snow ~ I ask Father You have loving patience with me Grace and mercy on my soul Which I so much do not deserve. **Forgive me Father** For my stubborn foolish pride Fill me with your love So that I may truly follow you.

## SUCCESS

I know I have made it When I can walk through life Without leaving a trace Of who I am. I know I have done well When my children are grown Do not return to me For advice or direction. I know I have succeeded When my values I have lived Have imparted to my family And those of my community. I know I've done well When I lived contently as I am Was happy with what I had And could share that wealth to others. I know I have made it When my life's story is told Without words of shame or regret But of love for mankind.

## **GREATEST LILY OF ALL**

You are the Lily of the valley The Rose of Sharon The fragrance of spikenard Frankincense and Myrrh You are the flower of all flowers Blossomed into a full crown That radiates light outwards Sweet fragrance of your presence Fills the room with calm You are the balm that heals Your radiance is majestic All who behold you Know they are in The presence of the King The greatest Lily of them all.

# **MAY YOU DRINK**

Are you drunk? Drunk with the cares of this world? With excess and abundance? Are you drunk? With the things of the flesh? Drunk with the pride of life? Are vou drunk? With self obsession? And what satisfies your desires? Be not drunk with the world Rather be drunk with the win **Of the Kodesh Ruach** Let this drunkenness consume you To be filled with heavenly joy Let the new wine of the spirit Restore what the locust consumed Giving new life and meaning To your walk of faith Let the living waters Flow out from you Fresh, new, holy Acceptable to the Father May you drink the wine With the Bride Groom At the heavenly banquet The wedding of the Bride of Yahshua.

## DECOMPOSE

In the dense woods Crumpled leaves decomposing All smells mingled as one I watch the summer decay And muted colours come forth Cold winds whipping me My senses numb to feeling Ravaged and killed Gone forever your birth Pain frozen in time To melt come next solstice Pressed down as one Smothered under a floor Of dank moist foliage Nothing lives here It is a slow dying process Freeze by degrees Of silence and mourning And I am caught in the wooded floor Only to look up As others join me. (Life of a leaf)

# **UGLINESS TO BEAUTY**

There is much ugliness In the world I cannot look upon it anymore It drains me of my joy In consumes my peace of mind How I often wish to ignore it.

Yet I am responsible for others I am my brother's keeper By ignoring others needs I murder them Their blood is on my hands I must put on the mind of Yahshua Find compassion within To help ease the burden of others.

When I fail to do so I cease to exist as a human I become an animal without feeling Another tormentor added to them I must use ugliness As a tool for love And pain as a gift For personal growth.

> We can change the world By doing then becoming Actions must go first Then feelings will follow.

## **OH MAN**

Oh man, No one will be with you You will stand alone Before the Master eternal You will have to give an account Of the gift of your life What you have done with it You will have to tell the Father Why you did or did not Receive him in your life Why you wasted or invested your talents Why you neglected or nurtured love Oh man, You will have to be weighed And found not wanting To walk through the gates to life Rather than to the pit of hell You will have to confess then On bended knee his sovereignty Why wait too late to do so? Why risk the loss of everything For what is temporary? Oh man, Do you know you are alone? Do you know nothing you put faith in Or hope in will last But Yahshua himself alone Oh man, What foundation have you built on? Do you not know your mortal soul Will have to give an account for your life rendered? Are you prepared oh man? Life is not guaranteed Neither is the gift of salvation Only life of obedience to the law is rewarded Work with fear and trembling your salvation For vou never know The day you will be called from this life. Are vou prepared? Do so now oh man.

# LET US WALK WHERE HE LEADS US

As Paul was led away by another Hands bound and tied He walked the road to his torture stake Each of us one day Will have to walk our path The dying to ourselves The laying down of our lives For others and the gospel We walk not in our own strength But in the strength of Yahweh Who emboldens us Gives us the power to go forth Each of us must make the choice To win the race No matter what the cost And it will cost us each dearly We must forsake all for the gospel No second thoughts No resistance or hindrances Let us rejoice to be counted worthy To suffer for Him To share in his sorrows And in his joys For the world cannot know The rewards of the righteous For the faithful in Him Ware are not our own Let us go forth with faith Walking where he leads us.

## SUSTANCE AND MEANING

Deep within the flame burns Ever so brightly and warm I feel the flow within and around How you have touched my life I cannot ask nor do anything To change the way I feel You have stolen my heart And given me your own I could never walk away Just weep and weep I feel all the pain and suffering And I share in them As well as the joy you give Both have forged my being You are a stamp upon me Daily you give me new life Hope and love to live I learn from you and your ways My heart is no longer my own Nor is my life For you are the one You flow in my thoughts and words You are the breath of life And give me substance and meaning.

## **MY ZENITH**

Magnificent sunlight Warm winds blowing Birds swarming mid air Feeding on insects Pulsating, squawking, turning ~

Tree limbs moving across the sun Making fleeting patterns on my eyelids Power in the wind It surges then dies down Pushing the elements about ~

Sun rays touching my body Patterns of blood vessels under eyelids Radiance so ethereal ~

Sun and wind are one All moving as a sea of grass Trees weep as they shed their leaves Soon bare limbs reach to the sky Catch me while you can ~

I will display my zenith for you Embolden by ravens talking.

#### SILENCE

Silence ~ When I commune with my heart And contemplate What energy I use To fulfill life's void.

> Silence ~ When I know My inner voice Which speaks forth Of truths to me.

Silence ~ When I take what is mine Leaving all for my gain Concentration to obtain Knowledge to be used.

Silence ~ When my heart thanks me For a moments rest For a moments air For a fresh breath of life Leaving all for my gain.

Silence ~ Quiet, peaceful Restful fulfilled When I know My inner voice Which speaks to me Commune as a whole Energy as one Completeness refined ~

> Total ness Peace Gratitude Being That is silence.

# LIFE IS A PUZZLE

I stretch out my hand Giving what I have. That you cannot see But my heart gives freely From the palm of my hand That I give to you.

You give to me Back that part Which I've given of myself To but show me Where I was At a given moment Helping me to grow With time.

Today is a day of happening Yesterday is a day of remembrance Tomorrow is a day of realizing Visualizing what life Holds for us.

> Life is a puzzle The pieces are constantly Changing size You force a piece That does not fit To make it try But it doesn't fit. The piece is different You have changed. The whole puzzle Is not the same In life's puzzle It seems at times You are that piece That does not fit.

# **IF EYES COULD SPEAK**

If eyes can speak Then yours tell me What you are going through Deep moving wise Part of your disguise Are in the look of your eyes ~ I can see what it is You try so hard to hide I can tell What you feel inside. How much you tell of yourself Every time you look my way I know about you You can't run I have felt your insides ~ If eyes can speak Yours tell me so much That no words are needed I can see you inside.

## HAVE I TOLD YOU LATELY...

**Dear friend** Did I tell you lately That I love you? Each day is new We both go through Did anyone tell you That they loved you today? Life is so fast **Complicated and sometimes cold** We lose ourselves Sometimes too easily. All of us need a touch A word or two Tell me friend Has anyone said "I love you"? Well I do "I love you" How these words Have helped me grow. And yes – "I do love you"!

# THE LEVELS WE CLIMB

So many different levels we climb. At the bottom is the dust And when we revisit We stir the dust in the wind To relive again. Time allows it to settle There's dust land and air All are different levels To the same thing – Our levels we climb.

## VERMONT

Vermont is my home It is there that I live Where people know to give.

The country is alive Full of life everywhere Persons take the time They really care.

Green Mountains Lakes so deep and blue Granite, marble and more The seasons are four Colour in each one Rise and setting Of the Eastern sun.

You can see the change When it comes The people are prepared Another season is near.

Vermont is my home A state I love Which has given much to many.

#### WEAKNESSES

You ask how weak can we be And I know the answer too well For my many moments Have I shared with weakness.

To say they are all bad Would be an untruth For out of them I become stronger. We all are weak in some way Others more so But is that not what life is about?

If we had no weaknesses We'd have no use for another In our lives To help us change To encourage us For encouragement Is not for the strong But rather for the weak And we can think within it And learn more about ourselves.

Out of my weakest moments I've learned That it is by my friends Love and support That makes my conquer possible And that we all are alone Within ourselves.

But we all share in common that fact We are human and weak And our struggle to be human To overcome them Is the basis for our need for others In our lives. I do not regret ever having any For if I personally Were not weak in some way I would have no need for another For I would be self-sufficient And I know that I am not. Love is often spoken of Portrayed in many ways But in one way it is overlooked.

And if you do look You will find love in weakness For out of weakness Has grown love In the hearts of many.

I often ask for them To be taken away from me But if I had not faults to overcome I would have no need To strive to better myself Or further myself in anyway.

So I say We all share the fact We all are human and weak And when I am weakest That is when I am the strongest.

## A MIGHTY CHAIN

A strand of silver Tiny links of a chain Together they are strong. A chain is no longer a chain When one of the links is gone It is broken It no longer is a circle But a line. A circle is a continuous without end A line begins then stops With nowhere to go. All of us are a link In the lives of others and ourselves. We are strong only when We are together We are weak when separated. Tiny links of a chain But a mighty chain When one.

## **MOUNTAIN TOP**

Mountaintop reaching tall Where the sky meets There I reach with my heart Be a part – Big and strong mountain rock Hard to climb there to find Reaching tall, very tall. There the sun overlooks The stone so large Bring yourself to the top See yourself in the rock – Hard and strong Hard and strong.

MOM, DAD...

Mom, Dad, "how are you"? That is what I say and I stop to think They have grown old, so have I -How did we get so gray? I remember all the good times The laughter and Jov Sunshine on the lawn and barn Breeze in the leaves The sky so clear with harvest on its way. The workmen stop for a pitcher of ice water Before they finish having. And that golden ray of light at the days end Before the sun would set. Mom, Dad, "how are you"? I ask on the phone And hear assurances of being fine. And as I hang up I ask myself What happened to time? Where did it go? Mom, Dad - How are the autumn leaves?

And is there a chill in the air? Have you lit the fireplace yet? And together they sit in front of the fire Sharing the moments together As another day goes past. I walk slower now, not as quick to speak I think of the two great people Who mirrored my world, And I have grown into them. All their advice rolls around in my mind And I feel their love as their living legacy. Mom, Dad, "how are you"? I want to say -But I know that can't always be So I must go now while I can. Talk, conversation It doesn't matter about what Just the fact I can enjoy it with them. Laugh, love For we are family.

### **ICE STORM**

Rays of sun glisten the snow As the wind blows it from the trees Like tiny crystals in a mist It gently shows the ground. The forest comes alive With the birds lighting In the tree branches – The snow reflects the sun Bringing with it a life of its own. Cool is the air, so energizing To breathe deeply in the lungs. Lightheaded yet clear of mind I feel the magic The snow show brings to me.

### A ROSE TODAY

You gave me a rose today To cheer me up To say, "I love you" I sat in silence Thinking. You expected a smile Even a faint one. I reached out And gave you a hug We both smiled. Silent I was no longer.

## **HEAVY ROCK**

Heavy Rock - rifting Sense of freedom, dare to explore See my inner self Travel to places far away Touch the hidden areas of my inner man Release from pressure. Communicate with me - Unity, oneness Direction, remembrance - going your way Reliving a part of me that once was there Can be young again, hope again A private journey just for one Take time to enter, Drifting -Heavy Rock.

## MOM IN HER GARDEN

Sweet and fragrant Morning glories open Wrapped in the raspberry bushes By the field of clover. Mom's hands pruning her berry bushes Humming as she is working Standing behind the grape arbor. Hermit thrushes, chickadees Mourning doves sing, chirp and coo Upon the vines so thick. Buzzing with life bees pollinate Butterflies flutter in the wind. Intertwined is the vine wrapped End to end **Opening hues in the colour blue** So pure and light. So I remember in my mind's eyes Mom in her garden.

# YOU ARE THAT KITE

I know what must be done What I have to do When you are gone For you friend this I'll do: I'll walk the great shoreline And fly above it a kite Say a few prayers let it out there Holding on tight. And when it's reached the height And it soars up high I shall let it go free Master the waves above the sky. I shall watch it go out Beyond the vision of sight And in my heart bid goodbye As it passes into the night. The kite will bear on its wings My prayers for you That which shall succeed That which shall come true. I shall walk that shore alone With your footprints as if by my side And walk on the shoreline Barefoot by the tide. I shall remember in my heart The beach we both did walk And share till the morning hour Letting our hearts spill forth and talk. Your memory shall guard me So will my prayers that I pray And my heart goes out to you When I let the kite out that day. You are that kite, you have traveled far And I know that you rest safe Resting on that distant star. I walk the shore no longer alone You footprints are by my side For we walk together On the tide of Eternity's shore Where we share together Once more.

# I COME TO YOU

I come to you To receive what you have To give to me And I give to you What I have to share. I pass life's moments With what I have learned And help another to know truth. You gladly hear You gladly walk Upon the shore of freedom -The winds of truth blow hard Yet you are free. I come to you To but give Of all I can All I know For I know truth And I search for To but be received. I take what you give I consume it in my heart Doing so I feel more -I love more -I stand to receive from you, Truth.

## MOUNTAINS

The mountains look so close They roll off the hillside Up into the sky. The golden yellow field Meets the dark green And hazy purple trees. Rain is falling and has been Everywhere you look there's drops Wet cold damp to touch. With the old fence, the barn And the quiet sky It's like a fall day. You can actually hear the earth Quietly breathe. The crow announces its coming And perches in an Elm tree. It is but morning The earth is not awake yet. What a splendid moment to capture. Life stirs about In the miserable weather. It doesn't stop growth. So close the mountain – It brings mystery to me.

#### LIVING WATERS

Living waters wash over me Clean, pure and fresh I soak up the nourishment you bring I shower in your presence Being renewed and restored To my former glory Fill my up, fill it up Make me whole And I can dwell in your presence Lifted high above the train Into the true reality of being The essence of life itself Golden, pure and lovely No worlds can express Only elation of the heart Exploding with Joy unspeakable You and I are one As we drink together From the fountain of life I jubilate in you.

### TENDERNESS

Tender is your love Words cannot express your ways Only the heart can receive The fullness and depth of it It is foreign to me To be loved with no measure Your depth and height I cannot describe It burns within and warms me Melts my heart of stone I no longer see myself When I look in a mirror I see your love in my eyes Reflecting back at me You are real And tender are your mercies.

### FROM

From much pain comes great beauty, From vulnerability comes great strength, From sorrow comes joy ~ If I never had lost something I would never know the value I have, If I never felt pain I could never know joy, If I was never weak Than I could not be strong ~ Society of men is hardship Given to those in turn yet again, Living is learning that You are not to receive hardships Given to you from others ~ You can define your life As new with strength and valor, What others give me not always Have I asked for or deserve ~ I have the ability to find the balance Of reality setting the score straight, I am free to live myself And I go freely to become who I am.

## LOSSES

Funny how someone else's tragedy Does not touch us Until it becomes our own I guess that's human nature ~ And when it's our turn We are suspended in devastation We feel the pain of others  $\sim$ Of negating their loss To our comforts of life Losses cut deep Some too much so ~ Some never totally recover They walk about A portion of their former self  $\sim$ Life just happens, and it must Be anchored and you will recover To help others through Their grieving process.

## I CAN'T BE YOU

I can't be you You can't be me But in Yahshua Messiah We can be free  $\sim$ All of us are different Various talents and gifts It is by Yahshua Who gives to each he pleases ~ When I compare myself To others I get let down My measurement is not others But the Word of Yahweh  $\sim$ When I remember From where I came Having been reborn Things are never the same  $\sim$ I can't be you You can't be me But in Yahshua Messiah We can be free.

# **BY MY AMBASSADORS**

All that can shake will I am sifting everything My purpose is to loose All that is not good Many hold onto the memories **Of yesterdays** In material things I Yahweh bring change No longer cling to things For you will lose much of them Put your faith, hope Trust solely in me To meet all your needs I am Yahweh Almighty I am more than enough Your focus take off the world See the multitudes in The valley of decision Numerous the souls of men Who have vet to hear My gospel which saves them Go forth, be wise Be my ambassadors To a dying world For time is no guarantee Of a tomorrow **Reap the harvest** While it is yet day Many are called Yet few are chosen Do not bury your talent In the earth Like the foolish servant **Use your talents** To bring forth much fruit Endure to the end Preaching the gospel And I will give you The crown of life. ~Yahshua

# HE IS ALIVE!

He is alive! I am called up Jacob's ladder Upwards the tunnel of light Wings all around The beat of flight of many angels The light floods my very soul! I feel love to the Very core of my being Upwards, heavenwards ~ Beyond the outer limits of infinity And I am brought to His City His Throne a rainbow of emerald His countenance of Jasper and Sardius Seven lamps burn before His Throne Surrounded by a crystal sea of glass Worthy is His Holiness Glory, praise and honor His faithfulness is everlasting He is alive! He is alive! Worthy, worthy, worthy Is the Lamb that was slain! His Maiestv ~ I worship Him in The Beauty of His Holiness!

# MANDELA OF COLOURS

Sweet is the leaves as they fall With the sun setting It has a red ring around As a tunnel blinding through The trees so brilliant This is not lasting A spectacular show of grandeur For the benefit of us To behold creation in such beauty Just a slice of heaven Among so much My eyes can san and Still not see all that was made All this for us to enjoy The Garden of Eden so large And this is nothing in comparison To the New Earth to come The glories of nature mirror The glories of heaven A Mandela of colours A pallet of shades not seen or used Pure and translucent to behold Riches of light and love That vibrates all who live there.

### **DIARY OF LONG AGO**

Sitting by the stream in September The cool mountain air crisp I feel it on my face and hands Leaning forward I take the paper With all the notes on it This diary of long ago With stained pages of betrayals This I don't need To hold onto anymore I rip the pages out one by one And toss them on the clear current Letting it take them downstream To mix with the bottom silt and dirt Where they belong Drowned never to resurface The diary of so long ago And so does our Heavenly Father Remember our failings no more As far as the east is from the west They are gone forever So I look at the water flowing by In cold strong currents Taking away all my stains Cleansing me anew with life I can now go on freely The way I was meant to go.

## THE STRANGER

Quietly I sit on the hill **Overlooking the city** Occasionally a single person Will come up to me And talk a bit or ask a question I don't say anything I just sit and listen Slowly what they really want to say Does surface of itself The unburdening of their soul To a total stranger It is more common than you think For you can walk away And not ever have to face This stranger again The one you bore your intimate details to They don't judge you For they don't know you ~ How sad that those we are the closet to And love the most We share the least with We are more honest with strangers Than with those who know us We wear a mask of our own doing So easy to pretend than offend To portray than to confront And I ask Is that really love or convenience? And I continue to sit on the hill And watch and listen to all That floats up and comes my way I feel for the confused and lost Who have no direction No one to bare their soul to Nature does contain us Whether we realize it or not And I choose to be one with her.

# FAR AWAY PLACE

In the far away place Not touched in a long time Distant is the memories ~ In a far away place Abandoned dreams and wishes Dreamt and forgotten ~ In a far away time Where I was young and strong The world was mine ~ In a far lost word spoken Having choked with emotion Choosing to bury forever ~ In a far distant land You sit over there And I cannot bridge the distance ~ In the farness of the earth I pull you close to read and touch My thoughts exchange with yours  $\sim$ In a far away place In one holding onto a dream A vision for life.

#### MAIDEN

The echo of a maid Singing out for her fallen In the time of the center world The eternal melody of mankind How your heart fair lady Mourns and laments the loss Of those that once were.

Your robes drag as you walk Heavy on your heart is the yoke Misty images flow through waters That show back in time The looking glass your image Once lively with floating flowers With golden hues and butterflies Green meadows of peace Beyond the bridge of war. Sail forth on the clouds Look back and your heart lingers For what once was Your floral essence fills the air With sweet fruits and nectar Covered with the waters of tranquility Let your beauty chant onward For those who will hear ~ May they sit under the trees And look up to the gated mountains The castles of memory Where you were born Sorrow not my lady For your love spent is not lost The souls who search shall find it.

#### **DREAMS I HAVE LIVED**

You can see much yet see little Know much yet know little Live much yet not enough Express a lot yet not near enough Life is a void that you can never reality fill.

If I have to hold onto anything It would be the precious moments That I was cherished to experience And share with others Mostly that I have loved.

I cannot cover all things So I must select what is important Focus on those things and do them right There is no repeats for days lived I can only be who I am.

Reflection will be by others Who can look back upon What I have woven into my canvass One day the right side will be shown And others can see the dreams I have lived.

### I PROMISE

I never said you Would never have sorrow I never promised An easy life on earth I know the hearts of men They are slaves to Their baser selves I know your struggles Of flesh verses the spirit I promised that in me You are more than a conqueror I promised I'd give You the comforter I promised I would Walk with you through The trials set before you I promised I would Never leave nor forsake you Take this word of mine And stand on it Go forth with faith and hope That my love will conquer all Make me your King And I promise you the victory.

## EACH NEW DAY

Each new day I rise With the expectation for each day To be as good as the last Suddenly a life can change With no notice or voice When I lay down to sleep I thank thee Father For the great blessings You have bestowed on me I do not know Your plans for me Nor do I want to Take you for granted ~ Accept my gratitude For all your love and concern On the new day I wake I pray you are as close As you are now And forever will remain with me.

# LET IT COMFORT YOU

Oh my dear loving friend Close your eyes and I am there Open them and I'm with you I ride upon the wind That curls around you I comfort you with my prayers I send the spirit to you.

Though chasms abound And pillars aspire Our love will grow but higher Where nothing could vanquish it For true love for another Is the heart of all.

> Nothing can destroy Or put out the flame Get a hold of this truth Let it comfort you When you feel small In this world You are loved Rejoice in this.

# NEVER...

Never let the blessings Outweigh the blesser Never let things of life Detract from the spirit Never let your eyes Lose sight of the kingdom Never let the pride of life Blind you to your poverty Never let the riches of life Substitute for the riches in Messiah Never let the wisdom of the world Replace the word of Yahweh. Never lose track of time That we are not guaranteed of it Never be at home here For our home is in the Kingdom Never lose love in your heart Without it you will lose your salvation Never forget without Yahshua We can do nothing Never forget that in Him We live, move and have our being.

YOU ~ ME ~

You ~ Me ~ One Newness ~ life ~ Love Reign ~ kingdoms ~ Eternal. You reached in This heart of mine Took the dead one out Put a new one in me. A new sona I sina My old life is passed away This new one timeless In the presence of light forever. I am speechless In awe of your Holiness Majesty, Honor **Mercy and Grace** I bow down To your Supremacy. You ~ Me ~ One Newness ~ life ~ Love Reign ~ kingdoms ~ Eternal.

# **MY WORD**

I give you my word To live a holy life It is not for your ambitions Rather for my perfect will I chose you before time Before you were born In your mother's womb. Know my word I hold true My name above It goes forth to accomplish It will not return void Eat the scroll of my word Let it burn the impurities **Out of your life** Let it sanctify you So you can walk In the power of my word Being an ambassador For the kingdom of Yahweh Yes, devour my word Eat, chew, digest it Let it bring forth fruit in your life.

## A GLIMMER

I relish the quiet I hear your small voice In the stillness that's near The warm soft glow of light Burns ever brighter As in your presence I dwell How I wish I can stay here Your presence makes me aware I am but mortal and sinful Your light of truth is love Forgiveness is in your hand I am consumed to tears Of gratitude and awe Moments as such are a glimmer Of paradise with you.

# **KNOW THIS ONE THING**

If you were to keep learning Focus on this one thing How much I love. I died for you in your sin When you were still An enemy of the cross **Embrace my sacrifice** Kiss the nail scared hands The torn side and pierced feet **Know I died for you** In your place So that you may live Then learn what love is ~ It is dying to self Becoming a sacrifice So others may live Be my hands and feet To those who have Yet to know me And great will be your reward.

# **IT STARTS ON BENDED KNEE**

Lay aside every weight All that causes to stumble Get down on your knees Prostrate yourself humble ~ I have the power to forgive Every sin that does offend I can give you favor Direction in life I bend  $\sim$ Pull you towards myself Embrace you with compassion Pity your sinful nature Renew your life in fashion ~ To be a bearer of light Herald the gospel abroad Through out the whole globe On every foreign sod, And it all starts here ~ Down on bended knee **Embrace the Saviour** Who will set you free.

## I CANNOT...

I cannot exist without you Or you I For we are dependent On each other We draw off of Each others strengths Accepts each others weaknesses We learn the value of love As the strength to growth.

I cannot go anywhere That you do not go with me For you have integrated my life And touched the core of my being To say you are not here Would be a lie For you are in my spirit As much as I am in yours.

Let us share in our dreams Communicate with each other The lessons of today To carry us forth tomorrow You are the silver cord To my inner self I can go nowhere without you You touch the water within And draw out refreshment Forever young and wise.

### SENTINEL

Overlooking from the castle turret Scanning the wastelands For evidence of life or movement Memories flood my mind Of yesterday, long ago Wavering back and forth In time from past to present The lonely sentinel atop Pulling rank of one How I pine for the vast fortunes Not of gold or stone Rather of hearts that burned alive Thus gone for evermore Why stand on top guarding What is now lost from sight? Per chance it is the memory That keeps hope alive To discover a survivor out there Who also will come inside The strength of these pillars so Then I can pass the torch on For another to be strong for others.

## **FLOWER**

The bouquet on my table How it graces it so Beautiful fragrance but for A short season At your peek of perfection You were picked just for me I drink in your beauty Slowly you fade away Wilt, stoop and bow Where I must sadly remove you Putting you back into the earth From where you had sprang Your petals so soft and vibrant **Royal of pageantry** Many faceted diamond You trump colour magnificent Imagery of love in full bloom How I treasure the joy Your bring to my heart Such a beautiful flower are you.

#### COLD

A generous person becomes bitter When the straw is broken A piece of their heart dies Never to be brought back They have moved beyond generosity Their nature has changed The golden rays are stolen Nothing feels or grows there anymore No longer can they weep or feel For their concern for others is gone This is a tragedy to see That society can make such A one's heart grow cold And love die. (Proverbs 18:19; Matthew 24:12; Ephesians 4:30)

# WE KNOW OUR MEASURE

We are the unseen multitude Performing difficult tasks Your cannot compensate us For all the endless love we give Many take for granted A safety net in old age We are the in-between ones Our own families do not know We triple task keeping it together Without us caretakers Millions would be in nealect There are not enough hours Nor enough hands it seems Yet our actions are love displayed When our work is done We can rest our head and sleep Many do not know of us We are the ones behind family The silent cog in the wheel Which guarantees motion Silently we do our errands Never asking for anything For we know our measure. (1 Corinthians 12:25-26)

**DID HE NOT SAY...** 

I am writing about life today. We are seeing prophecy being fulfilled before our eyes at an alarming rate. Did not Yahshua tell us that this would be so? Did he not tell us to not get distracted and caught up in all of the mess around us? Did he not tell us to remain steadfast, anchored solid in our faith and in the Word? Did he not say that not to be upset or surprised when things happen against us his believers? Did he not say to not take it personal, or make it a vendetta? Did he not say that we would

be persecuted as he was and to accept it? Did he not say to lay down our life for the gospel? Did he not say this is not our home, that we are just passing through? Did he not say he knew the nature of mankind and their heart, which is wicked above all things? Did he not say that many their love would grow cold? Did he not say that many would fall away from the faith by being "offended" and would betray one another? Did he not say that only those who endured until the end would be saved? Did he not say to study, to show thyself approved? Did he not say pay no attention of dying in this life, pay attention of dying a spiritual death, all eternity away from the father? Did he not say that no one can answer to the heavenly father for us but ourselves? Did he not say to throw away the traditions of men that pervert the word? Did he not say that it would be harder for a rich person with the wealth of this world to make it into the kingdom of heaven? Did he not say not to covet, hoard or become greedy, rather to give to all those in need? Did he not say sow your treasures in heaven, where moth nor rust can take away? Did he not say that he was coming back for a Bride without spot or wrinkle? Did he not say that we are to be trusting as little children in him and only in him? Did he not say that the Father was a jealous Elohim, not to have any other gods before him? Did he not say it would not be easy to follow him? Did he not say that nine out of ten lepers that were cleansed did not come back to thank him? Did he not say many are called but few are chosen? Did he not say that no man knows when he will return? Did he not say to watch therefore and constantly be ready? Did he not say that he desired obedience not sacrifice? Did he not say we cannot earn the kingdom of heaven? Did he not say that only those who obey the Father and his law and commandments would enter into the kingdom of heaven? Did he not say to be on guard with ones heart, to not let the cares and riches of this world choke it? Did he not say that knowledge would increase in the last days? Do you not know that knowledge is not wisdom? Do you not know that too much information is but a smokescreen to distract you from focusing on the word of Yahweh and to be in much prayer? Do you not realize that today will never repeat itself? Do you not know you will not live forever? Do you not know you could die tonight in your sins? Do you not know if your heart is not right with Yahweh through Yahshua the Messiah you will spend all eternity separate from him? And, DO YOU CARE?

# ALL I SEE

Let us get together you say We'll have fun one day And off you gleefully go But your absence I pray Will be replaced from you And recapture His essence Again we will fellowship true ~ **Promises, oh promises** To convince yourself foremost The busyness of life takes place Your affections and time does race Meetings are less frequent We stretch our smiles thin The promises of before Does not carry the light within ~ The cares of the world Attract you as a moth to the flame And I grieve to but notice What little friendship does remain Words spoken now with no intent To keep ones word, I lament ~ The flame has blown out Your candlestick is dark No longer his joy you carry You lost the divine spark ~ The day has come and gone **Empty promises to convey** All I see is dying Falling and drifting away. (Revelation 2:5)

### THEY DID KNOW

The old cabin set back In the woods upon a hill I remember the lit kerosene lantern You hunched over eating still, A long day you put in Well past dark when you got home And the rewards for all your work If not for the cat you'd be alone ~

I felt sorry for you I truly did not understand What could make one a hermit To isolate from your fellow man, Yet as I age I see The need for guiet and peace I find my self the same yearning From society's madness a release ~ Simple, forgotten, a long time ago A memory burned in my mind Lately myself is seeking A life of quiet to find, I think that Walt Whitman Tolstoy, Thoreau did know That silence really is golden These wise men did show. (Isaiah 30:15b; Ecclesiastes 9:17)

# **A PLEASING SACRIFICE**

Yahweh Elohim, the Great I Am Came to man in the garden. He made known his ways through Enoch Who walked with Him for three hundred years. He made himself known to Abram who Became Abraham, father of many nations. This was a covenant of faith, For by faith was he counted righteous. Then Yahweh gave to Moses the Law, To show mankind his sinfulness And his need to obey and trust in Yahweh. Then from Jacob who became Israel Came the twelve tribes of Israel. The Israelites went on to become a nation, They became the Jews, the oracles of the Law, And of the Torah given by Yahweh. Mankind has failed to see that we Are not justified by religion Nor by blood lines, No, We are only justified by faith in Him Who created and made all things. People struggle for peace by compromise By merging religions all into one.

Yet religions are only beliefs in deities, gods Of lesser gods, of inferior gods... Yahweh is not a god, He is the Great I Am... From Him came all life and being. When we stop fighting over religions And drop all religion, when we Embrace the perfect Law of Yahweh That keeps us in balance, to be able To follow and obey Him, When we embrace the Messiah Yahshua Who was our perfect sacrifice Then we all can come boldly into The Holv of Holies and commune With our Heavenly Father. When religion is no more, when we Rediscover that by faith we are justified, When we do these things, then We become the first fruits of Yahshua A pleasing sacrifice to Yahweh.

## REDEFINE

Life is all about change Constantly we are being redefined By the circumstances life brings our way Some we have change over Others we do not It is adapting to the surroundings And making do with what one has But most of all it is knowing ones self In the midst of constant change We grow, mature, and learn We finally begin to understand With knowledge comes wisdom To apply the change that is so needed I may not always be able to Change my circumstances nor Be able to leave them but rather I can learn to be who I am Without compromise thus doing so With a greater understanding Of the situation at hand as it unfolds We must come to a place to accept

The willingness to let go of what was And to reach out for what is And not lose ourselves in the process A persons whole life is how they In succession make passage From one plain to another We are a huge chain passing down To others what we learn as we Have learned from others It is a beautiful fellowship of fellows The privilege to help carry others load And lighten it and ours in the process For we are our brothers keeper.

#### UNTO HIMSELF

When I was a child I naively believed and trusted, Now grown and mature I test the spirits of all things. We discover with truth great error In all we were taught of traditions, It became a right of passage, pride A badge of honor to wear the familiar. Just as Yahweh called Abram out He calls us out into deep waters, We are to leave behind All that we grew to love and trust Placing solely our faith in Him, For He is more than able. I have come to learn to pray: "Almighty Yahweh, everything that I ever believed in that was a lie reveal it to me, and show me the truth". This is a life long prayer Of unlearning and relearning, Of giving up preconceived doctrines And worshipping in Spirit and Truth. We are to come as little children Trusting and believing in Him, To deliver us from the ways of men And show us His ways for us. As His children, we grow in Him  $\sim$ For he calls us unto himself While we study His Word.

## **BE NOT UNEQUALLY YOKED**

Like attracts like minded Darkness attracts dark Lightness attracts light For Yahweh does say Be not unequally yoked. He has a way of Cleaning house for us As painful as it is, Our hearts can be deceived When we become entangled. We cannot love others Who are against Yahweh For then our hearts Become divided on us. This is a very hard lesson To learn and live. It costs to walk **On the Narrow Way** Many do compromise. Those that do have lost They forfeited their loyalty, They do not want to endure. Many are called But few are chosen. The Holy Spirit Does clean house on us, It starts in our hearts. (Psalm 139:21-22)

# THE CRAVING

How we do crave what we shouldn't We reach for comfort not good for us Some do so with food or alcohol Others with money, fame, success Some demand attention, recognition We do it to ourselves We turn our spiritual emptiness Into an excuse to drown our sorrows To overstuff our souls To weigh down our minds and spirits

We punish ourselves for feeling bad Some overwork to ignore their life Others wish it away denying its existence While there are others grateful For what little time they do have left We all do crave if we are being honest Cravings can be a good thing They can motivate good behavior Discipline is good also when We learn to give ourselves permission To learn to wait with patience To put less stress on ourselves By letting things come in their own time I have found that a person who is content Does not need to crave for anything For they have what they were looking for We can desire what is good and still Be content and happy with what we have When we start craving we have become Out of balance with the flow of our life We can look forward with great anticipation For all good things that come to those who wait And patience shall slay all cravings With gratitude crowning ones soul For there is the Giver of Life of All things good, right and blessings.

## EASY DOES IT

We have all heard this slogan It should apply to all of us For we tend to overkill To be over the top in most things When I was a child I rode bicycle Which was my fathers All eight of us children rode his bike We took turns and used with great care Riding was fun, for the pleasure of it Today everything that was once simple We have managed to make it complicated We take a simple design and improve on it Actually taking that first joy out of it I remember an old swimming hole It was free and everyone went to it

And they left it with great care Then the owner put fences around it And signs around it and the people Were robbed once again of The Garden of Eden's delights We take so many things and destroy them Through so many laws and regulations Rather then let them be pure, simple To be enjoyed by all And we tend to be consumers in all things Everything we touch we improve upon Actually damaging the beauty of it For mankind does not know how To simply easy does it What a different world this would be If we could manage to get this right.

### **NO LONGER**

A burdened hand **Reaches for redemption** The ghost waves and whispers Friends no more Though sought with tears They have come full circle ~ In public places we meet By chance with politeness Now I am grown ~ I have been given the gift To let go of the past No expectations for the future  $\sim$ I can only live now This is my surety I have learned the truth My heart is held in divinity.

## FOREVER IN MY HEART

To the end my love is there Over lingered sentences And faltered words With your hand in mine The kindness of human touch Warmth of care and understanding In moments like these Hindsight is fleeting The spring board of release Soon to be walked upon I shall hold you no more Form gives way to spirit You ascend on a prayer I clutch the air knowing The rest of life is different Now I must grow up in you Forever in my heart.

#### WHEN

The answer comes different Not what I had wanted My strong stubborn will Must succumb to your dominance Your voice is soft spoken The words cut to the core Truth has burned a hole in me I am without excuse Accepting responsibility for my actions I feel a deep release of weight Pride kills many people Freezing them from change Killing them in poisoned self perception  $\sim$ When I truly stop Look up and say thank you When I mean that in sincerity And am grateful for what I have Greed dies and love reigns Truth pervades in simplicity My soul is cleansed With tears of the heart Down on my knees I have come home.

## WHAT'S EATING ME (SLANG – BOTHERING)

I find the world dying Laughter at the expense of others The death of moral decency The death of their Creator People saying to themselves By being turn coats Brain washing of the masses **Television reconditioning people** Sitcoms of the work place It is funny to torment others With undue stress and anxiety Few realize that television was invented As a mind control experiment by The military for the government It all has become a game of sorts This too shall escalate It has become an electronic coliseum This clean sport throws people under the bus Let us joke of the elderly for they are Excess baggage that dampens Ones life style and career At their expense let us buy the lie The image we shall live forever Never grown old, never die Forever strong, not frail or dependent Internet and television becomes A cesspool for hard hearts To grab what one wants in life It is where fantasy crosses the line Where opinions become surreal People have become conditioned They are puppets, reactionaries Programmed to respond in favor Of Big Brother thinking for them Of believing in a throw away society After a certain age people become invisible Society has replaced community We rely upon robots and electronics Shielded from human interaction or touch As we descend the pit of morality Let us continue to believe the lie

That things mean more than people And its all in fun, there's no harm One day you become the target Of which others shall focus on Receiving the heartless regard Of which global community states We have six million too many people They promote the Hemlock Society, Euthanasia I shudder to think what's next No wonder people dram of what was For it has been forgotten, ignored The brown shirts are coming They are here now, in place ~Waiting in the wings. (Matthew 24:8-13; 25:33-34)

#### PERMISSION

We all tend to question our Choices in life and how we Are today. Life just comes At us. We cannot control it But we can live it. We Just have to give ourselves Permission to do so.

# TRADE

Trade your sleepless nights For those of true rest Give up your anxieties For my peace My love will comfort you Rest in me. ~ Yahshua

The long effects of change Are starting to take their toll One can only take so much Before blocking anymore Stress gives way to anger **Overwhelmed beyond bearing** Something has to give No longer reaching for alcohol They pick up the phone And vent to a friend Sometimes all one can do Is just breathe for a moment Not look at time at all Just be focused on the present And give it up to a higher power Things have a way of working out It just is faith to believe it And acceptance of being powerless The body cannot take stress It needs to heal itself Friends are part of that process Taking care of ones self Is the key to new life Together we make a difference. (Dedicated to Dan K.)

### BEWARE

Beware of secret societies Which try to flatter you Dangling the riches of the world Telling the lie you are a god Teaching self gratification To manipulate and control others To consume all your wants Beware of the circles of men Who promote the esteem of society The pillars of monetary success Hold not to such deception Compromising your soul For truth mammon is The god of this world ~ You cannot serve it and Yahweh Remember this is not our home Love not the lies presented Or the lust of the flesh For we shall die one day And we have to give account Of why we threw away salvation For the passing things of this world.

# **NEVER FAILS ME**

Withdrawn and alone In the dark I can think There are times when I desire not to write I gather my thoughts privately Pondering on the deep things of life I desire the companionship **Of my Father Eternal** His love and mercy is healing My friends fade and dim As I usher away in quiet At times I feel that I have embraced the universe I have seen the stars The map to the heavens Yet I ponder vanity For the deep things are not For me to know or understand When I wear myself out I drain my mind and focus Resting it in the hands **Of my loving Father** Who never fails me.

## GONE

Feelings, we all have them Mind had grown cold I traveled the dark side Of the moon... I laid in the shadows Gazing at the orbit The march of the planets Cold, withdrawn from the Sun Saturn's rings in triplicate Danced about my head Mv feet rested on Pluto Time was no more The ink in my pen dried up **Blackness filled with holes** Of burned out stars Memories etched on my mind There are no voices here Just memories on rerun Another beauty has pulled me away Silence and shadows now rest. (1 Thessalonians 5:10b Tribute to David Wilkerson)

### RAM

To see in the minds eye A time traveler The ruler with two horns That rise up and conquer He is ruthless and brutal He destroys through peace The world is hypnotized Blindly they pledge loyalty This one was at the Pyramids He was before even then To walk on the dew of grass Glide over the clouds Skimming the waters surface Within his nature is a quality That demanding presence Which will not remain silent Torrents of screams he echoes Stitching the souls of men

In the hem of his garment Bound with chains Servitude slaves eternal He travels to times end When the mask is removed And his true name is known And all shall see but a man Who made many fall Their souls do bleed with regrets. (Revelation 13:11)

#### **TOO QUICKLY LIVED**

Today is filled with clarity The preciousness of time Had edified itself My mother was sitting there The lines of time have ravaged The smooth flawless skin A head of white A body that hunches over Arthritis having taken its toll Hands of crooked fingers Years that labored with love Now I help them with mine Together we manage what was Once a task of ease The eyes are still bright blue They are just more tired Having seen so much I look in the mirror My mothers shadow is on me I have become her Each of us is inching forward To take the place of those Who soon shall be taken Enjoy the laughter and heart aches Treasure each of them For they are too guickly lived.

# **OLAM (forever)**

When I was a child I was taught the ways Of my father and those Who were before me I believed what I was taught Without ever questioning ~ With age comes inquiring Why do I believe what I do? Is my way the right one? I threw myself into much study And weariness became of it ~ Then one day I realized The Great I AM in heaven Cannot be defined by religion When I threw all religion away Theology discourse and dissertation I saw for myself the small voice ~ Yahweh speaks through his word He clarifies himself simply That a child can understand I had to drop the pride The knowledge and learned ways I had to let him teach me  $\sim$ I became a child in him Teachable, pliable, reliable I applied what I read I learned what he has spoken Belief is not enough ~ It is obedience not sacrifice It is a way of life, forever My journey has rewarded me For I have found the treasure Hidden in his word  $\sim$ His name is Yahweh. (Psalm 72:17-19; Joel 2:32)

# THE NEW JERUSALEM

One day shall come down From heaven above The city of gold, the gates of pearl The New Jerusalem comes down A new heaven and earth Purged from all of the old  $\sim$ Only the humble enter in Who lived a life without sin United with their King Multitudes to the throne sing Praises of worship echo From the fountain, chamber above Reverberate with echoes of love ~ No more tears or crving That is all of the past No more sorrows or pain Just joy will last. Mansions prepared for us Who paid the ultimate price To die to self the sacrifice ~ One day shall come down From heaven above The city of gold, the gates of pearl The New Jerusalem comes down A new heaven and earth Purged from all of the old. (Revelation 21 and 22)

#### YANKEE

A certain breed of character Extremely independent Ruggedly self sufficient Always the first to volunteer To fight valiantly for country True defender of freedoms Loyalty never a question One with a pioneer spirit Never to be manipulated Socially reserved Ability to make something Out of nothing Never wasteful or extravagant A simple life and content Knows the ways of the Indians The earth is close to their heart When you have met such a one You have met a true Yankee.

#### EMINENCE

Weighing of ones lofty position To tall to reach of heights Origin of self imposed importance Titles and degrees compiled Elevation of ones own concern Arrogance and vanity displayed Bowing to the dictates of men Seeking men's approval Basking in inflation of vain desires Groaning of helpless humanity suppressed Under the mask of godliness A pillar of stone to but crumble Under the wrath of an angry God One who is jealous and does not share His glory with mere mortals or mankind. (The religion that dominates the World)

## THE PURPOSE

Joseph was given dreams Which he shared with family Not being of the same spirit, They did envy him. Out of jealousy they sold him To a life of slavery. Years he spent in Egypt Misunderstood, falsely accused. Joseph remained faithful to Yahweh He maintained a right spirit, He came to a place regardless Of circumstances, he kept his belief. Little did he know that He was being formed to fill The divine appointment of Elohim ~ One day he was a slave The next Joseph was an overseer, Second to the throne of Pharaoh From his misery came good. We may feel like a Joseph With the lost of all things. Know Yahweh has you, He is performing in you A great work for the kingdom. Always keep your eyes on Him, And one day you too Will fulfill the purpose For which you were created. (Based on Genesis 37 to 46)

## **NO RETURNING**

You can never go back Once you have set forth change It is impossible to return To that point of exit Nothing will ever be the same ~ One who sets his hand To the plow and looks back Is not worthy to serve. We are called to always Be moving ever forward ~ You can never go back No matter how hard you try And really why would you want to? It is only and insult To taste of heaven than forfeit it ~ A pillar of salt is one That has lost its flavor It is good for nothing. Let us not be Lot's wife **Rejected for our wavering.** 

# HOLD FAST

Each of us is on a journey We are living our faith Daily we must define it **Reviewing and eliminating** That which compromises The Word within us. It is not just will power It is not just discipline It is dedication to commitment. However things happen We must remain steadfast The journey is remaining In ones faith and growing Bringing forth much fruit. We can love in the face Of much opposition For that does not define us Our faith does And in this we hold fast.

#### VANISHED

Contrived humor in the face of agony Concealed hurt in the voice of others A whirlwind is masked for our illusion ~ Sincerity died a long time ago For lack of honesty and reception Now all that stands is cataloged expression ~ The giant does wear thin The glow and vibrancy has gone A silent dead tree waiting to fall ~ Let us parade around which Glimmers of another time long spent Giving way to fear from dreams ~ Hope cannot survive here Amiss a world of deceit We all died when truth vanished.

# **CROSS OVER**

I am your teacher, ask of me Stop inquiring of men **Cross over to obedience** Men substitute sacrifice instead Thinking they can earn their way It has already been bought With the price of Yahshua His blood redeemed you So you can be obedient Not disobedient and rebellious ~ I give you my truth It is my Word, my Law Do you love me? Then keep my commandments I spared not the rebellious Manv are called But few are chosen.

## NOTHING

It is ludicrous To plan ones life When you don't even know What today holds ~ Always do remember Who your source is No matter what happens Never abandon your soul ~ This life is fleeting It is over before you know Then what answer can you give For forsaking truth for vanity? ~ Nothing in this life Is worth losing your soul.

## **MOVED HIGHER**

Blessed forgetfulness is love Mindful direction is caring Heavenly companionship is lasting Flesh and blood and covenant Bound to each other Equality is given to us Never flaunting our faults Building on our strengths Our armor is our shield Destruction does not pierce The heart is weighed We are moved higher.

## **KIND SOULS**

There are kind souls out there With the gift of healing Unsung heroes that bind wounds Help in the rebuilding process These angels so to speak Show us direction in the midst Of emotional wreckage Guiding us through it To come through the other side Whole, intact, and renewed ~ It is people like these That bring back sanity and balance For those in great need They have the ability to Draw the good out of us Letting us know that the pain Was not in vain but helpful So we could become who we are. Hold these souls in esteem They are a rare gift to cherish.

#### **GROWTH IN TRUTH**

In this life we will find Much heartache and disappointment People will often let us down They strike out at those Which are closest to them One must remember that It is not our ownership Of how others treat us ~ Walk through life knowing We will face great opposition This is to be expected All we can do is carry ourselves Know who we are and who we do serve And he will carry us through ~ Look unto others as beings Vessels that struggle with balance In need of much prayer, love And of great understanding. Life is transition When we can accept that We have grown in truth.

# **BLOWN WITH THE WIND**

Beautiful in a sad way She has come far with Scars of painful emotion The past comes to the forefront Memories that refuse to die Haunted echoes that linger She tries to drown them in water They circle to resurface Sadness is her truth Strength is her beauty The two built each other The moon gives off its glow The sun gives radiance and life Together they are one I have let the tattered page Loose from my hand fall The words are spoken no more Blown with the wind.

# THERE IS COMING...

There is coming a time soon Where it will not be fashionable To believe in the bible Where it will not be fashionable To have faith or pray There is coming a time soon Where it will not be safe To have morals or conscience There is coming a time soon

Where we will see evil applauded And where good is condemned There is coming a time soon Where people will have a herd mentality They will come against you as a swarm It will not be safe to be your own person You will stand out if you don't follow The direction you are told to take We will live to see chaos and pandemonium We will live to see the end of **Owning private property** The end of human rights The end of dignity and loyalty There is coming a time soon Where there will be no more Countries, kings, rulers or dignitaries. There is coming a time soon Where we will be subjects and slaves To the new global world order There they will kill all objectors There they will kill all who hold fast To what beliefs, faith and truths they live We are ushering in that place now And I ask you to consider, What are you doing to prepare for it? You can only govern your own soul And one day must give an account Of how you lived and presented it. Are you prepared?

#### **REMAIN FAITHFUL**

Brother Glen had told me That discouragement is Satan's greatest tool We do all we can and then question Does what we do really make a difference? He told me that it is alt that point that someone Will contact him and thank him We always get the uplifting when it's needed We must do our part and then wait Never mind what others think or not For we never know the impact we make It could be one life or many It is about being faithful to our task Each of us has something different to offer And we all need each other in the body We must not give into discouragement We should not be downhearted by people We should be concerned to remain faithful To the end of our tasks Do you really want to make a difference? Just concentrate on being you and pray Yahweh will do the rest We must believe that and trust in Him.

# THIS DAY WORSHIP THE TRUTH

Perceived as right, the oracles smash traditions Enlightenment has shattered that truth is not religion The high places must be destroyed Paganism is the root of ones belief system Ownership is knowing and doing Put right what was forgotten Restore proper worship to Yahweh Take the Baal out of Babel Reverence the sacred Sabbaths Destroy the pagan holidays Clean and dirty water cannot Come out of the same spring Neither can a heart be divided ~ This day worship the truth. (Psalm 119:12, 18)

# SOBERING

It is very sobering to realize That the Bible is very true That it is being fulfilled daily Before our very eyes Throw away the perception That you can move in your direction Soon all will be taken away The love of many has grown cold For their hearts and minds are sold To the glitter of the world Think it not strange my brethren Where soon we will be betrayed In our own family made For it speaks of such things The truth daily rings We cannot escape it Fear not the world or what's in it Rather fear Him on the throne Who can save your soul alone Time is shortened now And shake of your sleep For soon we must keep Our faith till the end For eternity to spend Look unto your maker For your redemption draweth nigh To Yahweh and Yahshua on high.

#### WAR

We are a country Stained with the blood Of the innocent Unborn babies with no voice That are killed in the womb ~ We are a country Stained with the blood Of the wounded Those in war torn countries Killed in their own land ~ We are a country Stained with the blood Of many generations Our own soil Taking lives in the Civil War ~ We are a country Stained with the blood From our lust for war Fighting in campaigns In the name of humanity ~ We are a country Stained with the blood Of many souls abroad **Caught in political conflicts** We are the Great War machine ~ We are a country Stained with the blood We forgot our original purpose Of why people came here We have lost our humanity.

## WEIGHED

Obscure and insignificant The pillars of surrender The school of humility Now rendered helpless I can begin to learn ~ Our strong will must be broken To become teachable This is a painful process Which many do not succumb ~ When I have stripped myself Of all I have done I am pliable to be molded Wisdom comes first through knowledge Which requires a blank slate ~ It is from ones smallness They learn the greatness of limits And the freedom of venture I am not weighed by my measure I am weighed by my compliance ~ All opposition must be removed Then I live what I learn It is not the sacrifice Rather obedience to the teacher That makes the difference ~ "I shall be weighed and found NOT wanting". (Daniel 5:27)

### TO DEATH IF NEED BE

This is the life I choose Do not try to change me My mind is set Hard as flint is my resolve I am the quiet presence One can see yet not hear For my actions are my voice We are here among you You cannot see unless You choose to see beyond Into the spirit realm As deep calls to deep I am summoned to battle I hear the trumpet blow It is loud and long Reach forward and move on Onto higher ground Develop your skill now Then draw upon it when needed Solid and unmovable To death if need be For this is the life I choose.

### TEACH

You cannot make others drink Of the water set before them You cannot make others step Out to the green pastures But if you make enough ripples On the water that ring out **Eventually someone will take notice** And will come to the water's edge Someone might even dip in To touch the ripples made And may learn to love To drink of that water If you stay out in the green And live there then maybe Someone might desire to enjoy The green pasture also And learn to see the life That is within their reach You can only hope that others May learn from our example And see that it is good And desirable for what we have And choose to join us You can only hope that Others will want to learn When they do then You have succeeded in Teaching from your life.

# **ROMAN EAGLE**

**Revived Roman Garrison** Taking captive the souls of men Killing in the name of diplomacy All those who will not bow In the name of democracy. Forced compliance not wanted Upon countries on foreign soils Making all others in our image The citizens themselves slaves To the Roman Eagle Forced to give way To the dictates of government The cost of citizenship For ones to live there. Redefinition from original founding Forefathers bowing with shame From the drifting and variance Of its original purpose for all men. Ready to deceive all men Is the future Roman Emperor Who has yet to world dominate Ushering forth hearts of fear. (Revelation 13)

# HOLD THOU FAST

Oh soldier, do not abandon Your post you are given Hold your position at all cost Look only ahead Veer not to the left or right Nor look behind you Give not a blind eye For the enemy to advance ~ Oh solider, do not abandon Your faith so solid Never open yourself to question Or doubt the Sovereign King For He is at head charge And soon He will command ~ Oh soldier, do not abandon Your confidence and strength

In the Divine Word Which does carry you Know our weapons are prayer And our weapons are praise For the enemies shall scatter In the presence of Yahweh ~ Oh soldier, hold thou fast For soon shall be your reward.

# HERE STANDS THE KING

You feet are beautiful Lovely to behold Perfumed of spikenard They shine like brass With life and light They have traveled far Where no one could find you And then they returned To find your own You have walked carrying us And leading as you go Your footprints are beautiful They travel through time Sacred and holy the ground That you have walked upon You have traveled into my life Bringing with you great Joy Departing to me of your heart The riches of glory Yes, your feet are beautiful And I lay at them with respect I worship the hands that lift me And raise me to yourself.

### PASSOVER

The lamb was slain Sacrificed for me and you Perfect without blemish or spot His blood was spilled, splattered Falling into the soil drenching it Carried away by heavy rains Into the pools below A lifeless torso displayed High upon the torture stake Nailed to the tree Shamed in his nakedness **Today is Passover** A solemn feast and Sabbath One to remember the sacrifice One that was paid for us Oh the poor lamb alone In that darkened hour He took the weight of the world And the sins upon his shoulders And I weep to realize what was done The seriousness of my sin To cause him to have to die for me He passes over me now The death angel has no sway For I have the seal of Yahweh And Yahshua upon my forehead He has given us new life And this day is a remembrance Of what he did for me.

# LITTLE ONES

I have many members but one body You may not all know of it Many feel abandoned and all alone Yet you really are hidden In the fold of my garment My little ones do not worry Fear not the dread ahead I AM that I AM I will always be with you I pluck up that which has not root Remember to be faithful Consistency I look for And that I will reward I have raised up a remnant Those that worship me In spirit and in truth Know that I am with you Call upon my name I will come to you with comfort I will uphold you with my hand Life here is but a passing vapor And the next breath Is in the world to come Be diligent and ready For I will return without notice Little ones, you are not alone.

#### **DUST ALSO**

Perhaps it is wrong of me To expect so much from so little Dust is just dirt dehydrated The life has expired  $\sim$ My ambitions fly high The goals are lofty **Desiring for reciprocation** Left yet again disappointed ~ Sometimes I think I have failed And want to give up Them I remembered the drummer boy He walks alone and plays ~ Where would we be without voices? Without searching for guest? The innocence of most is gone They seek a prayer of peace ~ I conclude if I must I shall Talk to myself in pages and riddles To the questions I know the answers For my pen is full ~ Hence the journey has no map Nor one of my making Rather survival and sharpness Is all that we have  $\sim$ Self talk is my preservation For I come to see the truth That I am but dust also.

### **EXPRESSION**

**Taunted by classmates Cruelty of others** A breed of paternity To dyslexic torture Of endless correction ~ Mocking ones intelligence Shy and sheltered A recluse unknown One learns to overcome See behind the words Those insecure within themselves ~ **Rebuild ones hope** Expression vents the sorrow Of emotional scars From youth long ago ~ I shall never be correct Where others are concerned Happy I discover Words have built A new life for me.

#### **NO EXCUSE**

Humanism, the art f Being human. Often a Misauided concept for **Divinity.** The error that We are gods when we are But mortal men. As long As there are god(s) plural, We shall always fight And kill one another, even If that god is ourself. This Is a great deception of pride That tires to build its Altar in our hearts. There is but one supreme Being, his name is Yahweh. His one our redeemer is Yahshua. There can only Be one for unity. He gave Us life. We owe him our

Gratitude and homage. We bring destruction on Ourselves when we turn Away from the truth of Who he is. Then we have No excuse.

# THAT IS THE SUM

One day at a time For life is But the present moment. It is full, rich, alive With such splendor Moments with you. I was foolish once As all youth tend to be I squandered years. Now that I am older With hair full of gray I look over my shoulder Time is but those moments All captured and added That is the sum. To be faithful and true **Consistent to your heart** Your mark is a bow An arch that reaches up To the skies unlimited. My footprints disappear Blended are the stages That have slipped by. I see a collage Of many different faces They contribute to my path Which I walk upon So varied, wonderful and kind. I kiss the hands that Embraced and touched mine With hearts a flutter Softly spoken tears Upon the lashes of my soul.

#### REQUEST

Please tend my garden While I am gone I shant be long  $\sim$ Times does lapse Weeds and vines have grown Attendance has been low ~ Finally done day I come to see the view But the fruit is few  $\sim$ And I weep to remember The comfort and beauty before Now to see is no more ~ What did happen For the Blue Butterfly To fly up to the sky? Your voices have been silent I walk as though in night Many guills are plucked from sight. Can we ever draw the courage To regain our community door, Our nurturing as before? Please revive our garden While I'm here with you To our purpose let's be true.

# LOYALTY

That which is neglected dies A dry spirit does roam A void mind is dangerous It hosts not its own Rather at the mercy of another ~ Tinkering, prattering, meddling Is too true of the many Dark spirits do invade They left their former place A right soul in its realm ~ The masses are used up They become cannon fodder Minds that are blinded and controlled Shaped under the power of persuasion Loyalty strips them of the truth ~ Hypnotic mind control achieved The deluded turn on their own Used to destroy what truth remains Hunted down as animals Their blood does cry out ~ The Supreme Being does watch At the pinnacle of time As he gets ready to return To reward the faithful And vindicate his own.

### **IF WE ARE SPIRITS**

If we are spirits then why do we Limit each other because of gender? If we are spirits then why do we Put such importance on the physical? If we are spirits then why do we Put obstacles in each others way? If we are spirits then why do we Think no one has the right to expression? If we are spirits then why do we Suppress others growth and talents? If we are spirits then why do we Ignore we all have equal value? If we are spirits then why do we Not realize we need each other? If we are spirits then why do we Feel the need to control and manipulate? If we are spirits then why do we Ignore the Great Spirit who made us? If we are spirits then why do we Try to capture what we cannot? If we are spirits then why do we Try to put out each others light?

# **PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT**

Oh Great Spirit ~ We are all called to be a teacher To teach by example May I not be the cause For another to lose their faith Or for them to stumble May I always have it in my heart To do what is right May I live up to the standards That you have put upon me May I always remember you Are the giver of gifts And that I owe you everything I ask that you use me in ways That give you all the glory That I may go unnoticed in this world To walk through it traceless As I ride on your wings.

# THE QUIET VOICE

A foolish man could not handle Great wisdom of truth For he must develop his character. To give something of greater value Than the vessel could hold Would eventually destroy both, Pride would take root and consume. Sacred knowledge is selective She comes to those who seek her Respect is due her, to cherish For it will preserve ones self. The world is full of turmoil Caused by men who forsake wisdom They seek their own pleasures Abandoning their only true hope. All of us are like children Playing the actor and puppet To the music which is played. Not realizing the guiet voice Which within does call us out, Let us learn and become The wisdom to know the difference.

### ASPIRE

Evervone's life is defined for them Not always of our own doing We each hold truths which are sacred Some we can share with others. There are passages in our lives Which we must grow through Never to repeat again, This is the escape of youth. How we long to hold onto Those things we hold dear to us Yet we learn in life To let all things go. To stay put in one place forever Would set us out of balance No longer able to participate in life For others would grow beyond us, Eventually losing all we know. Eternal vouth is not ours now For we would squander it away Not learning the lesson of life, It is through dying that We learn to live and love. No one can tell us what to expect For each our road is different We can only come to value The place others have in our lives And become rich in the process.

### **FLATERY OF DECEIT**

There is something about a vine That does climb and grow It decorates that which it surrounds, They are a beautiful death For they eventually choke What it has been crowned to adorn. There are many vines in our lives They are the things of poison Which left unpruned does kill, It takes the life out of us Our lives become unmanageable. If left unruly with no direction We are swept away lost Devoured without a trace, There is plain beauty and another Such used as a snare to entrap. A simple, humble man is overlooked Yet he is solid as an oak tree His roots run deep He matures well in his time. Those things which are often overlooked Truly matter the most and last.

#### KNOW ME

I am your Heavenly Father Not a god of this world Know me, I am Yahweh ~ I knew you before you were born Your spirit was with me in heaven Your birth was for a purpose To test the souls of men **Obedience or disobedience** To know and love me Or follow the god of this world  $\sim$ Your works shall follow you **Eternal rewards await righteousness** Be not deceived my children For my Bride will be Made up of those who love me Of those who were obedient To the Word and Laws I gave you  $\sim$ I did not do away with them As traditions of men say I did ~ Yahshua is your example He kept all in obedience Showing others the way to live  $\sim$ Come and know me my people Be faithful and I shall Fellowship with you  $\sim$ Now and for eternity.

# **I SPEAK TO THE NATIONS**

I speak to the nations Yet they do not hear me They would rather ignore I exist Daily I watch the sins of mankind The cries reach to heaven Their sins have reached upward The stench of wickedness is drowning I will avenge the innocent Soon I will unleash my angels They shall bring the judgments Dropping bowls, vials, trumpets The world will shake beneath The power of my wrath Mankind is rebellious He will not repent And turn to me his Elohim I have given them many chances But no more Now is the time for action I was slow to wrath before Desiring many to turn to me Now vanguishing is my desire I shall come with a sword And destroy all those who resist me Pray for the souls of men Who hang in the balance It is not that I cannot save It is man shuts me out with sin And rejects my grace Loving rebellion more Guard your heart that no one May steal your crown of salvation Endure to the end Do not give up Turn to me Yahweh For I am your shelter in the storm.

# THE LEGEND OF THE FALL (BASED ON THE BOOK OF ENOCH)

The man in the moon Is the face of Asaradel The stars cry out **Telling of Barkayal's treason** The battlements of armor Are the killing blades of Azazyel The flood of sorcerv Were known by Armer's magic The signs in the heavens Were laid open by Akibeel Astronomy wisdom lays open To the minds of men By the fallen Tamiel ~ The Giants of old were born By the rebellion of Samvaza Bound by mutual execrations The dalliance of the Watchers Two hundred descended upon Ardis The top of Mount Armon ~ Of all such I speak Are the cursed of ungodliness Who left their place on High To teach rebellion and war To all of mankind Shameful are their deeds and acts Only the humble and prudent Shall be given Godly Wisdom and live.

## LET US

Loving kindness let us Strive with much patience For the Body has many members Not all are to full maturity Let us remember our first days First in the awe of His love Not knowing foundational truths Let us kindly endure others As they make mistakes in learning Let our rebuke be one Of genuine love and concern Regarding the welfare of others Let us put aside doctrinal differences To unconditional love for each other That the world will no longer Hold us as heartless or loveless That we would draw the world Not repel it away from the kingdom Let us walk in full maturity Of the cross and love of Yahshua Embracing Elohim Yahweh.

# **TO LEAVE OUR PRINT**

If I had another chance To live over again Would I do it different? If I was given a different family To be raised by Would I be the same today? If I were another social class Would I still be an open person With a free mind to think and express? ~ We all ask these questions Yet things are what they are There is no coincides in life We are who we are meant to be For our life was a lesson to be learned And to be able to teach others ~ The inner core of man Is a candle in the dark He radiates warmth and glows Silently he teaches without words His existence is enough And so should we be  $\sim$ Our examples is our words We need no other To touch another's soul To leave our pint in the earth.

# **ONE CAN DREAM OF**

My body aches and is tired I am not the person I once was Too disabled to live life To the fullest I once use to A part of me died when I could no longer do My mind has built a new life I reached out across the globe And found another soul Who still dreams in colour ~

Unlimited and free The body has limited me But my mind has given me wings To travel in other worlds To experience alongside you Your melodies of song I can dance with you in music Alive and well with visions together ~

Our words is our pallet From which we create and explore Always my pen will write From the heart of creativity Giving of richness and splendor That only one can dream of.

### **NEW DIMENSION**

You traveled as far as you can go Looking in front you see You have reached the roads end Where do you go from here? when there is no road to lead Or definition of direction This is where one must choose Trusting their intuition for right To follow the lead set forth A vision is necessary to succeed Failure is not an option The road may have ended But that doesn't mean you do Acceptance is the key to truth Realizing ones limits avoids delusion So clarity can manifest Your vision will come to you Courage is when you follow it And find the road again In a new dimension.

HOLD ON...

Hold on when The pain is too much Hold on when You feel you'll lose hope Hold on when You are going it all alone Hold on when You have nothing to suffice Hold on when **Extremities push your endurance** Hold on when You would rather give up Hold on when Others strip you of dignity Hold on when You lost your self esteem Hold on when Life has lost its luster Hold on when Death looks better than life Hold on when You can't do it anymore Hold on when Mentally you lost your grip Hold on when To the hand that upholds your See then The small miracles to you Live then In a new vision Hope then In faith that sustains you.

#### GRANDPA

My story is about my Grandpa, Mr. Johnny Quinn. He preferred John. Grandpa was a very colorful person; I dare say a "bullshit artist". Of all his attributes the most important was his appearance. I say this because it revealed his true character. Imagine if you will a large framed man, five foot ten, two hundred eight five pounds, size forty eight jacket, eighteen and a half neck. He wore suspenders, white slacks, white socks; brown side laced orthopedic shoes, as straw hat with a navy band, a handkerchief, and a bent wood cane with a rubber tip. His face was round, ruddy red complexion, white hair styled in a crew cut, bright blue eyes, dimples, wire rimmed glasses, and a smile that was meant for camera. When Grandpa walked he did so with a slight limp due to his bad feet. He smoked unfiltered lucky strikes, four packs a day. He swore continuously, always as if he felt he was not being heard.

His personality conveyed more than being a large built man. He had a lot of hobbies. He loved to gossip about old people (as if he wasn't old himself), play cards, travel, take a lot of pictures with his camera, and sit listening to the Red Sox games on the radio full blast till eleven PM. My father would argue with him for keeping him up late with his noise. He was a bit of a historian. Grandpa could quote facts and figures of so many things; I often felt he was a walking encyclopedia. He liked antiques. He would go to auctions and old barns. He also was known in his time for being an avid outdoorsman. He would shoot Elk, Caribou and Moose. Every year he paid a private tour guide to hunt in Canada until at the age of seventy one his arthritis made him unable to hunt.

He was quite a story teller. He'd captivate an audience telling stories for tow hours straight without repeating himself.

One of his sayings was, "I dive like a feather and swim like a rock". At another time he informed me that from then on I was to address him no longer as Grandpa but as the one and only honorable Mr. Johnny Quinn. That I did and we got along just fine. Among his many accomplishments he retired from Pratt and Whitney in Hartford, Connecticut after forty two years of being a finished carpenter. There were other areas of his life he never talked about, like after Grandma Quinn died when my mother was three.

He would always come and visit us once a year. He'd arrive with the largest suitcase I ever saw in my life, also carrying a small black leather doctor's bag, the kind in a Norman Rockwell painting. Then one day he suffered a heart attack. He waited three days before he would go to the hospital. After which he went to see my Uncle Homer. There he suffered a stroke. I went with my parents to see him. I saw a man half paralyzed, crying, scared. He didn't seem so big anymore. They got him in a Connecticut nursing home, where he lived for another four years.

Grandpa had a sense of humor. We use to own a farm. Our front

lawn had large Elm trees, about two hundred years old. He use to say, "bury me under and Elm tree with a monument of a cow plop on top with the saying 'Here lies the one and only Honorable Mr. John Quinn". I use to think Grandpa was touched for saying that. I'd laugh at him. Now that he's gone it seems somehow that Grandpa has been forgotten by all of us with the passing of time. There's a part of me that doesn't want to forget the storyteller that he was, but most importantly, the lesson of Love he taught me.

#### CONSUMED

Fire in his eye I can see it clearly The spirit is there More than ever before. Old mavbe But within burns a fire A wild and strong fire It burns It pushes him all the more. No pace can you set He is ahead of them all He's out to conquer this time. Regain his self respect His direction, determination. Defeat there's no room For you any more. Fire has consumed me It burns me! It takes me away With love and desire Passion as never before. Enough love there To make everything count. I'm on fire, I've got Spirit once more It burns me, it takes me away!

## NATURE

Wild flowers how they grow Without effort from man Daily my love shows For the gift around me. I can't ask for more Than what already is -Nature -The smell of it To feel it, to see it. Live around her Cherish her, respect her And she will flower you With blossoms of every colour. She'll cover you in clover Blades of grass green Send white snowflakes as diamonds Golden autumn so serene. Ripple the land with water As it melts the snow Send warmth Bud the blossoms To make them grow. You can add, subtract Try to rearrange her But Nature will never be As before ~ Untouched ~ Pure ~ Precious ~ Paradise.

# FORGETFULNESS

It happens to the best of us, forgetfulness. That's what they say. I'd rather like to think of forgetfulness as dreaming Wandering elsewhere Where thoughts are pleasant and musing. Some people forget unwillingly, some deliberately. Others are just indifferent To everything around them – Perhaps out of a need To avoid responsibilities

Facts too overwhelming, too significant Or perhaps to avoid a truth. Truth is a scary thing. It demands recognition A response, change. People don't like to change. They are comfortable with complacency So they avoid all truths Facts presented to them By avoidance. Some people appear prideful Not wanting for others in their life. I find pride a tool of deception To push people away. Pride is used to cover fear The fear of the truth Of change. Forgetfulness is not always What it appears It can be the symptom of many things -Those of which people live Yet never speak about. There comes a time where one day **Everyone eventually remembers** And at that given moment It is best to accept the truth presented. I find when you accept a truth You accept yourself. Forgetfulness -Is not all it seems to be.

# GIVE

Give to a trouble world Give to a need Give till you give the best All of it. And you will still Be giving. Endless... The needs to receive Endless... The hearts to touch to fill Still you give. Life we lead We live we give Life we take. Give to a people In search of rest Of peace of needs. Endless... You give.

### STARS

Stars, consolations Map of the heavens Lights of the sky Mirror of the Sun **Bright of glory** Shining, shining stars -Pathway to planets Home of the curious Of the unborn. Moments of glory, Yahweh's glory Jewels in the crown Of the heavens **Mysterious** Beautiful Shine, shine -Guide us.

## MEMORIES

There's so much to life I could not begin to describe it. There are days of total confusion Others of progress And some of failure. I have to say each day Is used to measure life To build the quality of it. In youth you are anxious To learn as much as fast As possible.

You want to do everything Or so you think. In adulthood you slow down Not everything is important Just those things that bring meaning. You learn to do away with The lesser things that often Trapped you before. You are raised with a sense of values And as you grow they change. Some days are like a dejavu. You are propelled back in your memory To when you were younger Something triggers a thought Or a saying or lesson You once learned while you were young. You rediscovered something You had learned but forgot about. We think we forget things As we get older But I find we just store them away For another time To draw off of.

### I AM DRY

I'm dry I'm dry I can't give me away There's nothing to say Except I am parched dry Whv? I do not know why But I am drv! I am loved I feel love Yet there's that something more Or is it I never tried To open fully that door? I'm dry I'm dry Only time can bring my way The spot to quench my thirst Then I can give away But for now I am dry.

# YOU

You came into my life And touched me. I did not ask you to But you saw within a need And you fulfilled that need. I was alone Expecting no one, nothing. You caught me by surprise. I looked and saw In your eyes A light One of which I know by a trace Dimly within my own But you caught me by surprise. I never knew Until you came You touched me I did not ask Nor do I regret You saw within a need And that you have fulfilled I am no longer alone.

### WORDS

Words -**Spoken feelings** Spoken thoughts Communication Separation Words. A touch to the soul A ray of hope to the mind Encouragement Discouragement Words. Downgrading Gentle Rough **Spoken feelings** Spoken thoughts Communication Separation Words.

# GROW

Come Let us plant today Our garden of tomorrow The seeds of hope **Bring prosperity** Plant today **Grow tomorrow** Let us laugh today **Enjoy today** Gladden in our hearts Jovful of planting **Our seeds of worth** For others to share Let us grow A garden lovely Where all take pride Being in it.

### **CARD SHOP**

I walked into A card shop today A place where we Buy a verse for a loved one To say it just right. I looked around For this people pay amounts To just say to one another What they feel within. I think a better name Is that of the feeling shop. Go in and order A card to suit your need A verse, a saying To give to someone. I walked out Of the feeling shop today And found not a card For I need not a card To say what I feel A card is not living or real -I walked out Of the feeling shop today.

# THE HEART

Listen with your heart Talk with your eyes Touch with your ears Love with your being Walk with your beart Rest with your heart Learn with your heart Open with your heart Close with your mind. When the heart fails There's always the mind But it will never feel As does the heart.

### RESTORE

Take what is yours I've earned what is mine Go our separate ways To strive to find What we had And gave up Only to find What we feared -Take what is yours Take what is mine Let us the two combine Restore Make a whole Rebuild the gap Then you will find What is yours Is mine We strive and we have We We've given and we've gained Combine Restore Then you will find What is yours Is mine.

# YOU AND I

Alone With Elohim I commune and reflect Of how I truly lived What I really gave Alone With Yahweh I am complete Satisfied I am fulfilled To carry on Yahweh You and I Talk for awhile And nothing else really matters For You and I Have chosen this time To be one -Alone With Elohim I reflect of what I have given back to Yahweh Of what He's give me And I know He can see my intentions. Yahweh You and I Alone.

# I LOVE THE ROCK

I have been drawn by love In depths unknown Of Joy endless And I have come To love the Rock. Yes that Rock within us Of which we all stand Some use it to build To reach out Others build to keep within. I love the Rock

I love You ~ For you have shown me More than I could have known Or dared to conquer. Boundless, endless am I For my fortress is my temple My soul is alive It bears fruit which is ripe. Now I am to go And share of my fruits Of my fortress and my soul To live my life within So that I may free myself To conquer that within. Upon that Rock I stand For I am in it It is in me It is a part of me My fortress, my temple. I am drawn of love And my soul lays to rest I have come To love the Rock. (Yahshua, the Rock of my salvation)

#### OH YAHWEH -

**Oh Yahweh** Why do we humans Not love Until it's too late? Why do we live with regrets? Who does it seem To have to take? The death of a loved one To make us realize what we have? Why do we take for granted What we have while it's here? Why do we believe Everything lasts when it doesn't? Oh Yahweh Why are we slow to learn And learn when it's too late?

Why does it take The death of a loved one To draw us closer? Oh Yahweh \_ Why do we humans not love Until it's too late?

# A ROCK AND AN ISLAND

Be strong for others Let others lean on you Yet be strong within yourself To never yield to weakness. Strength unbreakable Becomes hard as a rock. Solitude becomes distant As an Island And the two become one. They are a beauty of silence A beauty untouchable And to those who come to admire They leave in silence As in silence they came. They rested there They wept and laughed there They learned to live there And now they leave A part of themselves behind Taking with them a part discovered. I know a Rock I know an Island I've been there I've seen it I lived it I cry for both Untouchable truths. **Both give out** And ask nothing to return. There is the noise of others Which drowns you out There is the silence of aloneness Which asks your attention -A Rock And an Island.

### COMPLEX

Complication I thrive on Simplicity I choke on. Give me something simple I'll make it hard More of a challenge. If it's simple It's not me It does not hold my interest -Give me complications Make my mind turn Challenge **Complete**, prove Do succeed Give me complication I can understand Give me simplicity I miss the point. With age I'll mellow With time I'll slow down And see With the eye of simplicity But for now I am complex.

### **OVER THERE, OVER THERE**

Is it wrong to dream? To want to make come true? Over there, over there Stands a mountain so tall Green trees lined Against the sky Beckoning I – Is it wrong to desire? To feel it in your heart? To feel it in your heart? To want to take a part? To make come true? Over there, over there Stands a mountain so tall Green trees lined Against the sky Beckoning I – Is it wrong to hold dear? The thought The desire The tear? All so very real So very near? Over there, over there Stand a mountain so tall Green trees lined Against the sky Beckoning I.

# **OLD LIMEKILN BRIDGE**

And old tree **Covered with moss** On your way To the bridge **Rails on both sides** I see below The water's current And tide -Moss blows with the wind I walk over To the rail And stand to see Where the two are one They greet and farewell The glorious sun Both are true to me A bridge and a tree Of long ago I traveled often I walked many times -An old tree **Covered with moss** The bridge With rails on both sides They set with the sun They both to me are one. (Old Limekiln bridge, South Burlington, VT)

### ROSES

**Roses cry** Like some hearts do **Roses smile** Like people do **Roses feel** And give their fragrance For all to smell Roses when sadden Close and die Like friendships I've known. I've had many roses Red, white and yellow They all faded in time **Or withered** From lack of water But the splash **Of your teardrop** Has fallen upon this rose. The tears of both Have watered this rose It received true And opened up to you The fragrance From it's heart Opened up this rose -It is Red White And Yellow -**Red for love** White for purity and innocence Yellow for friendship A many colored rose I give to you Because it has received Your tear so true.

### LIFE

I say the quality of my life Is good. I have an equal balance Of failures and successes. But that is not enough. In life I need gratitude. Without gratitude I find That I am just going Through the motions of existence. Being grateful for everything Teaches me that the importance Of life is not all within myself, It's in everything around me, It's in all the people Who have come and gone in my life, From all the different occurrences. I have been given the gift of life. I'm a lot like a drop of water of rain; You fall to the earth, You water the earth. It yields a crop, Then evaporates to the sky, To only recycle back In the form of another drop, To return again. So I change **Because I need** To grow. Life has its Uncertainties. At times I am Scared, Of the future, The unknown. Yet I know that **Only the future** Can bring me Life. We never really end, We grow. From one set **Of measurements** To another,

And so I grow! Each day is precious. It's a snapshot in time That you collect And put in your photo album In your memory. I use to want to plan my life Having everything in place. Now I just cherish the privilege To live one day at a time. I let life bring me What it wants to bring, And in acceptance is my lesson, On discovering myself. To remain constant Is to be stagnant, To change Is to bring growth.

### MAN WASN'T MADE

Man wasn't made To be an island He wasn't created To just exist No he was made for another Someone to share with ~ Too many people are islands Making uncharted isles Let's join together And make a land. There's no need to be Drifting out in the sea Weathering the waves alone You belong on the land  $\sim$ Man wasn't made To be an island To bear all his burdens alone He has a fellow man to live with But still he stays alone. Why do you persist on living On an uncharted isle? You won't exist for long Please come and live on the land  $\sim$  When the bridges are built again When you can walk from isle to isle Joy will be your strength again Sharing in your brother's smile. Once the coral reefs are broken down The boats will come ashore And you'll find you're not alone No longer anymore ~ Man wasn't made to be an island He wasn't created to just exist He was made for another Someone to share with.

### THE RED FERN

Red the colour of blood shed Of courage so strong Braking the waves of greed And hate's bitter bond ~ Through the woods, marshes and swamps The soldiers march uncertain Some reaching the other side Others facing deaths' curtain ~ There among the woods grow Ferns of the hilly wood The fern the emblem of humility The tree where Yahshua stood ~ I often wonder if that same fern Where in thicketed areas grown If it happened to appear At the foot of Yahshua's throne ~ The red fern ever since The crucifixion of Messiah Has appeared in areas of war By chance once or twice ~ Those who have seen one Now know its significance The red fern of the wood Is the emblem of brotherhood.

# THEY ALL TELL A STORY

Through the eyes of the maple leaf The thirteen stripes and fifty stars Palaces of untold wealth From behind prison bars -They all tell a story every one ~ Of life and its many different ways When the rising of the sun To that of the moon They all tell a story every one ~ **Eternity lies around the corner** Daily life still goes on People still carry out their tasks They all tell a story every one ~ **Revelation coming to pass** Time running short Trumpets about to be blast They all tell a story every one ~ Bend your ear and listen The voice of Yahweh will abound Light abroad will glisten Knowledge of what's ahead will astound They all tell a story every one ~ Listen to the story And find out about every one You'll find the revelation In the Living Son.

# DANCING LEAVES

The dancing leaves of my heart Silver and gold Blown about in the air When you I behold. Melt together Dance now tell me Love him Blow lightly tell me Love him. Dancing leaves of my heart Silver and gold Fallen in love with him When my eyes behold. Dancing leaves all around Flutter in the air Fall to the ground When you are there. Gentle rays on my heart Melt the silver and gold I can't stop dancing in my heart Cause your love I behold. Dancing leaves of my heart Silver and gohd Blown about in tha air Whan you I behold.

#### **HEVENLY HEIGHTS**

I cannot help but feel the air On a mountaintop in evening. Mid June and the hill springing With wild mustard The Mountains of New York State **Across Lake Champlain** A shade or two of blue and purple. The air is heavy and still. The locust trees are in full blossom The bees are humming Wild Phlox is growing in the field **Overcome by butterflies Monarchs and swallowtails** The farmers are harvesting their hay And the sweet smell of grass Lingers heavy in the air. Moisture penetrates my skin The air is damp The tree boughs are heavy with foliage The wild flowers are scattered abroad. When I see, hear and smell all this It is so lovely It is the perfect setting given to us. (Atop Snake Mountain, Bridport, VT)

# **ETERNAL MOMENT**

You stare at the wall The silence penetrates. You can hear the blood Pound in your ears And hear your heart beat. The snow is falling softly Piling up outside And you feel so isolated Quiet, mellow, timeless Almost old As you quietly reflect. And then you're aware Life is one beat at a time So precious that If you're not quiet You'll overlook it. What a moment so rare To find or appreciate For we are such busy beings. When vou are still You find the stuff You are made of In that eternal moment. (The quiet shroud of Winter)

# **REST IN ME**

Slow down Rest in me Slow down Then you'll see How I love thee How I care Want to lift you From your despair ~ Slow down, Rest in me Slow down, Rest in me Slow down, Then you'll see How I want to set you free To tell you that I care To share my love with you – Won't you tarry there?

# **THANK YOU**

Thank you for being there When I needed you Thank you for a loving embrace And a loving word of assurance Thank you for your comfort In my most trying moments Thank you for being my friend When all others failed. Thank you for your tears of understanding Thank you for ~ Your smile of warmth and Joy Thank you for your words of strength Thank you for Your wisdom and correction Thank you for your time Spent with me when needed most When no one else would Thank you for telling me my faults in love Thank you For accepting me in my humanness Thank you for just loving me With no personal aims in mind. Thank you for the gift of acceptance And love Thank you for just being.

# WHO YOU ARE

Don't lose who you are In the flow of life. Don't get so involved You forget your interests What can help you. A person is so much more Than a frame a look or presence More than a thought a memory A person is a statement of truth A legacy of spirituality. No one can add or take away From another No one can rob another's beliefs No one can live through another Only a person can do that himself or herself. Don't lose who you are for another For a purpose or a cause Don't compromise who you are. When you do you stop existing – Foot prints left behind They in time disappear A body decays But the spirit lives on. Don't lose who you are In the flow of life With all its turns.