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# Ah Love, If This Distance Were No More...

If I could ride upon this sandstorm  
And whirl myself to you  
Ah Love, if this distance were no more...  
If I could sit upon this moonbeam  
And travel at the speed of light  
I would fall into your sweet embrace  
Before the end of night  
And this distance  
Would be  
No more.

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# Come Walk With Me

Come walk with me  
in Autumn's Sun  
Come take my hand in thine  
Across the Meadow  
of Memories  
and into the Valley of Time

We'll share a smile,  
a laugh or two  
We'll talk of times gone by  
We'll shed a tear  
We'll chase a fear  
We'll mend a heart or two

And then, when  
Autumn's Sun doth set across the  
Mountain yonder  
We'll make a pact  
to never Forget  
and swear to love  
Forever

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## Could This Be It?

My heart skips a beat  
when he walks into the room  
And his is the smile that brightens up the gloom  
He is the one who sets my dreams aflight  
His, the name on memories I write  
Beloved... Treasured  
Worshipped... Adored  
As long as he is mine  
Everything is fine  
He sets my world ablaze  
For certain he's my craze  
Could this be IT?

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# Cyber Lover: Ain'T No Lover Like You

There ain't no Love like your love  
There ain't no Lover like you

Love borne by secret sultry whispers  
Filters nightly passion  
Reaches  
Sensuously Scented Semantic altars  
in the middle  
of Cyber-Somewhere

There ain't no Love like your love  
There ain't no Lover like you

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# Desert Rain

Rain softly drapes

the trees

flowers

streets

and

the city sleeps...

Then morning embraces the desert

in shivery hugs, misty kisses and dewy smiles

and a passionate shower of raindrops

the city awakes.

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# Duanna's Song

You are the strawberry on my sundae  
The tinkle of my ice  
The calm of the ocean  
And the early morning Glow.

You are the flowing rhythm  
of silken dreaming  
The gentle swan on  
Life's river sailing  
The tender fragrance  
of forget-me-nots,  
The crystal dewdrop  
in my crown.

For my daughter, Duanna, with love

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# Dubai Creek, Cradle Of The World

A million lights adorn your moonlit waters,  
like glittering pearls from long ago dives.  
From pearl divers to today's strivers,  
Dubai Creek, You cradle the world

Your heart throbs with engine motors  
as Once upon a Time  
merges with Today  
Across the ages, and beyond a million faces,  
Dubai Creek, You have cradled the world.

[Written on crossing the creek from Bur Dubai to Deira...]

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# For Salah, With Love

I carry you  
Sacred One  
in my henna stained hands  
preciously engraved in the intricate  
pattern of my life,  
Forever.

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# Forever Be Mine

Just so that you know  
And never have to wonder  
How I feel about You  
It's more than simply Love  
You pulsate within Me  
Your rhythm My rhyme  
Your life My time  
Two hearts  
Entwined  
Forever be mine

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# From Zameen

In that moment my heart shattered  
I remember it was you  
Who told me that No More  
Shall be  
A Time of Love  
For you and me  
A space belonging  
to us and we.

Your words were cold  
As the frozen ice on  
A blood red rose  
In full bloom.

My love the rose  
Your words the ice  
That caused the end  
and my demise

Alas my love  
Distanced are we  
In two separate worlds  
Distance unfurled

Yet I love you still.

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# In This Moment

In this moment  
In this time  
In this heartbeat  
You are mine.  
In open spaces  
In secret places  
In the unforgettable  
In the Divine,  
In the joy of laughter  
In the warmth of a kiss  
In the breath of Forever  
It's You I find.

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# Indian Sunrise

The Sun Rises

Temple over temples

Presiding golden over morning

Awakening cow-eyed to the day

From mountain peak to pathways steep

In shifting sands the mystic seeks

And within each heart the passion to pray

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# Invitation To Love's Buffet

Oh my Love  
if you would allow  
the touch of your beloved  
upon your skin of velvet  
then you would taste  
the nectar of her kiss  
upon your lips  
And sup at love's buffet.

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# I've Learnt That...

I've learnt that...

Life's too short and there's no time for regrets.

The train's left the station, admire the landscape.

I've learnt that...

We make mistakes 'cos that's how we learn.

We slip, we fall, how else do we get up?

The train's got engine trouble, admire the landscape.

I've learnt that...

Who needs an enemy, when we're harshest with ourselves.

The train's looking shabby, the seats are torn, admire the landscape.

I've learnt that...

When it comes to hell, we're masters at creating our own.

The train's going haywire, admire the landscape.

I've learnt that...

it is in letting go

that we allow ourselves to flow

into

This Moment, This Life, This Heaven.

The train's moving, admire the landscape. It's Your Heaven.

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# Jewel Of My Heart

I empty the contents of my heart  
And amid its glittering treasure  
You appear  
in your Splendour  
And I declare You  
Jewel of my Heart.

for my daughter, Duanna, with love

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# Journey Of My Soul

'Come, ' said my soul, ' and I will show you where I go...  
To the fairest glen to taste the newborn snow  
To sail on the waves  
and to sleep on the shore  
Amidst starfish and sea  
in the early morning glow.  
To ride on the wind  
as it sings out loud  
To lick the raindrops  
As it falls from a cloud.'  
'Come, ' said my soul, ' Tarry not and do not fear...  
Take my hand and we will go  
to wherever God is near.'

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# Listen My Love...

Listen my Love  
Listen quickly  
Lest the wind blows my words  
Like Autumn leaves aflutter.  
Listen my love  
Listen to my heart whisper...  
I am Yours,  
No other.  
Many times have I hungered  
Many times, searched  
Never found the perfect imprint of another, upon my soul  
... until You  
Listen, my love, Listen  
lest I falter  
Lest courage fails  
and the whispers of my heart  
fragile fragments that they are, fade  
... But if by chance thou never hearest  
these heart whispers, Dearest  
All is not in vain  
For I will wish them into stars of night  
that glow and guide  
your Heart to Mine.

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# Moonlight Serenade

I walk in the light of the Moon

Boldly

Blissfully

Privileged

Protected

Bathed in Silver

Draped in the shimmering silk of the night sky

Accompanied by the evensong of beetles and crickets

In a Serenade to the Moon.

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# My True Beloved

You are my true beloved  
for you love me  
fragmented though I am.  
Golden or unworthy deed, you embrace me in my multi-ness.  
Your love, a lamp that leads me home  
Your gentle heart, my bed to rest  
this weary self  
this ragged breath  
And from your Mighty Strength  
I grow.  
Amen

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# Ode To Evie

You who were never given  
a chance  
to see the light of day  
to move along Life's way  
hopes joys untold  
cries fears on hold  
smiles tears halted  
thwarted  
aborted  
Crystallized in Time  
Wrenched from Tomorrow's grasp.  
You who are now free  
to sing the songs of the wind  
to dance on golden sunbeams  
to sit on my shoulder  
an Angel unseen.

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# Ode To Shattered Vows

I walk along the corridors of my life  
Searching all familiar places  
For You  
But  
You are Nowhere

I smell  
Trying to capture Your scent  
But I inhale a whiff of something  
Fresh and New  
And  
You are Nowhere

I touch  
Seeking to rekindle the memory of Your embrace  
But instead I feel this Moment's kiss  
And  
You are Nowhere

I walk along the corridors of my life  
Looking in all familiar places  
In search of you  
But you, absorbed by the passages of Time, fade into Nothingness  
Leaving Me  
And I...  
I am Everywhere

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# Son Of Mary

Crimson drops adorn your precious brow  
Yet no frown mars the gentle look  
That saves my tortured soul

Wounds pierce your precious palms  
Yet your touch calms  
My aching heart  
And makes me part  
With doom and gloom

And Your Pain  
Your Pain  
Restores my being  
Again

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# Song In My Heart

You put a song in my heart  
and a dance to my step  
You make me feel like I'm sailing on a cloud  
You placed this smile on my face  
You make my world a happy place  
And all of this  
Because I simply love you

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# Sunrise

Sunrise

Colours of Dawn

Lighting up the dusky corners  
of a Heart seeking its dreams

Sun Rising

Beckoning a New Life

Fresh with dew-filled promise...

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# Swan Lake

My life a lake of ice  
And you the Swan upon it  
Then bit by bit  
The shattered ice... I realise  
that everything I thought was true  
Is no longer  
And the only Love I ever knew  
Is You.

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# The Betrayal

It's strange when I think of it... BUT  
Never did I see a reason WHY  
or a season  
WHEN you would not whisper  
MY NAME.  
Yet it happened  
Stealthily  
in the Darkness of the Moment  
when you crept away  
into a SECRET World  
that you called Your OWN.

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# The Unforgettable Joy

Flames and firewood  
Crackle with joy  
Once upon a Time  
A girl flits by  
Smiles and laughter  
Happy Ever After  
Echo in the ribbon  
of Time

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# This Love...

This love is a fire  
raging relentlessly  
growing ginormously  
persisting  
against all odds.

This love is a law unto itself  
revoking anything and everything that stands in its way.

This love is luscious, delicious, lip smacking, atrocious  
maddening, damning  
And utterly audacious.

This love is exhilarating ...

This love is Ours.

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# This Silent Love

I saw you in the park today  
I tried not to look  
But I couldn't look away  
I imagine what it would be like  
if we didn't have so many walls between us  
all these Ifs and Buts and Cannots

If I had a wish it would be  
to feel the touch of your hand against my cheek  
And to whisper in your ear... I love you  
And if I had another, it would be to ride with you to the ends of the earth  
telling the stories of our lives...

But all we have is this silent love  
this unuttered passion  
and when I go to sleep at night, the dream that we will wake up together.

I saw you in the park today  
But you were with another.

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# This Silent Love: Part Five

And like the Phoenix  
we rise  
Hopes Anew  
Dreams Afresh  
A love reborn

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## This Silent Love: Part Four

I watched you go  
As silently as you came  
into the darkness of the night  
into the silhouette of the trees  
leaving me in the agony of broken dreams  
in the ash of splintered promises.

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## This Silent Love: Part Three

I saw you in the park today  
And this time  
You saw Me too

In your eyes I see a million hopes and dreams and wishes  
In my eyes, there is only YOU  
So we walk together  
You and I

Amidst the trees and the creatures of the night  
And we discover that deep within our silence, there is a love song...  
Our love song

I saw you in the park today...  
and my heart danced to the beat of  
a Silent Love.

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## This Silent Love: Part Two

I saw you in the park today  
But you were with another  
So I hugged my thoughts to myself  
And watched you with secret eyes

And

I imagined us together  
Floating high above the city  
Singing the songs of our childhood  
Deep into the night

Until

I plucked a star from the midnight sky  
and placed it in your hand  
As a reminder of a Love  
that will always be a Light  
even in the darkest night

I saw you in the park today  
And this time  
You saw Me too.

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