

# *Open to Interpretation*

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# *Four Seasons*

*'Even the best people make the worst mistakes,  
redemption lies within the recognition of mistakes'*

## Autumn

Leaves lie all around  
Remnants of a better time  
The darkest hours are coming  
With bitter cold and bitter hearts

Everywhere life is dying  
Colours fading  
Lifetimes culminating  
And mind-sets ageing  
This season is the worst for  
It brings about endings  
And it's difficult to see any  
New beginnings

Adapting to the change in light  
Reacting to the constant night  
Because dark days are coming  
And the trees do not blossom  
Like they used to

## Mother Nature

### Rain

Splattering down onto the ground  
The tiniest noise or the loudest of sounds  
And we run around making a commotion  
Because we're scared of getting wet  
The strangest of notions

A friend and a foe  
Depending on where you go  
Making some of us happy  
And some of us low  
But Mother Nature commands you  
And everything you do  
So we can continue to hate you  
Or learn to love you

*Storms*

*Storms,*

*Like wars in the skies*

*Dictated by no one*

*Storms*

*Signs of destruction*

*Deadly and unavoidable*

*Storms*

*Ruling us all*

*Through sudden disaster*

*Storms*

*No warning at all*

*But terror strikes in the*

*Calm before the storm*



## Spring

*To elevate and prosper*

*To question and wonder*

*To dream of a future that has no limits*

*To dream something incredible*

*That is possible within minutes*

*For spring is another chance to make it all work*

*To throw your troubles over your shoulder*

*And wear a cheeky smirk*

*Because life should be fun and shouldn't be a chore*

*It should be something you look forward to*

*That you absolutely adore*

*Spring provides the building*

*Blocks for the potentially promising summer*

*So it's left to you to make it happen*

*Make a mountain out of your summer*

## Summer

*Summer, welcome my friend*

*Summer, please don't ever end*

*Summer, ever beaming light*

*Summer, eradicated night*

*Summer, the escape from darkness*

*Summer, where the sun shines regardless*

*Summer, where dreams are explored*

*Summer, where troubles are ignored*

*Summer, the essence of happiness*

*Summer, my passion I confess*

*Summer, where I find the answer*

*Summer, my natural enhancer*

## Winter

*In winter we battle the elements*

*In winter we are tested*

*In winter we struggle*

*In winter we carry on*

*In winter we breed sorrow*

*In winter we pray for tomorrow*

*In winter we remember summer*

*In winter our dreams last forever*

*In winter I lose you, in summer I find you*

*In winter the coldness and darkness grip me*

*And try to wear me down*

*In winter I remember all things come to an end*

*In winter I am aware of the circle of life*

*In winter I am not scared*

*In winter I battle my demons*

*In winter I walk the road to summer*

## Winter II

Dark days have come  
And some minds are lost  
Longingly hoping for an escape

Some life ceases to be  
A reminder of our fragility  
As every story has its ending  
Yet many have intentions of extending

The memories of summer  
And everything that once was  
And I join them, ever dreaming  
Of happier days

# Riddles & Metaphors

*'You cannot force genius, so make sure you are ready  
for it'*

## Butterfly

Butterfly flying free  
Unaware of its destiny  
Butterfly you are truly free  
For yours is a path with certainty

You exist within the day  
Falling victim to the night  
But when the darkest hour comes  
There is nothing, there is no fight

So as you flutter by my way  
Without a single care  
I envy you and your morality  
One such I cannot share

## Forever Within

I am the light, ever shining bright

I may be extinguished

Yet I never truly cease to be

I am a constant, a certainty

I am the essence of all that is good

In a fire that burns, I am the wood

I am the ghost that never haunts

I am the conscience that forever taunts

## Mindset

Tortured mind, tortured soul  
Persistent whispers without a goal  
A troubled past and a troubling future  
Present time, a force to endure

Eyes filled with wonder  
Turning to dread  
With dreams failing swiftly  
Till they lie with the dead

Conformist society  
Ideology for the masses  
Nothing to be driven  
As an ideal surpasses



## Prison

You contain me, you trap me  
You frustrate me, you age me  
You suffocate me, you rule me

I am a slave to my own decisions  
I only behave to receive recognition  
I am not paid to think, only follow  
I am a child, praying for tomorrow

## Rose

Picture a dying rose  
Petals fall one by one  
and the rose is unravelled  
Exposed to the world

The rose does not grow  
It merely waits for the end  
And when it fades away  
So too does it's memory

## The Best Route

The road behind is forever closed  
The road ahead is forever open  
The roundabout is a means of an exit  
Though it may not be the wisest route  
For journeys in the wrong direction  
May waste time better spent elsewhere

All roads lead to one destination  
No matter what route we may take  
But the best route is the one that takes longest  
Giving us everything it has to offer

# *Life, Love & Lucidity*

*'I will not fear the path before me  
I will only fear the path behind me  
For a step into the past  
Presents an ill-decision that will forever last'*

## A Step into the Unknown

I am but a man, no more and no less  
I will trip and I will fall  
But the right path is anyone's guess  
For we are defeated at least once each day  
And every mistake will make us pay

But life is a learning curve  
And so we must observe  
All of our thoughts, decisions and actions  
And if at all possible avoid the wrong distractions

So we are all students  
At the university of life  
Handling all of the trouble and all of the strife  
But no one is an expert  
Though they may confess to be  
As we tread into the unknown,  
We accept the uncertainty

## Antithesis

If you hate, I love

If you cry, I smile

If you lose faith, I believe

If you should fall, I would stand

If you were angry, I would be calm

If you were confused, I would understand

If you were broken, I would fix you

If you remembered, I would help you forget

If you failed, I would help you succeed

If you think it's the end, I would show you it's the  
beginning

## Life Lessons

If you're going to judge anyone,  
Judge yourself first  
Only animals prey on the weak,  
With a despicable thirst  
For no one is perfect  
And perfection is a lie  
Beauty lies in a troubled  
Mind who will do anything to try

To master acts of kindness,  
Spreading love and joy  
And at journeys end many a friend  
Will rejoice at a gentle heart's ploy

To laugh at life and its cynical urchins whom  
Choose never to speak  
Never to be brave, bold or courageous  
The never-ending losing streak

If I stand alone or with many at my side  
It will not bother me at all  
For I would rather be alone but with a heart  
Of gold, than be a puppet and a fool



## Lone Ranger

They're searching for me, the calls of uncertainty  
But I'll never come willingly  
Troubled, I stand alone  
Falling from my throne  
Disregarding myself like a stone beneath my feet

I carry the weight of regret upon my shoulders  
And the challenges that face me feel more like boulders  
With the continual resentment  
I feel, I smolder

And at times I will ask, why me? why me?  
Fate it seems is not without a sense of irony  
I wonder will I ever be free?, truly free  
To be me?

## Snail's Pace

I want to run, far far away  
Where the grass is green and the children play  
Where the sun is beaming and skies are blue  
When the days are longer and my dreams come true

If I could fast forward to that happier place  
Perhaps ill feelings would disappear without a trace  
Though If I cheated time I might cheat myself  
Perhaps challenges and realisations are  
Encapsulations of true wealth

It's natural to cut corners avoiding the worst  
But too often an occasion am I feeling fit to burst  
With thoughts and feelings betraying me  
Whilst logic remains I may be set free

## Wondrous Wonder

Life goes on, whether you like it or not  
Waiting for no one, so some may simply rot  
For life is torturous, wonderful and difficult  
And the challenges lie in man's biggest faults

We are civilised apes, battling our instincts  
What a wondrous ability, to be able to think  
To explore, question, argue and remember  
Glorious gifts, bestowed upon us forever

# Battles Within

*'Never let yourself become dictated, be the dictator of  
your own life'*

## Doubt

Though I am surrounded  
I am the loneliest person  
Though I am celebrated  
I am forever losing

Though I am revered  
I am despised in one's eyes  
Though I am loved  
I am hated, truly hated

Though I walk with many  
I am the lone walker  
Though I hear your sincerity  
I am defeated by self-pity

## Driving Force

Is it the question?

Or the answer that drives us?

Is it the quest itself?

Or the hope inherent in that?

Is it the motivation to succeed?

Or the fear of failure?

Is it the hope given to us by others?

Or the courage we find in ourselves?

## Legacy

What will be the legacy that I leave?

Will it be victorious?

Will it be memorable?

Will it be long lasting?

What will be the legacy that I leave?

Will my memory fade?

Will I be forgotten?

Will I ever be remembered?

What will be the legacy that I leave?

Will I be revered for my successes?

Will I be scolded for my transgressions?

Will I be counted as one who is unforgettable?

## My Own Worst Enemy

I am my own worst enemy  
Threatened by failure and un-fulfilment

I am my own worst enemy  
Creating my own feelings of torment

I am my own worst enemy  
Tortured by feelings of self-doubt

I am my own worst enemy  
A student of fear, a true devout

I am my own worst enemy  
Disgusted by my own reflection

I am my own worst enemy  
Scared by a lack of direction

I am my own worst enemy  
Forever fighting with myself

I am my own worst enemy  
To conquer this is to discover true wealth



## Thoughts

Do you ever feel as though life is a race?  
Speeding through as though it were a chase  
To find the answer as fast as possible  
No matter how difficult or troublesome the obstacle

With misconceptions about what is right  
The battle with ones' self is the ultimate fight  
For every day is a learning curve  
And wonder may be continuous  
But reality must serve

The mind handles what the heart cannot bear  
Rationalisation of the devotion of care  
For every passionate endeavour  
Every romance and every feeling  
The mind provides clarity and  
Direction toward meaning

## Where & Why

One chapter closes as another begins  
And I think contemplatively  
What have I learnt?  
And where am I going?

Good times and bad times  
Continually circling  
Though the days never change  
It's just the host who is changing

Some might question  
Why can't these days last forever?  
But growing is important  
And it's the unknown that drives us

That scary road forward  
With an ending no one knows  
Is calling out for us constantly  
To explore and to fly

# Hope, Faith & Motivation

*'Never let yourself become dictated, be the dictator of  
your own life'*

## Fire

We are a fire burning eternally bright  
With burning passions and desires  
We are the authors of great novels to be told  
That are forever changing

We are the essence of what it means to be alive  
Love, laughter, living  
These are our rules

Our fires burn throughout chaos and storms  
But we are not invincible  
We just believe in the light  
The light in all of us  
That which lies at the end of a tunnel  
The fire is belief, hope and kindness  
It burns for us all and it always will

## Mantra

Stay humble, stay true  
Give it your all in  
Everything you do

Stay honest, stay strong  
Uphold what is right and  
Expose what is wrong

Keep listening and learning  
Stay passionate and  
Keep the fire burning

## Outside My Window

I hear the noise of reality

Outside my window

I hear sharp turns

I hear cars and their journeys

I hear planes and their escapes

I hear a reason to wake up

I hear voices that remember

And speak up

I hear everything screech to a halt

Outside my window

I hear the night

## Simple Message

Sometimes we need a ray of light  
To guide us through the darkest nights  
Because our emotions compromise our sight  
And all we ever seem to do is give up on the fight

But that changes now  
And before you ask how  
Remember that life is a journey,  
Twisting and turning

And there will be many times  
When you find yourself yearning  
Wishing, wondering, crying and smiling  
So please oh please pick upon  
The message I'm inferring  
Increase those laughter lines in troubled times  
For the enjoyment involved is a cure, the very best kind

## The Next Chapter

Something new  
Something for you  
Trading places with past sorrows  
For a new adventure to pursue

The future's looking up now  
A new dawn, another day  
The plan is much simpler now  
Smile, chin up  
Today is your day



## What If I Told You... Would You Believe Me?

What If I Told You  
That you have a friend  
Who is always here, but you couldn't see them  
Would you believe me?

What If I told you?  
That this person is your biggest threat  
And that nothing else compares?  
Would you believe me?

What if I told you?  
That overcoming them  
Meant that you could face anyone without fear or worry  
Would you believe me?

What If I told you?  
They have always been here and will never leave,  
So long as you are alive  
Would you believe me?

What if I told you?  
You could be anything you want to be  
You could do anything you want to do  
So long as you love this person and cherish them  
Would you believe me?

What if I told you this person was you?  
An architect, a creator, a maverick or a saviour?  
Whatever it may be  
Would you still believe me?

# *Signs of Coming Times*

The Lord of it All

I am a lord  
Above you all  
My word is absolute  
Listen to me or fall

But I will not help you  
Despite saying so  
Because I am all knowing  
And you should simply know

## An Unfunny Joke

You must be kidding me

How are we truly free?

If our lives have some pre-planned destiny

You must be making a joke

The white man has just spoke

A nonsensical idea upon which I refuse to choke

## The Word Warrior

He battles with the power of thought  
Though he has never physically fought  
He inspires legions with words  
Gathering people like animals in herds

His words are like spies that infiltrate the mind  
He preys on the weak and vulnerable  
Because they are ultimately blind  
To the lies and deceit that are hidden  
In all of his speeches, they are ridden

With lie after lie  
Time after time  
And no one is closer  
To discovering why  
He has never been exposed  
And the minds of his followers  
Remain firmly closed

## What Is This?

Is this a plague that I see before me?

Or is it insanity that I see before me?

Is this just ignorance packaged in ideology?

Or is this a cruel joke being played by its rulers?

Is this just a sign of an impending doom?

Or is this just a phase which comes and will surely  
pass?

Are these dark times a reflection of us?

Or are they leading up to a test?

## Thank You

Thank you for moments of clarity  
In times of true despair  
Thank you for the memories  
Positivity that is always there

Thank you for the good times  
The ones I take for granted  
Thank you for the motivation  
When my seeds seem firmly planted

Thank you for the pain and anguish  
So I may appreciate love and compassion  
Thank you for the realisation  
That recovery lies within distraction

Thank you for every time I am reminded  
Of who I really am  
Thank you for the revelation  
That my life is not a plan



## I Wish

I wish for my words to live on  
To find those in need  
And help keep them strong

I wish for my words to inspire others  
To do what is right  
And offer a helping hand to others

I wish for my words to bring changes  
For the most sceptical minds  
For the ones who need it most  
Who must break free from their cages

I wish for my words to serve as proof  
That there is always hope for humanity  
And that anyone is capable of great things  
For that is the truth of humanity



