



Community Poetry Contest

Poetry Submissions
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Breathing, looking, feeling and walking

Deciding, choosing, living and talking

Just like a developing child; an adolescent learning

Just like an endless beginning a genuine yearning

Independent, supported or alone

Beg, borrow, or maybe one day I'll even own

There is definitely a light and it is calling me

Close my eyes spread my wings and I will fly free

No more shame, pretend, cheap smiles and lies

No more ifs, buts, maybes or whys?

Who are you? What do you want? How do you sleep?

I know now I am not your possession to abuse and keep

You were right, it's dramatic, and all for show

But it was you in the lead role, so desperate to grow

Like a parasite you tried to consume and destroy my life
Like a human being I tried to be your partner, friend and wife
Go back to where you came from; it is what you do best
Go back to being nothing,; an annoying little pest
And when you get there be sure look up high
Can you see me beaming brightly, lighting up the sky
Each night I am reminded that you are evil, selfish and vile
Each night I am reminded how lucky I am, blessed and smile
You should see them now you've gone; happy, confident and born again
All their own work, they erased you and survived any pain
It was much easier than I thought; you can't miss what was never there
But unlike you, I did feel true love, I wanted to grow, experience and share
What a waste, a pointless thought and an unwanted gift
All you saw was credibility, an excuse and blame to shift
It is getting closer, that beautiful light calling me
Close my eyes spread my wings and I am flying free
It's over, just give up and please let us be
Never again imprisoned, now and forever I'm holding the key
Your self-pity and fairy tales fall on deaf ears
Your stories and lies create no sympathy tears
One by one everyone is hearing the truth
T.R.U.T.H. comes with real evidence and proof
I swear this is the final night you will give me no sleep
There's no master plan or cunning revenge for me to reap
You are a lonely little man, idiot, bully, gambling fool
You've lost again; tough guy but I've got it all
Do you feel small?
Pathetic and cruel

Down, down you fall
At last I am standing tall
...We've got it all.

Submitted By:
Faye Myshyniuk

You fell in love right from the start
But little did you know
That he would break your trusting heart
Your spirit, and your soul
The man that used to make you smile
You thought he was your prince
But sadly after just awhile
His presence made you wince
You said you'd give him one more chance
A second, then a third
You said that you would take a stance
If he ever broke his word
Then you felt you couldn't leave

The promises he made!
Then he led you to believe it would
Get better if you stayed
It seemed you had nowhere to turn
No one to help you through
You wondered would you ever learn?
What were you to do?
And then one day he went too far
The ultimate price you paid
I know you're happy where you are
But wish you could have stayed
Now I only hope and pray
That others end the silence
It doesn't have to be this way
STOP and end the violence

Submitted By:
Miranda Dezan

If my skin reflected the wounds that your words inflict,
Would you still say them?

If you could feel the pain that echoes in every breath I take,
Would you feel regret?
When your existence cripples my composure and weakens me to my knees,
Would you stay void?
I've cried endless tears,
Trying to fathom your actions, your words, your lack of love.
Your actions reverberate through my core,
Questioning my worth, my capabilities, my very essence.
Your words are like lashes that cut through me,
Leaving me raw and exposed.
What do you see when you look at me?
Daughter? Friend? Foe?
An emptiness consumes me,
Wishing your tainted presence would extinguish and leave me in solace.
Oh heart,
How I wish I could steady your beat,
And fill you with the love that is deserved.