

Poems for someone somewhere

1 A QUIET YARN

A quiet yarn with a friend

Of interest of course

Talking until hoarse

Of helping and having

Of gaining and giving

Of laughing and living

Of wishing and wanting

A friend on a quiet evening

2 ROSE WINE AND GUINNESS STOUT

A flame spent candle in an empty mateus bottle

Sits fat and proud on the mantelpiece

With a never-viewed picture of a Portuguese village

Showing a lonely building and no one in site.

An old Guinness tin lies in the grate

Ugly and depressed with its solar plexus broken

Where some unkind heel was neatly placed with venom

Emphasising its now liquid-forsaken uselessness.

3 DO YOU THINK THE THINGS I THINK YOU THINK?

**Fluttering in the breeze I watch the nicotine leaves
As the physic sun looks at me so far below
In a swollen brook I nearly once mistook
A splash for a world under that gentle flow.**

**Looking into your eyes eternal world of surprise
Do you think the things I think you think
Even searching minds are seeking ways to sink**

**Dancing in the dawn I watch the fishes spawn
As the orchestra starts to play unrhythmic tunes
On a thyme-old tree I'm sure I could almost see
The brave bird bandaging up its wilful wounds**

**Searching in your mind for the pieces we can't find
Do you think the things I think you think
Even searching minds sometimes have to sink**

**Stuttering up a side of mountain trying to hide
Its nakedness of which it wants no one to see
On a wistful weed there rests a spore-like seed
With just as much right to be there as you or me.**

**Hoping that in your breast someone will want to rest
Do you think the things I think you think
I hope it's not your ship that will one day sink.**

4 A POEM FOR SOMEONE SOMEWHERE

**Into the unknown depths of hollow souls
We struggle**

**Into the imagery of peace and love
We hope**

**Into the hell of hopelessness and helplessness
We try to forget**

Let the sun give away its tan and rays to bodies

Let the ice melt and satisfy those who are thirsty

Let the whole world make love for an hour of a certain day

Let the sea hide its fish and the air expand for its birds

**May the land become luscious and give away its food
To those who are hungry**

Come out oh hidden soul and speak

Into the hollow depths of unknown souls we pass through

It's a summers day and the sky is blue

May

Someone

Somewhere

Believe

That this poem is true

Because

Someone

Somewhere

I wrote it for YOU!

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A PLACE I COULD CALL *HOME*

A place where I could enter

and not be a stranger

A place where I could leave

without any good-byes

A place where I could be as I am

and do what I wanted

A place that I could call home

yet feel no ties.

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A POEM FOR FRIENDS

**I don't feel lonely
but there's nobody**

**Nobody I get on with
on with like you**

**I've got lots of
lots of friends**

**Some of them
some of them true**

**But still
still you mean more to me**

**Than all of them
all of them do.**

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WHO ARE YOU?

**Is it true
That it's not what you do
That really matters**

**You don't have to go far
Because it's who you are
Standing there in your tatters.**

8 OPEN YOUR EYES DUDE

**I
Wanted
To fill a book with poetry

But all
I saw was
Birds hanging in the air.

Open your eyes dude
I told myself.**

The day has ended

The night is dark

The light shines bright at the Harwich Inn

Who is this stumbling, staggering, through that ever-open door

From what country

From what part

From what shore?

What has he done

Where is he going

What has he come here for?

The pipe, the booze is passed around

From what state did you say

From what town?

And so you meet new people there

I wonder how many have climbed those stairs

Everybody brings new voices new ears

How many have stayed there over the years?

It's a place where kids can come and go

***"Freedom"* is the strongest word they know**

And the light shines on in the Harwich Inn

That light I hope will never dim.

10 A POEM ABOUT AN AGING TREE

**A poem about an ageing tree
A verse for you and a verse from me
This is what I have to say
As we all ponder in our own way**

**The tree came from a tiny seed
Surviving every different kind of weed
It was born like you or me
Not that different as you're going to see**

**It soon grew leaves which hung so proud
As it grew taller the wind made them loud
It saw manies a winter and summer go bye
But it never moved nor did it ever try**

**It soaked in power from sun-tinted rays
Making its own food during the days
At night it slept and dreamed and sighed
Till one day it was felled and died.**

11 NOT ALL FISH ARE THE SAME

**There are many fish in the sea
But I feel like
A prawn
In a can of sardines**

**When time for you is getting old
When age has made you not so bold
When you can't always tell right from wrong
After every night there comes a dawn.**

**When trees are growing not so green
When places you're going to are places you've been
When all you can sing is an old song
After every night there comes a dawn.**

**When leaves are changing in the fall
When only one coat hangs there in the hall
When summers are short and winters are long
After every night there comes a dawn.**

**When BISHOPS live in CASTLES and KNIGHTS Stop a KING
When QUEENS are all losers then you can sing
When you realise you've been only a PAWN
After every night there comes a dawn.**

**I was walking down a lane
When I spied an acorn on an oak tree
I put out my hand to pick it
But as I didn't need it
And I had no one to give it to
I left it alone and unplucked**

**Maybe someday
It will grow into a tree of strength
For someone.**

14 THE BROKEN PIECE

**When you break a piece of pottery
And stick it together again
It's not really the same is it?
Isn't life just like a piece of pottery**

15 WISHEFUL THINKING

Sometimes

I long

To be back

There

Over

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16 DECISIONS

Struggling with

Where to go

What to do

Who to see

How to say

Opens my mind

Like a can

17 RETURNING TO SPAIN

Arriving in Madrid

With nothing much to lose

Never thought I'd be back here

Leaving you and me

not knowing my name

and a lot to gain

in sunny spain

behind

Talking all day

Feeling certain thinks

Wondering where I am going

Leaving you and me

and my mind goes fast

knowing they won't last

where my lot is cast

behind

Sleeping at night

Forgetting now

Your picture has gone

Leaving you and me

alone in my bed

the things you said

the image fled

behind