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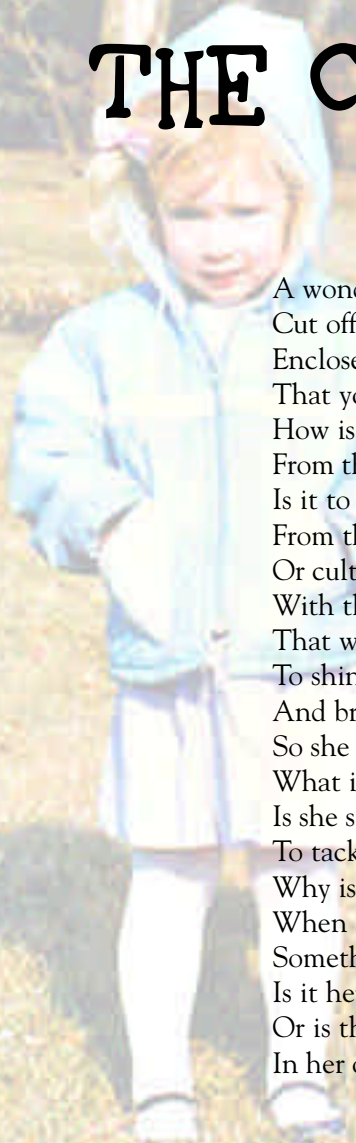
REALITY

1/28-31/99

Here I sit in my room
Feeling so many emotions
I wonder why
I miss you so.
Love comes inside
So strong
I think of you
All of the great times we had
Make me smile
My babe
How I miss you so
If I hold your hand I won't let go
In this great world;

THE CLOSET CHILD

3/4/99

A young child with light hair, wearing a blue hooded jacket and white pants, stands in a grassy field. The child is looking slightly to the left. The background shows a line of trees and a path.

A wonder world
Cut off from the dangers of life
Enclosed in a space
That you can walk in several paces
How is it that I am isolated?
From the world
Is it to protect me?
From the dangers that lie ahead
Or cultivate me
With the finer things
That will bring the best in me
To shine to the world
And brighten anything that crosses my path
So she wonders
What is on the other side?
Is she strong enough?
To tackle or embrace her true reality
Why is it?
When she takes a couple of steps forward
Something lingers onto her to hold her back
Is it her mind playing tricks on her?
Or is the reality she developed for herself
In her own closet

DESCRIPTIONS

3/4/99

Bart Simpson
Conniving
Playful
Sarcastic
Funny
Mischievous
Average in School
Competitive
Pranks
Happy Child
Loving
Gets even-vindictive

Lisa Simpson
Smart
Reliable
Giving
Open Minded
Ambitious
Doesn't Fit ~family
Always trying to improve
Looking for change
& A chance to shine
Loving
Gets even-vindictive

Grandpa
A good grandpa
Grumpy
Sweet
Logic
Old
Decrepit
Wise

Giving
Loving
Gets even-vindictive

Marge
A good mother
A goof wife
Loving
Giving
Stable
Reckless
On the Edge
Somewhat a beauty
Keeps things together
Vulnerable
Cautious
Gets even-vindictive

Homer
A good husband
A good father
Conscious
Loving
Giving
Goes out of his way
Helpful
Ambition
Lives on the edge
A good job
Likes to eat
Likes to have fun
Wreckful
Gets even-vindictive

Maggie
A good baby
Likes to watch TV.
Winnie
Sucks her pacifier
Goes Everywhere
Talkative
Gets even-vindictive

Marge's Sisters
Agree some
Nosy
Always inviting themselves over
Twins
Look alike
Gets even-vindictive

Next Door Neighbors
Good
Loving
Religious
Forgetful
Good Neighbors
Bossy
Picky
Gets even-vindictive

The bar owner
Serious
Busybody
Falls for pranks
Gets even-vindictive
Goes berserk

The Policeman
Caring
Thoughtful
Nice & easy going
Gets suspicious
Nails the suspect
Cries
Gets even-vindictive

EXPECTATIONS

3/4/99

I wish to achieve
All that I can be
Soaring high in the sky
Is the Direction
I strive for
Be it day or Night
It is an Accumulation
Of things that add up
To all the dreams
I dare to be
As a tree my roots are deep in good ground
My bark is steady and strong
Becoming wiser in depth
My leaves are as fresh
As the green dew
As my ideas and inspirations
That someday
May come to be
Bear the fruit of my dreams
My expectations
Will come true
If I believe I can achieve
Then I will be able
To consciously strive
Toward my goals
How is it the expectations I have for myself keep me centered to the world?
Where would I be if I had none?
Would I have the same character?
That survives a chaotic world
With a dream that keeps me stable
I have expectations that keep me soaring
As a balloon filled with helium
What dangers lie ahead?

I hurdle over
Because I keep moving forward
To my future
I want the best for myself
Thinking positively and conquering all obstacles
How I am able to survive
When burdens come my way
Blue skies ahead
Filled with fresh air
Of a new day
That is how I am able to look forward
To a new beginning
I want so much
For myself
My Expectations
That soars high in the sky
Keep soaring high
I stay focused on the big picture
And little things phase away
I like to go and do positive things
For the children
The elderly
The needy
In the society
We as people we can contribute
To make this world
A better place
I enjoy helping others
My expectations for myself
Does not allow me
To neglect others
Though I must do
All that I can do to succeed
So that I can have the power
To help others

SURVIVE

3/5/99

I was at point in my life
Where I was in need
Who came to my rescue?
Was it my family, friends, or professional help?
Well, I know at this point in my life
I survived from the burdens of my life
I survived the negatives, or cries of disappointment
Does being in need make me weak?
Or does the feeling inside make me strong
Now I know I am stronger from surviving
These experiences of helplessness
Did I call for help?
Or did help come seek me
I was so strong that I did not see
That I needed help
So when people thought I could use help or advice
I became angry and upset
Then once I accepted the help that was given to me
I was able to help myself and evaluate my thoughts
I began thinking of alternatives to solve my problems
Once you began to admit that maybe your behavior is different
Focus on helping yourself and you will see a positive change
This change is an everlasting change within me
So I say still I survive from the hardships and burdens that surround me
Still I survive from all the negativity that surrounds me
I am protected by God, my family, and friends and I say
I Survive

THE WAIT

3/5/99

I pondered the thought of when it was time that I would go home.
Though the decision was not entirely my own
Part depended on how I interacted
And was able to make a new transition
The other part was a decision
Determined by my counselor
So, I hoped and wished that all would go well
That my behavior would reflect my willingness
For change and new tidings
Well the time is drawing near
And all is positive in the air
The thought of waiting is not all that bad
I look forward to the day
When they come and say
It's your life,
So go on your way
To do what I have to do
And accomplish my goal and dreams
That lives within me.

NEW BEGINNINGS

3/5/99

A brand new day
Wisdom to begin a new start on life
New since I am given another chance
That I was able to pull myself through my circumstances,
And have faith from within
I have the start to put all my hopes and dreams to the test
With the help of God to pull me up if I fall
My loved one in my heart to stand by my side
I trust in God with all my heart
I also expect you my love to be there
For me if I am in need
I make mistakes, no person is fallible
So forgive me as Jesus has forgiven you
For not trusting and having faith
I would have been by your side if you had let me know
That you cared, so now I wait her wondering
If you will walk back into my life
Knowing I still care
With the blessing of God in my life
I have made room for you
Please stay
Stay in my heart
Stay in my life
Please stay



MY BETTA

3/5/99

Tropical fish so colorful and shiny
You flounder you tail
As you brush through the water
Every time, I feed you
You put your trust within me,
And nibble right from my hand
How I enjoy watching you move
Around in your surroundings
So exotic you brighten any day
In return all you ask for
Is some food flakes
How I wonder what you think
If you are happy in your tank
When I change your water
You do not seem to mind
You flounder and flounder
In you tropical waters

THE GYM

3/6/99

This gym or sports club is full of dynamic people
Some you refer to as stars, basketball players, lawyers, and stockbrokers, others as CEO's
Generally, hard workers who come to let off some steam
Some come in mingle at the café, or eat down at the restaurant
While others may spend the day at the spa
People that get involved with the personal trainers are trying to work on body and mind
There are four levels of floor work out areas
One is for aerobics and cycling, while the other floors are machinery and free weights
The famous basketball court where both men and women play ball
Showing off their skills is fashionable to hang out there
They have a military type of class where you feel as though you are in boot camp
The kids and their parents hang out in the junior Olympic swimming pool
Another sport both the kids and their parents enjoy is a form of karatido
The other attraction is the outdoor track where you can run or rollerblade
The top floor they have a sun deck where you can kick back and sit in a folding chair
Listen to music, and read the newspaper

SPORTS TEAM

3/6/99

The cheering of the crowd as you try your best to score
The swiftness of the ball as it leaves your hand
Your teammates working together as one to score another point
Disappointment when you don't make the score
Consistent enthusiasm from your faithful fans
Score, Score, Score
You hear the roaring of the crowd
Your movement is automated as though you practiced this play a million times
As you score another, you feel as though your head is on cloud nine
Back into reality the other team gets hold of the ball
What defense plan will we use to get the ball back in our hands?
Tackle them and we will get penalty points
We stick together waiting for a chance to recapture the ball back in our hands
We take the ball back and head for another chance to score
Swoosh, another point, we take the lead with thirty seconds to go
We stumble passing the ball to avoid the other team from scoring
Five, Four, Three, Two, One
We Won

THE PEN

3/6/99

The pen is my instrument for expression
It is my tongue that I speak with
I write my most intimate thoughts
My free expression
Enables me to relinquish any feelings I have at any particular moment
I tend to use this pen to help me deal with particular situations that I am in
To help me get a better understanding of a topic or situation
This pen can be used in a positive or negative manner
I prefer to use it positively, as therapy or just for fun
The thought has crossed my mind that this persuasive pen
Can get me a good job, and many opportunities
It can also be used constructively when criticizing
Though I stay away from the negativity, because
Nothing positive comes from that
The pen can be used to make or destroy a person's reputation, but
That person will have to live with their decision

LOVE FROM WITHIN

3/19/99

I am so sad because I can't see you anymore
I thought I was strong through when I reflect and look back
I feel this void inside
I know that I am strong and I will make it through
The strength within me to survive and make something of myself is stronger
I learned that I have faith
This longing to make something of myself within me is sound
To hear the echo of your cheering for me makes me so proud
I have determination within me to strive for my goals
The star that is shining in the sky I call onto you
Every time I look up in the sky and remember all of our good times
That star I recall upon and think of you
Shine bright star shine
Into the night you brighten the blackened sky
I see you in my mother, father, sister, brother, niece, and nephews
All the beauty I see is within me, so I am not sad, but happy
To have someone like you bring the best out in me
To challenge me to achieve goals and strive for the best within myself
Not to take no for an answer
To move beyond any limitations that are placed on me
To look for motivation from within and conquer all tribulations
To spread my love and knowledge
To whoever is there to accept my kindness?
Will help me feel valued
As your shining star will give the light

JUST SAY NO

3/20/99

Just say no,
When you do not believe in what is being offered to you
Just say no,
When you are already under too much stress
Just say no,
When the demands are too many
Just say no,
When you do not have the desire to extend anymore
Just say no,
For what ever reason that the price is too high
You will survive,
Just believe
You will accomplish a lot more if
You will learn to say
“No”



RIGHT AT BAT

3/20/99

I was down, but I was not out
I still stayed in the game
Did you think you struck me out?
No, I had one strike against me
Did you think I would leave and sulk?
My mind is too strong and heart is not giving up
I am at home base until you see me strike out,
And I will keep coming back
I have the beautiful gift within me called will
The will to love
The will to live life to the fullest
The will to give
The will to share,
And the will to care for others
My beauty from within shines on the outside
If I happen to strike out
I will get another chance
Right at bat,
And do not think I will give up
You will see me again
And again
Right at Bat

HEADING TO THE TOP

3/20/99

I am strong hearted
I am strong willed
I am headed to the top
The blue skies and clouds are high in the sky
Is there a glass ceiling for me?
I will soar through any limitations
Or borders that come my way
I am headed to the top and that's where I will stay
Do not try to bring me down, because
Your snares and devilish ways will not affect me
In any way or form
Because my head is looking forward,
And I will not look back
I have God on my side
And he is here to protect me
I am in the sky,
And that is where I will stay
My mind is on God's words and he has a lot to say
Keep moving forward and he will protect you
I heading for the top,
And that is where I am staying

THE ARTIST

3/21/99

How is it that I am able to express what I am feeling?
Be it writing, dance, acting, drawing, or song.
This is my avenue of expression
This is my mode of thought to express my feelings
Why is it that we tend to hold anger in?
Instead of releasing our feelings and
Letting go of the stress build up
Tension and anxiety can cause headaches
What form of art do you use to express your feelings?
The artist is the one who masters the form of art
The one who is free of expression?
The master artist is in touch with their feelings
They will use their form of art to entertain at the same time they express themselves
As an artist cultivates their skill they become better at what they do
Attracting more people to appreciate their art
Why do we need to express ourselves?
Should we keep our feelings bottled up inside?
No, when we allow little things to build up they tend to explode
When little things bother us
Is it because, we kept our feelings to ourselves
It is healthier for us to become assertive
To let others know how we feel
Or else we become angered and frustrated
For allowing others to control our lives
By not standing up for ourselves and taking initiative
To speak up for ourselves

RAINBOW

3/27/99

A colorful gleam of lights
Reflecting upon a wet surface
Shining upon the ground
With an array of red, yellow, green, blue, and purple
These beautiful colors together give me a sense of instant joy
To appreciate such natural wonders that are taken for granted
The dew on the grass in the morning
The blossoming of the flowers in the spring
The rain and sun that gives our plants and flowers nutrients
Waterfalls that are astonishing to look at
The smell of the outdoor of all of the earth grown forestry
Walking outside to appreciate the change of scenery, trees, shrubs,
A pond surrounded by older and baby ducks, and a swan

STRENGTH

4/4/99

Strength is part of your character that pushes you to do
When very little energy is left in you
It is when you have no resources,
And still have the desire to reach higher
It is when you have been through so much turmoil
Many wonder how you can take another step forward
It is when you break from your ordinary pattern, and
Strive for something better
It is when everyone tells you to give up, but
Your heart keeps pumping on
It is an accumulation of things that happen to you, and
You continue to push on

EASTER SUNDAY

4/4/99

The true meaning of Easter Sunday is the renewal of Christ,
Many celebrate with Easter bunnies, eggs, candy, beautiful dresses, and suits
It is a day to acknowledge that all that Jesus has done for us
In God's name
To know that he has given his life for us
That he died to take away our sins,
So we can enter the gates of heaven
He came back in spiritual form
We should all celebrate, but
Know the true meaning behind Easter
Today was a wonderful day
I went to mass and received the Eucharist,
And the word of God
Then when I came home we had a dinner, and I reflected

RELEASE

4/4/99

Release One, Two, Three
Burst
Out Open
Champagne, Explode
Roses Blooming
Rockets Shooting
A person crying
Life beginning
A boxer punching a bag
Let go, Let go
Fighting, kicking, jumping
I am back, roaring to go
Back to make my mark
And Explode
Back in the competitive game
Ready to shout, dance
Joy, laughter, and smiling
Excruciating sounds, anger
Release
Let go
Orange, Red, Go Explode
At war with soldiers
On the earth
Peace Corps working to make
A better place
Birds chirping, Dogs growling
Make a sound,
Stand up, Stomp
Scream Loud, Clap, Make a Noise
Be heard

FRICTION

4/99

Disagreement
Arguing, Screaming
Colder, Colder, Colder
Two surfaces that are rubbing against each other
Never coming to terms
Shifting, Changing, Sliding
Gliding on ice
Walking on the floor
Making love two kindred souls
Sliding on a board
Running on a track
Mopping the floor
Angry, not happy with someone
Things are going the wrong way

THE UNDERLYING SEASONS OF TREES

3/6/00

One lay dormant in the sunlight bare of its green essentials
The prosperous one known to ignite the lives of children
In summer, fall, winter, and spring
What two worlds merge together fruits that are seen on different plains?
One giving of its leaves and other bearing green whitish pins of life
We see the difference of the world beyond us
Though very few can acknowledge
The strength and endurance of one
That gives life to others throughout the seasons
The leaves shall return in spring
While the others bare its greens all year long

DANCE

3/27/00

Dance to me is a song
Of expression
A free high
Moving, gliding
Soaring about
One, two, three
One, two, three
A moment in time
A fantasy
A party
Moving to a beat
Pounding the drums
A whirl of wonder
In the ecstasy of life

THE DRUM

3/28/00

African rhythmic beats
In tune to the earth
Music
Sounds of the land
In retrospect to our forefathers
In unison
As one
A melody
So sweet
Twirling in my mind
Happiness
At last

EXERCISE

4/1/00

Exercise
Motion
Pushing through time
A moment of force
To take away another pound
Push and Pull
Weights that sustain
A balance
In tone with life
Jumping and running
Through a pavement worn down
Beautiful sites you pass
That comes back in time

WILL TO LIVE

4/30/05

Lying down asleep
I try to seek peace
A state of mind
Wake up! Wake up!
Water is taking hold
My nose, I am falling under
I can't breathe
Wake up! Wake up!
My mind is not functioning
If I stay awake, Will I get insomnia?
I try to rest as I am falling asleep
My mind is being taking over
As I am falling deep under
I awake from this attack
Scared to fall asleep
I need my rest to stay alive
Vibrant, to function
Will I make it?
Stay strong
Fight to live
Harmony is here
The water is not taking hold of my nose as strong
My mind is getting stronger
Though I lose control
Something has taken over
All I can remember is I awake with the same feelings and thoughts
Though I feel a little bit stronger
Strange, how life is
My will to live is stronger
That is how I survive

STATIC

5/3/05

Moments in time
Changing, Shifting
Will you be mine?
Forces
That draws you near
Angles
So distant and clear
Couples,
Parallel in line
Do they meet?
Or in another life
Joints, Reactions
Burst, out in flames
It came to me
With a new life
Share
Resultant
That is where it ends
Adjusting
So I see you tonight

MECHANICS

5/3/05

Pain, Sorrow, Despair
Engineering
Was it happy?
My thought was it clear
Lectures, Test, Finals
Came to mind
I had an ego
Until it came to class
It revealed my logic
As a task
I jumped though the rope
Until it was gone
Family and friends were they gone
Then it was my turn
To travel
Defeat I mean
I came close
But it wasn't near
Now I have time to regress
I say
Logic is back
What more do I say

FRIENDSHIP

5/3/05

Friendship to me is a helping hand
It takes me up when I am feeling bad
Two kindred souls working together
Blessed to have one another
I want to know how it would be
Could we count on one another?
Dancing, Prancing Around
Let's stay strict
To depend on each other
Ups and Downs they come around
Let's take turns
Leading around
Now there comes a time
When you must pick
Is it me?
It is time to choose
Look not haste
Another fit
Once we know where we are leading
I'll make a choice
In this New Haven
Is it me?
I must know
Once I'm here I tell you so
You are a friend
Indeed
When you come close
I'll tell you please

BABY

5/9/05

My baby
In spiritual form you are the one
That makes me shine
Together we are everlasting
In memory I hold you are my precious light
So dear to me
How I miss you so
If I can hold time I would never let you go
I think of you always
My shining star
You are my sun in the morning and guiding star at night
Shine bright, Shine bright
My baby
You take all the worries and cares away
In heaven

Dedicated to "Harper Williams"

MORE THAN FRIENDS

2/1993

Friendship is to me is to trust beyond
To share of oneself
With another
For fun
Sorrow, or just to be near
In comfort, or laughter
To show that you care
It is as though you been together a lifetime through
Hopes and dreams you inspire each other
To accomplish any task
Big, or small
This feeling of joy
It seems to clear
The everlasting bumpy roads that come to past
You are more than just a friend to me
With your warmth and comfort
Showering, This ever-glowing sensation
That comes from within, an emotion

A feeling that hides inside,
To protect the gentleness,
Of my loving heart

EVERGLOWING LIGHT

5/1996

Moods
Feelings-shouting out loud
Many thoughts
Passing-a moment in time
At last I take hold this memory of mine
A dream
Fantasy, make it all mine
Dangling, like chandelier glass
An emotion, so soft
Or cold as snow
Release, let go
Explode! Not my mind
Let go, of the haunting
Let go
Heartbeat No More

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

6/17/05

To live by healthy standards
Mind, Body, Soul
To live consciously taking care of your health and wellness
By taking healthy measures
Practicing good habits
Taking vitamins
Eating healthy
Exercise-three to five times a week
Cardiovascular workouts-to condition the heart
Monitoring your heart rate & blood pressure
Free weights-weight bearing activities
For bone density (strength)
Keeping a healthy weight
Drinking water several times a day
Eating a variety of colorful foods
Orange carrots, green lima beans, red tomatoes
Avoid eating fatty foods
Avoid smoking
Proper clothing, and comfortable shoes
Jogging on soft pavements.

MODELS

6/24/05

Models
Giving air
Polo Ralph Lauren
Moving in tune
To the universe
Music so softly
Clothes that stay in style
We are all astonished
By the Mood
By Performance

OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

6/26/05

A fresh breeze of air through the meadow
Tall trees,
Green leaves that transpires life
One lovely thought of the midst of airier
Passing by to an occasion
I say I reflect the days I know
Blue sky
Bearing sunlight from afar
Into the light I see
Shade
Buildings that hide the sun
On a metal bench covered with soft plastic
Enjoyment of the sense of touch, smell, taste, sound, and sight.
In the mood of company
The bench sustaining two
Now, I wait until I get a chance
To enter this place
Filled with life and knowledge
The library will be open tomorrow
But here I shall remain
Outside of the library

THE WATERS AT THE BEACH

7/29/05

Wash away
By the sand
Into the land
Come by wind or storm
The waves that wash through
The waters
Out comes sunlight
That dries the land
That bring back
The sand to the beach
Away the water washes
Waves and all

LIVE IN ACCORDANCE

8/1/05

What we see in this grand world
Our lives, full of spirits
They mingle quite often
With much they do not say
It's all in our actions
That bring fourth, the words
That express how we feel
Deep in our wounds
We tend to heal
God only knows our actions at best
To believe in him and his words
We save our lives spiritually
What we come to expect
Time will only tell
We live our lives well
In accordance

SUNFLOWER

8/14/05

Bright, yellow sunflower
With your lengthy stem
As tall as you stand
Sunshine shines upon you
How I enjoy your grace
Enlighten my life with your
Beautiful flowers.

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