

The Dark Side () () Ve

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You and I

The sky is raw steel. Iron birds mount into the tempered sky. They weep over you and I. Separated by impossible distances though I hold you in my arms.

Vices of iron clutch both of us, unrequiting of our desires.
You—tethered to tradition and family. I, a wandering troubadour.

I'll sing you a song of what can never be. I'll dry that tears in your eyes. As you cry, and iron falcon sheds a tear. A tear for what can never be—you and I.

Run Away

My old man was mean as hell.. He wanted to run my life. At sixteen I ran away to fly like a wild bird. I hit the streets and soon discovered it was an ugly place. There were no pleasant melodies. The only birds were vultures waiting to pounce

I fell into an ugly world. It was called "A bed for a bang." Occasionally one of the vultures would share a dobby and for several hours my tears would be gone. I hated being mauled drooled upon and screwed just for a place to sleep.

I stayed with Brad for three weeks; things were looking up. Then came the time I couldn't perform and he threw me out. I don't know what I'll do when winter comes. I don't have a coat I guess I'll have to find a pimp. At least I'll get paid. for what I'm doing.

Flower Child

She could easily be one hundred. Dandelion wine still oozes from her pores. She once wore daisies in her hair.
She should just be hitting her stride but she is haggard and bent.
The carefree years are gone.
She once had dreamy visions of changing the world.

There were no mores to stifle her; she banged a thousand guys. But when you dance a wild dance, the piper must be paid.

Gray matted hair hangs in her face. Lines are etched a mile deep. Her hips need to be replaced; she can't walk.

Life was once a plumb to be picked. It was a lark, free and wild. No more! She exists in a state-run geriatrics center.

Doomed

My girlfriends giggle and joke. They talk of love in the back seat. They take bets on who will be the first. I can't tell them how horrible it is.

Mom has a bad heart and is too sick, so dad turned to me. It hurts and I'll never get used to it. It makes me sick when he comes in my room.

I must endure in silence; telling would kill my mom. I've gone from being daddy's little girl, to being a piece of meat.

I loathe all men and most boys; they are all after the same thing. You're like a toy, there for their pleasure. On the day I turn fifteen next month, I'll run away.

Tattoo

Girls, when the world is sad and dreary, why would you turn to pot? A chemical fix to your problems isn't where it's at.

Instead go to the tattoo parlor.
Get some red roses on your butt.
You will be the center of attention.
You can show off your work of art.

Your life will immediately change and change for the better. You can display those red roses happily displaying your new painting, you'll be the belle of the ball.

Toxic Love

Looking back—when did our love turn toxic? I should have known it wouldn't work out. She was fun and giddy but without any substance. Drawn to her and her coquettish ways, I fell in love with a wisp of smoke. Those flashing eyes now drip hate. She doesn't talk any more; she snarls. She detests it when I read. She must be the center of attention. There are things in this world beyond the mental cubicle where she resides. Blinded by a desire to have her, I couldn't see that the whole world revolved around her. It was I, I, I and never we. I refuse to fight anymore, so I'll turn and walk away.

Charade

Both Katie and Bob worked so they wanted for nothing. They developed champagne appetites and life couldn't get any better.

Then Bob got laid off from his job in a small electronics plant. It was up to Katie to bring home the bacon while Bob looked for work.

It was an emasculating experience for Bob. His self-worth went south with the failing economy. He lost the spark in his eyes. He hid behind a pasted on smile.

Now it was hot dogs instead of prime rib. Katie suffered; her lifestyle had come to a crashing halt. She no longer knew the husband she married twelve years ago.

Bill collectors began haunting them and the charges on their credit card grew exponentially. In desperation, Bob took a job as the night manager of a hamburger joint.

Katie turn for solace and comfort to a colleague. He was kind and understanding. She soon was taking comfort in his bed. The magic she knew with Bob was gone so she lived out a charade. The smell of hamburger grease on her husband turned her stomach but she would stick with him for the kids.

Melinda

He told her she was fat and ugly saying that he needed to put a sack over her head when they made love. He manipulated her for sex.

How thoughts get distorted, no one knows, but Melinda began to diet. She felt if she lost 25 pounds, that would magically flip a switch on her lover and he would lighten up. She became obsessed. She starved herself every day, refusing to eat or drink. She weighed herself 20 times a day and became bereft if she gained an ounce. She began to look gaunt and gray.

When she dropped below 100 pounds, they put her in the hospital. Her organs failed and she passed away. Her death certificate read that the cause of death was anorexia. That may be true in a technical sense, but she was killed by her worthless lover.

Sick,

Munching potato chips as he watches 'Days Of Our Lives.' Living vicariously through the pixels on the screen. He will be turning thirty-two and lives at home with his mom.

Content to be a couch potato, he devowered's the soaps. He justifies his sleepwalking life by saying he's there to care for his widowed mother.

She in turn, makes no effort to push him out. She would have to face a dreary world alone. The sheer thought of being alone makes her nauseous. They share the same bed and do more than sleep.

He's never worked a day in his life. He's glued to the TV where he eats. He goes to the bathroom on commercial breaks. The both look foreword to the night together..

Green Eyed Monster

To her it was a one night stand. Now she's sober, she doesn't know I exist. She now has a tall Latin lover.

I could stalk and wait to approach, but I'm afraid of rejection. I would shrivel up and die if she laughed at me.

Here on the roof across the way I wait. At last she and her lover come out. I level down on him in my scope and squeeze the trigger.

At the last second she moves to give him a kiss. The bullet tears through her long slim neck and lodges in his shoulder. They both fall to the ground. . Her lifeblood comes spurting out.

"No!", I shout to the heavens. "No! What have I done?" The Green-Eyed Monster wins again..

Nymphomania

Addicted to sex, The lady sought me out. It took two sessions for her to understand the underlying dynamics. Rejected by her father that she loved; she sought his emotional bonding with men through sexual contact.

She spoke of daily erotic encounters. Now she understood what drove her into the arms of men.

I told her that she had to confront her father; tell him that his emotional distance made her life difficult. She smiled a wry smile and said, "My father's dead."

Then she looked puzzled and she finally spoke, "Now I understand why I crave sex, but don't think I want to change. While we're at it, why don't you join me here on the couch."

Revenge

My husband had a wandering eye when we married. For the last three months, I knew he was having an affair. When I confronted him, he didn't try to hide anything. He wanted a divorce so he could marry his secretary.

For what ever reason, he got brutally cruel. He told me of his affair and said she was everything that I wasn't. She was warm and fun and better yet, she wasn't a cold fish in bed. His words cut deep and tore at my insides. I shed no tears; I just walked away.

Next day I did some research and found where she lived. I paid her apartment manager twenty bucks to let me in. I waited impatiently on her bed. Soon I could hear them laughing and giggling. Adrenaline course through my veins, but I sat calmly there. When they opened the bedroom door, I smiled at them as I took my husband's 357 magnum and blew both of them away.

Siren

He succumbed to the dark seductress. She whispered of pleasure paradise. Life was an endless rut before. Now it's an trail of anguish.

Men are stupid he tells himself. She was the love of his life, but he push her away. He was frightened by the intimacy.

He reeks and hurts to the marrow. Specter's dance wildly in his head. Gothic figures stalk him.

The pain is worse than his somnambulistic life.

Gone are the good things; he didn't miss until gone. Fire burns hot inside there is no turning back.

He hates the cravings and anguishes as he stoops to puke. He has succumbed a new faceless lover, a bottle of booze.

Intimacy

Shaking and trembling; my face is long. She gives him her soul, but it smothered me.

Pushes her away; now I drowns in tears. Agony tells me I was wrong.

She's gone; no last kiss. Gone, gone, gone.

Searching my mind; conjuring up her image; craving her touch.

Turning to a dark seductress. washing away the pain. Slowly the fire smolders out..

Balm in a bottle; taking a new lover. The drink demon herself.

Breaking Away

Sky rockets burst all around us Passion consumed us; Lust was a a ravenous beast. It was huge slice of paradise, but it didn't last.

She stuck in her claws and wouldn't let go; we made love when she was in the mood, it was her way or not at all. She would tell me what socks to wear and my tie didn't match. There were no more nights out with the boys.

We ate at her favorite restaurant, and she chose the movies. Once a month we went to the ballet; I tried to dig my heels in, but it was no use.

She called me three or four times a day at work, reading me a grocery list of the meals she had planned; she always ended with "Now don't forget."

I lay awake at night wrestling with myself; the steam in our relationship wasn't enough. I didn't say goodbye as I left.

Rubber Room

The world whizzes by. People talking, but making no sense.

Rats in the warehouse eating the grain; ugly brown things.

Icicycles drops smash the ground shaking the foundation with thunder.

Homemade cake frosted with mud. It looks delicious.

Barrels of apples turning brown, stinking like vinegar.

My world has vanished. I search but can't find it. The rubber room is sterile and cold. What are the flowers?

Guilt sears my soul; I should have ended the affair months ago.

I miss my kids.

Cookie Lady

Traffic was fierce. I was running late; the Bell hop gave me a wink as I took the elevator. I had the usual room, paid by the company.

The john was a squatty aerospace engineer. The service had checked him out. He was a negotiator on a multimillion dollar contract.

He was shy even embarrassed. He was unconscious of his wedding ring. He twisted it a dozen times. I must admit he wasn't much of a lover. Out of the room I put on my wedding band.

This was my Thursday ritual; leaving the kids with my husband and heading out to my "art class". For an hour's work the pay was great.

I stopped in the bar for a drink. I needed to unwind. Then I was hit on by a good looking guy. What is this world coming to; he could easily see I was wearing a wedding ring.

No Way

There was a hint of stubble on my chin Though you could hardly see it. Hormones were coursing through my blood; I believed I was a stud.

I played a mean game of football. We crushed opponents and won every game. The chicks wouldn't leave me alone except for Alice who was totally blasé.

She was intriguing, so I pursued her. It took three months before she'd go out with me. I thought I was another Hollywood hunk but she treated me like I was a geek.

Why do men want to climb mountains? Alice presented such a challenge. Was her aloofness real or just a charade? Was I, just one more guy to be played?

I thought I was getting to second base When that little lady trashed my heart. I was in despair when she left me to go and sit next to another guy.

I was stunned; and couldn't move. I couldn't believe my eyes. I thought I would shrivel up and die. She was constantly on my mind.

For more than a week, I hurt and pined away. I wasn't used to coming in second. A month later, I was approached by the other guy. He pleaded with me to take her back.

Sinister Specters

Sterile dark walls stare at me. She's taken the prints of Monet. The old recliner offers no comfort; the abyss in my stomach makes me nauseas. My thoughts are hollow.

The fight was brutal and ugly. She had every reason to leave. What sinister specters hide in the minds dark corners that drive you to say the cruelest things?

There were so many good times. Two kids riding life's merry-go-round. Laughing and loving, where did it all come unrayeled.

I wipe a single tear from my cheek. My eyes close and my lower lip trembles. Visions of her face flood my mind. I'll pour myself another stiff one. I'll kill the pain with that fifth of scotch.

English Manners

I sailed to England to settle an uncle's afairs. We met in the ship's dining room. It was sparks and lightning from the moment our eyes met.

I stood transfixed I couldn't move or speak. Her wry smile said more than a thousand words. We danced. Thus began a torrid shipboard romance.

We didn't spend much time in the dining room or on the deck. She was a passionate lover. It was hell when the ship docked. I saw a tear in her eye and she gave me a lingering goodbye kiss.

After I had taken care of my business, I eagerly found her address. I knocked on the door of her flat. My heart felt when she answered the door. Gone were her smile and the glow in her eyes. I felt sick as I stood there and agonized. Her face was cold as our eyes met.

"I'm here", I said passionately. She dropped her head and looked through her eyebrows and said, "Sir, we haven't been properly introduced as yet."

Breanne

Her reputation got around. She will lead you on then drop like a rock.

That didn't stop men from trying. Like a whirlwind she sucked them in. She would let them soar and then jerk the rug.

She laughed at the hearts she had broken. It was a game for her. Her stunning beauty drove men on like a moth to flame.

The whole thing was a lark. She reveled in the misery of men. She had no idea that she was playing with fire. The passions of men made them crazy. The mousey little accountant that she led on, put a bullet in her head.

Sans You and I

Bathed in dimming light;
shadows begin to creep.
Fire in the West
still haunts the sky. Flowers turn their
droopy heads to catch the last few rays.
Soon darkness will reign
and the Earth will rest.

So it is with you and I; we are in the twilight hour. We have basked in the sun sharing our love; clinging to each other. Will our love live on when our sun winks out? All we know is tomorrow the sunrise refreshing the earth sans you and I.

Living a Lie

Behind her gorgeous face darkness resigns. She flashes her white smile and her eyes have a come hither

look. She promises more than she will give. She isn't interested in the you, only what you can

give. She flaunts her delicious body and she plays the coquette. While your mind races in wild fantasies; she only wants what's is it in your

wallet. She lives a lie. She knows how to get what she wants. When she has drained the you dry, she moves onto a next guy.

Tango

Exotic rhythmus filled the dimly lit room. The latin beat invited us to dance. I took her in my arms. She followed my every move. Her dark brown eyes were fixed on mine. We slipped sideways in classical tango moves.

My hand caressed her back as her body pressed against mine. Her bare skin was silk. She moved with catlike grace as the music resounded the tango pace.

Her cheeks were flushed and lips held a subtle kiss. They were inviting a a passionate kiss. As the music stopped I held her tight. Tears spilled down my cheeks; she's an inflatable woman.

Rape

Flames bore down on my twisted arm and fear seized me. He groped me as he held a knife to my throat. Trying to shout, I choked out, "No, no, please!" The warm trickle of blood ran down my neck and stopped my frantic shouts.

He ripped at my blouse as he pressed his grizzly face on mine. He whispered with his alcohol breath, Don't you dare move." My blouse came off in shreds. Tears streamed down my cheeks and I shook. He tugged at my bra but it wouldn't come loose. He moved the knife to cut it away.

I kneed him as hard as I could. He slumped over in pain holding himself. I fumbled frantically through my purse and found my can of pepper spray. I gave him a triple dose. He crumbled to the ground gasping for air. I kicked him as hard as I could. My foot screamed pain but I kicked him again. I called 911 and in less than two minutes ten cops arrived. One I'll be officers gave me her coat as they hauled the bastard away.

Life in the Burbs

It's just one cup of coffee in the morning so if you don't get that caffeine shakes. You gag down oatmeal to lower your cholesterol. It's summer but you wear a dark suit; that's what the office expects.

You scowl as you write the check for that deductible for your fender bender. You've watched your diet carefully, so the bathroom scales must be wrong.

Living for the weekend when you can peer out of the rut, but you must mow the lawn and if you have time you will wash the car.

Gone is the youthful eager anticipation of Friday night sex. It's now become a perfunctory mating ritual where my wife wonders what color to paint the ceiling.

Stolen Love

My focus was broken; someone stood beside me. I broke my gaze from the painting. A young woman was standing beside me.

"It's gorgeous", she observed. "Yes", I replied. And so are you, I whispered to myself. "The artist has another picture over there," she said pointing.

We walked together to the other painting. "I love his work," she mused. "So do I" I replied. She smiled deeply, and my heart fluttered. "Would you join me for a cup of coffee?" I choked out. She paused for a moment as her hand toyed with her wedding band. She looked deep into my eyes and replied, "I'd like that."

In the mid-day the coffee shop was empty; we had the place to ourselves. We talked and laughed and enjoyed each other. She got serious when I told her I was a poet. She wanted to hear some of my work.

I mused for a moment then spoke a few lines about my loneliness. Tears came to her eyes she said that sounded so much like her. There was pain in her eyes when she said, "My husband doesn't know I exist." She put her hand on mine and asked if I would come home with her. She laughed at my look and said, "My husband is out of town for a week.

There were no shams or charades. She took off her wedding band with her clothes. We made love. Talking afterwards, she said that she loved her husband, but——. We made love again. I thought as she slept that her husband must be an ass. How could anyone ignore this woman?

I had to get up in the morning and go to work at my part time job. She touched my cheek and said she here when I got off work,

Pleading My Case

I never imbibed in a drink in my life. I don't care for the taste. I don't chase wild women or visit the brothels. .
I don't swear are curse even when I bust my knuckles.
I don't go to football games, I abhor the violence.
I cook and sew and I am good at both. I'm quite domestic. They says
I'm a gentlemen and a scholar.
I am naïve and easily fooled;
your Honor, I believed that girl when she said she was eighteen

Silk Sheets

We became fast friends. I loved her sarcastic quick wit. She was the master of a well turned phrase. We spent a lot of time together.

I told her that I wanted to kiss her. She laughed and said, "If you have to ask the answer is no." As we talked the subject turned to love. She said that she bet I would like to make love to her under the old sycamore tree.

"No," I replied. That is the last thing I would ever do. "If we made love, it would be in the finest room in the town on silk sheets". I told her that only the best would do. I'll never really understand that lady. All she could do was squeeze my hand and cry.

Stella

Stella is one of the ladies of the night, working in the local bordello near the docks.

She ain't me epitome of beauty, but a sailor just back from sea can't be too fussy.

It seems strange that men ask for Stella. She gives them their money's worth. None of that laying on her back counting the holes in the ceiling tile.

Every Thursday there's a long line stretching down the hall. On Thursday's, Stella has a half price sale.

Lying Little Bitch

My nerves are a jangle; can't eat and can't sleep. Hyper vigilant. She's a lying little bitch; said we would be together forever.

My anger seethes and my gut wenches. I scream and throw things. In my mind I see images of her giggling as she strips off her clothes. She doesn't bother to take off her rings when she jumps in bed with some other guy.

When she comes home, I'll be gone. I'll leave her high and dry. No goodbye. I'll just vanish into the night. Let her giggle at that.



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