

Fabulous

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You've struggled long to overcome the heartache
 Of loss and of love that twice had passed away
 In need of hope, instead you were abandoned
 Yet you survived to seek a brighter day

Returning home to those who've always loved you
 While traveling the road to recovery
 You found new hope; your universe expanded
 Surrounded by love and a caring family

You drew on faith to look for strength and comfort
 And to your aid came many who would pray
 With a beautiful quilt, each thread a loving message
 That through this hardship all would be okay

Recovering, you offered help to others
 Unselfishly showed love and empathy
 Befriending those who also share the struggle
 Suffering without hope that someday they'll be free

And then you met someone with much in common
 That quickly helped a special friendship grow
 Your feelings, lost in time, were rediscovered
 Though possible, you never thought it so

A wonderful relationship continued
 With happiness in all you share and do
 The future remains to always be a mystery
 But fabulous is what life is to you.
 Oooooo... So fabulous to you...

Sunshine and Blue Sky

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It's a rainy day again
 One more reality check
 Just when everything seemed right
 And so perfect
 Sometimes life can be complicated
 Though we didn't try to make it that way

We've been here many times before
 And always worked it out
 Yet I'm amazed that you're still around
 You love me, there's no doubt
 Honestly, I just can't imagine
 How my life would be without you here, 'cause...

You are the sunshine
 That brightens up my days
 I am the blue sky
 Absorbing all your rays
 Both needing the other
 We rely on each other
 And when those rainy days appear...
 You'll always be here.

It's alright and we'll be okay
 You've rescued me again
 Will I be in your arms tonight
 As I've always been?
 How did life get so complicated?

It doesn't matter, let it be that way, 'cause...

You are the sunshine
 That brightens up my days
 I am the blue sky
 Absorbing all your rays
 Both needing the other
 We rely on each other
 And when those rainy days appear...
 You'll always be here.

Life Got in the Way

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Everything seemed wonderful
 No one could disagree
 In love and my relationship
 As good as they could be
 My days were filled with happiness
 In all the things we'd do
 At night I'd dream of special times
 That I had shared with you

Then life got in the way
 And now I feel the pain
 Of waiting for the day
 When I'll be with you again
 Although it may be long
 I know I'll make it through
 Determined, I am strong
 And it's all because of you

Each morning, like the one before
 So early I shall rise
 Though occupied from dawn to dusk
 I miss those sunny skies
 The joy I knew will soon return
 Of this I am assured
 Your voice I hear each day relieves
 The loneliness endured

'Cause life got in the way
 And now I feel the pain
 Of waiting for the day
 When I'll be with you again
 Although it may be long
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Thanks to Love*©2009 Mark W. Muretisch*

So many things can pull us down
 And most are just distractions
 But life should still be wonderful
 With happy thoughts and actions
 Yet fear has caused us to react
 To things we are unsure of
 Though feeling all alone and lost
 We'll make it, thanks to love

So let's take it easy; let's take it slow
 Life is too crazy but never let go
 Let's make a vow that will forever last
 It's not too late, forget the past
 Together there is nothing we can't do
 Thanks to love, we'll get through

Our life is what we make of it
 That is our motivation
 And then we'll learn from experience
 It takes determination
 But first we have to face reality
 And things we are afraid of
 Replacing fear with hope and trust
 We'll make it, thanks to love

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Promise*©2009 Mark W. Muretisch*

Each moment we share is a gift
 To remember and cherish forever
 Our hope, which is found in our dreams,
 Is that someday we will be together
 For now we survive in the present
 And seek joy and happiness here
 Should promises ever be made, then,
 If the future is always unclear?

Indeed we can shape our tomorrow
 But still there is no guarantee
 That what we might hope for will happen
 So, like a ghost, it haunts our memory
 I want to share all that I'm feeling
 And I might find the right words to say
 But if I were to offer a promise
 Would it be just to love you today?

To promise is to make a commitment
 That my words alone cannot do
 Actions must follow each promise we make
 To believe that our dreams might come true

Why?*©2009 Mark W. Muretisch*

How do we tell
 the ones who love you that you're gone?
 Can you justify
 that without you they must carry on?
 It only takes a moment
 to forever change their lives
 So think about why...
 Think about why...

How do you know
 that it couldn't happen to you?
 Risks you must take
 and there's no guarantee you'll come through
 You may only have a moment
 to find what waits behind that door
 So what is it for?
 What is it for?

To protect and to serve may come with a price
 And those who accept it will make that sacrifice

Have lessons been learned
 and safer can we hope to stay?
 Will justice be served
 to ensure that the guilty will pay?
 It only took a moment
 But forever changed their lives
 So ask yourself, why...
 Ask yourself, why...
 Just ask yourself, why...
 Ask yourself, why...
 Oh, why...

It's You*©2009 Mark W. Muretisch*

Last night I found myself
 In a different place and time
 Like familiar verses
 Of a song that lost their rhyme
 I was confused at first
 But slowly came around
 Things didn't make much sense
 until I finally found...you

You're the one that I've been thinking of – it's you
 And you've been living in my head – that's true
 Will my imagination render what I'll do?

Now wait a minute,
 I'm not sure of what I feel
 It's got to be a dream
 And I know you can't be real
 But is my life the dream
 And dreams my life, instead?
 What is this crazy thought
 That's running through my head? It's you...

You're the one that I've been thinking of – it's you
 And you've been living in my head – that's true
 Will my imagination render what I'll do?

So I'll keep moving on
 And try to stay on track
 But there's a chance that I
 Might find the way back
 And though I'd have to leave
 With you I'd rather go
 Whether dreams are here or there
 This I'll always know – it's you...

You're the one that I've been thinking of – it's you
 And you've been living in my head – that's true
 Will my imagination render what I'll do?

My Happy Place

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Welcome back my dear old friend
 It's so nice to see you again
 Clear and bright, your days are long
 Deep and rich, your colors strong

The sun so warm upon my face
 Caressing like a sweet embrace
 Feelings that I've dearly missed
 Bring happiness I can't resist

Summertime is here at last
 But all too short and passing fast
 These memories I will retrace
 For here I've found my happy place

Waves that race to meet the shore
 Draw me in; I long for more
 On the beach is where I'll be
 The best of dreams you've given me

From solid blue to pastel skies
 The cricket's song and fireflies
 By evening love will fill the air
 Thoughts of you will take me there

Summertime is here at last
 But all too short and passing fast
 These memories I will retrace
 For here I've found my happy place

Placeholder Kids

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Against the wall in my living room
 Is a fam'ly tree that's always in bloom
 And as it grows each branch extends
 To bear its fruit but never bends

Fruit that's large and some so small
 But every one is most sweet of all
 We can only anticipate
 For each new blossom we must wait

Matching frames precisely placed
 Form a tree first built with haste
 For photos of the family
 Fill only topmost frames that you'll see

A tree of final size unknown
 With precious fruit that soon will be grown
 It's with imagination we
 Have filled each branch with fruit yet to be

Children hoped to soon arrive
 Again will make the wall come alive
 Until those photos are on the tree
 Placeholder kids instead will be
 Placeholder kids instead will be

Born a Stranger

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I was born a stranger, born a stranger that day.
 I was born a stranger, born a stranger that day.
 I was born a stranger but now I know I'm here to
 stay.

I was just a little baby, just a baby so small.
 I was just a little baby, just a baby so small.
 I was just a little baby and didn't know very much at
 all.
 And when I was bad my mama would say,
 "Hey, child, what are you doin'?"
 Then I'd try to hide the guilt in my eyes
 But she always knew I was foolin'

Well, they taught me many lessons, lots of stories
 they'd tell.
 They taught me many lessons, lots of stories they'd
 tell.
 Yeah, they taught me many lessons, I didn't
 understand that well.
 But then one day right out of the blue,
 I got into a tough situation.
 Well, I had to choose the right thing to do
 And didn't give in to temptation

Now I'm so much older, so much wiser, too.
 Yes, I'm so much older, so much wiser, too.
 Well, I'm so much wiser, and that's why I depend on
 you.
 'Cause now I know the difference, you see,
 In good things and bad things and things in between.
 And though I think I control my destiny
 I don't have power over everything.