

Why?

Love

Why do you hide from me
Why every time I find you
You turn away
Run away
And disappear

Only to reappear
Wearing a different face
Different lipstick
Different hair
A different stare
A different smile

I know better
So I refuse
I let them love me
Then disappear
Disappear...
Along with you.

Lock and Key

My love is locked
Key thrown
Scattered amongst the weeds
Shrubs and thorns
My love
Denied sun
Air
Rain
Essentials for growth

My love is locked
A convict behind bars
Starved
Denied education
Proper health care
No visitation

My love
Is locked in a vault
Combination long forgotten
Underground
Sealed

Air-tight
Unmoved
Days, weeks, months, years.
Decades.

My love is lost
It doesn't belong...

I Wonder

I wonder
What will you do when I
See you again?...

Time hold you.
Will you let me kiss you?...
As you did back then

Time hold you
Will you smile for me?...
As you did back then

Time hold you
You just please pretend
That we are still more than friends

Time hold you
Baby
What will your eyes do?

Mist?
Cry?
Or smile for me?

Just Words

Loneliness

A friendless word

Uttered

To scatter feelings away.

Leaving fools confused

Chimps in a zoo

Understanding

A word with a few

Said

To wise only a few

The boys

Who choose to move as men do

I wish

I had learned in school

What not to do in the streets

In the streets I did

What I didn't do in school

Listen.

A Friend is...

Love

Pain broke my heart in two
Shivering tears split my soul
Creviced places that will never heal.

Till

I will never be the same.

But a friend is he who listens
He who cradles heads over shoulders
Tears over collarbones

A friend takes the burdens
And lessens the weight off others
No matter how hard
When walls crash

When everything around goes blank
When a throat yells in the dark

A friend listens
Embraces the troubles of others
Without judgement
Because a friend cares
I am here to listen
I'm the air around you

I will be there for you
I will shield you
I will help you heal
I will help you find yourself
Your pride
For you are beautiful
I will love you
I will never leave
I am your friend.