

Poetry Series

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A Battered Wife

Where's the smile
That you use to wear
I look at you
I don't see it there
Where has it gone
Can you please
Put it back on

Where's the girl
That I knew
The one who made
Life seem brand new
But I don't see what
I use to see in you

There's the girl
All she does is cry
She's the only one
Who knows why

She says in her room
The door always closed
Again, the reason why
She 's the one who knows

She use to be so happy
Always full of life
But all that changed
When she became his wife

She's always in pain
Her eyes always black
I just want to see
Her, get her life back

Why does she take it
She should just leave
No one deserves
The treatment she receives

I'm so afraid for her
I tell her she must leave
I tell her if she doesn't
Soon our family will greive

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A Beautiful Memory

Loving you was nice
In fact
It was so much more than nice
It was beautiful beyond words
Even now as I think back
I think what a beautiful memory
You have given to me

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A Beginning Or The End?

Back with me
Is where you belong
Together through life
We'll sing our song

I love you
You love me
So, isn't together
Where we should be?

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A Better Life In Death

She lived her life all alone
No one to ever love
She had no one to lean on
No one she could think of

When life's troubles got her down
She retreated to her room
Surrounded by four grey walls
She felt like she was doomed

The walls kept on closing in
She couldn't take no more
She looked at herself in the mirror
She wondered, what am I living for

So she went to her closet
She selected her best dress
She put it on with her new shoes
Then left her house on her quest

She drove down to the river
Parked her car and got out
She stood there for a moment
But there was nothing to figure out

She climbed up on the rail
Threw herself into the air
As she drifted toward the water
Suddenly, she had not a care

All the pressure that she felt
Had all disappeared
For the first time in her painful life
Her head was completely clear

Now they never found her body
But in her car she left a letter
She said, please don't worry about me
In death life will be much better

11-06-09/RJH

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A Better Person To See

You came to me in a time
When my life was really bad
My smile had been lost
Life seemed so very sad

But you were the one
Who made the sun shine again
Looking back I now realize
You were more to me than just a friend

I could tell you anything
That was on my mind or in my heart
Sometimes both were so cluttered
Like a homeless persons shopping cart

But somehow and somehow
You could make sense of it all
With your guiding heart
Together, we knocked down the wall

It was a wall I had built
To shut everyone out
You made me see that a loving heart
Can erase all pain and doubt

You made see for myself
That is was easy to be strong
That no matter what people thought
If you believe, you'll prove them wrong

So I just want to thank you
For believing so much in me
I know now as life moves on
I'll be a much better person to see

7-18-09/RJH

A Brighter Day

Love is never far away
It's never in hiding
When we live without it
We feel like we're sliding

We think that love is gone
That it simply passed us by
When we sit to ponder
Then all we do is cry

We thought we found that person
That would love us so true
But then before you know it
It's like they've forgotten you

You've given so much time
Plus all the energy you can
You're not really sure
When the heart aches began

You only know for too long
Your needs have been ignored
You've tried everything you know
You've even prayed to the Lord

But nothing seems to work
Nothing gets their attention
You finally decide this is it
There no use to even mention

That you live unsatisfied
Many things are unfulfilled
It seems the more you say
The more you feel the chill

Long ago you realized
That this love was at it's end
Not only have you lost a lover
Along the way you've lost your friend

In your heart you believe
That true love does exist
You know when you find it
You will not resist

For far too long you've been alone
Too many lonely and cold nights
You know that somewhere out there
A heart beats for you that's right

It may take time to find them
How long who can really say
But you know deep in your heart
The world holds for you a brighter day

11-15-08/RJH

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A Broken Heart

A broken heart is something
We have all known
Many times we hide it
So our sorrow isn't shown

Our hearts break when a friend dies
One you've known for many years
The pain we feel we cannot hide
As we painfully shed our tears

How about a pet we've had for years
Suddenly one day they are gone
That loss had its own kind of pain
But we still find a way to go on

I know that most people
Associate a broken heart
With a broken love
That's usually how it starts

But your child can break your heart
As you watch them struggle in school
You so much want for them to succeed
So as they go through life they won't be fooled

So you see, a heart breaks comes in many ways
There are many causes and reasons for our pain
Just one broken heart regardless of the reason
From that point on, we never seem to be the same

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A Broken Man

A love that's been lost
A love not meant to be
That seems to be the story
That was written just for me

Love was always close at hand
But I just couldn't get a hold
What a sad editorial
When the story of my life is told

I was never mean to woman
I just couldn't stay true
I would love one lady
All the time, looking for someone new

So that is why love has never lasted
It wasn't them it was me
When I look into the mirror
A broken man is all I see

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A Candles Flame

A candle flame lights the night
Like the sun lights the day
The peacefulness of a flame
Can chase the loneliness away

A candle flame can be a light of hope
As the flickering from the flame
Can calm an excited soul
In church you can light a candle in God's name

It can burn eternal on a grave
It can help someone find their way
It can light a darkened world
It can bring hope to a new day

2-17-10/RJH

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A Cheater Caught

You took off with him
Seeking something new
Little did you know
The things that he would do to you

While he was cheating
On his girlfreind with you
He was cheating on you
With someone that you knew

While his girlfriend sat at home
He ran around with you
When you weren't with him
He was off with the woman you knew

But one day his adventures
Were all found out about
He hurt you so very much
That you wanted to scream and shout

So while you thought you were the one
You found out you were not
Your stomach turned, it made you sick
Some will say, you deserved what you got

A man who cheats on his girlfriend
Then cheats on the one he's cheating with
I guess to him it didn't matter
I guess it was all worth the risk

11-26-09/RJH

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A Cheating Wife

Visions of you still dance in my head
I remember all the things you said

You said you'd never let me down
But there lies my heart on the ground

Broken in pieces unable to fix
I knew loving you would be a risk

But I went ahead and took the chance
Thinking somehow we'd finish the dance

Through the years that laid ahead
But you loved somebody else instead

So please go and be with him
I know our future is very dim

I hope you'll be happy the rest of your life
Does he know he's getting a cheating wife?

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A Childs Fear

I remember when I was a child
I'd hear my parents argue
Because I was so very young
I didn't know what to do

Sometimes I get so scared
I'd pray that I'd fall to sleep
Hoping that when I did awake
I wouldn't hear a peep

I would lay there for a while
To listen to see what I could hear
No one ever had a clue
How much I was filled with fear

So it seemed that for now
It was quiet but then
I always knew just like before
That it could always start again

12-4-10/RJH

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A Childs Smile

Memories of my childhood
I know will last forever
Long ago childhood memories
Through my mind often pass

I remember snow covered mornings
With the wind howling through the streets
I remember wearing winter clothes
So my friends I could go meet

I remember the bone chilling cold
Like it was only yesterday
I remember always saying
I have to leave this place one day

I remember learning as I grew older
What the true spirit of Christmas meant
It wasn't measured in gifts received
Or how much money was spent

I learned it was better to give then receive
I learned, that not all people could give
But if you opened your heart and home
That was the way God wanted you to live

Lend a helping hand to those in need
Especially the needs of a child
Nothing beats the look you'll receive
From a child with a big bright smile

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A Child's World

Welcome to my world
Some say it's a simple place
Well that may be so
But at least, there's always a smile on my face

Welcome to my world
It's a world full of joy
It's a world full of love
The world to me now is just one big toy

If ever you're feeling low
If ever you have no place to go
I'll always welcome you to my world
That's something you should know

Welcome to my world
It's a world free of hate
It's a world free of wars
So please don't hesitate
To come and visit my world

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A Contented Mother

It seems for so many years
I've lived my life for someone else
I put my feelings and needs
Away somewhere on a shelf

I always put my children first
Their needs ahead of my own
I had to look out for them
Until they were grown

Taking care of them
Was like a full time job
But it didn't feel like work
Although, at times it was so hard

I was always there for them
That, they always knew
They knew that Mom would help them
To always make it through

As the years passed they slowly changed
They gradually started to grow
Along the way they had to learn
Because there was so much they didn't know

But hopefully they listened
As I guided them along the way
Because the day will come
When they to will be parents themselves one day

You may think I gave a lot
Because true love never found it's way to me
But I didn't care and it didn't matter
Because my kids were my world to me

The day will come
When they are grown
They'll move on
To live out on their own

Then that's the time
When I will see
If true love
Was meant for me

If true love never finds me
And I have no one to call my own
I know that what I'll leave behind
Will be my kids, and they were home grown

8-12-06/RJH

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A Daughter Leaving Home

Although she is moving out
She'll never be far away
She'll always live here with me
In my heart each day

Hopefully I taught her
The right things along the way
To help her make the right decisions
Each and every day

The most important thing
That she should know
That if things don't work out
She always has a place to go

Though she no longer lives here
This will always be her home
The warm and kindest place
Her heart has ever known

A place where the welcome mat
Is always put out
A place that she can run to
When she's filled with doubt

It's so very hard to let her go
But I know that I must
I have so much faith in her
And a world of trust

I know she's smart enough
To make it on her own
It's hard to admit
My little girl has finally grown

I hope she knows in her heart
Just how much I care
Because every time she needed me
I always tried to be there

I hope she knows if life gets tough
And she should need a friend
That she can always count on me
Until the very end

It's never very easy
Watching someone you love leave
I know that I must be strong
But silently I'll grieve

Someone who's been around
Morning, noon and night
No longer having her here
Just will not seem right

But she knows I love her
With all of my heart
And it's that love
That will never let us part

12-16-08/RJH

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A Daughter Lost

How can words express
The loss of a child
Emotions run so deep
Your pain is running wild

The hurt will heal
In due time
But forever she'll live
Always in your mind

Try not to dwell
On how she died
But try remember
The times at her side

Remember the years
When she was young
Remember the times
When you two had fun

She'll be in your thoughts
Each and every day
The memory of her
Will never fade away

No matter what you do
No matter where you go
Images of her
In your mind will always glow

12-28-08/RJH

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A Disappointed Life

The ash tray holds the ashes
From his smoked out cigarettes
With each new passing day
He's filled with more regrets

It seems life and chances
Have all but passed him by
He struggles just to exist
But he's not too sure why

His life has been a failure
By any standard that you use
It seems the choices that he made
Were always the wrong one's to choose

But still he always tried
To do what was right
He sleeps away the days
He stay awake all night

Drinking eases the pain
Of a life that went all wrong
He tried so very hard
But he's just not that strong

Years ago his wife left him
She couldn't take no more
One day when he returned home
He found a note upon door

She wrote, I am leaving
I just can't live this way
I hope you find it in your heart
To forgive me one day

Our children need a stable life
Not like the one we've been living
It seems you do all the taking
While I do all the giving

I never minded making you happy
That was my part to do as your wife
But I know out there somewhere
For me and the kids, there's a better life

So that is why we have to leave
I wish you nothing but the best
I'll think of you when I look at the kids
Goodbye, and God Bless

Well that was twenty years ago
That's how long he's been alone
His body is old and feeling tired
He's waiting to be called home

10-21-2008/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Dream

You sat there with a smile
That lit up the night
I thought to myself
What an incredible beautiful sight

Long straight black hair
Teeth that gleamed so white
Without even trying
She sure knows how to excite

Clothes that fit so perfectly
On a form that looks so good
When I see the word beauty
It is so clearly understood

I have never talked with you
But I see you all the time
Because of you these words I wrote
All came together in a rhyme

12-16-11? RjH

Ray Hansell

A Dream That Won'T Come True

A one time love
Is what you're not
I look at you girl
I know what I've got

I hold your hand
You hold mine
We're sharing a lunch
Loving the time

When I'm with you
I feel so alive
But when I have to leave
A small part of me dies

What you mean to me
I'll remember all my life
You were everything to me
You were so much more than nice

A life long dream
That will never come true
But a life of dreaming
About loving you

12-24-08/RJH

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A Dying Friend/ When I Get To Heaven

You feel like you're beaten
You know the reason why
You want so much to fight this
But all you can do is cry

The doctor's give you little hope
Your chances are slim next to none
How can this be happening
When life was just getting to be fun

There's many things you want to do
So many places to see
But now you don't know
How that could ever be

You're feeling a little worse each day
Though people say you look good
You say you'd dance on a moon bean
If you only could

As the summer days
Slowly dwindle away
The time you have to live
Grow shorter with each passing day

As the season's start to change
There are changes in you as well
I know that when you pass on
You'll go heaven, not to hell

I know God has a place for you
High above the sky
Once you are back home
You'll have no more reason to cry

All the hurt and pain you felt
Will then all be gone
You'll be looking down upon us
As our live's continue on

But when my time on earth
Has come to it's end
I will look for you
When I get to heaven my friend

9-16-06/RJH

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A Family Christmas

Here it is Christmas Eve
As I think of you
I'm still on a foreign shore
With much still left to do

But I look to the heavens
As the night is deathly still
Wondering when I'll go home
Or if I ever will

The chances of me dying
Are still pretty good
I can't think I won't
Only because I know I could

But I always keep my guard up
I always stay alert
The last thing that I want for you
Is to hear that I've been hurt

I thought last year I'd be home
For Christmas two-thousand-eight
But as you see I'm still here
I guess this war must be our fate

So here's hoping that next year
That I'll be right there with you
Sharing a family Christmas
The way that families do

12-24-08/RJH

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A Father Remembered

The memories of my Father
Do not fade with time
How Could I forget
The one who was a major part
In this life of mine

The man who taught me
How to throw a ball
The man who showed me
What it meant to go for it all

The man who said, anyone can quit
But it was a real person who'd fight
Even when all those around you
Never believed you were right

The man who said, make your own choices
Don't let others makes decisions for you
Because in the end when all is said and done
We all must do what we must do

I've lived his words as I lived my life
Thinking and doing for myself
Trying to be the best person I could
Never consumed or worried about wealth

Though he died many years ago
I think of him each and every day
If he were still alive
I'd know exactly what I'd say

I'd wish him a happy Father's Day
I'd take him to a game
I'd remember all he taught me
I'd thank him for what I became

12-2-09/RJH

A Forever Friend

I hope you know I love you
I hope you know I care
I hope you know if you ever need me
I will always be there

I'll be a shoulder you can cry on
I'll be an ear who'll always listen
The times when you're not near
It's you that I'll be missing

Always think of me
From now until the end
Please always remember
In me you have a forever friend

12-24-08/RJH

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A Gift To A Father

There are so many gifts
That a son could give
There are so many things
That create memories as we live

But on a day like Father's day
Gifts don't mean a thing
You want to make a Father happy
Make him feel like a king

Instead of giving gifts
Just give him your time
That's better than any gift
A son could ever find

Spend the day with the man
Who always stood by you
The one who was always on your side
No matter what you'd do

The man who made sure you had
All the things you'd need
The man who when you were a baby
To you would always read

The man who always worries
About you day and night
The man who's life you made
Seem so very right

I know I wasn't there
As much as I should have been
Things that I know now
I wish I knew back then

No matter what the sport
No matter what the game
Whether in sports or life
I wanted you to win just the same

That's why on Father's day
Gifts don't mean a thing
Just to spend some time with you
Now to me, that's a win

6-18-08/RJH

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A Good Memory

A memory is something
That you've given me
A memory is something
That will always be

A memory is a thought
That comes to mind
A memory is a thought
I get all the time

A memory can be good
Or it can be bad
I choose to remember
Memories that made me glad

A memory is remembering
Pleasantries from the past
A memory is remembering
Something good that will always last

11-18-2009

Ray Hansell

A Happy And Loving Life

Two people at the crossroads
Of a happy and loving life
For years they were together
But never became husband and wife

They shared their joys together
As well as all the tears
The good times they had together
As well as their fears

They raised a couple of children
Who always showed respect
A good effort that is made
A good result is what you get

But now they're at the crossroads
Of a long and beautiful life
Deep inside his one regret
That he never made her his wife

But she didn't want to marry
For reasons all her own
But that did not prevent them
From building a warm and loving home

So now as the sun begins to set
On two people growing old
Their love was like a fairy tale
Their story seldom told

So many years together
So many memories they shared
But through it all what keep them close
Was because for each other they always cared

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A Happy Mother

How lucky could I get
I have two sons with no regrets
They are my heart and soul
Forever as I grow old

It seems they test me each day
But all my love I still send their way
They are my day, they are my night
In my mind they are never out of sight

My live is lived just for them
It's hard to remember way back when
When they weren't a part of me
Now their smiling faces I always see

When the world starts to get me down
They cheer me up by being around
When my heart is feeling pain
It goes away when they call my name

When I hear them say mom
All is good, all is calm

6-18-10/RJH

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A Helping Hand

Make a difference
Each day you live
Open your heart
Learn to give

Life for many
Is so unkind
Giving people
Are hard to find

So open your heart
Give what you can
We're all responsible
For our fellow man

It's so easy to look
The other way
But the tables could turn
On any given day

So help if you can
For one day you may be
The one who's down and out
The one no one will see

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A Hurting Friend

Tell me about your illness
Help me to understand
You are fighting something
That rarely affects a man

He me to see
What the consequences can be
I'll listen very intently
As you explain it all to me

I don't know what to say
Or even what to do
I wouldn't wish this on anyone
But especially not on you

It breaks my heart to see you
With your mind so occupied
Knowing that you're not far away
From a moment when you'll cry

I'm not sure what I can do
Or even what to say
But know that every single night
My prayers will come your way

9-4-09/RjH

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A Little Leaguer Rained Out

He sits by the window
Watching the rain fall down
He keeps looking to the sky
Hoping the sun will shine

His baseball glove in his hand
His baseball uniform on since early morning
Today was to be the day
He was to play his first little league game
But his joy was interrupted
By an not forcasted sudden rain

He sits by the window
Watching the rain fall down
He keeps looking to the sky
Trying to find the sun

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A Little Bit Too Late

I saw you today and I have to say
That you really looked great
But I guess my words of kindness
Come just a little bit too late

I never took the time before
To praise you like I should
I know I never took the time
To tell you, you looked good

I know I never hit you
But words of love were few
I guess that's why I find myself
Living life without you

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A Love So New And True

I have no desire
Nor would I even care to try
To find another woman
Even if they caught my eye

All I've ever wanted
Was to find someone like you
Now that I've found you
Here's what I plan to do

If you will let me
I'll love you all my life
With the hopes that one day
You'll even become my wife

But understand I'm in no hurry
There's no need to rush
I do know that when I'm holding you
'In cards, it's like holding a Royal Flush

Love cannot get any better
Then it is now with you
At last my searchings over
For I've found a love so true

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A Love That Shouldn't Be

Your friends all say
They told you so
But the love we shared
They'll never know

But in the end
You could see
Loving a married man
Is a love that shouldn't be

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A Lunch Out Of This World

Remember the lunch we had one day
Sitting on the Milky Way
We just sat and talked
For most of the day

A window seat with a view
Showed the whole universe
To the beauty of it all
We were both immersed

The breath taking beauty
That we got to see
Is a picture in my mind
That I will forever see

We watched the planets on the move
Stars shining so bright
They seemed to go on forever
Darkness mixed with light

We thought of going on to Mars
To get a candy bar
But then we decided
That was just a little too far

Just before we had to go
We walked across the moon
Our eyes feasted on the view
We took in all we could consume

12-29-06/RJH

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A Memorial Lunch

Having lunch in the afternoon
Sitting at a table for two
We filled the time between us
Doing what people do

Catching up on the time
That has passed between us
Talking about things going on
But we never talked about us

It seems we both avoided
What we didn't want to talk about
We both did a very good job
Maybe because we were filled with doubt

But the afternoon was pleasant
As we sat and talked while we ate
Maybe deep inside both knowing
Our attempts are too late

What we shared for so very long
Maybe it can't be saved
But I know that when we were together
How much the two of us really cared

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A Moment Of Silence Please

Everyone please bow your heads
A moment of silence is needed
Love was good for a while
As all expectations were exceeded

But very soon things began to change
What we shared before was gone
So a moment of silence is needed
As life without love goes on

I don't believe anyone's to blame
Things happen that we can't foresee
But I know from this point on
My life will be lived with only me

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A Mother

Is this how you repay your mother
For all the things she's done
When you needed help
Wasn't she always the one

Who would come running
With no questions asked
You see, when it came to you
It was never a task

When you were sick in bed
Who took care of you
Who stayed right there beside you
To make sure you made it through

Who was there in grade school
To always lend a hand
No matter what you did
By your side she'd always stand

So how could you repay her
By being sent to jail
How could get so upset
When she wouldn't post your bail

You see, her job with you is over
Because you are eighteen
Now you must face the world
She'll no longer protect you from the mean

She was there for you when you were young
Just like she was supposed to do
But now that you are an adult
It's now all up to you

4-15-10

A Mother's Guidance

You helped me to understand
Things that had puzzled me
But of all the things you did
You made me see
That if I tried
I could be
Now I am
Because of you

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Mother's Love Is Forever

A Mother's love is stronger
Then anything I know
Her true love and affection
Will forever show

No matter how old
You may grow to be
A Mother's love
You will always see

You may do wrong
And makes mistakes
But her love for you
She'll never forsake

Whenever you need
A helping hand
There's no one stronger
Who'll help you stand

She took you from birth
To an adult
All through those years
Love was all you've ever felt

Father's are there
But not all of the time
A Mother you'll learn
You can always find

Ray Hansell

A New Angel

I heard another angel
Received their wings today
They are firmly in place
As the angel flies away

He was taken on a Sunday
The Sabbath day they say
His new shiny wings
Placed upon him to stay

No one knows why he was chosen
Maybe it was just his time
Even though he was young
Another angel God did find

God knew he would be worthy
God knew he could accomplish this deed
Friends and family will always wonder
Why God had him fulfill this need

For all the loved one's left behind
For all those who feel the pain
He now looks down upon you
He see's all that you have gained

Loved one's always look for
Answers that can't be found
But in their hearts memories
Of him will always be around

For in his short time on earth
No one could have been loved more
Now he's safe from suffering
On the right side of heavens door

12-7-13/RjH

A New Beginning

I took you to the airport
As we waited for your plane
The thought of you leaving
Almost drove me insane

But deep inside I knew
This was something you must do
I almost held back my tears
But soon they started falling for you

I stood there as you boarded the plane
I watched it go down the runway
While I hurt deep inside
I know for you it's a happy day

It's your chance to make a new start
A chance for you to be you
To do the things you want to do
You're ready to start your life anew

As the jet roared down the runway
A smile came to my face
I was not glad to see you go
But I know you'll be in a happier place

Your leaving one life behind you
Looking forward to a new one to begin
It makes me happy just knowing
That you and I will never have an end

I'll always remember you as the one
Who came along and mended my heart
A heart that had been broken and torn apart
Because of you, a heart given a brand new start

4-14-06/RJH

A New Start

It starts out as a friendship
But soon turns to love
It can be as beautiful
As all the stars above

You can't get enough of each other
You always want to be together
You dream how perfect life can be
Believing year after year gets better

But then one day you violate the trust
That the two of you had built
Little by little day after day
You see your love start to wilt

Like a flower with no water
Love dies a little more each day
If you had the power
You'd make it all go away

But you turned to someone else
You let them into your heart
Now here you are all alone
Trying to make a brand new start

2-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Note

Just a little note
To say hello to you
Hoping that your day
Has problems that are few

May the sun shine
Down your way
May happiness and joy
Accompany you all day

I hope all your wishes
All come to be
I hope you have a thought
That reminds you of me

Hopefully real soon
We'll be together again
I'll forget our time apart
I know we'll be happy then

Off together we'll go
To a quiet little place
Where I'll get to study
The curves of your face

So once again, hello
I hope you enjoy your day
I know the time is very close
When you and I can go away

5-5-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Pencil

It can help to write the greatest novel
Or even the greatest song
It's and thin in your hand
But yet, it still is strong

It can help an artist
To sketch his greatest work
It can help a poet
To erase away a mistake

It can help a president
To avert a war
It can help a housewife
To write her shopping list and more

A pencil is used in may ways
A million times a day
Look at what would happen
If the pencil should ever go away

7-4-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Perfect Evening

A little wine
A little dinner
A little music
A little talk
A flickering candle light
Now I'm ready
For a whole lot you

12-9-08/RjH

Submitted 3-28-14

Ray Hansell

A Price I Don't Want To Pay

I think it's time
That we end this game
Because if we don't stop
Neither will the pain

The time for us to part
I think has finally come
Although our time together
Was truly filled with fun

So, lets just say goodbye
Then we'll turn and walk away
The pain of staying together
Is a price I don't want to pay

9-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Rainbow And You

After it rained I saw a rainbow
It reminded me of you
And all the wonderful things
That you always seem to do

The colors all reminded me
How you brighten up my day
A rainbow paints the sky
Like the way you paint my day

A rainbow is a beautiful sight
As it stretches across the sky
You are a beautiful sight
Without even having to try

8-28-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Rainy Sunday Night

Laying close beside you
We've just finished making love
When I am with you
We go together like a hand in a glove

Your body soft and warm
Pressed firmly against mine
Making love with you
Is always a special time

I feel your stocking covered leg
Slowly rub on me
I close my eyes to kiss you
Love is all I see

We pass the time together
As the rain gently falls
If you listen closely
You'll hear my heart call

We love our time together
Laying naked on the bed
We know how we feel about each other
So no words need be said

4-7-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Request To God

God she is so very sick
I don't know what to do
That's why I'm here tonight
Having a talk with you

Her pain is unbearable
As she slowly fades away
I'm hoping that maybe
It can all end today

She never wanted to go like this
She wanted it to be fast
She had no way of knowing
How long the lingering would last

But she did have a wish
And that wish was to die with dignity
I think that's the way all of us
Feel how the end should be

So if You can find it
In Your heart tonight
Please don't let her see
The dawn's early light

That would be the best thing
For everyone you see
Even though i know
It will break the heart in me

But I can't be selfish
I cannot only think of me
I must think of her
And, the better place she'll be

7-16-06/RjH

A Ruin

Every time I think of her
Tears come to my eyes
I try so hard to smile
But I wear a bad disguise

Every time I see her picture
I wonder what she's doing
I always wonder what I did
To make our life a ruin

9-25-77/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Sickness

Nobody knows the torment
That I have been through
But I'm sure there are other
Who are also hurting to

It seems each day
Is lived in pain
But yet,
No two days are ever the same

I've had some good days
But they are few and far between
I've been looking for a rainbow
But they are seldom seen

I spend my days inside my home
I can't face the world outside
That is where I feel safe
It's my place to hide

Maybe someday soon
I don't really know when
I'll walk outside my door
To be ready, to face the world again

But for now I must remain
Exactly who I am
The man who lives alone
In this world without a friend

4-13-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Simple Hello

We met one day
You and I
With just a simple hello
Inside I felt something special
With each passing day
My feelings for you began to grow

We'd laugh
We'd joke
We'd share a smile
Listen, as the other spoke

Finally we kissed
We made love and held hands
We met you and I
Not that long ago
From just a simple hello
We have watched our love grow

10- 209/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Simple Hi

Looking for that special someone
I could never seem to find
Funny how things work out
She was here all the time

While looking everywhere else
Instead of right in front of me
All I had to do was turn my head
And, there she was to see

Hair that was always flowing
Eyes always with a smile
A voice so soft and tender
A shyness like that of a child

She was always right there for me
All I had to do was look
When I finally noticed her
One look was all it took

Life is now so wonderful
The sun shines down on me
I'm glad I opened my eyes in time
I'm glad she brought her love to me

One doesn't have to look wide and far
Some times love is real close by
Some times it can start real simple
By just looking at her and saying, hi

11-13-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Singer Sings His Songs

I listen to the singer
As he sings his songs
I hang onto every word
As their meaning are so strong

In his voice I can hear
His anguish and his pain
He keeps singing on
Hoping to explain

He just wants someone to listen
Someone to hear his words
For all the things he's been through
He just wants to be heard

Sometimes his voice begins to crack
As tears roll down his cheeks
His voice starts to quiver
It's almost hard for him to speak

I listen to the songs he sings
I suddenly come to see
That this life he sings of
Is really no different from you and me

Sure he is a super star
He may appear to have it all
But he's only a day away
From a stumble or a fall

Sure he has his fancy house
His big expensive cars
But he knows without warning
He could be the next falling star

He hurts just like we do
He feels the pains we feel
He sings the songs of his life
Trying to convey what is real

So he'll continue to make his music
To us he'll sing his songs
Hoping that forever
He'll always have us to sing along

12-31-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Single Tear Drop

When you spoke
My heart broke
When you cried
My heart died

You walked away
Never turned
What a tragic way
To have to learn

I called your name
But you didn't stop
I bowed my head
I cried, a single tear drop

5-6-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

A Smile Can Help

Try to wear a smile
No matter what you do
Even in adversity
A smile can help you through

A smile can ease the pain
That shows upon your face
I can't think of anything
That a smile cannot replace

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Ray Hansell

A Song For You

I'd sing you a song
If I could carry tune
I'd sing it beneath the stars
I'd sing it beneath the moon

I sing it very softly
So as not to hurt your ears
I'd sing it as softing
As the falling of a tear

I would make it simple
The words would all rhyme
I might be slightly off key
But would that be a crime?

It would be a song
Straight from mt heart
To let you know I'm hoping
That we never part

12-28-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Special Day In March

On a quiet day in March
A special delivery was made
The people were all smiles
As the music played

The angels flew about
As happiness filled the air
Everyone looked down
At the baby laying there

People said, she's precious
As she laid in their arms
There job was to protect her
From any and all harm

As the years passed
She grew up very fast
Like all the other children
Her childhood didn't last

I didn't know her back then
But how I wish I had
I know that with her
Life would not have been sad

But now that I do know her
I know I'm the fortunate one
You see, I hope to love her
Until my life is done

2-24-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Talk With God

I put my hands together
As I kneel to say a prayer
I will speak from my heart
I just hope He'll be there

I know it's been a while
Since You and I last spoke
I hope You won't turn your back
Because you see, this is no joke

The world right now is in trouble
Things are looking bad
Millions of people who use to smile
Now walk around all day sad

They are seeking comfort
From life's terrible storm
They have been hit so very hard
But their faith has not been torn

Some people don't believe anymore
Some feel all hope is gone
But others still try
To continue to carry on

I don't know what to tell them
I need Your helping hand
I know You are the only one
Who knows the entire plan

You know what purpose we each have
You know where we're all going
I was hoping there's a chance
That soon You could be showing

Just how good or bad
The future is going to be
I was hoping You'd take a chance
To share it all with me

If you do me this one favor
I can spread the word far and near
I'd like to be able to tell everyone
There's no reason to live in fear

If You can't grant my request
Or You just don't want to
No matter which way You chose to go
I'll always continuing serving you

12-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Tree

The wind it is blowing
So very strong
The howling makes it
Sound like a song

The tree will sway
From natures force
So long ago
It's leaves were all lost

All weathered and beaten
The tree stands bare
With it's limbs twisted and broken
That no doctor can repair

Long ago I am sure this tree
Was a sight of beauty to behold
What a terrible thing, just like people
A tree to has to grow old

5-22-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Tribute To Greg B.

So very sick
For so very long
In death no one
Is ever strong

You know the end
Isn't far away
But you still dread
That fateful day

You prepare yourself
Knowing the end is near
But yet in your heart
Your still filled with fear

Someone you love
Is at heavens door
Although in your heart
They'll live forevermore

The battle was long
He fought the good fight
Up toward the heavens
His soul did take flight

In his final moments
Here on earth
He was surrounded by love
Like the day of his birth

Remember his smile
How it lit up a room
Knowing the final day
Came much too soon

He'll watch you now
From high above
Everyday all around you
You'll feel his love

All true stories end in death
I've often heard that said
Remember those who pass on
Have a peaceful journey ahead

The hurt and pain he felt on earth
Will now all subside
But those who are left behind
The hurt and pain won't hide

So as you continue on with life
Many times you'll think of him
You will recall many memories
What happy times they had been

There is always a time of healing
For those who are left behind
But even in our darkest hours
A light of hope we can always find

10-7-2017

Ray Hansell

A Very High Cost

Another day, another time
To think about what was once mine

A home that was lost
At a very high cost

A marriage that failed
All hope sailed

Into the dark of night
Where nothing is in sight

Children left with a broken home
A childhood lived with much unknown

What will the future hold in store
Who can really say anymore

No second chance to fix what's been broke
You can't take back words you spoke

6-27-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

A Victim Crying Out

I know I have a problem
It stems from my youth
For many years I tried to hide
Not wanting to deal with truth

You see in my younger years
I was molested
The pain he put me through
He should have been arrested

I know it was embarrassment
That keep me from speaking
But now I've reached the point
Crying out, it's help I'm seeking

I need to rid myself of the pain
That's been locked inside for years
I seem to find my own relief
At night through my tears

I love the quiet solitude
I love to be alone
When no one is around me
That's when I feel most at home

I know if no ones near me
No one can cause me pain
I've had too many years of that
Too long I've played the denying game

All these years I have suppressed
The things that were done to me
Now I know I'm paying the price
In the mirror, pain is all I see

I know my past is the reason
My relationships have failed
I know if I had spoken up
Maybe that monster would be jailed

But I keep the pain locked inside
For only I held the key
There was so much I didn't understand
Confusion was controlling me

But now you see the pains too much
It's getting the better of me
At night I am tormented
The nightmares won't set me free

I know that I need help
For I can't take no more
I'd love to get myself a gun
Find him to even up the score

The pain is never ending
No matter what I try
There are days that I wish
I'd go to sleep and die

4-14-10

Ray Hansell

A Walk In The Sand

Walking along in the sand
You and I hand in hand

The water rushes to our feet
It leaves the sand smooth and neat

The full moon above lights our way
As we say goodbye to another day

The stars also fill the sky
A painted canvas for you and I

A perfect setting for two people in love
The beauty of your face, matches the sky above

We stop to share a kiss on this beautiful night
Being in love with you just feels so right

The water, the sand, the stars and the moon
Time together with you always ends too soon

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Waste Of Time

I thought that I had found love
The day that I met you
I thought my pain from the past
Was all finally through

I thought your sweet lips
Had finally set free
All the hurt and pain
That lived inside of me

But now I can see
That wasn't the case
I see that loving you
Turned out to be a waste

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Ray Hansell

A Wife Asks, Can We Have What Use To Be

I see a love
That once was strong
But something has gone
Terribly wrong

The kisses are not
Like they were before
You don't come back
You don't ask for more

We use to lay together
All night long
When we were together
Our love was always strong

The loving was more
It happened at will
But it seems I no longer
Give you that same thrill

I would start your day
I would end your night
Now for the most part
You are out of sight

You use to make an effort
To always love me
But that was back in the days
When we were happy as could be

I never thought love
Would slowly die
I've hurt for so long
I have no tears left to cry

I hope there's a chance
To restart the flame
But I know there's some doubt
Because you no longer feel the same

I'm not looking to put
Blame on anyone
I just need to know
Am I still the one

You say that you love me
This I do not doubt
But have you forgotten
What love is all about?

Sometimes when I'm with you
I feel so all alone
I feel like a stranger
In my own home

I only want what use to be
Once again for you and me
Things will just get worse
If we just let them be

I'm asking you
As your wife
Can't we please
Have back our life?

12-16-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Wish

At night
The moons glow
Lights the earth
Like flood lights
The stars shine
Across a darkened sky
You and I
Lay on a blanket
Beneath the beauty
That spans above us
We watch a falling star
We both make a wish
A wish neither one of us will share
But a wish that we hope
One day will come true

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Ray Hansell

A World Without Love

A world without love
Would be the saddest place
Because everyone you'd meet
Would wear their saddest face

The flowers on the hillside
Would never come to bloom
All the trees and other plants
Would all die real soon

A world without love
Would be an ugly
A world without love
Would end the human race

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Wounded And Broken Heart

My heart has been broken before
More times then I can count
But when I am knocked down
I always get back up on the mount

I've seen other people cry
As they watched love pass them by
Believing that they may never
Give love another try

If you want something that you lost
You know you must always fight
Because who knows in the end
Things may just turn out right

So don't ever just give up
Always stand your ground
Knowing that one day soon
Love can still be found

Sadly, some people never try
To have a brand new start
They never want to forget the pain
Of a wounded and broken heart

4-26-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

A Year Older And Better

Lordy lordy
You turned forty

It's now downhill
What a thrill

Put it low gear
As you sit on your rear

Enjoy the ride
Don't exceed sixty-five

The breeze through your hair
The later years bring less cares

It's your day
Spend it your way

Don't let age
Cause you rage

Remember as you mature
You're getting better that's for sure

From here on out
The ride will be great
Have no doubt
As the years grow late

Ray Hansell

Addiction

When you're trying to kick an addiction
Life can get you down
No matter where you go
There are temptations all around

The one thing you will need
Will be strength and desire
You will need help from many
To help you control the fire

It will not be easy
The road will be rather rough
But I feel deep inside
That you are that tough

So if you're willing to try
I'll stand by your side
With a helping hand to lend
Knowing, at least you tried

9-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Afraid To Show Love

Maybe I am different
From other men you've known
But what I feel inside
I have never shown

You see, I've always been told
That what a men feels inside
He should never expose
Especially if it's love
That's something you must hide

I was told if you let love show
It could make you vulnerable and weak
And that men like that
Are not what women seek

But yet I hear women say
Men should let their feelings show
I think about what I hear
But yet, I still don't know

I don't want anyone to think I'm weak
Or that I can be taken advantage of
That's what I think would happen
If I openly showed my love

This is something I must work through
I've been this way since I was young
Thinking back maybe that's the reason
A woman's heart I've never won

9-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Again And Again

I see you and I
relaxing in a hot tub
with water steaming
that makes us sweat
each of us
with a cold beer
to cool us off
I lean over to kiss you
you return my kiss
but our lips won't part
we are like
a couple of teenagers
kissing for the first time
before we know it
we're naked
then we are making love
the way we always do
soft, slow, long and tender
our bodies sweat
not from the steam
but from the love
we just gave to each other
now once again
we sit back
enjoying our cold beer
and each other
both knowing
that very soon
we will make love again
and again and again

5-22-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Alex Chilton

People heard him sing
They all agreed he was great
He never sang off key
He never joined in late

But many always believed
His greatest skill of all
Was in the songs he wrote
As everyone can recall

He wrote number one hits
He wrote all kinds of songs
Putting his words to music
That's what made him strong

He'll always be remembered
As a singer and songwriter
His talent that he shared
Made our world a little brighter

3-17-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

All Are Equal In God's Eyes

To be close to God
Has nothing to do with health
Nor does it have a thing
To do with one's wealth

We pray to God for good health
We hope our prayers come true
Good health is something we control
Provided we know what to do

Just because someone is sick
Puts them no closer to God than I
Because as far God's concerned
We're both equal in His eye's

Wealth is not a factor
Whether you're close to God or not
There are people who are very rich
They rarely thank God for what they got

The poor it's true may need help
So we should all lend a hand
But again when it comes to God
Together and equal we all stand

God shows no favorites
In His love for everyone
Everyone to God is equal
When all is said and done

12-19-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

All Because Of You

When I look into your eyes
Love is all I see
I hope you see the same
When looking back at me

The smile on my face
It is sincere and true
The reason for my happiness
Is all because of you

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Ray Hansell

All Blessed

The battle is almost over
But you put up some fight
As the end approaches
No need to be filled with fright

You gave it all you had
You fought against all odds
You never got real confident
You never put up a false facade

You took each day one at a time
Small victories were hailed
Never did you ever feel
Your ship was about to sail

For a while the outlook was great
You were feeling fine
You were always thankful
That you keep getting more time

But soon the small battles
Were becoming big defeats
The picture was getting clearer
This cancer you weren't going to beat

But don't look back in anger
For the hand that you were dealt
All the love around you
It was all true love that you felt

Friends and family prayed for you
Every step of the way
You were constantly in their thoughts
With each and every passing day

So now there are no more
Fights you have to wage
Everyone knows for sure
All the fight in you, is what you gave

When people stop to remember you
With a smile or a tear
The one thing they'll always remember
Is that you never displayed your fear

You'll be remembered for your smile
And how you made people feel
They know your smile was genuine
They know your feelings were real

But most of all they'll remember
No so much how you died
But they'll remember all the strength
And just how hard you tried

Ernest Hemingway once said
All true stories in death
In death just like in life
It's by God that we're all blessed

12-3-08/RJH

For Marlene who put up a great fight...

Ray Hansell

All Gone

As I grow older
I watch the seasons change
Sometimes I just wish
Things could remain the same

Growing older
Moving on
The love I shared
Is now all gone

She has left
She gone away
Her leaving has turned
My heart into clay

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

All I Seek

Hair that dances in the wind
A smile sincere and true
I'm glad to be associated
With a woman such as you

Grace, style and beauty
That's what you define
You are a one in a million
In anyone's life time

I would not call you are common
For we all are unique
Loving you forever
That's all I'll ever seek

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

All In All

As I look back at years gone by
And all that I've been through
But knowing there are many things
With my life I'd like to do

I wish that I had traveled more
I wish love would have lasted
But I guess love is the one thing
None of us have ever mastered

But all in all I have to say
My life's been very good
I don't know if I'd change
Anything even if I could

Ray Hansell

All Of Your Might

Remember the weak
Always give in
It's the strong who believe
They can always win

I know you are strong
I know you will fight
You'll give it your all
With all of your might

6-28-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

All Our Years Together

We've watched all the seasons
As they have come and gone
Knowing that with each new season
Life continues to move on

As we watch the seasons change
We've seen the changes in us
We talk about what's to come
We reminisce about what was

We know with each new season
We're not getting any younger
The drive and the passion are still there
As well as the hunger

There are some things we just can't do
Like we did in our younger years
About the only thing that stayed the same
Was the reason for shedding tears

We cried when we heard of someones death
Knowing that our end could be soon
Praying that when we go to sleep
Tomorrow, we'll wake up in our room

Seasons hold their secrets
Just like people do
For sharing your life with me
I just wanted to say, Thank You

7-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

All The Things You Said

Hello girl
How have you been
I haven't seen you
Since I don't know when

All the things
You said to me
You know by now
They all came to be

I made it big
Just like you said
But I never let it all
Ever go to my head

I remember how you told me
That when one has it all
The hardest part was getting there
The easiest part is to fall

You told me to never forget
Where it was I came from
You told me if I did that
At that moment I'd be done

I remember all the talks
All the things we shared
How much way back then
You and I both cared

If I were given the chance
Just one more time
I'd throw fame and fortune away
If you would come back and be mine, once again

6-20-2014/RjH

All War's Must End

Flowers placed upon his grave
The ultimate sacrifice he made

Dying in war in a foreign land
So many people still don't understand

Why that war doesn't end
So many killed, so many must mend

So many friends came to say goodbye
No one who attended had a dry eye

A wife who's husband has been lost
His service came at a very high cost

Children who'll never see their Dad again
Pain in their hearts that just won't end

The service now has been completed
But so many more will be needed

Strength, hope and a will to survive
Memories will keep their memory alive

Those who die in any war
Are all heroes for evermore

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Ray Hansell

All You'll Ever Need

The summer evening walks
That we'd always take
The times we made love
With the window open
As the rain fell
The walks beneath a full moon
Or the nights
When a billion stars would light the night
The walks in fall with the leaves all around
How they would crackle under our feet
The walks along the beach in summer
How the waves would rush to shore
And wash the sand from our feet
We'd marvel at the way
The ocean and the sky seemed to meet
The times we sat and held hands for hours
No words could have told us
What the silence was saying loud and clear
That when you love someone
As deeply as we love each other
Just being with that person
Is all you'll ever need and want

2-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Alone

My bed is big
But it is cold
I hoped it's warmed
Before I grow old

I hope someday someone
Will share it with me
I've always heard that's the way
That it's supposed to be

But every night
I sleep alone
In my big cold bed
In my lonely home

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Ray Hansell

Alone Far Too Long

I have lived my life alone
Such a sad way to go
No one out there
Ever had love to show

There were some nights, more then a few
When I just sat and cried
I was always alone
No matter how hard I tried

Some people just don't understand
How lonely life can be
I've lived this way far too long
I feel as if love has forgotten me

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Ray Hansell

Alone In The Dark

Alone in the dark
You and I
Love so alive
All we do is sigh

Your body pressed
Up against mine
Together we forget
The passage of time

We're lost in love
Each minute we get higher
Our naked bodies together
As our souls are on fire

You touch those special places
That always make me quiver
I'm so turned by you
I want to be your giver

I'll give to you the joy
That you have brought to me
When the loving is done
In each others eyes we'll see

That love is always there
Living deep inside
Knowing it's a love
That will never hide

1-14-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Alone Together

You called me on the phone
You said that you were home
You asked me, are you alone
I answered, yes I am
You said, come on over
We'll be alone together
You don't know how right you were
When I am with you, I do feel all alone

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Ray Hansell

Alway In Love With You

The years have come
The years have gone
But through it all
Love has lived on

Even though there were times
When we both believed
That it probably would be better
If one of us would leave

But we stayed the course
We managed to see it through
It has been a wonderful ride
I'm glad I got to do it all with you

7-5-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always A Part Of Me

Turn the lights
Down real low
Softly let
The music flow

As love songs
Fill the air
Together we'll share
A big soft chair

I'll hold you
Close to me
The way you like
Us to be

The love in me
Is just for you
No one else
Will ever do

If you should
Ever doubt
If my love
Has run out

Then all you
Have to do
Is look into my eyes
You'll see my love for you

But you can tell
By my soft touch
That I love you
So very much

I know
Inside my heart
You will always
Be a part

A part of me
For all my life
Maybe one day
You'll be my wife

I know my love
Will not run dry
I wouldn't even
Want to try

To live life
All alone
You are my love
With you I'm home

10-11-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always Be Fine

Loving you
Is the only thing
That I want to do

Being close
Every night
That is my hope

Making love
With only you
Is all I think of

Start my day
With only you
Surely the best way

Any time
I spend with you
Always will be fine

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Ray Hansell

Always Soar

It's written in the stars
That we were meant to be
It's so very clear
I hope that you can see

My love for you grows stronger
With every passing day
You live inside my heart
I know you'll never stray

Sometimes I get the feeling
That you and I will fail
That our story will one day end
Just like a fairytale

But I want you to know
That's not what I'm hoping for
I'm hoping you and I
Like birds, we can always soar

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Ray Hansell

Always Wanting You

I cry a thousand tears
When I think of you
Wishing in my heart
There was something I could do

There is just one thing
That I want you to know
That no matter what
My love for you will always show

I think back in time
When I began loving you
Always remember honey
That's the on thing I'll always do

So, please don't shut me out
Please don't turn me away
I am still in love with you
With you is where I want to stay

Changes will take place
I know that for sure
But remember what I told you
With me your love is secure

You told me that you loved me
I hope you always will
Because giving all my love to you
Is still life's greatest thrill

5-6-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Always Will

As I came around the curve
I saw you go by
There wasn't enough time
For me to even say hi

I saw you for a moment
Though it was only a glance
That was just enough for me
To make my heart dance

It makes me glad to know
I still get that special thrill
Whenever I see you
It makes happy knowing
That I probably always will

7-3-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Am I Insecure?

It seems the more I miss you
The more it makes me see
Exactly just how much
Your love means to me

When I don't see you
For several days or more
Many thoughts run through my head
But I don't know what for

I think, maybe you don't love me
I think, you found someone new
I wonder do the same things
Run through your head to

I know that you love me
This I do not doubt
So I just don't know
What my fears are all about

Am I acting insecure
When there's no reason to feel this way
I know how much she loves me
Because she tells me everyday

So I guess I need to grow up
Let love lead us where it will
I know that now and forever
You'll be loving me still

5-22-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Am I Wrong?

I ran into an old friend yesterday
He said, he'd just gotten out of jail
I looked at him as somewhat of a failure
But then I thought life wouldn't be life
Without those who fail

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Ray Hansell

Amazed

I love you
In many ways
That sometimes
I'm amazed

That I could ever
Love someone
Who has my heart
Completely won

I never thought
I'd see the day
When I would ever
Feel this way

I thought my heart
Was mine to keep
But ito it
You did sneak

Now that
You are there
I don't want you
Going anywhere

I hope you
Decide to stay
That your heart
Will never stray

But if the day
Should ever come
When we no longer
Are having fun

Always remember
Your heart comes first
Don't stay somewhere
If it makes you feel worse

Your happiness
Is all that counts
Don't let your sadness
Ever start to mount

Life's too short
It passes much too fast
Always be happy
As happiness should always last

11-11-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

America The Beautiful

America The Beautiful
That what the song says
Those words ring loud and true
Every day that I'm alive

I see those words before my eyes
Anywhere I chance to look
In my heart this land will stay
America The Beautiful

Open meadows clear blue skies
Hills all covered green
I have been so many places
There's much that I have seen

America The Beautiful
That's what the song says
America The Beautiful
Will remain my home sweet home

If for some unknown reason
You're unhappy with this land
You can always feel free to leave
But in a freer country you'll never stand

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Ray Hansell

An Impact

You've made an impact on my life
Forever I'll remember you
Even though your time on earth
Has reached a premature end
I'll always remember you
As a special and loving friend

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Ray Hansell

Anger

Anger lives inside us all
No matter who you are
Though it's usually locked away
But every now and then
We take it out of storage
And display it for all the world to see

Ray Hansell

Another

Another young woman
Whose body is attacked
She tried so very hard
To fight her way back

But once again her opponent
Just appeared one day
She had to fight a disease
That is tough to make go away

She fought herself a courageous fight
Like all women do
But it had a strangle hold
On her body through and through

She did fight hard
She did fight long
But in the end
The cancer was too strong

This seems to be a foe
That win's too many fights
But I know there are women
Who are successful in their plight

There are many who sometimes beat
This killer known as cancer
We must keep on fighting
Until one day we find the answer

To put an end to all the suffering
It causes in our society
Because we know at any time at all
This could strike you or me

5-14-10/RJH

Another Chance

What ever happened
To you and me?
What happened to the love
That use to be?

We use to chase rainbows
After a summer rain
Please tell me what happened
Why things are not the same

We use to wish upon a star
On a warm summers night
All those times we spent together
Everything in the world was right

Two kids who grew up together
Two adults who fell in love
We built our worlds around each other
That's all we ever thought of

Then came the day we said, 'I Do'
We both believed in forever
But I guess forever is one of those words
You don't use, just like never say never

We thought we found our tomorrows
In each other eyes
Could it be all those years
We both wore a disguise?

There was a time not long ago
The love we shared was real
But as the years passed us by
Some things we no longer conceal

My love for you has faded
Like a fog burned away by the sun
It was not that long ago
When in my heart you were the only one

I can see your love for me
No longer lives in your heart
Instead of growing together
It appears we've grown apart

I know that no one is to blame
That's not what I'm trying to do
But I think it would be better
To live without you

It hurts me so to speak these words
Because you've meant so much to me
But you and I staying together
Is just not meant to be

I don't think our love has died
Because love is never truly dead
I just think now is the time
That these words be said

You'll always have a special place
Here inside my heart
It's just that we can't live together
It's time for a brand new start

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Ray Hansell

Another Day

Another day is here
For me to think of you
And all the wonderful things
That you say and do

Loving you is easy
It's what I love to do
I hope you feel for me
Just what I feel for you

Because of you
The sun always shines
Even rainy days
I leave far behind

When I'm feeling blue
Or having a bad day
Just thoughts of you
Can chase the blues away

I love each day just loving you
You're the greatest love I've known
What I feel for you inside
Are great memories all my own

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Ray Hansell

Another Day To Love You Babe

For you my lovely lady
You know who you are
You are my shining sun
You are my shining star

You're my every morning
You're my every day
When the night arrives
You chase my worries away

Soon it will be tomorrow
We know what happens then
I get another day
To love you all over again

(5-15-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

Another Day To Share

A new day is upon us
As the sun breaks through the clouds
The morning will be soft and quiet
By mid-day life will be loud

The sounds of cars and buses passing
People playing in the park
The noise will ring out loud
Long after it's been dark

But it is still a brand new day
For love to bloom and grow
But I also know that somewhere out there
There is a love that is dying slow+

Another day in which dreams are born
Another day where a dream may come true
Another day for me
To share, another day with you

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Ray Hansell

Another Year Of War

Christmas time is here again
Another chance to die
Those who are fighting in war
May say their last goodbye

The world is still not at peace
How much more can we endure
The leaders who speak of peace
Should start at their own front door

When I was young I was told
Christmas is a time of peace
If that's the case then how come
All fighting does not cease

The older I get the more I see
How much we are mislead
It's getting to the point for me
I doubt everything that's said

My country always speaks of peace
Yet, it always flexes its might
It seems that the USA
Is always ever ready for a fight

So many people are tired of war
Far too many have surely died
But it seems the only one's who care
Are the one's left behind to cry

12-8-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Another Year To Change

Another year is ending
As a new one begins
Some of us had losses
Some of us had wins

The new year means we all
Get another chance
For those who lost in love
Another try at romance

For those who lost a loved one
Another year to move on
Even though you may have thought
That all reasons for moving on were gone

For those who thought to just give up
It's another chance for you to stand up and fight
A chance to show everyone else
That at the end of every tunnel there is light

The dark shadows that drifted overheard
Will soon be blown away by the winds of change
It won't be long before you see
That life and things can be rearranged

You'll see that change for the better does happen
No matter who you may be
One day you'll wake up and realize
That you are the one who holds that key

1-20-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Any Clearer

You said, you walked away sad
Thinking that I was mad
You were sorry for what you said
You just said, what came to your head

You wanted me to know
All day long you felt so low
You wished with all your heart
That we didn't have to part

The only thing I'd like to say
Is I love you more each passing day
I'm telling you right now
No matter what you do or say
It will always be that way

As I drove away from you
I looked into my rear view mirror
All the love that I was feeling for you
To me, could not have been any clearer

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Ray Hansell

Anymore

Life isn't like it use to be
When it was you and me
Now my days are filled with gloom
Spent inside my bedroom

I sit and wait for your call
Starring at the four walls
But my phone never rings
Once again my heart stings

I could say I'm sorry
Like a million time before
But I think I'll go away
So I don't see you anymore

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Ray Hansell

April 16,2007 (A College Massacre)

I saw the people crying
Their eyes red from tears
I could also hear
In their voices their fears

They're trying to understand
Something that cannot be explained
They're trying hard to cope with
The heartache and the pain

They want to understand
Why people do what they do
They want to understand
How such hate in some can brew

How could anyone
Do what he's done
They wonder how so much hate
Can live inside anyone

Yesterday these people
Were strangers to each other
Some will now become very close
Like that of a sister or brother

Yesterday these people
Didn't know the others existed
Yesterday these people
Had children who were gifted

But today they stand together
Sharing hurt and tears
Knowing that their children
Will never hear graduation cheers

Yes, today they are assembled
In a church to say goodbye
Hoping that no other parents
Have to see their children die

Are We Fools

Are we all fools?
Because we dream?
All of our hopes and fantasies
Coming apart at the seams

We close our eyes and wonder
If dreams ever do come true
I've heard that's it's a possibility
That it could just happen to you

There are dreams that come in the night
There are dreams that come in the day
There are dreams that reoccur
There are dreams that never go away

So whoever and wherever you are
Happy dreams to you
For it's only a fool who will think
That dreams never come true

6-27-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Are We Worth Another Try

How come thoughts of you
Continue to fill my head
How come with each passing day
I recall all the things you've said?

I can't escape the memories
That you and I both share
Could it be that deep inside
I still really care

I thought that I was over you
I thought we said goodbye
If it's over then how come
When I think of you my heart sighs

I thought we use to be
Two lovers who had parted
But I can't seem to put out
The fire in me you started

So if you'll have me back
Can we give love another try
Who knows maybe this time
We won't say goodbye

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Ray Hansell

Are You Vindictive

Are you vindictive
When others do you wrong
Or can you turn the other cheek
To show that you are strong

Anyone can seek revenge
For reasons all their own
But the stronger one will always be
Those, who leave well enough alone

Ray Hansell

Around Us

I look around and all I see
Is a world filled with war and hate?
I know life should have to offer
For some, a much better fate

Many look to the heavens
Trying desperately to find an answer
While it seems the world around us
Is slowly dying like a cancer

I hope someone somewhere
Can do what needs to be done
But can this be accomplished
When together we can't live as one?

10-10-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

As Any Man Can Be

Living without loving
A terrible place to be
I know that in my life
Many times that was me

I thought that I was in love
But I was never really sure
Usually I went along
I made myself endure

But then one day my eyes opened
When I saw her standing there
I really couldn't help it
All I could do was stare

There was something about her
That drew my look her way
The feelings just got stronger
With each passing day

Then when I got to know her
I knew what I had found
The woman I'd been looking for
The woman I'd always want around

The love we shared was magic
She quickly helped me see
The one I'd been searching for
Was right here in front of me

I love the way she smiles
I love the way she touches me
She makes me so very happy
Happy, as any man could be

8-2-09/RjH

As If It Were Rehearsed

As if it were rehearsed
We reached out for each other
With arms that would never let go
We kissed each other with lips
That would never say goodbye

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Ray Hansell

As If She Knew Me

I remember when I first saw her
Up there on the stage
Although she was so young
She was matured beyond her age

The words flowed out so effortlessly
Like rivers rushing to the sea
I sat there in total silence
For I felt she was singing to only me

She described what I was feeling
But yet, we'd never met
But it seems the more she sang
Deeper inside of me she'd get

She sang about my childhood
My past pains rang loud and clear
The more that she kept singing
The more I could feel my tears

Her voice so soft and soothing
Her words came out in thyme
And for a magic evening
She took me back in time

But I get what I had realized
As I sat there listening that night
Is that so many peoples past
Though bad,
We still turned out all right

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Ray Hansell

As Long As We

Miles separate us
As the phone reunites us
For a few short minutes
Time and distance are erased

Just a few kind words
That's all I need
Just to hear your voice
I feel my heart is freed

I guess the day will never come
When you and I live as one
But as long as we can talk
For me, half the battle is won

11-18-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

As You Speak Those Words

I love the easy manner
You readily display
But more than that I love to hear
The kind and gentle words you say

Your soft voice fills my ear
When you speak those magic words
They are by far without a doubt
The best words one could hear

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Ray Hansell

At Least

Sure it hurts to lose
Someone that you love
But in losing them you realize
At least you had them to lose

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Ray Hansell

Autumn Of Life

When the autumn of life
Takes control
When we start to feel
We're growing old

Will the love we feel today
Find a way to live on
Or will it fade
Like our younger years that are gone

6-1-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Away

You're going on a journey
To a land far away
But just for a short while
Are you going to stay

It is such a different place
Then the place that you call home
But I can say that while you're gone
My heart will beat alone

You won't be here for me to hold
You lips I cannot kiss
But for you I have just
One important wish

I hope you return home safe
I hope all goes well
Because while you're away
I'll be living in hell

11-8-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Back To The Usa

Too many tears have fallen
Please no more stalling

The fighting must come to an end
Home the troops, you need to send

No more injuries, no more death
We'll settle for nothing less

Our brothers and sisters gave so much
I think they've given more than enough

War is hell as we all know
They did not hesitate to go

When their country called to them
They were always ready again and again

But now it's time for them to be
On a plane toward their country

We all know the price they had to pay
Bring them back to the USA

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Ray Hansell

Bad Dream

Last night I had a dream
And it scared me so
Because you said to me
That you had to go

I woke up screaming
My body drenched in sweat
My heart was pounding
The bed was soaking wet

But soon I felt your hand
Gently touch my chest
You said, you had a bad dream
Relax and get some rest

The softness of your hand
As it lightly touched my skin
Once again brought me back
From a bad place I had been

11-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Bad News

People look
But they cannot see
The hate I feel
Inside of me

So you ask
Why do I hate
I don't think
You can relate

My life's a mess
It's turned upside down
A happy medium
Just can't be found

What makes me
Hurt inside
Why have my tears
All run dry

The news I got
From the doctor today
Were the saddest words
I've heard her say

What I have
Can't be cured
By the doctor I was
Most assured

She told me
Tie up loose ends
Then say goodbye
To all my friends

So now I must prepare
To tell the ones I love
That my destination
Is bound for up above

So that's the reason
I feel hate
Because I fear
It's much too late

I feel that hope
Is all but gone
For me too soon
I'll be passing on

Unless of course
I can find
A drug for me
To extend my time

A second opinion
I must seek
So that maybe life
Is something I can keep

5-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Be Seen Not Heard

All I hear is chatter
As people sit and talk
I have to leave the area
I have to take a walk

If everyone is talking
Who's doing the listening?
Everyone should just be quiet
So they can hear what they are missing

What they would hear is silence
A quiet and peaceful place
The sound of nothing at all
Could put a smile on their face

But for reasons unknown
Some people can't be quiet
It's like they have to hear the noise
That one would hear from a riot

They need to learn to sit and relax
Just think quietly to themselves
They would find the kind of riches
That come without needing wealth

3-19-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Be Strong

It seems that every now and then
That past hurts surface again

It's like they are there to remind you
Of the pain that you've been through

Sometimes it seems the pain we feel
Comes back to steal our day again

Hopefully soon it goes away
So you don't suffer another day

But I am afraid to say
The pains inside will always stay

But you should know you're not alone
Others feel the pain you've known

So just be strong and see it through
For there's no one stronger than you

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Ray Hansell

Be Yourself

Speak the truth
Don't tell lies
Always be honest
Never wear a disguise

Life is too short
So be who you are
Don't worry about failure
You can still go far

He who worries
About finding success
Will soon find himself
Passed by the rest

2-10-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Because I Do

The softness of your smile
The beauty that I see
When ever I am near you
You warm the heart in me

You show me all the time
What true love really means
You are the only one I see
When I close my eyes to dream

The kindness in your voice
The gentleness of your touch
Only makes me want you more
Because you're the one I love so much

12-14-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Because Of Him

You're my strength
You're my love
The power in me
Comes from above

You protect me
In times of need
It's Your call
I'll always heed

All I am
Is because of You
Because of You
I am

11-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Because You Said

You tell me that you love me
I don't know what to say
All I can do is smile
As my heart starts to sing
The words you have just spoken
Went straight to my heart
You know it's funny sometimes
How we dream at night
And how our dreams never come true
Now I stand here, eyes wide open
My greatest wish becomes reality
Because you said, you love me

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Ray Hansell

Beginning Again

Your smile shines bright
Like the heavens in the night
Your touch so soft and warm
Like a summer day just born
Your voice sings out like a church choir
I hope you know it's you, I desire

3-18-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Behind Her Smile

She cries behind her smile
Her tears no one can see
But the pain that she's been through
Would have crippled you and me

Ray Hansell

Being Alone

Alone in a restaurant
Alone in the park
Alone in the day
Alone in the dark

Alone in a car
Alone on a street
Alone each day
No one to meet

Alone in a crowd
Alone in a store
Alone all the time
But life's not a bore

Alone on a boat
Alone on a plane
Alone everyday day
Playing life's game

Alone is the way
I go around
That way you see
No one lets me down

4-4-2013/RjH

Ray Hansell

Being Here

Instead of being here
I wish I were there
Right next to you
Showing you how much I care

Instead of being alone
I wish we were together
Knowing that as the night wears on
Things will only get better

I wish I were holding you
Instead of holding a dream
Reality is so much better
We both know what I mean

I wish I were loving you
It's what we once did best
But I guess it doesn't matter
Issues were never addressed

4-24-09/RjH

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Ray Hansell

Being Late

There are those people
Who are never on time
To them it's no big deal
They pay it no mind

But being late is an attitude
A sign you just don't care
If you are going to be late
Why bother going there

1-16-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Being With You

Feeling you so soft and warm
Pressed against my skin
I want to make love with you
It's a place we've already been

I'll love you soft and gentle
I'll kiss you nice and slow
All the love I feel for you
I promise it will show

When the loving is over
And it's just you, me and the night
I promise that forever
I'll always treat you right

11-16-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Believe In Yourself

You must have faith
You must believe
If you do
You will achieve

If you think you can
Then you just might
To doubt yourself
Is to turn out the light

For in darkness
No one can see
Failures or success
Only you know what could be

So keep the faith
Always believe
Life rewards
You will receive

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Ray Hansell

Believing In Yourself

Her screams fill the night
She knows he's gone for good
Though she still loves him
Many things are misunderstood

Did he love her?
Did he care?
Now she'll never know
Without him being there

Maybe it's for the best
Maybe she needs to be alone
Only time will tell
If she can find her way home

If she see's that she can make it
If she see's she don't need a man
Finally for the first time in her life
On her own two feet she'll stand

5-18-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

Belong To You

I know a lovely lady
Who is soft and sweet
You would feel the same
If her you were to meet

She gives me love and so much more
She's today, tomorrow and forever
It seems with each passing day
All things with her get better

Her smile is bright, her touch is warm
She soothes me with her song
I know that loving her
Could never be wrong

I love her unconditional
I know I always will
Everytime that we meet
She still gives me a thrill

I know that come tomorrow
I will still feel the same
I know that loving her
Would never be a game

My feelings are genuine
My love is strong and true
I promise that this heart of mine
Will always belong to you

12-22-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Between Me And God (A Friend Fighting Cancer)

Last night when I hit my knees
To say my nightly prayers
For the first time ever
I asked God if he was there?

I asked Him for a favor
But it wasn't for me
If you just read on
I think that you will see

I asked God if He had
A miracle or two
I told Him it wasn't for me
But that it was for you

I told Him how you needed help
To fight a deadly foe
But He just answered slowly
With the words, I know

He said, you don't need a miracle
All you have to do is believe
Through the power of faith
There is so much one can achieve

He said, sometimes I throw a curve
Even to the very best
He wants to see how you respond
He said, it's part of life's test

He promised to watch over you
To bless you every day
He knows you're a believer
He feels your faith come his way

All He asks of you is that
You keep up the good fight
He says between the two of you
Things will work out all right

5-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Between You And Me

Seeing you again
Confirmed what I knew
I am still so very much
In love with only you

What you do to me
No one else will see
All the things we share
Stay between you and me

8-16-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Bleeding Heart

Now I see she's happy
I am happy to
If she had to love someone
I'm glad that it was you

Don't get me wrong I miss her
With every breath I breathe
Wit every passing day
A little more my heart bleeds

3-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Boy Meets Girl

I never could give you much
But what I gave was real
All the words I ever spoke
Were as true as true could be

Boy meets girl
With a simple hello
Before they know it
They're always with each other

The dream the days away
At night their dreams come true
Laying there together
The whole night through
They greet the brand new day

One day he asks her,
Would you marry me?
He says,
I'll make you happy as can be

Through teary eye's she says yes
I'd love to be your wife
I can't think of anything better
Then you and I sharing a life

Boy meets girl
With a simple hello
Right before their eyes
They both watched love grow

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Ray Hansell

Break Up October 94

The time has come
For you and I
To bid each other
A fond goodbye

This time has been coming
Since June of '94
That's when you made it clear
You didn't love me anymore

I hold no grudges
You're not blame
Love didn't last
That's the shame

Eight long years
We've been together
Look at all the storms
You and I have weathered

I hope you find
What your looking for
I hope one day
Love finds it's way to your door

I hope you'll be happy
I wish you the best
We really did try
We just didn't pass love's test

12-22-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

Break Ups

Breaks ups come
Break ups go
Life goes on
As we all know

I thought as time went on
A break up wouldn't be so tough
But I guess when the heart hurts
It's always way too much

Sometimes you reconcile
Because your heart still cares
But I guess a break up anytime
Will usually cause despair

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10-16-16

Ray Hansell

Bring Them Home

Killed in war
At twenty four
American's can't
Take no more

Too many wounded
Too many have died
Too many families
Have already cried

We all ask
Why should we stay
In a country that hates us
More each day

So, do the right thing
Bring the troops all home
Bring them back to a place
Where appreciation will be shown

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Ray Hansell

Broken

Broken soul
Broken heart
Broken forever
Love has fallen apart

Broken days
Broken nights
Broken words
End up in fights

Broken thoughts
Broken dreams
Broken memories
Love isn't all it sometimes seems

4-14-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Broken Hearts Will Heal

I know that broken hearts can heal
It happens almost everyday
People find the strength within
To go about their way

But I know that for a while
They will let no one near
They don't want the pain
From another fallen tear

4-17-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Burn Burn Burn

The burning love
I feel inside
I can't control
I just can't hide

My love for you burns
Like that of a wild fire
The passion inside of me
Like flames keep leaper higher

I feel like I may burn
Completely out of control
I fear I'll lose my grip
I fear I'll lose my hold

I need someone to cool me
Someone to help me slow down
But please don't use water
I don't want my love to drown

Or maybe just let me burn
Until I burn myself out
Maybe then I'll learn
What love is all about

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Ray Hansell

But Most Of All

My eyes are getting weary
It's time to say goodnight
A new day will be born
With the morning light

As I drift off to dream land
I'll dream sweet dreams of you
I hope you sleep peaceful
As the angels watch over you

I hope you sleep in comfort
Tucked warm inside your bed
I hope in your mind there's echo's
All of the "I love you's" I have said

But most of all
I always pray
That you awake
To see a brand new day

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Ray Hansell

But Yet

The love we shared
Years ago
I'll never regret
But yet
I still miss you so

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Ray Hansell

By The Fire

Lying by the fire
Watching the flames
Dancing on the log
Our naked bodies
Pressed together
Music softly playing
As love fills the room
Softly I keep saying
I love you, I love you

8-1-76/RJH

Ray Hansell

Bye

The gun is pressed
To my head
Soon I'll no longer
Be depressed

With one little pull
With one loud pop
All the hurt and pain
Is finally going to stop

Sorry for the mess
That I leave behind
I hope the clean up
Doesn't take much time

To who ever finds me
Dead and laying here
I hope your future nights
Aren't filled with bad nightmares

5-27-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Calling You

I talked with you
On the phone
Hoping that
You were home

But you were
In your car
You said that you
Were going far

I wanted to stop
By your place
Just to see
You pretty face

To marvel at
You beautiful smile
The one that always
Is in style

But I'll have to wait
For another day
When I know
That I can come your way

6-3-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Can Be Strange

Love can be strange
There really are no rules
Love has a habit
Of making people look like fools

5-2-09/Rjh

Ray Hansell

Can We Try Again?

You turn to me
With teary eyes
Your hurt and pain
You just can't hide

Then you ask
May I have a kiss?
Your kiss is what
I most miss

I didn't know
When you went away
That I'd miss you so
Each and every day

So please come back
So we can see
If what we had
Can once again be

If it fails
I'll walk away
You'll never hear from me
After that day

11-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Can You Un-Do

Can you un-ring a bell?
Once it has been rung
Can you un-do the damage
That may have been done

When you say, I love you
Can it be taken back?
Or is it too late
Because of the impact

When you leave someone
Is that the end of it all
Is everything two people built
Destined to crumble and fall

When you've hurt somebody
Causing a pain so deep
Is there any reason to believe
Love from you they want to keep

It seems in life we all do things
That we wish we could un-do
Why does it seem the one's we love
Are the one's we do this to

How can you say you love someone
Then cause them such misery
I know that in life and love
This isn't how it was meant to be

When you love somebody
They say follow your heart
For if your love is real and true
From love you'll never part

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Can'T Be Found

You asked me for a poem
Written just for you
That's a fair request
Let me see what I can do

The words I wish to use
Are words that can't be found
But please don't you worry
On another day they'll be around

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Ray Hansell

Catch My Eye

As the sun goes down
The moon begins to rise
All I want to see
Is you before my eyes

The beauty of a sunset
Is a wonderful sight to see
It can only be topped
By you standing next to me

The loveliness of you or
The beauty of the sky
I'm so happy to say
You'd be the one to catch my eye

7-3-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Changes

Season's come
Season's go
Changing as they leave

People come
People go
Because they don't believe

Smiles come
Smiles go
Because love didn't grow

Fears come
Fears go
Because of things we don't know

Tears come
Tears go
But for whom do we grieve

Season's come
Season's go
We change as they leave

11-23-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Cherished Times Forever

There have been times in my life
That I remember and cherish
But none will be more remembered or cherished
As much as the times I've spent with you

When other memories fade and are forgotten
These times with you will live on and on
Time could not erase, no one could replace
The moments together with you

You are so very special and always in my heart
My day begins with thoughts of you and that's the way it ends
Years from now and millions miles between us
I'll look back and remember how I loved you, my friend

Ray Hansell

Christmas War

Here's another Christmas
We're still engaged in war
I was hoping last year
The wars would be no more

But still the fighting lingers
For how long is anybody's guess
It seems the way it's going
It's become a game of chess

One side moves then the other
Then there a pause
But for now we know they'll be no visit
From a man called Santa Claus

So here once again is hoping
That you return home real fast
Hoping that the war you fight
Will soon be in the past

So here's wishing you the best
To you and your platoon
Hoping that all of you
Return home very soon

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Ray Hansell

Coffee For Two

Sitting at a table
With chairs for only two
Sipping on our coffee
It's only me and you

What a great escape
In the middle of the day
We sit and sip our coffee
As if we were in a play

The world around us keeps moving
At it's steady pace
You can tell people are hurried
By the looks upon their face

No time to take it easy
No time to just kick back
Quiet and peaceful moments
Is what their hurried worlds lack

They have to be someplace
They check their phone for the time
I'm glad that hurried living
Is no longer a burden of mine

10-26-2014

Ray Hansell

Coldness

When we met you were a virgin
You are a virgin no more
Just because we made love
Doesn't mean I'll be back at your door

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Ray Hansell

Come Home With Me

Come home with me
Please warm my bed
Tomorrow I will tell you
All the things you said

My nights are lonely
And very cold
I need someone
That I can hold

Please say that you'll
Come home with me
For the two of us
Maybe its love we'll see

6-13-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Come Saturday

Saturdays sounds wonderful
If it's comes to be
You are the only one
I want real close to me

Just to touch your sexy body
Or just to hold your hand
I love so much baby
I truly hope you understand

No one else does to me
All the things you do
All I want from this life
Is to give my love to you

Maybe sometime soon
We can look down the road
So I'll know if forever
I'll have you to love and hold

But if Saturday doesn't happen
Know one thing for sure
The love I feel for you is locked
Inside my heart safe and secure

Sure I'd love nothing more
Then to hold you tight
To have you very close to me
As together we dream away the night

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Ray Hansell

Come Take My Hand

I pray that there is hope
I pray that there's a chance
You'll come take my hand
So together we can dance

Please come take my hand
We'll walk near the ocean's roar
The full moon will light our way
AS we walk through loves door

We'll stop and sit in the sand
As I hold you near
I'll whisper that I love you
I'll say it soft and clear

I'll fill your heard with music
As I sing you a song
Being with you will so feel so right
Loving you could never be wrong

I may sing a little off key
And be slightly out of tune
But I'll still sing for you
As we sit on a sand dune

What I feel inside for you
I know will last forever
I know as the years go by
Our world will get better

Please come with me
Please come take my hand
Right beside of you
Is where I'll always stand

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Come Together

So many nights spent alone
Just starrng at the ceiling
Deeep inside this heart of mine
There's so much that I'm feeling

So many times when I just cried
Times when I'd just reminisce
Thinking of the years gone by
Knowing, that some I really miss

Life has not been easy
Another test to take it always seems
But I've never given up
Or thrown away my dreams

But as time passes me
Things get a little better
I feel one day my whole world
Will somehow all come together

Ray Hansell

Company

Spending time with you
Is what I most like to do

Whether making love or drinking wine
Either one to me is fine

Sometimes just your company
Is really what suits me

1982/RjH

Ray Hansell

Copyright

Some poems that I wrote
Were not protected
It was my fault
That's something I neglected

But I have since learned
From my mistakes
Now I protect my writing
No matter what it takes

So please make sure you do the same
To protect the things you write
That way when it comes to sleeping
You'll sleep soundly through the night

So make sure the words you write
From you they don't take flight
The way that you can do this
Is to get a copyright

4-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Couldn'T Be Spared

I believe we've reached the end
I think our love has died
I know we tried
But we both cried
Way too many times

As you go remember
I once really cared
But I guess the love we once shared
Just couldn't be spared

11-18-2005/RjH

Ray Hansell

Crying

When she started crying
I didn't know what to do
I tried to comfort her
When I did, I started crying to

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Ray Hansell

Dancing

Take my hand and hold it
As I hold onto to you
As the music softly plays
Dancing close is what I want to do

I want to move with you
To the gentle beat
We will get going faster
As we start to move our feet

I'll swirl you around
I'll spin you out
I'll lift you over my head
As we dance all about

Slow music, fast music
Music in between
It doesn't really matter
We'll dance like we're in a dream

Take my hand and hold it
As I hold on to you
I'll show you some things
That these feet can do

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Ray Hansell

Days Gone By

The emptiness in my heart
The pain inside my soul
The sadness of my spirit
My life feels so cold

These hands that have held no one
These lips that have never kissed
If you never had something
Then there's nothing about that you'd miss

The days pass by so slowly
Those long and empty nights
It seems that for so long
Nothing ever went right

Then one day without warning
A feeling came over me
When I looked across the room
You were the only one I could see

I couldn't get you
Out of my head
I remember everything
You ever said

Now looking back
At the days gone by
I'm happy again
You're the reason why

You live right here inside my heart
I pray that you always will
Because every time I greet you
It's another exciting thrill

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Daze

You always wear a smile
Upon your pretty face
And every time I see you
You leave me in a daze

3-13-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dead And Gone

Sitting in a boat
Drifting on the sea
Wondering what the rest of life
Has in store for me

My life has taken many turns
Some turns I didn't want to go
There are still so many things
That I may never know

Some times I thought I had it all
But it slipped through my hands
At times it left me so confused
I just didn't understand

I could believe that maybe
I'd get another try
I know that might sound foolish
As much of life has passed me by

As we get older is it alright
For us to still have dreams?
Is it alright to still believe
The ends will one day justify the means?

Or should we just accept life as it is
Believing that no matter what
That all we have and have achieved
Will be our only shot

Or is it still good for us
To always believe in dreams
Knowing that no time soon
They will be redeemed

It seems our only enemy
Is time that marches on
Knowing our dreams can never be
When we are dead and gone

7-23-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dealing With Adversity

Try to wear a smile
In difficult times
I know it won't be easy
When things aren't going fine

But a smile can help you
As you walk through each day
It makes life a little easier
As time slowly ticks away

No need to walk around
With a long face or frown
No need to let the world know
That you're feeling down

No need to go through each day
Feeling lost and all alone
Because, soon before you know it
Your heart will find it's way back home

11-24-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dealing With An Illness

Some nights seem so lonely
I just lay there and cry
I spend my time searching
For the what for and the why's

Most times I get no where fast
The answers can't be found
At times when I feel this way
I want no one else around

Sometimes I wallow in self pity
Trying to figure things out
But all the thinking and wondering
Just fills me with more doubt

I know that I must accept
The hand that I was dealt
I often try to minimize
The mixed feelings I have felt

There are many people that I know
Who often receive bad news
When they feel down the most
They look for anything they could use

I explain in great detail
The different emotions they'll go through
Hopefully they'll listen closely
Maybe their frustrations will be few

I know that what I've been through
Is tragic without a doubt
But if you do the best you can
I know first hand things will work out

12-11-2009/RjH

Dealing With Life

Please give me room don't crowd me
I need my own space
Just a little corner of the world
So my life I can retrace

I need the peace and quiet
So my mind can drift
So I can try to remember
That life is a precious gift

I know that in my early years
There was much I didn't know
But it was my teenage years
When I began to grow

That's when so much changed so fast
I thought I'd lose my way
Life at times was a blur
As time zipped through each day

The adult years came on quickly
Responsibilities became so many
Every time I turned around
Things to do were so plenty

I always felt as time went on
Life would get a little easy
But that's like saying a hurricane's wind
Are just a little breezy

The more I journey into adulthood
The more confused I became
I thought my life would be simple
Is there someone I can blame?

But I know no one's to blame
It's just the course of life
But I always wonder
Does everyone feel this strife?

So I'll continue to struggle on
I'll hold my hear up high
But I will not apologize
If now and then I must cry

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Ray Hansell

Dealing With My Life

Sitting here today
Nothing really to new
Bored out of my mind
No different then you

Some days seem so lonely
I feel lost and all alone
Some days I can't seem to find
A way to get back home

But I'll struggle to find a way
To try to fit in
I have no idea where I'm going
Not too sure of where I've been

At times life doesn't seem
That it's even worth living
But I'll keep on trying
To take what it's giving

I don't know how long
I can keep up this fight
It could go on for years
Or, I could just give up tonight

RjH/4-5-17

Ray Hansell

Didn'T Follow Their Dreams

Some days I remember
Some days I forget
So many things come and go
I can't remember them all but yet

Many times the past comes back to me
In the middle of a day
I'll recall so many things
That people had to say

Most of it was negative
From people who had failed
They lived a simple life
But they kept their dreams all jailed

They never took a chance
They didn't follow their dreams
As they look back on their lives
All they want to do scream

Ray Hansell

Didn'T Happen

Once upon a time
I thought the world was mine
But as I lived from day to day
I realized, it was not that way

All the things I thought were true
Were very soon out of view
All my hopes and all my dreams
Never was what they seemed

So my life has come to be
A disappoint ment for me
In many ways I thought it would be
A life lived in luxury

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Ray Hansell

Dirt Walls

As the church organ plays it's sad song
Everyone present knows he was wrong
To stick that needle in his arm
Because you see, now he's gone
So here's a message that's the truth
If you don't want to wear that noose
Don't get yourself hooked on drugs
By using, each day the hole is slowly dug
Believe me it's a very short fall
In the end surrounded by earth's dirt walls

5-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Divorce

A friendly face
A warn smile
A gentle hand to hold
A soft tender kiss
These are all the things
I'm going to miss

2-18-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Do We Stay Or Go?

Without hesitation
I gave you my heart
But now this separation
Just tears me apart

I need to be close to you
I need you by my side
I need you there in all I do
My love for you I cannot hide

Tell me what to do
Where do we go from here?
You know I love you so
Do you love or want me near?

Or has the time finally come
To go our separate ways
The days of fun and laughter
Have they vanished in the haze?

My head knows that I'm right
But the truth is in my heart
Should we just say goodnight
Or try to make a brand new start?

Our love was once alive and well
Living in our hearts and souls
Or do we just say goodbye
And forever have doubts as we grow old

Should we stay and try
To save the love within
Or walk away with some doubt
Always wondering, what might have been

So now we must decide
For our lives are getting late
No more trying to hide
We must decide our fate

Should we try to save
What we have right now?
Maybe the past
Can help us love again somehow

5-25-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Do You Hope To Get To Heaven?

Hopefully when you die
You'll go to a place
Where there are angels
Who'll greet you with an embrace

Hopefully the place called heaven
Will be your final stop
It's much nicer up there
Then the place below that's hot

4-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Do You Like To Dream

You can be a dreamer
I believe that is okay
I know people who dream
Each and every day

They dream of things
That may never be
But they say their dreams
Set them free

They see hope for tomorrow
They don't live in the past
Things that never were
Are things that just don't last

But dreams will go on forever
Until the end of time
Do you have a dream
That often fills your mind?

Ray Hansell

Do You Think Of Us?

It seems like only yesterday
I saw your first smile
It seems like only yesterday
We drove that quiet mile

I'm sitting here remembering
How our time together just flew
All my yesterday's come back
When I realize how much I miss you

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Ray Hansell

Does Such A Thing Exist

Some people say they're waiting
To find the perfect love
I'm sitting here wondering
Does such a thing exist?

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Ray Hansell

Don'T

If you're waiting for me to say, I love you
You'll be waiting for a long time
Because even when I see you
Even then I don't feel fine

There aren't many good things
I can say about you
In fact all the good things
Would be so very few

If you're waiting for me to say, I love you
Don't

1979/RjH

Ray Hansell

Don'T Be Bitter

Don't be bitter
Don't be mad
I know breaking up
Can make one sad

But you'll recover
Then you'll move on
The best part is
No Permanente harm

Sure you're hurt
Your heart may be broken
But just remember
These words spoken

Soon you'll find someone new
Someone to love and hold
Hopefully they'll be the person
Who'll share your years as you grow old

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Don'T Be Like Me

Words of love come flowing
From deep inside my heart
I guess that's the perfect place
For love to have a start

It's a warm and wonderful feeling
That doesn't happen every day
But please be very careful
If love should come your way

Never take it for granted
Never think of love as a game
The minute that you do that
Your heart will fill with pain

The pain of a broken heart
Can last for so very long
It will affect you deeply
Even if you think you're strong

I have played around before
I have lost at love
Looking back I still don't know
Just what I was thinking of

So if you have someone who loves you
Be as faithful as you can be
I speak from experience
Please, don't end up like me

Your life could be sad and lonely
You'll sleep each night alone
You may live inside your house
But your heart is not at home

A home is a warm and loving place
Where love is alive and well
A life that lived all alone
Can truly become a living hell

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Don'T Dwell On What Might Have Been

The maybe's and the could be's
Dance inside my head
I think of what might have been
If only the right words were said

You say we should have met
When we were young and free
But there is no guarantee
That you would have fallen in love with me

Sometimes I think it's pointless
Bringing up the if's ands and but's
Because we can never change
What isn't and what never was

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Don'T Give Up On Love

They say the tears
Can fall like rain
Hurt your heart
Cause you pain

Once your heart
Has felt that pain
I've heard it said
Your never the same

Some people say
It lasts forever
You never completely
Feel much better

But I know that time
Heals all wounds
So don't ever give up
On love too soon

The day will come
When love will arrive
Then once again
You'll feel alive

You'll realize
That hurts do heal
When once again
Your heart learns to feel

The birds will sing
The sun will shine
The words of love
Will once again all rhyme

Ray Hansell

Don't Make Love Wait

Don't hesitate
Please don't delay
Don't say we'll love tomorrow
When love is at hand today

I love you
You said, you love me
Together I know
Is where we should be

Don't delay
Don't hesitate
In our hearts we know
We should not make love wait

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Ray Hansell

Don'T Try To Make Sense

Don't try to make sense
Of the things that go wrong
Just have the strength to recover
Just have the will to be strong

Just because things don't go
The way you wanted them to
Doesn't mean the future
Doesn't still hold good things for you

Keep your head help up high
Let a smile cover your face
Know that somewhere in this world
You will find your own place

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Don'T Waste My Time

Lately I find
You on my mind
Lately it seems
You dominate my dreams
I can't explain
But I won't complain

I haven't seen you in years
When I last did, you left in tears
I know that it has been
So very many years

Why all of a sudden
Do you reappear
Could it be in my heart
That I want you near

I don't understand
Why I think of you at all
You left without a word
Not once did you ever call

I don't need or want you around
My life has been going fine
I don't have the strength no more
To watch you waste my time

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Dreamers

The world is full of dreamers
Fools like you and I
Because we can see
Beyond the vision in our eyes

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Dreaming

I hope that everybody dreams
At least a time or two
I know that I dream
I hope you do to

I dream about the heavens
Far beyond the sky
Wondering if one day
Man could how fly

To travel far away
To see the beauty way up there
Gliding around the universe
Without a worry or a care

Maybe I could visit
Planets far away
Go to see the Milky Way
Maybe linger for a day

Fly into a black hole
Of a star that's blown away
Or find myself a planet
Where maybe I could stay

This is just what dreams can do
For everyone including you
But if you never dream
They'll be wonders left unseen

9-8-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Dreams Come True

Thank you for the memories
The dreams you made come true
My life has been so wonderful
Thanks in a large part to you

Your warm radiating smile
Hands as soft as a baby
All my love was just for you
There never was a maybe

I loved you so very true
Each and every day
I gave my heart to you
I let nothing get in the way

Never was there a doubt
When it came to you
All the love I felt for you
There was nothing I wouldn't do

If I had the chance
To do it all again
I would love you baby
Better then I did back then

Thank you for the memories
The dreams you made come true
My life would have been incomplete
If I had never met you

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Ray Hansell

Dying Together

Laying together
side by side
Hand in hand
Is how they died

She was terminally ill
His health was getting worse
Living life without her
To him would be a curse

Fifty four years together
They shared each others lives
He, her only husband
She, his only wife

As the years passed by
Life had been so kind
Happiness together
Is what they would find

But now the years have started
To slowly take their toll
They felt the nagging pains
As the years made them grow old

Inside they both knew
Just want they wanted to do
They wanted to die together
As her days were becoming few

So they made the decision
Together they'd leave earth
They wanted to die with dignity
Along with their self worth

So with their children's blessing
To a clinic they all went
There, they said their goodbye's
With their prayers heaven sent

So with fragile hands
They both held a drink
They drank it down with one swallow
No need to re-think

They knew what they were doing
Was the right thing to do
This choice was their own
The minutes left were few

So there they lay together
Dying hand in hand
Going out with dignity
Is something we all can understand

They gently closed their eyes
As they went off to sleep
Slowly they journeyed
Heading for eternal peace

So please do not judge them
For what they have done
Perhaps we can all one day be as brave
When we know the end has come

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Ray Hansell

Each And Every Day

My hearts in critical condition
It's in intensive care
I know how it got there
Would you like me to share?

You see my heart is broken
I don't know if can be repaired
I know it would come to life again
If a certain someone said she cared

I'll always love you
That's a fact that's true
I'm just now realizing
How lonely I am without you

You'll always be the memory
That's never far away
I will always love you
Each and every day

11-11-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Empty Desk, Empty Chair

An empty desk, an empty chair
I remember when you sat there

But now you're gone and you're not there
Am I the only one who cares

I often wonder where you went to
I often think about you

I sometimes just sit and stare
At the empty desk and empty chair

So much has changed since you left
Not so much for the best

But I know I had no say
When they let you go that day

But I hope they always leave them there
Your empty desk and empty chair

12-6-2005

Ray Hansell

Empty Desk, Empty Chair Part II

I see your desk
I see your chair
It's not the same
Without you there

I recall the smile
You use to wear
But that smile
Is no longer there

I remember the woman
Who's voice rang true
That lovely voice
Belonged to you

I remember how
Each day was new
The joy I felt
Was because of you

My heart feels empty
Just like that chair
I truly miss the days
When you would sit there

But my heart knows
You're no longer here
All that remains
Is an empty desk and chair

Ray Hansell

Ever Again

You came along and gave to me
My life's biggest thrill
Something tells me that
You probably always will

I love to be in your company
Just passing time with you
It seems we always have a way
To find something to do

Nothing makes me happier
Then just being by your side
Every time I look at you
It's done with eyes opened wide

There was a time not long ago
That I truly believed
That what we share now
Would never be achieved

But here we are finally
At each others side
No longer will my love for you
Ever again have to hide

4-8-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Every Day Dreams

I sometimes sit and think
Would I want to live forever?
I wonder if I could
Would life get any better?

I have to say right now
Life has been great to me
With all it's trials and tribulations
I'm still amazed at what I see

I have a son who is great
Almost beyond words
But I'm sure a million times
Those words we have all heard

I had myself a great career
That provided me a great living
It afforded me the opportunity
To give when I feel like giving

I give in my own little way
I give to those I choose
Most of my giving
Nobody even knows

So, maybe I don't want to live forever
Dying is an experience all it's own
I guess just another phase of life
As we take our final journey home

11-20-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Every Minute Of Every Day

I tried to call you today
But my call would not go through
I didn't get the chance to say
Baby, I love you

I tried a second time
But with no success
The lines are probably busy
That would be my guess

I just wanted you to know
That while you're far away
That you are always on my mind
Every minute of every day

11-26-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Every Night With You

Every night with you
Would be a fun time
Every night with you
Would be so very fine

Every night with you
Would be pure pleasure
Every night with you
Would surely be a treasure

Every night with you
Would end like the night before
Every night with you
Would keep me coming back for more

3-28- 06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Every Time

Every time I see her
My spirits come alive
Every time she goes away
My heart just softly sighs

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Everybody Knows

Your voice is soft and gentle
Like a summer breeze that blows
I'd write how much I love you
But I think everybody knows

There's no one else for me but you
That's how I've always felt
Because when you come in to view
My heart begins to melt

11-9-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Everyday

Everyday another page
Of my life gets turned
It seems with every turn
Another lesson has been learned

No matter how old
I may live to be
There's always some things
To be learned by me

You see, no one knows it all
Only a fool would think otherwise
That's why I keep on learning
Always giving it my best try

I know there are some people
Who'll learn so much more
Then this brain of mine
Could ever hope to store

Everyday another page
Of my life gets turned
But what is most important
Is that I remember what I learned

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Ray Hansell

Everyone Wants

Everyone craves affection
Everyone wants to be held
Everyone wants to be kissed
Everyone wants to be loved
That's what is most missed

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Except For The Rain

A lone single plane
In the darkened sky
Reaching for the heavens
As it climbs so high

First circling then diving
Rearranging the air
Taking risky chances
No one else would dare

Four lives were lost
When a hillside met the plane
The world became silent
Except for the rain

4-19-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Express Your Love

You tell me that you love me
This I do not doubt
When I am with you
I see what love is all about

For many years I thought
I knew love so well
But you have showed me
I've been living in a shell

I thought love was a feeling
So that was all it took
I thought love was complete
With just, an I love you look

But you have showed me
Love needs to be expressed
If you love someone tell them
Don't make them have to guess

Say the words that your heart feels
Gentle words of love you should speak
Let them know they are the one
Who still makes your knees go weak

Tell them that when you see them
Your heart skips a beat
Tell them you always get a thrill
Whenever you two meet

No one will know you love them
If you don't say it's so
If you wait too long to say it
They may soon be on the go

So express the love you feel
Every chance you get
Always let each other know
How happy you are that you met

1-21-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Faded Memories

I found an old picture
Of you and I
It was from many years ago
I saved it through the years
This is all I have left
To remember you by

3-13-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Failure And Defeat

Life sometimes gets to the point
Where we'd all like to quit
The only thing that keeps us going
Is the belief that only loser's quit
When one quits, one admits his failures
When one admits failure, one is defeated
So that's why we keep going
In our minds always knowing
That everyone fails and gets defeated
But the strong one's keep on fighting
Knowing a wrong they're righting
Seeing the day when failure and defeat
Are two words they'll no longer meet

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Fallen Stars

There are people living in the hills
With big houses and fancy cars
There are lots of people living there
The homes of the fallen stars

Once these people had it made
But now they get to see
What normal life is like
For people like you and me

They get to see the struggles
They never had to face
There's no one around
To step in and take their place

They are no longer in movies
They now live in reality
The everyday world
Is now what they get to see

The life that they live now
Is not a part in a movie
When they look in the mirror
Most don't like what they see

They never ever thought
They'd fall this far from grace
Now they look at themselves
They wish someone could take their place

They wonder how they lost it all
They are not sure what went wrong
They don't know if they can make it
They don't know if they are that strong

10-18-06/RJH

Fate Played A Hand

Imagine if I hadn't
Started work that day
There's absolutely no chance
You would have come my way

If just one move was altered
If there was just one thing I didn't do
The chances are very good
I would have never met you

The roads of life we were walking
Would have kept us both right there
Today would not have found us
Together as a pair

So you see it must have been fate
That lent a helping hand
For you to become my loving woman
For me to become your loving man

8-18-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Faults

In my eyes
You can do no wrong
I am blind
To your faults
But yet I know
You do have faults
We all do
But I can overlook yours
Because I love you so

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Ray Hansell

Fear

Fear

Fear of conflict, fear of change

Fear that our lives

Will always stay the same

Fear of sickness

Fear of the dark

Fear in the heart

That we lost that spark

Fear of the unknown

Fear of something new

Fear is alive and well

Fear lives inside of you

Fear of being alone

Fear of suffering pain

Fear of not knowing

How to play lifes game

Fear of the future

For what it may hold

The fear inside some people

Knowing they will grow old

Fear of helplessness

When things are going wrong

Fear because you know

You're not really that strong

The fear of never knowing

The fear of facing death

The fear of not knowing when

You'll take your final breath

4-4-09/RjH

Fed Up

I'm trying to find a reason
To keep on believing

I want to find a way
To believe in today

But my mind is filled with doubt
Sometimes I want to scream and shout

People always say it's me
That with eyes closed one cannot see

My heart has grown cold
As the years make me old

I truly do want to change
I know my life I must rearrange

But it seems lies and suspicion
Are all I hear when I listen

They say the world's a dangerous place
You can see it on the peoples face

We don't know who or what to believe
But I know more lies they will conceive

We all must deal with our woes
But we don't know all of our foes

I wish there was a way
To learn who we can trust today

Then maybe, just maybe
A better day we'd all see

I know that I am not alone
As more doubt has grown

But I think I may have a plan
That everyone can understand

The politicians must first speak the truth
Forget about the polling booth

Don't worry about those things called votes
In the truth people will find hope

So speak your minds and say the truth
Empty words may mean empty (voting) booths

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Feelings Grow

You undress me
I undress you
We don't have to guess
Just what we're going to do

Our bodies touch
Our hearts beat fast
What we feel
Will forever last

Love had captured
Both of our souls
There is a story here
That will be told

Feelings of love
Know no boundary line
No matter what or who you are
Love is truly blind

But be careful not to rush
Always proceed slow
Like a seed in the ground
If it's meant to, love will grow

Just like you and I
We took one step at a time
Deep in our hearts we know
That we would be just fine

No one knows but you and I
No one has a clue
That my days now revolve
Around the woman that is you

You say I'm in your heart
You'll never let me go
You say the love you feel for me
Is love that will always show

I go to sleep with thoughts of you
I wake up the same way to
You say you always think of me
That's all you want to do

Living life together
Is a dream come true
I'm so very glad it happened
With someone as lovely as you

3-2-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Fifty Years Of Lies

Fifty years ago today
Three shots took his life away
What could you say
About that November day

So many tears were shed
So many words were said
Lies we were fed
Our president was dead

Who did it and why
That seemed to be the cry
But no matter who tried
All that were told were lies

They say Oswald was to blame
But he was just part of the frame
To those in charge it was a game
America would never be the same

To this day no one will say
Who really took his life away
Maybe soon one day
The truth will come our way

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Ray Hansell

Fighting Addiction

So many nights spent alone
Just starrng at the ceiling
Deep inside this heart of mine
There lies an empty feeling

There are nights when I just cried
There were nights when I'd reminisce
Thinking of the years gone by
Wondering, what it was I missed

Life has not been easy
Every day it's a new challenge
But I've never given up
Or, thrown away my dreams

But as time passes it seems to me
Life does get a little bit better
I feel one day my whole life
Will somehow all come together

Ray Hansell

Fighting The Feeling

I'm fighting with a feeling
That just won't go away
I wrestle with myself
About it everyday

Should I tell her that I like her
Or should I let things be
Deep inside I somehow feel
She won't feel the same for me

I think she is so beautiful
A masterpiece from God's own hand
But I somehow believe
I'm not her kind of man

So, maybe I won't say a thing
That's probably the best thing to do
Because sometimes when you like someone
They just may not like you

11-10-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Fills The Air

Love and happiness fill the air
When ever you're around
Holding hands and kissing
You never wear a frown

The special way you love me
The gentleness of your touch
These are the reasons why
I love you so very much

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Finally

As the years quickly passed
You and I both grew up
We slowly drifted apart
I never told you back then
But years ago you stole my heart

I never told you how I felt
Or just how much I cared
But I realized that I loved you
The day you weren't there

Your mother said, you went off to school
But you never said, goodbye
Maybe that's a good thing
When you left, I probably would have cried

But here we are now so many years behind us
I look at you and still feel the same
I can't help but think how our lives would have been
If you and I hadn't played those silly games

I know I should have told you
What I felt inside
I should have let my love show
But instead I let it hide

You look at me and call me a fool
I ask, what do you mean
She replied that I came back
To fulfill a life long dream

She said, years ago, I loved you so
But I couldn't let my love show
She said, I thought if I went away
My love for you would never grow

But it seems the longer I stayed away
My love for you did in fact grow
So I came back to tell you

Because I thought you should know

So now I'm here and I want you
I won't lose you a second time
We stood there looking at each other
In the distance the church bells chimed

Hand in hand we walked away
Finishing something that started years ago
I'll hold on to her forever
I'll never let her love go

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Ray Hansell

First Street Lunch

As you sat across from me
All I could think of was love
Every time I look at you
That's really all I ever think of

The soft smile on your face
The sparkle in your eyes
This feeling in my heart
I just cannot deny

The easy conversations
We always engage in
I let out a laugh
As your drink runs down your chin

Our hands meet in the middle
As we communicate our love by touch
That's the one thing that is so true
I love you so very much

But soon it's time for us to leave
As you must be on your way
I cannot think of any place else
That I'd rather be today

So, at least for a while
I got to share some time
With a lovely lady
Who I think is so very fine

11-18-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Five Twenty Nine Two Thousand Zero Nine

In the quiet of your room
You'll lay there and cry
In the darkness all alone
You'll somehow get by

Thinking that not long ago
Everything was fine
But in the recent months
You've been counting the time

You knew you had to face today
No matter what you thought
There were those private moments
When you felt so distraught

But you held yourself together
Like a foundation beneath a home
Many times your mind just wanted
To go and aimlessly roam

Today you'll forever remember
But not for a pleasant or happy reason
Today, in your mind will live forever
Like the changing of a special season

It was a warm spring time day
As you lay there on the gurney
Knowing that when you woke up
You would start a brand new journey

Your body has been altered
It's not like it use to be
But this alteration had to be done
So the rest of your life you'd get to see

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Ray Hansell

Fond Farewell

Feeling down and all alone
Could I be depressed?
Or is it just that life
Is putting me through a test

Many things I don't care about
Many things don't matter to me at all
I could care less what happens
I don't care how far I fall

Life has become a burden
I don't want to bear no more
I think I'll leave it all behind
As I walk out the door

No more worries, no more cares
No more headaches
No more despair
I've taken all that I can take

So I bid you all a fond farewell
I'll see you on the other side
But please don't feel bad for me
At long last I'm finally free

8-26-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

For All You Do

My life has had it's ups and downs
I've had my share of smiles and frowns
But you see my life has changed
Ever since you've been around

My life now is so happy
I'm a pleasant person to see
You have caused this change in me
My life now is as happy as can be

I awake every day just to be with you
There's so much that we share
I love what we have found
You've given me a reason to care

Many people go through life all alone
Happiness they've never known
But all that has changed for me
Because of the love you've shown

You have really changed my life
So I must say thank you
I love you so very much
For all the things you do

11-06-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

For Ever More

I feel as though I'm losing
The one I consider my best friend
I feel like your pushing me away
That's the message that you send

It seems you never have the time
To visit with me for a while
It seems to me that you've lost
That once beautiful smile

I'm not sure what to say
I know less of what to do
Because it hurts me inside
To think I'm losing you

If you want me to stay away
That's all you have to say
Just tell me what you want
I'll grant your wish today

I know nothing lasts forever
I've heard that said before
But when it came to loving you
I never wanted anyone more

5-26-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

For Ever Share The Night

Here it is another day
Your smile didn't come my way

I miss you so it makes me sad
Because you're the woman who makes me glad

I love to see you're smiling face
I want to be in my favorite place

That would be right next to you
So I could whisper, "I Love You True"

So tonight when I drift off to sleep
In my heart you'll love I'll keep

I know of no one else you see
Who does all the things you do to me

But what you do the best of all
Your love makes me stand so tall

Before you came into my heart
The world of love was so very dark

But now because of you I once again see the light
I know that you and I will forever share the night

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For Him And You

Yesterday you told me
Love was in your heart
But then I saw you kissing him
What a way to learn we must part

But then I thought about it
I realized it must be true
The love you felt in your heart
Must have been for him and you

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Ray Hansell

For Our Children

Sometimes it seems
That life's unfair
Pain moves in
To cause despair

It seems to me
That all who live
Have so much
They want to give

Especially when
It involves our child
Our thoughts are always
Running wild

Anything that we must do
We do our best to get it done
We'll stay right there by their side
Because they are our loved one

It always more difficult
When it's a child of your own
Anywhere they have to stay
You won't leave them alone

People often question
Why's this happening to me
They look up to the heavens
But answers they don't see

Tears fall so easily
As they cry away their fear
They sometimes fall to their knees
Hoping that God will hear

But the one thing to always know
Is that God is close at hand
All that you are going through
He already understands

We sometimes even blame Him
For own suffering and pain
We say so many negative things
Sometimes we take his name in vain

But through it all he forgives us
For our outbursts and our blame
Because He knows our pain to well
At times He's been through the same

But believe that somewhere out there
Miracles are taking place
You see that in the beauty
Being a member of the human race

So just when things look their worst
That's when they start to improve
Then all the doubt you had in faith
Will slowly be removed

Pain unfortunately is a part
Of the life that we all live
It lives inside everyone
To now and again hold us captive

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Ray Hansell

For Showing Me

You have showed me that love
Is a very beautiful feeling
You have showed me how easy
Loving can really be
You have showed me the beauty of a summer day
How the moon, the stars and the sun
Are free for all to marvel at
You showed me what I could be
That all I needed was desire
You have showed that two people
From different worlds can meet and fall in love
You have showed me that life is worth living
When you share it with someone
As wonderful and as loving as you are
You have showed me
For showing me
I Thank You

8-9-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

For The First Time

I hope you see when you look into my eyes
The loneliness in me had died

My days of sadness have been taken away
Ever since you came to stay

I've known many women as I've traveled through life
I was engaged a few times and had a wife

But when I look at you and think of them
I know that I can't remember when

Happiness like this filled my soul
Can we still find love as we grow old?

I think I can answer that and say yes
Many times in the past I've settled for less

Not knowing for sure but thinking I was right
I may have done it for fear of loneliness at night

But with you it's so different this I know
My love for you just continues to grow

What our final outcome will be
Is anyone's guess, so lets just wait and see

But I know one thing is for sure
For the first in love I feel so secure

10-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

For Whom

Love pains can be severe
They cause us much hurt
Along with a little fear
Pain in our heart
Tears in our eyes
I've always wondered
For whom is it that we cry?

11-9-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

For You And Me

You and I
So in love
Wishing on
The stars above

Birds sing their songs
Sitting in a tree
We lay in a field of grass
Just you and me

Just you and I
Lying close
From this life
We want the most

We have our hopes
We have our dreams
We found out together
Love is as good as it seems

We've stood in the rain
We've stood in the sun
For each other
We are the one

Through the years
We'll travel many miles
But never once
Will we lose our smiles

Love and life is what
We thought it would be
A great journey lies ahead
For you and me

11-06-09/RjH

Forever Gone

I miss your warm and tender body
That kept me warm at night
I miss your hands touching me
They always felt so right

I miss your warm and tender lips
The kiss that turned me on
I lay here alone and wonder
Are they forever gone?

4-18-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Forever I Want

Yesterday I missed you
But not like I miss you today
I miss you all the time
What more can I say

I miss seeing your smiling face
I miss hearing your laugh
I miss you every minute
As the days slowly pass

I miss looking into your eyes
I miss your gentle hug
I miss the way that your love
Gives my heart a gentle tug

I miss hearing you say, I love you
I miss hearing you calling me baby
I miss everything about you
Because you drive me absolutely crazy

So in case you haven't figured it out
I'll say it nice and clear
I love you with all my heart and soul
Forever I want you near

10-12-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Forever Memories

When ever I am with you
There's so much I want to say
But it seems my words
Get lost along the way

The things I want to say to you
Are simple but they're true
If love lives inside anyone
It surely lives inside of you

You can take a summer day
Then make it seem twice as nice
Love is not expensive
But I know you've paid the price

So now the time has come
For both of us to be
Moving on to someplace new
It's time we both were free

Don't think of this as a goodbye
Don't think we've reached the end
What we shared not long ago
Are forever memories my friend

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Forever More

Lying close beside you
In the cold of the night
I wrap my arms around you
So you know it's all right

Not so very long ago
You and I made love
Now, lying here together
Is what true love is made of

Holding you close to me
Is comforting, warm and secure
Loving you forever
Is what I want forever more

6-7-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Forever My Friend

If you ever wonder
What you've meant to me
Just look deep into my eyes
You'll see all you need to see

It's great to know someone like you
Someone so gentle and kind
Someone I can depend on
Every single time

You never turn me away
You never let me down
When ever I need anything
You always seem to be around

9-25-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Free

Come with me
Come take my hand
Let's you and I walk
Through God's green land

We'll take in the pretty scenery
We'll breath the clean fresh air
For a few fleeting moments
We'll forget all of our cares

Ray Hansell

Free From All

I don't ever want to let you go
I think my words let you know
I hope you'll stay right here with me
Because your love has set me free

Free from all the bad loves in my past
I know the love with you will last
Without a doubt the best love I've known
Has been all the love that you have shown

9-16-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Freedom

Freedom always comes at a price
I often wonder if the cost
Is worth the price we pay
When we've measured what was lost

5-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Friends Just Seem To Know

Friends always make me smile
They brighten up my day
They have that special magic
To chase the blues away

The road of life is long
We can't all be strong
But in times when we feel weak
The comfort of a friend we seek

If your friend is true
They'll never turn you away
They'll stand right beside you
Any time of any day

A friend just seems to know
When you have a troubled mind
For you they'll always give
Any amount of time

A friend just seems to know
When to be a friend
They'll always reach out for you
With a helping hand to lend

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Friends Like You

I've heard it said that good friends
Are just like the stars
You may not always see them
But you know they are always there
Just like the way you are with me
Always letting me know how much you care

10/6/08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Friends Like You Are Few

You are a friend
Who's strong and true
Others can
Depend on you
You truthful and your faithful
People are so grateful
Because, friends like you are few

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Friends Until The End?

For you I want to write just a poem or two
But I'm not too sure if it's the right thing to do

Now, I don't want you to get the wrong idea
It's not that I want you to always be near

I like you as a friend I think I always will
But you don't cause in me that special kind of thrill

So I'll write you a poem but just because you're my friend
It's friends I hope we remain until the very end

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Ray Hansell

From That Day On

I thought love
Has passed me by
But then you looked
And said, hi

I saw a smile
Cross your face
For once I was
In the right place

I said, hi
How are you?
You said, fine
Nothing new

I asked, would you
Like some coffee
Not today
But soon we'll see

For a moment
I almost froze
My heart sank
Only God knows

I realized
Right away
We'll not share coffee
On any day

But to my surprise
The next day you said
How about that coffee
I almost dropped dead

We went and had coffee
We shared a bite to eat
I was so elated
That we got to meet

So from that day on
Little did we know
That just from that hello
How much love would grow

11-5-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Getting Over You

I loved you
With all my heart
But you took my heart
You broke it in two
Now the headest thing
Will be
Trying to get over you

6-30-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Girl It's Time

Girl it's time
To end this game
Because you see
I don't feel the same

The time to part
Has come for us
We can't relive
What once was

Save your tears
Please don't cry
Because you see
This is goodbye

For a while
It was fun
But please accept
That we are done

It was fun
While it lasted
I know we'll both
Somehow get past it

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Give It A Try

You want someone to love
Well, so do I
Maybe you and I
Should give love a try

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Ray Hansell

Give Peace A Try

The cry for peace fills the air
Not just here, but everywhere
Everyday people like you and me
Deserve a chance, we deserve to see
A world not engaged in wars
That's all most people are looking for
Just one time before we die
The world should give peace a try

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Given A Chance

We were so unexpected
I had no time to plan
I give my love to you
The best way that I can

I can't always hold you
Although I want to
My words will always tell you
My love for you is true

I wish we had a day
So I could prove beyond a doubt
The love you see when we meet
Is what I'm all about

If you give me a chance
To share this life with you
The days will be so wonderful
The nights my love will shine through

11-23-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Glad We Were Wrong

It doesn't seem that long ago
When we said, our first hello
The years have come and gone
Time kept marching on
Now the golden years
Are some what filled with fears
Remember we both said
That before the other we'd be dead
But here we are still going strong
Looking back I'm glad we both were wrong

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Ray Hansell

God's Beauty

Trees in a forest
Stars on a winter's night
The sun of a summer day
Snow falling in December
God gives us beauty all around.

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Ray Hansell

Going To Heaven?

Some people think they have
An automatic pass to heaven
But so much depends
On how you've been living

Have you been good or bad
Or have you been real clean
Have you been nice to people
Or have you just been mean

Did you lend a helping hand
To someone in need
Did you share your wealth
Or did you show your greed

Did you say a prayer
For those living in pain
Did you give someone shelter
From the driving rain

Have you helped a stranger
Looking for nothing in return
Did you stop to listen
Thinking maybe you might learn

Did you pass on wisdom?
When it was needed most
Have you always been
A kind and gracious host

If you lived your life
With a helping hand
Then I feel one day
In heaven you will stand

5-20-06/RJH

Great Indeed

You helped me to understand
Thing I did not know
You helped me to understand
How love is supposed to show

You helped me to understand
Just what a woman needs
You helped me to understand
That love is great indeed

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Ray Hansell

Green Eyes

Green eyes
Smiling there for me
As lovely as can be
For all the world to see

Green eyes
Oh, how they sparkle and shine
I look at her and wish
That her love was mine

I love her green eyes
Like cat eyes in the night
No matter where she goes
They always catch the light

Green eyes in the morning
Awaken from a sleep
Holding her next to me
That is all I seek

Green eyes please tell me
This is where you want to stay
Green eyes please tell me
You'll wake up here everyday

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Ray Hansell

Half Satisfied

A part of me still wants you
A part of me doesn't
I wish I could split myself in two
Then I know I'd be satisfied

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Ray Hansell

Hands Passing

I feel like the hour hand on a clock
And you are the second hand
Always passing me by

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Ray Hansell

Happiness Is Real

Happiness is no illusion
When ever I'm with you
If I were lost in confusion
I know you'd know what to do

You calm my angry soul
Like no one else before you
It was my heart you stole
You are one of a very few

That I ever let this close
And this deep inside
Now that I have had a dose
My love for you I can't hide

If you stay forever
That would be so great
I know all would get better
Before the years get too late

I wish we had met years ago
That's what we both say
But years ago, you I didn't know
But now is a brand new day

So let's make the most of what we got
Let's take it day by day
Until the sun is just a spot
Until the earth just fades away

9-27-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Happiness Will Be

As the day comes to an end
The sun begins to set
Night time is a blink away
But I can't see you yet

Then stars begin to fill the sky
As the moon is slowly on the rise
I've waited for that special moment
When again, I'll look into your eyes

Happiness for me will be
When you walk through that door
Knowing that from this life
I couldn't ask for any thing more

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Ray Hansell

Happy Being Me

I never tried to be
Something that I'm not
I learned to be satisfied
With everything I've got

I am no one famous
In the town where I live
If someone needs a helping hand
I'll try my best to give

I stand in judgement of no one
For who am I to judge
I have no time to hate
That's why I never hold a grudge

I am like most people
Just living day to day
Just trying to exist
As I go about my way

I know that fame and fortune
Will never come my way
That's why I have no problem
Just being me from day to day

6-3-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

Happy Birthday, Birthday Happy

Some years ago
A star was born
A beautiful girl
With a heart so warm

You grew into a woman
A wonderful sight to see
I still get so excited
When ever you look at me

Another year has quickly passed
But you don't show your age
Its just another verse for you
To write down on a page

The book of life you're writing
Is a continuing story
The pages in your book
I'm sure are filled with glory

As your day approaches
I wanted to send you a cheer
I hope for your next birthday
I can somehow be near

So, have a Happy Birthday
For you deserve the best
This is not just something
That I say in jest

From my heart I truly mean it
I hope your day is great
I hope my Birthday wish for you
Does not arrive too late

3-27-08/RjH

Happy With Me

Sitting here alone
But doing all right
I love the peaceful days
I love the quiet nights

True I have no one
To share this all with
But thinking that you need someone
To me is all a myth

I go to places by myself
With no need for company
I have no problem if this is how
It's always going to be

4-3-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Has It Been

Has it been as hard for you
As it has been for me?
Do you ever question
Just why we couldn't be?

Do you fully understand
Exactly what took place?
Do you know that when you left
You took the smile from my face?

I don't do well on lonely nights
I miss you more than you know
I still lay awake at night
Wondering why you had to go

Did he treat you much better
Then the way I treated you?
Does he do all the things
That I would always do?

I stayed with you when you were sick
I never left your side
I would hold you close to me
On the nights when all you did was cry

Has it been as hard for you
As it has been for me?
I wonder what it was
That I couldn't see

Could I not see that you were changing
Like the weather in the sky
Maybe if I had
We never would have said goodbye

11-26-09/RJH

Hate

Can a world without hate
Really exist
Or is it too late to try
For some just can't resist

Hate is what they like to do
As they live from day to day
They'll judge you because of who you are
But don't treat them that way

Can prejudice and injustice
Become a thing of the past
Or will it live forever
And forever always last

The hate we see each day
Just seems to get worse
Like it's cast upon us
Like a life long curse

How can you hate someone
Because they're not like you
Living their life in peace
Is all they want to do

So who are you to judge
And spew out your hate
You'd better change your ways
Before it's too late

Ray Hansell

Have A Great Day

I hope you have a great day
I hope it's warm and sunny
I'll be thinking of you
Just like I always do honey

Thoughts of you fill my head
As they make me smile
As the day goes on
I think of you all the while

So I hope you have a great day
I hope it's all you wanted it to be
Maybe you'd like to end your day
By spending time with me

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Having An Affair

I know how to turn you on
I know just what to do
I make my move
You don't refuse
Again I will hurt you

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Ray Hansell

Having To Wait

I need to see you baby
It's been far too long
I need to see you baby
Not holding you is wrong

I love you way too much
To be away this long
I know I'll be seeing you soon
I know I need to be strong

I need a daily fix of you
Or just a gentle touch
Just a little something
That would be good enough

Of course some time loving you
Would really heal the pain
Because the way you love me
Just drives me insane

But, I know I have to wait
Until the time is right
When I can once again
Hold you in the night

Every time I am with you
I value more than gold
I'd like to be with you always
As together we grow old

8-12-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

He Came To Me In Darkness

He came to me in darkness
As I lay fast asleep
The peacefulness He made me feel
Was something I got keep

I felt His hands upon me
All my pain taken away
No longer will my heart
Be left alone to pray

He came to me in darkness
He cleared a path for me
Now I know my journey
Will be as peaceful as can be

12-9-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

He Hopes

His love for her you keeps growing
More each day he lives
Every time he's with her
There so much he wants to give

He has told her many times
Exactly how he feels
But she smiles politely
Not thinking his love is real

What does he have to say
To make her understand
That when he's by her side
He is one happy man

Now he knows there not much
That he can offer her
But he has to offer
He'll give to only her

If she says, she'll stay
To her he'll give his life
Hoping in a very short time
That she'll become his wife

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He Listens

His eyes cannot see
Yet, he see's so clearly

He can smell the summer flowers
He can feel the a summer shower

He hears things he cannot see
Sometimes he see's better then me

He knows when the sun is high in the sky
He hears the birds as they fly by

He listens to footsteps as they get near
Soon that persons name you'll hear

He knows who it is before they arrive
He does it all not using his eyes

Mt friend he cannot see
But at times, he see's better then me

8-31-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Healing

The walls keep getting closer
My head beats like a drum
I cannot take much more
Of what I know is bound to come

I feel like I'm slowly
Going out of mine mind
A moments peace and quiet
I just cannot find

Everyday another set back
The pain keeps getting worse
All day long all I do
Is just sit here and curse

I know somewhere down the down
My healing will take place
I'll know that day has arrived
When I wear a smile on my face

3-710-/RJH

Ray Hansell

Heaven Let Me In

Nobody asked me
Where I had been
No one seemed to care
Because heaven let me in

Nobody asked
About my past sins
They said it didn't matter
Your in heaven come on in

They said, all sins are forgiven
In death everyone wins
They opened up the doors
To heaven and let me in

11-11-09/Rjh

Ray Hansell

Hello Baby Girl

Hello baby girl
Welcome to the human race
Hopefully you'll always wear a smile
Upon your little face

It's going to take some time
To adjust to the outside
For so long you were safe and warm
Inside Mommy where you did hide

But now those days are over
You'll be like everyone
Experiencing the good and bad
The sadness and the fun

You'll grow up very quickly
Time will pass you by so fast
Before you realize it
A large shadow you will cast

But for now enjoy yourself
Be a happy little child
You see, just by being a baby
You make so many people smile

1-30-2015/RjH

Ray Hansell

Her

I see her everyday
But I don't know her name
She has a sultry look
That just drives me insane

Her hair is short and brown
She doesn't stand that tall
But everytime I see her
Once again I fall

Once I saw her smile
My heart felt pure joy
I felt like a child
Who received a brand new toy

I hope one day to get the courage
To ask her, what's your name
So until that day comes
I will just play my game

I'll admire her from a distance
Stare at her pretty face
Wishing as hard as I can
That one day I'll find my place

That place would be right next to her
For all of eternity
That from now until forever
She'll always be with me

4-15-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Her Life Taken Away

They seemed so compatible
You could tell they got along
Everyone believed
They shared a love so strong

They were always seen together
No matter where they'd go
Always holding hands
Their love would always show

But one day I saw her
She was walking all alone
Her face showed some sadness
That it had never shown

A constant stream of tears
Ran from her eyes
Every time I saw her
She would always cry

No one is sure what happened
Was it carelessness or fate
Or could it just have been
Someone filled with hate

They were walking down the street
When a car went speeding by
The first two rounds hit him
She watched him as he died

No one knows the reasons why
The bullets flew his way
He never bothered anyone
He just lived from day to day

Two people who enjoyed life
Two people who lived for each other
Two people who were friends
Two people who were lovers

Yesterday he was laid to rest
It was a calm and peaceful day
So many people came to speak
So many nice things they had to say

Their lives had reached the golden years
So much they had lived through
But now for the first time she's alone
She's not to sure what to do

She visits his grave each morning
Always with flowers in her hand
Her heart is filled with so much pain
She can hardly stand

She knows her day isn't far away
When she'll be joining him
She's waiting to be by his side
Just like the way it's always been

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Ray Hansell

Her Picture Badge

I see a picture before me
I am mesmerized
I see a beauty
Right before me eyes

Blue sky in the background
A perfectly beautiful face
I know without a doubt
No one could take your place

I've seen many pictures
In this life of mine
But I have to tell you
I've never seen one this fine

12-15-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Her Plan

In the darkness of her room
The place filled with gloom
The warm blood runs
From the slashes on her wrists
Tonight she decided
She just can't take it anymore
So she thought she would close life's door
The blood gushes out
Faster then she ever imagined
She feels weaker
She's finding it harder
To keep her eyes from closing
Soon she falls back onto the bed
The covers on the bed
Drenched in blood
This is how she planned it
Home, alone in all her despair
No one to stop her
Within minutes what she has done
Cannot be reversed
Her end came in a darkened room
For the first time since her birth
She is finally at peace

1-1-2010/RjH

Ray Hansell

Her Words Of Love

She shares her words of love with me
I always do the same
I love her soft and gentle voice
I love to call her name

Every time I see her smile
It always warms my heart
When I wake up beside her
What a way for a day to start

Soon it's time for me to go
She walks me to the door
I hope soon they'll come a day
When I won't have to leave no more

She wraps her arms around me
She says, goodbye with a kiss
I know that she's the one for me
I've never loved a woman like this

(5-7-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

Here In Hell

When you were here with me
It was so easy to sing
But now that you've gone away
Life doesn't mean a thing

I never knew how to sing the blues
But now I sing them very well
They seem to be a part of me
As I live life without you here in hell

3-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Here With You

I want to hold you next to me
Both of us naked as can be

Lost in love under the covers
Head to toe with kisses that smoother

Hands roaming all over the place
As a smile lights on our face

The room so dark we cannot see
But I feel your hands touching me

Softly I take a hold of you
Times like this seem so few

Locked in loves wonderful embrace
With you I've found a heavenly place

Here with you is where I want to stay
What a lovely way to spend the day

1-18-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Heroes

There are so many heroes
In all walks of life
Many we have heard of
Some we may not even like

Police and fire persons are heroes
As well and doctor's and nurse's
Many heroes people cheer
Some heroes people even curse

All soldiers are heroes
Defending out freedoms flame
I'm sure we all have a hero
That we can probably name

Heroes can be our children
Our parents or our friends
Most heroes we'll respect
Until the final end

If you have no hero
That is alright to
Because real true heroes
Are so very few

7-8-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hiding Well

Poets write to express their thoughts
You see, once a sentence is written
That thought is recorded forever
With their writing, poets can be smitten

Poets comment on world events
Or sing the praise of someone
Or they just write to vent
Often times that can be fun

Poets write about love most of all
Because to that we can all relate
Love can anyone stand tall
A love gone badly can make you hate

Most poets write from the heart
But sometimes they fail
Because from feeling they depart
Having no feelings makes life an easy sail

Poets express their outrage for the way things are
While others may think that all is fine
Although things can change real quick
Poets try to keep up with the times

If poets don't express their feelings
If they just live on neutral ground
They'll never need a healing
So life will be safe all around

As a poet I try to write what I feel
But I'll never open up all the way
But my words will always be real
As I express myself from day to day

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Ray Hansell

His Life

His life wasn't lived in glory
But still he had a life's story
His life was troubled and difficult
So many feelings he never felt
He thought he was in love once before
But deep inside him he never too sure
At every turn in his life things went wrong
He tried to prevail, he tried to stay strong
But it seems the harder that he tried
So many times his heart just cried
He wouldn't ask for help as he was too proud
His complaining was never done out loud
But for all the things that went wrong in his life
The happiest times was when he had a wife
They had a child he never got to know
Fatherly affection he never got to show
No matter how rough life would be
The good things were all he'd ever see
He held no grudge and he didn't hate
Dying in war he felt was his fate
He'll be forgotten by most, only remembered by few
When it came to war he had no point of view
He answered when his country called
Never believing one day that he'd fall
Some say when he died it was fast and quick
His blood formed a pool like an oil slick
He died a hero his death was not in vain
He's still a war causality just the same
Too many deaths war seems to claim
Too many times we want someone to blame

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Ray Hansell

Holding Her The First Time

She's going to take that silver bird
That flies high in the sky
The roaring of the engines
Will make that bird fly high

She's going on a journey
Just for a short while
She's flying off to see
Her first born grandchild

While looking through loving eyes
She'll hold the baby tight
Just for that short while
All the world will seem right

All of life's worries and pains
For the moment will disappear
All this will happen
As she holds her granddaughter near

Once again she be awe struck
Like we usually are
Because right there in her arms
She's holding God's newest star

She may even think back and recall
Needing time to recover
When she stood and once held
Her granddaughters mother

Time move on this cycle of life
As we continue to grow old
The day may not be that far away
When another grandchild she'll hold

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Home

I have walked many darkened streets
I've walked through the winter's snow
I've spent much time on my own
It was the loneliest time I've ever known

In all the places that I've been
I look back and now realize
That home is the only place
Where you have the closest ties

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Ray Hansell

Home In Heaven

Only days of sunshine
I have no need to weep
I am in a peaceful place
Where I'll find eternal peace

I'm safe with my savior
No need for you to morn
Make sure you rejoice
With each brand new dawn

I see the angels flying
As they go about their way
I stroll through the garden
Feeling peace within every day

I see the paths before me
They are all covered gold
Too bad I didn't get the chance
To live life by growing old

But this place where I am now
Is beautiful beyond words
But back when I lived on earth
That's what I've always heard

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Ray Hansell

Honey Help Me Find My Way

Honey help me find my way
When I'm lost in life's big maze
I know that I can count on you
Every night and day

Honey help me find my way
Through the dark and lonely night
Just a touch from your hand
Will let me know things are all right

Honey help me find my way
When life's pains become too much
I might need your encouragement
Just so I never give up

Honey help me find my way
As you gently take me by the hand
We'll go off together you and I
To live in life's love land

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Honored

You read the words
That I wrote
In your response
I read hope

You said I brought
Each word to life
I just said
What was right

I'm getting to know you
Inside and out
We're learning what each other
Is really all about

You said my words
Were beautiful and true
Those are the words
That make me think of you

You said, your feelings match mine
They make you excited
Well, you make me feel at times
Like I've just been Knighted

I feel so honored to know you
More honored to share your time
But most of all I'm honored to say
That you are a friend of mine

3-2-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hope In The Heavens

People look to the heavens
When things are going wrong
It's like they're looking for strength
In an effort to be strong

I know many people
Often look to the skies
When they can't find the answers
No matter how hard they try

I know there are other people
Who seek comfort in the stars
Maybe because of past hurts
Maybe be because of invisible scars

In its own way the heavens
Have a magic healing power
It's always there for all to share
Every minute of every hour

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Ray Hansell

Hope Is Never Gone

It's alright to shed tears of joy
As well as tears of sorrow
But just don't ever lose sight
Of the good that can happen tomorrow

No matter who we are
We all feel hurt and pain
But from each experience
There's so much that we gain

Through adversity we learn strength
We learn to keep moving on
We know that no matter what
Hope is never completely gone

6-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Hoping

She cries herself to sleep at night
Wondering, if she'll ever find a man
She wonders why her life is hell
When she always gives all she can

She never seems to find
Any man who will stay
When she goes to bed at night
Another end to a long and lonely day

She tries so hard to make things right
She feels she always does her best
But her best doesn't seem to be good enough
She always seems to fail loves test

She's hoping one day real soon
That she will find mister right
Then, when her day comes to an end
She'll have someone to hold her tight

8-31-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Hoping I

You say I am the first
But I want to be your last
You say I am the first
I hope I never become your past.

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Ray Hansell

Hot And Steamy

Life can be
Both hot and steamy
Just like some people
Are sexy and dreamy

To you they are
Your eye candy
A night with them
You'd think so dandy

They make your heart
Skip a beat
A smile from them
Sweeps you off your feet

You've never seem them before
You have no idea who they are
But you know alone with them
You'd be willing to go far

For now you'll let your mind run wild
As you enjoy your fantasy
Knowing deep in your heart
The two of you will never be

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Ray Hansell

Hot Tub

The steam rises from the hot tub
The temperature says one hundred degrees
We both slid in naked
With oh so little ease

The jet streams hit our body
In places we don't mention
But the force of the water
Does get our attention

A glass of wine, to help unwind
As conversation fills the air
Neither one will say it
But we know we both care

The stars hang high, in the sky
As clouds block the view
As I look into the water
I love to see a naked you

We exit the tub to dry ourselves
As a cool breeze lends a hand
With a towel wrapped around tight
Together we pause as we stand

We make our way to the bed
We lay as close as we can
Naked again under the covers
Life I begin to understand

Years ago you and I
Both went our separate ways
It seems like ancient history
To think back to those days

As the years have made us older
They have also made us mature
Knowing that we can handle
What we're doing here for sure

Exactly what we're doing
Sometimes is hard to tell
But I know that our past
Can help us out as well.

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Ray Hansell

How About You?

I scheme, I dream
I walk, I talk
I prey, but don't say
I think, I drink
I hope, I cope
I love, do you?

I stare because I care
I wink, it's loves blink
I love you, do you know?
Do you love me?
If so let it show
If it's yes, then we're blessed
If it's no, apart we'll grow

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How Easily

It was a day just like today
Not that long ago
You came along, you sang your song
You made the inside me grow

You made my life come alive
Just by being yourself
You always seemed to be around
Just when I needed you the most

I don't know what I'd do
If you were ever to go
My life would be so meaningless
I just wanted you to know

It was a night just like tonight
Not that long ago
You came to me, you made me see
How easily love can grow

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Ray Hansell

How Life Would Be

There are times I'd like to see
Just how life would be
If there were no one else
Only you and me

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Ray Hansell

How Many Times

How many times
Must I say
That I love you
In every way

How many times
Must I say
I love you so
I'll never go away

How many times
Must I say
I'll love you forever
I'll always stay

A thousand times I'll tell you
A thousand times I'll say
A thousand ways I'll show you
How I love you more each day

6-3-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

How We Can Be

My feet have yet
To touch the ground
Ever since
You've been around

You can make
My heart dance
I hope with me
You'll take a chance

I hope together
We can see
How beautiful
Love can be

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Ray Hansell

Hurting And Crying

Our love was magic
Magic was our love
I hope one day soon
We can work that magic again

We once fell in love
Without even trying
But we left each other
Alone, hurt and crying

7-28-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Always Knew

I use to walk in fields of gold
Beneath a burning sun
I would walk all day long
Until the day was done

In the evening as I headed home
A summer breeze would cool my face
I knew that since my childhood
This would always be my special place

I walk here when I need to think
I walk here to be free
I walk here so very of often
This place sets my spirits free

I hope that every body else
Has a special place of their own
A place with hope and happiness
To me, the place that I call home

4-21-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Always Wish

I think of you so often
At least once a day
So please always remember
I send good wishes your way

I miss spending time with you
It seemed all we did was laugh
But I guess like everything else
Even the good times have to pass

So if you only remember one thing
Always remember this
Nothing but the best for you
That's what I always wish

6-9-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Am Because Of You

When I think of you

I think of

Love

Happiness

Sharing

Caring

Kindness

Unselfishness

Thoughtfulness

When I think of you

I think about how empty

Life would have been without you

How long the days would have been

How cold the nights would have gotten

When I think of you

I think about how if there wasn't you

There probably wouldn't be a me

6-21-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Came To Be, Because Of You

My tears keep falling
More, with each passing day
I still can't believe
That God took you away

My whole life came to be
The day that I met you
Now once again I'm alone
Not too sure what to do

The days go on forever
The nights fade to tomorrow
No matter how hard I try
I cannot escape the sorrow

I know I must move on
I know someday I will
But living life without you
No longer holds the same thrill

1-22-2015/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Can'T Forget You

Wondering why
Wish I knew
The reason why
I think of you

You're on my mind
Every day
Thoughts of you
Drift my way

I don't know why
You're always there
Others to you
I don't compare

It just seems
For no reason
I think of you
Through the season

It's not that I'm
In love with you
Long ago
We were through

Love was alive
Doing well
But then it descended
Straight to hell

1-12-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Can'T Get You Outof My Head

I lay here all night long
I don't know what is wrong
I think of all the things you've said
I can't get you out of my head

I think of days gone by
No matter how hard I try
My thoughts I try to shred
I can't get you out of my head

The times we spend together
I thought they just got better
But I guess your signals I misread
I can't get you out of my head

I guess it's time for us to part
Walking away would be a good start
If I know our love is dead
Then maybe, I'll get you out of my head

7-18-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Could Always Count On You

You have taken me
To places that were unknown
You have made me laugh
More then I've ever laughed before
When I needed you, you were always there
Now as the years pass by
They make us grow old
But one thing has remained constant
Your heart was never cold
Your love was unconditional
Your faith in me remained true
No matter what, I could always count on you

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Ray Hansell

I Could Never Find

Naked beneath the stars
I hold you close to me
This moment that we share
No one else can see

The nakedness of your body
I look at with delight
I want our love to last forever
With each and every passing night

I will never grow tired of you
I'll always want you near
I will love you in all you do
They'll be no need for tears

So as we lay here together
Our naked bodies entwined
I know that deep in my heart
A better love I could never find

12-18-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Could See

I could see that you were nervous
It was written on your face
But when it comes to me
I want to know I know my place

I'd never make you do anything
That you didn't want to do
I'd never do anything
That would ever hurt you

I hope you always know that
So, please don't ever forget
That I wouldn't do anything
That I might regret

So, if you ever doubt
If you're ever unsure
Remember when it comes to you
Your feeling, I'll never ignore

Remember more than anything
My love for you is true
That means doing anything
That you want or don't want to do

11-19-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Couldn't Ask For Anything More

You looked so very tired
I could see it in your face
I wish that I could be there
That very special place

Lying right beside you
Holding you so close
Knowing that from you
I'd always get the most

I'd have you sleep in my arms
There, the whole night through
Knowing they'll never be a time
When I stop loving you

You could sleep so peaceful
The one that I adore
Loving you in this life
I couldn't ask for anything more

11-11-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Couldn't Have Been More Lucky

All my days of loneliness
That my heart has been through
All those lonely days
I only thought of you

A full moon in the sky
Dark clouds slowly drifting by
Every night I think of you
Wondering what, it is you do

You are always on my mind
Morning, noon and night
You are the woman
Who makes my life so right

I watch the changing seasons
From cold to spring time warm
I watch the sun set at night
I watch it rise at dawn

All these things of beauty
That capture my eyes each day
None of them can compare
To the feeling I get when you look my way

I love you with all my heart
It will always be that way
I couldn't have been more lucky
Then I was the day you came my way

4-25-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Couldn'T If I Tried

Making love with you
What a way to spend a day
Holding you in arms
As you hold me in yours
Slowly caressing your body
The way the sun would caress a hillside
As we try to please each other
More then we've ever been pleased before

Making love with you
Has left me warm inside
I couldn't love you more
No matter how hard I tired

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Ray Hansell

I Didn'T Feel The Same

You sat there with tears on your cheeks
Your voice trying hard to speak
From me you wanted a response
But I didn't make a peep

I just sat there listening
As you said, I love you
Well, I don't feel the same
There's just one thing left to do

It's time for us to part
Then each go our own way
Maybe some day soon
For you, love will come to stay

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Ray Hansell

I Didn'T Let Her Know

There once was a lady
A very special lady
I had the chance to win her love
But I let that chance slip away

Now it seems everyday
I regret it more and more
I have no one else to blame
For things I didn't say

I know all I had to do
Was just to let her know
What my feelings were
Maybe even let them show

But I didn't do that
Now as you can see
I'm here all alone
There's no one with me

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Ray Hansell

I Die A Little Bit Every Time

Sitting around relaxing
An evening filled with love
Forgetting the world outside
As the stars shine above

Laying together side and side
Knowing that love is alive
Touching and rubbing your skin
As my love for you will never hide

The sweet smell of you
Fills the entire room
Any time you leave
Is always too soon

The softness of your body
Draws me to you like a magnet
You give me joy and loving
I know I won't forget

I want each night to be
The way it was the first night
Laying close beside you
Until the morning light

We watched the candle flicker
As it burned toward the end
Almost like a message
That it was trying to send

It was letting us both know
That the night was almost through
That soon I would be saying
A sad goodnight to you

But we both held on a little longer
Not wanting to let go
Knowing that in our hearts
Our sadness was going to show

I know that neither one of us
Wants to say goodbye
It seems that when I do
Another piece of me slowly dies

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Ray Hansell

I Do Believe

I do believe
That dreams come true
It happens every time
I make love with you

I do believe
That dreams are real
I always touch them
When it's you I feel

I do believe
Dreams stay alive
I see them when
I look in your eyes

I do believe
That dreams can see
It was a dream
That brought you to me

I do believe
In the power of dreams
Because so many of them
Are often seen

4-5-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Don'T Understand

I saw they way you looked at him
I saw the way you smiled
I got and upset
Just like a little child

I started to yell and scream at you
I waved my fist in the air
But for the life of me
I don't know why you don't care

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Ray Hansell

I Don'T Want To Lose That Feeling

You let me into your heart
Together we played a part
We learned how love can start
The answers to all of our questions
Came rushing through
The fear we felt inside
Slowing disappeared
As we made love for the first time

Oh, what a feeling it was
I get that very same feeling
Each time we make love
It's a feeling I hope that never goes away
More than that
I hope you never go away

6-21-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Don'T Worry

The clock ticks away the time
When we are together
The days pass us by
Just like a parade

Well the time can tick away
The days can pass
I don't need to worry
Because I know our love will last

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Fear One Day

So many times I tell you
How much I love you so
But deep inside I feel one day
That you'll be on the go

I fear one day you'll realize
You longer desire me
I know it may sound crazy
But I think that how it will be

Please don't ask me to explain
For I wouldn't know where to start
But I fear one day I'll lose you
And end up with a broken heart

(4-28-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

I Finally See

I finally found somebody
Who gives me all I need
Her heart is always open
She's never consumed by greed

Her hands so soft and gentle
As they rub my skin
For the first time I realize
What it's like to win

I think the time is finally here
Love has taken its hold of me
Each time I look into her eyes
Love is all I ever see

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Ray Hansell

I Found In You

When I think of you
I hope that what we share
Can go on forever
I always want you with me
No matter what I do
No matter where I go
No matter what I see
It's all so much better
If I can share it all with you
You see, all that I want
All that I see
All that I need
I have when I'm with you

5-22-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Found It Girl

I found it girl
In my wildest dreams
I never imagined
That it would ever be this good

It gives me reason to live
It gives me reason to give
I'll give it all to you
That's all I want to do

I found it girl
It's more beautiful
Then I ever dreamed it would be
It makes me want to sing forever

I found it girl
I found love
The day that I met you

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Ray Hansell

I Found Me An Angel

I found me an angel
With a broken wing
She can't fly
But boy can she sing

Her songs always move me
Most of the time to tears
Her lips are always moving
Even if at times I can't hear

I found me an angel
Who cannot fly
I found me an angel
To love until the day I die

1-18-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Found You On Poem Hunter

I went to Poem Hunter
To read a verse or two
That's when I discovered
The gem written by you

Your words flowed so evenly
Line after line with a rhyme
I read the love between the lines
I could see your life was more than fine

It seems like you got lucky
You found yourself a great man
I can imagine how proud he must be
When he's with you holding your hand

I hope life holds for you
All the joys one can drink in
Always live life for the here and now
Do ever dwell on what has been

10-17-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Gave Nothing In Return

She gave all her love to me
All I gave her was time
She promised me her tomorrows
All I promised her was rhyme

Then one night without a word
She walked out the door
You see I never gave her love
She'll give me her love no more

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Ray Hansell

I Had You For A Friend

You always have a hand
To reach out in support
You always wear a smile
To go with pleasant thoughts

You speak bad of no one
You say, there's always good
I know you'd befriend everyone
If somehow you only could

So I know just how lucky
And blessed I really am
Of all the people here on earth
I got to have you for a friend

1-14-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Have No Words

Tell me why you're leaving
Why are you going away
I wish that I could find the words
That would make you want to stay

I know sometimes those words
Can be so very useless
Because the words we choose
Cannot clean up the mess

Maybe it will be better
To just let you go away
But there is something
That I have to say

For such a very long time
You lived inside my heart
I know I never told you
Because I didn't where to start

But now that you are leaving
I know our love will never grow
I'm not trying to change your mind
But these things I wanted you to know

Watching you walk away
Is not going to be easy to do
Not since my heart
Has fallen in love with you

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Ray Hansell

I Heard The Angels

I heard the angels
I heard them singing
I heard the angels
I saw them winging

I heard the angels
I heard the bells ring
I heard the angels
I heard them sing

They sang songs of sadness
They had tears in their eyes
They sang their sad songs
As they sang they cried

They wanted to know why
Because they didn't understand
How you can love the baby
But then hate the man

I heard the angels
I saw them crying
I heard the angels
I saw them dying

I have to question
A world that wants peace
If that's the case
Then all killing must cease

I heard the angels
I heard the bells ring
I heard the angels
I heard them sing

I heard the angels
I heard them pray
I heard them ask
For peace to come and stay

1-2-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Hope The Day Will Come

When we are together
I never want to leave
I want to stay with you
That you must believe

But the time
Comes to leave
That is when
My heart grieves

I'm thankful for the time
That we get to share
I hope the day will come
When I can stay right there

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Ray Hansell

I Hope You Stay

Some days I remember
Some days I forget
So many things come and go
I can't remember them all but yet

Many times the past comes back to me
In the middle of a day
I'll recall so many things
That people had to say

Most of it was negative
From people who had failed
They lived a simple life
But they kept their dreams all jailed

They never took a chance
They didn't follow their dreams
As they look back on their lives
All they want to do scream

Ray Hansell

I Just Knew

Many thoughts of you
Roll across my mind
Like the waves in the ocean
As they roll on in time

I always think of you
No matter what I do
The days we see each other
Are always seem so very few

You have a busy life
I'm the same way to
But on my busiest day
I always stop, and think of you

I guess it's the love that we share
That keeps our feelings strong
From that very first day I knew
Falling in love with you wasn't wrong

4-21-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Know I Broke Your Heart

I know I broke your heart
With the words I spoke
I only wish I could have said
It was only a joke

I know I broke your heart
When you heard those words
The sun stopped shining
You no longer heard the birds

I know I broke your heart
When those words left my lips
I have to say I'm sorry
Because it's you I miss

I know I broke you heart
With the words I said
For having said them
I truly wish I were dead

I know I broke your heart
Truthfully I can say
You'll never hear those words again
That you heard today

5-5-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Know Someday

Please tell me the truth
Do you love him more than I
If that is the case
Then we should say goodbye

If he really loves you
The way that you love him
Then go run to him now
Forget what has been

I will find another
Just like the way I found you
But you should be with someone
Who really loves you true

I know someday I'll find
Someone who'll stay with me
I know someday that happiness
Is the a world I'm going to see

5-31-77/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Know What Happy Is

Baby, please know I love you
Please know I always will
In our short time together
You've given me a million thrills

I love the way you love me
When it's only you and I
I love the special things
That we always try

When we're walking holding hands
The world is a perfect place
I always know what happy is
By the smile upon your face

5-19-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Know What I'M Missing

You left me standing
Under the pale moon light
You walked away
You didn't say good night

I called your name
But you never turned
I guess you could say
Another lesson learned

You saw me kiss her
As I held her hand
With falling tears you said
You didn't understand

I could not explain myself
If I could you wouldn't listen
Now as I watch you walk away
I already know what I'm missing

12-29-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Look At You

When I look at you
Do you know what I see?
I see this lovely woman
Looking back at me

Your bright smile
Your gentlest of touch
I want you to know
To me they mean so much

Days when I'm feeling down
Feeling lost and all alone
I close my eyes to see the best love
This heart of mine has ever known

You make me so happy
When I'm by your side
The love I feel for you
Is a love I just can't hide

I am so happy to say
My life's a better place
I know you can see it
Written all over my face

When I look at you
All that I can see
Is this lovely woman
Who means the world to me

11-11-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Lost My Fears

I have learned
That love is more
Then just a game

I've watched love go
I've seen love stay
I've have watched love grow

I've seen love survive
I have watched love die
For love that is lost
I've watched people cry

This has been me
For too many years
But now because of you
I've lost all my fears

7-22-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Love

I love it when you're near
I love your velvet touch
I love the magic way
That you love me so much

I love the way you hold me
So very tight and snug
I love the way you whisper
"You're the one I love"

6-25-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Love You

I love you
So very true
I also know
You love me to

I love you
For all you do
I'll always love
Even when the world is though

I love you
Every single day
I wish you were here
So every day you hear me say

I love you

6-6-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Love You So

The softness of your smile
The beauty that I see
Every time I'm near you
You warm the heart in me

You show me all the time
What true love really means
You are the only one I see
When I close my eyes to dream

The kindness in your voice
The gentleness of your touch
Only makes me want you more
Because I love you so very much

12-14-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Miss You Please Come Home

I wanted you to know
That I've missed you so
I missed your tender smile
I missed the way, you say hello

I miss the smell that fills the air
After you've taken a shower
The way it fills my senses
Hour after hour after hour

I miss holding your hand
No matter where we are
I miss the talks we have
While riding in the car

I miss the way that we make love
Along with our stimulating conversations
After having just shared with you
The single greatest sensation

I hope you get home soon
So again I can be by your side
I know that when you return
My tears will finally all dry

7-2-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Missed My Chance

I once loved a lady
She was so special to me
I had the chance to love her
But I let that chance slip by

Now it seems everyday
I regret it more and more
I have no one else to blame
I was just unsure

I know what I had to do
I just had to let her know
Exactly what I felt for her
Maybe even let it show

But I delayed
Now I can see
She's with him
She's not with me

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Need To See You

I need to see you baby
It's been far too long
I need to feel you baby
Not holding you is wrong

I love you too much baby
To be away this long
I hope to see you soon
Together is where we belong

I need a daily fix of you
Or just a gentle touch
Just a little something
That would be good enough

Of course some time loving you
Would really ease the pain
The way you love me baby
Just drives me insane

But I know I have to wait
Until the time is right
But when I do hold you
I will hold you so tight

I will let you know
Just how much I missed you so
There will be no doubt in your mind
Because I will let my love show

Any time I can be with you
I treasure more than gold
Of course I'd love to be with you always
To share the years as we grow old

7-2-06/RjH

I Never Have To Wonder

I never have to wonder
When I look into your eyes
That is where my world
Will always set and rise

You're more than just a woman
That I've fallen in with
Everyday with you
Is truly a heavenly gift

I love you more than anything
That life could ever give
You are the reason why
I love this life I live

4-14-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Never Thought

I never thought of us as we
I never imagined a you and me
But now that we are
I pray to the star's
This is how it will always be

12-5-2005/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Never Thought You'd Leave

I thought we'd last forever
But you went away
I thought you'd leave me never
It will hurt when I recall today

We use to laugh
Sometimes we'd cry
But then you went and left
I still don't know why

My heart filled with sorrow
I cried from the pain
I thought you would stay
But you had to board that train

You never even wrote to me
Even though you said, you'd stay in touch
I really thought you cared for me
But I guess just not that much

I miss out times together
All the fun and laughter
You once told me you loved me
But I guess not for ever after

3-28-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Now Understand

As long as I can remember
You've always been there
I remember that first night
When you told me you cared

I'd always thought that you and I
Could survive any storm
I never once had a thought
That I could ever be wrong

But now I see I was so wrong
Because we have sadly parted
I finally understand what it means
To be truly broken hearted

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Ray Hansell

I Reach My Hand

I reach my hand
To touch your face
Right now I'm content
In my time and place

But soon you'll go
So far away
When you'll return
You cannot say

So that is why
I touch your skin
To later remember
Where I've been

I'll put my hand
To my face
The scent of you
Fills your empty space

As I touch
Your skin so brown
I realize now
Just what I've found

A woman I love
With all my heart
Nothing on earth
Can keep us apart

I reach my hand
To touch your face
I now know
No one can take your place

11-25-07/RjH

I Saw My World

I saw my world
Fall apart
It happened when you
Broke my heart

I don't know
What I'll do
I never imagined life
Lived without you

I know in time
My pain will heal
It's tough losing a love
That you thought was real

But lose you I did
I'm not even sure why
But I know that I
Just had my last cry

So I'll move forward
I guess you will to
Because life still goes on
Even without you

10-23-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Saw What I Was Looking For

I don't know if tomorrow
Could ever top today
How could it be better
Falling in love this way

It didn't take too much
For me to catch the prize
All I had to do
Was look into your eyes

It was there that I saw
What I've been looking for
In my heart of hearts I know
I will love you for ever more

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I Should Have Shared My Feelings

I know I should have told you
Exactly what my heart was feeling
But I've always been the kind
To keep hidden what I'm feeling

I know that it's not right
It's the wrong thing to do
Now looking back I see
Just how much I hurt you

I should have just told you
That my feelings have changed
That what I felt when we met
Well, those feelings are not the same

Maybe I've outgrown you
Maybe our love has gotten old
I know that may sound callous
It may even sound a little cold

I hope you know I'm sorry
For the way things have turned out
There was a time I loved you so
That, you should never doubt

But now the time has come
For each of us to move on
There's no use in being together
If the reasons for being together are gone

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Ray Hansell

I Should Have Told You

When I close my eyes at night
I can always see
You standing there in front of me

Late at night
When I dream
I sometimes wake up and scream

I miss you so
I'm so alone
But I know you're not coming home

I love you
Nothing more, nothing less
I should have told you before you left

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Spend My Days Wondering

I knew when I held you
It was a love so true
Everything I had to give
I gave it all to you

But now you have left me
I just don't understand
You didn't give a reason
You just changed our plans

You told me that you loved me
You said, you wanted to be my wife
I'll spend the rest of my days
Wondering why you took your life

9-3-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Still Can'T Believe

I still can't believe
What you are going through
I wouldn't wish that on anyone
Especially not on you

I'm still a little stunned
Since I heard the news
The words in me are lost
I'm am still so confused

My mind races round and round
Trying to find an answer
Why in this day and age
Do people still suffer from cancer?

I wish I had the power
To somehow find a cure
Because you know if I could
I would do that for sure

Just in case you have forgotten
My prayers and thoughts are with you
Always know that for you there's nothing
That I wouldn't do

I hope things work out alright
I hope your recovery is fast
Just remember there's someone out there
Who's thoughts of you will forever last

12-12-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Thought About

I thought about my love for you
Now I know just what I'll do

I will love you until you say
You don't want my love to stay

So until you say those words
I love you's will be heard

But if I start to smother you
Please let me know, that I never want to do

So I'll see you
Tomorrow night
So once again I'll hold you tight

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Ray Hansell

I Thought I Knew

I thought I knew sexy
I thought I knew hot
But then I got a look at you
I saw all that you've got

You move just like a snake
As you slither across the bed
You do so many sexy things
You get inside my head

As I start to move closer
You strike with lightning speed
Soon you are all over me
Giving me just what I need

Your venom isn't poison
Your bite doesn't kill
But the one thing that you do
Is that you know how to thrill

You wrap yourself around me
So I can't get away
Well I've got news for you
This is where I want to stay

So if you feel the need to strike
Grab a hold of me so very tight
Just hold on and don't let go
I promise I won't put up any fight

5-30-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Thought Of You

I thought of you today
It sent my thoughts
Slowly drifting away

I saw your smiling face
I heard your laughter ring out loud
I thought about how you
Always stood out in a crowd

I thought of you today
It really made me smile
My world was so peaceful
If only for a little while

9-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Thought Of You Today

I thought of you today
As I drove down the road
I thought to myself
Our story must be told

I love her so dearly
I always want her near
I want her next to me
So her gentle voice I hear

I want to feel her soft skin
I want to taste her lips
When she is away
It's her I want to miss

I wish I could turn back time
Because what I would do
I'd rearrange everything
So forever, I'd be with you

8-24-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Thought She Was Weary

I thought maybe you grew weary
Of the words I write
That's why I stopped sending them
To you in the night

But if you like my rhymes
For sure I'll write you more
Because when it comes to you
I could write poems by the score

Ray Hansell

I Truly Miss

I want you to know
I think of you
In everything
I see and do

I close my eyes
There you are
From my heart
You're never far

All the memories
We've created
From my mind
They've never faded

They are there forever
For as long as I may live
There's still so much love
To you I want to give

So just remember
As you read this
You're the only one
I truly miss

9-8-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Used You

I hope that you'll forgive me
For all the bad I've done
But when I needed loving
You always were the one

5-9-78/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Want A Night

I want a night
To spend with you
I want a night
To love you through

I want a night
With you next to me
I want a night
For us to see

I want a night
To make love
I want a night under
The stars above

I want a night
So you can see
That I want you always
Next to me

I want a night
That never ends
I want a night
That transcends

I want a night
Filled with love
I want a night
That loves made of

2-27-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Want Her To Be The One

She is someone special
Warm and tender to hold
I want her by my side
As the years make me grow old

I want to live my life
Sharing it with her
I always want to be the one
To see her gentle smile

I want her to be the one
To hold me when I cry
I want her to be the one
To wipe my tears all dry

I want her to be the one
Who sleeps with me at night
I want her to be the one
I see in the early morning light

I want her to be the one
To never let me go
I know that she is the one
Who'll always love me so

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Ray Hansell

I Want To Be

I only want to hold you
Take you in my arms
Hold on to you forever
Protect you from lifes harms

You are the other half of me
You make my life complete
I want so much to share with you
A life we can both keep

To have you in my life
To love and to hold
I always want to be with you
Even as the years make me grow old

I promise to always stay with you
Until the very end
I want to be your life lover
But most of all I want to be your friend

5-2-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Want You Next To Me

Once again good night
Until I hold you tight
Nothing in my life
Will ever be right
Not until I have you
Near me all the time
Not until I know
That your love is only mine

I want you next to me
When I start my day
In the morning I want you to be the one
To hear the first words that I say
I want you next to me
As my day comes to an end
I want my voice to be the voice
That can help your heart to mend

As you drift off to sleep
To dream the night away
I want you beside me
Every night and day

Ray Hansell

I Was Foolish

From that first moment I loved you
I have never stopped loving you
I never stopped caring for you
I never stopped wishing the best for you
I always imagined the two of us
Together for ever and ever
But now I know
Us together, will never come to be
Maybe I was foolish
Thinking we'd last forever
But then I realized
That forever is a very long time

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Ray Hansell

I Was Looking For A Friend, You Were Looking For More

If I said, I love you
Would you laugh at me?
Or would you just turn your head
Then ask how could that be?

We've only known each other
For just a short time
There's no way that your heart
Could have captured mine

I would say I like you
But that's it for now
But for you to love me
I just don't know how

Maybe with the passage of time
My love for you will grow
But we'll have to wait and see
Because right now I don't know

I did not try to mislead you
Or try to string you along
I would never do that
Because I know it's wrong

I just said, I liked you
You are great company
But for now that's all you are
Is company for me

I don't want a relationship
I do want to commit
We have to wait for a while
To see if we're a good fit

I will let you know
When I feel love for you

But for right now
I'm happy being friends with you

2-20-07/RJH

9-24-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Was Never Taught

When I was young and went to school
I learned my lessons well
But in school they never taught me
That love could be so swell

1976/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Watched

I watched you as love walked away
Not one word did we have to say
I know goodbye never left your lips
I also know, I'll never see you again after today

5-18-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Wiil Not Kiss And Tell

You came along one summer day
With a smile upon your face
You didn't have much to say
In fact, you were rather quiet

I watched you from a distance
Then I made my move
Oh, what a big surprise
You didn't refuse

Don't think that you're a notch
Upon my wood bed post
Because when it comes to you
What we do, I'll never boast

The loving we share is ours
It's always sealed with a kiss
All the things we've ever done
Have never left my lips

So don't you ever worry
Our secret I've never told
All the things we did together
Stay inside of me as I grow old

8-26-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Will Not Think Of You

I try to find different ways
To occupy my mind
Then I know that way
I won't think of her all the time

It's not an easy thing to do
Forgetting someone you loved
It seems the more you try to forget
They are the only one you think of

But I'll keep on trying
I know I'll somehow get through
I know there will come a day
When I'll hardly think of you

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Ray Hansell

I Wish

I love you
So very true
I hope that you
Love me to

I love you
So very true
I always will
No matter what you do

I love you
More each day
I wish I were there
So you could hear me say

I Love You

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Wish I Could Be That Man

You say that your the big sister
Some of your friends never had
They say you're a friend
When they need someone to listen
You hope one day
Some man will want you as a woman
Not a friend who listens
But as a caring, thoughtful loving woman
A woman who wants marriage
A woman who wants children
A woman who wants a man to love her
Not a part time love
You've already had that
But a man to love you and stay by your side
All through the night to greet a brand new day
To hold you in his arms
As the hours tick away
I wish I could be that man
How I wish I could be that man

2-21-78/RJH

Ray Hansell

I Wish I Could Tell You

I wish that I could tell you
That I'm over you
I wish that I could say
My love for you is through
But that would a lie
Because I still care deep inside

5-25-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Wish I Had The Answers

I wish I had the answers
To the questions that you ask
I wish I knew the future
Like I know the past

I wish I could find a way
To tell you that I care
But the get all tangled
As they drift into the air

I wish that you would give me space
Please, just let me be
I'll say it, I don't love you
So why do you love me?

11-15-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

I Wish It Were Only Me

I could find so many reasons
That would make me stay
But I can also find many more
That tells me to walk away

So many times I just wish
That it was only me
I wish that I were all alone
No one around to see

To see me when I'm angry
To see me when I cry
To see me when I give up
And not even want to try

There are so many days like this
That I must admit
There are so very many times
When I would just like to quit

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Ray Hansell

I Wish You Had Been The First

You are not the only one
Who's ever held my hand
You are not the only one
Who's ever kissed this man
You are not the only one
Who's ever made love to me
You are not the only one
Who's ever helped me to see
You are not the only one
Who has said, I love you
You are not the only one
Who's made my wishes come true
No, you are not the only one
But how I wish you had been the first
Because if you had been the first
I know you would have surely been the last

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Ray Hansell

I Wonder

When I am away from you
I feel so very blue
I always sit and wonder
If you feel the same way to?

Ray Hansell

I Wonder If

I think the time has come
For us to say goodbye
I know it won't be easy
It will probably make us cry

For so long we shared so much
What ever life brought our way
Yet we both somehow survived
As we lived through each day

But now I don't think we can
Survive what lies ahead
But know the love I feel for you
Will never be completely dead

It's just that circumstances
Will dictate the course we must take
Although it may not be of our choosing
It's still going to cause our hearts to break

I know the time has come
For us to say goodbye
I wonder if it can be done
Without tears leaving our eyes

Ray Hansell

I Wonder Why?

I gaze at a rainbow across the sky
I stare at the moon way up high
I watch the rain as it falls to the ground
I wonder why you're not around

I watch the tree's blow in the wind
I wonder do I have a freind
I watch the sun as it starts to rise
I wonder why love makes us cry

9-3-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

I Would Be All Right

I lay in bed
Alone at night
Something is wrong
I don't feel right

I close my eyes
But I don't see you
It's always someone else
Whose face comes shining through

Every night I see her face
As I lay staring at the ceiling
When I think of her
I always get this warm feeling

As I lay in bed
All alone at night
If you were here
I would be all right

Ray Hansell

I Would Understand

I know right now you hate me
I don't blame you a bit
I hope someday you'll find a way
To forgive me for what I've done

I tried to be your friend
I did that fairly well
But when we started loving
That's when we discovered hell

My intentions were not to hurt you
But hurt you I did
I know saying I'm sorry
Won't erase the hurt and pain

If I knew of a way how
To take the pain from you
I'd do it in a heart beat
But I know there is no way

Maybe one day down the road
You'll find room in your heart
To forgive me for all the things
I did to cause pain

But if you never forgive me
I would surely understand
Because I know what I did
Were not the actions of a loving man

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Ray Hansell

I Wouldn't Know What To Do

I tell you that you're BEAUTIFUL
I tell you that you're FINE
I tell that you're SEPCIAL
I mean it every time

I tell you that you're WONDERFUL
I tell you that you're SWEET
I tell you that you're the GIRL
I had always hoped to meet

I tell you that I'm HAPPY
Whenever I'm with YOU
If you said we were OVER
I wouldn't know what to do

1-19-09/RjH

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10-16-16

Ray Hansell

I Wouldn't Want To Try

I could never love someone new
No one could ever replace you
Loving you
Is all I ever want to do

Other women caught my eye
But I never wanted to try
I just couldn't bear
To be the one to make you cry

My love for you has been so true
Everyday seems brand new
Loving you
I know will always do

Living life without you
Wouldn't be a pleasant thing to do
I know that it's true
So I wouldn't even care to try to

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Ray Hansell

I'D Be Next To You

So many nights I see you
When I close my eyes to dream
You are always there
Or so that's how it seems

I always see your face
Shining through the night
It always makes me smile
Because I know things are alright

Sometimes I know I reach for you
Because my dreams seems so real
But when I put out my hand
There's no one there to feel

I wish just once this dream I dream
Could somehow come true
I know for that to ever be
I'd have to be lying next to you

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Ray Hansell

I'D Like To Tell Someone

My pain is silent
But it runs deep
As deep as a river
With secrets to keep

My pain is constant
It never goes away
It lives inside of me
Each and every day

This pain I feel inside
Is heavy on my heart
I'd like to tell someone
But I don't know where to start

Sometimes it makes me feel
Like I'm going insane
I know that now until forever
I am destined to live in pain

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Ray Hansell

If A Man Would Ask

She lives her life in pain
She's never learned
To play loves game
She 's not looking
For stardom or fame
She'd gladly change her name
If a man would only ask her to

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Ray Hansell

If Ever

If ever I need someone
To tell my troubles to
Would you mind at all
If I called on you?

In times of depression
When I need a friend
Would you mind at all
If on you I depend?

If I ever need someone
When I'm feeling insecure
Please let me know
If I can count on you for sure

If ever I need someone
Can that someone be you?

9-3-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

If I Said

If I said I love you
Would you laugh at me
Or simply look into my eyes
Then say, you must be free

If I said I need you
What would your reaction be
Or would just respond
I just want to be free

Without you I'm certain
That I would survive
I know that I would live
But I wouldn't really be alive

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Ray Hansell

If I Were

If I were to die tomorrow
I would not shed a tear
I'd have no regrets
My greatest joy in life was
The chance to love you

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Ray Hansell

If It Were Up To Me

Loving you is easy
When you come my way
If I had my choice
I'd love you everyday

We'd stay in bed and pass the time
Making love and drinking wine
Loving you comes easy
That's all I have to say
If it were up to me
You'd never go away

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Ray Hansell

If That's True

Does this goodbye mean
That you and I are through
Well if that's true
From me to you
Thank you for the screw

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Ray Hansell

If That's Where You Want To Be

I want so much to have you
Always next to me
That's the way I hope
That it can always be

It would not be to show you off
So people know that you're with me
It would be because I love you
With me, you'd always be free

I don't want to own you
Or show you off for people to see
I want you right beside me
If that's where you want to be

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Ray Hansell

If There Wasn'T

Think how lonely
Two people would be
If there wasn't a you
And there wasn't a me

You give me cause to celebrate
You never make me wait
When it come to loving you
I'll never hesitate

If you could be me
And if I could be you
Then you would know why
I love you like I do

Ray Hansell

If You Believe

If you think you can
If you do believe
Then know in your heart
That you can achieve

If people say you can't
If in you they have their doubts
Don't listen to their words
Show them what you are all about

Show them that you can
Show them that you will
Put yourself on display
Show them you have skill

But don't you worry none
For some will never believe
Because you see in their lives
There was little they achieved

7-31-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

If You Need

If you feel the need
To have to shed a tear
Fear not my love
For you I'll be near

If the days make you weary
You burdens too much to bear
If you ever need me
Just call and I'll be there

If you need a hand to hold
Just to know someone cares
Just reach out for mine
For you it will always be there

12-30-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

If You Think

If you think I don't miss you
You had better think again
So many times my minds drifts back
Then I start to remember when

You and I first fell in love
The day that we first kissed
The time that you went away
I didn't know that I could miss

Someone so very much
The way that I missed you
Every time I heard your name
I didn't know what I would do

Soon you would return
Back to where you belonged
My heart felt so very good
I felt our love was so strong

Now once again you've gone away
But this time I feel
That you won't be coming back
How will my heart ever heal

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Ray Hansell

If You Were Here

The warmth of a summer breeze
Caresses my face
It feels as soft and gentle
As your hands upon me

The sweetness of your voice
Rings gently in my ears
Like a Sunday church bell
It always sounds so good

When your sweet lips kiss me
It always makes my heart smile
You make the birds all sing
The skies all turn to blue

Every day that you are near
That is a perfect day
I know my days would stay this way
If every day you were near

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Ray Hansell

If You'Ve Found

Loving isn't easy
But it sure is fun
Especially if you've found
That very special one

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I'll Always Be Back For More

You know I love you baby
I have from the start
You're the only woman
Who lives inside my heart

Every time we make love
It's better than the time before
You're the only one
Who keeps me coming back for more

I know there are probably others
Who could please me to
But none of them could take me
To the places that you do

You never leave me wanting
You please me through and through
That's the reason why babe
I will forever love you

Ray Hansell

I'LI Be Along In A While

So much to learn
So much to see
So much to know
What do I want to be?

Someday I'll love
Someday I'll grow old
Someday maybe
My story will be told

But I'll go slowly
I'll take it easy
For I am just a child
I know the world will wait
For it all will take me a while

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Ray Hansell

I'LI Cry

Now it's time to say goodbye
If you don't cry neither will I
But if I see a tear
Fall down from your eyes
I'll give it my best try
But I know I to will cry

4-18-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'll Live Life My Way

Life has many ups and downs
It feels like I've felt them all
Just when I thought I had it made
That's the time I'd fall

I would do things my way
No matter what people would say
But it seems that some people
Will always stand in your way

They will make a suggestion
Then tell me it's for my best
They'd also tell me to my face
How much smarter they were than the rest

When I would state my point of view
They'd jump up and say I'm wrong
Listening to them over and over
Was like a worn out song

I swear to God, I've heard it all
Everything they had to say
But I've only got one life to live
I think I'll live my own way

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Ray Hansell

I'll Meet You At The Gate

When I get to heaven
I hope that I can see
You standing there by the gates
Waiting just for me

You'll already have your wings
Mine I'll have to earn
I know it will take time
For there are lessons I must learn

I must learn to be more patient
And to be more understanding
But what I must learn most of all
I can no longer be demanding

It's so much different here in heaven
Then it was back on earth
On earth we all had an expiration date
Starting from the day of our birth

Now when that date would come
Only God was the one to know
We just lived from day to day
Until it was time to go

When that day did finally arrived
The journey was short and fast
If there's one thing we learned on earth
It was that nothing seemed to last

11-1-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'LI Never Wonder Why

Sometimes I've won
Sometimes I've lost
But no matter what
I stayed the course

My heart has ached
My eyes have cried
I still believe in love
I'll never wonder why

So many times
I've played loves game
So many times
I've felt the pain

But I know one day
Love will come to stay
Then my heart will sing
Every single day

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Ray Hansell

I'M An Angel

I heard the church bells ring
I heard the organ play
I saw the stain glass windows
As I flew overhead
I heard the preacher ask
Does anyone know
Why these two people
Shouldn't be married today
I was an angel in the sky
It should have been me down there
As into her eyes I'd stare
Then slowly slide the ring
On the finger of her left hand
Her and I together
As husband and wife we'd stand
But we will never be
Because you see
I am now an angel above
Flying around with wings of love
No longer thought of
But she is happy
That's what really matters
Maybe now my ashes
She will finally scatter
Spread them out in the open sea
Now and then have thoughts of me
I'll be her guardian angel
As she walks through life
I'll watch over the woman
Who I wanted for my wife
I'm in heaven through no fault of my own
I was waiting for a train
It started to suddenly rain
As the train pulled into the station
I was nudged forward a bit
The next step I took was a slip
I grabbed onto someone for help
He lost his grip
I went under the train

Now my ashes
Are all that remain

1-23-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

I'M Glad She Stayed

I thought of giving up
I thought of giving in
I never want to go back
To a past that has already been

I thought I'd throw in the towel
My fight has reached its end
An obituary to myself
I though I would send

I thought that I would tell love
I've finally given in
I guess I wasn't born to love
Because in love I've never been

I might as well end it all
Because there is no use
All love does is baffle me
Then keep me completely confused

I figured this would be the way
To finally move on
What's the use in trying?
When all reasons for trying are gone

But then all of a sudden
There appeared a face
When I first noticed her
I thought she looked out of place

Her beauty was breath taking
Her voice as soft as a summer day
A smile that told me
Love could be coming back my way

Suddenly I realized
She's who I've been looking for
I told myself that I could
Love her for a lifetime or maybe more

The first time we were together
She whispered, I love you
I held her close to me
I said, I love you to

It seems like many years have passed
Since that fateful day
I'm so glad she came my way
I'm so happy she decided to stay

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Ray Hansell

I'M The Reason Why

Looking back
I now see
Our problems were
Caused by me

My love for you faded
Like a setting sun
Maybe too quickly
The end had come

I think the reason
Has to do with age
I know as we mature
We turn life's page

It's not like our youth
As we hurry along
But as we grow older
We want to belong

We want someone to love
As the years pass us by
But like all things
Sometimes the years just fly

What we have in our hands
Doesn't always stay
Sometimes love grows wings
Then just flies away

Why does love seem to fail
When it's love we seek
How what we all want
Seems so hard to keep

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I'M Thinking

I'm thinking if I were with you
I'd now exactly what we'd do
We'd be making love
Holding each other so very tight
As the day turns into night

We'd spend the night together
Hold each other the whole night though
Wrapped in each others arms

I'd wake up so happy
Because I'd be with you
And if you wanted to
We could make love again
Or just lay together
Until another day comes to an end

8-23-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'M To Blame

Where do you begin
When you break another's heart
What should you say
Where do you even start

Of course you say, I'm sorry
But does that replace the pain
That you caused someone else
When you know you are to blame

In their heart you know
The pain will live forever
Because you took from them
A reason to trust you never

You caused so much anguish
Unnecessary pain
You gave someone reason
To not want to participate in loves game

You hope with the passage of time
The wounds will somehow heal
You hope again they find love
A love that will be real

4-17-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

In A Nick Of Time

I was feeling lonely not doing fine
But you came along in a nick of time

I lost my words nothing would rhyme
But you came along in a nick of time

I traveled through life without a dime
You bailed me out in a nick of time

I thought that love would never be mine
But your heart came along in a nick of time

A love like yours was so good to find
You came along in a nick of time

If it weren't for you I'd have lost my mind
But you saved me in a nick of time

I no longer need a pick up line
You came along in a nick of time

Love was so hard to define
You came along in a nick of time

I'm so glad your in this life of mine
You came along in a nick of time

12-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

In Common

We have so much in common
Sometimes I can't believe
But I hope this feeling
Is never going to leave

We both like the same foods
We both like the same beer
When it comes to something new
There's no much that we fear

We like the same kind of comics
We like the same movies to
But I have to tell you
There's no one I like more then you

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Ray Hansell

In Love With You

Today I was thinking
About the two of us
Wondering why when it comes to you
I make such a fuss

It came to me quickly
Exactly why I do
The reason is because
I am so in love with you

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Ray Hansell

In Memory Of My Friend Rip Greg

I met a man
Who became my friend
I'm glad to say, it stayed that way
Until the very end

5-6-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

In Need Of Something

I have real bad behavior
I keep looking for a savior
I'm filled with hostility
I long for some tranquility
My life is an agitation
I'm always seeking salvation
Most times I am so depressed
Myself I always second guess
Sometimes I'm suicidal
I feel that I'm entitled

Mood swings and changes
My mind rearranges
It seems the pills I take
Just don't keep me awake
Maybe it's better that I sleep
Then my sanity I'll keep
I really wish I had a clue
So then I'd know what to do
People drag me down
I end up on the ground
Can somebody help me stand
Because I don't think I can
Stand here on my own two feet
Because you see I'm mentally beat

I need to just get some rest
I just can't pass this test
That life just throws at me
Can't anybody see
I don't want to be here
Can I be any clear
My eyes are getting drowsy
This life I live is lousy
I don't want no more pain
I want to end this game
I declare life the winner
Mark me down as the sinner
Tell the world I tried my best

Now it's time to get some rest

I think I'll take all my pills
So I can feel all those thrills
I'll just lay down right here
Wait for the angels to come near
To carry me back to home
To a peaceful life I've never known
But please when I am gone
Everyone please carry on
Don't you stop to weep for me
Let everything just be
As it was before
I already knew the score
So live your life to the end
Don't let doctor's try to send
You to places you don't want to go
To them and their pills tell them no
No more pills will I take
I hope tomorrow I don't wake

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Ray Hansell

In Our Lives

Its strange how in our lives
So many people come and go
Some leave lasting memories
While other we never got to know

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Ray Hansell

In School

When I was young and went to school
I learned my lessons well
But in school they never taught me
That love could be so swell

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Ray Hansell

In The End

In pain we laughed
In love we cried
Through it all
We always tried

In the storm
We found hope
Always a way
We could cope

In the sun
We found despair
But never once
Did we care

We always believed
Faith was never gone
We found a way
To carry on

We'd lose a battle
Now and then
But we'd win the war
In the end

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Ray Hansell

In The Morning

The days seem so lonely
Without seeing you
I've been wondering to myself
Exactly what I'll do

So last night I decided
To just keep missing you
I know again when I see your face
I'll still love you true

Because when it comes to loving
You're the only one I desire
In a world moving fast
You always slowly light my fire

You are full of surprises
You like to dress and then tease
But most of all I must tell you
You surely know to please

There's just one dream
I hope comes true
That would be to wake up
In the morning next to you

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Ray Hansell

In The Performance Of His Duty

Killed in the performance of his duty
That's all the paper said
He took an oath, he took a job
For doing both he's dead

Each day was a busy one
Going from call to call
Doing the best he could
Always, giving his all

But one night in the darkness there lurked a stranger
He thought he was on a mission against oppression
Tonight was the night he would kill a cop
To him, this had become his obsession

So he got his evil chance
When he saw a uniform of blue
He took aim, and pulled the trigger
There was nothing the officer could do

He died in the performance of his duty
That's what the paper said
But what the paper failed to explain
Was that a husband and father are now dead

In the performance of his duty
Bullets struck him down
The only thing to remind us
Is the badge shaped headstone in the ground

6-16-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

In The Shadows

For too many years
I've lived in the shadow of love
Then you came along
You gave me a shove

So out of the shadows
Pushed into the sun
I was saved from despair
And you were the one

So I must thank you
For the love you brought my way
I hope I give to you
What you give to me each day

10-21-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

In You

Many years of searching
Have finally reached an end
In you I found a lover
But more than that, I found a friend

I can tell you anything
I can tell you all my dreams
I can tell you all my fears
You can always tell me exactly what they mean

The gentle way you hold me
When we are alone
In you I found love and happiness
In you I found my way home

1-19-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

In You I Know

I see you from afar
My heart begins to pound
Of course I know why
The pounding is love's sound

That's the noise it makes
Each time you come into view
It always pounds
Every time that I see you

Would I stop it if I could
Probably not
The pounding lets me know
Just what I have got

Hopefully this love is here to stay
Hopefully it will last forever
Hopefully as time goes by
It will just get better and better

So every time I see you
My heart begins to pound
In you I know exactly
What it is I found

1-24-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

In You I See

In you I see so many things
I see the trees I see the flowers
I see a summer rain
I see the passing of the hours

I see hope for tomorrow
I see yesterday restored
I see in you that life
With me will not be bored

I see the mid-night sky
I see the stars shine bright
I see a harvest moon
I see peace and calm tonight

In you I hear music
Every time you speak
In you I see hope
In moments I feel weak

In you I see life
Living everyday
In you I see all that's good
Please, don't let another take it away

9-27-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Indeed

I sat and read her poem
'I'm a Lucky Duck'
It sounds to me like you have
A true love that needs no luck

A lucky duck you are
I see it in your words
It sounds like truth and kindness
Are the words most often heard

If that's the case then you are
So very lucky indeed
A life of love and happiness
Just what all people need

10-15-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Intimate

You and I naked standing together
Wrapped in each others arms
You feel me as I become aroused
You take me by the hand
You lead me to your bed
You softly whisper in my ear
Love me baby
Like I've never been loved before
The lights go out
The fire starts
It will burn through the night
Then you and I
Will be awakened
By the morning sun
The loving we shared last night
Has once again begun

3-2-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Into My Life

You came into my life
Very unexpectedly
You opened many doors
You helped me close a few
I left my troubles far behind
I owe it all to you

You helped me to understand
The past must be left in the past
Now I can clearly see
Just how much you cared

You opened many doors for me
You helped me close a few
Now I'll spend my life
Loving only you

Ray Hansell

Is Justice Really Blind?

You say the justice system
Is very fair and true
But I don't believe it
Especially from you

Because when you have money
Freedom can be bought
That is a simple lesson
Early on I was taught

If you have great wealth
There's much you can achieve
Because without money
There's little reason to believe

That justice is really blind
And the law will treat you right
All these thoughts come to me
As I sleep in my cell tonight

(5-20-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

Is Love's Door Closed?

Lately I've been thinking
Wondering out loud
If it's alright to miss you
The way I miss you now

My days and nights run together
Like water colors in the rain
My heart had been hurt before
But, it's never known this kind of pain

I've had lovers in the past
Who have told me goodbye
But looking back I can say
Not one of them ever made me cry

But this time it was different
For me it was plain to see
You are the only woman
I ever let inside of me

I love you more than anyone
I've ever loved before
I'm hoping that you'll tell me
On us, you haven't closed love's door

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Ray Hansell

Is There A Place

Is there a place
Where all is good?
Where people live
Like they should?

Is there a place
Where no one hates?
Is there a place
Filled with faith?

Is there a place
Where love is alive?
Where people exist
And always thrive?

Is there a place
Where no one kills?
Where living life
Is still a thrill?

Is there a place
Where people stand?
Shoulder to shoulder
Hand in hand?

Is there a place
Where religion doesn't matter?
Where myths and beliefs
All get shattered?

Is there a place
People can go?
To live their life
Peaceful and slow?

Is there a place
That can be found
Where love and friendly people
Are always around?

Or maybe I'm just dreaming
Maybe I've lost my mind
Believing that a place like this
Would exist in the present time

11-4-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Is There Justification?

Is there justification
For this on going war
Can anyone explain
Just what we're fighting for

We know the politicians
Always have their reasons
But their explanations
Are never very pleasing

There are politicians
Who want the war to end
To the President
This is the message they send

But it seems all their talking
Is falling on deaf ears
I know no one imagined
We'd be there this many years

I think the time has come
For all of us concerned
It's time to bring the troops home
Look at all we learned

To never again charge ahead
Without a complete plan
That including starting a war
Then knowing how to bring it to an end

6-3-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

Is This You?

I hate the way I look
I hate the way I feel
I hate the way I know
That my hate is real

I hate the way some people
Seem to get all the breaks
I hate the way I don't have
What it seems to take

I hate the way some people
Never seem to lose
I hate the way it seems
I never get to choose

I hate the way some people
Think they know it all
I hate the way those people
Never seem to fall

I hate so much in this life
Sometimes I cannot see
Because I am so filled with hate
I sometimes even hate me

4-11-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Is You

Can I spend the day with you?
Then can we share the night?
I promise as you sleep
I will hold you tight

Before you close your eyes
To put the day to rest
I just want to love you
To give you all my best

Loving you would be so easy
Because I'm so in love with you
You know there isn't anything
For you I wouldn't do

I want to love you forever
I hope you know by now
Because I know in my heart
It will happen somehow

So, please always remember
These words I speak to you
Because one day you're going to see
All the things I say come true

I'll always pledge my heart
To always be true
Because the only one
I want to love is you

1-19-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

It Always Comes Back To You

Women do you know
Just what you mean to me
You are the only one
My eyes need to see

Sure I may look at others
But it always comes back to you
For no one has ever given me
All the joy that you do

The special way you hold me
When we're making love
You are the only woman
I constantly think of

You are the only one
On my mind both night and day
Deep in my heart I believe
That it will always be this way

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Ray Hansell

It Caused The Tears

I remember all the places
Where we use to go
I remember all the spaces
Where we always let love show

The memories we shared
Will last us through the years
The fact our love couldn't survive
That what brings the tears

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Ray Hansell

It Isn'T Only You

Life is a struggle
Every single day
It seems new obstacles
Always get in the way

Just when you
Things are going fine
All of a sudden
Something else is on your mind

If it isn't something personal
Then it has to do with money
Life at times can seem to be
So stressful that it's funny

Just when we think
We've got it made
Then realize something else
Has to be paid

Suddenly an unforeseen bill
Shows up in the mail
When it does, the money is short
It never seems to fail

Or a family member
In a financial jam
Comes to you
Holding out their hand

You feel they think of you
As some kind of bank
But when you helped them in the past
You didn't even get, thanks

Then one day on your way to work
You start to hear a strange noise
The car must go to the shop
You really have no choice

If you put it off much longer
You will pay even more
It's better to get it fixed now
It's nothing to ignore

So you see each new day
Brings another challenge or two
Everyone is tested
It's not only you

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Ray Hansell

It Reaffirms

The morning sun burns away the fog
I see you slowly come into view
It only reaffirms the love
I feel inside for you

You stand there in the sunlight
You look like an angel to me
Every time we meet again
You set my spirits free

The only thing I pray for
Is that somewhere down the road
You always be there for me
To have and always hold

I will always love you
That you can count on
The love I feel inside for you
I promise, will never be gone

So I hope you'll always love me
To want me there with you
Because loving you a lifetime
Is all I'll ever want to do

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Ray Hansell

It Was Me

My heart started crying
Because you are gone
It will be hard but I know
That I must move on

The years we shared together
Have passed us like a blur
I wish I had you back
So things could be the way they were

In my heart that's what I want
But in reality I know
That you'll never return to me
Because of the love I didn't show

The times I should have said,
That I loved you so
I didn't speak a word
It's not like I didn't know

I know it was my fault
No one else is to blame
What we shared long ago
Can never be the same

So maybe it was good
That you said goodbye
Maybe I did deserve
To be left behind to cry

My heart started crying
Because you were gone
But at least I know I'm the reason
That together we'll never move on

4-30-07/RjH

It Was Never Mine

The smile has left me face
My heart wears a scar
I will no longer ever see
The beauty of a falling star

Sadness rules my day
From morning until dark
Inside I no longer feel
The magic of loves spark

I'm not sure what happened
Or where I went wrong
I use to be a rock
But I'm no longer that strong

To me love seems like a burden
That I carry all the time
The one thing that's for sure
Is that love was never truly mine

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Ray Hansell

It Will Always Be This Way

I said goodnight to you
With sadness in my voice
I didn't want to leave
But I really had no choice

The night was getting late
The stars they shined so bright
And being there with you
In my heart I know was right

But you said, it's time to go
For you had to get some sleep
You said to me as I walked away
Make sure, in your heart my love you keep

I turned to you and I said
Your love is safe with me
Because in my heart I know
This is where you'll always be

9-7-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

It Will Happen To Many

What happened to the memories
That were yours and mine
Somewhere they've gotten lost
With the passage of time

There was a time that I remembered
Falling in love with you
I would always relive the memories
Of all the things we use to do

But it seems through the years
Things aren't as always clear
I see you here next to me
But, were you always this near?

It gets harder to remember
People and things from my past
Sometimes I will remember
But the remembering doesn't last

I see so many people
That I don't seem to know
But when they see me
They all say hello

When these people call me
They all seem to know my name
I don't know who they are
My memory is just not the same

It seems to be getting worse
As the years take their toll
Or is it just a fact of life
That I'm getting old

I think I know what's wrong with me
It's not just that I'm an old timer
I think I may be in the grip
Of that disease they call Alzheimer's

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Ray Hansell

It Will Happen To Us All

The one thing we can't escape
Is when our life reaches the end
Family and friends hearts will be broken
They will soon slowly mend

It takes time to recover
It takes time to believe
That there will come a day
When the heart will no longer grieve

It doesn't mean you've forgotten
The one who has passed away
It just means you've accepted
Death will soon call on us all, one day

6-21-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's About You

I like to spend my time
Writing a poem or two
They could about me
Or they could about you

I'll write about the world
Different things I see
Sometimes I'll also question
Why certain things must be

I question why we fight
In a war that can't be won
I write about the parents
Who have lost a daughter or a son

I question the politicians
For the dumb things that they do
Do they really represent
The wishes of just a few

They'll always be things to write about
I know this to be true
But my most enjoyment comes
Why I write about you

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Ray Hansell

It's All About You

I count the hours
Until I'm with you
Thoughts of you
Are never few

You start my day
You end my night
Imagines of you
Are always in sight

I daydream
I fantasize
When I miss you
I close my eyes

I'm so in love with you
I hope I'll always be
Forever in my heart
You'll always be with me

3-26-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's All Up To You

Thinking back I remember
How it use to be
Will it be the same way
The next time you see me?

Will your arms reach for me
To want to hold me tight?
Do thoughts of me
Creep into your dreams at night

Do memories of days gone by
Still live inside your head?
Or would you rather that it be
That memories of the past be dead?

How happy would you be
If I were in your arms some how?
Would your lips speak words of love
Or just stay silent now?

Would a smile cover your face
From cheek to shining cheek?
Would you have anything to say
Or would you rather not speak?

For me it would be easy
I'd hold you so tight
Remembering all the times
Holding you close at night

I would want to love you
Like I never loved you before
I'd stay awake all night
Hoping to love you more

I'd pray the star's would guide us
The moon would be our light
But you see it's all up to you
If we share the night

4-16-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's Alright To Be Alone

I must face reality
There's no one out there for me
I look all around
Couples are all I see

I think to myself
Is this how it's supposed to be?
Everyone else has someone
Everyone except for me

For so long I wanted someone
But now I've given up
The days are quickly passing by
I'm no longer a young pup

I always imagined myself
One day married with kids
Now when I think of the past
It will be memories of things I did

I'll have no one to hold me
On a cold winter night
I'll have no one to kiss
When I turn out the light

They'll be no one to greet me
As the morning sun awakes
They'll be no one around
For evening strolls to take

They'll be no one to whisper
Gently in my ear
They'll be no one to say
Those magic words we want to hear

So, as I live my life
I am truly happy alone
Do I need someone else around
To make my house a home?

I have all my poems
Plus, the one's I've yet to write
Instead of having someone to hold
My words keep me company each night

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's Because Of You

I'm able to cope
Because there is hope
As I carefully maneuver
Life's slippery slope

I learned to care
With you I share
I now know love
Is more than a stare

I learned about feelings
I learned about love
With heavenly guidance
Sent down from above

I'll love you through every season
You always give me reason
You make my life so pleasing
Forever in you I'm believing

I hope that you understand
You've made me the man that I am
When it comes to loving you
I'll always do all that I can

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Ray Hansell

It's Been A While

I know it's been a while
Since I last saw you
I miss you so much
I don't know what to do

It seems like an eternity
Since we've made love
It hurts so much
Because you're all I'm thinking of

Just to feel you close to me
Like we use to do
Just to do the things to you
That you know I love to do

The softness of your feel
As you hold me close
You always give to me
A love nobody else knows

I can't wait for the day
When again we'll lay together
Naked you and I
That's when all will get better

12-30-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

It's Good It Didn'T Show

You thought about it for a while
You weren't sure if you should
The more you thought about it
The more you thought you could

He was someone special
You didn't want to lose
Now it was decision time
So now you had to chose

The more you thought about it
The more you felt you shouldn't
The longer the thoughts filled your head
You were convinced now you couldn't

It's good you never said a word
It's good he didn't know
It's good the love you felt inside
Was love you didn't let show

3-1-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's Never Easy

The words will not come easy
As we prepare to say goodbye
It's going to be difficult
But I'll give it my best try

Please know how much I loved you
Please know I always will
The time spent together
Was a lifetime of thrills

But now the time has come
For both of us to go our own way
Knowing we can't change things
Knowing together we can't stay

Ray Hansell

It's Over

Maybe the time has finally arrived
For you and I to say goodbye
I know when you read this
You will ask yourself why?

But just think for a minute
I'm sure it will come to you
You will not change my mind
No matter what you say or do

What we shared together
Was special from the start
But I think we'd be better off
If you and I just part

So many days pass us by
When we don't see each other
You were such a great friend
But you were an even better lover

We have so much in common
That, I can't deny
We make love too infrequently
That's one of the reasons why

I need to be with you
More than I am now
But I know that just can't happen
No way, no how

I know you try your best
To see me when you can
You've tried so very hard
To come up with a master plan

But every time we make plans
Something always gets in the way
I know you're not to blame
For the way things don't work out each day

There are other factors
That always interfere
Just when I think I'll hold you
My chances disappear

Because something else comes up
To get in our way
I get disappointed once again
So, this game I no longer want to play

This thing called love is over
We can't fool ourselves no more
It's time to go our separate ways
Each, to find something more secure

10-7-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

It's Up To You

I read the words you wrote
The things you has to say
I'm here to tell you
I'll be here for you each day

You don't want to lose me
I read that loud and clear
But don't you worry baby
For you I'll always be near

The last thing I'd ever do
Is to let you slip away
My love for you grows stronger
With each passing day

So I want you to know
That I'll always be there
But it's up to you
If you always want me near

Ray Hansell

It's You I'll See

I gaze up to the heavens
As I marvel at the stars
Wondering to myself
Just where you are

It seems like forever
Since our paths have crossed
Not being with you
I now realize my loss

I never thought that it would matter
Whether I was with you or not
But now that I'm not with you
My heart is in a knot

I feel like the life in me
Has somehow been sucked out
I now live a lonely life
Filled with so much doubt

The stars give me a feeling
Of peace and tranquility
They also represent a sign of hope
That one day again, it's you I'll see

7-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I've Been

I've been saving all my love
For a woman just like you
Now that I have found you
I want to love you true

I've been saving all my words
For that certain someone
Now that I have found you
Writing, once again is fun

I've been saving all my kisses
For a love so sweet
Finally you are the one
Who has swept me off my feet

I've been waiting to find
That special woman for me
Because inside I know
How difficult I can be

All the things that I've missed
All the love I've been missing
I needed someone to help me live
Instead of just existing

I am so glad you are the one
Who came to steal my heart
From this day and for ever
I pray that we never part

3-26-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

I've Hurt Her Once Again

Every time I see her
My heart comes alive
Every time she goes away
My heart slowly sighs

I know how to turn her on
I know just what to do
I make my move
She won't refuse

Once again I'll hurt
When it's time for me to leave
I know that as I walk away
I'll feel her tug at my sleeve

But it never makes me stay
Or makes me turn around
I know that as I walk away
Her tears fall to the ground

7-28-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

I'Ve Never Forgotten

I've never forgotten
Where I came from
I've never forgotten where I've been
Because I know for sure
I don't want to live there again

I grew up on the east coast
Summer rains and winter snow
Believe me the hard times
In my mind will never go

I'll never forget winters so cold
That trying to get warm
Was never very easy
Even with the clothes I'd worn

There wasn't enough heat to go around
Many things had to be shared
Going outside in the falling snow
Well, we never dared

Because of what I never had
Is why I'll not forget
Though I must admit my life's been lived
With very little regret

I left the east coast and did well
Today I have all I desire
But every once in the while
I get that burring fire

To go back east and revisit
My childhood once again
To help keep me grounded
To help remind me
Of all I did not have back then

7-20-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

I've Watched Love Fade

I've watched love fade
Like a setting sun
I remember the day
It had all begun

It wasn't that long ago
When my heart felt the twitch
You really got to me
You made my insides itch

I haven't felt like this
For many many years
In all of my life I've never
Cried this many tears

I've watched love fade
Like a setting sun
I was a fool to think
That you were the one

12-23-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Jersey City

When I think back to my youth
I can still recall
The people I grew up with
I honestly liked them all

We'd pass the days hanging out
Listening to music and sports
When it came to playing the games
We were all self taught

Some could throw, some could run
Some could hit the ball real far
Most of us one day believed
That one day we'd be a star

We may not have been that good
But we never refused to play
We were always playing something
On those long summer days

Stickball, kick the can and sometimes tag
This was how we passed the days
Doing so many things
Having fun in different ways

You see when I was young
Electronic games did not exist
So back in my youth
Those were things we didn't miss

So we'd do things to pass the time
So many games we played
Through the years the memories
In my mind have always stayed

BUT what made them special
Were not just the games
It was the people I grew up with
To this day I remember their names

Rickey, Bobby, Dom and Andy
Just to name a few
I think of them and I wonder
What they all went on to do

Each had their own talent
We all had to find our way
To one day make a living
As we lived from day to day

We knew all the people
Who lived in the neighborhood
Some were rude and mean
But almost all were good

Right there on the corner
Of Greenville Ave and Scott
We'd be there in the winter time
Also in summers that were so hot

You see that was the corner
Where we would all meet
It was there we tasted victory
Along with some bitter defeats

Back then we didn't think much
Of what was ahead down lifes road
We figured we'd always be there
With a story to be told

But some moved on and married
They had a kid or two
Some moved out to the country
Where the air is fresh and still smells new

Others went and left the state
Somewhere else to find a job
I'm sure that for a few of us
Life at times was somewhat hard

I know as long as I live

Where I was born is no longer pretty
But in my heart there's a special place
In my hometown of Jersey City

11-28-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

John Lennon

It was on a cold December night
When word spread throughout the land
That for some unknown reason
Someone shot and killed the leader of the band

December 1980/RJH

Ray Hansell

Journal

Here's book for you to write
Down your feelings every night
Just write down what's on your mind
It won't take you too much time
Keep a record of what you went through
Let others know what you had to do
Years from now when you're old and grey
You can look back and you can say
I had to fight this thing called cancer
Deep inside of me I held the answer
I had a heart strong and true
I kept my faith to help get me through

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Ray Hansell

Joy And Cheer

You always pick me up
You never let me down
You always wear a smile
I've never seen you frown

You're always close at hand
You're never far away
Even when you're angry
In your heart love will stay

You make me so happy
Just by being you
You make loving you the best
Because of the little things you do

If the time should ever come
When you grow tired of me
Please just let me know it
What is, will no longer be

But the friendship that we've built
Will remain strong through the years
Because having you in my life
Bring me nothing but joy and cheer

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Ray Hansell

Just Call It A Day

It's been such a long time
Since I've heard from you
I'm feeling so lonely
I'm not sure what to do

The nights drag on forever
The days are not much better
I feel as though my life has been
Put through a giant shredder

I feel like I'm falling apart
Or slowly going insane
I just never believed
That love was meant to be a game

But now I am realizing
It's a game I no longer want to play
So I'll just say goodbye to you
Then we can just call it a day

8-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Forget Me

The pain is hard
To overcome
When you know your heart
Has been undone

The hurt just seems to linger
Like a tooth ache that won't go away
The love you just lost
Was the love you thought would stay

Now you sit there thinking to yourself
Exactly where you went wrong
Knowing that once again
You're going to have to be strong

You tell yourself this is getting old
If this is what love is supposed to be
I hope the next time around
Love does me a favor and just forgets me

10-24-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Getting Better

The memories that we've built
Will always last forever
I'll always love you baby
As life with you gets better

You're a strong and powerful woman
Who can stand on her own
The love between you and I
Is the best love I've ever known

The memories I have of us
Will forever live on
The love I feel inside for you
From my heart will never be gone

Even though some days may pass
When we don't see each other
Every time I think of you
It's as my wife and lover

7-2-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Happened

The love we shared just happened
It was never planned
But because it did happen
I am a happy man

2-5-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Loving You

Would it be all right
To spend a night with you
Do you think that's something
That you'd like to do?

Would it be all right
To make love through the night
Laying there with each other
Holding on so tight

Then when the morning comes
If you want me to I'll leave
But I think you'd want me to stay
Because in our hearts we do believe

That each other has finally found
Just what we've been looking for
I can't think of anyone else
I want to see walk through the door

I'd promise my love to you
To never ever be untrue
The searching for me is through
I want to live my life just loving you

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Ray Hansell

Just Me Alone

Walking down these lonely streets
In the dead of night
The wind blows, the rain falls
The street lights light my way

Cars speed by but never see
The shadow on the sidewalk
I walk along in silence
For there's no one there to talk

So many things run through my head
Round and round like a ferris wheel
The cold makes my body numb
It helps to ease the pain I feel

I have no desires theres nothing I want
I have no place that I have to be
As I walk along the darkened street
Stray cats are all I see

I could be at home right now
But then I think what for
There's no one there to talk to
No one ever comes to my door

It wasn't very long ago
When her and I shared a home
But that happiness and good times
To me are no longer known

So now it's just me alone
To walk through life each day
Believe that if it were up to me
I'd never live my life this way

Walking along the lonely streets
While the rest of the world is sleeping
It helps me keep my sanity
It's better then sitting at home weeping

6-3-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Just Right

It's not too hot
It's not too cold
A perfect day
To have and hold

The sun is out
Clouds are seen
It's still a day
To sit and dream

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Ray Hansell

Just To Let You Know

I wanted you to know
That I miss you so
You are always on my mind
No matter the time
I dream of you through the day
That's how I pass the time away
At night when I'm alone
No sadder time is known
Because you aren't there
Into your eyes I cannot stare
But I know it won't be long
I just have to be strong
For very soon you'll be next to me
Then my happiness will be easy to see

6-8-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Just What I'm Going To Do

As you stood there talking
I couldn't help but see
That way that I was looking
When you looked back at me

I could sit and look at you
Oh, probably forever
People think I might get bored
But that would happen never

Your face to me is soft and warm
Your body thrills me so
I know you may not agree
But I know what I know

What I desire in a woman
You have them all and more
Because of you I found out
Exactly whom I'm living for

I was put on this earth
To share my life with you
If it's left up to me
That's exactly what I'm going to do

11-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Just Your Voice

I don't need that magic touch
That you somehow possess
I don't need your pretty face
For my hands to caress
Just to hear your voice when I'm down
Is all it takes to pick me up off the ground

1979/RjH

Ray Hansell

Kent State

You sprayed us with your mace
You hit us with your clubs
You knocked us to the ground
You treated us like thugs

You brought in the National Guard
Soldiers not much older than I
You armed them with weapons
As helicopters circled in the sky

You came onto our campus
Then you shot us down
When the smoke had cleared
Four students lay dead on the ground

Most people were so terrified
They were afraid to move
They didn't know if the guards
Were still in the shooting groove

Fear and panic filled the air
Students on the run
None of them knowing
If they could be the next one

When it finally calmed down
The carnage was clear to see
Four students dead others wounded
I thought in America we were free

But on that day in May (1970)
Under a burning sun
So many of us wondered
If freedom was lost or won

The demonstration was because
We didn't like the Vietnam War
Too many soldiers dying
We were questioning what for

We just wanted the war to end
That's all we were looking for
But they came onto our campus
They started their own war

It wasn't many years after this
There was a so called peace
The fighting came to an end
As Americans had to retreat

But who can claim victory
When so many lives were lost
I if the price both sides paid
Was really worth the cost

11-20-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Kent State Shootings

Who can forget that tragic day
The year 1970, the month of May

The National Guardsman's poised on a hill
Their rifles aimed, ready to kill

Gun fire soon filled the air
People screaming and running everywhere

The Guardsman's were shooting at will
People afraid to stand still

Gun smoke drifted in the air
Bodies were scattered everywhere

Four students lay there dead
Others wounded by the flying lead

By now the cops were moving in
People were asking, where had they been?

Untrained soldiers with loaded guns
Killing peoples daughters and sons

Many people wondered what gave them the right
To move against the students with that much might

Why did they shoot into a crowd like that
Knowing the students wouldn't shoot back

The students were armed with picket signs
But I wondered who committed the crimes?

The students were marching against the war
What were the guardsmen's even there for?

A demonstration that took a bad turn
I wonder if any lessons were learned.

From the events that took place that day
When four college students were blown away

11-11-71/RJH

Ray Hansell

Kiss On My Heart

Here I was today
Thinking about you
It's the nicest thing
My heart could ever do

I try to remember that smile
That's lights the world I'm in
I always remember the last place
That you and I had been

I close my eyes and hear you
Your voice tender as a song
I sing along with you
Our love forever strong

I whisper that I love you
You say, I love you to
I say, each day with you
Always is brand new

I want you to know
That no one has ever shined
Into my life the way you do
A love I thought I'd never find

So remember that your kiss
Is edged upon my heart
There it will stay forever
Whether near or far apart

4-25-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Lady Special Lady

Lady special lady
I think you're really fine
Lady special lady
With you I love sharing time

Lady special lady
No one could take your place
Lady special lady
You move with style and grace

Lady special lady
You're like a morning sun
Lady special lady
You'll always be the one

Lady special lady
I love you all the time
Lady special lady
I'm blessed that your love is mine

11-20-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Last One For The Road

You raise your drink
You tap your glass
You say one for the road
Well that last drink you take
Could truly be your fate

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Ray Hansell

Lean On Me

Here I was thinking
You didn't want me around
Now I feel so low
Lower then the ground

You can cry on my shoulder
You don't even have to ask
I never think of that
As even being a task

I wish I could be there
To hold and comfort you
To wrap my arms around you
That's what I want most to do

You could cry your tears
I wouldn't mind at all
There is even a chance
Mine to would start to fall

But that wouldn't bother me
If it helps to get you through
After all there are times
When we must do, what we must do

Sometimes just sitting and crying
Can help relieve the fear
I would love nothing more
Then to be the one who's near

So anytime you need a shoulder
To lay your head upon
I wouldn't mind at all
If it were me you leaned on

11-24-09/RJH

Learning The Hard Way

I found out the hard way
That losing is difficult
Because what I feel for you
Are feeling I always felt

It's not that I didn't love you
It's that I didn't know how
I wish I had the chance
To prove it to you now

I think when we lose someone you love
It's so that we can learn
Another lesson in this life
As another page we turn

10-19-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Learning To Love Yourself

I know that love has found you
That I do believe
But I know it doesn't mean
That you are going to leave

I know the love you found
Is there inside of you
Learning to love yourself
Is the greatest thing to do

I feel before you can love another
You must first care for you
For if you cannot love yourself
In life, you'll very few

7-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Least Expected

So many times I've heard it said
Love comes when least expected
The only thing I know for sure
I'm so happy we connected

Why it was you I'll never know
But that's something I'll never question
I'll love you for all time
I say that without hesitation

The roads we travel during our lives
Take us in many directions
But the road that we are now on
Is paved with love and affection

5-15-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Leave Us As We Are

The hour is getting late
It's time that I must go
I can't let my feelings
For you start to flow

I know that you are married
You vowed your life to him
For you and I to get involved
Would truly be a sin

I know that you care for me
Just like I care for you
But I know walking away
Is the right thing to do

You are so very beautiful
So much fun to be around
But I know that we should not act upon
These feelings feelings that we've found

So I will just say good-bye
Let's leave things where they are
Had we met some other time
We could have wished upon a star

Ray Hansell

Lessons Learned

We've both been hurt
We've both been burned
But look at the lessons
We both learned

We found out
Nothing is for sure
That even sometimes
Love is not secure

12-6-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Let's Pretend

If on the street
We ever meet
Let's pretend
Love didn't end
For a while
We'll wear a smile
Even though the pain
Is still the same

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Ray Hansell

Life

Go where your heart leads you
Give advice as well as taking it
But never think you're always right
Admit defeat as well success
You won't be the first to lose
You certainly won't be the last
Don't be consumed with what other people do
You don't live their life
They do not live yours
Don't be afraid to love
Don't be afraid to give your heart away
You never know when you'll receive one in return

9-23-83/RJH

Ray Hansell

Life Alone

Alone all night
Alone all day
I wonder if
It's supposed to be this way

Alone when I'm up
Alone in bed
All by myself
Not a tear is shed

The outside is empty
Devoid of anything for me
I always look around
But there's nothing to see

Alone is the way
My life's been lived
No one to care
No one to give

So I wonder all the time
Was life meant to be lived alone?
Or did I miss someone along the way
Who could have made my life their home?

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Ray Hansell

Life Lived

All I can say
To one and all
Life's been fun
With much to recall

I've tasted all
Life had to give
I would not
Want to re-live

All the bad
I had to see
Good memories
Live in me

I weed out the bad
Like most others
Hide me head
Beneath the covers

Blinded by what
I don't want to see
I know there are others
Just like me

So a fond farewell
Is what I'll say
Life's been great
Lived day to day

6-30-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Life Long Lovers

I want to take you to a place
That's soft, warm and romantic
I want to see your pretty face
On a billboard that's gigantic

I want to hold you close to me
As we dance the night away
I want you near so you can see
That my love will never stray

I want to take you home with me
So we could love the night away
Wrap you in my arms and be
The man who gets to love you everyday

When the morning sun comes out
We'll be naked under the covers
In your mind I'll leave no doubt
That you and I will be life long lovers

12-27-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Life's Problems

I often times wonder
How do we keep going
As we try to hide
The pain we know that's showing

The problems that we face
Sometimes makes us want to quit
But deep inside we know
That won't solve all of it

Time once again is the healer
Like it is for many things
That's probably the reason
We know we'll eventually win

No matter what the burden
No matter what the pain
This thing that we call life
Is forever an on going game

Things will and do get better
In no time at all you'll see
What had you down a week ago
Is gone and now you're free

12-21-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Lifting Weights

Use light weights
Do more repetitions
That will give you
A better definition

7-20-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Like No Other Woman

You make me feel so comfortable
You put me at ease
You calm my soul
You take control
Like no other woman ever has

7-10-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

Like We Use To Be

Riding along in silence
Nothing left to share
Maybe we said it all
In the beginning
Back when we both cared

The silence can be deafening
The feeling have all but died
One day we'll look back and say
At least we gave it a try

Whenever we are together
I wonder who you are
I spend my days wondering
How it ever got this far

I know we could point fingers
But what's the use to blame
Love like life is real
It's not some silly game

But in my heart I know
True love we'll never see
Now we have to find a way
To be on our own like we use to be

1-30-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Little White Pills

It comes in a little bottle
Sixty pills at a time
It seems when I take them
They make me feel so fine

I always lay on the bed
As the room takes to flight
As I start to take off
I know it will be a wonderful night

No more pain to deal with
I'm floating high you see
The little white pills in the bottle
Always seem to set me free

6-5-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Live

Enjoy the sun, enjoy the flowers
Enjoy each day you've got
You never know when the day will come
When you find that you have not

Live each day to it's fullest
Live each day like it's your last
So you'll have no regrets
When the time comes for you to pass

5-9-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Live Life

Some people call me laughing boy
Some say that I'm a clown
Until you've walked in my shoes
Please don't put me down

Some people worry 'bout growing old
But that don't worry me
In fact I hope that old age
Is something I get to see

Some day when I'm old and grey
I'll look back on what I've done
I can face the world and say
My life has sure been fun

Forget your disappointments
They'll vanish in the air
But when they passed out happiness
I hope you got your fair share

None of us ever know
When we will be gone
Hopefully we leave behind
Something that will live on

We all want to be remembered
In one way or another
By friends we made along the way
Or by a father, mother, sister or brother

11-25-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Live On

I hope that when
You talk with me
In my eyes
Love you can see

Thats all I feel
In my heart
Whether near
Or, far apart

My love for you
Always grows
That's something I
Want you to know

There is no other
Quite like you
Only you can do
The things you do

You make me happy
Just knowing that
The love I give to you
You always give back

So always remember
From this day on
Forever in my heart
You'll always live on

Ray Hansell

Living In Hell

Just what you're going through
I really have no idea
But in my heart I know
To me it is so clear

My love for you knows no end
All it does is grow
In this life of mine
I want it to always show

I know I tell you often
Just what my heart is feeling
I see that without you
I just stare at the ceiling

I close my eyes and see us
I feel my heart rejoice
If I lay here very quiet
I can almost hear your voice

I must say I like the silence
Probably more then I should
When it came to love
There were things I never understood

Now that you have left me
I have time ti sit and dwell
It's just now that I'm realizing
What life is like in hell

6-20-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Living In The Moment

Inside it's safe and warm
Flames dance in the fire place
They cast a shadow on the wall
They cast a light upon your pretty face

Outside a thunderstorm rages
Loud claps of thunder break the silence
The rain batters against the window
It sounds as if the world will end

But that doesn't matter to me
Because I'm here with you
Our bodies wrapped around each other
Loving, is all we're going to do

We want the rain to continue
As we watch the fire glow
Feeling deep inside our hearts
That our love will always grow

For the first time in a long time
We both feel so alive
Knowing exactly what was missing
Knowing with others we couldn't thrive

As the rain continues to fall
Day break begins to occur
I lie awake, she's fast asleep
I feel this good because of her

I wish I could find the words
To express the love I hide
I'm not sure how to say them
So they remain locked inside

But one day soon I'll let her know
The things that I want to say
But for now I'll say nothing
Just cherish the moments that started yesterday

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Living In The Now

I will not stand in judgement of you
As we all have a past
What we share right now
I want to see it last

I have no right to question you
Or ask you things you've done
The past is far behind
A new day has begun

So I will always love you
Regardless of your past
What you did in your younger years
For me will remain unmasked

12-9-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

Living Life

The desire to be
The will to succeed
The patience to wait

Questions to understand
Knowledge to learn
Learn just to learn

Lose gracefully
Be humble in victory
Never cheat just to win

Comfort a loser
Congratulate a winner
Recognize all participants

Have class
Have style
Always remember where you came from

Be proud of your accomplishments
Own your failures or short comings
Never brag or boast

Some people win
Some people lose
Sometimes we don't get to choose

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Ray Hansell

Living Life With You

Laying there just talking
With you close to me
It always makes me happy
As happy as can be

But what makes it even better
Is knowing that one day
That's how you and I
Will pass the days away

You see, I don't need much
To make me a happy man
Just being close to you
Just being able to hold your hand

I hope you feel the same way
As I'm feeling to
Because I know that my life
Will be so wonderful spent with only you

12-109/RjH

Ray Hansell

Long Distant Wishes

Here's wishing you a joyous day
Filled with love and fun
Hoping that your happiness
Lasts long after this day is done

May happiness and love
Consume you all year long
As you go through each day
May your head be filled with a happy song

Remember that I'm thinking of you
Each and every single day
May all the love I feel for you
Always flow your way

May all your days be sunny and bright
May the night find loved one's near
May your heart always be filled with love
May you shed one less tear

12-25-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

Look At Us Today

Look at us today
Acting like strangers
It wasn't that long ago
When you and I
Shared the same bed
We were in love
Or at least we thought we were
At least back then we talked
Look at us today
Passing each other on the street
Without even saying hello
Looking away from each other
Look at us today
How sad it is in every way

12-6-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Look In The Mirror First

Try not to be judgmental
About what other people do
I know you wouldn't want
Anyone doing that to you

Always try to put yourself
In their place if you can
Maybe then you'll realize
That criticism should not have begun

So before you judge or ridicule
Or put others down
Take a good look in the mirror
To be sure no flaws are found

8-1-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Looking For An Answer

Everyone is looking
For peace of mind
Often hard to find
In these troubled times

Trying to make ends meet
When prices are on the rise
Some people just can't take it
You can see the fear in their eyes

The people we put in power
From our state to Washington D.C.
They say they're looking out for us
But that I've yet to see

What I see are politicians
Who care about themselves
Of course their life is easy
While the rest of us reside in our own hell

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Ray Hansell

Looking For Fun

I didn't mean to make you cry
I didn't want to hurt you girl
I wasn't looking for love
I was just looking for fun

But then something strange happened
I began to fall in love with you
I was only looking for some fun
Falling in love, I didn't want to do

I'm sorry if I hurt you
I hope you can forgive
I hope you have a great live
As you move on to live

My heart is feeling empty
I thought you were the one
But then you told me
You were only looking for fun

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Ray Hansell

Looking For Love

I've been searching for love
Going on far too long
Once I thought I found love
But I turned out to be wrong

Oh, it's true I loved her
But she didn't feel the same
So there I was all alone
Again, lost in loves little game

I know that somewhere out there
There's someone just for me
But I'm afraid I might miss her
Then, we'll never get to be

4-15-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Looking Forward To A Better Day

Even though we hoped it wouldn't end
It's better to leave then to pretend

Why go on living a lie
What we need to do, is say goodbye

There was a time I loved you so
But that love is no longer there you know

The love that you once felt for me
Is love that I no longer see

Sure it will hurt and cause great pain
But it's better then driving each other insane

Pretending to be in love when you're not
Takes much more then we've both got

So I wish us luck as we go on our way
Hoping tomorrow will be a better day

9-7-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Losing A Mother

Even when you know someone is going to die
It still hurts so very much
Especially when it's someone
Your whole life they have touched

For as long as I can remember
She was always there
Every day of my life
She showed how much she cared

Death is something we all face
It's one thing in life that's for sure
She was always there to guide me
She always made me feel secure

But now the time has come
For me to say goodbye
The pain in my heart
Will be seen by the tears in my eyes

I know it's all right to mourn the loss
Of someone who gave me everything
I'll now sit back and remember
The way my life with her had been

I'll think of her each and every day
No matter where I'll be
For she is the reason I am
As she's the one who gave birth to me

So I'll cry, I'll be sad but thankful
Remembering all the good times we got to share
It will make me happy because I will know
That she knew, just how much I cared

12-1-09/RJH

Losing A Parent

In a bed he lays
Family all around
His eyes are closed
He makes not a sound

The end is just minutes away
His final breath not yet taken
He'll not make it another hour
Many hearts will be aching

He slowly fades to the other side
As they say, he's almost home
His family left to deal with
A hurt and pain never known

Ray Hansell

Losing At Love

We all get bruised
We all get burned
Hopefully it's a lesson
That we'll all learn

7-27-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Lost Forever

She use to give me kisses
Each and every day
But things started changing
Soon, her kisses went away

I asked, what's the matter?
She says, oh nothing dear
But I feel we're miles apart
When we use to be so near

Gone are the evening conversations
The love making in the bed
I know things are changing
But not a words been said

Could it be we've outgrown
What we use to feel
Could it be that love has died
And the reality of it all seems so unreal

We cannot even bring ourselves
To talk it out face to face
Maybe neither one of us
Wants to live with the disgrace

That the life we use to share
Has crumbled to the ground
We know our love is lost forever
Never again to be found

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Ray Hansell

Lost Inside Of Me

I spend the days missing you
I spend the nights alone
I spend way too much time
In a mental combat zone

Too many thoughts of my past
Still linger in my mind
The many things that frighten me
I think of all the time

I know there's something wrong with me
I know I'm not the same
So many times I sit and wonder
Could I really be the blame?

What happens to many people
That wind up in my position
Is that when we try to explain
No body seems to listen

The shrinks have all the answers
All you have to do is ask them
They have no idea at all
About my mental mayhem

What's wrong inside my head
Can't be fixed with a pill
It may take years to heal
As my fight is all uphill

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Ray Hansell

Love

It fills the heart with joy
It fills the souls with meaning
It can make you feel
Like you've never felt before
When you get just a little bit
You want it more and more

Ray Hansell

Love And Loneliness

Loneliness fills my soul
When you go away
The love I feel will always stay
Then when you return
The loneliness goes away

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Ray Hansell

Love Can

Love is grand, love is fine
Love is with us all the time

Love will start then love will grow
Where it begins we'll never know

Love can fade, love can die
Love can make you just sigh

Love can come and slowly grow
Love for all we should show

Love can conquer, love can destroy
Love is used by some like a toy

Love can burn and hurt so bad
Love can make you very sad

Love can grow and shine so bright
Love can get you through the night

Love can drive you to the brink
Broken love can drive you to drink

Loves emotions are so plenty
Loves benefits are so many

Love can last for a lifetime
That's the love I wish was mine

11-22-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Can Only Get Better

How long has it been?
I know we both can say
That we still love each other
To this very day

I know the way I feel
Probably will never change
The love I feel for you
Inside me will remain

I still get that special thrill
When you come into to view
The only one I've ever loved
To this day is you

Every time I see you
My heart starts to pound
I can feel a shaking
In my feet on the ground

No, it's not an earthquake
Or something from above
It just happens to be
The wonderful power of love

I know what I feel right now
Can last forever
What a beautiful thought
Knowing, love can only get better

11-20-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Comes Unexpected

Take your time don't hurry
There's time to love don't worry

Don't try to rush things along
Love will show itself to be strong

Like most times it arrives unexpected
When it does you'll be ready accept it

All the times you were looking
All the fantasies you've seen
None of them will compare
When you find the person of your dreams

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Ray Hansell

Love Gone Bad

I have this place where I go
To chase the blues away
I sit at a table, I'm more than able
To face another lonely day

There are no tears left to fall
My pain has slowly died
All I can do, is think of you
Knowing, I really tired

But sometimes they say, we try too hard
Things are the way they're going to be
I gave my all, all I did was fall
Because you no longer love me

It's taken some time but I'm over you
I have finally moved on
It took me some time, to realize you're not mine
All the love that we shared is gone

I hope you're happy, I will be one day
Hopefully we'll both find love
With somebody new, who's not like you
So it's you I'll no longer think of

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Ray Hansell

Love In The Evening

Lying by the fire
Watching the flames
Dancing on the log
Our naked bodies
Pressed close together
As love fills the room
Music is softly playing
Gently I keep saying
I love you, I love you

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Ray Hansell

Love Is

Love is the smell of a summer rain
Love is a heart that's true
Love is the look I see your eyes
Love is a sky deep blue
Love is a song that never ends
Love is the oceans roar
Love is a road that never bends
Love is an open door

11-29-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Love Is A Smile

Love is a smile on her face
Love is the way she holds my hand
Love is the way she says goodbye
Love is the way she says, hi
Love is her soft and tender kiss
Love is the look in her eye
Love is a feeling so very strong
Love is a never ending song

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Love Is Alive And Well

The rain begins to fall
As we lazily walk along
The trees our only shelter
Under the dark and rainy sky
We have no worries
We have no cares
We have no place to be
Expect, where we are now
Here beside each other
Walking holding hands
Just two people
In love
To share life and love together
We know we are on solid ground
No one could come between us
We please each other
More than we've ever been pleased before
Our love is alive and well
Living
Inside the both of us

9-8-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Is As Beautiful

Love is as beautiful as a blooming flower
Love is as beautiful as a spring shower
Love is as beautiful as a tall oak tree
Love is as beautiful as the wild sea
Love is as beautiful as a bird in flight
Love is beautiful under God's moonlight
Love is as beautiful as a star filled sky
Love is as beautiful as the clouds that drift by
Love is as beautiful as virgin sand
Love is two people hand in hand
Love is beautiful so I hope you see
I'm very glad love found you and me

11-25-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Love Is Many Things

Love is beautiful
Love is kind
Love is wonderful
Love is great to find

Love is not me first
Love is not, look what I've got
Love is not a game
Love should never be for naught

Love is warm
Love is comfort
Love is a heart aglow
Love does take effort

Love is not a sacrifice
Love is not surrender
Love should not be dismal
Regardless of your gender

Love is strength
Love is vision
Love is something
All should be given

Love is not only good times
Love is not only passion
Love should never be part time
Hopefully love will be everlasting

Love, what a beautiful word
Love sometimes is never heard
Love should never be used
Love should never be abused

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Love Is Right Tonight

The sky is covered
With a blanket of stars
Each one blinking
Like a person's eyes

The moon is also shining
So very big and bright
The feelings I have inside
Let me know I'm right

What could be more beautiful?
On a night like tonight
Then to be with the one you love
To being holding her so tight

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Ray Hansell

Love Is Speaking

When I am alone
Felling lonely
I think of you
My one and only

The loneliness
Does subside
My happiness
I can't hide

Once again
You've eased the pain
Once again you've made
Me whole again

All my pain and loneliness
All my doubts and fears
They all seem to blow away
When ever you are near

You softly take my hand
As we go off to bed
The room goes dark
Love is speaking, but not a word is said

Ray Hansell

Love Just Sometimes Dies

What happened to the days?
That was once filled with love
I wonder where they've gone
They are all that I think of

Her chestnut hair would blow wild
From a soft summer breeze
She was always here with me
Love came to us with ease

But as the years passed us by
I noticed a change
I could tell something was wrong
For she just was not the same

I asked her, what was wrong
She looked me in the eye
Before she could speak
She broke down and cried

She said, I no longer love you
My love for you has died
She tried so hard to hide it
But it couldn't be denied

All our years together
Blown away like a summer sand
As I listened to her explain
I still didn't understand

I asked, is there another man
Her reply to me was no
She said the love I once felt
I no longer feel to show

So she packed up all her things
So quickly she was gone
I knew that I would be alone
But I knew that I had to move on

Although it wasn't easy
I let her walk away
You see, I was still in love with her
It was the love I felt that let her walk away

So here I am wondering
What happened to the days?
When love was alive and well
In so many different way

Some people search a lifetime
Looking for that special one
I thought that I had found her
I thought my searching days were done

Will I look for another love?
To help me light my way
Maybe I'll just be alone
For now and every day

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Ray Hansell

Love Me Now

I love you
You love me
Together I know
Is where we should be

Please don't hesitate
Please don't delay
Don't say we'll make love tomorrow
When love is at hand today

12-6-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Never

Love is good
Love is fine
Love never
Seems to find

It's way to me
No matter how hard I try
Love remains elusive
Just like a butterfly

3-27-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Love Never Takes A Vacation

Love never takes a vacation
Love never takes a rest
Love is alive every minute
To this many can attest

The love we share right now
It has never rested
More then a few times
It surely has been tested

But our love has survived
That's so plain to see
I guess it's just because
I love you and you love me

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Ray Hansell

Love No More

I remember when you told me
That you and I were through
I thought to myself
What was I going to do?

You said, we were over
The best years had come and gone
You told me it was time
For your heart to move on

All I've been doing is crying
Since you said we had to part
Nothing has been right
Since you broke my aching heart

Nothing lasts forever
I know that to be true
But I thought my heart was safe
When it came to loving you

But I've learned the hard way
How quick things can change
Since you walked out on me
I don't want to play loves game

You left me here all alone
Since you walked out the door
I know my heart won't hurt again
If I don't fall in love no more

10-20-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Love On A Winter Night

On a cold winters evening
You're right here with me
There's absolutely no where else
That I'd rather be

There here with you in your arms
Softly kissing you
One of the things that we both love
So very much to do

As the evening grows later
We go off to bed
Once again you kiss me
We both know what lies ahead

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Ray Hansell

Love Once Made Me Cry

You don't have to tell me
The way that you feel
Your tears tell it all
I know they are real

You may not see me cry
But deep inside I do
I know the reason why
It's because I'm losing you

Now I'll never understand
The what for's and the whys
But I'll always remember
How love once made me cry

Ray Hansell

Love Passed Us By

You wanted love
Well so did I
We had our chance
But it passed us by

To this day
I don't why
We weren't more serious
About giving love a try

Look at us today
Two lonely souls indeed
If we had only taken a chance
Tonight we'd both have what we need

8-1-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Love Seat For Two

I wish that I were there
To share your evening
Being so in love
In my heart always believing

That I've found the one
Who my heart beats for
The one who gives me her all
I never have to ask for more

I wish that I were there
In your love seat built for two
The best part of being in love
Is because I'm in love with you

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Ray Hansell

Love Shared

Love is two people hand in hand
Side by side together they stand
Love is two people kissing in the sun
Laughing, joking and having fun
Love is two people sitting near the ocean's roar
Love is the reason their hearts soar
Love is cheering the other when they're down
Love is a smile that can erase a frown
Love is keeping the other in your heart
Love lives on, whether together or far apart

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Ray Hansell

Love Still Lives

I wish that I could say
That I'm over you
I wish that I could tell you
That you and I are through

But if I spoke those words
It would only be a lie
Because my love for you
Still lives deep inside

6-21-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Will Be Strong

She's feeling down
She's feeling bad
Her heart is broken
That's real sad

Yesterday he told her
That there was someone new
She feels her life is coming undone
She's not sure what to do

She was so in love with him
She lived just for his touch
But now she sees that to him
She didn't mean that much

She's knows that she'll recover
She knows life will go on
She knows that true love
Will not forever be gone

She knows that one day soon
Someone will come along
She knows once again love will bloom
She knows that once again love can be strong

7-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love Won'T Be Denied

I look into your eyes
As you look into mine
We know we can't disguise
What we've known for some time

Your eyes say, 'I Love You'
My eyes say, 'it will be forever'
I know our love is true
As time makes our love better

You can see the heart
Through the windows of the eyes
In the heart where love starts
Your eyes show the love that won't be denied

10-24-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Love You Again

The first day that we met
Seems like yesterday
Yet I still feel inside
What I felt that day

The first thing I will tell you
Is how happy I have been
If ever given another chance
I'd fall in love with you again

Through the years together
You've given me so much
But the most important thing
You gave me was your trust

You trusted me with your heart
You trusted me with your love
You are the only woman
I constantly think of

I have tried to repay you
By doing the things that are right
Like holding you close to me
As I gently hold on to life

I just wanted you to know
That you mean the world to me
Because every time I think of love
It's only your face I see

7-15-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Loves Flame

The flame of love
Lit long ago
Everyday it
Continues to glow

It burns so bright
For all to see
That our love
Guides you and me

It will burn
Like an eternal flame
Our love so steady
Stays the same

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Ray Hansell

Lovin' You

Loving you comes so easy
That, I must say
If it were up to me
I'd be with you every day

We'd stay in bed and pass the time
Making love and sippin' wine

Yes, loving you comes easy
That, I must truly say
If it were up to me
We'd make love every day

6-8-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Loving At The Wrong Time

Two adults who acted like kids
We fell in love when we shouldn't have
Two adults who acted like kids
Two adults who suffer like no kids ever did

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Ray Hansell

Loving You Again

I wish the night would find me
Laying next to you
I know the night will see
What you and I will do

So soft, warm and tenderly
Two people warmed by each other
Just you and me baby
Underneath the covers

That would be such happiness
My life would be complete
Loving you baby
As we roll in the sheets

When the loving is over
In my arms you would stay
I would never leave you
I'd be there to love you again today

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Ray Hansell

Loving You...

The days seem so lonely
When I don't see you
The nights aren't too bad
Although, I'm still feeling blue

I miss your laughter
I miss your touch
I miss the woman
I love so much

I miss you in my arms
I miss you laying next to me
I miss your pretty face
When I open my eyes to see

I wish I could just reach out
And feel you all the time
But I'm happy just in knowing
That your love is all mine

The days turn into months
The months turn into years
After all this time
I always want you near

3-1-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

Luckiest Guy

A long time ago I knew
What I felt inside for you

I'm so glad we got the chance
To be more than a passing glance

In you I found a love so sweet
A love I'll never mistreat

Everyday I know that I
Am the worlds luckiest guy

Ray Hansell

Lunching With You

Enjoying a spring like day
Just lunching with you
I could not have thought of
One better thing to do

Sitting across from you
Enjoying the lovely view
The park all around us
Was almost as beautiful as you

Sharing a day together
Is just like heaven to me
Always by your side
Is where I want to be

As I watched you slowly walk away
My heart began to cry
Just about an hour ago
We were both so sky high

But it seems there's always an ending
To everything we all do
But one thing that will not end
Is me, loving you

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Magic

Our love was magic
But then so were you
It's so sad to believe
That the love we knew
We'll not know anymore

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Ray Hansell

Making Love The First Time

I gently took you by the hand
As we walked toward the bed
I could feel your grip getting tighter
I could see hesitation in every step
There was a sense of fear
Because of the unknown
She had never made love before
But then, neither had I
My heart was beating rapidly
My hands began to sweat
We lay down on the bed
I took her in my arms
Slowly our lips met
Knowing that very soon
For the both of us
Our innocence would soon be gone

9-27-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

May 21, 2011

I've heard the world will end
Come this Saturday
I wonder what I should do
There's still so much to say

I guess those who know better
You know, the one's who know it all
They are the ones who predict
That civilization is going to fall

So, I wonder should I worry
Should I be concerned?
That on May 21,2011
A dreadful lesson will be learned

(5-20-11/Rjh)

Ray Hansell

May I Always Remember

All the good times that I've had
All the bad times as well
For even in the bad times
There was always a lesson to learn

All the rain that has fallen into my life
All the sun that has shined as well
Always remembering that no matter what
Sooner or later the sun will always shine through

All the problems that I faced
All the problems that I didn't run away from
Always knowing, that all problems
Big or small can all be dealt with successfully

All the love that come my way
Good love as well as bad love
But never believing in my heart
That a bad love is better then no love at all

5-11-77/RJH

Ray Hansell

May I?

May I make love with you beneath the bright moonlight?
Then can we stay together all through the night?

May I always walk here by your side?
May my love for you never ever die

May I tell the world of this new love I found?
Please say forever, you always want me around

4-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Maybe Next Year

It's Christmas time once again
War's continue to rage on
I was hoping by this Christmas
The war's would be all gone

But I guess it's wishful thinking
I feel it's something that will never be
To have a Christmas day
When the world is war free

So to those who fight the battles
On distant foreign shores
We know that your being there
The decision wasn't yours

Hopefully the day will be calm
S that everyone can pause
To remember back to their childhood
When you wait for Santa Claus

But I know that with the dawns early light
You must get back to the task at hand
Be ready once again to fight
Be ready once again to make a stand

Maybe this time next year
You won't be in a foreign land
You'll be back home in America
With the one's you love close at hand

12-25-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Maybe Our Dreams Will Meet

The day has come to an end
The lights will all go out
Lay your head on my pillow
Release all your doubts

Gently close your eyes my love
Drift slowly off to sleep
Soon you'll be sleeping sound
You'll not hear a peep

You may even dream some dreams
As the night passes time
I hope that if you do dream
That your dream will meet mine

Together we can share a dream
Just like we share each other
Tonight we'll sleep and maybe dream
You and I, underneath the covers

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Maybe, Just Maybe

If getting hurt in love
Is a sign of growing up
Maybe, just maybe
I don't want to grow no more

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Meaningful

She's lying close beside me
With her hand in mine
There are no sounds at all
As we are lost in time

She moves her head to kiss me
Our lips meet in the dark
I know that very soon
On loving we will embark

I wrap my arms around her
Hold her close to my chest
When I hold her in my arms
I know I'm holding the best

Making love is beautiful
That, there is no doubt
Being in love is meaningful
That's what love should be about

7-31-2007/RjH

Ray Hansell

Meant To Be

Of course I've made love before
I know that you have to
But I have to say in all honesty
It was never as good as it is with you

I hope that we haven't
Made love for the last time
For you have started a fire
That burns in this heart of mine

Holding you and loving you
Are the best things on earth
Nothing else in the world to me
Has ever had this much worth

When our lips come together
And our tongues collide
It's so very plain to me
That love just cannot hide

So I hope that you can see
How much you mean to me
I just hope that you can see
Loving each other was just meant to be

5-7-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Memories

The summer days
The winter nights
I held you in my arms
Are the greatest moments
My life has ever known

It seems when I'm with you
You give me one more memory
I just hope I've given you
Memories like you've given me

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Memory In A Jewelry Box

There's a jewelry box I have
It's like so many others
It was a gift years ago
From my now deceased mother

It has so many things inside
Rings, tie clips and money
But there's one special piece
That I got from my honey

It is the most beautiful thing
My eyes have ever seen
So many times when I sleep
About this piece I dream

I keep it in a little pouch
So hands never touch it
I know that it's for real
It's not a counterfeit

People always ask me
What's your most prized possession
Sometimes I almost slip
But I stop before I make a confession

Luckily I catch myself
Before I do reveal
Exactly what it is I have
I know it's safer concealed

I keep it in my jewelry box
Under lock and key
Believe me when I tell you
It, you'll never get to see

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Missing Her

I'm finding out what
Loneliness really means
My tears have been falling
Like that of a running stream

So went somewhere
Very far away
I miss her dearly
Since she's been away from me

I wasn't sure if I knew
How lonely life would be
But now I'm finding out
Since she has left me

I wish she could come home
I'd like her with me
But deep inside I know
That will never be

I patiently wait for the day
When we'll meet once again
But until that day
Best wishes I'll always send

11-26-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Missing Love

Tonight I feel so lonely
Empty and depressed
I think I'll go to bed
Turn off the phone
Pull the covers over my head
Hide from the world outside

11-6-79/RjH

Ray Hansell

Missing What Others Have

I reach out my hand
But I'm all alone
I long to feel a touch
A touch I've never known

I miss the kiss of a woman
I miss that gentle touch
I dearly miss the closeness
That I long for so much

I miss telling someone
Goodnight to you my love
I always miss sharing
The stars in the sky above

I miss saying good morning
Did you sleep well last night?
I miss coming home from work
Hearing someone ask, was your day alright?

I miss all those things
That I know other people take for granted
I hope one day all the things I've said
Can all happily be recanted

9-17-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Missing You

It's been so long
Since you and I
Have been together
To make love
I miss your feel
I miss your touch
I miss your body
Naked
So close to mine
I miss hearing you say
I love you
As we make love
I miss being happy
That's how you made me feel
I miss our bedroom talks
That we use to have
I miss
Laying bed
Holding your hand
But most of all
I just miss you

12-30-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Mommy, Where's Daddy?

Mommy where's Daddy?
Why did he go?
Why do you cry Mommy?
What was that car with all the flowers on the back of it?
Mommy why was everyone all dressed in black?
Who were all those people who came to the house?
They kissed you on the cheek and said they were sorry
Why are they sorry Mommy?
Mommy why do we go that place every week?
That has a fence all around it and big rocks in the ground
What is that place Mommy?
You always leave flowers there
You always cry when we go there
What is that place Mommy?
Mommy where's Daddy?

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Ray Hansell

More Each Day

As you close your eyes to sleep
To dream the night away
Please always remember
My love is there for you each day

Though I may not see you
Or talk with you all the time
I hope you know it's understood
You're always on my mind

This heart that beats inside of me
Is yours to have and hold
I know you're handle it with care
As the years make us turn old

You brighten up my everyday
You light the night for me
Loving you is so easy
My heart glows for all to see

So, that's it plain and simple
Not much more for me to say
I love you with all my heart
As my love grows stronger each day

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Ray Hansell

More Happy Days

All the lies you told me
Have caught up to you
Right now I'm not to sure
Exactly what I want to do

I do know one thing for sure
There is no way
You and I will ever
Share another day

If you had been honest
From the very start
Then maybe today
We wouldn't have to part

But now the time has come
For us to go our separate ways
I hope life gives to you
Many more happy days

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Ray Hansell

More Then I Could Give

I know that you deserved
More then I could give
But you took what I offered
Not once did you ever complain

A part time love can wear you down
Not physically but mentally
You wanted more then you were getting
You wanted more then I could give

You accepted the situation
You handled yourself so well
When we were together it was nice
But I know you lived in hell

You wanted a man full time
Not what I was giving you
So yesterday you said goodbye
There was nothing else you could do

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Ray Hansell

More Than Loving You

I love you in the rain
I love you in the sun
I love you heart and soul
For me you are the only one

I love you in the summer
I love you in the spring
I love you in the winter
Because you make my heart sing

I love you every day
I love you every night
I love you all the time
You make my world so right

I love you in good times
I love you in bad times
The only thing that matters
Is that your love is always mine

I love you through all the changes
That you have been through
You see, nothing matters to me
More, then loving you

12-24-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

More To Me

The end of another day
As a peacefulness comes over me
Laying back with eyes closed
The inside of eyelids is all I want to see

It's been a very trying day
I ache from head to toe
But knowing that you're waiting here
Means more to me then you'll ever know

10-17-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Mother And Daughter

Please tell me what happened
What have I done wrong
I thought that as a mother and daughter
We had a bond that was so strong

But somehow and somehow
We have lost our connection
Both of our worlds have changed
It's our pride we're protecting

Maybe I have done things wrong
But my intentions were always good
I know there probably were times
When things were misunderstood

But tell me is that a reason
To go and throw it all away
When you and I both know
We can build a better day

6-3-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Mothers Day 2006

I hope you have a happy day
The day that's named for you
I hope you have fun
And do the things you like to do

I hope the sun shines real bright
All through the day
I hope happy wishes
Keep coming your way

I hope you get to do
Things that you desire
I know your love for your kids
Burns in you like a fire

So have a happy Mother's day
I hope you get all the best
I know your kids do believe
Their Mother outshines the rest

5-13-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Music

Words and lyrics make a song
For all who want to sing
But for a song to be great
Words are not everything

In fact a song can be great
With no words at all
Songs without words
Are the I most often recall

Music to a movie or a TV show
May have a catchy tune
One that stays in your head
One that never leaves soon

A song without words
Can be a big hit
But a song with words and no music
It wouldn't be a good fit

So you see you can have music
But you really don't need words
Can you think of a catchy tune
That you recently heard?

2-15-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Music Is Life

Songs that make us cry
Songs that have made us smile
Songs have taken us far away
If only for a while

Songs about today
Songs about our lives
Songs about our struggles
Songs about just getting by

Songs for everyone
Songs for girls with broken hearts
Songs that unite us all
Songs that can cause us to part

Songs that never fade
Songs that give some people hope
Songs that can help us see
When we're living on that slippery slope

Song about tomorrow
Songs about the past
Songs about you and I
Songs that will forever last

4-23-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Music Is The Medicine

Music is the medicine
That always seems to heal
We start to tap our feet
We like the way it makes us feel

Some people get up to dance
Some people stand and sway
While others clap their hands
As the music continues to play

Music tells a story
For both young and old
Music that is considered the best
Soon gets turned into gold

The singers sing their songs
While people sing along
Together joined as one
Music can make us strong

2-10-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Must We Be With Someone

What is happy?
Is it in the mind?
Or in the heart
How easy is happiness to find

Some people seem happy
At least on the outside
But if you look closer
There are things they hide

They have their home and family
Two cars in the garage
To others they seem happy
As they're living large

On the outside they are happy
Their smiles light the way
But a closer look may reveal
Misery is their every day

She was told when she was young
Find a man and settle down
Soon they'll be children
Running all around

You'll have your home
You will be set
You'll have a life
With no regret

That's what she heard growing up
Because that's how it's always been
Here she lives with all that
She's waiting for the happiness to begin

The happiness they said she'd find
She has yet to see
She lives the same life day to day
Wondering, is this really for me?

She remembers years ago
When she was single and free
She thinks back to those days
Pleasant memories they are to see

But back then she was taught
That we all need someone
Because going through live alone
Wouldn't be much fun

Finding that special someone
Is a challenge we all face
It seems many people just settle
With someone to share a space

So must we be with someone
To find our happiness
I may not have a wife and kids
But I feel there's not much I've missed

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My Beauty

One day not long ago
We were strangers
We didn't even know
Each other existed

But soon I would feel
A strange new feeling
A feeling I hadn't felt in years
It was heart that you were stealing

At first you didn't sweep me off my feet
You didn't have the looks of a beauty queen
I knew you'd never be on the cover of Vogue
But then again I would never be Playgirls centerfold

I never thought I'd get the chance
To love someone like you
When you came into my life
You brought with you a love so new

11-06-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Boys (For Yvonne San Carlos)

Thank you God
For my beautiful boys
There are without a doubt
My hearts pride and joy

Each day they surprise me
With something they say or do
Life with them is so exciting
Everyday always something new

They say the best things in life
Are those we get for free
I find this to be true
With the simple joy my sons bring to me

2-24-2010/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Colors

I wear the flag of my country
Because I live in the land of the free
It's America the Beautiful
Don't try to censor me

No one has the right
To tell me I must hide
The Red, White and Blue
That gives America's pride

You've heard the old saying
That these colors don't run
Well I'm here to tell you
I am a native son

I have no intention
To push my colors aside
People have defended them
So many have even died

So for all you people out there
Let me make this very clear
There are many American's
Who hold those colors dear

So to tell me I can't wear a shirt
With the American flag displayed
That is a form of censorship
That in this country isn't played

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Ray Hansell

My Cure

When I'm feeling ill
I don't need a pill

Just a touch from you
That will usually do

When I'm under the weather
Your loving makes me better

When I get a fever or cold
I just need you to have and hold

Medicine and pills are not my cure
You are my healing power, that is for sure

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Ray Hansell

My Dad

It was the month of August
Back in nineteen seventy two
When my father was gravely ill
There wasn't a thing anyone could do

I prayed every night to God
That a miracle would be found
Something that would delay
His final resting place in the ground

But it seemed the more I prayed
The worse he got
Then when I heard he died
I froze, although it was hot

Now I see him in his coffin
Surrounded by many flowers
I sat there thinking to myself
What a way to pass the hours

Tomorrow he will be buried
But I feel his story is untold
He died at age fifty-one
Now tell me, is that very old?

I saw the casket in the limousine
Draped with old glory
Another tragic ending
To another beautiful story

As I stood by the grave
My knees felt very weak
I'm glad I didn't have to
For I know I couldn't speak

The Pastor spoke his few words
As I gazed to the sky
All his words were lost
To the tears in my eyes

It was then it finally set in
That he was truly gone
But the memories I have of him
In my heart will forever live on

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Darkness

In the darkness of my world
I find my own solitude
I can't let the light in
I don't want that interlude

I need to be all alone
That's when I feel secure
It's the solitude you see
For me, that is my cure

I keep my doors always locked
The windows covered to
I separate myself from the world
Because that's what I want to do

All I ask of anyone
Is to be left alone
I appear to be a prisoner
Locked here inside my home

It's not my house that contains me
You see, it's really my mind
That's what controls me
All my waking time

(7-16-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

My Day Of Reckoning

As fragile as a light bulb
Held in trembling hands
The day that you left me
That's how you left this man

I stood there silence
For I could not speak
My heart had just been broken
I felt so very weak

I wonder what I'll do now
With no one here to love
I always thought my star
Would shine on from high above

But now it shines no more
At least not for me
My day of reckoning is here
The day I thought I'd never see

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Ray Hansell

My Dreams

The dreams I dream
Get the better of me
The dreams I see
Never come to be

I dream too much
This I believe
My dreams don't fill
Any of my needs

I need to sleep
But never see
Another dream
There for me

Dreams are just that
I never see them come true
Has a dream ever
Come true for you?

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My Eyes Say I Love You, Your Eyes Say Forever

My eyes say I love you
Your eyes say forever
Could this love we share
Just keep getting better?

I love you with all my heart
You're all I think about
The love I feel inside for you
I wish could just flow out

I wish the world could see
What lives between you and me
I wish the world could see
That you make me happy as can be

Just spending time and talking
Being by your side
I know that life with you
Would be a wonderful and joyous ride

No two days would be the same
I know that for sure
But more than that I know
Our love would be secure

With you I have no doubt
What it is I feel
I know the love we share
Is a love so very real

Yes, I know this well
I can tell by the signs
That I always get from you
That let's me know you're mine

My eyes say I love you
Your eyes say forever
I know one thing for sure
I will leave you never

12-4-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Father

I know he didn't have much
But that didn't matter to me
As long as he was with me
I was always happy as could be

I know I took him for granted
Every kid does the same
But in my mind he planted
That life was more than just a game

But on that August afternoon
When I learned that he had died
I know he left far too soon
I remember how much I cried

When I saw him in the coffin
He seemed to be at peace
It was at that very moment
I realized his pain had ceased

He always had the answers
To any questions I'd ask
He knew so very much
Like who was under the Lone Rangers mask

I think of him so very often
I ask, why was he taken away
But I've come to learn the answer
So he didn't have to suffer another day

Now Lord, I don't if I should thank you
Or cut you down with words
But I guess you know what's best
At least that's what I've always heard

I know he went to heaven
For his final resting place
I know when I get to heaven
That I will see his face

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My Favorite Dream

I've waited for this night
It seems like many years
Now that it's here
I'm almost moved to tears

Laying by your side
Spending the night with you
I can love you through the night
Then, in the morning to

I've often heard people say
That dreams never come true
But I have to say
My dream came true with you

All I ever really wanted
Was to share my world with you
Now that I have the chance
That's exactly what I'm going to do

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Ray Hansell

My Feelings Haven'T Changed

The days are getting warmer
Leaves are on the trees
It was not like this
When you first said hello to me

In between winter and spring
So very much has happened
The only thing that hasn't changed
Are the feelings I feel for you

Will those feelings ever change?
I hope and pray they never will
I feel in love with you long ago
I hope you know I love you still

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My Greatest Fear

On the inside
My hearts begins to cry
I'm trying to find a way
To tell you goodbye

I never thought
It would come to this
I never imagined
I'd lose your kiss

Out times together
Indeed were magic
Why do good times
Always pass so quick

The passing years will hold
The memories that we've made
In my mind they will last forever
From my memory they'll never fade

The emotions that we shard
Came right from our hearts
I believe for that reason
We'll never truly part

With life comes change I know
With change we all grow
With growth we all learn
That we reap just what we sow

Please don't get me wrong
I'll treasure the times we had
I know that the happy times
Will always far out number the bad

You know I want what's best for you
Because you deserve that much
It will be difficult not seeing you
It will be worse not to feel your touch

You've been a part of me
For so many years
I know that I must go
But I still can't stop the tears

I hope you know I'll miss you
This makes me want to die
I now must face my greatest fear
That will be, to tell you goodbye

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Ray Hansell

My Heart Has Been

My heart has been lonely
Since you've not been around
It spends all of it's time
Looking for what can't be found

My heart has been crying
Since you went away
It sheds it's lonely tears
Each and every day

My heart has been dying
A new death each day
It so much wants to see you
In so many different ways

My heart will not just settle
For anyone you see
I guess it just can't forget
How you and I use to be

It restless every night
When I try to close my eyes to sleep
That's because it misses
A love that was so very deep

6-22-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Heart Is At Ease

I haven't written for a while
I've had nothing to say
But at least I can smile
As I walk through each day

The reason for my grin
Is easy to explain
In love I'm going win
Whether in sun shine or rain

Since you came into my life
My heart has been put at ease
No more unnecessary strife
No more trying to please

We take it day by day
Sharing what we feel inside
Words of love we always say
Our feelings we never hide

Now my writings will increase
As I convey the love I feel
My feeling will not deplete
Because my love for her runs so deep

11-4-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Heart Is Somewhere Else

Lately things haven't been too good
I have not been myself
I'm fairly sure that the reason why
Has to do with someone else

There's someone else that I love
With all my heart and soul
It is through life with her
That I want to stroll

While I live with someone else
My heart is far away
It is this other woman
That I dream of every day

I've never loved anyone
The way that I love her
Like a kitten in your hand
That's how she makes me purr

My only hope is that one day
Her and I will get to see
Just how great love can be
When forever she'll be with me

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Ray Hansell

My Heart Speaking

I asked my heart the other day
If her love is here to stay

It responded that, I do not know
It all depends if I let it grow

If I feel it's good for you
Then you know that's what I'll do

But if I feel that it's not good
It will not grow like some love should

I think I know what's best for you
I know how you feel and just what to do

I have seen you give your heart away
The feelings lasted only one day

So that's why I'll take control
To spare you heartache in your soul

I'll let you know when love is true
That's the least I can do for you

12-24-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Heart Takes Flight

Just before I close my eyes
To go to sleep at night
I always think of you
As my heart takes flight

My heart soars through the sky
As it heads towards you
It flies in through your window
It knows just what to do

It lands upon your pillow
As you sleep the night away
It slowly beats for you
Just like it does each day

12-7-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Hometown

Jersey City is where I was born
I woke up to see many a dawns

It's not a bad city, it was a place to give
But there were many times it didn't forgive

The streets were tough, the winter's cold
It's a city you can embrace, but one you can never hold

The streets will own and rule you
There's not too much one can do

After some years you'll be ready to leave
It will no longer have the things you need

That's when you know the time has come
Because you and the city are no longer one

Now people grow up there and decide to stay
But so many many more just go a different way

6-18-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Life

Don't judge me
By what others do
You wouldn't want me
To do that to you

Special favors
I want none
I'll be indebted
To no one

I live my life
The way I see
No one has
To live like me

Live your life
As you see fit
To no one else
Must you commit

5-21-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Life Was For You

I see your picture
Dropped in back
So very bad
I want you back

I remember how
It use to be
All the days
You were with me

We would always
Laugh and smile
We were happy
All the while

But I can't erase
That tragic night
When the Lord above
Took your life

We though you
Had another year
But here we are today
Fighting back our tears

We said, goodbye
Under sunny skies
Everybody there
Had a tear in their eye

I'll never love
Anyone new
My life was lived
Just for you

4-5-07/RjH

My Life Without You?

You were lonely
I was to
My loneliness ended
The day I met you

I never thought
I'd ever find
Someone to satisfy
This desire of mine

But satisfy me you did
You still continue to
How could I ever want to live
My life without you?

10-29-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Life's Greatest Fear

You reach out and touch me
Gently you take my hand
You whisper softly in my ear
That I am your loving man

I love the way you hold me
Whenever you are near
Losing you my darling
Is my life's greatest fear

3-3-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Love Has Awakened

The love in me has been aroused
For the first time in a long time
I'm glad it's finally happened
With someone as beautiful as you

1-17-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

My Lovely

From head to toe
In between
I hope you know
You're the best I've seen

I wouldn't change
Anything
Please stay the same
Like you've always been

I love the way
My heart smiles
To see you any day
I'd walk a thousand miles

Your body soft
Your heart so warm
I get lost
In all your charm

I love to stare
At your face
No one can compare
Or ever take your place

Remember the words
I speak are true
I know you heard me say
Just how much I love you

11-17-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Loving Dog Jada

The pain in my heart
I know will pass
Because all hurt
Does not forever last

But sometimes I feel a pain
That I think might never heal
Because of the love in my heart
Because of the way death makes me feel

My tears will not stop from falling
It's like I've lost control
The pain inside runs so deep
That it consumes me to my soul

I know I'll get through this
The best healer is time
But right now I hurt so much
With the pain in this heart of mine

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Ray Hansell

My Mask

You'll never see me smile
You'll never see my tears
You'll never see my laughter
You'll never see my fears

This mask I wear helps to hide
This person that is me
My mask makes it's easy
For me to be who I want to be

Who I really am
What I'm all about
I let no one in
My feelings never get out

My mask protects me
From the world outside
Right here in front of you
I can so easily hide

4-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Mind Has Found

In the day time I get my thoughts
In the evening I write them down
When they are all put together
Another poem my mind has found.

1978/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Mind Keeps Working

Nothing to do
Just wasting time
So many thoughts
Run through my mind

Ideas, wishes and dreams
They all come and go
Where my mind is headed
I don't even know

Some of my thoughts
May become reality
Only time will tell
So I must wait and see

Nothing to do
Just wasting time
But the time wasted
Is all mine

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Ray Hansell

My Mistake

I'm sitting here wondering
Just what you're doing now
Wishing there was a way
I could be there with you somehow

But I know that's not possible
I know it can never be
Even though inside I feel
That you may still have feelings for me

But sometimes things just happen
That no one can explain
There's no one who's at fault
There's no one to blame

But lately you've been on my mind
More than you should be
I wish that just one more time
It was you I could see

But now you are married
With your home and family
The one thing I didn't ask you
Caused loneliness for me

11-26-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Most Trusted

So many times I wondered
What I was living for
Every new beginning
Brought another closing door

So many things just don't go right
No matter how hard I seem to try
But I start out every day brand new
But I always ask myself why?

Now, I know we make our own breaks in life
No one else is responsible for our loss
But looking over this lifetime
I wonder why I paid such a high cost

I lost myself a family
Then I lost a home
Now each night is the same
As I wander these streets unknown

I see no change in the future
All I see is yesterday's everyday
Just once I'd like to see things
Somehow work out my way

But I feel inside this is a blueprint
Of how my life was supposed to be
Just when I thought I turned a corner
Another obstacle is there in front of me

I know the days and nights ahead
Will soon be coming to an end
But through it all both good and bad
My faithful dog was my most trusted friend

3-4-17/RjH

My Need To Thank You

I have so much to thank you for
More than you'll ever know
In my words people see
That my emotions for you show

When I sit down to write
Any time of the day
So many thoughts of you
Always come my way

Every time I think of you
The words just seem to flow
I know the reason why
It's because I love you so

9-9-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

My Poems

I sit and write my poems
In a room all by myself
I find that I don't really need
To be with someone else

I am perfectly happy
Just being all alone
It's the most peaceful place
That I have ever known

I don't need someone to talk with
To help me pass the time
I am very content
Being happy with my rhyme

My writing is my therapy
That I use each day
It soothes all my emotions
It takes all pain away

5-9-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Rebuilding

Caution everybody
I'm under re-construction
Or should I say
I'm being saved from destruction

It's the same ole me
But some things I must change
There are some parts of me
That must be rearranged

Through the years some things
Have gotten out of focus
I know I need to fix them
Right now that is a must

I found some things to be
What they really weren't
I must now pay attention
To make everything current

A couple of times my heart
Has been taken for a ride
As I traveled on the journey
I had no place to hide

I had already committed
After I said, the words I do
It just seemed from that point on
My happy days were few

So now I'm getting a retro fitting
I'm building up the walls
I want to be ready for anything
The next time I take a fall

The words I do will never
Be said in vain again
Because I know that I
Have been there and lost again

So I think I'll try it
On my own for a while
I know I don't need anyone
Just to wear a smile

Well I'm almost finished
With the re-construction job
To tell you the truth
It really wasn't that hard

1-20-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Rose And You

I went to my garden
To pick myself a rose
I found one bright red
That's the one I chose

I carefully cut the stem
I watched out for the thorns
I didn't want to get stuck
I didn't need to have my blood drawn

I took my fresh cut flower
I placed it in a vase
I placed it on the mantle
I truly was amazed

Right next to my rose
Was a picture of you
One beside the other
I see the beauty of you two

12-23-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Son And Daughter

The angels all cried
When the little boy and girl died
The tears they cried fell to earth
They watched over them since their birth
The angels prayed both day and night
Hoping the doctor's could make things right
But it seemed the harder the doctor's tried
All their efforts were denied
They did all they could to help them live
They gave all they had to give
Their little bodies was just too weak
From the beginning their outlook was bleak
But still the doctor's gave their all
They did their best and answered the call
They're now in heaven safe and sound
Two little angels newly crowned

1978/RJH

Ray Hansell

My Song Of Love

The songs they play on the radio
Keep me company when you're away
The song of love that fills my ears
Is your voice I hear when ever you are near

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Ray Hansell

My Song Of Love To Her

I was writing her a love song
The day she passed away
She never got to hear
What the words had to say

So now I will sit down
To finish up her song
Now that it's complete
I will sing it loud and strong

Baby, I always loved you
From the moment that we met
What you gave to me
From other's I could never get

You were held in such high esteem
I always treasured your love
Now I'm here without you
As you look down from high above

Remember what I always told you
No one could ever take your place
Every night when I close my eyes
I always see your face

I know one day I'll join you
Then, we'll be together again
I will always think of you
Until I see you then

11-30-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Special Lady

Where ever you walk
The sun always shines
When ever you talk
Your words all rhyme

With you I know no winter
Only summertime
I love you my special lady
The only one who lives in this heart of mine

10-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Thoughts For Today

I Love You
With all my heart
I hate it when
We have to part

I wish there
Was a way
To be near you
Both night and day

Of all the dreams
I want to come true
The one I want most
Is more time with you

Spending time
By your side
Lets me know
Love is alive

Love is a feeling
I have for you
Loving you forever
Is all I want to do

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Ray Hansell

My Today, My Tomorrow

I'm hoping that you know
Just how much I love you so
I hope that you can see
The love for you that comes from me
You are my today, you are my tomorrow
Your love keeps me free from all sorrow

I hope that you can tell
My life is a living hell
Because when we are a part
Sadness and loneliness fill my heart
I want you today, I want you tomorrow
I want true love, not love to borrow
I hope you know that in my heart
I consider you a true work of art

I want you to know, you must believe
For you I'll wear my love on my sleeve

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Ray Hansell

My Ultimate Dream

As I come home from work
You greet me at the door
I know what's going to happen
It always makes me want more

You take me by the hand
As you lead me to bed
We walk along in silence
Nothing need be said

You slowly remove my clothes
Now I'm just like you
Only you were naked
Now it's nakedness times two

Onto the bed we slowly fall
Each of us wrapped around love
All day long it seemed
This was all that I thought of

Holding you close to me
Making love tonight
Who cares about the world outside
In here, everything is right

Now we lay close together
As we talk and rest
Knowing the love we just shared
Truly was the best

I've never known a woman
Who loves sex the way you do
The one thing that I know for sure
I'll always stay right here with you

8-16-09/RjH

My Winter Years

I'm living in the winter years
Of my withering life
It was back a decade or more
When I lost my wife

Since then nothing matters
I'm just passing time
This life that I'm living
It is no longer mine

You see, God is now in control
Each day my mobility is less than the day before
I wake up each morning
Thinking, I can't take anymore

I know that I don't have many
Years left inside of me
My hearing is slowly failing
It's getting harder to see

So as winter slowly takes over
And slows me more each year
When my time on earth is done
I won't shed a tear

8-3-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

My Wonder

I've watched the waves
Rush to shore
They wet my feet
But I ignore

I've felt the rain
Hit my face
Alone I've stood
In time and place

I've seen the snow capped mountains
I've even skied a few
All these natural wonders
Cannot compare to you

When I look at your face
Your beauty rushes forth
A women as wonderful as you
Is all I've ever sought

For now I feel peacefulness
In the depths of my heart
I heard that's where love
usually gets it's start

I know you are the reason
I feel the way I do
For nothing in the world
Can compare with you

1-30-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

My World Transformed

Every time I look at you
My heart is always warmed
Since you came into my life
My world has been transformed

I've never known such happiness
Until you came along
In my heart I'll always know
That loving you just can't be wrong

Ray Hansell

Never Forgotten Love

I dream of you each night
I miss you more each day
This is how I cope
Since you went away

I sometimes stare at your picture
I re-read the poems you wrote
A long time ago
I gave up any hope

That one day you'd return
To walk back through that door
But as time passes by
I know you won't be back no more

At night I look to the heavens
Just like we use to do
I wish upon a star
I say a prayer for you

A prayer that what you wish for
Will one day come your way
When the night is over
Happiness will find you the next day

At the time I never understood
Why you were so intent on leaving
I know those first few days
I spent my time just grieving

But as the days slipped away
I started to realize
The loneliness I saw
Each time I looked into your eyes

So now I know that you had to go
Because of what was missing inside
Though it hurt to see you leave
I'm not too proud to say I cried

If you ever wonder
Why I just let you go
Letting go is also a way to show
Someone how much you love them so

True I may have lost you
But in my heart I know
That no matter what ever happens
I did the right thing to let you go

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Give Up On Yourself

My life has been good
That I must admit
But there were times
When I did want to quit

But I always had someone
Telling me don't give in
Because when you don't give your all
That is the real sin

If you are blessed with abilities
That others do not possess
Then you must always give all
And strive to do your best

Living life is no secret
It's as plain to see as the sky
Those who are successful
Are the ones who are willing to try

And when things go wrong
As they sometimes do
That when people watch you close
To see just what you'll do

And if what they thought
About you is true
A little setback
Will never stop you

So never give up trying
Giving up is a sign of those who fail
And to give up on yourself
Is a sign of self-betrayal

3-25-11/RJH

Never Go

In you I found
A love so true
You make love
Seem brand new

I feel like
I've known you for years
We have shared so much laughter
So very little tears

You'll all I ever want
You'll all I'll ever need
I'll always walk at your side
I'll never be the one to lead

In you I have
Love, beauty, grace and style
You give me a million reasons
To always wear this smile

5-22-2007/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Going To Stop

Another day
With thoughts of you
What am I
Supposed to do?

I miss you so
Everyday
I wish you were here
In every way

I wonder if we can
Make up for lost time
Or will the days without love
Forever be, yours and mine

I think of no one else
Because, no one else will do
There's only one woman that I want
That happens to be you

I'm counting the days until
I see your smiling face
I'm counting the days to when
You and I occupy the same space

The empty time between us
Seems like it's been forever
But I know one thing for sure
Times with you can only get better

4-26-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Heard It Said

The arms that use to hold me
Hold me no more
The lips that use to kiss me
Are no longer here to kiss
The sweet words she use to say
As we lay in bed
Those words are only memories
That swirl inside my head

Clocks are made for telling time
Cars are made for riding
But you know I never heard it said
That a man was made for crying

3-1-09/RjH

Submitted 3-28-14

Ray Hansell

Never Learned In School

When I was young and went to school
I learned my lessons well
But in school they never taught me
That love could be so swell

2-6-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Never Should Have

She let me, into her heart
Her life I slowly took apart
Looking back I now see
Love never should have had a start

7-17-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Never Too Late To Find God

Can anyone step forward
To claim they are sin free?
Then please speak up
For you are greater than me

I know of not one person
Who can make such claim
If you're out there come forward
Please tell us your name

I don't see anyone moving
Or calling out their name
If you think about it
That really is a shame

No one has lived their life
Clean and sin free
I guess that goes for all of you
It also includes me to

But it's never too late
To cleanse your soul
You are never too young
Nor are you ever too old

Talk to God and ask Him
If it's too late to come clean
I'm sure He'll be happy
To help you change your scene

A kind, warm and sin free person
To help carry His word
When you kneel to talk with Him
I promise you'll be heard

Emotions will take over
Your soul will be set free
You will feel the happiness
That I felt inside of me

I gave my life to God
Then got it back in return
I was so glad to find out
It's never, too late to learn

1-16-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Never Win

I cried because I lost love
The day that I lost you
I cried for myself
For I didn't know what to do

You know you meant the world to me
For you I'd do anything
But it seems that when it comes to love
That's a game I can never win

But I know that I'll keep trying
To find the one for me
Hoping that one day soon
Happy, is what I'll be

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Ray Hansell

News Paper Blues

I read the daily paper
To catch up on the news
I don't know why I bother
Because it just gives me the blues

The head-lines say a murder
Happened late last night
So I read the story
Hoping it will shed some light

They say the motive was robbery
It was committed at the same time
I don't know why I read the papers
It seems it's just filled with crime

I guess it's go to know the news
Read it if you choose
But for me I think I'm done
I'm tired of the news PAPER BLUES

5-31-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Next Sunday I'll Come Back

Lord I'm asking you
To please give me the strength
To make it through another day
Without losing my mind

Sometimes I feel so depressed
That I want to end it all
But when I get to feeling bad
That's when on You I call

I know that you can help me
To get through another day
I know from You I'll find the answer
To eventually find my way

I have searched for many years
In hopes of finding happiness
It took me until now
To realize, it was You I missed

So thank you for taking the time
To get me back on track
I promise You come next Sunday
I will once again come back

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10-16-16

Ray Hansell

Next Time

We met
We loved
Then went our separate ways
Next time
I hope that love stays

6-21-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Next To You

Lying close beside you
I hold you in my arms
The world outside seems to me
To be, a million miles away
When you're lying next to me
Nothing else really matters
All that I want, all that I need
I have in you
Many times I thought I was in love
But I see now that wasn't true
Because what I feel right now
I've never felt before
Until I laid beside you

(5-16-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

Nice To Know

Floating along life's river
Sometimes at a rapid pace
Things happen so quickly
I sometimes lose my place

The rushing of everyday living
Sometimes wears me down
But it's nice to always know
That I have you around

6-29-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

No Apology Needed

You said you were sorry
I wondered what for
You didn't do anything
That ever made me sore

So please don't apologize
One isn't needed from you
Because for the life of me
What would I do

I can't accept your apology
Not knowing what it's for
So please do me a favor
Don't apologize no more

5-2610/RJH

Ray Hansell

No Body Loves Me Like You Do

I hold you close
On a winters night
The candle flame
Our only light

I see the love
Glow in your eyes
The love in me
Is on the rise

The softness of your skin
As it presses against mine
Right now nothing matters
As we're lost in love and time

I wandered like a lost soul
With no place to stand
Then you came to me
You reached out your hand

Now the love inside both of us
Burns as hot as any fire
All the love you give to me
I will forever desire

I'll stay right here with you
Holding you so tight
Knowing my love for you
Burns bright on this winter night

To me it is so plain to see
In my heart I feel it to
I know that nobody can
Love me like you do

1-1-10/RJH

No Desire

Do you still feel the same
Late at night, do you call my name
Or has time dimmed the flame
Because you just don't feel the same
What was once a burning fire
Are now just ashes that lack desire
Our flame of love that burned so bright
No longer glows in the night
It's just a flicker of what use to be
Because you no longer love me
It's always sad to see love die
Because someone is always left to cry
Or maybe we just refuse to see
No one wants to admit, it's because of me
Why does pride get in the way
To keep us from saying things we should say

12-26-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

No Great Expectations

There are so many qualities
About you that I adore
Maybe that's the reason
I keep coming to your door

You never sit and judge me
You take me as I am
Although I know I have my faults
Just like any man

But you seem to overlook
My short comings that you see
You somehow look past all that
And accept me for being me

You have no great expectations
If you did, I'd probably let you down
When you are with me
I've yet to see you frown

Each day I think to myself
My world is a happy place
My heart over flows with love
Every time I see your face

Ray Hansell

No Human Race

I was born in 207hate
That was a cold and cruel year
I remember it so well
For the world was in fear

Wars raging everywhere
People dying by the score
Millions of people shouting
Please don't kill any more

But the killing never stopped
The wars just raged on
Very soon most of the people
Here on earth were gone

Not long after the last battle
About the time the last bombs fell
The last remnants of earth
Resembled a living hell

World leaders wanted war
They just couldn't wait
Well take a good look around
There's no one left to hate

Everyone predicted
That this would take place
The planet earth stands alone
Without a human race

RjH/2-20-07

Ray Hansell

No Hurry, No Worry

I use to live and worry
I use to live and hurry
But since I met you
My hurrying and worrying are through

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Ray Hansell

No Longer Care

You said goodbye so easily
You didn't even flinch
You said it without a problem
It seemed like such a eynch

But for me to hear you say it
Hurt so very much
Because you did it so easily
I won't make a fuss

I'll leave it like it is
Me here, you there
That should make things easy
Now that you no longer care

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Longer There

Where do you go when you're defeated
Where do you go when you're beat
Where do you go when reality
Knocks you clean off you're feet

You know it wasn't right
In fact some may think it cruel
Because you took love
You used it like a tool

You found out the hard way
That love is not a game
It can't be used or twisted
Or played with for personal gain

When love is right it's gracious
When love is true it's strong
When love gets used and abused
Everyone knows this is wrong

So if you have a love that's true
You must handle it with care
Because one day when you wake up
You may find it's no longer there

5-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

No Matter What

When in view
I love you
When out of view
I love you to
No matter what you ever do
My heart will stay
In love with you

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Ray Hansell

No More

She gave all her love to me
All I gave her was time
She promised me her tomorrows
All I promised her was rhyme

Then one night without a word
She walked out the door
You see I never gave her love
She'll give me her love no more

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Ray Hansell

No Need For Someone Else

As I walk through this life of mine
I don't need anyone here with me
To some loneliness is hard to bear
I know I'm strong enough to go it alone
I'm not the kind who needs someone there

I'm sure it's nice to have someone
To tell you how much they care
Because when burdens trouble you
For some it's nice to have someone there

So many years I've been alone
To be honest, I like it this way
I never throw a pity party
I just live from day to day

Some people may say that's not living
It's just existing day to day
To them I would reply this way
I'll live my life my way you live life your way

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No Need To Pretend

As I've walked down life's road
The journey has been grand
My journey got even better
The day you took my hand

I love the way you love me
The special things you say
Everyday spent with you
Is like a summers day

With you I don't have to pretend
To be someone I'm not
I know the love we share
Is not a one time shot

The soft and gentle way
You kiss me on the cheek
I know inside my heart
The outlook isn't bleak

In fact I think the future
Is looking very bright
I know how great it would be
To hold you every night

I promise to be honest
I promise to be true
I want to spend my life
Loving only you

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Ray Hansell

No One

So many things to say
Yet, no one to say them to
So many things to do
But no one to do them with
So many places to go
But no one to accompany me
So many songs to sing
But no ears around to listen
So much love to give
But no one near to receive it
So many years left to live
No one to live them with
I guess that I was destined
To live life all alone

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No One But You

The day starts
With me alone
All by myself
You at home

We connect
Then go to eat
A day with you
Is such a treat

We sit at lunch
Our eyes embrace
To me this is
My escape

Alone with you
Love holds me tight
Life with you
Is more than right

I've given you my love
Please say you'll take my heart
Please come and take my hand
Together, let our life start

Loving someone forever
Is not an easy thing to do
But when it comes to loving
For me there's only you

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No One Is Exempt

Who holds the answer
To the problems that we face
Is there a way
To find an escape

Go to a party
Or a picture show
So for a few hours
Your life is on the go

But sooner or later
It's back to reality
And eventually
Your problems again you'll see

It was so much easier
Back when I was young
Life had little problems
We were too busy having fun

But as we grew older
Responsibilities began to mount
Knowing sooner or later
On problems we can all count

Now people with no problems
Seem to handle what comes their way
But those who are not able to
Will live with problems everyday

So if life has you worried
Because problems are always there
The one to remember
Most face some kind of despair

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No One Takes Me Serious

No one takes me serious
I guess I am to blame
Because what ever people say
I turn into fun and games

People always tell me
Hey, your a funny guy
They only see my smiles
They never see me cry

I have no one to love
No one to hold at night
No one to sit and tell
Things will be alright

All my fun and joking
Has gotten the better of me
I need love just like you
But that no one can see

No one takes me serious
I guess I am to blame
Because I always treated love and life
Like it was just a game

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Ray Hansell

No Santa

The children went to sleep
Hoping Santa would come
But if it's like last year
Christmas day will not be fun

Under the tree they'll not see
Christmas this year
It's always been like this
As they shed a silent tear

They'd be happy with just one
Present to have to open
It seems they spend so much time
Wishing and just hoping

You see, they were told to be good
Or Santa wouldn't come tonight
So they were good all year long
But things still didn't turn out right

While many people celebrate
The presents they received
Many more are left to wonder
Why they should even believe

12-25-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

No Seems To Know

Sometimes love comes fast
Sometimes love comes slow
But exactly when love will come
No one seems to know

5-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

No Sun Today

No sun today
Only clouds and rain
All this stormy weather
I know is to blame

For the way I'm feeling
All I want to do is sleep
What good is the spring time
If sunny weather we can't keep

The sun should be shining
The flowers all in bloom
But instead of a spring time feeling
It seems all there is, is gloom

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Ray Hansell

No Thoughts Tonight

My pen has run out of ink
My thoughts have all run dry
I can't find a rhyme
No matter how hard I try

I look for inspiration
Something to help me write
But I'm stuck in the darkness
Like a train in the night

I think I've hit a block
I've come to screeching halt
Is something wrong with me?
It it all my fault

I wonder have I reached the end
With no more thoughts to write
I wonder what I'll do
If my thoughts stay out of sight

6-3-11/RjH

Ray Hansell

Not Hold You

So many times I held you close
Never giving it a second thought
But now that you've gone away
Not holding you
Is what I miss the most

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Ray Hansell

Not My Choice

I miss your pretty face
As it looked toward me
I miss that warming touch
As gentle as can be

I miss the wonderful lady
Who filled my life with joy
I'm sad as a child
Who lost their favorite toy

For I cannot see you
I cannot hear your voice
I miss you more each day
Because this was not my choice

I so much need to hold you
To feel your heart beat with mine
I so much want to hold you
If only for just one last time

8-6-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Not Needing Anything More

The hands of time may stand still
But I know our hearts never will
I can't think of anything else I'd rather do
Then spend my time loving you
Sometimes the world seems crazy
So hard to understand
But as long as we share love
I could never want for more

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Ray Hansell

Not The Same

I'm looking in the mirror searching
For the man I use to be
I remember him so well
He was a joy to see

But lately it seems so many things
Weigh so heavy on my mind
It seem I'm always feeling down
Just about all the time

I have no one to talk with
No one to express my feeling to
The one thing that I think about
Is the thing I don't want to do

I keep thinking I'd be better off
If I weren't here no more
At least the loneliness I feel now
I wouldn't feel no more

But for me to want to do that
I know would not be fair
Because in this world I have a son
For whom I deeply care

4-15-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Not Worth Another Try

I don't think that we should see
Each other anymore
I think you would be better off
If I just walked the door

Please don't ask me why
If I told you you'd just cry
So lets just say goodbye
I'm not worth another try

11-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Nothing Else Matters

You don't love someone for their looks
You love them for who they are
Someone who is kind, warm and caring
Someone who lights up your day
Someone who adds sparks to your night
Don't worry about what they look like
As long as you someone
Who cares what others think
As long as they love you in return
Does anything else really matter?

5-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Nothing I Wouldn'T Do

How can I ever Thank You
For all that you have done
You opened up the door
You let me see the sun

You gently took me by the hand
You showed me what life was for
For that I'll have to Thank You
I'll be indebted to you for evermore

So if a day should ever come
That I can somehow repay you
All you have to do is call
For you there's nothing I wouldn't do

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Ray Hansell

Nothing Is Forever

She stood there
With tears in her eyes
Pain in her heart
If she had known
That love could be so painful
She never would have given it a try

She believed that when they said,
I do
She believed that love would last forever
But she's found out the hard way
That nothing, lasts forever

7-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Nothing Left

I miss you
I always do
I close my eyes
I see you

But when they open
I'm so sad
All that's left
Is what we had

11-28-06

Ray Hansell

Now That We Are

I never thought of us as we
I never imagined you with me
But now that we are
I hope we go far
For all the world to see

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Oh!

I looked up and saw you there
Oh! what a great surprise
I couldn't believe I saw you
Right before my eyes

I couldn't have asked for more
On a beautiful sunny day
Then to have someone as lovely as you
There, walking my way

My day was now made complete
All because of you

6-25-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Oh, How I Miss You

Reflections of us
Memories of love
Yesterday is gone
Memories forever last

Good times, bad times
We've had a few
Today we're apart
Oh, how I miss you

A distance between us
My heart cries in pain
Will love come tomorrow
Or will I still feel the same?

1-30-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

Oh, To Be Left Alone

Why does it seem
I always get woken up
In the middle of a dream?

I'm sound asleep
Then I'm awakened
My dreams, I never get to keep

In the middle of a book
Someone has a question
I never answer, I just throw them a look

In the middle of a game
The phone seems to ring
The disruptions drive me insane

I wonder why it seems
That others want to bug me
Until I want to scream

Oh, to be at home
But never left alone

7-14-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

On A Clear Day

On a clear day
It seems like you can see forever
No clouds in the way
A deep blue colored sky
The bright sun to light the way

Soon the day gives way to night
The stars will shine so bright
The full moon begins
A wonderful night following a beautiful day

It should always be like this
Each and every day
Beauty all around us
Nothing to get in the way

On a clear day
It seems like you can see forever
On a clear day
Life just seems that much better

8-23-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

On A Sunny Day

On a sunny day
Just like today
You were here by my side
You're no longer here
So I must hide
So people don't see me cry

On a sunny day
Just like today
We'd lie in a field of green
To watch the world pass by
We'd wish those sunny days
Could somehow go on forever

It was a sunny day
Just like the one today
You said goodbye to me
I sat and sadly
Watched you slowly walk away

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On Any Night

You are my heater
You are my fire
You fill my soul
With such desire

The way you hold me
The way you kiss
How could I ever need
Anything more than this

You give to me
All that I need
My love for you just grew
Like that of a planted seed

As the days pass us by
And the love we share just grows
I promise, my love for you
Is the one thing that will always show

I'll love, protect and defend you
I'll let no one cause you pain
When I hold you in my arms
It's there I hope you will remain

9-25-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Once Again

The quiet of the evening
Is shattered
By the firing of a gun
I run from the liquor store
With a hand full of bills

I run down and alley
I jump to climb a fence
I hear a cop yell stop!
I fail to heed his call

The night once again is shattered
By the firing of a gun

Ray Hansell

One More Kiss

My days are so lonely
My nights so very long
I though I wouldn't miss you
But I was so very wrong

I miss all the things you gave to me
But baby I have just one wish
That just one more time
I could taste your tender kiss

Ray Hansell

One More Time

When does the suffering
And the pain go away
Or does it stay
Inside of us forever
When does the memory
Not burn in our mind
Do we ever accept
What has come to be
Or do we mourn
For a lifetime
Over something
We cannot change
Do the tears at night
Ever stop falling
Or does our life
Stay on hold forever
I know we must move on
I know we must still live
But how do you get over
Losing your only child
Do you hate
Do you pray
What do you think
What do you say
The sun doesn't shine
As bright as it use to
The star's in the sky
Look a little dimmer
A cold winter night
Seems a little colder
While the hot summer day
Brings back the memories
Of a child at play
The world still turns
While my heart still yearns
To hold him
Just one more time

9-7-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

One Of Those Nights

It's one of those nights
When you turn out the lights
You say to yourself
Something is not right

She's laying right here
Next to you
But there's nothing
That you want to do

You don't want to kiss her
You don't want to touch
Because in your heart
You love someone else so much

You lay awake thinking each night
Just what you're going to do
Knowing in your heart
The one you miss should be next to you

1-30-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

One Thing I Know For Sure

One thing that I've learned today
Is that there is no guarantee for tomorrow
Today could be filled with happiness and joy
Tomorrow, taken over by sorrow

What I've learned along the way
Is that no one is perfect
What may seem right today
Tomorrow, may be rejected

There's not much I know for sure
But one thing I know is true
Yesterday, today and tomorrow
I will always be in love with you

1-20-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

One Too Many

He lived his life
Inside a bottle
It seems the whiskey
Was his throttle

It got him going
It kept him running
The amount he could drink
People found stunning

He could out drink anyone
No matter the time of day
Just the bottle in front of him
Then watch it slowly go away

He was Mr. Happy when ever he drank
Always laughing having fun, everybody's friend
No matter who your were
A drink to you he'd always send

He was always the last one out
When it was time to close
It was his favorite place to be
It was simply just called Joe's

One night while all the patrons
Were sitting around drinking beer
They all suddenly realized
There was a voice they didn't hear

The man who always sat at the end stool
Was no where to be found
That end of the bar was quiet
No one there to make a sound

On nightly news was on the TV
The story was about a crash
They showed the drivers picture
But only for a flash

But in that instant we all recognized
The driver of the car
It was the man who always say
At the end of the bar

The story said, nine people died
But one person did survive
It was the man from the end of the bar
The only one left alive

They said he ran a red light
Then crashed into a van
When he got out of his car
The cops said, he could hardly stand

He was always Mr. Happy
Who was always in the bar
He should have been a smart man
And never gotten into his car

He will now have to pay the price
He must live with what he's done
All those years of so much drinking
For him they'll be no more fun

Ray Hansell

Only For You

You let my love into your heart
In there I know it's safe
I wouldn't really want it
In any other place

You treat it kind and gentle
Just like it should be treated
Now because you love me
I have all that's needed

No one else could love me
The way that you do
The only love that I want
Is the love I get from you

4-6-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Only Getting Worse

I listen to the talkers
They all talk like they know it all
But yet, I don't hear
How to stop this economic fall

Gas prices just keep rising
Food prices do the same
But from where I'm standing
They say, no one is to blame

People losing jobs
At a record pace
The whole world is becoming
A very confused place

No one seems to know
Exactly what to do
Things are getting worse
For everyone including you

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Ray Hansell

Only Memories Are Left

The hands that use to hold me
Are now holding someone new
Life lived without her
What the hell will I do

I guess she doesn't need me now
That I can plainly see
This time will soon be our past
All that will be left will be just memories

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Only The Sky

The night was quite
Cold and still
I remember it well
As you gave me a thrill

Your love was warm
Like a burning fire
I knew together
We would conspire

I knew before
This night would end
To me you would be
More than a friend

Now here we are
Together you and I
Knowing our limit
Is only the sky

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Only Time Will Tell

I can't stay away from you
I don't know why I tried
The feelings that I have for you
Are feelings I can't hide

The thought of never touching you
Or kissing your sensuous lips
Or never hearing you whisper in my ear
Are things I don't want to miss

I think of you constantly
Your always on my mind
The thoughts I have of you
Are always soft, warm and kind

I don't want to lose you
But what am I to do
I love you far too much
To just say goodbye to you

My heart keeps telling me
Not to let you go
I think my heart is right
But how am I to know?

Only time will tell
If what I've done is right
Each day I always think of you
Then dream of you each night

I always felt deep inside
We'd share a life together
I haven't given up on that dream
In fact, that dream keeps getting better

So let me think about us
I must decide what to do
But I can tell you here and now
That in my future I see you

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Ray Hansell

Only You

Of course I watch the sun set
On warm summer nights
Of course it's most enjoyable
To do when holding you tight

Sharing all the beauty
Alone, just you and I
As we watch the ball of fire
As it slowly leaves the sky

I can't help but think to myself
I have finally realized
That my dream has come true
As you sit here before my eyes

Right now nothing else matters
In this world to me
I feel as warm as the setting sun
Content as one can be

You are sweet and wonderful
A beauty to behold
I'll always hold you in my arms
As the two of us grow old

8-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Operating Room

The room was growing darker
My eyes wouldn't stay open
I drifted off just knowing
All I had was hope

It was out of my hands
It was no longer up to me
Other people had control
I could only wait to see

When I finally awakened
I knew all had gone well
I woke up here on earth
Instead of heaven or hell

3-3-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Opinions

You don't know
Who I am
Take the time
If you can

To know someone
Before you judge
Or dislike them
And hold a grudge

You don't know me
Yet you say
Bad things of me
Everyday

So get wise
Before you speak
To criticize
Shows you're weak

I don't speak
Bad of you
Or make fun of
The things you do

You see I don't
Know you at all
I have no reason
To make you look small

So please keep
Your opinions to yourself
Store them away
Like a book on a shelf

11-15-2009/RjH

Or Would You Just Wait And See

Will you stay with me?
Underneath the summer sun
Will you say the words?
That I'm the only one

Will you make me feel?
Like I've never felt before
Will love finally find its way?
To my hearts front door

Will you speak the words?
That everyone wants to hear
If you were to say them
Would they ring out loud and clear

Will you shout out to the world?
To say love has arrived
Or will you wait and just see?
If in fact we can survive

Will you play it cautious?
Then just wait and see
If the love you've found?
Was meant for you and me

No one knows for sure
How long any love can last
Too quickly a new love
Can just as fast become the past

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Others Will Never Know

I love the way you handle me
It's always with care
You are so very gentle
You treat me so very fair

You always pay attention
To all the small details
You're always at the top of your game
You never seem to fail

Your hands can work magic
Like I've never seen
The times we are together
Is like the birth of a dream

It seems the things I dream of
Are the things you always do
That's one of the many reasons why
I'm so in love with you

You take me to places
Many wish they could go
But the pleasures that I get from you
Others will never get to know

9-23-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Our Day Will Come

Sometimes work gets in the way
Of things we want to do
Just for an example
Look at what we were going to do

We had things all set up
To love the day away
But due to circumstances
Work got in the way

I guess that's what happens
When others are in control
The good time we were planning
Someone else just stole

But I always keep the faith
I know our day will come
When we can pass the hours
Making own fun

So for now we'll grin and bear it
We'll have to wait for another day
When I'll get to hold you close
As we love the day away

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Ray Hansell

Our Last Night Together

In the darkness of the night
our bodies lay together
and we stay this way
all through the night
sleeping in each others arms
waiting for the sun to wake
as it starts a brand new day
we knew in our hearts
this was our way
to say our last goodbye
for once and for all

The love we once shared
couldn't survive
so this last night together
was what we wanted to do
but I know as I walk out the door
this will be my final goodbye
maybe we're crazy
maybe people wouldn't agree
but this was the way
we both wanted it to be

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Our Love Is Not

The past was great
And filled with times
I never will forget

Now we look forward
To whose knows what
Because our love is not

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Ray Hansell

Our Protectors

Deputies, Police Officer, Firefighters and EMS
Dispatchers, State Parole and Probation
These are the special people
Who on a daily basics protect our nation

5-13-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Our Seperate Way

There was a time
When your heart
Was truly mine
But that was at the start

Time has passed
We both changed
Love didn't last
Now we must rearrange

The direction of our lives
As we go our separate ways
The past was built on lies
Hopefully we'll see better days

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Our Soldiers

Soldiers fight
Soldiers die
They never surrender
They always try

They fight for you and me
Against evil around the globe
But when they accused of wrong doing
People always want a probe

They call it misconduct
Many of us call it war
If you don't want them killing
What they hell are they fighting for

This war wasn't their doing
It was their governments call
But they seem to be the scapegoats
Who seem to have to take the fall

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Our World Of Love

A world no one else can penetrate
A world only we two share
A world full of memories all our own
A world where tears have been shed
A world where laughter has rung very loud
A world we built ourselves
Our own little world of love

11-20-75/RJH

Ray Hansell

Our...

You are my happiness
Our happiness
Is our togetherness
Our togetherness
Is our closeness
Our closeness
Is our loving
Our loving
Is endless

Ray Hansell

Over And Over Again

The first time that you kissed me
My darkened world lit up
You took me to places
I've never seen before
It's nice to think
It's nice to know
You'll take me to places
Over and over again

Ray Hansell

Overcoming A Double Mastectomy

There are psychological obstacles
That you must overcome
If anyone can do it
I believe you are the one

I know it will take time
For you to work things out
But you have to do it
So in your mind there is no doubt

You have to live with the belief
The choice you made was right
Though I'm sure when you're alone
You still shed tears at night

Believe me when I tell you
To me you'll always be
That wonderful beautiful woman
Who gave her love to me

6-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Pain From The Past

Sometimes I keep my feeling
Locked up deep inside
I always keep them there
Where they are safe to hide

Sometimes when I open that door
So much hurt and pain comes out
Some times I don't understand
What my feelings are all about

I blame myself for my past
When maybe I'm not to blame
But I still do it
Hoping it may ease the pain

I have so much locked inside
I have no tears left to cry
I'll always remember my past
I often times wonder why

7-22-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Passing Me By

I feel like the hour hand on a clock
You are like the second hand
Always passing me by

5-5-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Peaceful

A quiet little place
Is a place we all seek
A place where one can go
Where voices never speak

A place so nice and quiet
The noise can't get in
It's a place I've never been
But if found I'd go back again

A quiet little heaven
Where one can find some peace
Far away from all the noise
To put your mind at ease

It doesn't have to be fancy
Just a little shack will do
As long as it's far away
A hideaway for you

10-15-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

People

People laugh and people sing
They speak words that can sting

People shout and people scream
Because their life's been a bad dream

People talk and ridicule
Words can be so very cruel

People come and people go
Their emotions never show

People love and people hate
Either one can be their fate

People speak without thinking
Some just spend their life drinking

People commit suicide
They can't handle the pain inside

People kill to settle a score
Some forget what they kill for

All people make the world go round
When life is gone there is no sound

11-23-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

People In A Hurry

He see's the world going by him
But he doesn't seem to care
He passes the time of day
Sitting by the window playing solitaire

He watches people hurry by
Each with their own special cares
He always laughs as he watches them
For he can see they are going no where

Everyone seems to be in a hurry
Living life faster then they should
But he knows they'll never slow it down
He knows they wouldn't, even if they could

So he just passes the time of day
Playing cards and watching people rush
He knows that deep inside of them
They have all lost the human touch

You see he knows they are so consumed
By their jobs they are owned
They always rush to get things done
They've forgotten what it's like to be at home

But he knows that come tomorrow
They'll pick up where they left off today
They'll hurry and they'll scurry
As they rush their life's away

12-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

People Leaving

It's funny when your young
We'd always use to believe
The people that you love
Are never going to leave

But leave they will
In many different ways
Some reasons will be sad
Some reasons will amaze

Some leave for personal reasons
They will just run away
Hoping maybe to find
A better life someday

Some will leave to marry
To start a brand new life
A woman will leave her husband
A husband will leave his wife

The reasons will be many
But that's just how life goes
As you enter into a marriage
No one ever knows

But the hardest one to deal with
Is when someone passes away
It's a pain felt forever
You re-live it every day

7-15-09? RjH

Ray Hansell

Personal Victory (Over Breast Cancer)

Remember the weak
Always give in
It's the strong who think
They can always win

I know you are strong
I know you will fight
You'll give it your all
With all of your might

Giving up are words
You don't use
To fight on
Is what you choose

Soon you're going to see
The fight you fought has been won
Then you'll have your moment
That magical moment in the sun

6-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Please Be

Please be gentle with my feelings
I've been hurt too many times before
Please be gentle with your words
In the past I've heard too many lies
Please be gentle with your eyes
In the past I've seen too many deceitful looks
Please be warm and gentle with your touch
Cold hands are all I've ever felt
If you take my heart handle it with care
Too many times I've been left in despair

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Ray Hansell

Please Don'T Ask

When the party is over
Please don't you ask
To come home with me
I think you'd better pass

I will say I love you
If that's what it will take
I'll give my love to you
Then be gone when you awake

You see it's true what women say
That most guys are all the same
Sex to them is a past time
To many just a game

So please don't aske me
To take you home tonight
You're so much different
Hurting you would not feel right

9-27-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Please Don'T Ask Me To Explain

I'll paint you a rainbow
Across the sky
I'll stay with you
Until your tears are dry

I'll play you some music
Nice and slow
I'll tell you things
That you don't know

I can tell you
Just about anything
I'll tell you stories
Of where I've been

I'll tell you about the people
That I met
I'll tell you things
But then yet

Please don't ask me
To explain love
It's more confusing
Then the heavens above

It comes and goes
At times quite fast
Many people wonder why
Love never seems to last

People meet, fall in love
Then they say, I do
But before they know it
The love they shared is through

Two people once again
Have tried and they failed
They thought that together
Through life they would sail

But today finds them
So far apart
Both of them live
With an unhealed heart

Love is something
Very difficult to keep
When two people lose it
Someone is going to weep

It can't be touched
It can't be owned
But when you're in it
You know you're home

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Please Don'T Ever

Don't ever lose that smile
You wear upon your face
Don't ever let a frown
Show up to take its place

Don't lose that sparkle
I see in your eyes
That's how I know
That our love is alive

Always have the happiness
That I hear in your voice
To be happy or sad
I know that's your choice

Don't ever lose the bounce
In your step as you walk
When you have something to say
You're not afraid to talk

Don't be afraid to love
Or give your heart away
It will bring you happiness
Forever and a day

Don't be afraid to be alone
For we all need solitude
It doesn't mean you're angry
Or that you're in a bad mood

When you look back on the years
I hope a memory of me will be there
I hope that you remember
How much I use to care

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Ray Hansell

Please Help Me Understand

I haven't heard from you
Going on far too long
But I know that something
Inside you is going wrong

I know your mind is occupied
With what you're going through
I'm sure you're always thinking
Of all the things that you must do

I'm sure it must weigh heavy
On your mind each day
I'm sure thoughts of your illness
Are never far away

I know you made a choice
When it came to me
I know you have decided
It's me you no longer want to see

I have to accept that
But I'm not sure I understand
Am I completely excluded
In all your future plans

I'm trying to reconcile
Within my own mind
I'm trying to understand
But the answers I can't find

You said goodbye to us
That must be accepted
But I must honestly say
It was totally unexpected

You called me your lover
You called me your friend
So please explain to me
Why we have to end

I know you must think things out
That I can respect
But casting me aside
Fills me with regret

If I am your friend and lover
As you always told me
Then I need for you
To try to help me see

Why would you push aside
Someone who really cares
With what you are going through
Wouldn't you want your friends there

But if you want me to walk out
Of your life for ever more
That's all you have to say
I will even close the door

I hate it that I won't see you
For I still think the world of you
But anything that you desire
You know that's what I'll do

I feel in love with a lovely woman
I found my world when I found you
But now my world is crashing in
Because I'm losing you

I'll never stalk or bother you
You know that's not my style
But everytime I think of you
Please know, I'll always smile

You know I hope you win the fight
Against your foe called cancer
I'll pray for you every day
Hoping, your doctor's find the answer

5-15-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Please Take A Chance

Please take a chance with me
Hopefully you'll see
That my heart is warm and true
As I give my love to only you

Please take a chance with me
I know that we could be
Happy as everyone in love
Each is all we'll be thinking of

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Ray Hansell

Please Take Me Away

Please take me away from here
To a field of soft green grass
Where a gentle breeze cools the air
As white clouds drift overhead

Take me to a hillside
We'll climb up to the top
We'll laugh and sing each day away
While the sun washes our souls
As love fills our hearts with joy

I want to leave the city
With all its concrete and steel
I want to leave the dirty air
I want to leave the crowded streets
Won't you please take me away

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Ray Hansell

Please Take Me Home

Please take me home with you
There's so much for us to do

We have our lives in front of us
We'll forget about what once was

We'll take off together you and I
To the world we knew, we'll say goodbye

We'll go to places unknown
We'll make love all alone

We'll put everything else on hold
We'll warm each other from the cold

Please take me home with you
Let us try to start anew

9-25-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Prayer Answered

She married out of loneliness
True love she's never known
She was so afraid
Of growing old alone

Her lonely days behind her
At least she has someone
She married out of loneliness
Even if her life isn't fun

He said, he loved her
He wanted her for life
So when he asked her
She agreed to be his wife

He's in love and happy
She is now satisfied
Two lives brought together
Anything can be justified

She married out of loneliness
Now she's lonely no more
But she may end up more lonely
Then she ever was before

RjH/2-3-07

Ray Hansell

Prayers Answered

Of all the women I've known
I'm so glad it was you who stayed
You have no idea
How much for you I prayed

I prayed the Lord would find a way
To make you want to stay
For all the love you give to me
I promise, I will never stray

Every time I see your face
When ever I hear your voice
Each day I am so happy
That I was your choice

Ray Hansell

Praying For Help Too Late

Oh Lord, I'm scared and tired
I need some help from you
I just don't think I'll make it
I don't have the strength to make it through

Can I lean on You?
Can You lend me a hand?
I know that I'm strong
But alone I can't stand

Can You stay beside me?
As I try to walk
Please say a prayer
I need to hear you talk

Oh lord, can You carry me?
My limbs are very weak
Help and forgiveness
It's all that I seek

I know I used Your name in vain
More times than I should
But I had hoped here in the end
You'd help me if you could

I may not have the right
To ask of You the things I do
But I always hoped that in the end
That I could count on You

4-24-09? RjH

submitted 10-15-16

Ray Hansell

Probably Wouldn'T Last

My head told me to leave
But my heart said stay
I did not believe
That I'd see a better day

I wasn't thinking clearly
All I wanted to do was leave
I use to love her dearly
Her eyes pulled at my sleeve

I gave her one last glance
We weren't worth another try
I was not willing to take the chance
To have her once again make me cry

I guess it's true what people say
That all good things come to an end
But I'll be damned if I'll live another day
Being betrayed by someone I thought was a friend

Sometimes it easier to walk away
Then to try to fix the past
Knowing that if we tried to stay
It probably wouldn't last

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Ray Hansell

Problems

Problems, problems, problems
Every single day
I don't care who you are
Problems will come your way

No matter how hard we all try
Problems we can't avoid
When we have too many
We get quite annoyed

The best way to handle them
Is to tackle them one by one
Hopefully soon you'll see
Your problems now total none

But don't ever think they're gone forever
Because just when you sigh a sigh of relief
You'll get another problem
Once again to cause you grief

7-27-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Put It Out

Man against fire what a fight
This battle will last more then a night

Intense heat all around
As tree's are burning to the ground

Hoses, shovels and even planes
Try to stop the spreading flames

They're trying to stop a forest fire
But the flames just keep leaping higher

One thousand people have battled this blaze
To stop this fire it took sixteen days

Make sure you put out that flame
Or, other wise you could be the blame

1977/RjH

Ray Hansell

Putting It On Paper

I love to write down my thoughts
As they come to me
Never really knowing
What the final product will be

Will I write a poem of love?
Or one filled with regret
Or will I write a poem
About someone I can't forget?

Will I write of sadness?
That fills my soul
Or write about the years
That have made me grow old?

Or will I write of happiness?
That she brought to me
All the happy years
That she made me see

How she made me understand
That love is better shared
That life is so much sweeter
When someone is near to care

6-30-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Qualifying At The Range

Ear protectors on
Is everybody ready?
Remember to hold
Your hand nice and steady

Firing line ready on the right?
Firing line ready on the left?
Remember to take your time
Then try to shoot your best

Standing at the firing line
Now aim your gun
Squeeze the trigger slowly
That's the way it's done

Don't pull hard on the trigger
Or the gun will jerk
Then trying to hit your target
Just will not work

Line up your sights
Aim for center mass
Now slowly squeeze the trigger
As the bullets fly out fast

Now go forward and check your target
Add up your score
Then you will know
If you have to shoot some more

7-24-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Quitting Smoking

I feel a little desperate
A smoke is what I seek
It's been three days
I'm starting to feel weak

I'm trying to kick the habit
But I'm not doing to well
As I frantically search the house
That's becoming my own hell

Just one drag is all I ask
That will help me through
If I don't find a cigarette
I don't know what I'll do

I want to quit smoking
I know that I could
But the way I'm feeling
I don't know if I should

Starting was so easy
But stopping is such a task
I only hope I can hold out
So my resistance will last

I'd love nothing better
Then to be cigarette free
I also know the benifits
All the good it would do for me

6-5-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Rain Rain

Its strange how in our lives
So many people come and go
Some leave lasting memories
While other we never got to know

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Ray Hansell

Rapidly

I saw her today
For the first time in a long time
In seeing her again I learned
That the heart can beat very rapidly

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Ray Hansell

Reality Or Dreaming

Sitting in my living room
Watching shadows on the wall
I watch them as they run
I see them stumble and fall

I see many shadows running
Yet, I see some who walk
If I listen very carefully
I can even hear them talk

I see them on my ceiling
Falling down the walls
Have I ended up in an abyss?
I have I taken the great fall?

I'm wondering if they see me
Just like I see them
Or am I invisible
Never to be seen again

I wonder, have I died?
And have gone to who knows where
I'm thinking if I'm dead
Does anyone really care?

Or am I just sleeping
Stuck inside a dream
But I have to say I'll never know
What all of this may mean

(5-7-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

Reflections

I hope you know I'll always care
About what happens to you
I'll always wish you great success
In whatever you chance to do

I know that our journey
Ended years ago
But some feelings that I have
I thought that you should know

Most times I express myself
Better, with the written word
I know that some things I write
From me, will never be heard

I always believed that you and I
Would travel through life together
I always believed that through the years
What we had would only get better

But I guess there were times I didn't say
Things that I should have said
Only now do I realize
How much I really dread

I miss the nights we shared together
Laying side by side
I miss the times of being close
Sharing the love we'd never hide

So much for me has come and gone
Since those happy days
I honestly do miss them
In about a hundred different ways

But through it all it's safe to say
We've never reached the end
Here we are years down the road
Still, we remain friends

11-26-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Refuge

She married him out of loneliness
She was so afraid
Of growing old alone
The one day he came along
Soon, they were married
He loves her
She is lonely no more

3-20-77/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remain My Friend

When I am with you
There's so much I want to say
But all my words get lost
Somewhere along the way

But the things I need to say
Are simple but they're true
If loves lives inside anyone
It surely lives in you

You can make a summer day
Always seem twice nice
Love is not expensive
But I know you've paid the price

So, now the time has come
For me to let you be
You have shared your love with me
Now my heart must set you free

I'm saying to goodbye to our love
But don't think this is the end
We were friends who became lovers
But now it's back to friends again

9-5-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remember When

I think of you
Everyday
I think of you
Then I say

I miss her
I need her
I love her

Do you think of me?
Everyday
When you think of me
Do you say

I miss him
I need him
I love him

I think of you
All the time
I remember when
Your love was mine

But there you are
Here I am
I guess you and me
Will never be again

When you think back
And remember when
Always know
I loved you then

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Remembered By You

If a day should ever come
That finds us far apart
Please remember darling
You've living in my heart

It's nice to know you're there
It gives me a warm feeling
Everytime I think of you
It sends my heart reeling

I don't think you'll ever know
How much you mean to me
But everytime I look at you
My whole world is what I see

How I wish I had you
To always kiss and hold
Believe me when I tell you
My love would never grow old

Being in love with you
Is the best place to be
It's a place you and I
Never get tired to see

If my life ended tomorrow
I'd die a happy man
Because you see honey
I got to hold your hand

I got to say, 'I Love You'
At least a million times
But much more then that
You inspired all my rhymes

Memories are wonderful
Stored away in our minds
But words of love written down
Can be held for all time

1-20-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Remembering A Friend

All day long I think of you
You're always on my mind
I think of all you've ever said
It seems like all the time

I can picture your smile
When I'm feeling down
That's the time that I'd like most
For you to always be around

But I know that's not possible
Because you're somewhere new
But I just wanted you to know
That your friend always thinks of you

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Ray Hansell

Remembering When

That first time I'll always remember
How you felt so warm and tender
There was nothing I could do
As my heart surrendered to you

There's so much that I remember
So much I still recall
Never in my wildest dreams
Did I think, this far I'd fall

I thought that love had come and gone
Never again to return
But that first day that I saw you
Brought alive those feeling from way back when

10-10-15/RjH

Ray Hansell

Remembering You

I am feeling very sad
Because I miss you so
I just hope and pray
It's something that you know

I miss the lovely woman
Who loved me soft and warm
When I was beside you
I knew that I belonged

It seemed we fit together
Like a hand in a glove
My heart had never known
A more true and stronger love

All the things I ever said
I swear they still are true
My heart never loved anyone
As much as it loved you

I have lost at love before
But I've never felt this pain
I may never let my heart
Fall in love again

No matter what happens
From now until all time
You will always have a place
In this heart of mine

My days seem so empty
When it's you I don't see
At times I wonder to myself
Will I ever be pain free?

11-11-17/RjH

Remember?

Remember me?
Remember us?
Remember love?
Remember what we had?
Remember what we shared?
Remember how we cared?
Remember what we said?
Remember the tears we shed?
Remember when we said goodbye?
Remember how neither cried?
Remember?

9-25-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Returning Home

Last night I looked in the skies
I saw some angels flying high
I asked them to fly down
To please take me for a ride

They swooped down and scooped me up
We took off for the sky
We went high above the heavens
The place people go when they die

They carried me up and set me down
I stood there on a cloud
I felt I was among royalty
So I turned and bowed

They asked, what are you doing?
I said, showing you respect
For I am just a visitor
Here among your sect

They looked at me all puzzled
They asked, what do you mean?
You gave me a ride up here
I thought I was having a dream

They looked at me with saddened eyes
They said, we're sorry to say
That you are now home
You see, you died yesterday

We flew down to get you
To bring your soul with us
God told us you were heaven bound
It's us you must now trust

From now on this will be your home
You now have your own pair of wings
You made it up to heaven
Where we always rejoice and sing

Next you'll be the one
To fly back to earth
To bring someone else back home
To experience their rebirth

When it's time you'll know
For God will give you the word
Then you will take to flight
Like that of a majestic bird

2-14-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Right For Me

I hope you know I love you
I probably always will
You being in my life
Has been my life's greatest thrill

I've always adored you
Right from the very start
Knowing that for always
You'll live inside my heart

No one could replace you
I don't care who it might be
You are the only one
Who will ever be right for me

Ray Hansell

Right In Front Of Me

You showed me how beautiful
Being in love can be
You showed me if I opened my mind
Just what a lovely world I'd see

You said if I gave love a chance
I would be so surprised
You said sometimes love is there
Right before your eyes

Looking back I now see
What you were trying to say
I now realize the one I loved
Is the one that went away

Right in front of me
You were there the whole time
I was busy looking for someone else
I must have been out of my mind

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Ray Hansell

Rivers Of Love

The rivers of love are flowing
Like they never flowed before
I am riding their crests
Right to your front door

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Ray Hansell

Robert

I can't believe how fast
The time has passed us by
It was just a year ago
When we had to say goodbye

But you are thought of often
Like every single day
Every one remembers
Things you use to say

A smile spreads across the face
Of the one's who held dear
They would do most anything
To once again have you near

Sometimes it's hard to be strong
No matter how one may try
Every once in a while
A tear falls from an eye

Each time we glance to the heavens
We'll never know what we see
But just knowing you are at peace
Calms the heart in me

210-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Run Together

My days all run together
Like rivers to the sea
I wish you'd find it in your heart
To come and run with me

Come take my hand and we'll travel
The roads of life together
Who knows maybe someday soon
In each other we'll find forever

I can't promise you star filled nights
Or say the sun will always shine
But one thing you can be sure of
My love for you will age and mellow like wine

12-10-05/RjH

Submitted 3-14-14

Ray Hansell

Running Away

She lays in bed fast asleep
Out the bedroom door I slowly creep
The floor boards squeak beneath my feet

I grab my shirts and my pants
Stuff them in a bag
I very slowly turn the door knob
As freedom I'm about to grab

Into the night I disappear
Never to be seen again
There's no use in going back
When love has come to an end

12-10-05/RjH

Submitted 3-15-14

Ray Hansell

Running For The Door

There you go again
Every time we disagree
You go running for the door
Because you don't want to hear no more

Problems must be dealt with
You cannot always run
They'll be a time you must decide
That you're running days are done

Face the problems head on
Deal with them as they come
If you do you'll see how quickly
Your problem may total none

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Ray Hansell

Running Into My Past

I saw an ole familiar face
My heart beat very fast
Soon our eyes met each other
We were both back in the past

It was many years ago
When we were young and free
I though the sun rose in her eyes
She though she was in love with me

We were so very happy
Together doing our thing
Bothering with no one else
Just reading the I Ching

But as the years passed us
We both moved on
Each going our own way
The feelings were long gone

I hadn't thought of her in years
But now she stands before me
The days and years that have gone by
Have helped to make me see

We passed the time with small talk
But soon it was time to leave
What I once wanted so badly
Turned out to be what I didn't need

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Ray Hansell

Sad

Sad eyes
Sad heart
Sad days
When apart

Sad today
Sad tomorrow
Sad tonight
Full of sorrow

Sad goodbye
Sad ending
Sad me
Never mending

4-14-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Save Me A Place

Save me a place beside you
I'll be there real soon
We'll sit outside together
Under a harvest moon

We'll sit beneath the star filled sky
On this warm and muggy summer night
No one else will be around

It will be a perfect sight
I'll my put arm around your shoulder
To feel you close to me
Knowing that for so many years
You made me happy as could be

6-3-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Saved From Myself

I stayed awake all through the night
Just staring at you
I laid there thinking to myself
You've made my life so new

You came along
When things were wrong
You stayed with me
You made us strong

Looking back
I can now see
That it was you
Who saved me

You saved me from myself
You showed me what love could do
Now everything that I am
I owe it all to you

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Ray Hansell

Say You'll Never Go

I once spent a night in heaven
A night I thought I'd never see
It was the night that you
Slept right next to me

You were a lovely angel
Lying by my side
My love and excitement
Was something I couldn't hide

When you reached out your hand
Then slowly rubbed my face
I knew at that exact moment
I was in the perfect place

Then you whispered in my ear
That I love you so
I looked at you and asked
Please say you'll never go

4-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Scar's From Life

Scar's on my body
Scar's on my heart
Are the two ever really
Seperate and apart?

1-8-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

Searching For What's Not There

It seems everyone is searching
For true love to have and hold
Something they can latch onto
As the years make them grow old

But does true love really exist?
Or is it just a state of mind
I'm sure many people keep on hoping
That love they'll one day find

But if you truly love someone
There are things you must surrender
But how do forget loves pain from the past
When they seem to always be there to remember

To give true to someone
Means you also must trust
This you cannot debate
This is something that is a must

Some people search a lifetime
Seeking something they'll never find
But is love worth searching for
Is seeking love always worth the time

I know of some people
Who may grow old all alone
The only thing not in their life's
Was true love that others have known

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Ray Hansell

Searching Within

I know I should
I probably would
But who knows
If I even could

I will at least try
I'll try my very best
But if I fail
Don't compare me to the rest

It's alright to fail
What's important is that you try
If you never try
You should ask yourself why

I think I will
I think I might
Think it over
As I dream tonight

6-3-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Secret Love

So many things have changed
In such a short time
The love that we shared
Is both yours and mine

Though we no longer meet
To carry on our affair
It's plain to for each other
That we still really care

But for now we must wait
Until the time is right
When I can share with you
Both the day and the night

So, no more secret meetings
In places far away
We'll just have to wait
Until we can put our love on display

7-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Security Job

Sitting here completely
Bored out of my mind
Lately this is how
I spend most of my time

Working here is getting to be a drag
The same, do nothing every day
I know there has got to be
A more productive way

Sitting here on my butt
Watching time just pass
I really don't know how much longer
My boredom is going to last

I'm hoping that very soon
I'll be done with this task
I know they'll let me go
So I think that's what I'll ask

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Ray Hansell

Seeing My Past In Front Of Me

The steam rises
From the hot tub
A slight chill cools the air
We are submerged
In ninety eight degree water
The warm water
Warms me to my soul
A blue light lights our way
As it shines inside the hot tub
The moon in the sky
Is three quarters full
Its light shoots through the clouds
Giving it an x-ray like affect
I watch her move in the water
She's slow, but graceful
With the help of the light
I see her naked figure as she moves about
A figure that I am very familiar with
But yet tonight
It seems like I'm seeing it for the first time
Maybe because I'm looking at it
Through the eyes of a man
Realizing that when we were together
So many years ago
I was just a boy trying to be a man
The beauty I didn't see back then
Is so very visible to me now
The years have taught me
That strength and inner beauty
Will always last forever
While good looks and a shapely body
Slowly fade like a setting sun
Being naked in a hot tube with her
Has made me realize all the mistakes
That I made years ago

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Self-Centered

I look in the mirror
I chuckle to myself
Because she left me
For somebody else

What does she think
I'll sit here and cry
Because she has met
Herself another guy

I hope she is happier
Then she was with me
I hope that he's ready
When he gets to see

The other side of her
That she conceals
Then he will find out
That she doesn't love
That she doesn't feel

He's going to learn
The same way I did
How all her problems
She keep them well hid

She like to spend and
Spend and spend
That's when it will be
The beginning of the end

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Ray Hansell

Separation

Will I see it in her eyes?
Will I hear it in her voice?
Will I see it in her smile?
Will see just tell me/
After all this time
I wonder if she'll still care

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Serenity

I find my way to the ocean
To let all my cares run free
I sit close by the water
To feel the spray from the waves hit me

My mind starts to wander
Soon, I'm completely free
I let my cares and worry
All roll out to sea

The ocean is much bigger than I
It can handle all my stress
So just for a little while
I feel so very blessed

Because my head is so clear
No thoughts, no worries or cares
I feel safe and secure
Everytime that I go there

But soon reality rolls back in
Like the waves to the shore
I must return to myself
To face the day once more

But, oh how I treasure
The times I get away
I wish I could stay here
Every minute of every day

RjH/2-15-07

Ray Hansell

Serving The Lord

my world was very empty
and also very cold
i had no dreams
but one night while i slept
i heard a voice
i opened my eyes
and there before me
was the almighty Himself
He looked at me
and held my hand
He said, i understand
He told me that i must try
to turn my life around
He said, the best way to start
was for me to serve Him
He said, spread the word far and near
don't you worry
I'll always be here
i worked day and night
telling everyone i'd see
that the Lord is the only way
i'd tell them how He saved me
i'm no longer empty
i'm no longer cold
i have dreams
i'm alive once again

3-16-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Set Them Free

I wish my words could express
Everything I'n feeling
But my words stayed trapped
Inside of me
I wish I knew how to set them free

3-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sexy Lady

You dress up in your outfits
So sexy and so sleek
You slowly enter the room
To give me just a peek

Then I see all of you
You have not much to say
But I have to tell you
You take my breath away

Your body soft and warm
With a body stocking head to toe
Lady you are beautiful
That I hope you know

You move around so easily
With the gracefulness of a cat
But like a cat I wouldn't tell you
To ever ever scat

I love you in your outfits
Or with nothing on at all
Dressed or undressed baby
You drive me up the wall

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Ray Hansell

Shallow

Your words are so empty
They echo when you speak
The promises you make
Are so very weak

No one ever believes
The words that leave your lips
When you are not around
You are never missed

You should try speaking the truth
Believe me it would serve you well
But with all the lies you say
When you speak the truth no one could tell

11-1-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

Share A Page

You found the time
To be a friend of mine
You came into my life
When I needed you the most
You never put me down
You never let me down
You let me share a page
From your book of life

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Ray Hansell

Share It All With Me

There are so many things
To laugh at and see
I know things would be funnier
If you were here
To share it all with me

6-25-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Sharing Our Hearts

I've given you my heart
I know it will not break
I know I put it out there
For only you to take

I know that my heart
Will be safe with you
I it knew from the start
It was the right thing to do

I put my heart in your hands
Hands so soft and strong
I felt safe and secure
I knew I could not be wrong

In return you gave to me
Your heart to have and hold
I promised to you that I
Would protect it like it were gold

I said, I won't abuse or use it
I'll hold it safe and tight
It will always stay with me
Morning, noon and night

I gave to you my heart
Not knowing what to do
I gave to you a heart
That will forever love you

12-18-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Sharing Our Love Together

Candles burn
Incense to
A quiet night
Just me and you

The music plays
As it fills the room
Through the window
We see the moon

You're next to me
As close as can be
Love is here
As we can plainly see

The music beats
Our hearts do to
Just spending the night
Loving you

But I know that come tomorrow
My heart will feel the same
As once again it will whisper
As it slowly says your name

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Ray Hansell

Shattered Night

The silence of the night
Is shattered by the firing of a gun
A store clerk falls to the ground wounded
I turn and run

Soon the sound of police sirens
Are heard everywhere

I run down an alley
I jump to climb a fence
I hear a cop yell stop
I fail to heed his call
The night once again is shattered
By the firing of a gun

3-4-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

She Kissed Me

The first time you kissed me
My lonely world saw light
You took me to places
I've never been to before
And it's nice to say
That everyday
My world keeps gets brighter

11-9-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

She Knows The Score

I call her on the phone
I ask, are you alone?
She answers, yes I am
I say, I'll be right over
She says, oh please hurry
I need a gentle hug
One that will put me at ease

I knock on her door
Before I enter she knows the score
She whispers, come on in
She asks, how have you been?
I said, that I'm fine, how about you?
She says, I'm still the same
When you're gone my hearts in pain

I take her in my arms
Knowing she'll hurt some more
When I leave to walk out the door

But as I go to leave
She grabs me by the sleeve
She asks, please can't you stay
Until the darkness goes away

I said, you know how it is
I have someone back at home
She cries as she asks me
Please don't leave me alone

But once again out the door I go
It's time for me to leave
Once again she's left alone
In her bed to silently grieve

9-27-05/RJH

She Makes Me Rhyme

She sat and read a poem
That I had just written
A whole lot of thought
To it I had given

A smile spread across her face
Her eyes glistened like stars
When I think about the future
I can see that it is ours

Every time I look at her
She makes my days all rhyme
It's true that all gets better
With the slowly passing of time

11-3-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

She Might Be The One

Golden curls that shine
Like diamonds in the sun
Cheeks that are rose red
Like roses in a flower bed

A heart too young to know
What it's like to hate
Hands too young to hurt
But a mind ready to create

The world she lives in now
Is such a beautiful place
Even to people who are strangers
She wears a smile upon her face

But with each passing day
She grows a little more
Not knowing what life
For her will have in store

But who knows maybe one day soon
When she finds her place
She could be the one
To put a smile on everyone's face

Maybe she can rid the world
Of all the hate and wars
Maybe she'll make people see
Just how wonderful life can be

5-21-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

She Reached Her End

Cry out loud
Yell and scream
Life for you
Has been no dream

You are in pain
You're helpless
The reason why
Is anyone's guess

You don't try
Because you don't care
Because you say
There's no one there

No one to love
No one to hold
You see your face
Getting old

You say that life
Has been unkind
You say that love
You just can't find

In your house
You choose to hide
In your house
You committed suicide

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Ray Hansell

She Thought Marriage Would Have Been Nice

As the half way point of my life
Arrives before I knew it
I thought I wanted marriage
To that I must admit

I always imagined him and I
Sharing life and a porch together
Sitting there and reflecting
How the years for us got better

Remembering when the grand kids
Were kids and oh so grand
We look at them and see how they've grown
How the time passes like an hour glass of sand

I dreamed that we would reminisce
Of the places we had seen
All the things we got to do
Like living out all our dreams

But the hopes of marriage
Never came to be
That's when I realized
I don't need, another half to me

The way I am right now
makes me happy and content
I have all I ever need
Even, if I don't have a cent

You see what I have inside of me
Can't be taken or compromised
It makes me who I am
No one should be surprised

I don't need another
For me to live my life
Oh, I'm sure it would be nice
To have been introduced as his wife

Sometimes the things we most want
Are things we don't need
Life will go on just fine
My heart will not bleed

We can share the remaining years
They way we've shared the past
Always being together
With a love that will always last

Yes, marriage would have been nice
If nothing, just to share his name
But in looking back I see
That no one is to blame

I know some things are meant to be
While others are not
But I'll never give up hope
That one day we'll tie the knot

1-15-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

She Was Buried On A Sunday

She was buried on a Sunday
When the sun was shining bright
The flowers were in full bloom
But that still didn't make it right

She was buried on a Sunday
Everyone was there
She would have been so surprised
To see just how many cared

When the grave side service finished
Everyone turned to leave
But I remained behind
So in silence I could grieve

We shared our love secretly
No one ever knew
Now that she is gone
I don't know what I'll do

I talked to her all day long
Until I ran out of things to say
As the sun slowly left the sky
Then I went on my way

I didn't want to leave her
I didn't want to say goodbye
I knew at home, all alone
That was when I'd cry

The days we shared together
Were the very best of times
One thing the world will never know
Is that love was her's and mine

She was buried on a Sunday
When the sun was shining bright
Here I sit all alone
On a sad and dark Sunday night

6-26-09/RjH

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Ray Hansell

She Watched Her Love Die

She sat and cried
Because she said
Love has died

She always try's
Not to hate
Since love has died

Her eyes won't dry
Since he left
Because their love has died

She wants to hide
Only because
Love has died

Because he lied
Both of them
Watched their love died

Ray Hansell

She Went Away

Last night I walked to your door
We talked then kissed good night
I had no way of knowing
That our end was in sight

The next morning when I woke up
I called you on the phone
Your mother said, I'm sorry
My daughter has left home

I stood there with the telephone
Clutched tightly in my hand
I felt like a king
Who had just lost his land

I asked her mother
Where did she go
Her mother went silent
As she softly said, I don't know

So now I spend my days and nights
Hoping for her return
Inside I have this feeling
All my waiting will be in vain

I just like to talk with her
Just to let her know
That I hope she's happy
Wherever she may go

7-22-05/RHG

Ray Hansell

Shea Stadium

The skies were grey
With a threat of rain
But still they got
To play the game

You see this was
To be the day
The fans would say
Goodbye to Shea

Since nineteen sixty four
The Metropolitans called it home
But from the very beginning
The 'Mets' were how they were affectionately known

9-28-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

She'll Never Remember Me

When I look at you
All I ever see
Is beauty right
In front of me

I see you eyes
Your smiling face
I watch you move
With style and grace

Your sweet voice
Fills my ears
Like the finest music
One could ever hear

I know that no one knows
What life could ever hold
But I know that holding you
Would be like holding gold

A feeling so warm and satisfied
As my hands wrap around
Making sure to be careful
Of this beauty I've just found

People come and people go
In and out of lives
Some people stay themselves
While others wear a disguise

Now I know I do not know you
And I probably never will
But seeing you when I do
Always gives me such a thrill

You'll return back to your home
With never a thought of me
That's okay because I know
That's the way it's meant to be

In and out of lives
I said that's what we do
But you can be sure of one thing
I will forever remember you

Sometimes life gets us down
It's just a part of living
These simple words I wrote for you
Is just my way of giving

1-29-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

She's Also

I was with my love
Happy as could be
I know in my heart
That she does love me

She pleases me every time
It's what she loves to do
She always smiles and tells me
That I please her to

I guess her and I
Were meant for each other
Besides being my friend
She's also my lover

4-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

She's Lonely

She never asks for very much
Harsh words never leave her lips
She knows he loves her
He tells her with his kiss

She never asks very much
Though he knows she's not content
Since love has come their way
It stayed and never really went

But the days seem much longer now
The nights have gotten cold
He married someone else
She's lonely by herself and getting old

5-9-78/RjH

Ray Hansell

She's Made It On Her Own

Give the lady room
Don't stand in her way
Don't try to stop her
She will not be delayed

Give the lady room
There are things she will achieve
Even if in her ability
You really don't believe

She's a doer
She's an achiever
She 's a thinker
She's a believer

Give her room
Give her space
On her own
She'll earn of place

All the years of paying
With nothing in return
Now she's going to show us
Just how much she's learned

She has finally arrived
She's standing on her own
She deserves all the credit
For the perseverance she has shown

11-18-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Shooting Star

If I see a shooting star
I'll be sure to make a wish
All the while I'm wishing
I'll hold my crucifix

I'll watch the star as it shoots
Across the mid-night sky
I'll relish at the beauty
As I just softly sigh

For I will be a winner
If my dream comes true
If it becomes reality
I'd share it all with you

But if my dream should falter
And come crashing to the ground
Just like that shooting star
I would not make a sound

Ray Hansell

Shoudn'T Have Done It

Now she's gone
She won't return
Here's the lesson
That I learned

When you love someone
Always be faithful and true
Don't let what happened to me
Ever happen to you

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Ray Hansell

Should Have Stayed Home

You know it hurts
Because I lost love
But at least
I had a love to lose

If I had to do it again
I never would have strayed
But I learned too late
Home, is where I should have stayed

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Ray Hansell

Should I Let Them Show?

The more time I spend with you
The more my feelings grow
Show I keep them to myself
Or should I let them show?

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Show Me

May I follow you
In your dreams tonight
Please show me how
Love can be so right

Show me how a man
Should make a woman feel
Show me the way
To show you my love is real

Help me find my way
Show me the things to do
Tell me what you want
Tell me how to love you

Tell me what it takes
For you to be satisfied
Lend a helping hand
I promise that I'll try

I want to make you happy
So you'll want me around
I always want to see your smile
Please don't ever wear a frown

May I follow you
In your dreams tonight
In the hope that I
Will learn to love you right

11-25-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Sick

I heard you weren't feeling well
I heard you had the flu
Make sure to take care of yourself
Do the things that you should do

Take your pills, drink some water
Drink orange juice as well
Drink some tea and chicken noodle soup
As you slowly climb out of hell

But remember the more people who know
That you're under the weather
They will all have a cure
That they will make you feel better

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Ray Hansell

Since We Met

Form you I learned
To get love
You must give love
Back in return

The more you give
The more you'll get
This I've learned
Since we've met

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Ray Hansell

Since You Went Away

Since you went away the sun don't shine
Since you went away my words don't rhyme
Since you went away all it does is rain
Since you went away I live my life in vain
Since you went away the birds no longer sing
Since you went away my hearts been in a sling
Since you went away tears fall from my eyes
Since you went away I've learned how to cry
Since you went away the waves no longer wash the shore
Since you went away I've no reason to live anymore

11-25-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Sing It One More Time

Sing me your song girl
Please sing it to me one more time
Sing about the love
That once was your's and mine

Sing about the happiness
The good times we shared
Sing about the world we knew
Sing about how much we cared

Please sing your song one more time
Sing it loud and clear
Come tomorrow you'll be gone
Then your song I'll no longer hear

3-4-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Sitting And Talking

Just passing time and talking
About nothing, but everything
The most important thing
Is the time we share together
I could sit and talk with you
Probably forever

Your soft gentle way
Your reassuring smile
That comforts me
More than anything in this world

You reach out and touch my hand
You gaze into my eyes
What now exists between us
Started so long ago

I softly whisper, 'I Love You'
You whisper back, me to
Life now means everything to me
Because of you

8-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sleep In Peace

Close your eyes
Sleep in peace
As silence abounds
Throughout the streets

The moon will shine
Through the night
The stars will also
Shine real bright

You will hear
Not a sound
As peace will be
All around

The angels will protect you
While you are asleep
They'll be no reason
For you to have to weep

As you sleep
Always remember
My love for you
I'll never surrender

3-29-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sleep Peaceful

Sleep peaceful
In the night
In my heart
I hope all is right

Dream with the night
Before the day
Comes around to take
Your dreams away

May your day
Be sunny and bright
May peace again
Fill your night

8-23-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Smiling Eyes

Keep those brown eyes smiling
Let the love inside you grow
May the happiness you feel
Always continue to show

Time will make the love we share
All that much stronger
I see you and I
Together so much longer

I love to share things with you
I know our love, faith and trust
Is so very strong
I know they will never rust

There may be times when tears are shed
Maybe only a time or two
But it would break my heart
If those tears belonged to you

Just remember that I love you
I know always will
Because every time I'm with you
It's another brand new thrill

4-2-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Smoke That Cigarette

Go ahead and light that cigarette
I'm sure you'll have no regrets

Inhale that smoke nice and deep
In your lungs it will safely keep

Tell everyone that you meet
That smoking is really neat

As you smoke two packs a day
You slowly puff your life away

You say a cigarette helps you relax
As they keep on raising the tax

Nothing will make you stop I see
Please blow that smoke away from me

When I see you in your coffin
I'll remember how you smoked so often

You said, smoking was no big deal
I wonder what the last thing was you got to feel?

9-21-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Snow Boarding

Playing on a field
A field of white snow
A board under my feet
As down the hill I go

I feel as though I'm gliding
Across a big white cloud
Down the hill I go
As my heart beats out loud

It's beating loud from the rush
I get when I'm snow boarding
I made it again without falling
Inside myself it's me I am applauding

4-15-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

So Close

To be so close
and not touch
To be so close
and not kiss
To be so close
and not holding hands
To be so close
Yet, seem so far away

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Ray Hansell

So Did I

You wanted more than love
So did I
But the best thing we did
Was to just say goodbye

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So Do I

She went out last night
She never returned home
So now, as night goes into morning
So do I

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Ray Hansell

So Easily Love Grew

Love came for us so easily
I loved you
You loved me
Today I can see
Just how much I lost
The day you went away

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Ray Hansell

So In Love With You

When I see you smile
I have to smile to
I love all the little things
You always seem to do

Like kiss me hello
And ask, how is your day
Then kiss me goodbye
When I'm on my way

The way you touch my arm
Whenever you speak
Then late at night in my dreams
I know you take a peak

The way you rub my face
With your hands so soft
The way I look into your eyes
Knowing love will not be lost

The way that you love me
A love so soft and true
That's the reason why
I'm so in love with you

2-20-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

So Right

Hold me close
Hold me tight
Don't let me go
Anywhere tonight

Say you want me
For your own
Give me the best love
I've ever known

Caress my face
Kiss my lips
As you run
Your finger tips

Across my chest
Through my hair
Let me hear you say
You'll always care

Hold me close
Hole me tight
In your arms
Love is so right

6-7-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

So Sure

I have never
Been so sure
I know for me
You are the cure

So many times
In the past
I found love
That didn't last

But ever since
You've come along
I finally feel
Like I belong

You have set
My soul free
By giving all
Your love to me

I will love
You forever
Knowing that it
Will only get better

When I close
My eyes at night
My heart is filled
With delight

Because you see
I go to sleep knowing
The love we share
Will forever be showing

4-14-10/RJH

So Very Glad

The summer days I held you
I did not want to let you go
The cold chilly mornings
Hoping you would know

Just how much I love you
Just what you mean to me
When I look into your eyes
Looking back, love is what I see

These are the greatest moments
My heart has ever known
I am so very thankful
For all the love you've shown

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Ray Hansell

So Very True

The clock on the wall
Say's it's time for me to go
But before I leave
There's something you must know

I love you so much baby
I know you know it's true
All the love inside of me
Lives there just for you

I love you so much baby
I do with all my heart
I'm so very glad
We let love have a start

7-28-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

So You'll See

I want to try to tell you
Exactly what you mean to me
I hope that when I'm through
Things will be clear to see

You always make me happy
When we are together
As time marches on
Life with you only gets better

You always wear a smile
Wherever it is we meet
Whether it's at your home
Or somewhere on the street

Your hands always let me know
What your heart is feeling
Because every now and then
A secret touch you're always stealing

Every single time we kiss
Whether making love or not
You never disappoint me
You always give me all you've got

Making love with you is great
Each and every time
It makes me so happy
Knowing that your love is mine

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Ray Hansell

Soft, Warm And Gentle

You're soft, warm and gentle
I'd handle you with care
You're soft, warm and gentle
I wish I could be there
When you close your eyes to sleep
So I could hold you in my arms

You're soft, warm and gentle
Always a smile upon your face
You're soft, warm and gentle
No one could ever take your place

You're soft, warm and gentle
It's a pleasure just knowing you
You're soft, warm and gentle
You know what I'd like to do?
Spend my lifetime loving you

12-19-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

Solitude

I live my life in solitude
It is self imposed
I like the quiet time
That's why I do it, I suppose

I don't like big crowds
They are too loud for me
Peaceful and quiet
That's how it should be

They say children
Should be seen not heard
The same goes for adults
There are no truer words

So I'll take the peace and quiet
You can have your noise
Go ahead and be loud and rambunctious
In the quiet I keep my poise

4-6-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

Some Answers

You only want answers
So you know where we stand
I know if I were you
I want some answers to

But answers I can't give you
Even though I know I should
If I don't answer your questions
Will you close the door on us for good?

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Ray Hansell

Some Day You're Going To Realize

Some day you're going to realize
That I was the one
Some day you're going to realize
That life once was fun

Some day you're going to realize
That loves not everywhere
Some day you're going to realize
Not all things in life are fair

Some day you're going to realize
You should follow your heart
Some day you're going to realize
That we all play a part

Some day you're going to realize
We all need someone else
Some day you're going to realize
We can't do it by ourselves

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Ray Hansell

Some Wonder

Love has a way
Of bringing two people together
But love has a stranger way
Of making people drift apart

Love brings them together
Love breaks them apart
Some wonder why they ever
Let another in their heart

Ray Hansell

Someday Soon

Her I sit
Bored to death
Nothing to do
Much to regret

I've made a mess
Many times
The fault was usually
Always mine

One day soon
I hope to learn
In love I won't
Always get burned

Someday soon I know
I'll find love somewhere
I'll find someone who'll say
That they'll always care

2-24-2010

Ray Hansell

Someone Else They'll Find

Take me in your arms
Please hold me once again
Help me to remember
What we shared back then

Back when we were together
Back in the good old days
Back not that long ago
When we lived in simple ways

Love was true and heart felt
It lasted more than a day
Things seems so different now
Even love has changed in many ways

Promises don't mean much today
Commitments on the decline
They love someone for today
Soon it's someone else they'll find

1-15-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Someone Nice

I think I've looked at your picture
About a million times
It always seems your smile
Is like a beacon light that shines

When you move your lips to speak
It's music to my ears
When you go away
That's when I want you here

For so I have watched you
But always from afar
To me you are like watching
The heavens brightest star

Now, I don't want to own you
Or control your life
All that I am looking for
Is just someone who's nice

3-8-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

Someone Retiring

We shared so much
Through the years
So much laughter
So little tears

When I needed advise
You always came through
I knew that I
Could always depend on you

Now the days of working together
Will not be as frequent as before
I won't see you as often
Like I did when you walked through the door

But I have to say
That because of you
I'm now able
To do all that I do

1-6-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Sometimes

Sometimes I'm happy
Sometimes I'm not
Sometimes I remember
Sometimes I forgot

Sometimes I am
Sometimes I'll be
Sometimes I'm blind
Sometimes I'll see

Sometimes I won't
Sometimes I will
Sometimes I'll save
Sometimes I'll kill

Sometimes I'll laugh
Sometimes I'll cry
Sometimes I wonder
Some time I'll die

1-19-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Sometimes It Ends Too Soon

I saw you today
For the first time in years
I just stood there looking
Trying to control my fears

You still looked the same
As I called out your name
You turned to me and smiled
I almost felt ashamed

Quickly you stopped
For a while we stood talking
But you had to go
Soon you were off walking

You went your way
I went mine
For a brief moment
We were back in a different time

Its funny how time
Can heal all wounds
It's sad the way some loves
Sometimes end too soon

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Somewhere In The Heavens

Somewhere in the heavens
I know you're there tonight
Somewhere in the heavens
Your star is shining bright

Somewhere in the heavens
You're looking down on me
Somewhere in the heavens
I know that you can see

That I lived my life
Only for your love
I know that you can see that
As you watch over me from above

Yours was the greatest love
My heart has ever known
That's why so many years later
I still live all alone

Somewhere in the heavens
Your smiling tonight
Somewhere here on earth
That makes me feel alright

10-19-2014/RjH

Ray Hansell

Song In My Heart

The song in my heart
That plays each day
Was put there by the love
That you brought my way

It always plays louder
When you come into view
Listening to it forever
Is exactly what I want to do

1-19-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Special Feeling

There's a special feeling that I get
Every time I'm around you
I feel as if I've been re-born
You make life seem brand new

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Ray Hansell

Spring

Spring has sprung upon us
Like it does each year
So many smiling faces
Because it's finally here

The days of winter behind us
Warm days lay ahead
Winter coats and warm pants
Can now all be shed

Spring showers will surely fall
Just like the wind will blow
The flowers all around us
Will finally start to grow

Watered from the showers
Sent from up above
Beautiful smells and colors
Are what spring is made of

5-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Spring 2010

Spring is here
Time to cheer
Because the skies are clear

The flowers will grow
The trees will to
As natures beauty comes to life

The colors of the flowers
That bloom in day time hours
Close their pedals to sleep at night

But as a new day arrives
The flowers will come alive
In the sun they will strive

The leaves on the trees
Dance in the breeze
As it gently blows

Children playing
In the park
As they all run about

The parks are filled
The drinks are chilled
For sure some will be spilled

5-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Spring's On The Way

I walked outside
To greet the day
I could see
Spring was on it's way

The flowers were blooming
The trees had their leaves
The morning was cooled
By a light spring breeze

As I walked along I'd see
So many people out doors
The winter thaw is finally here
We could not ask for more

So very soon I know we'll see
The signs of summer will be near
The days will be sunny and warm
While the nights will be so clear

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Ray Hansell

Squeeze Your Arms Around Me

Squeeze your arms around me
Hold on to me real tight
Please stay close to me
As we sleep through the night

Then we'll greet the morning sun
As it lights up the room
The loving time I spend with you
Will always end too soon

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Ray Hansell

Stephanie (A Young Life Taken Too Soon)

The city of Angels
Has lost one of their own
A beautiful soul
Who's been called home

A daughter, a sister, a wife and a mother
A friend to so many
Memories of her
They'll always be plenty

Days you will remember
The good times with her
How it seems it all passed
Just like a blur

Her memories will last forever
As her spirit will to
They'll always be a part of her
Living inside of you

For when you love someone
They live in your heart forever
It's such a powerful feeling
That you will never sever

So now, she's in God's hands
Safe from all hurt and pain
Although you know your life
Without her, will never be the same

Shed your tears let it out
It's no shame to show your pain
It's a heart breaking experience
After which we are never the same

There's nothing more tragic
Then a parent losing a child
I have been there
For a long time I lost my smile

But I did recover as you will to
It's going to take a while
But that's alright
Because in time you'll find your smile

5-24-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Still Climbing

I've come so far in the past few years
At times I thought I'd never make it
Dreams I dreamed so long ago
So many have come to be

But my dreams are far from over
I'll just be content
I'll never be satisfied
While unconquered roads lie ahead

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Ray Hansell

Stolen Moments

Stolen moments
We use to share
Way back when
We use to care

But as time
Passed us by
Our stolen moments
Could not survive

Gone are the days
Of a loving embrace
Gone are the smiles
From our face

Gone is the love
That brought us together
Gone is the love
That didn't get better

The stolen moments
We use to share
Lived back when
We use to care

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Ray Hansell

Stormy Night And Us

On a wintery night like this
I know for sure we would kiss
In fact I know that it's true
I'd be making love with you
As the wind blows and the rain falls
You would hear my heart call
It would softly whisper out your name
While our love burns like a candle flame
I'd hold you close to me
Together you and I would be
Lost in each others love
As the rain falls slowly from above
Yes, on a night like this
Being with you would be my only wish

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Ray Hansell

Struck By Loves Arrow

I felt a burning sensation
Deep inside my chest
I knew I had to sit down
I knew I had to rest

But even when I sat down
The pain didn't go away
I think I know the reason
Now I'm gonna say

I was shot in the heart
By the arrow of love
I get this feeling everyday
When it's you I think of

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Ray Hansell

Suddenly

It happened so suddenly
With no warning at all
Now because of your love for me
I stand so proud and tall

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Ray Hansell

Summer Heat

The days of summer
Can wear you down
In your sweat
You feel you'll drown

No relief for days to come
The sun just keeps on blazing
As the days pass us by
The temperatures keep raising

You try your best to stay cool
The harder you try, the less you succeed
A trip to an ice glacier
Now that's just what you need

But you know you must wait it out
For soon the hot spell will break
Then once again you'll relax
A collective sigh you can take

But just around the corner
Winter is waiting to appear
With its cold, snow and rain
Then you'll wish summer were here

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Ray Hansell

Super Star

They said he was an icon
A super star to many
All said he was famous
His songs, there were plenty

He played before millions
He played for just a few
No matter how many people
He always got a great review

When the news had broken
That he had passed away
To fans he never knew
It was their saddest day

No one could have imagined
Just how much he was loved
I'm sure he's still performing
On a stage up above

2-29-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Surgery Pending

Your heart is feeling heavy
As your eyes release their tears
As far as you can see
Nothing is really clear

So many answers you can't find
No matter how hard you look
The answers that you need
Can't be found inside a book

Your mind races at a constant pace
It never seems to slow down
You try your very hardest
Not to walk around with a frown

As the time gets closer
Your mind drifts further away
Many people try to help
But it doesn't what they have to say

It's easy for others to say
Things will turn out alright
But they are no the one's
Losing sleep every night

I know that I've been one of them
But I don't know what else to say
I only want the best for you
As you struggle through each day

But I want you to know
I will be praying for you
Holding you in my arms again
Is the only thing I want to do

5-26-09/RjH

Submitted 3-28-14

Ray Hansell

T0 My Soul

A star filled night
A winter moon
I hold you tight
One this winter night
Because of your love for me
I am warmed to my soul

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Ray Hansell

Take His Hand

When life is over
You will know
God will appear
There to show

Where you will go
How it will be
When life is over
It will be angels you will see

Don't try to fight it
You'll only lose
You are the one
That God did choose

So go ever gently
Today's the day
God will hold your hand
As He leads you away

6-27-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Take My Heart

I can tell the way you're holding back
That you've been hurt before
But you must learn to trust
That love will come once more

I can tell looking in your eyes
That pain still lingers within
But look to where you're going
Forget where you have been

I will hold your hand through every step
I will kiss you on the cheek
It doesn't mean you're giving in
For sure it does not mean you're weak

I will reassure you
Show you that you were right
That you did not make a mistake
When we shared the night

Just to be close to you
Is somehow like a dream
Now that we have come to be
I now know, just what love means

Love needs to be shared with someone
For one can't love alone
But now that I have found you
I realize what I have always known

That if one waits long enough
Sooner or later the right one comes along
Together we will build a bond
That will forever be strong

4-3-14/RjH

Taking Vows

Tomorrow together
Both of you will stand
A man and a woman
Together hand in hand

The preacher will read
Words from the Book
Through loving eyes
The both of you will look

You'll share your vows
With family and friends
Vowing to love one another
Until the very end

Your day will be joyful
With food, drink and dance
You'll look at each other
With more than a glance

Right now the love you share
Is as strong as can be
But as the years go by
You'll be tested wait and see

But if love can survive
You'll both make it through
You'll see that love and marriage
Was surly meant for you

8-27-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Tear's

Tear's in my eyes
Tear's on my cheeks
Please leave me alone
For when I cry
I have no desire to speak

3-4-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Tell Me

Tell me that you want me
Tell me that you care
Tell me that you need
For me to always be near

Tell me that you love me
Tell me that you'll stay
Right here by my side
Forever past today

Tell that no one else
Can do the things I do
Tell me that I'm the one
You always want with you

Tell me that I'm the one
You want to hold in bed
Tell me that no one else
Can say the things I've said

Tell how I love you
Whenever we're alone
Tell me the love I give you
Is the best you've ever known

Tell me our nights together
Are like none you've had before
Tell me the way I love you
Will keep you coming back for more

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Ray Hansell

Tell People How You Really Feel

Her memory still haunts me
Each and every night
What I did was so wrong
But at the time it seemed so right

I said, I didn't need her
Or so it seemed
Now each night she's the one
Who dominates my dreams

No matter how hard I try
That picture I can't erase
I can still see the tears
As they rolled down her face

Now as I stand over her
I make the sign of the cross and pray
I wish so much I could tell her
That I'll think of her each day

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Ray Hansell

Thank The Men And Women

I'm thankful for the freedom
I enjoy each and every day
I'm thankful for the freedom
That lets me go my own way

I'm thankful for the freedom
To pray as I please
I'm thankful for the freedom
To satisfy all my own needs

I'm thankful for the liberties
My freedom has given me
I'm thankful for the red, white and blue
That flies to let me know I'm free

I'm thankful for the voice I have
When I want to disagree
Knowing I can speak out
And my freedom stays with me

But most of all I'm thankful for
The men and women who all fight
They give me all the freedoms
That makes my life so nice

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Ray Hansell

Thank You For Being There

I know that it's not easy
To find a special friend
One you can rely on
Until the very end

So I guess I'm lucky
Because when I looked in your eyes
It was so easy to see
That you wore no disguise

So we became trusted friends
It seems like it's been forever
I know the friend I have in you
I could not have found one better

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Ray Hansell

Thank You Friend

We shared so very much
Through all the years
Times filled with laughter
Times filled with tears

When I needed advise
You always came through
I knew no matter what
I could always depend on you

Now our days of working together
Will not be as frequent as before
I won't see you as often
Like I did when you walked through the door

But I have to say
That because of you
I'm able to accomplish
All the things that I do

1-6-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Thank You My Friend

Hey friend please sit down
I have something to say
It will only take up
A small part of your day

I just want to thank you
For always being there for me
Whenever I was in trouble
Your smile always set me free

When I needed friendly advise
You spoke such magic words
All the things you ever said
I want you to know I heard

When I needed a shoulder
To cry a tear or two
You were always close at hand
You always let me lean on you

I just wanted you to know
I've never forgotten you
And all those wonderful things
That you would always do

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Submitted 3-21-14

Ray Hansell

Thank You, Friend

As the days get cold
As my hands grow old
As my life nears the end
The single greatest pleasure I had
Was having you as my friend

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Ray Hansell

That Call

I thought that I knew you
I thought I understood
I thought that I could separate
The bad from the good

I thought that I had known
Woman like you before
I was so convinced
That I knew the score

But now I see I was wrong
I didn't know you at all
For the life of me
I don't know why I made that call

6-11-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

That Day In November

Many times I think of you
Many times I remember
That very cold and cloudy day
In the month of November

That's the day you told me
That you and I were through
You said it didn't matter
That I was in love with you

You said you found someone else
Some one who needs you
I told you that I needed you
But I guess that just won't do

I hope you find happiness
Or whatever you're looking for
I know whatever he gives you
I could have given you much more

9-9-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

That Seven Letter Word

You tell me that you love me
You tell me that you care
But when we are together
You never let me near

I know it might be crazy
To feel the way we feel
But deep inside I know
Our feelings are so real

What should we do?
Should we stay apart?
When deep inside we know
It would break both of our hearts

The love we feel
We can't even share
Because no one can know
That we even care

So it looks like our lives
Will be lived apart
But your kiss will forever
Be stamped upon my heart

Don't think it is easy
For me to say all of this
Living life with you
Is all I've ever wished

I wish we didn't have to say
That seven letter word
Because, 'goodbye' makes the heart sad
Whenever it is heard

9-18-09/RjH

That Sinking Feeling

I dialed your phone number
Hoping to talk with you
But your phone
Just rang and rang and rang
The more that it keep ringing
The deeper my heart kept sinking

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Ray Hansell

That Special Feeling

I have you in my heart
Your face burned in my mind
I think of you constantly
It seems like all the time

You know how much I love you
You know I always will
Every time I see you
I always get a thrill

I hope that special feeling
Never fades away
I hope you are always the one
Who'll brighten up my day

I wish I could be near you
Every single day
Just so I could tell you
I love you in every way

12-25-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

That's When

I went looking for gold
All I found was rocks
When I wasn't looking for love
That's when I found you

4-14-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Beatles

From 'Love Love Me Do'
To, 'The Long and Winding Road'
In between was the greatest
Musical story ever told

4-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Bench We Use To Share

I see the park bench we use to share
I pass it every day
Somehow it looks so lonely
For it has no one to hold
Maybe I should stop
Have a seat upon that bench
Then the world would see
The lonely bench and the lonely me

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Ray Hansell

The Best

I don't care
About the rest
Why should I
I'm with the best

I don't care
Who you are
You can't out shine
My shining star

Sure you may be younger
Sure you may be thinner
But to me you see
My girl is the winner

When I hold her
In my hands
I know just
Where I stand

She love me
For whom I am
She owns the heart
Of this man

Ray Hansell

The Best I Ever Knew

With you I need no defense
With you I don't need pretense
When you and I are alone
We can call that place home
Rivers rush to the sea
I feel your love rush over me
All my past fears are gone
Ever since you came along
I could see from the start
That you would capture my heart
You are a woman so strong and true
In fact the best woman I ever knew

5-8-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Best I'D Ever Find

I heard that you were happy
I heard your dreams came true
I heard that you've found someone
Who is the one for you

So I wish you happiness
I hope you do succeed
But I can honestly tell you
For you my heart still bleeds

I thought that you and I
Would be together forever
I knew I'd never find
Anyone who's better

But it looks like you have
I hope he treats you well
I hope that your life
We be lived in heaven not in hell

When I stop and think of you
My thoughts will all be kind
To me you were the greatest lady
I could have ever hoped to find

Ray Hansell

The Best Part

The best part of my day
Is when you look my way
The best part of the night
Is when I get to hold you tight
The best part of the morning
Is waking there with you
As new day is dawning
The best part of me
Is you, I hope you see

6-25-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Best Part Of Being In Love Is You

I wish that I was there
To share with you your evening
Being so in love
In my heart always believing

That I've found the one
Whom my hearts beats for
The one who gives her all to me
I never have to ask for more

Sitting there with you
In a love seat for two
The best part of being love
Is because it is with you

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Ray Hansell

The Blame Game

When love goes wrong
Cry without shame
Because when love fails
Both sides are to blame

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Ray Hansell

The Coffee Shop

I read the poem you sent me today
Once again your words had so much to say

I didn't have to read between the lines
Because you never try to be sublime

You got the point and said what you meant
You clicked on the send button, and off it went

Remember the coffee shop where we use to go
You'd always leave saying, I love you so

As I read your poem I thought of the time
When love use to be yours and mine

But today finds us miles apart
Separated by miles but you're still in my heart

I think of that coffee shop each day
Where you and I had so much to say

Now once in a while as I stroll inside
The memories there just cannot hide

Though I know it's only been a while
So very much I miss your sweet smile

I walk through the door and what do I see
You sitting there smiling right back at me

My heart did back flips just like before
When I'd see your face as I walked in the door

I gaze at your beauty just like the first time
It's moments like this that live on in my mind

I think to myself how lucky can one guy be
That this beautiful lady is really with me

Every eye in the place glances her way
She's blessed with such beauty what can I say

We talk for a while and then we leave
Going some place to get what we need

It isn't alcohol nor is it drugs
We're going somewhere to share love and hugs

Once again our needs have been fulfilled
Once again we have both been thrilled

At the coffee shop we'll meet soon again
Knowing I'll miss her until then

10-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Cycle

Birth

Life

Growing up

Going to school

Holding hands

A first kiss

Falling in love

I do

Children

Grandchildren

Death

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Ray Hansell

The Darkness Where I Sometimes Live

There are times I know
When I'm not fun to be around
Those are the days
When I'm feeling really down

I know that there are people
Who just don't understand
It seems they live their life
Most times in happy land

Some days just getting out of bed
By itself can be a task
Knowing that the day that lies ahead
Could possibly take forever to pass

The darkness that I'm in right now
Hopefully won't last forever
I'm hoping somewhere down the road
Things do work out for the better

But who knows when that will be
Or if my wish will ever come true
The only thing that I can say
Is that I hope the darkness doesn't get hold of you

At times life is a terrible place
This place where we all live
I try so hard but yet some days
I feel I've given all that I want to give

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Ray Hansell

The Daughter He Never Knew

The daughter he lost
Years ago
He'll see today
But he don't know

Will she reject him
Turn him away
Or just look at hime
With nothing to say

They see each other
Their eyes meet
A friendly hello
Is how they greet

They come together
With a gentle hug
She pulls his heart strings
With a gentle tug

Twenty seven years
Since her birth
Twenty seven years
He's felt the hurt

Finally united
For the first time
It will take a while
Before things are fine

Both are willing to try
To forget the years apart
Both of them realize
The heart is the place to start

Little by little they tell each ther
What's happened through the years
Silently both of them
Have shed their own tears

So as they try to build
A father and daughter bond
They know the lost years
Are forever gone

But they also know
That the years in front of them
Can help to bridge the past
Of the years they lost back then

They know it won't be easy
But they both want to try
With a vow to each other
To never ever say goodbye

12-18-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Day My Life Came Alive

I see her when she's working
What an awesome sight
I can't wait for the time
When I'll get to hold her tight

I see her with her visor
To protect her eyes from the sun
She wears it all day long
Until her work day is done

Sometimes her visor can hide
The sadness in her eyes
For the unexplained times
When she feels the need to cry

I know that she's been through a lot
Through it all she has survived
I know the day that I met her
That's the day my life came alive

I only live life with just one wish
That's to always be with her
All my dreams would come true
If that were to occur

(5-7-11/RjH)

Ray Hansell

The Day You Went Away

I didn't want to see the day
When you would go away
Because in my heart
The pain will always stay

But I knew that it was coming
I was just in denial
Because in my heart I knew
I would lose my smile

I've come to love you very much
You were a part of my everyday
I dreamed about you often
In a million different ways

No one has ever touched my life
The special way you have
I felt so connected to you
It always makes me so very glad

That in this life of mine
I was blessed with the chance
That you and I were able
To share more than a dance

The memories of you are many
They always make me smile
I only wish I had one more chance
To hold you for just a while

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Doctor

The doctor said, there is no hope
There's nothing that can be done
The disease that she has
Well, it is a fatal one

She was told to get her affairs
All in a nice order
Because with each passing day
Her life will be growing shorter

The doctor gave her no hope
Nothing more would he do
I asked the doctor if
Have you ever had a doctor like you

He looked at me with surprise
He asked, what do you mean
I told him you are the worse doctor
That I have ever seen

I know the truth is good
That what people want to hear
But is there a reason why
You fill people with fear

You have no bedside manner
You seem to lack compassion
Just a little sympathy
Is all that people are asking

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Ray Hansell

The Drama Queen

She was a hot momma
But she was way too much drama
Everything was an ordeal
Though of her problems weren't real
It was all in her head
You could tell by the things that she said
But everyone else was to blame
According to her they were all insane
But very quickly I could see
She wasn't the girl for me
The headaches and grief
Lasted on beyond belief
So one day I said
What ever we had was now dead
It's time for you to go
Please don't put on a show
I will not be your fool
I can see that you were born cruel
I'd like to say, it's been nice
But I know you're feelings are like ice
Where ever you go, what ever you do
I am so glad I won't be with you

10-02-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Early Morning Light

The early morning sun light
Shines upon your face
For me this is really
The only perfect place

Next to you in the morning
To start a brand new day
I know I wouldn't want it
To be any other way

Before I leave to live my day
I get to let you know
The way I feel about you
Just how much I love you so

Please don't ever doubt
What I feel inside for you
I will try to make each day
Always seem brand new

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Ray Hansell

The End At Last

The sun sets on the city
People move about
He sits by his TV
Now and then he shouts

He holds his gun in his hand
The cylinder wide open
He sits there wondering
Deep inside he's hoping

That tonight he'll be able to do
What he's wanted to do for a long time
For the past six months
It's all that's been on his mind

The TV volume is turned up
The noise from the street he can hear
When he thinks about not being alive
He doesn't even shed a tear

Suddenly, people hear a gun shot
Someone runs to his door
They knock so very hard
But, he'll answer the knocks no more

Down on the sidewalk a crowd gathers
As his body is rolled out on a gurney
At long last he is content
As he takes his finale journey

1-4-2010/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Face Of A Fool

When her tears start to fall
My heart sinks like a ship
I reach out to wipe her tears away
But I see the spot I missed
Her cheeks are stained from her tears
My heart is breaking in two
I took from her all her love
I gave her nothing in return
She tells me that I'm selfish
She tells me that I'm cruel
You know she might be right
Today when I looked in the mirror
All I saw was the face of a fool

11-24-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Falling Rain

The falling of the rain
Continues through the night
In it's own way
It's comforting delight

With it's soft and gentle noise
As it taps my window pane
Making love with a falling rain
There's nothing else quite the same

To feel the one you love
As close as they can be
The falling of the rain
Is a natural high for me

I love to hear the falling rain
As it falls from the heavens above
It sounds just like a lovers concerto
Those in love know what I speak of

There are words to describe
The feelings you feel inside
Once the rain begins to fall
In your lovers arms you want to reside

11-7-09/Rjh

Ray Hansell

The Fan

The heat of a summer night
Lingers in the air
Thank goodness for the fan
As I sit back in my chair

The breeze from the fan cools me
It blows the heat away
I now feel more comfortable
From the heat of a summer day

99-1-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Great Outdoors

The mountains of rocks and trees
Appear to reach for the sky
God's natural beauty
So very pleasing to the eye

They surround a clear blue lake
Filled with water so cold
This is the kind of place
You'd want to live as you grow old

The winters can be very harsh
The summers unforgiving
But the one thing that will be known
That a place this beautiful is for living

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Ray Hansell

The Greatest

He floated like a butterfly
His punches stung like a bee
He started out as Cassius Clay
But was better known as Muhammad Ali

His feet were like that of a dancers
The way he moved about the ring
No one would disagree
That in the ring he was the king

He called himself the greatest
Because he truly was
When ever he entered the ring
The crowd was all abuzz

No matter when or where he'd fight
He'd always put on a show
He surely was the people's champ
No matter where he'd go

4-12-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Handy Man Is Always

The handy man is always
Just behind the door
Does anybody know
Just what he's there for?

Is he there to fix
Something in need of repair?
Will he fix it up
Using tenderness and care?

Is he there to mend
A wall, door or floor
Or is it something else
That's he's called upon for?

Could he be the one
To help mend a broken heart?
Will he have the tools
Or the extra part?

Or will he just lend comfort
To help ease the pain
Of a heart that's badly broken
That will never be the same

The handy man is always
Just behind the door
He can help to make repairs
To buildings and so much more

11-26-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Handyman

Lying on a bed
Two people all alone
Suddenly the door opens
By a person unknown

Screams fill the air
The intruder shocked
He quickly steps back out
They can hear the door lock

In a minute loud laughter
Fills and echo's in the air
Both parties shocked
But neither really cares

They find it so damn funny
As they lay there laughing
While slowly the time
Just keeps on passing

The intruder was a handyman
There to make a repair
Little did he know
That when he opened the door
He would get such a scare

I don't know if the fact we were naked
Added to his shock
But I'm sure the next time
Before he opens a door he'll knock

Ray Hansell

The Human Race

I'm a member of the human race
What a race it's been
I'm not sure where I'm going
Don't even know if I'll ever win

Sixty-six years I've been in this race
Just when I think I'm starting to gain
Life presents another uphill climb
On and on I push through pleasure and pain

I sometimes think it's just a test
To see how much I can handle
At times it causes me to melt down
Just like a burning candle

Just when I think nothing else can go wrong
Another problem hits me in the face
I feel everyone is waiting to judge me
Will I handle it with honor and grace

I'm a member of the human race
And I'm here to say
Being a member of the human race
I wouldn't want it any other way

11-06-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Know It All

So many times you put your nose
Where it doesn't belong
When you open your mouth
Most often times you are wrong

Now you're not one to admit
When you make mistakes
But that's alright because we see
That you are just a fake

You bluff your way
Through every single day
But everyone can read you
No matter what you do or say

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Last Chance This Time

I'm sitting here waiting, waiting for your call
So long I have been waiting, for the call that never comes
As I sat here waiting I wondered to myself
Why do I torture myself this way, every single day

You always say you'll call, but you never do
You would think by now, I would have that figured out
But deep inside something tells me, to give you one more chance
Well the last chance I gave you, is the last chance this time

I don't need the heartaches
I don't need the pain
I don't need to play
Your silly little games

I hope one day soon
You'll open up your eyes and see
That not all the men in the world
Will be as tolerant as me

So if you plan to call me, don't expect to hear
My voice on the phone, as you hold it to your ear
Call as often as you like, hanging up is easy
I've finally come to my senses, I don't want you near

So find yourself another, to tell your lies to
That should be so easy for you to do
Because when it comes to telling lies
I'm sure you know you would win first prize

9-12-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Leaders For Tomorrow

The younger people of today
Will be the leaders of tomorrow
Hopefully they'll be the ones
Who'll rid the world of sorrow

I think the future of the world
Is n very good hands
I think the young people of today
Could hold the master plan

Maybe they can rid the world of wars
Maybe they can rid the world of hate
Maybe they can save the earth
Before it's gets too late

5-19-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

The Lord My Teacher

I ask You for help
I ask You to forgive
Even though I know
You don't like this life I live

I pray to You in times of need
Other times I don't pray at all
It's only in times of need
To You I even call

Sometimes my prayers are answered
Sometimes they are not
I never reveal to You
Just how much I've got

If You turned your back on me
I couldn't blame You at all
I know that there are times
You should just let me fall

But I know that's not Your way
As You help all You see
But maybe just one time
You should turn Your back on me

You should once make me see
What life would be like without You
You should once make me see
Without You I could not get through

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Ray Hansell

The Man User

You move across the bed
Like a cat on the prowl
You eye up your target
You're ready to pounce now

As you move in closer
You're ready to leap
When you catch your prey
It's them you always keep

You take them home with you
To put with all the rest
Little do they know
You'll put them to the test

You have so many to choose from
One for each day of the week
Then you have your way with them
Pleasure is all you seek

When you've had your way with them
You'll cast them aside
You'll look them right in the eye
Cold heartily you say, goodbye

You use them for your personal needs
You find that they amuse
The only use you have for men
Is to use them and abuse

9-29-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Mighty One

I close my eyes
I say a prayer
Knowing that
The Lord will hear

I say His name
With the softest of voice
When I seek salvation
He is the only one I seek

I know no one else
Can do what He can
In His presence
I never stand

I kneel down
I bow my head
I know He hears
Every word that's said

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Ray Hansell

The Neighbors

Don't bug me with your questions
Don't pry into my life
I know that you are nosey
So much like your wife

You have so much free time
You don't what to do
You watch everyone else's life
But you should take a look at you

Your granddaughter is nothing
From boy to boy she roams
You have a son so worthless
At forty he still lives at home

He has never worked
He's got kids all over town
His half black child that lives with you
You don't even want around

When it comes to your grandson
The racist part in you comes out
That's when people really learn
Just what you're all about

Your wife I know is trying
To attract other men
I guess it's tough to grow old
When you can still remember when

You were young and attractive
Desired by the men you'd meet
Now deep inside she really yearns
To find another man and cheat

Her husband has long ago
Lost his sex appeal
She knows that in your heart
For her, he no longer feels

The love that use to live there
The love that once burned bright
Is now barely a flicker
That gives off any light

So before the two of you
Are so quick to criticize
You better take a look around
Then, open up your eyes

You two are far from perfect
Because perfect no one can be
Believe me when I tell you
Your faults other people see

2-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Next Time Around

We started out so happy
Everything was fine
I thought I had it all
I thought the world was mine

But as time slowly passed
Things began to change
What once was a happy life
Has somehow been rearranged

We don't talk like we use to
We don't have our time alone
I'm not sure what happened
Inside this once happy home

We were the perfect couple
So other people said
Things were always so good
Even in our bed

But as time passed us by
I watched as love began to die
Things now are so different
For the life of me I don't know why

At first I wanted to believe
That it wasn't me
I thought to myself
There must be someone else she see's

But I slowly realized
It wasn't someone else
It's just that the two of us
No longer feel what we once felt

Soon the talking stopped
Then we said goodbye
I spent so many nights
Wondering, why I never cried

I know that I'll recover
That in time the pain will heal
I know one day this heart of mine
Will once again feel love that's real

I hope the next time around
Is better than the past
I hope one day to get the chance
To find a love that will last

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Night Screams

My past sometimes returns
To haunt me through the night
It won't let me go to sleep
My body shakes with fright

I can still see his face
I can still feel his hands upon me
If there is a God above
Why do these imagines I still see

I was young and didn't know
My innocence taken away
But why do these dark memories
Continue to hunt me to this day

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Ray Hansell

The Old Yankee Stadium (The House That Ruth Built)

The Old Yankees Stadium
From those death valley dimensions
In center-field
To the short porch in right
Fans packed to the rafters
On those magical October nights

To the legends who left their foot prints
On the field of this hallowed ground
Many may no longer be with us
But their legendary status still abounds

From the facade around the roof
The one The Mick almost cleared
In fact if you really listen
You can almost still hear the cheers

To the monuments in the outfield
To the numbers on the wall
The history of the Yankees
Has so very much to recall

The Babe, Lou, Joe, Yogi and The Mick
Just to name a few
There were so many others
Many fans never knew

Some will be forgotten
Others will live on forever
But the memories they gave us
Will always keep getting better

It wasn't just baseball played on this field
Football, boxing and visits from the Pope
This stadium has seen so much
Including Billy Graham offering hope

The house that Ruth built
Is what it became known

But it truly was the place
The Yankees all called home

7-14-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

The One Constant Thing

I look at you
My heart just smiles
I love you
All the while

Life's been great
Since you've come along
My life just flows
Like notes to a song

There are so many things
That I want to say
I want to whisper to you
In the day and night

To tell you that I love you
To tell you that I care
To tell you my darling
I'll always be there

I know the world
May let you down
But I'll be there
To erase that frown

You can count on me
When things go wrong
In times of weakness
I will be strong

Days will come
Days will pass
The one constant thing is
My love will forever last

Ray Hansell

The One I Can Depend On

When I feeling low
With no place to go
You're the one I call

When I'm feeling blue
When I need someone to talk to
You're the one I call

When I'm all alone
When I feel the need to roam
You're the one I call

When life is such a bore
When everything's a chore
You're the one I call

You're the one I turn to
There's no one else but you
You're the one I call

7-1-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

The One I Desire

I close my eyes and there you are
Shining brighter than any star

Sparkling eyes and tempting lips
The one I most desire to kiss

A beautiful smile I love to see
I'm most happy when you're with me

Our time together goes so fast
But I hope that love can last

But should our love ever die
I know for sure that I'd cry

It seems every now and then
That thought comes back again

Don't get me wrong I want you babe
It was my heart that you saved

Just when I thought I'd never love again
Another chance was waiting around the bend

To me your love is so unique
Happiness together is all I seek

10-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The One Who's Burned

Why does it seem
That every time
I give away
This heart of mine

You would think
That after all these years
I would have learned
But once again
In the end
I'm the one who gets burned

9-3-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

The Only Choice

Take me in your arms
Never let me go
Please hold me tight
So that I will know

Just how much you love me
Just how much you care
Then whisper in my ear
That you always want me there

Tell me that the fire
That we lit long ago
Still burns brightly
And keeps your heart aglow

Please tell me your heart
Beats faster when you hear my voice
But flatter me the most
Tell me I was your only choice

6-3-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Only One For Me

Sitting here at work
With nothing much to do
You are in my thoughts
I guess that's nothing new

I think of you so often
No matter what the time
What makes me most happy
Is knowing your love is mine

I hope you know that in return
I'll give all my love to only you
Because when it comes to loving
For me, you're the only one who'll do

4-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Other Way Around

She looked at me with tear filled eyes
And said, I just don't understand
When a woman opens up her heart
It seems to always frighten the man

She said, I didn't go after him
It was the other way around
He pursed me
I fell in love
Now, hes no where to be found

1983/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Pain

The pain is real
The pain is deep
Relief is all
I ever seek
I wake up nights
Drenched in sweat
Peaceful dreams
I never get
The nightmares take control
I don't know how much more
I'll be able to take
I wish my demons would go out the door
But they never leave me
They live inside my soul
I feel they'll forever stay
Even as I grow old
Maybe an exorcism
Can help to get me through
Other than that
I don't know what to do
You see all my problems
Are from when I was a child
It was a nasty neighbor
Who took away my smile
So many times I see his face
Just before he dies
I hear him plead
I can hear his cries
But I turn a deaf ear
Just like he did to me
Seeing him in pain
Sets a part of me free
I watch him die slowly
Like I've been doing for years
That's why you see
I'm not moved by his tears
I never wished death on anyone
But on him I do
I know you maybe understand

If it's never happened to you
I know people say, forgive and forget
But that's something I can't do
Why does it seem to always be
People that you trust
The way I feel inside
Like I've just been hit by a bus
I hope someday to be better
But I don't know when that will be
But right right I know
When I look in the mirror
Many times I don't like what I see

1-13-10/RJH

The pain is real
The pain is deep
Relief is all
I ever seek
I wake up nights
Drenched in sweat
Peacefull dreams
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The nightmares take control
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Maybe an exorcism
Can help get me through
Other than that
I don't know what to do
You see all my problems
Stem from when I was child
It was a neighbor
Who took away my smile
So many times I see his face
Just before he dies

I hear him plead
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But I don't know when that will be
But right right I know
When I look in the mirror
Many times I don't like what I see

1-13-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Pain She Hid Forever

Sadness filled her heart
As tears fill her eyes
The pain that she feels
She can no longer disguise

For too many years
The pain was locked inside
Even from herself
She tried to make it hide

But the pain got to be too much
No longer could she conceal
That when she was a little girl
Her childhood her father did steal

He took away her innocence
Her younger years destroyed
She lived her childhood
But the years she did not enjoy

Now she stands before him
As he's being laid to rest
For him she feels no sorrow
She's lived her life depressed

Because of him she's never trusted
The touch of any man
She believes that
She knows she never can

She's always heard it said
That it shouldn't hurt to be a child
Now looking back to her younger years
She now realizes, never once had she smiled

6-3-11/RjH

The Pain That Won'T Go Away

Why do we hide the hurt
That happened long ago
Why do we hold back the tears
That we really want to show

Why do we live in denial
When deep inside we know
The hurt and pain that we feel
Will surely one day show

Why does the mind make us forget
Things that happened years ago
Then one day for no reason
Old emotions start to flow

Memories come rushing back
Like a runaway freight train
Too soon you start to remember
Once again you live the pain

In the darkness of the night
Your heart pounds like a drum
Too easily you can recall
All the awful things that were done

What you once thought was forgotten
Has again reared it's ugly head
Just like all those years ago
Again you wish that you were dead

2-20-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Park

Sitting in the park
Waiting there for you
I watch as you approach
Oh. what a lovely view

Dark shorts and white shirt
Soft skin colored brown
The park looks very nice
But you're the best looking one around

We sit at a table painted green
The same color as the grass
This is a special moment
That I wish would forever last

We sit and talk in the sun
But then we move into the shade
Laughing, talking and joking
Right now we have it made

Right now we are all alone
But soon that will end
As children exit a car
To the park they descend

You said, you left your son
A note to call when he awakes
Already I feel the pain
As my heart starts to ache

As we talk you rub my leg
Exciting me so
I have don't to tell you
I somehow think you know

I want so much to touch you
Or maybe rub your leg
I'm ready to explode
Just like a powder keg

Soon your phone starts to ring
You answer it, hello
This is the call I dreaded
Because now I know you must go

You hang up and look at me
You say, I have to go
I look at you and I want to scream
No, no, no, no, no, no

But I don't because I know
That you really must leave
It's times like this when we part
That my heart starts to grieve

Slowly we walk to the street
Over to my truck
We shared at least an hour
I treasure my good luck

We are so close together
I wish I could hold your hand
But I know if people saw us
They just wouldn't understand

So I don't reach for your hand
I don't even try to touch
I only wish I could hold you
But I know that's asking too much

So as we part to do our things
That will get us through the day
You look at me and say,
I love you, as you slowly walk away

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Past Won'T Go Away

My past sometimes returns
To haunt me through the night
It won't let me go to sleep
My body shakes with fright

I can still see his face
I can still feel his hands upon me
If there is a God above
Why do these imagines I still see

I was young and didn't know
My innocence taken away
But why do these dark memories
Continue to hunt me to this day

Ray Hansell

The Police And Cupid Couldn't Help

Today I called the cops
To report a theft
I had to do it now
As I had no resistance left

They asked me what was taken
I said, someone stole my heart
The officer looked at me funny
And asked, are you trying to be smart

I said, no I'm serious
As serious as I can be
I said, take a look at me
Isn't it plain to see

He asked, who's the culprit
So I told him your name
Again he questioned me
Are you playing a game?

He said to me give Cupid a call
Maybe he can help
I said, what Cupid does
I've already felt

He said, well I'm sorry
I must be on my way
I'm not the heart police
Hope you have a good day

7-30-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Pretender

Go ahead and tell me
Just how great you are
Go ahead and tell me
How you're such a shining star

Go ahead and tell me
How you can't be replaced
Go ahead and tell me
How you never just take up space

I have sat and watched you
You keep me quite amused
The way you handle people
They don't even know they're being used

But please let me tell you
Don't try your game on me
I've been around for many years
Right through you I can see

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Ray Hansell

The Proposal

I have a question
That I'd like to ask
But please know it's alright
If you want to take a pass

I would like to know
If you would marry me
I always picture the two of us
Together, happy as can be

I'd love it if you would
Please become my wife
Together we can walk
Hand and hand through life

So take a few days if you must
Until you decide
If the answer is no
At least I know I tried

But if the answer is yes
Which I hope it will be
Get ready for a lifetime
Of being loved by me

11-20-2009/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Rain And Sanity

I feel the drizzle
Of a summer rain
It's so very calming
Maybe I should explain

The warmth of the rain
As it hits my face
I gently close my eyes
I go back to another place

Back when I was a child
I'd stand out in the rain
I'd always wonder to myself
When I'm older, will I play this game

You see, I always loved the rain
As it hit against my face
To me it was a happy time
To be me it was a happy place

No matter where I was
No matter what the day
I'd always get excited
When the rains would come my way

Maybe it was my escape
Or my special way of hiding
I'd spread my arms out like wings
Pretend that I was gliding

I'd to far off places
Places I know I'd never see
But I knew deep inside
The dreams that lived in me

You see when life treats you unkind
Any place is a better place to be
That's exactly where I went
To help me keep my sanity

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Ray Hansell

The Rain Makes Loves Music

The first rain of the season
Is a very good reason
For you and I to be
Where no one else can see

We'll get beneath the covers
We'll be stormy weather lovers
As the rain falls to the ground
Inside, we'll make our own sounds

Hopefully the rain keeps falling
As my heart keeps on calling
Calling out to only you
For no other lover will ever do

If the rain subsides
We'll both continue to hide
Underneath the covers
All night long we'll be lovers

10-2-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Rain's Music

The sweetest sound
I ever heard
Was played by the rain
As it slowly beat
Against my window pane

12-11-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Reason

Standing in your birthday suit
Trying to get warm
Loving you is the reason
I feel that I was born

Laying on the bed
Holding you close to me
Knowing in my heart
This is the way it will be

The softness of your skin
As it touches mine
Gives me a wonderful feeling
That I want to feel all the time

The beauty of your smile
Is burned inside my brain
The love I feel inside
I hope will always remain

I love the feeling that I get
When I'm close to you
I only hope that you feel
The same way that I do

11-22-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Reason Why

If you ever need someone
When you've lost your way
Just give me a call
I'll come any day

If you need someone to cry with
Just pick up the phone
Make that call to me
I'll come to your home

If you ever need advise
When life has done you wrong
Remember to count on me
Together, we'll make you strong

You can always call on me
You know I'll always try
To do all I can for you
Because we're friends is the reason why

7-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Richest Man

She is so soft and gentle
She brightens my every day
My happiness turns to sadness
Whenever she goes away

I always look forward
To the next time that we'll meet
Because when I see her
With a kiss we always greet

When I look into her eyes
Love looks back at me
I know that where I am
Is just where I want to be

Right there by her side
Holding her tiny hand
Because knowing she loves me
Make me the richest man in all the land

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Ray Hansell

The Saddest Word From You

I thought I'd never love again
I thought my heart could not be captured
But then you came
I've not been the same
I don't think I ever will be again

You are that special someone
Who is now a part of me
The look of love in your eyes
Is a look I always hope to see

If goodbye should ever leave your lips
Then tears would leave my eyes
Because the saddest word I could hear from you
Would be the word GOODBYE

9-9-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Saddest Word Of All

It has been a while
Since I wrote you a poem
So now I'll try my best
So now I'll get going

I don't get to see you
Every single day
But 'm always looking
For you along the way

My eyes are always ready
Just in case I see
This very lovely woman
Who has this hold on me

My heart has been captured
You hold it so secure
My love for you keeps growing
Of this I am so sure

Not a minute have I doubted
My feelings for you
I love you so much baby
My words have never been more true

One thing I can say for sure
My love for you will never die
But most of all you'll never hear
The saddest word of all, goodbye

6-30-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Same Old Routine

Everyday I go to work
Everyday I come home
Everyday I take myself
To the quiet of my room
Locked inside these four walls
Locked inside my gloom
Another day will start
Another day will end
Once again it will be
The same old routine

10-20-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Scent Of You

The scent of a woman
Fills my room
I know that she left
Far too soon

The fragrance of her perfume
Lingers in the air
The beauty that she is
No one can compare

Just hours ago her and I
Were making love so sweet
I know I am the lucky one
Because we got to meet

She dresses so sexy
In stockings so smooth
When ever we're together
My loneliness she can soothe

No woman before her
Has made me feel this way
I wonder if she'd like
To be with me every day?

4-12-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Sea

I am the deadly sea
As my waves pound away
I suggest if you want to sail
You pick a peaceful day

Don't try to sail at night
Because you may not succeed
When I get done with you
Help, is what you'll need

I'll toss your boat like a toy
I'll snap it like a twig
If you want to do battle with me
Deep inside you'll have to dig

You'll need to find the courage
To fight in the dark and cold
Once I grab onto your boat
I'll not let go of my hold

The cold will be bone chilling
The dark, as dark can be
Though you're not able to see
For sure you'll feel the wrath of me

Some of you may even die
Others may wish they were dead
Because you encountered me tonight
I will forever live in your head

It's not that I am mean
That's not what I want to be
Just like others before you have learned
Terror can quickly strike on the sea

1-20-06/RJH

The Sea Of Love

When did it start
When did we know
What was the day
When love first showed

What were we doing
What did we say
When my eyes
Starting looking your way

Was it a sound
Was it a word
Was it something special
That we both heard

Was it a bird
That whispered in our ears
What was it
That drew us near

Was it your smile
That helped me see
That you had feelings
For this thing called me

Was it my voice
That opened your heart
Tell me if you can
However did we start

I'll never question why
We came to be
How can I question
What's been great for me

I've always lost
At love before
But now with you
I'll lose no more

I hope that you can see
All that you mean to me
From this moment on
Together is the way we'll be

10-19-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Show

I thought that life was a race
And I was falling far behind
But once I stopped and looked around
It was only then I'd find

That life was meant for living
Each and every day
You had to smell the flowers
Sometime along the way

So finally when I slowed it down
And I got the best from life
It was then I saw all I've been missing
That life became so right

No more rush and hurry
No more always on the go
Life has so much to give
You must take time to enjoy the show

3-19-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Singer

He tells stories
Using songs
His songs hold many truths
His messages are always strong

He sings about children
He sings about the earth
He knows the children are the future
From the moment of their birth

He's been so many places
Worked so many jobs
He's met so many people
Who have worked so very hard

When you hear his music
He'll set your spirit free
You'll drink in every word
A picture before you you'll see

He sings what he feels
He see's what we can't
He expresses with words
He never goes off on a rant

I listen to his music
Because it sets me free
I listen to his music
I feel his songs are me

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Ray Hansell

The Soldier

A pack, a gun and a uniform
To keep the peace he's been sworn
In the sun, the rain or snow
Ready for action he'll always show
This isn't his way, he had no choice
He must listen to his government's voice
If it were up to him
He would go back home again
But he must wait until his mission is done
He must wait until this war is won

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Ray Hansell

The Songs Of The Night

As you close your eyes to sleep
You'll hear songs in the night
You'll hear the leaves as they rustle
From a summer breeze so light

You'll hear the sound of falling rain
Thunder that echo's in the night
But you'll be safe inside your home
Even if lightning strikes

You'll hear the cars on the wet roads
As they speed on by
Far off in the distance
You may hear planes in the sky

The songs of the night
Play for you and I
That's why we try our best
To try to get some shut eye

11-20-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Sparkle In My Eye

One day she came along
Like words to a song

When I saw her standing there
I knew one day I'd care

Her smile, soft, warm and true
She made the world seem brand new

When her touch I first felt
She just made my heart melt

The first time we kissed
I learned about heavenly bliss

I wondered if this lady
Would ever love me, maybe

I wondered why in my life
She had lived out of my sight

Why didn't we meet years ago
That answer we'll never know

It was in Gods plan that we meet now
The ending for us, He knows somehow

What's in store for her and I
We'll only know as time goes by

So for now I'll love her true
That forever I want to do

We come from different worlds I know
But we watched our love slowly grow

We love each other with all our heart
No force on earth could pull us apart

There's just one thing she should know
My love for her will always grow

As each day passes us by
She remains the sparkle in my eye

1-23-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Sparkle In Your Eyes

I use to think the stars
Only shined in the mid night sky
But I found that I was wrong
When I saw the sparkle in your eye

You didn't sweep me off my feet
You didn't do anything you see
But as I got to know you better
You were the woman I had always hoped to meet

I like the sparkle of the stars
In the mid night sky
But the sparkle that turns me on the most
Is the sparkle I see when I look into your eyes

8-1-2007/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Street Life

The wind blows strong at my back
It is only warmth that I lack
For these cold nights cut like a knife
In a life that's filled with nothing but strife
Peace will come to me one day
I presume that will be, when I pass away
I'll be laid to rest in the cold hard ground
Alone, with no one else around
But a life spent living on the streets
Was a life that was incomplete
If only a break had come my way
I might have lived a better day
But I know chances were there
The problem was, I didn't care
I probably could have built a better life
With a family, home and a wife
But it's too late life has come and gone
To the other side I have moved on

5-16-2015/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Supreme Court

Nine people sit
Nine people listen
Nine people will decide
Whether to overturn a law
Or just let it ride

Nine people can right a wrong
Nine people who make law
These nine people I believe
Have an unenviable chore

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Ray Hansell

The Sweetest Sound

The sweetest sound I ever heard
Was played by the rain
As it beat against my window pane

4-4-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Time Was Right

we both felt it
we couldn't let it pass us by

So we took a chance
now together through life we'll dance
because we gave love a try.

1976/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Towers Speaking

I have to ask this question
Why did you attack me?
What is it you were doing?
What did you want to see?

You killed innocent people
Who had nothing to you
So please tell me what it is
That you wanted to do?

Did you want to send a message?
If so, then to who?
Did you want to fill our souls with fear?
Is that what you were trying to do?

Or were you trying to tell my country
With them you disagree
If that is the case
Then why did you destroy me?

We were just two tall buildings
Where thousands would go each day
To do their job and make a living
In a hundred different ways

You killed so many people
Some jumped to their deaths
Many did it willingly
Some I'm sure had regrets

You killed all races of people
Some from your own land
Why did you cause this carnage?
We just don't understand

You finally had your say
You had it all planned out
When your mission was finished
In many minds you left no doubt

Your goal was plain and simple
That was to kill as many people as you could
The only good thing to come out of this
Is that the suicide bombers died like they should

10-10-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Tree's And Me (For B.H.)

I remember as a child
I loved to climb up tree's
But whenever I did this
Sometimes I skinned my knee's

But I never let it stop me
Even if blood was seen
I'd still climb that tree
To find a place to dream

Of course I liked the big tree's
Because their limbs were strong
I'd find a way to climb up
But it never really took me long

I'd use the tree branches
Like people use a ladder
Sometimes it took a long time
But that didn't really matter

The only thing that was important
Was getting up that tree
I would sit there so proud
I'd be happy as could be

Now it may not seem like much to you
But to me it was a conquest
I'd climb all the tree's one by one
I'd pass each and every test

There was not a tree around
That I had not climbed
I had so much confidence
I thought I could climb them blind

Once I made it up a tree
I'd sit on a limb and dream
Sometimes the view that I could see
Was the prettiest I'd ever seen

I felt so safe and happy
High up in a tree
I felt as if I was in Gods arms
And that nothing could harm me

Even now that I'm fully grown
I still stop and look at tree's
I sometimes think to my self
I could climb that tree with ease

But of course being older
Tree climbing now is only a wish
But I'm here to tell you
My tree climbing days I miss

9-14-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Tv Wife

She wonders why her life
Isn't more like that
Of a wife on TV

The love they show
Seems to always glow
The whole family seems
Like a big happy dream

She wonders why her life
Can't be more like that
Of a TV wife

TV is not reality
Most of what we see
Isn't the way of you and me
That's why a TV life will never be

1-1-2010/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Two Of Us Part 1

The softness of your skin
As it presses against mine
Your breathing
Your gentle sighs
Told me what I needed to know
You lay there
Almost helpless
But not quite
You softly whispered
Oh baby, don't stop
I did not
I did as exactly as you directed
Soon your moves let me know
That you were pleased
You lay there
Contented and in love
You reached out your hand
We lay together
In each others arms
The place where we find
Happiness, satification and love

11-30-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Two Of Us Part 2

The two of us
Is all we need
For our day
To be complete
The two of us
Can take a day
And make it
Something special
Just by taking a walk and
Holding hands
Instills the closeness in us

We don't need entertainment
To get us through a day
As long as we have each other
To lean on along the way

12-8-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Two Of Us Part 3

Our lunch is eaten
Our time is gone
We both must leave
To be on our way
The hardest part
Of being with you
Is saying goodbye
I watch as you drive away
My heart sinks
Like a boat in the harbor
The only good thing
Is that I know
That it will be you
Who'll raise it again
To set my spirits free

11-30-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Two Of Us Part 4

Here we are
Sitting at a restaurant
Sharing lunch
After a morning
Of making love
You smile
Your eyes sparkle
You look so relaxed
You say
I look at ease
Maybe it's because
I had you to please me
Eating and talking
Sharing our lives together
Wondering what tomorrow
Has in store for us
I don't know the future
Nor would I try to predict it
But I do know this much
The love in my heart
That I feel for you
From me will never part

11-30-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Two Of Us Part 5

We dress to leave
We leave behind
An unmade bed
Sheets all wrinkled
The covers all untucked
It looks as if a struggle took place
But that is not the case
It was just two people
Who love each other
As they played on the bed
The only thing we take with us
Are the memories of this day

11-30-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

The Untrue One

My emotions are mixed
Can things be fixed?

Will love ever again
Live where it's once been

Or will love never return
Is that the lesson I'm to learn?

For doing what I've done
You see, I was the untrue one

I cheated on her I know
Faithfulness I didn't show

So for now I'll go it alone
Find a place to call home

My emotions are mixed
What I've broken can't be fixed

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Ray Hansell

The Verdict

The evidence has all been presented
There's no doubt about the verdict
Any jury would find me guilty
Of loving you with all my heart

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Ray Hansell

The Way A Lady Should Be

You talk with class
You walk with style
You send me to heaven
With your pretty smile

You always have time
To talk with me
I know your heart
Is filled with generosity

There are people
Who are close by
Who should shut their mouths
Then open their eyes

They should take a careful look
Hopefully they will see
That just by watching you
This is the way a lady should be

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Ray Hansell

The Way It Must Remain

Deep within my soul
Are some stories untold

They must not be said
They must remain there dead

For if they were ever shown
My weaknesses would be known

But I can't let them out
That's not at all what I'm about

So inside they will remain
Deep inside my private domain

Maybe one day I'll share
When I no longer really care

But until that day
It must always stay this way

Do you have a secrets deep inside
One's that you will forever hide

Well then I'm sure you understand
Why I won't show my hand

11-06-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

The Way It Was Supposed To Be

I love you
You love me
Isn't this how
It was supposed to be?

But here we are
Down life's road
Our story already
Is so old

We met
We fell in love
We had kids
We divorced

What we both thought
Would last forever
Quickly fell apart
It never got better

But you and I
Both survived
Regardless of how much
We didn't even try

The kids are grown
All doing well
You remarried
Back to hell

I had already
Been there once
To marry again
Would make me a dunce

Marriage isn't bad
It can be good even now
I wish all of you luck
Who stand to take your vows

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Ray Hansell

The Words She Wrote For Me

I read the words you wrote
A tear came to my eye
But I'm not really sure of
The exact reason why

Maybe it was because you wrote
You'd always stand by my side
That no matter what anyone said
Your support for me you'd never hide

I found it reassuring
I saw it from the start
The way you would defend me
I know it came from your heart

How could I be so lucky
To have a friend like you
Someone who'll stand beside me
Regardless of what I do

I guess you are the definition
For the word friend
Someone who'll stay with you
Until the bitter end

A person like you comes along
Once maybe in a hundred years
If I had to cry from someone's words
I'm glad it was you who caused my tears

8-23-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

The World Of Love

The world of love is waiting
For you and I to share
The world of love is waiting
Just tell me that you care

The world of love is waiting
For two people to move in
The world of love is asking
Where have you and I been

The world of love is hoping
That we'll give it a try
The world of love has a place
For you and I to occupy

The world of love is shining
Because now we are a part
The world of love is living
Inside both of our hearts

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Ray Hansell

The Younger People

The younger people of today
Are the leaders of tomorrow
Hopefully they'll be the one's
Who'll rid the world of sorrow

I think the future of the world
Will wind up in good hands
I think the younger people of today
Could hold the master plan

Maybe they'll rid the world of wars
Maybe they'll rid the world of hate
Maybe they can save us all
Before it is too late

8-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Their Love Is Through

Two people who once were lovers
Know, they don't have a chance
They both know right now
They'll never share the dance

Though the love they feel for each other
Will never reach an end
They must now try to live
As being each others friend

He loves her so dearly
You know she loves him to
But in their hearts they both know
This is the thing to do

She has spent so many years
Living by herself
He has spent a lifetime
Always looking for someone else

Most people would agree
They are the perfect pair
You can tell by their laughter
Just how much they care

When they are not together
Their sad beyond compare
But when they do get together
You'll never see despair

Their love is so very unique
Yet tragic in a way
They live to be with each other
They'll probably never get their day

They would love to stay together
Until their lives are done
They know for each other
That they are the one

Every night parting time
Always rolls around
He always leaves her standing there
As her tears fall to the ground

Just once she'd like to hear him say
That he's going to stay
Just once she'd like to see him
Stay with her for the entire day

But in her heart she knows
That's a dream that won't come true
That's why she had to tell him
That today their love was through

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Ray Hansell

Their Sunday's

He waits all week long
Just for Sunday night
Because that's when his world
Seems so very right

He gets to spend some time
With the woman that he loves
All week long she's on his mind
She, is all he can think of

They spend their Sunday evenings
Going out to dinner
When he's by her side
He knows what it's like to be a winner

The soft beauty of her face
Her happy to see you smile
That she always wears for him
Along with her special style

They know that when dinner is over
There love for each other will be confirmed
Because you see the love they share
Long ago it was affirmed

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Ray Hansell

There But For The.....

I'm cold, tired and hungry
I'm living on the street
When people see me
It's me they don't want to meet

My clothes are dirty and torn
I'm in bad need of a shower
I feel like I grow older
With every passing hour

My hair is messed and dirty
My teeth are rotting away
I hate my existence
As I struggle from day to day

It wasn't always this way you know
At one time I had a home and family
I lived on the good side of town
A place I no longer see

I use to make more money
Then I could ever spend
But the down turn of the economy
Put that all to an end

So now I beg for pennies
To get through each day
Some people aren't very nice
With the things they say

Get out of here you bum
Go on leave me alone
You're the one who chose the streets
It's not my fault you have no home

I once knew the warmth of a home
Everyday a shower and shave
But I guess my next real home
Will be when they put me in my grave

5-14-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

There Then Gone

Holding hands
Kissing lips
Our bodies are on fire

A gentle nudge
A gentle hug
All of our clothes come off

The fire burns much hotter
As we're making love
Only one thing on our mind
There's nothing else to think of

Now the loving is over
Now I'm dressed to go
A kiss goodbye
A closing door
Alone, she sits on the bed

Her body aches
For another body
To burn through the night
With hers

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Ray Hansell

There We Were

I thought love
Had passed me by
But then you looked
Me in the eye

I saw a smile
Cross your face
I finally was
In the right place

I said, hello
How are you?
You said I'm fine
What's new with you?

I asked, would you like
To maybe get some lunch
You said, not today
It felt like a knock out punch

For a moment
I almost froze
My heart sank
But only God knows

I realized
Right away
We'll not meet
On any day

But to my surprise
The next day you said
How about that lunch
I almost dropped dead

So we went to have coffee
We shared a bite to eat
I was so elated
That we got to meet

So from that day on
Little did we know
That just from that hello
Just how much love would grow

8-12-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

They Didn'T Show

Another day
Another night
Something tells me
Things are not all right

Where are you
Where have you gone
How am I supposed to
Live life and carry on

I know for sure you are gone
But you never said, goodbye
I hope you don't get too upset
But you'll never see me cry

Oh, yes I did love you
In fact more then you'll ever know
But you see that was my problem
I never let my emotions show

Ray Hansell

They Made It

Yesterday I witnessed
Two people take their vows
The church was filled with people
The music played so loud

Rice was thrown everywhere
The people were all grinning
From the church steeple
You could hear the bells ringing

I hope their life together
Is a long and happy one
I hope they now realize
Not all days will be filled with fun

Yesterday I witnessed
Two people renew their vows
The church was completely empty
The silence was so very loud

9-3-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

They'LI Always

They'll never come a time
When you won't be on my mind
They'll never come a day
When I'll be far away
They'll never be a dream
Where you will not be seen
They'll never be a place
Where I won't see your face

They'll always be a kiss
From you upon my lips
From deep inside my heart
You will never part
I'll always think of you
In everything I do
You'll always have from me
That very special key
For you to unlock
All the love inside of me

8-6-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

They'll Always Be Me

What you're going through
I don't really know
All I can do to help
Is to let my love show

I can be there for you
To lend you my shoulder
I can warm you in the night
If the weather makes you colder

I can give you all the comfort
If that's what you need
I can sit and hold you
Just ask, I'll never make you plead

I don't know what you're feeling
Or even what you're going through
But one thing to always remember
For you they'll always be me

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Ray Hansell

They'LI Be No One

I have no one to hold me
On a cold winters night
I have no one to kiss
As I turn out the light

They'll be no one to greet me
As the morning sun awakes
They'll be no one around
For evening strolls to take

They'll be no one to whisper
Softly in my ear
They'll be no one to say
Those three words we all want to hear

So as I live my life
I CAN be happy all alone
I don't think you need others
To make a house a home

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Ray Hansell

They'LI Be Others

I was your first
I won't be your last
I'm sure there will be others
Other lovers that come to pass

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Ray Hansell

Things Still To Do

There are so many things in life
Still left for me to do
The best one of course will be
Sharing life with you

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Ray Hansell

Things I Wish For You

I wish you strength when failures arise
I wish you warmth when there are cloudy skies
I wish you a rainbow after a summer rain
I wish for you that no two days are ever the same

I wish you modesty in times of success
I wish you good luck when you have to guess
On the darkest of nights I wish a full moon
And as you walk through life
May your head always be filled with a happy tune

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Ray Hansell

Think Before You Speak

I live my life
From day to day
I never care
What people say

I know people come to
Their own conclusions
Even though their lives
Are mass confusion

They are very quick
To put others down
Without ever taking
A good look around

You see their lives
Are far from perfect
But in others business
They always get

So before you criticize
Things that you don't know
Look before you speak
Before you let your ignorance show

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Thinking

Thinking about today
Thinking about the past
Thinking of all the memories
That will forever last

Thinking about my youth
And all the things I did
Thinking about how lucky I was
Back when I was a kid

Thinking back that life was easy
With no worries or cares
Sitting here today and thinking
That nothing can compare

To those youthful days gone by
Stored here in my mind
It's a place I like to visit
When I have some spare time

I don't go there often
Because life is such a rush
But when I lay back and close my eyes
I can almost touch

All my childhood places
Where I use to go
I didn't know way back then
How much I'd miss them so

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Ray Hansell

Thirsty For Love

It sometimes seems like a dream
But I know it's very real
Happiness like this is something
I thought I'd never feel

I can't remember in my life
When I loved someone this much
You always make me smile
I live for your gentle touch

It's sometimes hard to understand
What I feel inside
But this new feeling of love
Washes over me like a tide

Your kiss and your touch
I welcome each day
I never want you
To take your love away

I feel I'm on a pedestal
Whenever you're around
I feel like I'm walking on air
Because my feet never touch the ground

You give me a natural high
I feel like my heart will burst
I was so thirsty for love
You came along and quenched my thirst

4-5-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thirty Years Together

Thirty years together
Thirty years of love
Thirty years together
That's what I dreamed of

From the day that we were married
My heart always wanted you
Now here we are down lifes road
All my dreams have come true

I had always hoped back then
That I'd still be with you today
The way the years have treated me
I wouldn't have wanted it any other way

My love for you grew stronger
As the years passed by
Loving you was so easy
I didn't even have to try

When my life is over
I'll look back satisfied
Knowing that in all those years
Not once, did you ever make me cry

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This Affair

We kiss

We love

We part

Will this affair

Ever go anywhere?

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This Happens Too Many Times

You said you loved me
With all your heart
You said to me
That we'd never part

But now you say it's over
It's time we said goodbye
You said the love we had
Is not worth another try

Well, I don't want to lose you
So, there's only one thing to do
I'm going to kill you
Then, I'll take my life to

I promise it will be quick
You will feel no pain
The white painted walls
Will soon run red with brain

The first shot blows her head apart
I then turn the gun on me
When I pull the trigger
A flash of light is the last thing I see

It's over in an instant
The sad deed is done
Now both you and I
Will be together forever as one

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This Isn'T What I Thought I'D Get

Many times I sit and wonder
If true happiness will ever find me
Or will I just live a life
That most others wouldn't want to see

Will the future that lies ahead
Be as bad as the past
Was the pain lived long ago
Forever supposed to last

Or will I find that special someone
Who will help me find my way
Maybe she'll be the one who will
Make the happiness finally stay

Well I have to tell you
It hasn't happened as of yet
Because where I am right now
Isn't what I thought I'd get

But I know I'll keep on searching
Hoping one day to find
That very special lady
Who will give me all her love and time

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This Joy

I've never known this joy before
But I know I want some more

I want to always be with you
There's so much that we can do

But the most important thing
Is the way you make my heart sing

You live deep inside my heart
Whether near or far apart

No one could ever take your place
I love to stare at your face

Holding you close to me
Has finally made me see

That what I thought was love before
Was just puppy love and nothing more

You are all woman as I can see
You are the only one for me

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This Once Sad Man

I always think of you
As I go through my day
Memories of us together
Always come my way

I think of the nights
We've gotten to share
How all through the night
I could feel you there

The touch of your skin
Against my hand
Brings tremendous excitement
To this once sad man

You've taken my world
You've turned it around
You are the best
My hearts ever found

The way that you love me
Is so complete
You never disappoint
With your love so sweet

I always get the best of you
When we are together
Sometimes you leave me so damn weak
You could knock me over with a feather

Being alone with you
As night starts to fall
If you listen real close
You can hear my heart call

It calls out to you
Because you're the one
It wants to be near
Even after the love making is done

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Ray Hansell

This Thing Called Life

Laying on the couch
Eyes wide open
Somehow I feel
My feelings cannot hide

The world all around me
Seems like a mystery
I look for hope and answers
In everyone I see

So many things I question
So much I don't know
Many people seem so empty
With feelings that never show

Their faces always stoic
Their expressions never change
They live their life day to day
Always staying the same

But I can't tell by their face
If they even have a heart
You never see them smile
To me that's where it starts

To me they seem so very cold
They always keep their distance
It's like they like to feel this way
So they never show any resistance

I guess they can't be changed
But then why should they be
I don't think I'd like it much
If others tried to change me

I guess it's fair to say
We're really all the same
Just living our way through
Life's mysterious game

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Thought # 1

The painter paints his pictures
The singer sings his songs
But me I'm just an average guy
Would you still like to tag along

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Thought # 10

We tried to be lovers
But I think we've reached the end
Now we'll wait and see
If it's possible to be friends

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Thought # 11

We met
We loved
Then went our separate ways
Maybe next time
Love will come to stay

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Thought # 12

Sometimes I miss you so much
I wish we had never met

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Thought # 13

Love,
If I was sure what it was
I'd give mine all to you

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Thought # 14

When times are hard
When life gets rough
You sooth the edges
With your velvet touch

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Thought # 15

She tells me that she loves me
This I know so well
But how can she love a guy
Who puts her through hell?

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Thought # 16

When I recall great memories
I'll never forget
That wonderful spring day
When you and I first met

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Thought # 17

The sad thing about beginnings
Is always knowing
That there is always an ending

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Thought # 18

My heart has been broken once
My heart has been broken twice
I won't ever love again
I won't let my heart pay that price

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Thought # 19

I remember the years
When I was young
Growing up back then
Was always so much fun

But I never gave thought
Of life down the road
I never gave a thought
To the years making me old

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Thought # 2

The beauty of the morning
Is hard for me to see
Because the one I loved
No longer loves me

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Thought # 3

Don't give up
Don't be afraid
Because last stands
Are always made

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Thought # 4

I would never hurt you
I'd never cause you pain
I only want to love you
Is that such a shame?

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Thought # 5

Stay all day
Don't go away
If you stay
We'll share today
But if you go
Tears I know will flow

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Thought # 6

Every time I see you
My heart begins to pound
I have the hardest time
Just keeping my feet on the ground

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Thought # 7

I wish that you could walk
In my shoes for a day
Then you'd understand
Just why I feel this way

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Thought # 8

Sleepless nights
Because of you
I don't know
Just what to do

I toss and turn
I ache and I yearn
Now that you're gone
The hard way again I learned

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Thought # 9

We took our vows
We said, I do
But after five years
We don't anymore

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Thoughts #1

When my life
Gets to tough
She can sooth my pain
With soft and gentle touch

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Thoughts 3-1-09

Your laughter is my medicine
Your smile is my sun
A long time ago my heart told me
That you'd always be the one

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Thoughts 3-1-09 #2

I'm not going to
Hurry, rush or pursue
I'm going to take my time
Just loving you

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Thoughts 3-1-09 #4

I hope tomorrow
Is better then today
I hope my pain and sorrow
Tomorrow, can take away

3-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thoughts 6-28-09

Words don't mean a thing
Unless they are sincere
To you I always speak the truth
Because, forever I want you near

It's alright to shed tears of joy
As well as tears of sorrow
But just don't ever lose sight
Of the good or bad that can happen tomorrow

6-28-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Thoughts 7-28-2006

We kiss
We love
We part
Will this affair
Ever take us anywhere?

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Ray Hansell

Time Forgets To Fly

When ever I'm with you
Time just passes by
But when I'm not with you
Time loses its wing and forgets to fly

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Time Keeps Moving

I feel sad and lost in a maze
Hours quickly turn to days

I feel lost if I don't hear you speak
Quickly the days turn to weeks

I feel lost without your touch
Months pass by I miss you so much

I feel lost as I shed a tear
You've been gone for a year

Time passes by with each beat of my heart
The pain grows stronger the longer we're apart

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Time Runs Out

As the year's pass by
We realize that precious time
Slowly ticks away
As it takes from us
Our youth
Our health
Our bodies
And in some cases
Our mind
Soon we are left with memories
About our youth
How strong we use to be
How good we always felt
How sharp our minds use to be
In some cases we don't remember at all

But our most precious losses
Our family
Our friends
And other loved one's
Soon, time has run out
As it will
For all of us one day

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Time To Move On

Sitting here wondering
Just what I should do
Now that you have left me
I'll no longer have you

My days will be so empty
The nights will be so cold
But the worst of it all
I'll no longer have you to hold

Now I pass the time
Reliving days gone by
Trying to figure out
The what for's and the why's

What's the reason that you left
You never did explain
But I guess now it doesn't matter
Who's at fault or who's to blame

I guess it's just better
For me to move on
Dwelling on what I can't change
Will only do me harm

6-3-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Time To Stand Back

She never asked for very much
Though I know she was not content
Love once lived between us
Passionately it came, sadly it went

You see I have someone
But she's been all alone
Now she has her chance
To build a life and home

So I know I must stand back
I know I must give her room
I have all that I need
She's found herself a love
I know it's come none too soon

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Tired

I'm sitting here so tired
I can hardly stay awake
I wish there was a chance
A short nap I could take

Just to lay my head down
To get some shut eye
I know I could sleep
But I know I won't get to try

Because you see I'm working
So I must stay alert
Because if I fall off to sleep
I could slip off the chair and get hurt

6-5-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Tired Of Being Awake

My eyes find it difficult
Trying to stay open
I keep looking at the clock
All the time just hoping

That before too long
It will be time for me to leave
Then I can go home
To get just what I need

Sleep, sleep and more sleep
I know that would help
Then once again I'll know
Just how good sleep has felt

I'd sleep all through the day
If I only could
But to sleep that long
I know would not be good

So for now I'll have to wait
Until the time comes when I can go
Knowing full well when I get home
My tiredness will surely show

8-13-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

To Be Always With You

Your slow and gentle kisses
Make my heart beat fast
I believe we have a love
That will surely last

I know in some life times
Love just comes and goes
Many times for reasons
That no one ever knows

I know that every one of us
Had a love that was lost
And only our hearts
Really know the cost

But now that I have found you
I feel love is here to stay
I want you with me forever
What more can I say

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Ray Hansell

To Behold

You remind me of the clouds
That drift in the summer sky
Soft, warm and beautiful
A beauty to behold

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To Love You No More

Here you are each day
Always on my mind
What a lovely way
For me to pass the time

Thinking only of you
The love we use to share
I would give anything
If we could go back there

My happiest days back then
Were any days with you
Your laughter and your loving
Was the medicine that made life new

The warmth of your heart
The softness of your touch
I must admit that at times
It was more than enough

You would drive me crazy
With all the things you'd do
But today life finds me
Here, alone without you

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Ray Hansell

To Share With You

The stars are out tonight
They will be out tomorrow night to
From now until forever
I'll get to share them always with you

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Ray Hansell

To Show You

I miss you so dearly
I just want you near
My heart feels so lonely
When your voice it doesn't hear

I want to hold you in my arms
Smell your freash clean hair
I want to always be with you
To show you I'll always care

Ray Hansell

To Us Two

Love is sweet love is fine
I'm so glad your love is mine

Love is good it can be sad
But our love is never bad

My heart sings yours does to
Because love belongs to us two

2-9-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Today

Lunch and laughter
In the afternoon
Happy times ending
Much too soon
Telling you my feelings
As we eat good food
Hoping you weren't thinking
That I was a fool

I spoke to you honestly
It all came from my heart
I opened myself up
With you that was the easy part
I've always spoken the truth
When I tell you how I feel
My feelings run so very deep
My love you did not have to steal

Any time I share with you
Is wonderful beyond belief
As you sit across from me
My hand to you I reach
Just a gentle touch from you
Lets me know you care
There's no other place I'd rather be
Then sitting with you right there

The road that you are traveling on
Is the road where I want to be
I want to walk that road with you
Together, just you and me
There's not too much that I know
But I know one thing to be true
The day is not that far away
When I'll be waking up next to you

8-20-09/RjH

Tonight

Sitting here just thinking
Where you might be
Wondering what you're doing
What is it that you see

Are you happy at this moment
Or are you feeling sad
Or do pleasant memories fill your head
That right now make you glad

Are you sitting in your home
Or walking through a mall
Or talking on the telephone
With a most important call

Are you alone or with someone
Are you getting ready to have lunch
Id' like to guess where you are
But I don't have a hunch

I know one thing that's for sure
Where ever you might be
Or what ever you are doing
I close my eyes it's you I see

Maybe trying on a dress
Or a new pair of shoes
I know they will look sexy
What ever it is you choose

So I hope your day goes fine
Everything turns out right
Because if things go according to plan
You and I will be making love tonight

Ray Hansell

Too Young To Know

Girl, do you remember
When love use to fill out hearts
Love was in the air we breathed
We swore we'd never part
We vowed to never leave

But time has caused a change
Because the love that we once knew
Has found a way, to slip away
We just don't know what to do

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Try To Be

Try to be tolerant
And understanding
Try not to be
Too demanding

We all make mistakes
Because we try
When someone makes an error
Don't let out an exasperated sigh

Try to show patience
To one and all
No need to get angry
Or act appalled

The day may come
When all will see
The error you've made
As plain as can be

You wouldn't want
Someone to ridicule you
Next time stop and think
Before, that's what you so

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Trying

When tears fall unexpectedly
I know it's because of me

I am speechless and don't know what to say
I wish I could change everyday

But it seems no matter how hard I try
All I ever do is make you cry

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Ray Hansell

Trying To Cope

Peace of mind
What a treasure
If we could all find
That wonderful pleasure

The cry of the heart
That begs to be heard
It's needing a start
Who will say the word?

An inward peace
That transcends all
Hoping in love
We never fall

The agonizing cry
Through the years
No matter how hard we try
Our souls still fill with fear

Peace, happiness and joy
That's all we ever seek
It's really no ploy
But so many are weak

They give into a hurting heart
They're not sure what to do
They think it's an end instead of a start
But they'll still not try anything new

Years of anguish and hurt
Far too many years of pain
They feel it's easier to desert
Then continue to play the game

They feel life has passed them by
They feel their best years are gone
They don't even know why
They should even carry on

You always have to at least try
Only God can decide
Who will live and who will die
So those thoughts you have you should hide

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Trying To Forget

I try to find different ways
To occupy my mind
I try to keep myself busy
So I don't think of her

It's not an easy thing to do
When you're trying to forget someone
It seems the more you try to forget
The more you still remember

But I'll keep on trying
To erase her from my mind
I have to find things to do
To occupy my time

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Ray Hansell

Trying To Justify

The card I bought says
I miss you a lot
Won't you please come home
The next line says
I love you
This you've always known

The picture on the card
Shows a man on a hill
Looking to the sky
As if searching for his will

I am like that picture
Each night I search the sky
Looking for some hope
Like a twinkle in an eye

I wonder where you've gone to
I know I'm the reason you left
I have learned the hard way
By losing you, I've lost the best

I have that card for you
I will keep it right here
I will give the card to you
The day you come home my dear

Or am I just a fool thinking, you'll return
I now the things I did were wrong
I never should have hit you
But if you come home, I'll try to be strong

I'll try my best to keep my cool
To not raise my hand to you
But I can't promise you all that much
You make me do the things I do

I know you said, it's my fault
You said you'd never come back home

Please give me one more chance
For me to show you I have grown

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Trying To Say Goodbye

On the inside
My hearts begins to cry
I'm trying to find a way
To tell you goodbye

I never thought
It would come to this
I never imagined
I'd lose your kiss

Out times together
Indeed were magic
Why do good times
Always pass so quick

The passing years will hold
The memories that we've made
In my mind they live forever
From my memory they'll never fade

The emotions that we shard
Came right from our hearts
I believe for that reason
We'll never truly part

With life comes change I know
With change we all grow
With growth we all learn
That we reap just what we sow

Please don't get me wrong
I'll treasure the times we had
I know that the happy times
Will always far out number the bad

You know I want what's best for you
Because you deserve that much
It will be difficult not seeing you
It will be worse not to feel your touch

You've been a part of me
For so many years
I know that I must go
But I still can't stop the tears

I hope you know I'll miss you
This makes me want to die
I now must face my greatest fear
That will be, to tell you goodbye

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Tuesday

Waiting for Tuesday
What more can I say
It will not be
Just another ordinary day

I have many things
That I have to do
The most important one
Well that will be seeing you

9-22-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

Turn Out The Lights

Turn out the lights
Come take my hand
Lay right here beside me

Forget the world outside
I'll love you tenderly
Let me give to you
What you've given to me

Stay with me
We'll share the night
Until the early morning light

I've got your hand
You've got my heart
Hopefully love will never
Let us have to part

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Ray Hansell

Twenty Five Years Later

Remember when I told you
Many years ago
That my love for you
Would surely always show

Well, here we are years later
Still going strong as ever
Didn't I always tell you
That our love would only get better

I love you as much today
As I did way back then
And If I ever had the chance
I'd do it all over again

Life with you has been wonderful
More than I could have ever hoped for
Because now just like back then
It's you that I still adore

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Ray Hansell

Unhappy In Heart And Mind

The road ahead may get rough
The journey may be long
But I know you'll make it
Because you are so strong

Some people may come to doubt
If you can do it on your own
Those who'll have the most doubt
Will be people you have known

But you can't let them sway you
Don't let their words fill you with doubt
Because no one else knows
What you are all about

You have no doubt in your mind
That you can and will succeed
Because when it comes to others
Their help you'll never need

There is only one who needs to believe
In you and that is you
Your back has been against the wall before
But you know just what you can do

So, don't listen to the doubters
Because they never took a chance
Although I know deep inside
They envy you for your stance

They will never say it
But in their minds they know
Your strength and determination
Is something they could never show

It's not to say they are weak
It's just that they are the kind
Who are warm and cozy in their home
While they live unhappy in heart and mind

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Until Day Is Done

I always miss you
When I am away
I feel this pain
Every single day

I want to hold you close
I want to kiss your lips
I want you to know
Just how much you're missed

I want to lay with you
In a field of green green grass
I want our special moments
To forever last

I want to be with you
To watch every setting sun
I want to stay with you
Until each day is done

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Until The End

Don't leave me
Please believe me
When I say, I love you so

You're my only
My one and only
Please don't make me lonely

Please say that you'll stay
Right here with me each day
Promise never to go away

You are my friend
You are my lover
Please stay until the end

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Ray Hansell

Ups And Downs

Life has it's ups and downs
It's valley's and it's peaks
But a constant way of life
Is all we ever seek

The trials of everyday life
Can start to wear you down
But you see you're not alone
Just take a look around

You'll see people in distress
You'll see people in pain
You'll even see some people
Who'll never love again

So don't think you're alone
When things are going wrong
You have to hang in there
To show the world you're strong

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Ray Hansell

Us Today

The steam rises
From the hot tub
A slight chill cools the air
We are submerged
In ninety eight degree water
The warm water
Warms me to my soul
A blue light, lights our way
As it reflects on the water
The moon in the sky
Is three quarters full
Its light shoots through the clouds
Like an x-ray
I watch her move in the water
Slow, but still graceful
With the help of the light
I see her figure as she moves about
A figure I am very familiar with
But yet, tonight
Seems like the first time I've seen it
Maybe because I'm looking at it
Through the eyes of a man
Realizing, that when we were together
Years ago, I was just a boy
Trying to be a man
The beauty I didn't see then
Is so very visible to me now
The years have taught me
That strength and inner beauty
Will always last forever
As good looks and a shapely body
Slowly fade like a setting sun
Yes, being naked in a hot tub with you
Made me realize all the mistakes
That I had made years ago

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Us Two

Everytime I love you
I want to love you more
I have never felt
Love this strong before

I hate to be away from you
I hate to say, goodbye
Sometimes when I do
I feel like I will cry

My feelings are so very strong
That I want to tell the world
Take a look at her
Isn't she a beautiful girl

She sets my heart on fire
As she sets my spirit free
I am so damn lucky
That she gives her love to me

I know I'm nothing to look at
I know she could do much better
But oh how great she makes me feel
Ever since the day I met her

I'll give all the love I have
But to her only
Since she came into my life
My nights are no longer lonely

I hope she knows how much I love her
I hope she knows my love is true
As we go through life I'll show her
But only when it's us two

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Vanished Dreams

Where are my dreams
Where did they go
Someone tell me
So I know

Have they vanished
With the night
Are they forever
Out of sight

Will they come back
For me to see
Or are they gone
To never be

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Verbal Abuse

He yells he screams
He calls me names
I know my friends
Are not treated the same

He never ever hits me
All he does is yell
I keep it to myself
Living in my own private hell

I know that abuse
Comes in different forms
Most times with him
It like the calm before the storm

Things will be just fine
Nothing will be wrong
But then he flies into a rage
It's then I wish I was never born

His voice gets loud as he yells
He jumps out of his chair
Sometimes I feel he'll hit me
As he looks at me with a blank stare

Most times it takes a while
Then his yelling comes to an end
But the fear he has instilled in me
I know will never mend

I want so much to leave him
But yet, I don't dare
I think in some sick way
Deep inside he cares

But I know for my own well being
I must break free
I know that if one day I don't
The outcome will be bad for me

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Ray Hansell

Very Quickly

My heart is broken
It's in pieces
I know it's my fault
I always said
I'd never give my heart
To anyone again
But you came along
So beautiful
So full of life

But now you've left me
So broken
So full of pain
That I may never
Recover again
Love for me
Will always be
A constant reminder
That good can turn
To bad very quickly

6-30-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

Vietnam Era

Why are people crying?
Woman and children dying
Young men going off to war
Many will die in their prime
Maybe this is the crime

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Visit From A Ghost?

I woke up last night
I thought I heard you call my name
I laid there for a moment
Thinking, am I going insane

I lay there and listen
But I didn't hear a thing
Just then I was startled
As the phone began to ring

I answered the phone, hello
But no one answered me
I wondered to myself
If a ghost came to visit me

5-30-2015/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting For A Word

I waited for a message
But nothing ever came
But that's alright
I still feel the same

I didn't get to speak to you
Like I usually do
But you know in my heart
I always think of you

So until you write again
I hope all is well
The moment that I hear from you
I will escape this hell

7-16-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting For The Next Time

Days when I don't see you
I remember our previous time
When we are not together
That helps me just fine

The memory of you
Is forever burned in my mind
I always remember the last time
I got to see your smile
I got to touch your hand
You send me to heaven
You make me a happy man

Not everyone knows someone
As lovely as you
I know that I am lucky
Though the days with you are few

But I don't worry none
I don't let it bother me
Because I know the day will come
When it's you I get to see

9-30-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting For You

You'll know when you are ready
To take that next step
You'll know when you are ready
To want what you're going to get

All the love I have been saving
Here inside for you
I'll give it all to you
That's what I want to do

But take your time no need to hurry
I'm not going anywhere
I'm going to wait right here
That's what you do when you care

When you love someone
And you know they need some time
You give them all the space they need
Knowing, things will turn out fine

So please take your time
I'm not rushing you
I'm going to wait right here
Because that's what I need to do

11-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Waiting Here

I feel like I'm locked
In a prison far away
I haven't seen your face
For far too many days

All day long I think of you
I feel that I should be
Right there by your side
Along, just you and me

Laughing and joking
Like we use to do
The happiest times I've ever known
Were always spent with you

I hope the love you felt
Is still alive and well
For if you no longer love me
It would be like sending me to hell

Just so that you know
My love for you is still strong
Everytime I think of us
My heart sings a song

I want so much to see you
I want to hold you once again
I know that when you're in my arms
The world is right and then

Everything is perfect
You'll be where you belong
Holding you in my arms
With a love that is so strong

So you see I'm counting the days
To when we'll be together again
A day I cannot wait for
The day I'll never want to see end

4-13-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Waiting Just For You

You're going to have those moments
When you just sit and cry
Realizing what has happened
As the days slowly go by

Your body will heal that you'll see
But the mind is a different story
As each passes you by
You'll take inventory

But take your time think each thought out
Now you'll really find what you are all about
You'll get to know yourself so much better
Even though at times you may have doubt

Don't ever wonder if what you did
Was the right thing to do
Because when all is said and done
The only person you have to answer to is you

So take all the time you may need
Do all that you must do
No matter how long it takes
I'm here, waiting just for you

6-6-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Walked My Way

Going through my day
Like I usually do
As I turned the corner
That's when I saw you

Seeing your smiling face
Made my heart skip a beat
What a perfect day
Because we got to meet

At that very moment
I knew I'd have a wonderful day
Because you see the one I love
Happen to walk my way

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Wanting What You Can't Have

She has found a new love
But she loves someone who is married
She wants so bad to make love with him
But she knows she can't or
That she shouldn't
She knows he's committed to someone else
She knows she has no right
She loves him very much
She knows he loves her to
Although, those words have never been said by him
The feelings between the two are so powerful
Sometimes loving someone when you can't be with them
Makes me wish we'd never met at all

11-9-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

War Is People Expensive

The talking is all over
The words don't mean a thing
Two nations start a war
Who do they think will win?

Bombs start falling everywhere
Buildings crumble to the ground
People run, yell and scream
But their cries don't make a sound

Soon both nations agree
They must try to talk again
They each accuse each other
As the finger pointing begins

But soon there is a ray of hope
As both sides leave no doubt
They have to stop the fighting
A compromise must be worked out

The bombs no longer fall
But the damage has been done
Destruction is seen everywhere
Does either side think they've won?

Thousands of people lay there dead
Hopes and dreams all lie shattered
But to the nations both involved
Once again, the people didn't matter

7-10-05/RjH

Ray Hansell

Washington's Finest

Officers getting ready for duty
The reason they were hired
When the shooting started
Only one could return fire

When the smoke had cleared
Four officers lay dead
As word spread in the community
A thousand tears were shed

The killer managed to get away
As he had someone drive the getaway car
So many people only hoping
That he didn't get to go to far

The next night an officer all alone
Saw a stranger start to approach
So before this person could kill again
The officer exercised oath

The one that says
To protect and serve
That's just what the officer did
As he had steel for nerves

The suspect had one of the officers gun
He was going to use it on a cop
But before he could kill again
The officers shot, made him stop

Thousands attended the funeral
Officers came from everywhere
Standing in solidarity
To show the world they care

A sea of blue with red mixed in
Shoulder to shoulder they stood
Wanting to do so much more
If they only could

5-22-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Watching Her Fall In Love

What brings two people together
Who ever really knows
It's like one day it starts to build
Then feelings begin to show

You realize how much you miss him
When he's not around
But still you're not too sure
Of what it is you found

Soon your heart lets you know
Just how much pain it's in
Because it hurts so very much
When you're away from him

The person you thought of as a friend
Has become so much more
The feelings you now feel
Are much stronger then before

You start to feel love for him
You always want him around
You just cannot hide
This new love you have found

Someone that you see each day
Has crept into your heart
But you're still not sure
How it got it's start

But right now that's not important
What's important is how you feel
You only hope that his heart
You'll have a chance to steal

But little do you know
He feels the same way to
All the times that you watched him
He's been watching you

Finally it happens
Alone, they meet and kiss
Now they both realize
It's the other one each will miss

One day soon they'll make love
What a happy day it will be
Never in their wildest dreams
Could this, they ever foresee

Her life was already planned
Living happy in her home
She never ever dreamed
That her heart would roam

But roam it did and here it is
Entwined with my heart
Who knows how it will end
We're only at the start

RjH/5-16-14

Ray Hansell

Watching Love Slowly Die

The time has come
For us to part
It was fun
Right from the start

We shared many good times
Our laughter rang loud
Our feet never touched the ground
As we both walked on a cloud

From that first moment
We thought we had something great
We'd always be together
From early morning until very late

But lately things seem different
The fun has all subsided
Together for so very long
But now we seem so divided

The laughter no longer ring
Our feet are back on the ground
Honestly I have to say
I don't miss you when you're not around

But I will always remember
All the fun that we use to have
But to tell you the truth
To watch love die is sad

9-4-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Watching Tv

Sitting next to you
As we watch TV
I can't think of another place
That my heart would want to be

You reach out your hand
You gently rub my chest
I don't need anyone else
Because I'm with the best

The love I feel for you
Grows stronger every day
When I look into your eyes
Words of love is what I say

No woman has ever touched me
Quite the way you do
What I feel inside
Are feelings caused by you

I wish that I could spend
Everyday next to you
Then my lonely days
Would be so very few

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Ray Hansell

Way Back When

You are the one who makes me smile
You are the one I love
If it were up to me
I'd give to you the heavens above

You are the one who starts my day
You are the one who ends my night
I know that loving you
Will always feel so right

If we had the chance
To start all over again
You know I'd still be with you
Starting from way back when

9-25-2000/RjH

Ray Hansell

We

We kiss
We love
We part
Will this affair
Ever take us anywhere?

7-28-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

We All Get To Go Home

As I read the paper
It seems like everyday
Someone else that I know
I read about them passing away

Each time I read an obituary
It once again reminds me
How precious life really is
I think of my own mortality

Some deaths take us by surprise
While some others do not
That doesn't mean their living and dying
Was all for naught

It's just that some people
Are in bad health and sick
As the clock of life for them
Each day loses another tick

No matter who they are
All will be missed
Hopefully they were able
To live the life they wished

Some will die disappointed
Some will die all alone
The only common denominator
Is in the end we all go home

1-3-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

We All Have A Story

I'd like to write a story
Based upon my life
Tell you about my son
About the day I took a wife

But I think you might get bored
As I write all the details
I'll have moments of victory
As well as moments when I fail

I'll have plenty of jokes to tell
Some might even make you laugh
I have a whole lot of stories
That tells about my past

You might find it entertaining
You may well be amused
Or maybe you'll just shake your head
Because you are totally confused

But now I'm having second thoughts
I now have changed my mind
I'll do something more constructive
With all my extra time

6-17-10/RJH

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Ray Hansell

We All Make Them

Correct your mistakes
When you are wrong
From your failures
Learn a lesson
A mistake corrected
Before it's noticed
Truly is a blessing

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Ray Hansell

We Always Knew

I kiss your lips warm and tender
To your love I will surrender

I'll hold you close and won't let go
Every minute of the day you'll know

My love for you will never end
Life together we will spend

We'll share the years as they go by
We'll never have to wonder why

Our love lived long and did survive
But to us it was no surprise

We both knew our love ran deep
In our hearts we'll forever keep

A promise we made years ago
To always let our love grow

Love each other like it our last day
Hateful words we'd never say

Never cheat or run around
A happy home is sacred ground

We lived these rules through the years
Of many smiles and very few tears

Someday we know we'll both be gone
But our love will live in the beyond

1-13-2006/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Are Still Friends

Life use to be so lonely
The night were very cold
I thought I'd never find love
As I was growing old

But one day my life was changed
That's when I knew I've found
The woman I wanted to love
Then build my world around

So quickly our love grew
With each and every passing day
I'd always find a reason
To wander down your way

Then before we knew it
Together, love we shared
We both found it so easy
To love the other and care

But the world we were sharing
Was a dream world indeed
We both knew we were wrong
But we filled each others need

As fast as we started
Faster we watched us end
We went our separate ways
To this day we still are friends

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Ray Hansell

We Believe

I will never leave
I will always believe
That our love will never die

You'll never leave
For you to believe
Our love will never die

But if one day
Love fades away
Then so will I

7-28-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Both Knew

It was clear
Love was near

We both knew
What we had to do

Then we felt
Our hearts melt

Now we both cry
As we bid a tearful goodbye

11-24-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

We Both Thought

My dreams of yesterday
Have all come and gone
Lovely thoughts of you
Will, forever live on

It was a dream come true
That you and I did meet
But looking back now
Our meeting was bittersweet

We both thought back then
That love was here to stay
We had no way of knowing
That it would soon fade away

So now we both keep busy
Putting our lives back together
Hoping very soon
That our lives will be much better

We parted on friendly terms
That's the least we could do
There so much that I learned
Just from loving you

So as we go on our way
I wish you all the best
These parting words to you
I do not say in jest

5-2-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Can't Delay

Death will come
To one and all
No one knows when
Anyone will fall

But I do know
That when God calls
There's no way
We can stall

When the time
Has finally come
Darkness will
Replace the Sun

6-30-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Did Belong

So many happy years
So many happy smiles
So many happy travels
So many happy miles

We've seen it all
We've done it all
Been through it all
But yet, we didn't fall

Our love is still strong
We still sing our song
We knew we weren't wrong
Together, we did belong

10-27-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Didn'T Make It

You came into my life
What a sweet surprise
The moment that I saw you
I captured by your eyes

When I saw you smile
My heart began to melt
My heart was feeling something
That it had never felt

Then your hand reached out
To take a hold of mine
For the first time in my life
I lost track of space and time

This feeling that has come over me
I didn't want it to ever end
When you looked into my eyes
It was like being born again

Then when you moved to kiss me
I did not try to resist
It had been far too long
Since the last time I was kissed

But when you took me into your arms
I felt like I belonged
We fit together so perfectly
Like words and notes to a song

So now I find myself each day
With great memories of our past
The only thing I have to say today
What a shame we didn't last

6-3-10/RJH

We Didn't Surrender

I see the time to part
For us has arrived
Can we both say goodbye
And walk away with dry eyes?

It's going to be difficult
That I hope you know
I know that it's alright
To let our emotions show

We shared so much together
In a very short time
In my heart I always believed
Love would always be yours and mine

Inside of our hearts
I thought love would live forever
The day we say goodbye
I thought would happen never

I know you'll always have a part
Of me inside of you
I'll always have a part of you
Inside of me no matter what I do

I never loved anyone
The way that I loved you
It was always special
It always seemed so very new

The times that we shared love
Or just laid there and talked
The times that we loved
To just go and take a walk

The best times that I had
Were times I shared with you
It seems our times together
Were oh so very few

But the memories that we made
Will last a lifetime for me
You see, spending my life with you
Is how I thought it would be

But now today finds us
Each heading down a different road
But the love we built together
I know, will never erode

I know that years from now
When I sit and reminisce
There's no doubt in my mind
These are the times I will miss

So please take care of yourself
Please always remember
Maybe we had to retreat
But our love we didn't surrender

10-16-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

We Doubt It

This is the best part of the day
As a slight breeze blows
Cooling off the air
From the sun baked day
You and I
Lay under a tree
In the cool of the shade
Wondering if tomorrow
Will be as hot
As our love will be tonight

4-10-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Had Some Time Together

The world is a better place
Now that she is here
From now until forever
I always want her near

But I know that decision
Is not mine alone to make
I know it will be her choice
If it's my love she'll take

But if she doesn't want me
If she turns me down
That will be alright you see
You'll never see me frown

For I had the chance with her
To share some special times
And those times to me will be
Forever memories in my mind

Ray Hansell

We Never Came To Be

When you said goodbye
A tear never left your eye
To this day I wonder why
Could it be, there's another guy

I guess there's no use in wondering
Because it would not change a thing
When you told me goodbye
You gave me back the ring

Thinking what could have been
I'm sure is a waste of time
I guess there's no use to sit and dwell
When her love will never be mine

5-9-78/RjH

Ray Hansell

We Tried

We loved
We shared
We cared
But somehow
We were not spared

It all ended
Way too fast
I know we tried
But love just couldn't last

RjH/5-29-07

Ray Hansell

We Walked Along Together

We walked along together
In the pouring rain
We walked and talked until the sun
Finally came shining through
As we walked all the trees
Glistened from the rain
The rain drops laying on the leaves
Looked like diamonds in the sun
From the summer shower
Steam drifted up from the wet pavement
Like steam in the air of a hot sauna
As we walked under the summer sky
A sky as blue as the ocean
Big puffy white clouds drifted over head
The day has become almost as beautiful as you
Your eyes so soft and your smiling face
The feel of your hand in mine
At this moment I wish that I
Could some how stop the movement of time

4-30-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

We Will Tune Them Out

How about a quiet dinner
At a table just for two
A soft burning candle
As the flame burns blue

Two glasses filled with wine
A basket full of bread
A light hearted conversation
Where, nothing earth shattering is said

The people all around us
We'll just tune them out
Just you and I together
Is what tonight is all about

I sit and stare at your beauty
As the candle lights your face
We're quietly secluded
Far away from life's hectic pace

I slowly reach out my hand
To gently hold with yours
The silence is suddenly broken
By the slamming of the a door

Once again you and I
Pick up where we left off
I reach out to hold your hand
So tiny and so soft

When the evening is over
We'll be back home by then
But I just want you to know
That I'm going to love you all I can

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Wealthy In Money Only

No matter whom you are
No matter what we've got
You're no better then I am
So please, don't like a big shot

You may drive a fancy car
Your house may sit on a hill
But when all is said and done
All you'll behind is a will

Your pockets may be filled with money
All your jewelry made of gold
But not even all your riches
Can stop you from growing old

So please don't flaunt all you have
You see, it isn't very nice
What good is it going through life?
With a heart as cold as ice

We all get our just rewards
Come the judgment day
I know that I won't have to worry
Is that something you can say?

1-1-11/RJH

Ray Hansell

Weary` `` `` `` `` `` ``

A one bedroom apartment
A table and a chair
A black and white TV
Why doesn't someone care?

I wear the latest styles
I think for myself
But yet, here I sit alone
Like a book upon a shelf

I hope one day I'll be happy
I hope it's very soon
For I am growing weary
Of this same ole tired room

8-1-2007/RjH

Ray Hansell

We'Li Always Care

When you go away
I'll think of you each day

Thoughts of you will fill my head
I'll remember every word you ever said

I'll remember your pretty smile
How it always drove me wild

I'll remember your hair blowing in the wind
I'll remember you as, a lover and friend

I'll remember the way you always looked
I'll remember the day on you I got hooked

I'll remember the way you touched me
I'll remember the way you helped me see

I'll remember the love we'll always share
I'll remember the day we took a vow, to always care

11-23-07/RjH

Ray Hansell

We'LI Be Through

If our hearts remain true
And you love me
Like I love you
Then I know we'll get through

But if our hearts
Are not true
Then you and I
Will be through

7-14-08/RjH

Ray Hansell

We'LI Connect

I missed the opportunity
To talk with you last night
But please don't you worry
Everything is all right

Hopefully later on
We will connect
Soon we'll carry on
We'll have some fun I bet

So stay alert
For some mail
My love for you
Will not go stale

4-1-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

We'LI Meet Again

I see your picture drapped in lace
I wipe the tears from my face

I remember how it use to be
When you were here with me

We would always laugh and smile
Toward the end I know I was in denial

Then one day when I came by
I could see your mother cry

Through tear stained cheeks
With a voice that could hardly speak

She told me that you were called home
I lost the best love I've ever known

Now I look at your picture every day
I think to myself and I say

Sometimes I think you're here with me
Even though it's you I cannot see

But I know when my time on earth is through
I'll be so ready to be back with you

9-3-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

We'LI Never

I look at you
You look at me
Something fills the air
But I know we'll never be

7-30-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

We'll See

I feel you next to me
I hear you softly sigh
I know the love we share
Somehow will never die

Tomorrow night might find us
Right back here again
Staying together forever
Until the very end

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Ray Hansell

We'LI See If We Can Be

What I am, you're not
What you are, I'm not
Lets you and me
See, exactly what we've got

Come take my hand
Walk with me
Together we'll see
If you, me and love can be

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Ray Hansell

We've All Lost Before

You fell in love
Then got hurt
Please tell me, who hasn't?
The important thing to remember
Is that somewhere out there
Someone is waiting for you

2-21-78/RJH

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Ray Hansell

What About You?

When I cried you were there
To wipe the tears away
When I hurt you were there
To help ease my pain
When I was a winner
You were always there
When I was a loser
You were there twice as fast
When I was wrong and you knew it
You never said a word
When I was right
You made sure everyone knew
When I, when I, when I
It was always about me
There were so many times
It should have been about you

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Ray Hansell

What Am I To Do?

I tell you that you're wonderful
I tell you that you're sweet
I tell you that you're the girl
I had always hoped to meet

I tell you that I'm happy
Whenever I'm with you
But now you say it's over
Tell me, what am I to do?

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Ray Hansell

What Do I Have To Do?

What do I have to do?
To show my love is true
What do I have to say?
To convince you today
I thought that you knew
All the love I felt for you
I've told you many times
Just what was on my mind
I told you from the start
It was you who stole my heart
But I guess along the way
You forgot what I had to say
I'm not sure how to convey
How much I want you to stay
One thing will forever be true
I'll never stop loving you

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Ray Hansell

What Does Forever Mean

Sometimes things
Never seem
To be just what they are
What does forever mean?

I close my eyes
You are seen
Can someone please tell me
What does forever mean?

Sometimes late at night
As I drift off to dream
It's you that I see
What does forever mean?

I wish you were here
I miss us as a team
Now I surely know
What forever means

2-29-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

What Happened To

What happened to the love?
That we use to share
What happened to the days?
When we use to care

What happened to the smiles?
That we always wore
What happened to the kisses?
That we both lived for

What happened to the passion?
That use to burn so bright
What happened to the love?
That we use to make every night

What happened to us?
When did things start to go wrong
I though we had the strength
To weather any kind of storm

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What Happened?

It seems I'm never happy
No matter what I do
I spend most of my time
Dat dreaming of you

Since you went away
The days just drag on
I still can't believe
That you're really gone

I still can't get over
The way I heard the news
I would have done it differently
If it were up to me to choose

But the choice wasn't mine to make
I didn't have a say
But I know one day real soon
I'll get over how I feel today

It's going to take some time
Maybe longer then I thought
But I never dreamed
I'd ever be this distraught

But when I remember you
I can't help but smile
Because the time I spent with you
Was oh so worth while

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What I Feel Within

My words always tell you
Just how much I care
I hope my eyes tell you
That I always want you there

I hope my hands tell you
Every time I touch your skin
Just how much I love you
All that I feel within

I hope you know
I'll always care
For you I promise
To always be there

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What I Miss About You

See the sadness on my face
In side my heart is broken
It's all because you and I
For so long haven't spoken

My heart has been very heavy
It's also in great pain
Read a little more
I will try to explain

I miss you so very much
I miss hearing your laugh
I miss your smiling face
I miss the way you look

I miss the way you smile
Everytime you look at me
It give sme such a feeling of joy
Knowing, your smile is genuine

I miss sitting across from you
As we share a cup of coffee
The happiness inside of me
No one else ever gets to see

I miss giving you a goodbye hug
I miss your wonderful kiss
I miss watching you walk away
Knowing exactly who I'll miss

With all the things that are wrong in life
I have to be honest with you
You for sure are the one
Who makes my life and love feel new

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What I Needed

I'm making it on my own
I'm coping with being alone
I do fine expect
When old memories creep up on me
That's when I feel the loneliest

At first it was hard getting over you
But as each day passed
So did a little more of the pain
Now I'm at the point
Where I accept our separation
It's not what I wanted
But it's something that I needed
I still love you
That won't ever change
But parts of my life
I have to rearrange

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What I Thought I Needed

My heart started crying
Because you have gone
It will be hard I know
But I must carry on

All the years we shared
Have passed by like blur
I want so much to have you back
So things can be the way they were

In my heart that's what I want
But in reality I know
That you'll never return to me
Because of the faithfulness I didn't show

There are times I should have said
How much I love you so
I didn't say those words
That why now, I feel so low

I know that it's my fault
No one else is to blame
What we started long ago
Will never again be the same

So maybe it's a good thing
For us to say goodbye
Maybe I do deserve
To be left here to cry

My heart started crying
But I'm the one who cheated
I thought that somewhere else
I would what I thought I needed

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What If God Appeared

What if God appeared
And took you by the hand
And whispered softly to you
You are going to the promised land

Would you resist him?
Would you put up a fight?
Or would you just go quietly
Off into the night?

Ray Hansell

What Never Came To Be

Two wise fools that we are
We fell in love
All that's left
Are the scars

We both found out
The hard way
Love doesn't happen
In just one day

So look at us now
A faded memory
A very sad reminder
Of what never came to be

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What Once Was

Another day, another time
To think about what was once mine

A home that was lost
At a very high cost

A marriage that failed
All hope sailed

Into the dark of night
Where nothing is in sight

Children left with a broken home
A childhood lived with much unknown

What will the future hold in store
Who can really say anymore

No second chance to fix what's been broke
You can't take back words you spoke

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What Time Will Tell

Do you think it's time
For me to move on
Is the love that we once shared
Completely all gone

It seems out time together
Is becoming less and less
We're starting to unravel
Like the hem on a dress

I think now is the time
To bring us to an end
There is no use to go on
If we are just going to pretend

Pretend what we had
Is still alive and well
We both already know
What time will soon tell

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Ray Hansell

What Tomorrow Holds

Sitting here just wondering
What road I'm going to take
Wondering if my decisions
Will be good one's that I make

Wondering if tomorrow
Will be as good as today
Or will I just be happy
That each day passes away

Each day holds a new adventure
As we walk down life's road
Each one of us with our story
That will somehow be told

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What Use To Be

In your eyes I use to see
The love that use to be
And that love
Use to be you and me

Now all I see
Is no more you and me
You have set me free
From a love that use to be

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What We Now Seek

I've never seem you look so happy
Like the way you did today
You wore a smile from ear to ear
As you went about your day

I remember when it was you and me
That smile you never wore
Maybe I should have let you know
That it was you I truly adored

But words like that I never said
For I thought I would look weak
Sometimes the past that we've lost
Is what we now so badly seek

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What We'll Do

Tonight you came to my bed
You stayed all night long
I thought I could resist you
But I see I was so wrong

I thought that I could make it
Finally, all on my own
But a house without love
Is really not a home

So now until forever
Each night I'll share with you
The moon, the stars and all my love
We'll do what people in love do

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What Will Today Bring?

Sitting here just wondering
What tomorrow might bring
Will it be a day of sadness
Or a day where I can sing

Or will it be a day
That gives me much to do
That I won't even have time to think
Or spend any time with you

Some days we can't control
The way the day will go
We wake up in the morning
And we never really know

Will today be the best
Of any day I've ever had
Or will it just be a day
That turns out all bad

3-21-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

What You Do To Me

I'm sitting here just wishing
You were here with me
Because then you'd see
How happy I can be

Just to see your smiling face
To touch your soft brown skin
I would forget everything
Every place I've ever been

Just a gaze into your eyes
I'm a million miles away
When you speak so softly
You have so much to say

You whisper that you love me
That you always will
Everytime I hear those words
It gives me such a thrill

When I feel your body
Pressed up next to mine
You always send shivers
Running up my spine

Everytime I'm with you
Happiness fills my heart
Whenever I am with you
I never want to part

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Ray Hansell

What You Like To Do

Do you feel wanted?
Do you feel needed?
Have your desires
All been exceeded?

Do you feel?
Do you touch?
Is one man
Ever enough?

Does he make you sweat?
Does he make you sigh?
When you close your eyes
Do you still see other guys?

Does he make you squirm?
Does he make you hot?
Does he give to you
Everything he's got?

Maybe you should consider
Knocking on his door
Whisper in his ear
That you'll be back for more

Tell him all the things
You use to say to me
Tell him the way it is now
Is the way it will always be

Tell him that no one else
Does to you the things he does
Ask him if he has a great memory
So he'll remember what once was

Tell him that in no time
You'll be gone with someone new
Tell him when it comes to pleasing men
That's exactly what you do

11-12-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

What's In Store This Year

I wonder if the New Year
Will be better the last
I wonder if the future
Will somehow resemble the past

It seems the only things that change
Is that I keep getting older
Although I have to admit
That the world keeps getting colder

Will there be new friends
Waiting out there for me
Or will it be the old stand by's
The one's I always see

There's nothing wrong with old friends
I believe they are great treasures
Through the years they've given me
So many of my life's pleasures

With old friends you can be yourself
There's need to pretend
Old friends will always be there
Until the very end

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When Ever You Are Near

Whether in the sunshine
Whether in the rain
It doesn't really matter
With you it's all the same

I don't care about the weather
I don't care about nothing else
Because when I'm with you
I don't care what hand I'm dealt

You make all things right
You make all bad go away
When ever I'm with you
It's always a perfect day

That's why I never let anything
Ever interfere
I don't need nor anything else
When ever you are near

8-21-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

When God Calls

I've done so many things
In this life of mine
I've been so many places
Maybe not as far as you
Life is meant for the living
That's what we all should do

I think too many people
Worry all the time
But I have to tell you
That's not a past time of mine

I live my life to the fullest
Because I never know
When God may place that call
And say, it's time to go

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When I Die

I hope I go to a place
Full of love and joy
Where no one is around
To bother me or annoy

A place to be left alone
A place quiet and safe
A place where all the people
Wear a smile on their face

A place where rush and hurry
Does not exist
A place like that would be
First upon my list

I know that when I die
I'll experience another birth
I know I'll go to heaven
Because I've been through hell on earth

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Ray Hansell

When I First Saw Her

I remember when I first saw her
Up there on the stage
Although she was so young
She was matured beyond her age

The words flowed out so effortlessly
Like rivers rushing to the sea
I sat there in total silence
For I felt she was singing to only me

She described what I was feeling
But yet, we'd never met
But it seems the more she sang
Deeper inside of me she'd get

She sang about my childhood
My past pains rang loud and clear
The more that she kept singing
The more I could feel my tears

Her voice so soft and soothing
Her words came out in thyme
And for a magic evening
She took me back in time

But I guess what I had realized
As I sat there listening that night
Is that so many peoples past
Though bad, THEY still turned out all right

Ray Hansell

When I Know You're Hurting

When I know you're hurting
And your heart is in pain
The sun seems to go away
All it does is rain

When I now you're hurting
Gloom fills your room
That's when all the flowers
All forget to bloom

When I know you're hurting
I wish I could be there
Just to let you know
That someone really cares

When I know you're hurting
I wish I could make the pain go away
But I know it's part of living
Hurt's take hold of us some days

When I know you're hurting
This is what I would say
The hurt and pain you feel
Will one day go away

Ray Hansell

When I'M Feeling Love

Ever since I've met you
I feel something deep inside
I know that I don't do well
When it's something I try to hide

Every time I see you
A smile covers my face
Every time you speak
All my pains are erased

The only time I feel this way
Is when I'm feeling love
Could it be a magic spell
Has been cast upon me from above

If it's truly love
That I feel inside
Should I let it out
Or just let it hide

If I should display it
Then something goes wrong
I know I'll feel the pain
Because I'm not that strong

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When Relationships End

I lost at love before
But I guess that's nothing new
Most likely the same thing
Has also happened to you

You feel like your world has ended
You feel lost and all alone
No matter what you do
You never feel at home

At work you can't concentrate
Because you can't hold a thought
You know it will be a tough fight
But a fight that must be fought

You know you'll get through this
You've gotten through things before
But what makes this a little harder
Your heart has become a closed door

It doesn't help to remember
All the good times that you shared
Even though some days were bumpy
In your heart you always cared

But as the years pass us by
Some things just don't stay the same
People as well as circumstances
Will for ever change

It's sad to see a relationship
Come crashing to an end
You only hope you can salvage
Your heart, and maybe a friend

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When The Rain Falls

As the rain fell
It reminded me of you
And how much
You liked
To make love
To the sound of the falling rain

As the rain fell
It reminded me of us
And how much we liked
To make love
To the sound of the falling rain

When the rain falls
I'll always remember
Just how much
Loving you
Will always mean to me

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When We First Met

When you and I first met
I didn't think we'd ever get

As close as we've become
My heart tells me you're the one

That I have been searching for
I'll give my heart to you forever more

You make my life feel so good
I never thought that love could

Feel so fresh and exciting
Your smile to me is so inviting

I want to spend my time that's left
Giving you nothing but the best

Other women may catch my eye
As you will surely look, at other guys

But all the looking that I do
I know no one could replace you

With you is where I want to stay
I vow to you to never stray

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When You Have The Best

Every time I see her
Excitement fills my soul
Every time I'm near her
It's her I want to hold

Every time I kiss her
She never turns away
Every single morning
She begins my day

When I have to leave her
She wishes me the best
Ever since I've been with her
I don't care about the rest

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When You Near

The warmth of a summer breeze
Caresses my face
It feels as soft and gentle
As your hands upon me

The sweetness of your voice
Rings gently in my ears
Like a Sunday church bell
You always sound so good

When your lips kiss mine
They always make smile
You make the birds all sing
The skies all turn to blue

Every day that you are near me
Is always a perfect day
I know my days will stay this way
When ever you are near

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When You Wrote To Me

I opened up my mail box
I saw your message there
It made me so happy
All I could do was stare

It was great to hear from you
I read your message many times
Every word I focused on
They all seemed to rhyme

I always get a great pleasure
Whenever you write to me
It always picks my spirits up
It makes me happy as can be

So please know that when I sit down
And it's my email I'm going to read
When I see that it's from you
It always gives me what I need

It puts a smile on my face
It puts joy in my heart
Who would ever have thought
That words, could become a work of art

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Where Did I Go Wrong?

Coffee and a cigarette
Watching late night TV
Hearing different sounds
But the noises I never see

Another cup of coffee
Another cigarette
I listen to the music
On my small cassette

Another sound
Another hour
Another lonely song
Another smoke, another cup
Just another night
Where did I go wrong?

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Where Did They Go

Where are the dreams
That use to be
In the dead of night
They'd come to me

I'd dream of you
Most of all
I'd hear your voice
As you softly call

Your rich brown eyes
Would look at me
In their reflection
Love is what I'd see

The smile that you wore
When I saw you there
Please tell me
How could I not care

But now it seems
That all my dreams
Have deserted me
If you know what I mean

Gone are the dreams
Where I would see your face
Loneliness and emptiness
Have taken their place

Where are the dreams
That use to be
They're gone with the night
Just like you and me

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Where I Want To Stay

On a cold winter night
The rain starts
Falling slowly to the ground
The temperature is cold
As the rain hits our faces
You and I walk along
Alone together
Hand in hand
We comment on the weather
But only briefly
We are more concerned
About being alone with each other
The one thing we have learned
Is that, dreams do come true
I always dreamed of finding
Someone just like you
Now that we are together
That's where I always want to stay

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Where Is Love?

Where is love?
I need to know
The love inside of me
Would really like to grow

Where is love?
Where can it be
I need to share
The love in me

Where is love?
Why must I wait
I will lose
If I hesitate

Where is love?
Where can she be
I have this aching pain
Deep inside of me

Is there someone
Out there for me
Or is this the way
It's going to be

Living life
All alone
Never feeling love
Other people have known

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Where Will I Go?

When my life is over
I wonder where I'm bound
Will I go to heaven
Or far beneath the ground

Will I live with angels
Or go somewhere else
The only place left you see
Would be with the devil himself

4-4-09/RjH

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Which Is It?

Till death we do part
Do they mean life's death
Od the death of love?

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Why Did?

Why did you take me in your arms?
Why did you say you cared?
Why did you let me in your house?
Why did you let me in your bed?
Why did you let me in
When I came back for more?
Why did you give me a key
To unlock your front door?
Why did you buy me gifts?
That I treasured more than gold
Why did you say goodbye
After doing all of this?

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Why Oh Why

I try and try and try
But why oh why
Does love always pass me by?

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Will Always Last

When the roads are long
And the nights are cold
When everything goes wrong
And friends are hard to find
Remember me

When strangers faces are all you see
When everybody lets you down
When you spread your wings and try to fly
Buy can't get off the ground
Remember me

Remember me and always know
I'll always be there for you
Because if the tables were turned
I know exactly what you'd do

You would be there for me
Just like you have been in the past
That's why the friendship that we have
Will forever and always last

11-06-09/RjH

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Will Come To Last

Everyone wants to find love
Someone of their own
Someone who gives them that feeling
That they finally at home

Love makes you feel wanted
Love makes you feel complete
Love makes you believe
That life can be so sweet

Because you finally found that someone
Who's heart beats with yours
You finally found the love
That has opened your hearts door

You want it to last forever
In your heart you feel it will
For every time you see him
You get that heart pounding thrill

But one day you notice, things start to change
You're not really sure why
The nights are long and loveless
The days you use to cry

The happiness you once shared
Has been replaced by loneliness
Why things had to change
You are only left to guess

You fight through the hurt and pain
Once again you find your smile
You know that you'll recover
You also know it will take a while

You know you can't forget
Someone who treated you unkind
That's one thing that you
Must always keep in mind

But as each day passes by
Slowly things will get better
But you that doesn't stop
Your eyes from still getting wetter

But soon the day will arrive
When the hurt and pain are in the past
Then, when you least expect it
The love that you've been looking for will finally come to last

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Will I Find

I know I hurt and ache inside
But I know that I'll recover
But will I ever find someone
To replace my lover?

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Will Never Die

She will never leave
We will always believe
That true love will never die

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Will They'LI Come A Day?

Visions of us
Memories of the past
Yesterday is gone
Memories hopefully will last

Good times, bad times
We've had a few
Today finds us apart
Oh, how I miss you

The distance between us
Causes my heart pain
Will they'll ever come a day
When I find love again?

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Will We Ever Be?

I don't see how
I could love you more
Then the way I love you now

I don't see how it could be
I need no one else
There's only you for me

When I look into your eyes
Each and every time
I get a big surprise

I see love is alive and well
I hope it's waiting there for me
But, can you please tell me
Will the two of us ever be?

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Will You

I love it when you touch me
With fingers feather soft and warm
I close my eyes and enjoy the time
With you, where I belong

You run your fingers through my hair
You rub my chest real slow
You softly nibble at my ear
So many things I need to know

Will you stay and love me
Through the good and bad?
Will you help me wear a smile
When I'm sometimes feeling sad?

Will you stand beside me
When my world is crumbling down?
Will you stay with me
When friends just can't be found?

In return I promise
To love you for who you are
To always be there for you
To never wander far

I'll always protect you
I'll never leave your side
But most of all I promise
My love for you will never hide

11-19-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

Will You Take Me As I Am?

Will you take me as I am?
An incomplete man
Will you hold my hand?
Help me to understand
So many things I don't know
I never let my feelings show
But I know that if you stay
You can help me change my ways
So, if you take me as I am
I know you will complete this man

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Ray Hansell

Wishful Thinking?

First a glance
Then a dance
Hopefully soon
They'll be romance

4-20-14/RjH

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Wishing For Only You

So many thoughts of you
Rush into my mind
They get me through the day
Until the day is far behind

Then at night as I lay in bed
Wishing you were near
To hold you in my arms
To whisper in your ear

I love you
I love you
I love you

1-13-12/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wishing I

You put your arms around me
Then, warm me with a kiss
I close my eyes as I hold you
Wishing
I never have to let you go

11-27-2005/RjH

Ray Hansell

Wishing You A Merry Christmas

I hope that you're Christmas
Is all you want it to be
I wish there were a chance
That you I could have gotten to see

But I know that won't happen
You have other things to do
But I wanted you to know
That I am thinking of you

So here's hoping your Christmas
Is filled with peace, love and joy
Hoping that you got from Santa
That special little toy

I hope your day was joyful
I hope the day was bright
I hope you had had a good time
By the time you go to bed at night

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Ray Hansell

Wishing You Were Here

I'm happy when I see you
I'm glad when you're around
But when I don't see you
My face wears a frown

There are so many times
I just can't wait to see
The big bright smile that you wear
Every time that you greet me

On these cold and lonely nights
I wish you were close by
Just so I could hold you
To feel you by my side

6-10-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

With Only You

When I'm away from you
I'm a stone
I'm alone
I'm a face without a smile

When I think of you
I'm a quiet guy
I wonder why
Love makes me feel so high

When I go to meet you
I smile
I have style
I feel like a captured bird set free

When I'm with you
I'm happy
I'm at peace
I'm in love
With only you

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Ray Hansell

With You

Whether sitting in front of the fire place
Or walking along the beach holding hands
Or starrng at the star filled sky
Or watching the moon slowly rise
All of these are beautiful things to see and do
They are made so much better
Because I get to do them all with you

4-27-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Without A Friend

He sits alone and suffers
In a deep depressive state
Knowing deep inside
He already knows his fate

He wonders that, when he's gone
If anyone would miss him?
He thinks, probably not
Because that's how it's always been

Once again his birthday passes forgotten
By those who say they care
On his special day
No one was there

No birthday wish
No present to open
No candles on a cake
To blow out hoping

He wants so much to end it all
He doesn't want to go on
He figures what's the big deal
He will not do anyone else any harm

His head is always hurting
His heart in constant pain
He no longer wants to play
In life's painful game

That's why he has to wonder
Who'll miss him when he's gone
Everyone else is so busy
With things they must do and carry on

So, he's thinking tonight might be the night
When the pain all comes to an end
He came into this world knowing no one
He'll go out without a friend

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Ray Hansell

Without Any Warning

When I wasn't looking
Someone stole my heart
I have to say, it's been great
Right from the very start

You've handled my heart with care
You've given it your love
When it comes to women
You're the only one I dream of

You've held me through the night
Until the early morning
It's always great to be loved
When there isn't any warning

One day I saw you standing there
Before I knew it, I was holding you
Now holding you forever
Is all I want to do

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Ray Hansell

Without You

I can't say I miss you
When you are not here
I can't say I love you
When you are standing near

I can't say that I want
For you to share my life
I would not even ask you
To become my wife

But what I will say
Is so very true
My life would be better
If it's lived without you

9-905/RJH

Ray Hansell

Words Alone

Words alone cannot express
What I feel inside
Will a kiss confirm
What I cannot hide

I know my eyes must tell you
Just what you need to know
That I am the one
Who truly loves you so

7-21-05/RJH

Ray Hansell

Words Just Can'T Replace

The love I feel for you
Grows stronger every day
There are so many things
That I want to say

But how can words replace
The gentle touch of a hand
How can words express
What's inside this man

A tender kiss
A gentle touch
A loving hug
Say so much

Words cannot replace
All that I feel inside
I'd rather express my love
Then to ever let it hide

11-27-2005/RjH

Ray Hansell

Words Not Said, Tears You Shed

I never made an attempt
To tell you goodbye
I didn't say those words
I didn't even try

I should have whispered
"I'll see you in my dreams"
I know how much I miss you
As my tears flow like a stream

There was a time not long ago
I wondered when, I'd see you again
But I was thinking to myself
Your life is far from the end

But now I see how things turned out
In my heart, all is not well
I wish I could hold you again
Rescued, from this lonely hell

There are so many things
I never got to say
So if you care for someone
Let them know today

4-14-06/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Words Of Love For Me

I read the words you write
All the nice things you say
When I read your work
It brightens up my day

I know the words you write
Come from your heart
I knew from the beginning
That's where they got their start

But I would never share
Or let anyone else ever see
The beautiful words you've written
For your words of love are just for me

5-9-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Working For The Lord

I got a job the other day
But you see, I don't get pay
My rewards come in other ways
I enjoy them all every day
You see the Lord has hired me
To spread his word to all I see
He saved me and took me in
And saved me from what I might have been
A sinner living with no hope
He saved me from that slippery slope
So now spread the word to all
To let the Lord in before you fall
I love my job and I do it well
I'm glad the Lord saved me from hell
I want you all to know
Love the Lord and let it show
For you to can be saved
From that hot and hellish grave
I know that I'm heaven bound
I hope to see you all around

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

Would Be Too Late

She said her heart was broken
Like it's never been broken before
She swears this time it is the end
She'll never love anyone more

She says she doesn't need to feel
That kind of pain again
She says for her it's over
Love for her has come to an end

Her heart will never open
The way it has before
She says that it will remain
Closed just like door

No longer can she ever give
Her love to anyone again
Some days she will look back
To remember way back when

Love was new and exciting
It made her feel so great
But the years have hurried by
Loving now would be too late

5-12-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Would It Matter

I never thought I'd lose
I never thought you'd choose
To turn and walk away
Like you did yesterday

I always thought that love
Was what we were made of
But now I see I was wrong
I guess our love was not that strong

So now I guess it's time
To erase you from my mind
Should I say goodbye, or just walk away?
Or would it matter what I say?

11-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Would You Be My Wife?

We've only been together
For a short time I know
But what I feel inside for you
Just continues grow

I know what we share now
We can share forever
That's why I want our lives
To be lived together

So I'm asking you
If you'd become my wife
I promise to keep you happy
As together we travel through life

10-20-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

Would You Consider

I lost control
I lost my head
I now regret
Things I said

I know that I
Said to leave
I must admit
My heart grieves

Would you consider
Another try
With this sad
And lonely guy

But if you
Tell me no
I promise that
I'll turn and go

But if you feel
Something for me
Can we again
Try to be

Two people
Who really care
Who want the other
Always there

5-26-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Would You?

Would you hold my hand
Like you use to do?
Back when love to us
Was something very new

Would you kiss my lips
The way you did back then?
Maybe we can spark the fire
Then fall in love again

Would you make love with me
Like the golden days?
When loving came so easy
In so many different ways

Or has too much time
Already passed us by
That what we shared long ago
Isn't worth another try

11-30-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

Writers Block

My thoughts are running dry
Nothing left for me to say
Why does this seem to happen
At the end of every day

I'd like to write a poem or two
To share with all to read
But it seems impossible
I'm not sure what I need

A thought or inspiration
To help me get started
But it seems all my attempts
Are only half hearted

So I guess I'm finished for the night
I'll try again tomorrow
Maybe between now and then
A thought or two I can borrow

3-2-13/RjH

Ray Hansell

Writing

The thoughts come from mind
Through my fingers to the keys
Sitting here and writing
Comes to me with such ease

It seems no matter what
I can always make a rhyme
I seem to be able to do it
In a very short amount of time

Some people say it's a gift
But sometimes I have to wonder
You see, they just see the finished product
They never see me make a blunder

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Ray Hansell

Yes, I've Watched The Sun Set

Yes, I've watched the sunset
With a sky of crimson red
It reminded me
Of the things to you I've said

I remember all the times
I whispered in your ear
'I will always love you'
Forever keep me near

I'll love you no matter what
Life may throw at us
Because when I think back
I remember how it was

Living my life in a loveless world
No one to make life matter
But since I found you
All my bad memories have been scattered

The place I'm in right now
Is a world happy and true
That is all because
Of the love I receive from you

8-11-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Always Believe

Your life is in pieces
Your dreams lie broken
Shattered on the ground
But still you keep hoping

Your tears are always with you
No matter what you do
You never stop Believing
That one day your dreams will come true

Ray Hansell

You Always Take The Time

I have this place inside of me
That no one else can fill
You are the only one
Who gives me that special thrill

The soft and gentle way
You always talk with me
The way you explain things
Always helps me to see

You help me to understand
Things I just don't know
It's gentleness and kindness
That you always show

You always have time to talk with me
You never seem to rush
I love when you express yourself
With your feather soft touch

I always look forward
To meeting you each day
I love to listen to you talk
I love the things you have to say

I have this place inside of me
That only you can fill
In my heart I'll always know
That you're the only one who ever will

11-1-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

You And A Rose

The rose is a pretty flower
That any garden can grow
A rose placed next to you
I now have two beauties in a row

12-19-05

Ray Hansell

You Are

You are the wings that help me fly
You are my treasure in the sky

You came and lit my soul on fire
I know we can both soar higher

You set my heart all aglow
My love for you over flows

You are the love of my life
You are everything that's right

You make my world shine and grow
Like flowers lined up row after row

You voice and laughter are so sweet
You sweep me off my feet
You never give me cause to weep

Your fragrance is like a field of flowers
I could sit and smell your scent for hours

4-19-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Are Always There

Every time I run to you
You're there with open arms
Every time I'm close to you
You fill me with your charms

When I kiss you to leave
You never turn away
When I want to love you
You're ready anytime of day

When I need to talk with you
Your words help me find my way
You're a friend and a lover
That I know I'll need each day

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Ray Hansell

You Are The Poem Of My Life

You're the poems that I write
When I sit up late at night
I think about the day
And all you had to say
I close my eye and I see
You walking there next to me

You're the poems that I write
In the early morning light
As we walk in the rain
People think we are insane
You know, maybe it's true
Because I'm insanelly in love with you

You are the poems that I write
Everything about us is right
Whether near or far away
In my heart you will always stay
You are the poetry I write
You are the poem of my life

11-1-17/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Are The Songs

You are the songs
That I write each night
You are the words
That feel so right

You are the rhyme
That makes the bridge
Your love gives me strength
The longer I live

You are the melody
That fills my head
My songs are the words
That you have said

As long as you give
Your love to me
The songs for you I write
People will always see

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Ray Hansell

You At My Side

Hello there pretty lady
May I inquire of you
Where are you going?
What are you going to do?

I was thinking if you were lonely
That maybe you and I
Could go out to dinner
To give us a try

But probably someone as pretty as you
Already has plans for the night
But, on the chance that you are free
I thought that we could go out for a bite

With a smile river wide
She said, that would be nice
She said, the moment you asked
I didn't have to think twice

Now life could not be better
No matter how hard I tried
I've always been so happy
Having you right by my side

10-4-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Can'T Change The Past

I saw her yesterday at the store
I have to say, she looked so good
The love we shared not long ago
Didn't last like I thought it would

To this day I'm still not sure
Exactly where things went wrong
I promised her my love forever
But we didn't last that long

In so many ways we were so alike
Our lives were a reflection of each other
We made sure to give each other space
So our love wouldn't smother

I'm not sure what but something happened
Somehow we lost our way
Little by little the love we shared
Started to slowly slip away

I thought that we could hold on
I was sure we would survive
Both of us made it
But it was love that we watched die

But seeing her again today
Made old feelings come alive
But I knew when it came to us
Love would never have a chance to thrive

Who's to blame, let's say no one
Maybe the time just wasn't right
No matter what I may feel now
I know we'll never reunite

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You Can't Run Away

You thought that by running away
It would help ease the pain
But you know that come tomorrow
You'll still feel that pain again

Because you know in your heart
Running, is never the thing to do
No matter how far you run
You'll never out run you

What you have to do
Is listen to your heart
As far as I'm concerned
That's where your recovery will start

Our hearts will always lead us
In the direction we must go
It's best to follow your heart
Because a heart just seems to know

Soon time will tell you
If you were right or wrong
Time will let us know
If we'll be weak or strong

10-18-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Cast A Spell

You have cast a spell on me
A spell no one else can see

You drive me wild in many ways
Thoughts of you get me through the days

You're like no one else I've ever known
Since that first day my love has grown

You kiss me hard, yet with affection
In your arms, I feel protection

Protection from failed loves of the past
The loves I thought would but never did last

When I read the words you write
Can't help but think that all is right

Please help me tell me what to do
So I know how to please you

You fill me with intense desire
You're the only one who can put out my fire

At night I close my eyes to dream of you
These dreams are so very few

You bring out feelings I've never shown
You give me love I've never known

How could I ever ask for more
From the woman I adore

When I gaze into your eyes
I know our love is not a lie

So many times I'd like to say
Come take my hand let's run away

I've heard it said, love will stand the test of time
Today that love is yours and mine

8-12-06/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Didn'T Give In

Everybody watched you
As you staged a gallant fight
Everyone praised your efforts
As you struggled through the nights

Giving up was a saying
That never entered your mind
Even though in your heart
You knew there wasn't much time

People will remember you
And just how hard you fought
All your friends and family
Will keep you in their thoughts

So now your finale journey
Is about to begin
You'll find a place in heaven
Where we'll all meet again

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Ray Hansell

You Didn'T Know I Loved You

You are sweet
You are kind
You are always
On my mind

You're my angel
With silver wings
You always make
My heart sing

When tears fall
When I'm in pain
You're the one
Who'll stop the rain

When all hope
Appears to be gone
You're the one
Who helps me carry on

If the world
Should suddenly end
I know in you
I had a friend

But I know
In reality
That you were
In love with me

I hope for sure
That you know
That I was always
In love with you

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You Have Control

The path you take in life
Is there for you to choose
You will be the one
To decide if you win or lose

Please don't blame others
For things you haven't got
Why don't you turn your life around
Then give it your best shot

It's easy to sit and complain
When you feel deprived
You can do something about it
It's up to you if you want thrive

Take a good look around
Look at those who have succeeded
You rarely hear them complain
Because, they went and got what they needed

They achieved it through hard work
Sometimes with sweat and tears
Never did they ever say
They wanted to hear the cheers

So you have full control
As to your failure or success
Because those who do succeed
Are always giving their best

Ray Hansell

You Hope

Life comes with no instructions
We're kind of on our own
We decide what is right
As we build a family and home

There are no manuals to direct us
When it comes to raising our young
You won't know if you did a good job
Until their growing is done

You'll make important decisions
Every single day you live
You only hope your choice is right
You hope you gave all you could give

So many things in life you see
Always come with directions
But when it comes to living life
You hope you make the right connections

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Ray Hansell

You I Miss

Sometimes I want to call you
Just to say hello
As I dial your number
I tell myself no

Sometimes I want to see you
Just to see if you have changed
But I stop before I go
I know our lives are not the same

Sometimes I want to hold you
To help ease the pain
But I tell my arms forget it
We're no longer in that game

Sometimes I sit and wonder
Who you might be with
I can't help myself
Because it's you I still miss

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Ray Hansell

You Just Keep On

If I were there in the morning
I want you to know
As you get ready for work
I'd make you not want to go

Slowly I'd pull you toward me
I kiss you softly on the lips
I'd whisper in your ear
That today work you should skip

You look at me and say I know
As you start to undress
I lay there in my birthday suit
Against me you slowly press

Then before we know it
Again we're making love
You getting ready for work
Is not what I'm dreaming of

We take our time like always
No need for us to hurry
It was great you called in sick
We have no need to worry

So here in bed we will stay
Because outside it's freezing
Under the covers with me
All day you'll be teasing

10-10-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Know Her

She is extraordinary
Far from ordinary
A million dollar smile
She's blessed with grace and style
She always says, hello
To those she don't even know
She's never in a hurry
Her life is lived without worry

7-23-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Know What's Best For You

There comes a time in every life
When we decide who and what matters
Because we all must move on
After our hearts have been shattered

So many people from our past
Will always stay right there
The ones that we care about
Will always stay in our lives to share

The pains of life we all feel
As we live from day to day
Loved ones we lose along the way
Forever, in our hearts will stay

If someone doesn't want you in their life
Don't ever let that bother you
There's probably more than an even chance
You don't need them in your life to

I've heard it said a million times
Things in life happen for a reason
Just like spring follows winter
Life can be ever pleasing

So don't live life filled with regrets
Don't dwell too much on the past
Although past pains and heartaches
For a while are going to last

There will be times when things go wrong
This happens so you will know and appreciate
That when things do go right
That's when the world looks great

If you get the opportunity at a second chance
Never let that second chance pass you by
Give it your best shot
At least people will know you made a try

Try to live life to the fullest
Put all you can into living
Take all that life will give to you
But along the way do some giving

Love the people who treat you right
While you learn to forgive the rest
No matter what anyone may say
When it comes to you, you know what is best

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Ray Hansell

You Look Out For Yourself

Praise the good
Weed out the bad
Live life your way
That will make you glad

Don't let others
Tell you what to do
You decide
What is right for you

Others may try to tell you
That they know what's best
But they should look at themselves
Before they criticize the rest

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Ray Hansell

You Love Me

To you I am devoted
My love is strong and true
For there is no one else
I want to love only you

When I'm laying next to you
I feel your kiss so tender
When it comes to loving you
I always will surrender

Under mid-night skies of blue
With stars scattered about
In my heart I am so sure
My love for you is never in doubt

Let us take flight on wings of love
For all the world to see
Let them all know that I love you
And that you love me

2-12-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Love Someone Else

I'll sing you my song
Though I know that it's wrong
Together is where we belong
But together is where we'll never be

2-21-78/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Made

I have said I love you
At least a million times
Is there any doubt within you
What I feel in this heart of mine?

Do you ever get tired
Of hearing those words I say?
Do you still want to hear them
As we live from day to day?

I tell you that I love you
Because I want you to know
That because of you
You have made the love inside me grow

10-2-09/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Make

The warmth of a summer breeze
Caresses my face
It feels as soft and gentle
As your hands upon me

The sweetness of your voice
Rings gently in my ears
Like a Sunday church bell
You always sound so good

When your lips kiss mine
They always make smile
You make the birds all sing
The skies all turn to blue

Every day that you are near me
Is always a perfect day
I know my days will stay this way
When ever you are near

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Ray Hansell

You Make Each Day New

My face lights up with joy
When ever I see you
The love I feel inside
You make it feel so new

I always look forward
To the times that we'll meet
You always wear a smile
When it's me you greet

I've been in love before
I know that you have to
But I've never met anyone
Who can makes each day seem new

The softness of your smile
The kindness in your heart
Makes me always believe
That we'll never drift apart

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Ray Hansell

You Make Life Right

Without you my day
Is so incomplete
When I am with you
Life is so very sweet

Something was missing
Things just weren't right
Then you shined into my life
Like a beacon of light

All that was wrong
You made so right
I always dream of you
Each and every night

But here I am alone
My heart missing you so much
I need you, all of you
I need your soothing touch

Time away from you
Sometimes is hard to take
But what gets me through the day
Is knowing you're not a mistake

So for now the memories
Get me through life's maze
I love you so much honey
I will always sing your praise

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Ray Hansell

You Make Me Feel

You make me feel
Comfortable
At ease
Peaceful
Somehow you calm my soul
Like no one else has ever done
I know that in my heart
For me you are the one

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Make My Heart Sing

My poems are so special
Well, that's what you say
I wish I the ability
To write you one each day

When I get to see you
There's so much that I see
The sheer joy of excitement
Takes control of me

I can't wait for each time
When we get together
Because everything that had been wrong
All of a sudden gets much better

I don't want you just for sex
One can get sex anywhere
I want you because I love you
And because I care

So writing about you
For me is an easy thing
How can I not write words of love
About the woman who makes my heart sing

12-20-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Must Always Believe

Stay relaxed
Keep your focus
I know that you
Already know this

In you I do believe
There's nothing you can't do
That's how much faith
I'll always have in you

I know that you are strong
You have a will of iron
I know you are determined
I know you'll never quit trying

You believe in yourself
But you put your family first
You know before its better
Things can for sure get worse

But I know you're a fighter
I know you'll never give up
One day your drink held up high
Success you'll taste from your cup

So keep on going don't you stop
There's far too much at stake
Another battle will be won
With every day you wake

I know that you'll fight
No matter what it takes
You can look back to lean on the past
To avoid future mistakes

One thing you should always know
Is that I'm on your side
I'm your own private rooting section
You'll never see me hide

Remember that I'm here for you
Ask anything and you shall receive
I was the one from the start
Who said, you always must believe

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Ray Hansell

You Must Believe

When ever we're together
I never want to leave
I want to stay with you
That you must believe

But when the time comes
For me to have to leave
Every time it does
My heart always grieves

But, I'm thankful for the time
That we do get to share
I hope the day will come
When I can stay right there

8-31-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

You Must Take The First Step

There is no hope for me
I often hear people say
I look at them and ask
Have you talked to the Lord today?

They look at me with puzzled eyes
A frown upon their brow
The they ask me the question
When, where and how?

When, is anytime you like
Where, anywhere at all
How, well that's easy
Just give His name a call

No matter where, no matter when
He's always there for you
But taking that first step
Is something you must do

And when you call upon Him
He'll never let you down
Then when you take Him into your life
He'll forever be around

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Need Trust

I think the time is finally here
For you and I to say goodbye
We thought that we could make it
We gave love a valiant try

But the problem that we had
Had to do with trust
It took the love we had
Then turned it into rust

When we were not with each other
Your mind was filled with doubt
Love cannot exist or survive this way
That's not what loves all about

You have to trust the person
That you claim to love
You have to always remember
Trust are what relationships are made of

But you have no trust in me
And you haven't for a while
I can't go pretending
To keep wearing this fake smile

You may feel the same way to
I'll tell you, that's all right
But when I was not with you
I was home every night

But I don't want to get into that
The ole tit for tat
I know we're both too old
To want to go through with that

So let's do the sensible thing
Say goodbye, wish each other well
We both know life holds something better
Then living each day in hell

2-26-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Opened Loves Door

The door of love was opened
With you on the other side
The love I feel for you
Is a love that will never hide

Love has once again
Shined its light on me
And when I'm with you
Love is all I ever see

When I close my eyes at night
It's dreams of you I see
Being in love with you
Is all I really want to be

Loving you comes easy
Holding you is life's biggest joy
When it comes to loving you
You'll never see me acting coy

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Ray Hansell

You Opened The Door

The door of love has opened
With you on the other side
The love I feel for you
I promise to never hide

Love has once again
Shined its light on me
It is because of you
That love is all I see

When I close my eyes at night
It's your face I see
Being in love with you
Is what I want to be

Loving you comes easy
Holding you is my life's greatest joy
When it comes to loving you
You'll never see me acting coy

Ray Hansell

You Question

You question if there's a heaven
You question if there's a hell
The only thing I can tell you is
Give it time for time will surly tell

9-17-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Said Goodbye

The tears in my eyes
Out number the stars
That shine in the sky at night

My heart is broken
In a million pieces
Since we haven't spoken

The days all run together
But that doesn't matter
Because I'm not getting better

You spoke the words
I still can't believe
What I know I heard

You said we were through
We've reached the end
You longer want me with you

I'll go away
But I'll remember today
The heart breaking words you had to say

8-27-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Saved Me

My life has had it's ups and downs
I've had my share of smiles and frowns
But all that has now changed
Ever since you've been around

I wake up each day to be with you
There's so much life to share
I know I'll always want you there
Without you, life I couldn't bare

Some people live a lifetime
With happiness never known
It was my life you saved
Because of the love you've shown

How will it all play out
No one really knows
But I pray that you and I
Share a love that just grows

9-29-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

You See

I fell in love
With you one day
I know This feeling
Is going to stay

So walk with me
Hand in hand
Sharing our
Where ever we stand

Forever with you
Is where I'll stay
I now have a reason
To never stray

All the love
You give to me
Is the only love
I need you see

6-29-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Sexy Woman

You wear your sexy outfits
All I have to do is ask
You make me believe
That it's no big task

I do appreciate it
More than I can ever say
Because when you dress so sexy
Oh how it makes my day

Whether in a body stocking
Or stockings and garter belt
It matters not what you wear
I feel things I never felt

And when you wear nothing
You're just as sexy to me
Because no matter what
Sexy you'll always be

The outfits that you wear
Please me deep inside
Never will my love for you
Ever want to hide

I love you so much honey
No matter where you are
In this life I found you
To be my shining star

12-25-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Showed Me

You showed me the beauty
Of a summer day
How the sun, the moon and the stars
Are there for everyone to see
You showed me what I could be
If I really had the desire
You showed me how life can be so wonderful
When it's shared with someone as wonderful as you
You showed me and for showing me, I thank you

3-22-77/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Showed Me Happy

I thought that I was happy
I thought that I was satisfied
But then I met you
And I knew
I wasn't happy or
Satisfied at all
You became my friend
Then we became lovers
And you loved me
Better than I've ever been loved before
And you always leave me
Wanting so much more
I thought that I was happy
Until you showed me
What happy really is

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Showed Me Love Is Fun

You tell me that you're amazed
With the words I write
You say you think of them
As you lay in bed at night

Sometimes you say it seems
Like I'm inside your head
Or know just what you're thinking
No, I just listen to what is said

I hear every word you speak
I wait to see just what you'll say
I remember everything
From each and every day

I remember everything about you
I watch your every move
I memorize your smiling face
Your cheeks so soft and smooth

The relaxing way in which you dress
How your clothes fit so right
When I sit and remember you
The picture is such a beautiful sight

I think that both you and I
Want the same things from life
We think so much alike
I think that's very nice

Two people who were in need
Of finding someone new
We're finally taking care of the person
You have me and I now have you

What we found is nothing new
Its been around for years
I never been in love like this before
It almost moves me to tears

They would be tears of happiness
For you give me no reason to be sad
You in fact only give me reason
To be so very glad

So don't be surprised
By the words I write
You give me every reason
To make them sound all right

Love brought us together
In love one day we may part
Please remember darling
You'll live forever in my heart

I never felt this way before
Not about anyone
But I'm glad that it was you
Who showed me that love is fun

12-16-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Stole My Heart

The maker of music
The teller of tales
I hope and pray
My songs never fail

I'll always sing to you
The love my heart feels
Because it was my heart
That you happened to steal

7-20-79/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Take Me

The first time you kissed me
My darkened world saw light
You took me to places
I've never been to before
It's nice to hope
It's nice to believe
You'll take me to those places
Hopefully for ever more

3-24-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Took The Chance

You came into my life
So unexpectedly
You opened my eyes
You helped me to see

The love that you gave
To me was so brand new
I had been with other women
Before I was with you

But looking back
I can truthfully say
None of them ever
Made me feel this way

You took a man
Who was down and out
You showed him what true love
Was really all about

You lifted my spirits
You made me smile
I now see being in love
Can be so worthwhile

I hope that you and I
Can somehow make it forever
You make things that are good
Seem so much better

I want to give
All of me to you
But loving you most
Is what I want to do

I know that will be easy
When it comes to you
Because no one has ever treated
Me the way you do

So I hope that you and I
Will have a fighting chance
Because down the road of life
With you I want to dance

4-10-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Want Me Loving You

Please don't shut me out
Don't turn your back on me
I know given half the chance
That our love can be

Don't make me promises
You know you won't keep
I hope I'm in your dreams
When you go to sleep

So many times you have said
You want to love me forever
Please don't push me away
When things are getting better

Now's your chance to show me
That your words are true
Now's the time for you to say
Forever, you want me loving you

1-19-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Watched Over Me

God, why was I chosen?
Why was I the one?
I haven't exactly been
Your most faithful son

If You look at my life
I'm sure that You'll see
I haven't always been
The one others want to be

But so much good has come to me
Things I don't deserve
I know that there are others
Who's prayers You must have heard

Now as the years make me grow old
It's only now that I can see
Just how much You cared
Just how much You watched over me

4-27-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Were My Cure

The empty days I use to live
Have gone away and how
Better days and happier times
Are the days I'm living now

Maybe you're wondering
Why I seem so sure
It's because you came along
From loneliness you were my cure

10-2-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Were Never There

You told me that you loved me
You told me that you cared
But when I needed you
You were never there

When you cried I stayed with you
In bad times I was always there
The way I treated you
Told you how much I cared

Whenever I was down
Feeling very low
I was home alone
I had no place to go

I always thought that caring
Was a two way street
Looking back I have to say
Why did we ever meet?

8-6-14/RjH

Ray Hansell

You Were The One

I thought you really loved me
I thought you really cared
But this morning when I woke up
I didn't find you there

What a strange sensation
Waking up all alone
My heart felt so empty
The worst hurt it's ever known

With all the dreams we shared
All the times we said we cared
Now when I wake up
I'm filled with despair

Please know that I still love you
I probably always will
Because loving you
Was my life's greatest thrill

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Will Love Again

You wipe the tears from your face
But in your eyes there's still a trace
Of a love that lived not long ago
Your pain and sorrow still shows

The man you loved told you goodbye
For some reason you feel, you still must cry
You know he didn't treat you right
The love he professed was never in sight

One day soon your scar's will heal
Love for someone else you'll feel
Then the hurt and pain will be gone
You'll love again and then move on

12-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Will Make Them

The hour is late
I know you're asleep
I hope in your heart
My love you keep

I hope you dream
Through the night
In my dreams
I hold you tight

The morning will come
The sun will shine
Once again a new tomorrow
Together we'll find

I pray all my nights
Will be spent with you
I know the dreams I dream
You will make them come true

5-12-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Will See It's True

You know it's still true
That I get a thrill from you
I'm so happy to say
That it will always be that way

Whether I hear your voice
Or I get to see your face
Forever in my heart
You'll always have a place

When I think of the good times
It's the times we were together
Those will stay with me
From now until forever

I could never love someone else
The way that I love you
Just look deep into my eyes
You will see it's true

8-12-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You Would Have Been The Last

You are not the only one
Who's ever held my hand
You are not the only one
Who's ever kissed this man
You are not the only one
Who's ever made love to me
You are not the only one
Who's ever helped me to see
You may not have been the only one
But how I wish you had been the first
Because if you had been the first
You would have surely been the last

11-17-77/RJH

Ray Hansell

You+me=love

The image of you
That's burned in my mind
Will stay with me
Till the end of my time

Seeing you dressed
Like a little hottie
I know you and I
Are going to get naughty

A woman so pretty
Exotic and strong
Together each night
Is where we belong

In bed together
We light love's fire
The love that we share
Takes us higher and higher

As the hours pass
Our love keeps growing
Deep in our hearts
Each of us knowing

Each time we make love
Is better than before
We cannot stop
Because we both want more

But soon the time comes
And we both know
We'll soon have to part
And be on the go

I look at you now
All dressed to leave
Inside my heart
Is starting to grieve

You reach for the door
Then turn toward me
One beautiful woman
Is all that I see

An 'I love you'
A kiss goodbye
Why does time with you
Always seem to fly

12-16-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'll Again See The Light

Thank you for your gratitude
And your very kind words
It seldom seems today
That those words are ever heard

They say when the going gets tough
That when the tough get going
But you find out when the going is tough
It's compassion people start showing

People you least expect it from
Astound you with their deeds
They are always there for you
Asking what you need

Many people respond in different ways
That's just the way we are
But one thing you can be sure of
Each person has a wish for you
High upon a mid-night star

Some will share their sadness
By the show of tears
Some will share their counsel
Of pain they suffered through the years

Some will offer words of encouragement
Some will be there to share an embrace
While still others will always try
To put a smile on your face

No matter how people respond
To other people's tragedy
The most important thing of all
Is that they all make sure you see

That they are there for you
To lend a supporting hand
In your heart that should let you know

Exactly where you stand

They share with you in your sadness
Even though they cannot feel your pain
But just to know they think of you
Gives your heart a special feeling just the same

My prayers are always with you
As you struggle along the way
Knowing that He will eventually
Help you see the light of day

8-13-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'll Always Find

Look up to the heavens
For the brightest star
Always remember baby
I'll never be very far

Like the star in the sky
That's always there to shine
The love inside of me
For you, you'll always find

11-23-07

Ray Hansell

You'll Always Live

I'm sitting here typing
with many thoughts of you
I remember all we've done
and all that we've been through
I'm sitting here hoping
there's still so much more
for you and I to do
and share together
what I think of the most
is us watching
our love for each other grows
knowing that what we now share
can and would only get better
I love you with all my heart
you live inside my soul
I start each day
with thoughts of you
and end the nights
the same way to
no one has ever
captured my heart
the way that you have
and I have to say this feeling
feels so very good
I always wonder what if
what if we met years ago
would love still find us
together years later
somehow I believe love would
we have many things in common
and for sure we'd always keep
the other one so satisfied and happy
but all the wondering
and the what ifs
I hope someday we'll be
but if it never happens
believe me when I tell you darling
inside of me you'll always live

12-8-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'll Be Able To Tell

Have you done evil
Have you done good
Have you lived your life
The way you know you should

Were you there to help
A person in need
Or did you turn your back
Because of your greed

Did you refuse to share
What you have with others
Would you do the same
To your sister or brother

It really makes no difference
If they are family or stranger
We should always lend a hand
When someone is in danger

The little deeds that you do
As you live from day to day
Will make a Hugh difference
When God comes to have his say

Will you go to heaven
Or will you go to hell
The way you lived your life
Is how you'll be able to tell

2-1-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'LI Be Glad

Praise the good
Weed out the bad
Live life your way
That will make you glad

7-6-77/RJH

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Ray Hansell

You'll Be Missed

We're going to miss you when you go
Your leaving is for the best we know
My hurting heart will never show

I'll miss that smile that warmed the room
An eerie sadness will loom
I think you're leaving much too soon

I hope somewhere our paths will cross
With you leaving, we'll all feel the loss
At times I know we will be lost

So I want to wish you all the best
Just wear that smile, you'll outshine the rest
I know for sure you'll handle any test

Is this a blessing in disguise?
Is your boss being wise?
Or is she looking through blinded eyes?

Very soon we'll all know
The proof will soon start to show
Was she right to let you go?

But if you feel it's best for you
That this time is long overdue
That you must try something new

So as you get ready to leave
You'll feel my eyes tug at your sleeve
That's just my silent way to grieve

Goodbyes are so tough to say
As someone goes on their way
A sad ending to any day

5-10-10/RJH

You'll Fall In Love Again

Somewhere in the middle
Between love and sorrow
You and I both lost sight
Of our plans for tomorrow

Somehow we've forgotten
The things we wanted to do
Somewhere along the way
I fell out of love with you

I'm not sure when it happened
Or for that matter the reason why
I'm not telling you all of this
Just to make you cry

But I think you should know
My love for you is gone
Now I know that it's time
For each of us to move on

You can go your way
I will go mine
We'll both feel much better
With the passage of time

But please do not dwell
On what could have been
I know somewhere down the road
You'll fall in love again

8-7-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'LI Find Another

After several attempts as lovers
We've finally reached the end
Now lets wait and see
If we can be just friends

If that doesn't work out
Well, life will still go on
Hopefully they'll be
No ever lasting harm

But if a heart
Has to break
Look at it
As a mistake

For down the road
You'll find another
That you'll take
As your lover

5-10-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'LI Know She's The One

When you are in love
You must be a true believer
You must feel it your heart
That you would never leave her

If your feelings are true
If your feelings run deep
Then you know she's the one
In your heart you'll always keep

7-27-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You'll Never Keep Us Kids Down Again

You'll never keep us kids down again
You'll never keep us kids down again
You did it before
But you'll do it no more
You'll never keep us kids down again

We carried out Pickett signs
To wake people up to the changing times
You shot us at school (Kent State)
You were the fools
You'll never keep us kids down again

Oldsters said our music was bad
The news about us was always sad
Well, we helped stop a war (Vietnam)
On far and distant shore
It took us years to win
Some will never know where we've been
You tried it before
But you'll do it no more
You'll never keep us kids down again
No, you'll never keep us kids down again

The Vietnam war era my youth.

Ray Hansell

You'LI Never Stand Alone

It doesn't really matter
If your rich or poor
When you believe in God
He'll never close the door

If you have your health
Or your on your death bed
Praying to God
Will be the best words said

If you are famous
Or just a simple man
Right by your side
Is where God will always stand

You see it doesn't really matter
Who you are or what you own
Because if you believe in God
You'll never stand alone

5-10-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Eyes

I looked at the stars
In the mid night sky
But they just can't match
The sparkle in your eyes

When I look into your eyes
All I see is love
They shine much brighter
Then all the stars above

I hope you never lose
The sparkle in your eye
I hope that forever
I'll be your loving guy

5-10-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Forever

The days are very cool
The nights so very cold
Oh how I wish
I had you to hold

I'd take you in my arms
Hold you so very close
There would be no need
For us to wear nightclothes

The heat from our bodies
Would warm us so much
The thrill that we'd feel
Would be from each other's touch

We could lay there all evening
As the music softly plays
Sharing the night together
As well as all our days

The time I spend with you
Gives me memories everlasting
I know the love we share
Will never be passing

I pledged my heart to you
From now until the end
I always be your lover
And your forever friend

5-9-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Guardian Angel

I am your guardian angel
Sent from up above
I'm here to watch over you
To give you all His love

My job is to keep you safe
As you sleep through the night
I'll stay right here above you
Until the morning light

When the morning comes
I will fly away
But when the night returns
I'll fly back again to stay

9-29-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Healing Days

Sometimes the hardest healing
Is when we need to heal inside
We're torn apart with many thoughts
No place to run or hide

I know it will take time
For you to go through this
I know it won't be easy
Just know it's you I miss

I know that you need time
Along with some space
Every night when I go to
In my dreams I see your face

But the most important thing to me
Is for you to just get well
When you have recovered
Only that you can tell

Take all the time you need
There is no need to hurry
You need to clear your mind
So you have no more worry

I guess what I can offer you
Is to tell you this
I still love you so very much
It's only you I miss

So go ahead and get better
So your smile will return
When you've crossed over the healing bridge
You'll look back at all you've learned

8-2-09/RjH

Your Heart Is Telling You

You tell me we'd be better off
If we were to part
But are you forgetting
That we live in each others heart?

You tell me that you love me
You tell me that you care
You tell me that you won't forget
All the good times that we shared

I ask you, is there someone else?
You respond by saying no
You say it's your heart
That's telling you to let go

10-19-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Home

If you must
Shed a tear
Do it when
I am near

I'll hold you
As long as I must
In me baby
You can put your trust

I'll stay there
Until the tears
Have dried up
With your fears

When you say
You feel better
Another tissue
Won't be getting wetter

I'll be on my way
So you get time alone
Remember I love you baby
Inside my heart is your home

1-18-08

Ray Hansell

Your Love Fo Me

You made me feel
Feelings I haven't felt
For a long long time
I feel like a part of me
Has been reborn again
Because of your love for me
I didn't realize
For so long I had no feelings
I didn't realize
For so long I didn't care
I didn't realize
For so long no one was there
But now that we have found each other
My world has once again come alive
My heart sings
My face smiles
I feel ten feet tall
It's all because
You gave your love to me

RjH/5-31-14

Ray Hansell

Your Love For Me

You made me feel
Feelings I haven't felt
For a long long time
It feels like a part of me
Has been reborn again
Because of your love for me
I didn't realize
For so long I had no feelings
I didn't realize
For so long I didn't care
I didn't realize
For so long no one was there
But now that we have found each other
My world once again has come alive
My heart sings
My face wears a smile
I feel ten feet tall
And it's all because
You've given your love to me

5-9-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Love Is Safe With Me

Every time I see you
I feel so warm inside
This wonderful feeling that I feel
Is something I can no longer hide

I have to let you know
That my heart is yours
You're the only one
Who can unlock its door

The door that leads to my heart
Where your love is safe with me
That very special place
No one else gets to see

The love that's there inside
Is a special love indeed
The love I get from you
Is the only love I need

9-7-05/RJH

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Ray Hansell

Your Love Takes Me Away

I hold you close to me
Your body soft and warm
Gently you kiss me
To you my heart is drawn

Your kind words fill my ears
As calmness fills my soul
I feel like I'm drifting
But I know I'm in your hold

I feel like a butterfly
On a warm and sunny day
Just floating about
As your love takes me away

You do something to me
Something I can explain
I hope you keep doing it
Again and again and again

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Ray Hansell

Your Love To Me Is

Your love to me is precious
I hope you always see
My love is alive and well
Every time you look at me

I think of you each morning
Every afternoon and night
When we are together
You are my sweet delight

You always wear a smile
Every time we meet
Then you always kiss me
With kisses oh so sweet

With you I don't have to pretend
That my feeling are real
A long time ago
My heart you did steal

You stole it because I let you
I wanted you into my life
I couldn't bear to see you leave
That would have cut like a knife

So always remember
No matter what the day
Thoughts of you constantly
Always come my way

I hope what we have now
Can somehow last forever
Because if it were up to me
I would leave you never

5-9-10/RJH

Your Only Choice

Take me in your arms
Don't ever let me go
Please hold me tight
So that I will know

Just how much you love me
Just how much you care
Then whisper in my ear
That you always want me there

Please tell me the fire
That was lit long ago
Still burns brightly
To keep your heart aglow

Please tell me your heart
Burns brighter when you hear my voice
But most of all stroke my ego
Say, I was your only choice

5-9-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Own Masterpiece

Take some words
Arrange them
Try to tell a story
If you have the skill
Try to make them rhyme
Although it won't be easy
To do all the time
But give it your best shot
Give everything you've got
Who knows maybe
One day soon
Everyone will see
The masterpiece you've created

10-20-07/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Shining Light

It lights my way
Through the night
I see it when
I hold you tight

It greets me in the morning
It helps me end my day
I always love to see it
As we go through the day

I always like to see it
It's always in style
I will always love to see
Your bright beautiful smile

Ray Hansell

Your Sons

They are your heart beat
Your breath of fresh air
For them you will always
Always be right there

From now until forever
They are a part of you
No matter what their needs
There nothing you wouldn't do

From now until adulthood
When they have children of their own
As they journey through life
Your love will always be shown

At times they'll make you angry
But that's just what kids do
At times they'll break your heart
But that won't be anything new

They'll forever feel your love
Long after you are gone
From now until forever
You'll always be their Mom

1-8-10/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Tears Told Me

You didn't have to tell me
The way that you feel
Your tears told it all
I knew that they were real

You may not see my tears
But deep inside I cry
I want you to know
Losing you is the reason why

Now I'll never understand
The what for's and the why's
But I'll always remember
How love made me cry

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Ray Hansell

Your Voice

Hearing your voice on the telephone
Ease's the pain of being alone
At least I can have you near
When it is your voice, that I hear
Like music on the radio
That's how your voice sounds to me you know
The sweetest music my ears can hear
That's why I want to hear you dear
Your voice is like a symphony
One that always pleases me
If I had the choice to make
Listening to you forever, I would take

8-23-06/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Wall

I can tell by looking in your eyes
That you've been hurt before
I can tell by the way you speak
When it comes to love you're not sure

You say that you have built a wall
To keep your feelings in
But is that really living
Even though being hurt is where you've been

Not all people will hurt you
There are some who'll actually care
But if you don't knock down your wall
You'll never know what's waiting there

1-4-09/RJH

Ray Hansell

Your Wedding And Your Life

Soon you'll say your vows
With the words I do
Then you'll start your life
With the man who was born for you

Your vows will be sacred
You must follow them forever
Then if you are lucky
Your marriage will get better

They'll be some bumpy roads
That you can count on
But as long as you survive
They'll be no lasting harm

Soon you'll want a child
Life's greatest joy
You will never care
If it's a girl or boy

As long as the baby is healthy
That's the most important thing
Then when you hold your child
It will make your heart sing

So good luck as you travel
Down the road of married life
May all your days be happy
Lived with little strife

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You'Re Company

Spending time with you
Is what I
Most like to do

Weather making love
Or just drinking wine
Either one with you is fine

Sometimes just your company
Is what really suits me

I can stand to be away
As your love gets me through the day

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You'Re Going To Be All Right

Cry if you must
Feel sorry for yourself
You've earned the right
Because you've been through so much
The changes that have taken place
Will require time for you to adjust
Take all the time you feel you need
Remember, it's your heart you must trust
So, there's no need to hurry
Please don't be in a rush
Cry all the tears that you need to cry
Only you will know when you're better
All of the emotions you're now going through
Will for sure take a toll on you
But remember one thing
When all is said and done
You're going to be just fine.

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You'Re In Control

A troubled heart
A troubled mind
It might be God
You need to find

Satan ruled
Your life too long
Now it's time
To be strong

Let God in
To your heart
That's the first place
You should start

With God's help
You'll soon say
Satan no longer
Will rule my day

Good wins
Over evil
Your life no longer
Will be in an upheaval

Calm will fill your mind
Peace will fill your soul
Now you will be happy
With God you're in control

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You'Re Waiting For What?

If you're waiting to hear me say
'I Love You'
You'll be waiting for quite a while
Because even when I see you
You don't give me reason to smile
There aren't many good things
One could say about you
In fact all your good points
Number just a few
And you're waiting for me to say
'I Love You'?

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You'Re What I'M Living For

My love for you grows stronger
Each and every day
Every time I'm with you
There's so much I want to say

But sometimes the words get lost
But somehow I think you know
Could it be my actions speak
When I let my feelings show?

With you I'm not ashamed
I know I can be me
Even when I'm feeling sad
It's me you still want to see

I love you so very much
I hope that you know
When ever I'm beside you
I never want to go

Your touch means so much to me
But your love means so much more
Now that I have found you
I know just what I'm living for

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Ray Hansell

Youuuuuuuuuuuuuuu

As the sun goes down
The moon begins to rise
All I want to see
Is you before my eyes

The beauty of a sunset
Is a wonderful sight to see
It can only be topped
By you standing next to me

The loveliness of you
The beauty of the sky
I'm so happy to say
You'll be the one to catch my eye

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You've Always Got

I love you
I always will
You give my life
Such a thrill

When you take
Hold of me
Love fills my heart
I hope you see

When your lips
Are kissing mine
I cannot think of
A happier time

When you make
Love to me
A better place
There couldn't be

So always remember
No matter what
From me, my love
You've always got

1-24-08/RJH

Ray Hansell

You've Come Back To Me

I thought of you today
Just when the thought of you
Was drifting away
My phone rang
I answered it
You said, hello
Once again
You've come back to me

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