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Poetry Collection

*A Part of you*

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ZALOŽNIŠTVO JUTRO

A PART  
OF YOU

*A Friendly  
Touch*

On the very verge of adulthood  
I'm thinking of a thousand facets of mood:  
happy, content, joyous, blue,  
mad, sad, remote, sincere, outspoken,  
all, however, my soul's seal and token

I've revealed them all those past twenty-five years  
which have been shared by my friends'  
laughter 'n tears  
that only a friend true sends  
by wire, by phone, by handshake,  
by an encouraging smile,  
by heartfelt sympathy.

Life ain't a cup of tea  
if you want it to be,  
but it surely is more tender and sweet  
when you think of it  
enriched by a circle of friends,  
whose bond mends  
me as a person  
and makes me more close to  
the very essence of my aspirations  
and my heart's sensations.

Happy Valentine's on a Day  
when the golden knot of friendship gains  
in its weight even more,  
alleviating life's hurt and burdens sore.

Thanks for being such a great friend.  
You're truly indispensable.

## Years Bygone

Years bygone ...  
 ... Friendship's dawn ...  
 ignoring time ... graciously gone.

It takes a moment,  
 a brief hello,  
 seldom messages,  
 a call on the phone ...  
 ... but most of all,  
 joyful encounters and  
 precious thoughts woven through  
 our hearts into a solid whole.

It takes years, sometimes,  
 for friendship to arise,  
 and years, sometimes,  
 for it to revitalise its strength  
 with a heartfelt conversation  
 and vibrant sensation.

It takes time to win a friend  
 to stand by you in times of need  
 without unduly greed,  
 to make you count and take the lead ...  
 ... when you're feeling down  
 and there is no one aroun'  
 to take your hand and  
 help you understand.

It takes time to cherish a friend  
 who sees beyond and takes the stand ...  
 ... when times get tough  
 and you may want a good laugh.

It takes time for feelings to change  
 and people to mature,  
 but friendships endure  
 and stay endlessly pure  
 without any need to assure ...  
 ... that friends remain  
 even when love starts to wane ...  
 ... and emotions die as time goes by.

It takes time to realise that  
 both friendship and  
 love need to be nurtured.  
 They ain't a privilege,  
 but each other's heritage,  
 baggage that we carry, hopeful to spread  
 our wings and make new closer links  
 to see what is inside, kept mostly out of sight.

May your life be filled with love and joy,  
 may it be a rainbow on the sky that  
 opens new horizons and makes you  
 forever grateful to be together.

## Trust & Cherish

You have entered my life with enough familiarity  
and outspoken sincerity that feelings repressed  
have been put under a test of endurance,  
trying to stay hidden inside  
without any further need to be put to light,  
yet crying to be accepted with utmost insight.

You have managed to convince me that  
being open and straightforward is not a mistake,  
even though it may seem too much to take  
in a given situation due to intensity of heart's emotions  
and vibration.

Thus being close to you is something I infinitely cherish  
and hope for it never to perish  
as long as trust is our relationship's must.

You stir the feelings of happiness and belonging  
that have been silent for so long it almost makes me afraid  
to admit them, but you make me see that they deserve  
neither shame nor blame for being expressed since  
your goodness and grace make me believe in  
God's mysterious ways  
that open the doors of honesty and faith we bring out  
in each other.

Your generosity in words and actions  
has let me see your soul and its lasting glow  
of friendship's meaning and value, thus enabling me  
to trust and cherish the moments joyful or blue  
spent between me and you  
when being completely true.

To show you how much I care  
I am willing to share  
all the experiences life has to offer us,  
all the joy and misery we might feel at certain times  
when the going gets tough and  
we are in a dire need of a laugh.

I want to thank you for giving me a chance  
without me needlessly feeling tense,  
questioning the words and deeds which are  
merely a token and sign of my appreciation.

## A Helping Friend

We've known each other since we were kids,  
 but never have you been more dear to me  
     than now that you possess  
     grown-up desires and needs  
     and straightforward ambitions  
 ... even in most dire conditions.

Whenever you need a helping friend,  
 just come by to shake my hand –  
     even when you fear the end,  
 I'll always help you take the stand.

Never stop aiming high,  
 never let your wishes die,  
     but allow them to fly,  
 give them a further boost and a try,  
 but without needless sorrow and cry.

## Reach Beyond the Stars

You walked into my life  
 ages ago when believing me  
     was simply a must  
 and much less a matter of trust.

We've gone our separate ways  
 since those formative days,  
 yet managed to believe that trust stays  
 even when life offers a variety of plays  
     for each and every one of us,  
     inviting us thus  
     to take on different roles,  
 yet resisting the inevitable tolls  
 that need to be paid while taking several strolls  
 down the avenue of life's own peaks and holes.

You've really achieved the unachievable  
 and I am so proud to be a witness  
     to your determination  
     how to avoid the undue mess  
 on your way to ultimate success.

Your drive has brought you closer to me  
 and I've been able to see  
 all your desires and dreams waiting  
     to be realised and nurtured  
     by someone who is focused and  
 willing to strive, ready to thrive, aiming to dive  
 into the ocean of opportunity galore,  
 leaving behind, but cherishing the era of before.

## Heartfelt

Love is giving and receiving,  
 but more than that a seal of heart  
 that shan't depart:  
 that tenders with its light  
 night after night,  
 proving its might,  
 ripening and gaining in height,  
 making it right.

Some say love's a compromise,  
 but I believe it's sacrifice  
 that will entice  
 what a soul's inside  
 cannot divide  
 but stands beside  
 and will reside  
 deep down inside.

Love will never question or resent,  
 but hardly wait to present  
 how learning and yearning  
 tie a knot with what  
 only lips and bodies two  
 can do and be forever true.

Not ever has love sustained to be defined  
 since the gentlest touch reveals so much  
 that only senses can perceive and hearts receive  
 and even death would fail to outlive –  
 that all the words regardless of their stress cannot express:  
 but striving is thriving  
 and thriving is diving  
 into the sea of pleasure  
 that knows no measure  
 as giving and receiving are love's greatest treasure.

Since the world began,  
 lovers fragrance sweet have smelt  
 and dreamt of spheres  
 devoid of fears and tears  
 where they could have dwelt  
 and learnt what means to be engaged heartfelt.

## The One

It's been a long time since we last met,  
and even longer since we said  
what was once within our souls entwined.

You were once a true light  
during the tedious night,  
shining with all its might,  
impressing at first sight.

You touched me from within,  
spoke honestly and openly  
of affection shared between You and me  
that made me forever see  
what lay inside and was too much for both to hide.

Our gatherings through years became few,  
which made me somehow blue,  
as it always felt so good to be around You,  
since You never denied me a smile, a touch,  
a kiss or a hug – the heart's most precious tokens.

Despite the loss of contact  
you've always resided in my heart,  
the memory of our affection  
with the deepest connection  
one can have at fifteen,  
yearning for things to be seen  
and cherishing the company of a fellow teen.

I still remember with such fondness  
words spoken by You years and years ago  
that proved our affection was true enough to show.

So much has happened,  
so many bridges have been  
crossed, built and burnt,  
but the warm feeling inside me,  
when I think of You,  
has never ceased to exist,  
even in times full of clouds and mist,  
when life seemed tough enough  
on the waves most rough.

Yet now You've entered my life more gently and kindly  
than I have ever thought imaginable.

You're a friend I've always loved and treasured,  
the sun above the clouds, the precious memory from the past,  
the One who taught me  
that outspoken feelings truly can last.

It takes very little, a thought perhaps, a brief hello  
to bring to life the awareness  
that the purpose of our lives should only be  
to make each other's lives better and easier.

People change and mature,  
but friendships endure  
and stay endlessly pure.

Embrace your life with laughter,  
strive for things you're after,  
enjoy each day and make it count.

And please remember ...  
when the going gets tough  
and you may need a good laugh,  
I shall always be here for you,  
cheering for you and believing in you.

## Those Words of Dare

In nights of restlessness,  
I think with tenderness  
about the happiness  
and love I feel for you.

Life is short and unfulfilled  
and years go by and endless guilt  
about the words of dare,  
unspoken, lost in care.

It's so simple to show  
emotions so true, you know,  
without any fear to blow  
the love I feel for you.

It doesn't take much,  
not even a touch  
to show my faith in you,  
since you know I do.

I'm ready to tell  
and not wait for a spell  
'cause God knows I care,  
care enough to share  
those words of dare.

## You Stand by Me

You stand by me  
and help me reveal  
the emotions lying still,  
detect the sparkle inside  
I can no longer hide.

I try to refuse,  
but you make me muse  
and help me show  
there's an internal glow  
in each of us ...

... proving thus  
that feelings bottled within  
are making me more and more keen,  
forming an essence to breed,  
without any need to bleed  
to death and tears to shed.

Take my hand  
and let me understand  
if what we share  
is enough to dare  
make hopes and  
start at firm stand.

I'm proud to say  
I have faith in you and me  
if there ever has been a way  
for us to be.

## Moj steber opore

Vedno si z menoj in jaz s Teboj,  
 ko je prav in ko gre narobe,  
 paziš name, bediš nad menoj,  
 se veseliš, ko je vse lepo  
 in jokaš z mano, če je kdaj hudo.

Vedno si z menoj in jaz s Teboj,  
 ko sije sonce in ko pada dež,  
 ko me razganja od sreče,  
 in tudi, če me od žalosti pri srcu peče.

Vedno si z menoj in jaz s Teboj,  
 če življenje je prijazno ali težko  
 – Ti si moj steber opore,  
 od mraka do zore,  
 moja velika radost,  
 poštenost in modrost.

Zato dovoli, da Ti izrečem besede zahvale,  
 ker si me vzgojila v človeka,  
 ki zna ljubiti in ceniti brezpogojno.  
 To je največji dar, ki sem ga kdajkoli od ljudi dobila,  
 zato ga s srcem čuvam in delim le s tistimi,  
 ki me cenijo in ljubijo brez pojasnila.

Zaradi Tebe sem vesela in samozavestna,  
 ne pa natakknjena ali objestna.  
 Kljub razočaranjem verjamem v ljudi,  
 da šele srčnost človeka naredi,  
 saj to si me naučila Ti.

Ob Tvojem prazniku  
 želim Ti sreče, zdravja in veselja;  
 težave premostili bova vedno v dvoje,  
 saj nič na tem svetu ni zgoj moje ali tvoje.

## Najina reka

Ko sva se spoznala,  
je v moje življenje vstopila sreča,  
ne tista slepeča in nekoliko boleča,  
temveč tiha, prijazna, vseobsegajoča, smejoča.

S seboj si prinesel smeh in veselje  
ter odvzel vso žalost in trpljenje,  
ki je krojilo mojo prej negotovo mladost,  
namesto tega pa si mi podaril svojo radost in modrost.

Bil si prvi, ki je znal povedati,  
koliko mu pomenim,  
zaradi česar Te iskreno cenim  
in ne bo odveč, če to še enkrat omenim.

Sprejel si me z odprtimi rokami,  
bil dobrodušen, zvedav in marljiv,  
potrpežljiv in vedno zanesljiv.  
Verjel si vame, se potrudil zame,  
in se tudi vedno zanesel name.

V toliko rečeh se razlikujeva,  
v spet drugih pa se dopolnjujeva,  
drug v drugega verujeva,  
si nesebično svetujeva  
in težave skupaj premagujeva.

Najino prijateljstvo ne pozna  
pogojev, ne omejitev,  
ki zamajejo še tako trdno celoto  
ter uničijo vso naravnost in lepoto  
sproščenosti, na kateri se odnos gradi,  
saj to si me naučil Ti ... samo s tem, da si,  
zato le še ... iz srca hvala Ti.

## Del Tebe

Ne poznam Te,  
a Te čutim v sebi,  
kako Te tudi ne bi,  
saj sem del Tebe,  
četudi človek za sebe.

Nikoli me nihče ni vprašal,  
ali sploh mislim nate,  
ali bi želela vedeti zate,  
a to željo nosim s seboj  
in si želim srečanja s Teboj.

Življenje je kratko,  
zato Ti želim reči,  
da v mojih mislih si ves čas,  
da prav rada smejem se naglas,  
da veliko mislim nate,  
da to pesem pišem zate,  
saj si človek,  
ki mi je podaril življenje  
in večno hrepenenje,  
da Te nekoč spoznam,  
Ti sežem v roko in Te rada imam.

## Za popotnico

Malo je ljudi, ki izžarevajo  
toliko sonca in optimizma  
kot prav Ti ... že s tem, da si.

Želim Ti sreče, zdravja in uspeha,  
pa zvrhano goro smeha  
za premagovanje vseh ovir;  
naj te vselej spremlja dušni mir,  
ljubezni in sreče pravi izvir.

Ko se vrneš med nas,  
vedno vzamem si čas;  
brez prevelikih in praznih besed,  
a z obljubo, da ostaneš naša  
še neskončno let.

## Moja sreča

Ti si moja sreča,  
ljubezen moja kipeča,  
srca tvojega dotik  
v mojem srcu zrel premik.

Ljubim te z vsem v sebi,  
da nikdar težko ne bo tebi,  
da nikar izgubil vere ne bi,  
da bi vedno verjel v sebe,  
saj jaz vedno verjamem v tebe.

Hvala, ker si del mojega življenja,  
pregnal si vse sledi trpljenja,  
prinesel radost in lepoto,  
odpravil žalost in samoto,  
z majhnimi, a važnimi stvarmi,  
ki dušo bogatijo,  
ljubezen učvrstijo,  
četudi se morda nepomembne zdijo.

Duša moja, vedno sem s Teboj,  
najina sreča je srčni preboj  
v lepše in svetlejši dni,  
saj si to najino srce želi,  
da se ljubiva in paziva nase,  
verjameva vase  
danes, jutri in za vse večne čase.

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