

Poems by Raven

In my Wildest Dreams

In my wildest dreams, I sought you.

I called out for your hand, to be held, to be loved, in entirety, simply, profoundly.

In my wildest dreams there was you. Meeting me, seeing me, joining me.

> To fly above, to be Eagles, To soar in spirit and grace.

To reach for wisdom, the strength of our love to show the way.

As one.

Freedom

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A vessel.

Letting Go

In the pain and surrender of letting go A new day will come Another joy another sorrow to be lived again.

Trust and believe that all is as it was meant to be For today, just today.

Live, laugh and cry just for today.

Tomorrow will bring forth a new And wonderful canvas of love, faith and surrender.

> And it will be as it was meant to be For that day And on it goes, ad infinitum.

Merciful God

Worthy am I, Oh Noble one,

Speak to me, Direct me, Take me into your Centre.

> For I am yours, All of me, I Surrender .

Use me, propel me toward your Divinity, For I am willing, Every piece of me expunged Bled out, discarded for your greater good.

Release me please from my bondage of self, Oh Great One hear my call, On my knees, For you.

Grateful for all the days of my life. Each blessed one, each miraculous moment, Thank you.

You need not climb a particular mountain or walk a certain path or become a great leader to find yourself if it is not your true self that takes you to that place...you will end up empty again at the end of the journey.

One needs only to surrender and heed the call of one's own pure heart to discover the truest nature of oneself. To be in the moment of true awakening to oneself requires a strong, courageous lonely struggle to commit to following what each person already knows deep in their being is the journey they need to be on.

In the pain, anguish and chill of standing tall for yourself despite all the love and attachment to other people and things of the earth one finds their true self and a wonderful connection to the divine because that is all they truly have left when they choose to stand. It is in the standing, the rising of one's soul that the war with the self ends and the continued uniting with your self becomes the most important purpose here on earth.

Great and beautiful things flow from this union, peace is found forever and love is effortless.

Light

Drawn to the light supported, comforted in my time of Need.

Assured that life will begin again never to be the same as before.

But wonderful just the same.

Hope.

To surrender to aloneness, To accept the stark reality of being completely alone but at the same moment a part of everything.

The polarities of being alive.

To seek union with other human beings to allow liberation of self, In the end to be alone with God And to bathe in the sweet pleasure of perfect love.

Bliss.

Light and Dark

Oceans of Tears, Tornadoes of Pain.

A sea of Anguish, A hurricane of Wrath.

All in me, of me and with me.

But also a

Garden of Love, Sunset of Nurturing.

A rain of Acceptance, A wind of Passion.

All in me, of me and with me.

Of which do you Prefer?

Wreckage

Torn apart by scathing words, Cut deeply by accusations Bleeding wounded but no one can see.

> To smile and go on To smile and go on To smile and go on

Learning, deepening from the pain, Stepping into the wound Surrendering to grace

> Praying for mercy Hoping for peace

Oh let it come down on me Comfort me Keep me

> Restore me anew The sun is shining.

Union

Longing, yearning for connection for meaning, For purpose.

A desire in each and every human being, Whether they are aware of it or not.

> Ebb and flow, Giving and receiving, Opening and releasing.

Comfort, Freedom, Acceptance

To know and be known, Walking together and walking apart, Never alone.

Guided, Strengthened, Nurtured

The revealing of self.

Demons Ghosts Echo in my mind Direct me, propel me, drive me To abandonment of myself.

Isolated Hurting Alone I find myself standing in the Shadow of my own Greatness.

Empty

Juli-Anna

A precious angel born to a world of pain.

Only to travel on this earth for but a short time.

Never to be heard by humanity.

Her deepest longings and most beautiful gifts never to be realized.

To bear witness to the darkness of the world. To experience first hand the ultimate suffering of the dark side of life.

Eventually to be swallowed up by the darkness.

Too much for such a pure and loving soul, the forces too strong to be endured. She gave a noble fight for such a tender warrior of the light.

Let her memory bring forth in society the light that shone so brightly in her soul.

Stand up, pay attention, learn from the story of her life. Ensure that it to bring forth a new awareness of the pain that is so prevalent in our midst.

Strong warriors of the light come awake, join, shine brightly for all to see. Humanity yearns to be loved.

In her honor,

In the darkness of our minds lies, a deep and subtle need.

In the darkness of our souls lies, a hunger pure and clean.

In the darkness of our loins lies, a force that breathes new life.

Destiny in the darkness.

Hope

The wind blew gently toward, the centre of me.

Inspiring, nurturing, giving the sense, of completeness, richness.

Releasing myself to the softness of the spirits touch, thankful for the reprieve.

Resting, feasting, loving for a season.

The touch of the wind ceases, the rawness is real once again.

And the journey continues.

Truth

Tenderness, purity, vulnerability, Unspoken fulfillment.

No need for explanations or rationalizations, Honesty stands on its own grace and strength.

To be opened to all that life is, Holding oneself in the midst of the opening.

Securing the fears that come with surrendering to ones Divine calling.

Quieting the soul as one opens to

Destiny in the Light.

Meadow

Deep in the meadow lies a mystery, Simple to pass it by, Sometimes for years.

Then one day the whispers of its wisdom call deep and hard.

And the safety of the well worn path is willingly left behind.

Deep in the Meadow.

Healing

This is my story this is my Song,

Just a seedling, fragile and Tender.

Planted in a Hurricane, Instantly fighting to live, to grow to become.

Developing shields and thorns to protect, in the Struggle.

Adaptations, accommodations all along the way, Just to survive.

Rooted, growing, enduring.

Standing Standing Standing

Breaking, opening, weakening.

Praying Praying Praying

All the wisdom now turning against me no longer expanding.

Darkness ceasing the growth, Riddled with Ghosts, Fears and Wounds.

Alone in the Deep.

Learning to Love the creation I have become, Letting go of the Wishes, Would haves, and did nots.

> Opening to the Light, the warmth, the magic of what is.

Simplicity, Communion

Guiding the Way Home.

Loved.

Deep in the Belly.

Feeling the Tickle.

Mmmmm.

Gentle Wind

In the gentle softness of the Breeze, Lies a seed ready to take root.

To find it's home safe and secure.

To grow freely with exuberance of spirit, To laugh at the mystery and miracle of life.

To become old and wise and go back to the Earth.

Life.

These dreams, These fantasies, They occupy my mind.

Rolling, turning into cornerstones Of reality.

Yearning, burning their way Into my heart.

Despite my attempts to push them out.

Broken Hearts

For some a broken heart is for reasons unknown and sometimes unclear A part of their destiny.

When the heart cracks open one is sent into a tumultuous life altering experience, Never to return to the former.

For a time we may weep and shout in anger and question our most deepest beliefs,

And then with grace and mercy the light begins to peek through ever so gently And we are guided into our knew knowings A new way of living and being in the world.

The heart slowly mends itself back together Day after day.

The cracks are still visible but the heart no longer bleeds.

Awe

May I walk in your Holy presence.

Feed on your Light.

Rest in the loving arms, of your

Sun Moon Wind Trees Animals and Water.

Creations of Grace, Just for me Just as I am.

In all my frailties.

Searching

The want arises from within The yearning for more Is self made Generated by a soul sickness.

An illusion of hunger A distraction A Detour Sometimes for a lifetime.

Stripping away the fantasies One aching wound at a time Till one arrives with themselves Naked, wounded, alone and At peace.

The arrival home.

The Journey Home

In the shadow of my darkness lies a reckoning so deep and humbling.

A penetrating awakening that sears and wounds.

Who am I? in the hollowness of my heart, the wake of my wrath, the depths of my sorrow.

Who is left? at the end of the bludgeoning.

An open vessel, an instrument of peace, love and mercy, a being that walks in the likeness of our creator.

Home.

Honor

To love and be loved, To need and to want, To hunger from deep within in the dark.

To know and be known, To understand and to reveal, To awaken and to die to the light.

All of me in a Cyclops, Searching for the opening, Swept by the winds, To become The Child of the West Wind.

Restored and Uncovered.

Rain

Letting the tiny drops caress my skin, feed my pores, travel the deep roots of my interior.

Letting the warmth of God's radiant love massage my loneliness, my ache to be held.

Letting Grace heal the wounds of yesteryear, love loosening the chains that imprison my soul.

> Joy to gently shine in me like the rising sun on a humid day.

Feeding my spirit calling me home stifling the grip of Fear.

To bring me out of isolation of self, opening deep within like a beautiful velvet Rose.

Contentment

Oh sweet hallelujah, Come to me Touch me, release me, heal me Oh sweet hallelujah.

> Could it be? Is it true? Can I rest.

Peace, pleasure, freedom King for a day What a mighty gush.

Hold me, love me, caress my torn and tender places Tell me I have arrived I am worthy I have completed your will for Today.

What shall you have me do now?

Rest my Sweet.

Scream

Oh where are you wondrous one when I scream,

When I pulse and vibrate deep in my bones.

Wrenching at the centre of my gut but nothing coming out.

Helpless and useless in the insanity.

Hear me Oh Great One, Fetch me up quickly Before I

Disintegrate

or

Self Destruct.

Essence

Walk in Me Each precious step Every stone Every Tear Walk in Me.

All speech risen from the Light All actions directed by the Wind To love and be loved Meaning.

The Ogre

Listen For I speak to you through my comprimised state.

Though my wounds so repel you. Hail, the devine lives in me, my heart a tender and torn Mystery.

Lean in.....

I may have a secret in Me.

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Dreaming

Spread open wide by the betrayals of Life, no ONE to blame, no one.

Uncovered, revealed, humbled, yet the dream still lingers.

A small flame burning, ever so dimly but calling to be lit.

Come small child rest in me, you need not venture alone.

Why do you seek outside yourself when you have been given all you need to fly free on your Dream

Do you believe?

Are you a fool to still believe or are you a fool not to?

Dreaming.

Limitations

Blinded by my own limitations, Of thought, Of sight, Of unknowing wisdom.

In this space I create my life, Make my road, Chart my course, Craft the journey.

Arrogance a vessel of deceit, Longings a subtle and not so subtle driver of my conduct.

> As the veil lifts, The road clears, Desire ceases I come home to Simplicity and essence, Not at all as I thought it to be. Joy fills my soul.

Interdependency

In all of life I need someone

Someone to hold to have To belong, to care to need To understand, to know and be known.

Lonely is the journey as I move through Stages of deeper knowing, Burning away the wounds of yesteryear.

> Some stay some go, Some believe some do not.

Letting go is the deepest knowing Of All

The Unveiling

The Dark and the Deep The Long and the Steep Oh, how the Wind blows.

The unveiling, a mighty roar, The illusions of Deceit.

The Dark and the Deep Gotcha!

Heaven

Can you hear me? Do you know? Heaven is all around my dear Friends.

Don't wait to participate, Fear is the gate. Will you shake, tremble to the core Or will you hold tight in the safety of your false cocoon?

> You can run but you cannot hide. Heaven calls on each by choice or by Chide. Walk with me, Love endures. Hunger satiated As we stand empty at the end of the long Road.