



I hope that you stop and reflect with these poems. They are meant to ponder over and to ask yourself some basic questions about life. I sincerely hope that they will trigger a longing inside to search for the diamond that exists inside of you.

I wish to offer my humble gratitude to my brother John. John did all the music for this CD I believe that poetry and music together can enhance the poetic experience. It adds an extra layer of emotion. Unfortunately, in America, poetry has taken a back seat in our culture. Let's bring back the power of the spoken word.

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## War Games

#### Is war a man's game?

I saw on the TV that someone asked this famous person, 'Can man stop fighting?

His answer was that man loves to compete and war is probably the greatest competition.

Sporting events are legalized war.

How far have we progressed or digressed?

The Romans would have gladiators and lions.

We have the WWF.

We love the drama.

We all know that wrestling is fake, but they put on an incredible show.

Yet millions of people love the show.

Is war good vs. evil?

Is it really worth it that millions die from it?

Generals ponder the next move.

The coach makes the next play.

In the end, have we progressed?

#### How Does The Wise Man Get Wise?

How does the wise man get wise? Does he learn from others' mistakes? Does he realize that life has its lesions? A wise man learns from his mistakes. We all make mistakes. That is only human. Yet the wise man doesn't want to repeat it over and over again. At times he does. Yet he knows that he can learn. Life is a series of lessons, which can make a man wise. We all go through them, why not learn from them? A wise man is a student of life. He knows he can learn from everything.

## I'm Better Than You Are

There's a certain car commercial, which I'll not name. This car commercial insinuates and brags 'I'm better than you are. Just because you buy the \*\*\* car. How stupid they must be. Their message is that with this car, you are better than the rest. You can cheat, lie, and steal to the top. But with this car, you're better than the rest. If that's all they could come up with, what a pity! Mans lives in different times. Status is the name of the game. It's what you own, not who you are. No wonder our world is in chaos. Our commercials are status-driven. Our cool people wear these jeans. The hip drinks this cola. Man your way out of style.

## I'm Sitting At The Dock

I'm sitting at the dock. I'm watching the tide. Birds are flying overhead. Puffy clouds float by. The sun has a golden hue. I breathe the sweetness of the air. My nose smells the fish around. I'm at peace.

#### Love Is The Answer

Love is the answer. It could help solve the world's problems. With love, we could listen to both sides of the story. With love there is compassion. Love does not contain a judgment. Love does not contain a judgment. Love is true. Love is selfless. Love makes the heart sing. Love is the true treasure. Love is the answer.

#### Music

Music is a gift from the creator. Music helps to soothe the soul. The whole world likes music. It doesn't matter how old you are. It doesn't matter if you're cool. It doesn't matter if you can't play a beat. Music is universal. Everyone plays it. It is a part of us. Music can inspire us. So open up your heart.

## The Challenges Of Marriage

Is the grass greener on the other side?

The wise man says it's burnt.

So many people are getting divorced today.

Yet your problems will never go away.

If you haven't faced the beast within, you will always blame your problems on the other person.

We are responsible for our own problems.

If you have problems in your marriage, the same problem will come up if you leave.

Life makes sure we learn our lessons.

You can't say I'm going to skip this one.

All our problems stem from inside.

If we face ourselves, we can truly have a wonderful marriage.

Our life will be in harmony.

We will not judge or criticize others.

Unfortunately, we don't learn this in school.

No wonder our marriages are in a mess.

We expect happiness ever after, with no effort on our part.

Life is a journey.

We have to take an active part.

## The Election

How can a politician get his job done when he's always campaigning? Do politicians know the difference between the truth and spinning the truth? Why do politicians tear each other down? Do you think no fingers are pointing your way? There has got to be a better way. Does the politician stand for Americans or big business? Laws are made secretly for big business. Favors are going their way. The American people don't need favors, we need justice. Can any of the present politicians led the way?

### The Grass Is Not Greener

The grass is not greener on the other side. If you're in a relationship remember this. You are the one carrying the baggage. If you think someone else will be better, you are fooling yourself. All relationships are like a mirror. You do not like, what is being reflected. Get rid of your own baggage and your relationship will unfold. Both of you will be fulfilled.

## The Human Body

What a miracle this human body! Is it God's greatest wonder? We are the crowns of creation. It's truly a miracle that we're alive. No computer on earth is as complicated. Imagine gazillion amounts of information are being fired off each millisecond. Scientist wonders at the marvel. This human body is not only physical. It is emotional, spiritual, and mental. I'm sure that we don't truly recognize what's going on. We take it for granted. There is a universe that exists inside. Open up your heart.

## What If

What if a man not only tried to heal himself, but he tried to heal his partner?

#### Are our partner's problems, the same?

By healing our problems, or healing our partner's problems, will we both realize it's the same?

Some many times we think our partner is the problem.

Our partner thinks the same.

Isn't it about time, that both of us take responsibility to change?

We can't live this way forever.

Man thinks that it's the duty of someone else to make us whole.

Each one of us has to change.