

*RANDOM  
THOUGHTS THAT  
STOPPED BY FOR A  
VISIT*

# *chasing clouds*



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# *prologue*

*sometimes thoughts drop by for a visit  
writing them down is the only way  
to make them stay*

# *biography*

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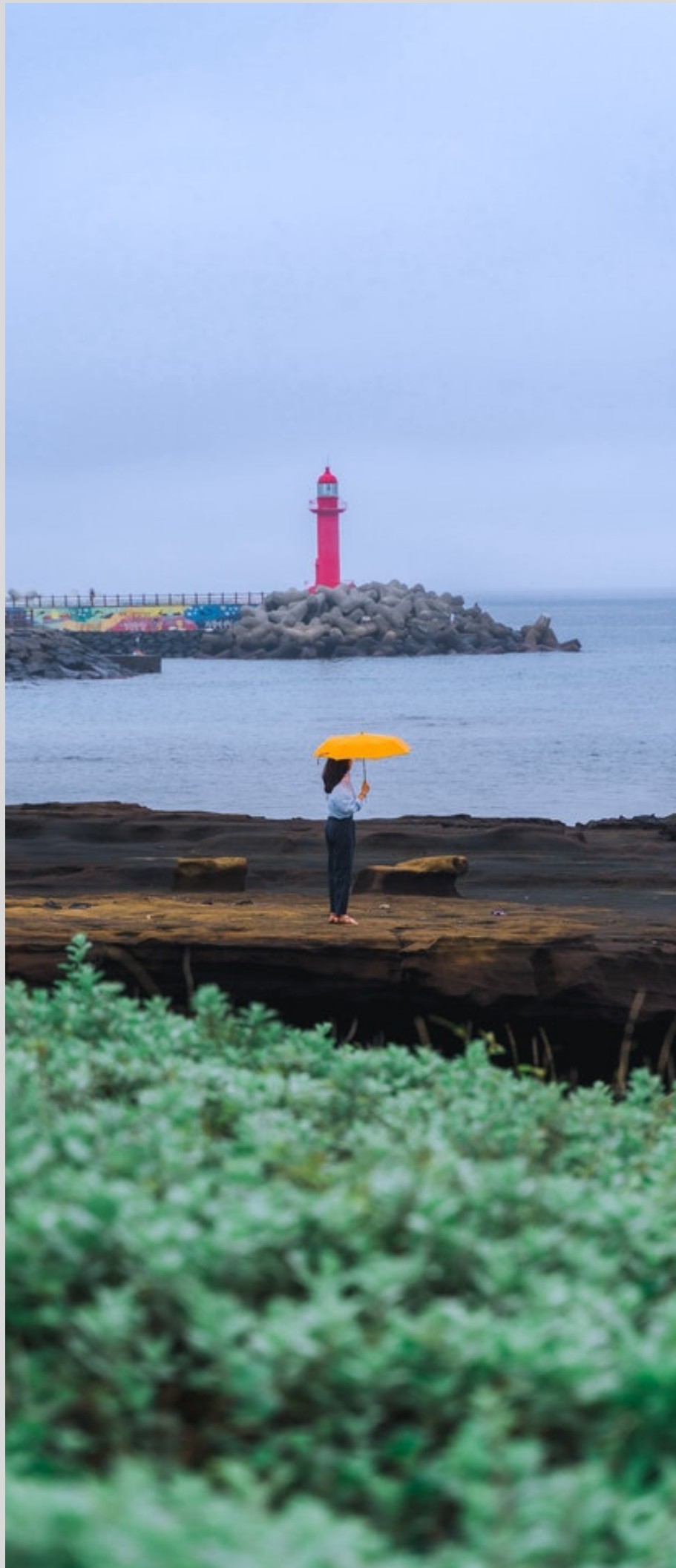
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## FUNNY REFLECTION

Isn't it amazing with each day that passes  
How we understand a little less  
And hurt a little more

Isn't it strange with each new conversation  
How we use fewer words  
And pause a little more

Isn't it funny ?

We pause a little more  
Use fewer words to say fewer things  
A stranger behind each new conversation  
We hurt a little more  
Understand a little less than we did  
Each day letting something amazing pass us by



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## THE FRINGES OF FRIENDSHIP

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Into the crowded room I whisper  
My voice barely audible  
Drowned by distant sounds of laughter

My questions simply float away  
Unanchored unsupported and intangible  
Unsought unwanted unable to stay

What exactly is there left to do  
Coz a square peg left behind  
Needs to fit in somewhere too



A white bicycle is parked on a dirt path in a forest. The bicycle has a wicker basket on the handlebars containing a newspaper. The background is a dense forest with tall trees and green foliage. The lighting is soft, suggesting a quiet, slow day.

## SLOW DAY

It's been a slow kind of day  
That dreamy kind of way  
Though I dare not say  
My thoughts stray  
To you today



## THOUGHTS THAT SMILE

I love questions with difficult answers  
And solutions just beyond the ordinary  
I love figuring out what makes things tick  
And that subtle allure of mystery

I love safe places to think aloud  
And curious wonderings free to roam  
I love words that sound like a smile  
And conversations that feel like home

\*because I love our talks



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## HER BUBBLE

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That girl is quietly hiding in a bubble of her personal creation  
Living in a world of her own thoughts and deliberation  
Her unique careless ambitions and her impossible dreams  
Safe and sound inside her individual bubble it seems

She saw the world differently than most did  
Not like them at all God forbid  
Their constant love for the hustle bustle and rush  
The promise of life they loved so much

She considered joining them out there once or twice  
She thought who knows maybe it might be nice  
But each time always decided to stay in her bubble though  
Where she could choose who to let in and who to let go





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## NO TIME FOR SONNETS

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Walk with me a moment ...  
There's so much I want to share  
The thoughts swirling in my head  
My very soul laid bare

Sit with me a moment ...  
There's so much I need to say  
So much still remains unspoken  
But time has slipped away

Lie with me a moment ...  
There's so much we have yet to do  
Watch as it slowly disappears  
And all that remains is you.



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## GOOD MORNING SUNSHINE

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The hardest things to fight for are the ones that matter  
Wipe the tears because things will get better  
Take your time and pause for a while  
Let me adjust your crooked smile  
A second chance is on the way  
Look it's a brand new day  
For you to start again  
I know you can  
You do  
Too



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## TRUE FRIEND

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Listen.. do not judge  
Stand firm.. do not budge

Forgive.. all that is and ever was  
Understand.. when no-one else does

Trust.. that all the words we said were true  
Remember.. promises made between me and you

That..my dearest friend is how we pass the hardest test of all  
Knowing.. somebody will always catch you no matter how far you fall





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## PRICELESS LOVE

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Sweet innocence of an untouched soul  
Cherish all the beauty that you hold  
Unblemished yet by life unknown  
Reap later what you have sown  
Hold her close and never fear  
Love her and keep her near  
Do teach her well and true  
Give her the best of you  
A baby to love & hold  
Sweet precious gold

\*written after visiting my best  
friend's 2nd daughter



## TEMPORARY

This world is but a temporary place  
We pause a while but can never stay  
This fact though sometimes hard to face  
Of which we are reminded everyday  
So use the time we have as best we can  
By being good and staying true  
For time is merely like grains of sand  
Forever slipping away from you

\*written after my uncle passed away  
in 2010

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## MOTHER

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For all the things you have given me  
Each burden you've carried silently  
For all the sacrifices you've had to make  
All you've done was for our sake

I know I can never repay you  
Or even hope to come any where near  
But the only way I know how to  
Is by telling you here

I pray that one day I can be  
As good a mother as you have been to me  
That you may forgive me for all I've done wrong  
And love me like you have all along

A mother's love knows no end  
It stretches far and near  
And so today I sincerely send  
All my love to my mother dear



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## WE SENT A SHIP

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We sent you a ship of peace  
Of love and hope so true  
You shoot and kill those on board  
Destroying is what best you do

We sent you a ship of peace  
With aid to help those in need  
You simply laugh at our efforts  
With pride in your despicable deed

We sent you a ship of peace  
Unarmed and not hostile at all  
You accuse and lie and manipulate  
While the 'great powers' mumble and stall

We send you a ship of peace  
A gesture of solidarity amongst brothers  
What do you care when you are but a country  
Born from the blood of others



\*written after the military raid  
of six civilian ships on the Gaza  
Freedom Flotilla, 2010



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### TOP SECRET

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A secret that I can't tell,  
Soon I will if all goes well,  
Just for all of you out there,  
Something that I want to share,  
A secret dream that I've always had,  
Some will say I'm completely mad,  
To try something so absurd,  
Shhh! Can't say another word!

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## I DON'T WANNA

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I don't wanna do anything,  
Nothing is all I wanna do,  
Except maybe sleep a little longer,  
Now that is absolutely true

I don't wanna get out of bed,  
Or go to work today,  
Just wanna stay under the covers,  
No matter what you say

I don't wanna be here right now,  
Somewhere else I wanna be,  
Where deadlines do not exist,  
Someone come and rescue me





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## REMEMBER

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If I don't say it enough, remember I love you  
If I don't show it enough, remember I love you  
If I can't give you enough, remember I love you  
If I can't or don't or won't ...remember I love you  
Remember I love you from that very first day  
Remember I love you no matter what I say  
Remember I love you come what may  
Remember I love you in my own way

\*written for my daughter's  
3rd birthday





## FALSE MEMORIES

Isn't it strange the things we remember,  
And the things we forget,  
The images that linger,  
And the ones that slip through the net

Isn't it funny the moments that remain crystal clear,  
And the one that we simply throw away,  
The ones we hold dear,  
And remember to this day,

Isn't it curious what we hold on to,  
Though many years have passed,  
The facts that still remain true,  
The memories that lasts

Isn't it peculiar how the past was different,  
Even though the moments were shared,  
But what matters is the present,  
Another broken bridge repaired





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## TURNING THE PAGE

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Dreams shatter even when we're not asleep,  
In fact they were never ours to keep  
Vast chasms develop slowly over time  
Our voices muted turn to mime  
Regrets and memories intertwine  
Crossing over the blurry line  
Even through this worldly test  
Doing only what we thought was best



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## NEVER MET

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We 've never met  
Probably we never will  
But you saved my life  
I thought you should know

We've never met  
Though one day we might  
And I'll tell you about it  
I think you should know

We've never met  
Though I am sure we will  
And we will talk then  
You'll know



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## LIFE

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Life does not stop for you  
It does not wait for you  
Nor does it care

Life simply takes from you  
It demands from you  
Only dictates

Life happens to you  
It passes by you  
Perhaps

Life is you



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## THE CAT'S MEOW

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You said it was fine not to have a dream  
That giving up needed courage too  
Results are not the only measure  
I should be proud of all I do

You say things happen sometimes  
To just keep going straight  
And when I feel like crashing  
No fear just accelerate

You say you're proud of me  
That I worked hard today  
That you always support me  
Perfect in every way



A person is standing in the rain, holding a large red umbrella. The person is wearing a long, patterned skirt. The background is dark and blurry, suggesting a garden or park setting. Rain is falling all around, creating a soft, atmospheric effect. The text is overlaid on the umbrella and the person's skirt.

## NOT MY TEARS

I never cry at weddings  
Full of joy instead  
Happy for my friends  
The life they have ahead

I never cry at weddings  
What reason could there be  
Love ever after is in the air  
Joyous people surrounding me

I never cry at weddings  
And that is exactly why  
The tears you think you see?  
Just something in my eye

\*written after my best friend's  
wedding

# *epilogue*

*and though the visit was brief  
the memories will remain  
until next time*

*sometimes thoughts drop by for a visit  
writing them down is the only way  
to make them stay*

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