

May I Only Leave  
Rose Petals



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*For my immediate family: We have seen the best and the worst of one another, haven't we? But what makes us so beautiful is that we, unequivocally, see the angel behind the pain.*

*For all my other family, friends, Gary Acevedo and Rise Leadership Group, and Guru, Louix Dor Dempriey: Thank you for believing in me always and inspiring me to be the best version of myself I can be.*

*And finally,*

*For all those who are and have been alone in seemingly insurmountable darkness and are yearning to find their Light: You are not alone. You matter. I see you.*

**-I-**

**An Offering**

*“Be patient where you sit the dark. The dawn is coming.” - Rumi*

## **The Light that can Never be Extinguished**

Interwoven as part of the tapestry of life  
We are born knowing:  
We are One.  
We are Magnificent.  
We are Creators.

Through the eyes of a babe  
We know this Truth.  
But soon we become disillusioned,  
Like a seeping fog...  
Pain, fear, and darkness creep stealthily in.

This is the beginning of The Forgetting.

We forget we are One,  
Instead, we see ourselves as Separate.

We forget we are Magnificent,  
Instead, we see ourselves as Insignificant.

We forget we are Creators,  
Instead, we see ourselves as Destroyers.

Through life's trials,  
Our Light, forever burning still...  
Is buried by Fear.

We bury the Truth so deep  
Behind walls made of stone,  
For fear, if we look  
The Truth will be  
That we are Separate.

To face this possibility of being Separate  
Is like facing our own Soul Death,  
We do not dare look or dig for the Truth,  
Instead, we continue living in disillusion.

But steadily it burns,  
Deep within our hearts,  
*The Light that can Never be Extinguished...*  
Awaiting our Homecoming.

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**The Forgetting**

*“The wound is the place where the light enters you.” - Rumi*



## **Dark Night of the Soul**

Dark Night of the Soul,  
Consumes the Light within.  
Staggering to find my way  
Only seeing shadows and death.

My heart, in a cage,  
I yearn to be free,  
Free from this  
Dark Night of the Soul.

I scream,  
Scream with my entire being,  
Yet only a whisper escapes me,  
*Free me...*  
*Hear me...*  
*See me...*  
*Love me...*

Grief pours from my essence,  
Yet, it's almost as if  
I am numb to it all.  
I feel so deeply,  
Yet, I am unable to  
Birth my liberated self.

Pregnant with potential,  
I miscarry again and again,  
This Dark Night of Soul,  
Lord, when will it end?

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**Adventure into the Heart**

*“Let us carve gems out of our stony hearts and let them light our path to love.” - Rumi*

## Love

*The lifeline of our life.*

The degree to which we did not receive Love  
Is the degree to which we violently push it  
Away.

Not realizing that Love *is* what Heals  
And *Feeling is Healing.*

Instead, we all know of pain,  
The pain of Non-Love.  
Oh, how intimately we know this pain!  
We *dare* not feel.

Instead,  
We run.  
We hide.  
We bury.  
We put on masks.

Until one day,  
The dam bursts,  
The walls crumble,  
And we cry out for Love,  
Not knowing *We Are Love.*

In our grief,  
A small crack from the  
Walls surrounding our heart  
*Births*  
The Truth.

If we dare look  
We will see...  
A Glimmer of our Truth.

Beckoning us gently  
Like a mom to a babe,  
She whispers,  
“Shhh, young one,  
Rest your weary head,  
You are love. You are love.”

And we say,  
“Why did you abandon me?!”

Where have you been!?”

Rocking us gently  
She smiles,  
“Always have I been here, beloved—  
Awaiting this day.  
You have been walking this life asleep,  
My child!  
*It is time to Awaken”.*

*-Discovering Divine Mother-*

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## **Befriending the Shadows Within**

*“What hurts you, blesses you. Darkness is your candle.” - Rumi*

## Befriending the Shadows

How do I become inspired by love?  
How do I create?  
I feel I'm forever going to be run  
By fear and doubt!  
Fear and doubt leave already!  
You are not welcome here!

"But I'm afraid!  
I need you to be my friend!"  
I hear a tiny voice plead.

"Who are you?" I ask.

"I'm You— I'm just lost...  
Will you hold my hand?  
Will you show me the way?  
I'm afraid of being afraid."

"Oh, my darling, it is ok to be afraid!  
Let us walk together.  
Being afraid is ok...  
Even I get afraid sometimes!"

"You do?"

"Of course!  
And you know what it's called  
To move forward  
Even when you feel afraid?"

"No, what?"

"Courage!  
And when Courage befriends Fear,  
Courage helps Fear to see  
That all there is...  
*Is Love.*  
Courage is the Sun that  
Shines so brightly  
That the more we use it,  
The more shadows  
Find their way Home.  
We awaken to the truth  
That the shadows



Were just an experience  
To bring us to Love.”

"But how?"

“Love is so bright that even shadows  
Will one day discover themselves  
To be just as bright as Love.  
But you have to befriend the shadows,  
So that they take off their marauder cloaks  
And discover how  
Bright they Truly Are.  
Then they reunite with the  
*One Love*  
To shine as a Beacon  
To bring all confused shadows Home.”

“What happens when there are  
No more shadows?”

“We discover all there ever was  
And all there ever will be  
*Is Love.*”

*-Reuniting with a Shadow Aspect of Myself-*

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**Remembering Together to Bring Us Home**

*“I wish I could show you when you are lonely or in darkness the astonishing light of your own being.” - Hafez Shirazi*

## **You are a Wayshower**

Losing hope for humanity  
Is easy to do.  
The Darkness.  
The Despair.  
The Crime.  
The Cruelty.  
All seem like too much to bear  
For a heart so gentle.

Young one, have faith!

For having a gentle heart  
In a cruel world  
Is a gift beyond measure.

Those who are *most cruel*,  
Are also the *most lost*.  
They need our love *most desperately*.

Pray for these, young one,  
Reflect back their Light and Love  
And help to bring them Home!

For you,

Wayshower!

Earth Angel!

Are meant to stir the hearts of those  
In the DARK.

To be a beacon,  
A LIGHT,  
To guide the lost ones  
Into the Remembrance that  
*They, too, are Love.*

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**Our Homecoming**

*“Close your eyes. Fall in love. Stay there.” - Rumi*

## **The Time-Capsule**

Coming Home to the  
Truth and Magnificence  
Of One's Divinity  
Is carefully seeded through one's life,  
Through circumstances, words, challenges,  
And mere, mundane occurrences.

But it is nothing short of miraculous!

A Miraculous Alchemy of the Heart  
To spring forth a  
*Remembrance of Truth.*

To Awaken,  
Life sends us experiences  
Perfectly orchestrated  
To bring us into our own hearts:  
*The Portal to Our Divinity.*

These are the most Sacred Time Capsules—  
Divine Alchemical Promptings  
That bring Us Home,  
That guide Us back into the  
*Heart of the One.*

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**Of One Heart**



*“Your heart knows the way. Run in that direction.” - Rumi*

## The Song

Entangled in darkness  
I sought for the Light within,  
There I met  
A girl in pain.

In this abyss  
I discovered her.  
She was in pain and despair,  
Reaching out her hand,  
Tangled in webs of darkness.

Although this apparition  
Appeared scary and dark.  
I clasped her hand,  
Lifted her up,  
And unbound her from the dark webs.

She looked frail and afraid,  
Covered in mud and muck and  
Shards of broken glass.

Empathy flooded my heart,

Gingerly I...  
Tended to her wounds,  
Washed her from the stain and grime,  
Brushed back her hair  
And looked into her eyes.

Falling.  
Falling.  
Falling.

A Galaxy of Love and Light  
I fell into her eyes.

A Portal of Love erupted from  
My heart to hers,  
There we truly met for the first time.

Suddenly...  
I was struck by a most beautiful melody—  
Unlike any I've heard.

The voice of an angel,  
So gentle—yet riveting!  
It cascaded over my being,  
And filled me with buzzing Light and Love  
Till I overflowed.

I wept...  
I breathed deeply...  
This Surrender  
Into  
Love.

In this space,  
I Knew  
The  
Truth.

The girl in pain,  
Is me—  
Her song unsung.

The song...  
It is our song—  
Our message to the world.  
It cries out in earnest to be  
Shared.

And I know,  
At the *very* center of my being,  
I must step forth and share it,  
For it is the only way to

*Set Us Free.*

*-Time to Step Out into the Light-*

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