

## The Shape of Relationships

### I Wonder

Have you ever wondered why your life is the way it is?

I wonder!

Some people wonder why the grass is green.

I wonder why oxygen is never seen!

Others wonder why life seems so unfair,

I wonder, why my heart has so much to bear.

Yes, I wonder.

Can you sit and indefinitely wonder forever?

Sometimes I tell myself I won't even try to wonder any longer,

Not about life, love, money nor friendships,

Even though I know life requires me to have relationships.

I saw people holding hands and laughing yesterday,

But today, I see them, and their lives are in a disarray.

This causes me to wonder!

I wonder!

Life is like a highway ladder,

We go up and down every day passing each other.

Life is also like the ancient colosseum in Rome,

Where people and animals participate in gladiatorial games to entertain the crown.

Life seems like a big amphitheater on earth.

For a few, it is a big concert, for many they are constantly experiencing dearth.

I wonder, how much longer?

I wonder, why I am so happy in love?

I wonder why blessings come from above.

I wonder what earth was like when it was pristine.

I wonder if it were like pages of a brand-new magazine.

Why should I continue to wonder?

When I am so loved by my creator.

But still I wonder, yes, I wonder!

## **Circular Bond**

Circles are common.  
Filling our daily lives in various ways.  
From the tires on cars, to the jewelry we wear,  
To the pills we take and the holes in our chair.  
The donuts we eat and the coins that we spend,  
Even the buttons that fall off the clothes we mend.

Circles are familiar,  
Filing our daily lives in various ways.  
Like things near or far that we can see  
The full moon in the sky or the empty nest in the tree  
Not everything is circular,  
This I know is true.  
But a circle describes the friendship between me and you.

## **Unrequited Love**

If you're lucky to find true love,  
Grab hold of it.  
Very often, a lot of couples just don't knit.  
Love doesn't discriminate because of age, race, or educational status.  
So, why does me loving you cause such a fuss?  
At nights, I gaze at the sky, and see your face in the moon.  
I hope and pray, you'll come to me very soon.

I went shopping today at the Tiffany's.  
Roaming through the store, I was drawn to the jewelry.  
I bought you a diamond necklace, beautiful and expensive.  
To match your radiant smile, and to make you look exquisite.  
Into your lap luxurious jewelry should fall,  
So together we'll look classy and stylish at the Governor's ball.

I have married you several times in my dream.  
We spent our honeymoon holding hands as we threw pebbles in the stream.  
With your consent, I want us to date all over again.  
We can be better lovers and even greater friends.  
I know you would want these things too.  
You just have not discovered it yet, that it's true.

### **9-5 Pal**

I may know your birthday,  
But not your dreams.  
The past school you went to,  
But not the level of your self-esteem.  
I may know your favorite tie,  
and the color of your eyes,  
But not what keeps you up at night,  
Or what makes you cry.

I may know your favorite parking spot,  
But not your fears.  
Your current job title,  
But not the resolution you made last new year's.  
I may know your favorite place to have lunch,  
And the snacks you like to munch,  
But not whether you prefer waffles or pancakes for brunch.

The short list of things that I may know,  
Though limited, it doesn't make me a foe.  
Together we form the best crew!  
Five days a week you keep me from feeling blue.  
Sharing our highs and lows until the end,  
I'm happy to have you as a work friend.

### **I do! You do! We do!**

Every relationship has to start somewhere.  
It may just be a casual hi and hello here and there.  
However, this may be the beginning of an eternal cycle,  
As we progress, we write our own chronicle.  
Will this be a journey without a destination?  
I have this thought under serious consideration.  
If I do, will you do too?

I realized I was attracted to you from the start.  
There was a lot of curiosity on my part.  
It could have been infatuation too.  
One thing for sure, you kept sticking to my heart like glue.  
I tried to figure out how to proceed.  
Through trial and error, I planned to succeed.  
If I do, would you do too?

Man, it was such a joy when you said yes, we could be a couple!  
I did a thousand summer saults in my heart.  
But in reality, I was nowhere this supple.  
It was a journey of love on my part.  
Our connection, our chemistry and our values helped to build our trust,  
But somehow there was something inexplicable, so we decided not to rush.  
Right love, wrong time so they say,  
So, we each went on our separate way.

It was never a walk in the park to separate our hearts.  
I was happy when thousands of miles later, we once again crossed paths.  
Your friends were now my friends and yours too.  
Getting to know the family, we thought we had that covered.  
Differences pop up, but we quickly handled these with each other.  
Future in-laws will now consist of father, and for some, the dreaded mother.  
Our love is now made one, so we are no longer two.  
We took our stand, and it's no longer I do, or you do, but we do!

### **Cheater's Castle**

Red lipstick-stained shirt,  
Pocket of receipts of things unseen.  
Rage as deadly as a wildfire,  
Drowns away any glimmer of rationality.

Time is ticking.  
Pack your bags!  
Pacing up and down the halls.  
Moving on yet holding back,  
As the curtains close on what was had.

A second chance,  
Third times the charm.  
Seconds remaining, from final call.  
Hearts racing, as time stands still.  
As a desperate plea, met trembling limbs.

Too late for apologies,  
Yet too soon for regret.  
As the final blow is faintly dealt.  
Icy tears pool on the ground.  
Don't forget your triangular crown!

## **The Family**

The smallest unit of a society  
Shout it out loud, it's the family.  
My siblings - brothers and sisters are we,  
Sons, daughters, mommy, and daddy.  
The bond we have is unbreakable.  
We laugh and cry together - heartache-able.  
We are family!

Family feud, some family members can be very crude.  
Is that family yours? It's definitely not mine,  
The members of my family are never on time!  
Welcome to our home.  
Our roof is a hemispherical dome.  
We sing, we play, we are happy.  
Although we may not fall in a typical category,  
Yes, we are family!

Spending time with family is a necessity.  
Even if we lack money or expensive properties,  
We ignore our family when they are going through a trial.  
Yet cry and splurge at their burial.  
Whether wide awake or under anesthesia,  
Nothing is more important than everyone working together.  
We are always a family!