



Our lives were dark before we knew of each other.

The Lord blessed us with each other.

She is my blossoming flower

He is my ever-loving soldier.

We fell in love at first sight

Our love bloomed in the moonlight.

—*Terry and Rayna*

Flowers Bloom in the Moonlight

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Who ever said
Flowers don't bloom in the moonlight
Never knew me and you

The seeds of love were planted
And took hold of life and blossomed
One day in a prison photo room

Our eyes met
Your gaze held me fast
In our silent introduction
Our souls spoke to each other ...
Is this love at last?

We independently asked ourselves
As we wondered on
The very same questions

What is this thing,
This thing that they call love?
Was this love at first sight?

In my quiet reflection I wondered
How does one really know
When it is truly love?

How does one know
That they have met
The one who is “the One”?

Was this merely our need to be needed?
Our need to be loved?
Should we doubt something so special, so magical?
Was it sent from above?

The day we met you held my hand
In a very simple exchange
And then whispered my name
Who would know that this would be
The beginning of our forever romance?

Our worlds were melancholy
Your world, a prison cell
Full of pain, sorrow, disappointment—
Mainly in yourself

My cell out here was a solemn one
Plagued by trials, experiences
That left me trusting no one

We were both afraid
Of exposing our jaded pasts
Not full well knowing if the receiver
Would be willing to accept us and our fate
Would this be the one to last?

Yet my dreams never died
Your dreams kept alive
We always knew that the God above
Would one day, someday
Send us someone to love

Now just look at the awesomeness
And power of love
Of God's love
That has manifested in our lives

Remember when,
You touched my hand
I fell in love
You loved me then

I love to talk about my love for you
To tell the world all about
The awesomeness of you

In this my homage to you
It kind of makes me smile
Not that the loves
From your past
Love did not last
But it is in their choosing
To miss out on the wonder of you
They chose to hide from you
By not being there
Not there for you
Never supporting you
I was rewarded with the gift
Of being loved by you

Please don't misconstrue my feelings
I do not intend to boast
I actually owe them many thanks
And send them blessings too
For had they not turned their backs
I may have never met you

I was the one who didn't let
Those bars surrounding you
Obstruct my view of you
The windows to your soul
Told me all I needed to know

I saw a good man
Whose mistakes cost him his life
I saw a man who learned from them
And lived solely to be a better man
I saw myself as his wife
My first and only true love

From that first phone call I was hooked
I could instantly feel
Your soul, spirit and energy
The entire essence of who you were
And I knew you were meant for me
That we were simply meant to be

I've often sat and wondered
Why is this feeling of love so intense for you
Reflection has lead me to recognize
That the answer lies in oh so many things
It is especially your tender ability
To love me wonderfully
Especially when I don't make it that easy
In spite of how I can be
When I am just being me

You remain the principal member
Of my dream team
The one who knows me like no other
You adore me
My faults

My secrets
Joys and pains
Likes and dislikes
Issues too
Yet you continue to love me
Completely
Unconditionally

The motivation, determination
And drive deep within me
Are kept alive through your continued belief in me
You make me believe that I can do anything
Can conquer the world
Can have anything
You're my number one
Cheerleader
Motivator
Mentor
Protector
Best friend
And lover

Our honeymoon was filled
With immense love, pleasure and
Tenderness
In the way you touched me
So passionately, so tenderly
The tremendous delight of true love
The epitome of commitment
The mutual giving of sharing
One to another in every possible way

This love is returned from me to you
Through my undying belief in you
My encouraging and uplifting you

In every aspect of all you do
This is my devout service to you

I fall in love over and over again
As I progress
From one paragraph to the next

My eyes well up with tears
On this an emotional day
In my talking to the Father
I fell on my knees to pray
Why Father,
Did you send
This amazing man to me
But keep him far from me?
As I cried
My sorrow was interrupted
By the ringing of the phone
It was you—my one true love
I asked you the same question
That I posed to Our Father above

In your reply you said
“Sweetheart, you are my destiny
And I am yours for eternity
He knew exactly what I needed
And He gave me you
And He placed treasures in me
Exclusively for you
In the fulfilling of our purpose
He allowed our paths cross
In order to receive this miracle
We would endure great pain
To whom much is given

Much is required
Have we not fulfilled one another's desire?"

Today as I recall your loving reply
I still often ask why
Why does this love have to hurt so bad?
Why does this pain of separation
From the one I love
Cause me such agony
And make me so sad?

Killing me slowly is how a friend
Today
Described the life of an inmate's wife
Today, a husband was denied parole
The more I thought about it
The more my own tears fell
Feeling love, feeling pain
And grave disappointment
Helplessness and hopelessness
Anger, frustration and sorrow
The shattered dreams for today
The shattered dreams of tomorrow
My tears fell for us all
For her, her husband and family
For those who have been denied
For those who will be denied
Killing me slowly
Today that very well describes
The life of an inmate's wife

I know that I often
Throw such things at you
Never really probing for an answer
Just seeking some understanding

Trying to release the frustration
With hopes of finding a brighter view
Yet today the view is cloudy and gray
Because at this very moment
I am experiencing
The joy of being in love
And the pain of being apart
I try to find comfort in knowing
That there must be some meaning
In all that we go through
So I cling to believing
That we are enduring
All of this madness
Toward a purpose that must be fulfilling

The days spent apart are
Extremely hard and painful
The days spent together
Always joyous and meaningful
And it is the culmination of all those days
That gives me the fortitude
To keep fighting
Fighting to go on

Don't you know that I sit back
And count down the days
Until you are home with me?

Don't you know that I often
Cry myself to sleep
Because I am longing for you
To hold me as "we" fall asleep?

To have found love
Yet be separated from it

Some sick joke this has to be!
I get so sick of wishing
This life to be over

I still do not know
What is to be learned in finding love
But not allowed to live it completely

Without the help of friends
I know I couldn't go on
Strength has been here to hold me up
When I can't do it for myself
He is there when I must battle
My way through the downs
And every phase of depression
That tries to conquer
Tear me down

You and strength keep me together
And never let me fall
I could not live this life without you all

My goal is not to feel badly
I just want to be closer to you
There are days
When I think I can't continue
Then all of a sudden miraculously
My thoughts of you
Help me realize
That it is all about you
Because you make it happen for me
And even as crazy as this life can be
I do find comfort in loving you
Through this crazy and unpredictable journey

I feel you in my spirit every day
I feel your loving embrace
Your heartfelt kisses
Our closeness
My love for you
Your love for me
The power of His blessing

Okay
I have to dry my eyes
And smile because I see
Visions of you
Before me, next to me, with me
And the joy that you bring me

Time has revealed so many things
Over these many years
Others always want to know
What is it about that man?
My love for you is one thing though
That really can't be explained
It is that kind of thing that is just all-knowing
We are so in tune with each other
We had that instant comfort and familiarity
Our like kind spirits attracted to the other
Our spirituality being there
I love the love we share
The love we make each day
Through our written and spoken words
Our souls connecting in every way

The things I love most about you
Are all enclosed inside of you
Everything that you have done

Those things that you've been through
Everything that you will do

At the top of my list
Is your ability to be
So loving, caring
And most important, God-fearing
Now that is so sexy to me
To see my man on his knees
Praying to the Father above
For my safety and protection
And thanking Him for the gift of our love

You know what else turns me on?
When I just watch how you
Care for me and for our girls
You are often vulnerable, even
And always undeniably warm
It is your gentleness that I adore
The depths of our love makes me feel
Like I'm at Heaven's door

Love's exquisite freedom
We are captive and also free
Love's exquisite freedom
Between you and me
It is simply being free to be
Free from hurt and pain
Free from dishonesty
Free from betrayal
Free from loneliness
And most importantly
It just means
You being free to be

Me being free to be me
Just being free to be

Tears still well up in my eyes
When I reminisce and even fantasize
Of our loving times
The times of joy when we began
The time of our first rendezvous
Our passionate intimate union
My yielding to you in an instant
So enticing, so inviting
I spend so many of my waking days
Thinking of you
Looking at you
Dreaming about you
Simply loving you
My dreams are always engrossed
With visions and thoughts of you

Most recently I had a dream
Of our making love
It was so real
So real I could feel and see
Visions of you
Thoroughly encapsulating me
The dream was one of us
Becoming one

My fires always burn
For you of course
Some nights are so much worse
Craving for your body those nights
Keeps sleep at bay at night
The longing to be closer to you
Feeling your heart

Beating against mine
Envisioning
Your broad shoulders
That I hold on tightly to
When we combine in harmony
Your ass that I grab forcefully
When I am guiding you deeper
Into my pleasure zone
Your strong legs that support me
When loving maneuvers
Take us beyond our natural course
Your perfect gorgeous dick
That gives me great pleasure
Intensely, immensely, repeatedly
You make love to me so tenderly
That it brings tears to my eyes
You kiss me passionately
And enter me so gently
Every inch of you taking over me
It is days like these
Especially
That I miss you and
Our sexual energy
Excite the very essence
Of passion within each other
Intense love, passion and energy
Culminates in our lovemaking
Resulting in adventures of ecstasy
Beauty and mesmerizing love
It is days like these
That I wish you were here
Then we could be
In each other's arms

Making love
Physically
Expressing
Love

I never knew being in love
Would feel this good
How can I not be in love?
With my knight
Who when he gazes at me
Calls me his “marvelous wonder”
His queen
His heroine
His bright light
His guiding light
His restoration of hope

When he looks into my eyes
And reveals that paradise
Is anywhere that I am
How can I not be in love?

My heart fluttered
When I heard you say
That you would marry me
Every day

I love the inner workings of your mind
I love your heart of gold
I love the gift you give to others
How you comfort and console your brothers
Even during your own time of need

Every year of loving you
Has been heightened
By our operating

In the veins of reflection
Rekindling and rejoicing in
Our spiritual connection
Our irreversible, unbreakable bond
Coupled together by the Almighty
His will binding us together
Forever
Knowing that we were created
One for the other

How blessed and loved we are
Many go through life never knowing
A love that is overwhelming
The ultimate depths of love
The one thing that I know
If I don't know anything else
I know that I am blessed
I know who loves me
Cares for me
Cherishes me
Adores me
Honors me
Nurtures me
Protects me
Covers me
Wants me
Needs me
Deserves me

I thank God every day
For the will and capability
For being in love

This is such a blessing to behold
We stand forever grateful, thankful

For his guidance
Direction
Protection

You have shown me worlds
Others only dream about
Your expressing of love for me is
Embodied in movies others see
You have done all this
And so much more
Behind the confines
Of those metal doors

In our life together
The depths of our relationship
Has raised to ultimate levels
Our love has been the catalyst
For a deeper sense of learning
A deeper degree of loving

We have that *je ne sais quoi*
You know that special something that
When I think of you
When you think of me
When in each other's company
Admiring the aura of each other
Makes you say *ooh* and me say *aah*

You are
My air
My life
My love
My yesterday

My today
My forever

It is a great thing
To be dependent on each other
We simply cannot live
Without each other
Can't love without the other
Now I can see and understand why
Lonely hearts cause people to die
When their love has been taken away
I know that I could never bear
To live my life without you
I pray that we go home together
So neither has to bear
The heartache of being
The loved one left behind
Do you know how I feel?
Am I wrong to feel this way?
Does anyone feel the way I feel?

The gift of love
One of God's greatest flowers
Bloomed in the witching hour

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Flowers don't bloom in the moonlight
Never knew you and me