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## Tina Amado

Loving  
Always  
Things  
Is  
Needing  
A friend

### Night and Day - Tina Amado

Night and day I dream of you,  
And all the things I wanted to do,  
I'll stay beside you,  
Through thick and thin,  
I'll always be there whether  
You lose or win,  
Because to me you'll always  
Come through,  
There's nothing in the world,  
That I wouldn't do,  
You're my shining star,  
Angel with wings,  
I finally know love is true,  
Now that I've found you.

## A Reflection - Tina Amado

Look in the mirror,  
I see a young pretty girl,  
Looking, looking, but just can't see,  
A reflection in the mirror,  
That looks just like me,  
I can touch the mirror and see the light,  
And now my curly hair shines so bright,  
A light skinned girl,  
A dark skinned girl,  
Now we both live in the same world,  
Two different people,  
Two different shadows,  
So now I'm looking in the mirror,  
And see a reflection of the light,  
How a pretty girl can shine so bright.

## Alicia Balbosa

Learn little children,  
Before you are old,  
A good education,  
Is better than gold,  
For gold or silver,  
May fade away,  
But a good education,  
Will never decay.

# Celina Gocol

## Love

There are different kinds of love  
There's family love, friendship love,  
Relationship  
Love, and there's just love. Love is a  
confusing word at times. Sometimes it's  
Hard to say, sometimes it's easy to say  
But love comes from a special place,  
And that's the heart.

V olunteering  
O pening up your heart  
L oving  
U nderstanding  
N eeding  
T imes  
E ntertainment  
E nough time  
R esponsibility

## My Black Sisters - Rondell Hunter

My Black sister I would never hit her  
If she's cold I would give her a sweater  
When I see the beauty of her I know  
I would never hit her,  
Loving my Black  
Sister that's all I do when I see  
My Black sister, I say I love you

## Leslie Mason

F ree from slavery  
R evenge on people  
E normous changes  
E nergy divided  
D emanding each other  
O ver coming those rules  
M aterials wasted

R eading  
E ducates  
A nd  
D eciding  
I nto  
kN owledge  
G rowing



## The Future - Leslie Mason

The future is something that comes for all reasons  
Every minute, every hour, and all of the seasons  
If you think about the future  
And forget about the past  
Think about your life  
As yet it still lasts  
Think on what will happen  
And who you will become  
Think about all people  
Not only some  
What would you do  
If something happens to your family or you  
When you never took time  
To simply say, I love you  
You should love your parents  
And respect your grands  
Forget about the past  
Take your future in your hand.

## **Chama Robinson** **The Meaning of Love**

If you love someone you should never hurt that person  
Love is not a game you play  
Love is caring, holding and just wanting to be  
with that person  
Never using or taking one or the other for  
granted  
When you love someone you should  
Never have a thought in your mind about  
wanting someone else  
Your life should be based on one another and no one else  
Love is also giving your hearts and souls  
Just remember two hearts are better than one

### **I Stand Alone - Chama Robinson**

I stand alone  
Even though you're by my side  
I stand alone  
Even though you say you'll be there for me  
I'll stand alone  
Even though you say you love me  
Yet, I still stand alone.

## Recognize - Chama Robinson

You're saying that - you better recognize  
You need to recognize where you're at  
Or where you're going  
Or what you're gonna be  
You better recognize what's going on around you  
You're saying that nobody's doing anything for me  
But, you're standing on the corner  
I think *you* better recognize

## Life and Times - Chama Robinson

Hard rolling, soft talking  
Fast walking, you can't understand me  
If you can't understand yourself  
Up may be down  
Down may be up  
Just wanting someone to understand my  
madness  
My other side  
The real deal in my field  
What makes my tree grow?  
Hmm...Do you really want to know?

## Why? - Chama Robinson

Why are you looking at me?  
Tell me what you see,  
Is it pain, no, not me,  
Is it love, that you see,  
Is it greed, no, that's not me,  
Oh, what could it be  
Tell me why are you looking at me?

## I Miss You - Chama Robinson

There are times when I feel alone,  
But, I know that you are there for me,  
It's just that you're so far away,  
Sometimes I feel you don't love me,  
But I know you do,  
It's just that we don't talk as much as we used to,  
Every night I lay in bed and cry for you,  
Wishing you were near,  
You are so dear to me,  
It's just that I miss you.

## I've Searched - Chama Robinson

I have looked  
Yet, I still can't see  
I have searched,  
Yet, I still haven't found,  
I have asked,  
But, still I have no answer  
What should I do?



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