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Cuzellie

Мом

She is caring and is very loving.
She is always wearing jeans and sweatshirts.
And she smells good.
And she always greets me when I come home from school.

When things are not going right

When things are not going right, I feel like I can fight, but it's not right. But at night I feel better and I don't want to fight. And that's right. I have a good night.

A LIGHT

There is a light in my life that is always growing. Each day of my life it is growing. It is burning in my heart, the love that I have for her. She is dear and sweet. She is my mother, that can't be beat.

Dorian

BAD

I was cookin' some food
I was fryin' some bacon
My mother took a look
At the food I was makin'
She tasted the food
She didn't look glad
She said to me this food is bad

I cooked something else
I was toasting some bread
When the toast popped up
It hit my head.
My mom tasted the food
And then she learned
She said to me
This food is burned
She looked at me
And was real mad
She said to me
This food is bad.

Kimberly

DREAMS ABOUT FIRE

I dream about fire, Tongues of flame licking me.

I dream about fire, My body burns for thee.

I dream about fire, Set my hair and body free.

I dream about fire, Dancing all around mc.

I dream about fire, Flames engulfing me.

I dream about fire, Waiting to be free.

I dream about fire, Playing a song for only me.

I dream about fire, Setting my mind and soul free. When love dies so does your heart. All the love you felt in you is all gone.

When you see him all alone, you are sad. But when he is with another girl, you get all mad.

When I walked into his class, I spoke with his friend. Then he walked into the room, so his friend and I left.

He saw me leaving with his friend, and he was mad. Then he realized that it was him whom I liked.

As his friend and I talked, he came out. He said to me he was sorry that he broke up with me.

I said I was sorry I broke up with you, too. But I like him instead and I am sorry.

So we shall stay friends like we were before.

LOVING THEM DEARLY

There comes a time in a person's life when she must say goodbye to the ones she loves.

When you say goodbye, it is real hard because it is tearing your heart into little pieces.

You say goodbye to the ones who are very dear to you because you have given them all the love you have.

You tell them there will come a time when you will return and say I love you very dearly.

But for now you must go away to to the ends of time, because it's hard to stay home and be with your family because you love them so dearly.

I LAY DOWN TO SLEEP EACH NIGHT

I lay down to sleep each night, praying my lover will finally come and take me.

I lay down to sleep each night, hoping that one day you will come and take me away from all the madness.

I lay down to sleep each night, because my lips burn for your passionate kisses and my body is on flame for your loving caress and tender passion.

I lay down to sleep each night, because I wait and wait till you finally . come and take me in your arms and hold me all through the night.

I lay down to sleep each night, till you come and lay by my side and love me all through the night.

IF YOU EVER FEEL

If you ever feel lonely or depressed, close your eyes tight and think of me.

If you ever feel alone and empty, close your eyes tight and see me stand by you.

If you ever feel sad or blue, close your eyes tight and think of me with you.

If you ever feel the need to cry or talk, close your eyes tight and send me your message.

If you ever feel that you need me badly, close your eyes tight and send for me quietly.

If you ever feel that you love me, close your eyes tight and rehearse it first.

If you ever feel that you want to say I love you, come over to my house and tell me in person.

PIANO

I sit down to play
I sit and play Handel, Mozart and Schubert.
I sit down to play
a classical piece
I sit down to play
on the keys.
I sit down to play
on my grand piano.

BROWN

Brown makes me frown
Brown turns my mood upside down
Brown turns my frown twice twice upside down
Brown may make me frown
but my shoes happen to be brown

I-I I M

He has a very handsome face, eyes of brown.
He is very tall, and is very sweet and gentle.
His lips are soft and nice.
He kisses are as gentle as his caress.
He has a wonderful cologne that makes him smell great.
It drives the girls crazy, but he is only for me.
We had something special and now we are together.
He makes me feel nervous, but yet he makes me feel wonderful.

WHEN I SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS

Where have I seen you before? I wonder why you look familiar. Have I seen you before? I wonder where I have seen you.

Now I know where I have seen you before, I have seen you in my dreams where we are together in each other's arms.

I see you in my dreams, it seems that when I am with you I feel all dreamy and happy because I am falling in love with you.

When I see you in my dreams, I say to you that I love you and I want to be with you and you say you love me and want to be with me so you came out of my dream and into reality

LOVE

Love...is something everybody knows about and they say they love people and always will love them.

Love...is something no one should ever fool around with because any person involved can get really hurt.

Love...is something rather strange and odd but yet utterly wonderful because it feels great to be in love.

Love...is something that can sometimes never be in a real relationship due to the fake saying of what they feel.

Love...is something very hard to believe because some people have been in and out of relationships and have been hurt.

Love...is something that people fear most because love is a cruel emotion. It can sometimes be misjudged instead of proven right. When I let go of you it was very hard to do, then someone new came walking in my life.

He tells me how he feels for me everyday. He tells me that he loves me and cares for me.

He tells me how he always wants to be with me. He tells me he will love me for all eternity and more.

He tells me in detail his undying love for me. He tells me his days and nights are numbered for me.

He tells me he will die if he will never have me. He tells me that he wants to marry me.

He tells me we shall be very happy together. He tells me life with him shall never be boring and that he will never leave me because he will love me till all eternity.

Maya

MY BABY SISTER

She's cute, small, smells good with baby wipe and when she takes a shower. She has the cutest smile and laugh. She loves Barney and Lambehop. She's the best friend I ever had, except when she cries at night.

DREAMS

Dreams can come true only if you believe you can achieve your dreams. It's not as hard as it seems.
All you have to do is sleep awhile and your dreams can come true.

What "Friends" Means

"Friends" means to be trusting and giving; one who's always up and enjoys living.
"Friends" means to be kind, caring, sharing, daring, loving and full of excitement, stressless and no meanness.

TIRED

I'm tired and with lots of stress; if anyone messes with me, I 'm sure to go on fire.

Shinasa

FLY

I wish I could fly
If I would fall and die
I could see the whole world
And my soul could go to heaven
And I could go to each Seven/Eleven

SHAHEEN

She's a little shorter than I am.
She has dark brown hair and brown eyes.
She has a soft voice.
She listens to rap.
She wears baggy jeans and long shirts.

STREAMS

There are streams inside your dreams. I don't like streams because they remind me of sour creams.

BIRDS

Birds can fly high up in the sky Some birds can also sing and they have beaks as small as rings

PLACES

There are a lot of places to go and things to do. Places like Paris and Rome. Places like Italy and Norway. There are many places to go.

AIRPLANE

Airplanes are good for flying and also sky-diving. I'd never do any stunts on a plane, so I wouldn't go insane.

Super
I-Iappy
Intelligent
Nice
Always in the middle
Sometimes sad
Always a good friend

Tulio

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WHAT WILL YOU DO

I feel as lonely as a flake falling from the sky
Do you ever wonder why?
Does that flake have a purpose or is it just falling to the
ground;
hopeless and thoughtless on what is going around.
Sometimes I feel like that, like a snow flake falling to the
ground.

As it builds up, you find it hard to walk through my emotions; 'cause you know someday when the sun comes up, they will all melt away.

You see nothing but a puddle,
but it's as deep as the ocean.
Will you jump in
and drown in my emotions?
Or will you just settle for a swim?
Then you will be gone on your way,
never looking back;
'cause it's just another day around the way...hey.

TEARS

Tears of love is what they are. Tears of hope come to heart. I feel like this I can't deny it; and there's no way to fight it. Why should I? I don't want to!! The only reason is you.

Do you want me? If so, how much? Will your love overflow? If it does, I'll be there to wet my body with your love.

Maybe we can be together, and our love will grow forever. If you want it, it's there.

Open your arms and receive my love.

I'll make you feel like the heavenly one above.

FRIENDS to Fola

With all the words that there are in this world I don't think one can really describe what you really mean to me.

It was summer and I think it was meant to be, because it so happened that you ran into me.

Do you remember how we looked at each other; like we knew that we had to get to know one another. So we did, and look where it got us...
Two years and a friendship that no one will understand: how we got to love each other.

So you see, it was meant to be; that you and I will become friends, and that is what we all should have in our lives: a friend like you are to me.

IS IT A ONE NIGHT THING

How I want you in my arms.
How I want your body next to mine.
So close, so close,
that you can feel my thoughts
as they rise for the moment.

So you say that you want me.
I feel the same way, too.
Let's do it together. Let's see it through.

Let our love overflow with joy, so we can get wet in the moment of passion.

Your eyes deceive you.
They tell me the truth.,
Is that the way you feel? 'Cause I feel that way too.

So the night is over.
Are we going to be too?
I don't feel that way.
Do you?

OCEANS

Oceans apart
thinking of you
that same ocean
can bring me to you
Oceans are beautiful
Oceans are dangerous
Just like my mind
I'm not confined.

DRUGS

I can make you feel high
Make you feel as if you can fly
Some people wonder why
Kids don't pass me by
I can kill you if I'm abused
So, please stay away from me
or stay confused.

MAYBE

Life is something that I don't understand.

I mean there are so many people and so many cultures how can you?

Every single person in this world has different thoughts different feelings and different views about everything in this world

Maybe that's the reason why so many people in this world don't get along with each other I don't know it's only a thought Maybe if we try to be more understanding with each other and try to understand each other's views and try to talk to each other to try and make that change

Maybe we can get along with each other and live in peace and harmony with ourselves and with society I guess that's how I try to live my life maybe you should too What do you think? Is it a good idea or what I leave you with that thought and hope you take it to heart.

THE WORLD AND THE PEOPLE IN IT

Why do people lie to each other?

Just to make the person feel happy?

To make themselves look important or try to be someone they're not.

Why

Because they don't know who they are
So they try to be someone they're not
They strive to make other people happy
but you know something
they are just hurting themselves
'Cause they get so worked up in what they want to be like
they never find out who they really are
and what they can really be,
They go on in life trying to be someone they're not
and that's no good

It's always good to be your own person and you should always try to be different from all the rest You are you and nobody can be you and that makes a world of joy to know there's only one of you So be you and only you.

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