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*To those who are in a state of bliss,
To those unsure what path to take
To those who have loved and lost,
To those who broke people's hearts,
To those who have sacrificed for others,
To those who refuse to give in ,
To those who are on the brink of giving up,
To those who no longer want to go on,
To beauty,
To pain,
To mercy,
To hope,
To ALL,*

TO THE ALMIGHTY.

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PROLOGUE

War in Heaven

There was once a fight in heaven
Among the different brethren
They came to this assembly
To plan out for eternity.

The Leader wants to bare His plan
To uplift each and every man
Each spirit shall have flesh and bones
And experience all its moans and groans.

With this came forth the angel of light
Offering things with all his might
That not a soul remains forsaken
As long as all the praise he'll take in.

“Nobody will be left behind,
No pain, no hardship, nothing of its kind.
For I ensure that love and life,
Will not result in grief and strife.”



PROLOGUE

So there were murmurs, some with screams.
Opinions laid in all extremes.
For if to veer we never let,
Man won't do things they might regret.

Let's cut freedom with intention.
Stop this fruitless mind commotion.
Bring to pass angel of light,
Use your power, flash your might!

Not one soul should feel the pain
Of desolation or disdain.
Let love be a plain decree,
Share the heart for all to see.

And if this plan will be rejected,
I suggest they be ejected.
For no one should be made to choose
A path where there's a chance to lose.

But then came forth the Begotten Son,
Who simply said, "Thy will be done".
With this the Father said with glee,
"May men on earth always be free."

You will taste both life and death,
Pain will lurk with every breath,
But My love will be with thee,
And always will for eternity.





Love
is
Beautiful

LOVE IS BEAUTIFUL

1 Stare

The one thing that I long to see
Is your face smiling back at me.
My rambling thoughts just went astray
When you returned my glance that day.

It's not just that you mesmerize;
Your face, your lips, they tantalize.
A routine day turns into trance
When you're around I'd sing and dance.

I see at times you tend to sneer
But those antics just hold you dear.
For even though you snarl and pout,
Your beauty shows without a doubt.

So here's to hoping, fantasizing,
This my heart's been struck by lightning.
Hope one day you'd come and stay,
To wipe out all my blues away.



2

Rain

Beautiful rain, I can't pretend.
I shivered as you touched my hand.
The dampness uncomfortably great
To thee I surrender my sweet fate.

You cleanse me with those tender drops,
And make me shout from all treetops,
That on this planet of precipitation,
I have found my inspiration.

As I shrug off all of this wetness,
What remains is your saccharine freshness.
For no solution could ever rinse
My cloying heart's soft, mushy feelings.



LOVE IS BEAUTIFUL

3 *Flowers*

Today I saw some vibrant flowers
Bloom beneath the sun's great powers.
Its beauty springs like heaven's gift,
That every soul it may uplift.

With this grand sight I think of you,
Of where you are and what you do,
Of lives you touch with your caress,
And all the things I can't profess.

Undying is my admiration,
Longing for your kind attention.
Spare some time and glance at me,
So you will see what I can be.

Like blooms that take the blues away,
Only you can make my day.
For when I get to hold you dear,
All my hurts will disappear.



LOVE IS BEAUTIFUL

4 *Feed*

I saw you sit in that white chair.
You're such a sight, can't help but stare.
As cool winds slither through your hair,
I glimpse at you—so sweet and fair.

One such majestic, wondrous sight,
My heart leaps up in sheer delight.
You caught my eye sipping a drink.
You flustered me—can't even wink.

Oh, how I wish I were the apple
Passing through those lips so supple.
Hold your smooth and loving hands,
And soften everything that stands.

I'll feed you with my tender thoughts,
As my mind stores all of these snapshots.
For you are truly heaven sent.
To be with you is life well spent.



LOVE IS BEAUTIFUL

5 Gift

Don't know where my sanity went,
To get you off my mind, I can't.
I waited till the dark showed light,
For this deep longing I can't fight.

The crickets penetrate my ears
As I mistake their sounds for cheers.
Perhaps they're all rooting for me,
For with you, life has turned to glee.

Tomorrow I can be with you
And it will be for us just two.
I cannot wait so I'll prepare
This lil token of our affair.

I offer you this simple gift,
I hope your soul it may uplift.
May it be blessed by heaven's path,
No matter what the aftermath.



6 *Sunlight*

As rays of sun sprout up out east
And lower down to hide out west,
My love will stay with you at best,
Will never tire, will never rest.

For in that span we were together,
I did believe there is forever.
I swear my love will never end;
The life you've touched you'll always mend.

Sunshine sprouts for all to see
The splendor of the birds and bees.
And just like light that shines on you,
You brighten up the darkest view.



7 *Lullaby*

Memories are like wine,
When they are made with thine.
For they emerge divine
With hymns as sweet as valentine.

Wish each song my ear perceives,
It stays with me and never leaves.
Because every day I hear thy psalms,
Like morning breeze, it soothes and calms.

What could be in that voice box
That can hydrate the driest rocks?
Skies light up in symphony,
No matter what season it may be.

Lift me up, O love of mine;
Let the darkness in me shine.
Only you can clean this mess.
For in my heart, you are the best.



LOVE IS BEAUTIFUL

8

Photograph

They say a photograph says so much
Of love, of life, of moments unheard.
An image stored means so much more,
When it's from someone you adore.

For every single act of faith
And every single breath you take,
As long as thoughts emerge from you,
It means a blessing for me too.

If only my hands could just paint
Your classy moves I will depict.
No SLR can do you justice.
You're so cute with your robustness.

Your sweet life is one big canvas
That inspires the fire within us.
Please allow a simple me
To be a part of what could be.



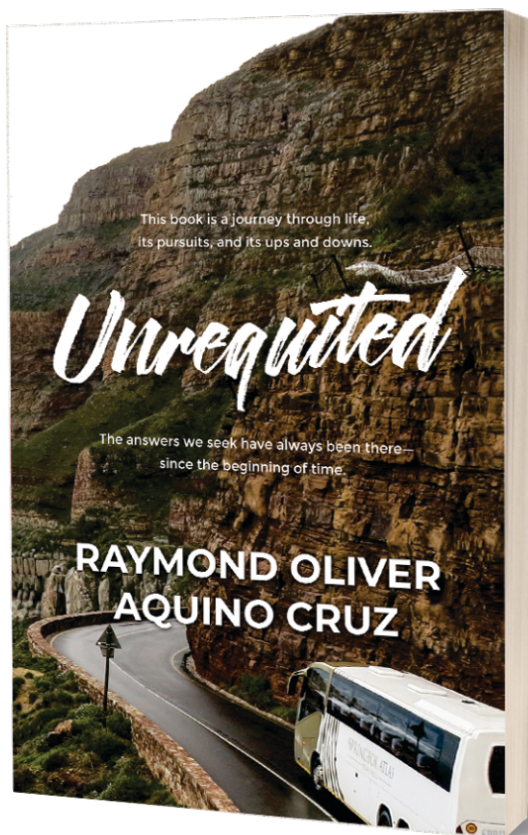
9 *Question*

At times we ask ourselves a question:
Why we meet another person?
Who may be quiet, happy, or sad,
Or sometimes one who drives us mad.

I may not know what category
You would place someone like me.
What's essential is inspiration,
Just as true as love's redemption.

For when you brought me back to life,
I found cause to live through strife.
There's no question in my mind,
One like you is hard to find.





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