

**THE ISLAND OF PORSHANNA**

**A Collection of Poems**

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## **Farewell, Katrina, Farewell**

So many people lost material things  
But some people lost family and now feel pain  
Hurricane Katrina was such a disaster  
But let's pray and put it in the hands of our Master  
Even though you lost material things you can still have joy  
I'm writing this for every father, mother, young girl and boy  
God is here to pull you out  
You can make it through and I have no doubt  
God is a God of understanding, mercy and light  
He wants to see you stay strong and keep the fight  
If you lost someone you really loved  
They are looking down from above

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## Forsaken Not

My baby is gone—she is a major part of my life  
How am I suppose to let go of all this pain and strife

*“Never will I leave; Never will I forsake you.”*

August 25 was the due date they had in mind  
But God is a God of a different date and time

*“Never will I leave; Never will I forsake you.”*

Why did you take her away from me?  
What did I do; How could this be?

*“Never will I leave; Never will I forsake you.”*

It was nothing you could have done

*I know how it is; It was my only begotten son  
Who died on the cross for all of your sins  
But do not worry because you will make it in*

Into the Kingdom of Heaven where  
I hold Ariana close to me  
For my grace is sufficient have faith and see.

*“Never will I leave; Never will I forsake you.”*

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## I Wonder

I wonder why I feel so alone  
I wonder why I feel life is gone  
I wonder a lot things, you see  
I guess that's why I am me  
I wonder if God could change my life  
The battle is not mine it's his to fight  
I wonder if there is a me  
I wonder if there is a you  
I wonder if love could ever be so true  
I wonder a lot of things you see  
I know that's why I am me

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## Why Ask Why

Why do people cry?  
Why don't they just try  
To live better in my God's eye?  
Why do people leave  
And say good bye?  
Why are people ashamed  
To call on God's name?  
Is it always the Devil they blame?  
Or is it that their minds are insane?  
Why as why?  
When you know you will not try.

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## Sometimes

Sometimes I seem a little confused  
And sometimes I may even feel used  
But when I talked to you there was no doubt  
That I could have faith and he'll pull you out  
See I'm going through these things and I felt alone  
But when I talk to you that feeling was gone.  
See at first I didn't believe that I could fly  
But since I know you care I know I must try

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## Why?

Why does the sun shine  
Why does it rain  
Why do so many people  
Have everlasting pain  
Why do things change  
Why do people go  
Why are young Black women a statistic  
And always called a "ho"  
Why is there a you  
Why is there a me  
Why do the people who hurt you  
Is always your family  
Why do people live  
Why do people cry  
Why do people hate to  
Leave and always say good bye.

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## **"We Are Over Comers"**

For whatsoever is born of God overcomes  
The world: and this is the victory that  
Overcomes the world, even our faith.  
For we have overcome some things  
That some people may find strange  
But you have to keep the faith and stay strong.  
Who is he that overcomes the world but he who  
Believes that Jesus is the Son of God?  
We have to believe in God's name  
And know that his love will always remain the same.  
We have to not be so quick to give up and let things go  
For the Bible says that we will reap what we sow  
For God is a loving God and so are we  
And if we are not we shall strive to be  
WE ARE OVER COMERS  
We have overcome some of our test; and if we haven't  
At least we know that we know we have tried our best.  
God is a God of a second chance  
So take a look at life and give it a glance  
Is here anything that you want to change?  
If so, just give it to God and call on His Holy Name  
"FOR WE ARE OVER COMERS"

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## Loneliness

Loneliness is something all people feel some of the time  
And some people feel all of the time.

*Because of all my enemies,  
I am the utter contempt of my neighbors  
I am a dread to my friends  
Those who see me on the street flee from me.  
I am forgotten by them as though I were dead;  
I have become like broken pottery  
Psalms 31: 11-12*

Loneliness is feeling like you are cut  
Off from everywhere and everyone around you;  
Like there is no one to call  
Like no one cares about you.

*Can a mother forget the baby at her breast  
And have no compassion on the child she has borne?  
Tho' she may forget, I will not forget you!  
See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.  
Isaiah 49: 15-16*

Hey, even when everyone else leaves you  
Or no one else knows you  
God is right there  
Always ready to comfort you.  
Now that's good news.  
Are you lonely right now?  
Don't sit there and have a pity part!  
DO SOMETHING!

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## Trust

We go to people we think we can trust  
So we tell them how we feel.  
They get on the phone with some one else  
And their mouths just begin to spill.

So therefore we lose our trust in everyone,  
And now we have nothing to say.  
When they ask us now we're doing  
We may lie and say "okay

It's hard to trust someone when they've switched up what you said  
It's even harder to trust them when they promised they wouldn't tell.  
See sometimes people take what you say and switch it all around  
And sometimes when teens find that out  
That shuts them all the way down.  
When a teen really trusts you  
And tell you how they feel,  
You shouldn't run and tell someone  
All you have to do is keep it real.  
If you tell them how you went through the same thing  
Maybe they'll understand.  
But if you run and tell someone  
They'll never trust you again.  
Some teens feel they can't trust anyone  
So they keep it all inside  
And no matter what they go through  
They keep their mouths tied.  
When a teen can't talk to anyone,  
They feel they're alone  
And all the trust they had,  
The trust is now all gone.  
The next time they want to talk to you,  
They'll think twice before they say  
Because every time they try to talk  
They'll think about that day!