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**Humanity is Dead**

People are dying  
Children are starving  
Orphans are made  
Humanity is dead

Men are taken  
Women and children too  
Hopes of escaping existent  
Shattered as time flew

The Sharks see  
But never act  
They are the Kings of our sea  
And they abuse that

So long as they get the gold  
They don't care who dies  
They could choose to be bold  
But they turn a blind eye

And while their baby sharks leave for knowledge  
We are left illiterate as we age

For how long will we be oppressed?  
Seems like this grievance has no end

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## **Foodie**

Food,  
The sweet and the salty,  
The cold and the fiery,  
The hard and the softy.

Food,  
No matter the shape or form,  
If it's edible I'll ask for more,  
I'll want it today and tomorrow.

Food,  
My sole inspiration,  
The cure to my starvation,  
It's absence a deep irritation.

Food,  
I'll love it for all eternity,  
In my life the one certainty,  
Make it's name my identity.

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## **My best friend**

She is a shining star,  
A constant light.  
With a heart of gold,  
For that I am sure.

I'm grateful for her,  
And the friendship we share.  
My guiding light,  
A treasure beyond compare.

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## **Prophet's City**

Where the prophet once roamed,  
Where love and faith call home.  
A beacon of light,  
Throughout the day and night.





Where the Companions' feet stepped,  
Where peace and harmony were left.  
A city of bravery,  
A monument of majesty.

The city of Medina,  
Where the past and the present entwine.

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### **Longing**

You are my dawn,  
My peace,  
My serenity.

You are the sun,  
The storm,  
My hurricane.

You are the prayers in my heart,  
The sweet pain in my gut,  
To which I don't want a cure.

So make this day a constant reminder,  
Of how my young heart twist and flounder,  
In the pain of your absence it wander.

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