

Drives to Dreamtown

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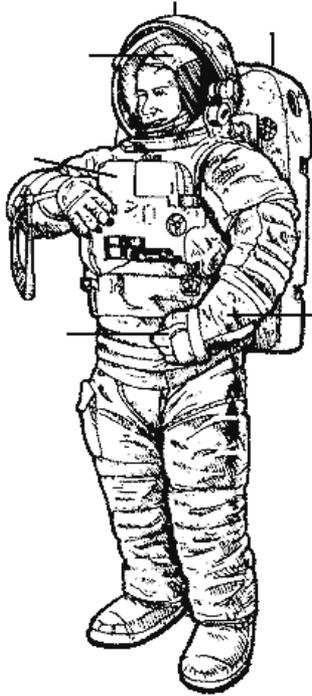
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1. Oblivion

I oblige. I understand
Worlds Collide.
Eyes open wide.
There's no one inside.
Nowhere to hide
But in my pride.
Who am I?
How do I know?
We only see
What is shown.
Take me home,
Away from here.
Please be sincere
To the man in the mirror.
I push forward
To an unknown world.
I fight back
When under attack.
I fast forward
To an unknown time.
I just hope to be fine.
Oblivion: a place I've been
Has taken many men.
Oblivion: a place I've been

Seems to have no end.
I understand my place
In this very space
before I visit oblivion
For the rest of my days.



2. Better Late Than Never

Yes, I'm late. It's my fate.
I'm sorry you had to wait.

Wait, I'm not sorry
I missed this date.

I'm where I need to be:

If only you could see.

I'm here. Who cares the time?

Remember,

There's no time to whine.

What does it matter? Does it?

Matter of fact, it doesn't.

I care just not the way you do;

I'm here and you are too.

Yes, I'm late. It's my fate.

I'm actually happy

For your time I waste.

3. How a Year can Disappear

I blinked twice, then twice more.
I thought about life's open doors.
I tried to stop it, but I failed.
Time flew by as my ship sailed.
I loved so much and hurt as well.
Those 52 weeks have a story to tell.
I pushed forward; I rarely reminisced.
It's sad knowing things will be missed.
I look back and smile at my past,
Realizing time won't last.
I look back and remember the year
Just before a new one appears.



4. Forever Thankful

How can I ever express
How much I appreciate
You and all that you do.

There's no way to say
How much you impact
My day. Never go away.
I say thanks. Thank you
For being yourself.

I just wish you knew
How much you've helped.

I'm forever thankful
For your soul and spirit.
I forever say thanks,
Hoping you hear it.

5. To be Determined

I search for answers
to questions unknown.

I search for answers
not clearly shown.

I repeat this process
that leaves me weak.

Too tired to rest:
too worried to sleep.
I sit back and prepare
for surprises to come.

I am sure to care
for the place I'm from.

This life of mine
is to be determined.

I continue to shine
when darkness is certain.

I can't lose track
of my progress.

I take a step.

I don't look back.

I know my purpose
leaves me searching.

I know my life
is to be determined.

6. The More You Know

I love you, you know that?

I think about you often.

I hope you know
my life you softened.

I am not as sad
as I was before.

I know what I had,
but I wanted more.

I can see clearly;

I am not afraid
as my past I bury
on the ground, I lay.

I can't help to know
this life so vast.

I will love you as I go
for as long as I last.

8. Take Me Away, Today

Away

I go, I want to go —

Can you take me

away?

Away

I go, Can it be so?

Please, don't go: stay.

Keep me in place.

No, wait.

Make me pave my way.

Can I go? Who will I face?

I want to go, take me

away.

Help me, I wish to go

to a place unknown.

Take me

away

to a better place.

Take me

away,

today;

I can't stay.

9. Note to Self

Life vs. Death,
Light vs. Dark.
Up vs. Down,
Never vs. Now.
Pain vs. Joy,
When vs. How.
So much weight
must be balanced.
Life as we know it
disappears.
So much to consider
in all our years.
So much to learn.
So little time.
I get so lost
between each rhyme.
I must find a way
and make it mine.
Before we depart,
just know I'm fine.

10. Life, Love, and All of the Above

Love life and its light.

Love life alright.

Live, laugh, and love.

Leave nothing.

Be something.

All the Above.

Be alive,

don't break stride.

Push through.

You never knew

what you could do.

Smile, cry, and love.

Practice all of the above.

Be what you weren't
yesterday.

Don't forget to love.

Enjoy the journey.

Start your fire

And watch it burn.

Enjoy the flame.

Be glad you came.

Live, Live, and Live.

Be happy.

Love from the core.

Do all of the above
And nothing more.



11. Brace for Impact

Full speed ahead: Time is ticking.
Hold on tight: Time is flying.
Close your eyes to see what's missing:
Open your arms to always be willing.
Recall your life the best you can.
There's not much time. Believe me.
Call your friends and lend a hand:
So in the end, you'll be free.
The pain ahead – it's very real:
So is the life I have lived.
As I get closer, I begin to feel
The misery I have missed.
There's no stopping it; you live and die.
Your heart's throbbing. It'll be okay.
You're confused; you ask why?
"It'll be okay" is what I say.
"Don't be afraid"
We'll make it.
We'll be
fine.

12. Watch the Clock

Pay attention and narrow your vision
and see only things you wish to see.
Narrow your focus: What are you missing?
Allow your vision to let things be.
Don't stare too long, you might miss out
on life passing by your very face.
You may not know what will come about;
You must think hard about your fate.
Live in the moment and feel alive.
Time is something that will expire.
When times get tough, you must climb
to the very top and out of the fire.
Be true to yourself, you can count on that.
You must focus on what you control.
Count your blessings: just not too fast;
the glass can wait to be half-full.
Don't be late: don't watch the clock.
You just might miss your chance to shine.
When the time comes, please don't talk
and watch yourself turn out fine.

13. A-Loan (uhh-loh-nnn)

Can you leave me a loan?
I could use the help tonight.
I need a friend who I can phone:
to keep me company until first light.
I feel so alone, trapped in myself.
I'm not sure how to break out.
I see some light, but I need some help.
Show me sunshine I know nothing about.
Just leave me a loan.
I miss that face that appeared so frequent.
Just. Come. Home.
Explain to me where my friend went.
The days pass by yet you do not.
All I wanted was some of your time.
I think about you more than a lot;
We're alone together: the saddest rhyme.

14. Level Up

At the top,

I hold on tight as the wind starts blowing;
I look down to see those climbing below me.

I begin to lose sight of the ground.

I sit at a spot impossible to be found.

I lose track of the time.

Towards the middle,

From the bottom I climbed.

Towards the middle,

My hands begin to shake.

Towards the middle,

I think of which road to take.

I look to those who climbed before.

I wish I can climb up a little more.

I help others move up from the ground.

I work my way over to see who's down

At the bottom.

15. Sleeping in

I have slept in, missing the sun,
I excuse the fact I don't see morning.
Pain crept in all at once.
before my dreams started forming.
By the time I wake, I make a mistake:
I start to feel bad for myself.
I face myself, taking my mind away
to a place that seems to always help.
I sleep away my day to dream of change.
My eyes stay shut as my mind opens.
I visit my mind and set the stage.
I try to feel the way I was hoping.
I sleep in only to waste my day
in a quiet state - in a single place.
When will I wake? What will I say?
I rise to my feet at an easy pace.

16. Generation: ME

Years pass by before my eyes.
I am not ready to say goodbye.
I have lived a hundred times.
I still believe that I am fine.
I think about life's unknowns
and other ways to find my home.
I start to think about the past
to only realize that I won't last.
Years pass by several generations
as the youth grows to be a nation.
Years pass by without hesitation
as we often question our creations.



17. Chasin' the Dream

Running out of gas, I keep going fast.
I chase this dream just out of reach.
This road grows longer. Will I Last?
I chase this dream: a dream I'll seize.
Come closer to shorten this distance
between where I'm at and what I chase.
Come closer to tell me where you went;
I want to know which direction to face.
You still matter more than you know,
but I can't show you how much I care.
You still matter no matter where you go.
I can't stop this even if I dared.
I chase this dream, but it changes often
and it grows larger each mile I walk.
I chase this dream that seems to soften
my voice when I talk.
I chase this dream until my legs fail
because I must live the dream I dreamed.
I chase this dream as time sets sail.
This distant dream is closer than it seems.

18. Heavy Heart RD.

My heart weighs heavy
As these tears start flowing.
You and I were not ready
For the day now showing.
 Heavy and full,
 my heart pumps faster-
 And fills my soul
With thoughts of disaster.
 The sun showed up
 not casting your shadow.
 If that wasn't enough,
 my waters became shallow.
 “Why?” I ask. “Why me?”
The only words coming out.
For without you, I couldn't be
And I say that with zero doubt.
Hard to swallow, I lift my heart
To relieve myself of this heavy load
 And spread my arms out so far
Welcoming others driving this road.

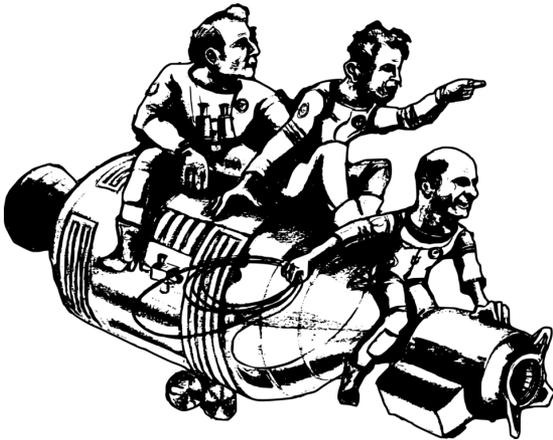
19. Transcendence

The steps I've made
and the years I've seen
Allowed me to appreciate
the time in-between.

The days go by;
my clock keeps ticking
Faster and faster
to match my thinking.
Thoughts and memories
fade into the abyss,
Leaving behind
what will be missed.
The changes I see
help me envision
a new place to be.

20. The Ride

I ride out the day with a big smile
In hopes that you will stay awhile.
I ride to coast through the pain I have,
Pain that would drive others mad.
I wish I could drive life's rocky road
And relieve myself of this heavy load.
I exist in a body that moves around
a space and time yet to be found.
I was asked to be normal but I refused
Because some things I just can't lose.
I strive to be well but look at this weather,
What a terrible day to try to get better.



21. The Switch

I turn a new leaf
to recognize unseen designs.

I turn a new leaf
to see if the other side is fine.

I turn a new leaf
and seek needed change.

I turn a new leaf
and keep dreams in range.

I turn a new leaf
leaving an old life behind.

I turn a new leaf
searching for a better time.

22. The Reboot

Like a machine,
I serve a purpose:
To remember memories
that others forget.
Like a machine,
I'm often mistreated.
I work regardless,
never defeated.
Like a machine,
I fit the puzzle.
I'm just a piece,
another lost soul.
Like a machine,
I tend to slow down
to an easy pace,
quieting my sound.
Like a machine,
I try to be human.
I exhibit behaviors
others are doing.
Like a machine, I
Rely on touch.
Being used by someone
is never enough.

Like a machine,
I rust.
I stayed clean
before the dust.
Like a machine,
I need support:
Constant repairs,
no need to abort.
Like a machine,
I find my way.
Wishing to function
just another day.



23. The Price of Picky

The wickedness of life
Comes with no cost,
Yet the price of picky
Can make us lost.
Picky can't guide
Us to happiness we seek
As the life we were given
Did not come cheap.
I breathe air consumed
By the worst of faces
Who have no regard
For other spaces.
Surrounded by strangers
Latching to pain
Exhibiting angers
With no refrain.
But I can't afford
A life of sorrow.
For I'll be happy
To wake tomorrow.

