

Mother's Eyes

*A collection of
Poems, Thoughts & Lyrics*

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TO MY MOM,

The most wonderful person to ever grace this planet.

I know that whatever talent I may have in music or writing or just plain existing came from my mom, Shirlee.

I miss her so much, but I know that projects like this made her the happiest. For the rest of my life, I will never stop doing the things that made mom happy

This book is a collection of many styles of poems, thoughts, scribbles, completed song lyrics and song ideas that were never finished.

My husband, Bob, and I love to write and these all spawned from different times in our lives. From the happiest of times, to the saddest darkest days.

The completed songs, noted as song lyrics, were ones I also wrote the music for. It is tough to leave them on a page when I would much prefer you hear them with the melodies and music which made them so special to me. I fear not! They have earned their spot in this collection. They are in a VR/ CH format but not as structured song.

Others appear as poems and may have been a completed song, but it felt right to trim them down and rewrite them.

These are placed in random order, so please don't hurt your brain trying to make sense of it.

I hope you not only enjoy reading these, but that they also make you think, ponder, wonder, smile and cry.

Hollie & Bob

MOTHER'S EYES

Remember as a child, when you fell it made you cry
The only band-aid needed was to see your Mother's Eyes

When you were growing up and learned the world is full of lies
You know you'll always find the truth in your Mother's Eyes

Now you're on your own – those times you said goodbye
It broke your heart to see the sadness in your Mother's Eyes

But when you're feeling lost – like time is flying by
Always know that time stands still in your Mother's Eyes

Now when I need comfort and to feel her warmth inside
I look into a mirror and I see my Mother's Eyes

2007 - Hollie

Love to Give

I may not have a new car
or a fancy place to live
Money in my pockets
but I've got love to give

Didn't get much schoolin'
been working all my life
Learning the things the hard way
'til I made you my wife

Now we dream together
with visions in our head
Sharing dreams together
at night when we're in bed

And if they never happen
a day will always dawn
Nothing really matters
after we are gone

Money can't buy heaven
we don't need the gold
We'll still be together
some day when we're old

We may not have a new car
or a fancy place to live
Money in our pockets
but we've got love to give

1991 Bob

TREATED ME LIKE GOLD

(song lyrics)

VR 1: When you found me I was a pebble
 along side of the road
Been stepped on too many times
 carried a heavy load
I tried to be a diamond
 I thought I had failed
Reached out for each new love
 stumbled and I fell
Had a broken heart
 from a man who done me wrong
He took everything but my strength in God
 and left me all alone
Just when I was feeling so old,
 you came along and Treated Me Like Gold

CH: Treated Me Like Gold, something I'd never known
Treated Me Like Gold, my heart was so alone
You came along and Treated Me Like Gold

VR 2: My life had not been easy
 I'd worked too many years
But somehow you came along
 and wiped away my tears
You are a special man to me
 to take me under wing
Tell me that it's not so dark
 said the sun's going to shine on me
I'd been along this tired road
 with no end in sight
But somehow you warmed my heart
 on a frozen winter's night
Just when I was feeling so cold
 you came along and Treated Me Like Gold

1991 Hollie

ABSENSE

I haven't seen you in a while
I have been away for so long
Just thinking about you makes me smile
I wonder if it's right or wrong
I try to bottle up inside
Do you feel the same way
Or wish I would have died
Just in case you wonder
I would tell you but don't know how
Absence makes the heart grow fonder
So you oughta love me by now

2007 Bob

RUNNING..... SCREAMING

You know I had a dream
not so long ago
We would be together
everywhere I'd go

I always will remember
the good times that we had
Weeding through the memories
forgetting all the bad

God, I miss you so much
a fever deep within
Dreaming of the day
that we will meet again

Ridden with impatience
often always sad
How I long to see you
running, screaming..... DAD!

1991 Bob

MAN LIKE DADDY

(song lyrics)

VR 1: I remember the man I remember him well
I can see his face, know I always will
Carpenter clothes and a worn out cap
as a little girl, he held me on his lap
When I was 14, he passed on
I'm still his baby child, even though he's gone

CH 1: I had lonely nights and my heart broke twice
True love was outta my sight
Didn't believe there's another man
With the pride of my father, not afraid to stand
But, I'll stop looking if I find a MAN LIKE DADDY

VR 2: I never believed in love at first sight
but with feelings so strong I'm now his wife
The perfect man I saw in my dreams
Never thought I'd find him but now it seems
That his tender touch and protective ways
Just like my Daddy's, from those golden days

CH 2: Love found me and now I see
All the things that my Daddy taught me
Now I know there's another man
with the pride of my father, not afraid to stand
I stopped looking when I found a MAN LIKE DADDY

1987 Hollie

PEDESTALS

We look up at two pedestals

They are so tall

I sigh

How did we ever live up there?

I don't know

He answers

Should we try to crawl back up?

It may be hard

He sighs

I could stand upon your shoulders

I whisper

No, it's too high

He says

Let's just remain down here

It's easier

2007 Hollie

SUBLIME

In a hurry to take my time
Create a world so sublime

Take away all that is bad
We'd be grateful for what we had

Take the time to smell a rose
What we need is more of those

Just slow down, but do it fast
Take the time to make it last

Feel the blood course through your veins
Forget your problems, all your pains

Just look around see something new
The stars are out when the sky is blue

Take a breath then blow it out
Remember what life is about

Just slow down and take some time
Create a world so sublime

1991 Bob

A MAN HAS LEFT HIS WIFE

(song lyrics)

She woke up this morning to a letter from her man
All it said, "I love you and I hope you understand"

She did not believe these words she swore it was a lie
But deep inside her heart, she knew it was goodbye.

She went into the kitchen found his coffee was still warm
She poured it down the drain like the vows that he had sworn

Back into the bedroom she picked up some things he left
Put them in the closet, the place where they were kept

Oh Lord, he left her all alone
in this empty home
Oh Lord, how did she not foresee?
What does marriage mean?

She woke her little boy from sleep and held him on her lap
He's much too young to understand the news about his dad

She can't believe he'd leave his son and wonder where's he's gone
She held her baby close to her and hummed a winsome song

She fixed a meal for only two but didn't have a bite
All she could see ahead of her was a dark and sleepless night

She rocked her little boy to sleep and whispered daddy cared
Then she made a cup of tea and sat awhile in dad's chair

Oh Lord, will she be the only one
to stay and raise her son
Oh Lord, did life itself get to her man
or was it the ring upon her hand

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She closed her eyes and tried to think how could she lose her
man
She gave him all she had to give, she may never understand

She went to bed and longed for arms to reach and hold her
tight
Her heart sank and she cried all through her first lonely night

Oh Lord, tomorrows a new day
just help her find a way
Oh Lord, she'd start a brand new life
because a man has left his wife

1986 Hollie

NO BETTER THAN THIS

All my life I've dreamed of a time without pain
Happiness around me before I go insane

Things are always changin' but still remain the same
Old ones always told me that life is not a game

Now that we're together life has so much bliss
Sanity around me with a simple kiss

You have brought new meaning to:

It don't get better than this

1991 Bob

EYES ON PARADISE

(song lyrics)

CH 1

There's a place in my dreams, I'm seeing it in my sleep

And I know it is there and I fall onto my knees

So close your eyes, say your prayers give yourself and you will see

And I know it is true, reach inside and you'll believe

VR 1

When I was young I learned of many things, my mamma taught me of
what love could bring

And in those times where I had my doubt, my father showed me, what
faiths about.

To live these days is to sort through lies but I got my Eyes on Paradise

CH 2

In paradise we all agree it's our one and true reward

Feel the warmth in your heart the protection of our lord

And graciously we give thanks and we stand for what is right

Have no fear, just believe and we'll reach the other side

END TAG

In the book are the words we read - we'll find this place on the lamb
will lead

To live these days is to sort through lies, but I got my Eyes on
Paradise

1995 Hollie

ME.....

I'm a very free spirit with very large wings
I like to fly high and search for new things

I'm too independent, some people might say
But I look down upon them as I fly away

1977 Hollie

CRY OVER YOU

(song lyrics)

- VR 1: You can turn and walk out on me
Like you don't give a damn
Treat me like a child, as if I don't understand
- I've lost some lives, been told some lies
and there's mountains I have climbed
But I believe in my own dreams
It just takes a little time
- BR: I will keep my head up as you walk out the door
I won't Cry Over You anymore
- CH: I've heard your lies,
You took me by surprise and
you've hurt me times before
But I won't Cry Over You anymore
- VR 2: I struggled against the current
Till I thought that I would drown
Been swept so far out to sea, just hoping to be found
- I've been torn apart, by this broken heart
Now my love for you has gone away
I've traveled years, through many tears
Yet, I haven't lost my faith
- BR: I will keep my head up as you walk out the door
I won't Cry Over You anymore
- CH: I've heard your lies,
You took me by surprise and
you've hurt me times before
But I won't Cry Over You anymore

1987 Hollie

WRITE ME A POEM

Write me a poem she said, she said
So I grabbed a pen and laid out on the bed

What shall I write that I haven't read
It's drivin' me crazy and swellin' my head

She thinks I can write but my pencils outta lead
Squeezin' so tight and my fingers turned red

I just can't do it 'cause it's not inbred
I think I'll have to kiss her instead

1991 Bob

INDEPENDENCE

I never felt a love so sweet and a passion that burns so strong
It makes me wonder how did I live without you for so long

Taking care of myself I only and solely depended on me
But now that you're here and sharing your strength
Does not mean that I am weak

1991 Hollie

WHEELS

Met you on a scooter painted white and blue
You had turned 3 and I was only 2
We played together every afternoon
snackin' on milk and Lorna Doones

At age 5 and 6 we started class,
always told to be quiet but we started to laugh
Movie shows and flying kites
ridin' on the bars of your new bike

You bought a motorcycle and we'd ride to school
Sittin' in the parking lot just to look cool
You were always dreaming of that special day
we could ride together in your Chevrolet

We got married in that same old car
it wasn't much but it took us far
Time flew fast as you turned 23
surprise my dear; we are going to be 3

You taught him all you know
the bigger the wheels and how fast he could go
He turned 16 and you gave him our ride
he was so happy, it touched us inside

He raced away to start his own life
seems like yesterday he took a wife
Our love is still strong and so happy still
as we ride along in our house on wheels

1992 Hollie & Bob

BLAME

Shaky ground on a mountain high
Wounded hearts and heavy sighs

Branded and cast by the ones we fear
and we sometimes ask what we're doing here

We stand on a hill that we can't get down
There's a river down below and we fear we'll drown

Although we have faith we're confused just the same
just remember, we have only ourselves to blame

PLEASE WRITE A POEM ABOUT DADDY

The leaves turn from brown and gold and red
The rain fell on the window as my momma said

“Please write a poem about daddy.”

“Write before the memories dim, how his lap was so roomy and his
shoulder so strong, write a poem about daddy, write one for him”

“Write about his hands so calloused from the hard life he lead
Never got anything he wished for but went on dreamin' instead”

“Write about this unpolished diamond taken from God’s own mine,
write a poem about him and make him immortal this time.”

IMAGES OF FACES

Images of faces
nightmares in the dark
Seeing things in daylight
tearing you apart

Visions in your head
What could they ever mean?
Through an open window
are they as they seem?

1985 Hollie

FOR HOLLIE

I see your smile and I feel your kiss
God knows I've always dreamed of this
Life is happy and so brand new
just wish the world could feel it too
We are dreamers and meant to be
someday God will come and set us free
Change the world and make it right
don't you feel it, when I hold you tight?

1991 Bob

MINOR ROLE

Here I stand before you hiding
you know that I am so afraid
Here I am beside an exit
locked to stop me from escape

What is love is all I'm asking
do you think I'll ever know?
Audition for a play they're casting
for the big part in the show

My love is on this stage
and I'm acting in a play
Trying to remember all my lines
and what I'm supposed to say

Looking for a cue to tell me when to start
the director motions for the lights
and I panic as I stumble
fighting fears they call stage fright

Here I stand before you hiding
and I'm forgetting all my lines
I just can't express my feelings
I am acting all the time

Once again the child steals the show
And me..... I'm just playing yet a minor role

1989 Hollie

OUTLAW

(song lyrics)

VR: The night was quiet except for the wind
as it whistles through the trees
I heard a sound my heart stopped
I turned around to see
There was a bang and a crash, the dust blew in
he was standing in the door
my hand started to shake, I dropped my glass
it shattered on the floor
He looked the same, those cold black eyes
he's the devil in the raw
Coming back to haunt me was the man they called Outlaw

He'd spend a silver dollar
to buy your heart gold
you may be blinded by his smile
but his eyes are black as coal
He rides into your life just to see what he can steal
his cards are stacked with an ace up his sleeve
he waits for you to deal
He'll cheat at every game you play
take everything you have
so listen as I tell you
'cause I know this man is bad

CH: Don't fall for the outlaw
he's always on the run
there's a bounty on his head for the bad things that he's done
Beware of the outlaw; he'll steal your heart away
and when you think your scars are healed
he'll come back another day
So if I should see him coming I'll be ready to draw 'cause if
he's in my town it'll be a showdown with the man they call
Outlaw

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VR 2: He'll come back into your life
when you're sure that he is gone
So I warn you now
to hide your heart
'cause I know he won't stay long
No matter how fast he rides
he rides against the wind
but come judgment day he'll face the truth
there's no way he can win

1991 Hollie

SCARED

When a man loves a woman
but he never tells her so
He'll take her for granted
but he'll never let her go

He's drawn a line between them
that he's too afraid to cross
She thinks that he's neglectful
but in his mind he's lost

He really wants to hold her
and tell her, "I Love You"
But with the insecurities
he don't know what to do

He's just scared of life
someday he'll find a way
To overcome his fears of love
and come back to her someday

He goes for weeks without seeing her
but she's always on his mind
He'd love to have her by his side
but can't find the perfect time

At night he feels her in his dreams
while she stays home and cries
He awakens in the night
searching for truth within his lies

1988 – rewrite 2000 Hollie

I'LL NEVER CHANGE

I do what I want
and go where I choose
Sometimes I don't win
but I never lose

I ain't got much
but I've paid my dues
I like to get high
and drink too much booze

I ain't never cared
to mind my P's & Q's
I'll never be rich
like a Howard Hughes

You wanna get sad
watch the evening news
Some people can't see
another ones views

I try to be helpful
gentle and kind
I'm still fallin' short
and losin' my mind

Hippies and rednecks
and them Jesus freaks
Ain't no damn different
than all of you geeks

Some people that think
that I am so strange
can go straight to hell
'cause I'll never change

2003 Bob

STATE OF THE WORLD

Society's chained to their desk
nobody gets any rest
Time will change it ticks and tocks
we all forgot just how to walk

Everyone lives in so much fear
people up high don't even care
The city dies the lights go out
we are all trapped living in doubt

We all go along obeying the rules
following madmen and they are all fools
Just like a king, he guides our lives
why should we believe his filthy lies?

What can we do to change our fate?
find men from space to set us straight?
Look at our cities, when will they learn?
What will they do when they see us burn?

Rats will leave a sinking ship
but where will they go to hide from this?
Do we need a ship to get away?
Maybe God will send one someday

1984 rewrite 2007 Hollie

LOVE NOT MONEY

(song lyrics)

- VR 1: Sometimes men think that they can buy your love
Expensive things just isn't enough
I can't be bought, so don't even try
I'm not impressed by the things that you buy
- Don't be concerned with what you can get
Spending all your money can't make me say yes
Bring nothing but lovin' when you come to my door
Just your empty hands reaching out for more
- CH: I need Love not Money
I'll melt for you like a sweet butter honey
Candy and flowers
Don't mean that you're true
Just bring me yourself
All I want is you. I want you
- VR 2: Designer clothes ain't what I got on my mind
Something soft and simple it suits me so damn fine
I might not wear something you bought at Saks
Don't need no dead animal, lying on my back
Furs and diamond rings just don't turn me on
Just your deep kisses that last all night long

1991 Hollie

GOOD MORNING

Lonely days are over now that I found you
Just can't believe it, you're my dream come true

The words come easy and straight from my heart
I've loved you so much right from the start

I wish the world could feel the same way too
Understand that sometimes dreams come true

Peaceful thoughts surround me as I think of you
Good morning darling, I always love you!

1991 Bob

YOU AND I STILL REMAIN

Never been in a rodeo
Never been seen in a picture show
All I know is what I know
 You and I still remain

Never'll be the president
Understand the government
Wonder where the time went
 You and I still remain

Never been in outer space
Never proud of the human race
What we've done is a disgrace
 You and I still remain

Won't go down in history
Never know the mystery
I am blind but still I see
 You and I still remain

Never had a silver spoon
Never seen a big blue moon
Don't believe it's over soon
 You and I still remain

DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL

I was a lonely child and the kids at class were cruel
but I knew I could come to a home where love's the only rule

Even though I had no friends while I was growing up, my daddy
always told me I'd make it to the top

All the times I spun around, fell down and then I crumbled
Dad was there to wipe the tears and tell me why I stumbled

My Daddy's best at teaching me what is right from wrong
He helps me through these hardships; this is why I write this song

Although he died when I was 14, he still stands right by my side
When I cry or when I laugh, he'll always be my guide
I know that he believes that I could have this whole wide world
That's why I will always be Daddy's Little Girl

1976 Hollie

COYOTE UGLY

One night while I was drinking
after workin' on the farm
I met a gal who wanted me
I thought there was no harm
So we got together, kissin' holdin' tight
my mistake, however, is when I went and spent the night

Coyote Ugly
Is such an ugly term
Coyote Ugly
Why did I eat the worm?
Coyote Ugly
I'll never be the same
Coyote Ugly
You know I am ashamed

I know I'm not good lookin'
or even full of charm
But tell me why I deserved
the loss of my left arm?
That night I learned a lesson
that I shall not forget
and if you've listened to me, you haven't lost yours yet

Coyote Ugly
Is such an ugly term
Coyote Ugly
Why did I eat the worm?
Coyote Ugly
I'll never be the same
Coyote Ugly
You know I am ashamed

1996 Bob

MY PRINCE

Wasted my life, alone in the dark
breaking my back, working too hard
I'd given up hope to find true romance
never someone to share a slow dance
I didn't believe that fables exist
no prince on a horse with an awakening kiss

To my surprise I met my prince
and my wish came true
Now I am so lucky to grow old
simply loving you

When I look into your eyes,
I'm amazed at what I see
The more I stare I can see
my own love looking back at me

1991 re-write 2007 Hollie

WAR

If man can accomplish the grandest of things
why does he start wars, when he knows what he's seen?

War is for those who want to build wealth
Then those same bastards indulge themselves

2007 Hollie

CRAZY

Sitting alone in the midst of a crowd
Trying to stay silent, but I must think out loud

People have wondered for thousands of years
Trying to stay strong but they drowned in their tears

Am I crazy?

Is there a reason I really must know
After we're gone then where do we go?

Searching for answers although there are none
Hiding emotion and lying for fun

Are they crazy?

Am I the only one who feels this way?
Who questions all the reasons we live for today
Why do I feel this need to journey on my own?
Never coming to an end for reasons unknown

Are you crazy?

Constantly changing but still it's the same
Since the beginning, we've all lived in shame
People are dying and starving to death
Feeling so helpless and wasting my breath

Are they crazy?

1997 updated 2003 Bob & Hollie

DON'T SPEAK

Don't speak, don't speak, don't speak

If I just stay quiet and not say a word

The house will be quiet

I can cry and cry and cry all I want to

I can scream to the rafters and sob in my heartbreak

Because the house is so quiet

If I just don't speak

2007 Hollie

WIND

(a message to mom)

Wherever the wind takes you
Feel at Peace
Be strong
Carry on

Please don't worry about me
I'll be fine
I'll be strong
I'll carry on

I'll close my eyes and breathe in
Where I go
Where I've been
You're the wind

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