

Genre Translation
"A Child's Discarded Heart"
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There are few things in life thought so small as just one penny,
Few children's souls feel their worth is blessed with kindness and love, yet empty
But if we'll reach down and gather discarded each one,
Justice will come down to comfort us as
The scarred hand, the scarred hand of the Son.

One heart feels alone, one small penny thrown away
Makes the darkness of night,
Turn to darkness of day.
The shattered glass of words they used
Have hurt in ways unknown,
Why is it you see through me, my pain will never go away?
Please tell me my teacher,
How can I look back and thank God for yesterday?

Oh how the darkness surrounds me,
The darkness, deep darkness of night.

What do I have to say to you so you will understand?
Will my blood shed be enough for you
To recognize and respect the children of man?
We are more alike than they ever care to know,
So why do they do the things they do?
Don't they know how they hurt me so?

I'm trapped within the grey brick walls
HELL, they call a learning place,
Cheer and Laughter should echo here
Oh dear teacher I resent this space.

I'm at the hands of the fortunate ones
Boastful lies and words bleed like water from father to son
The unforeseen fate
Why must I so young inside cry with so much

Unwavering hate?

What can YOU do I ask,
To stop my tears from crashing?
When all I wanted was to fit in with thee.
I tried so hard to be like you,
Even to extents of cutting others as you.

You were put there to protect me,
So their sin is on you to.
My blistered teacher
How did this become your calling?
If you only knew my pain and sorrow when their lies
You chose to believe.
It crumbled my esteem
But I am better, I am better you see.

Now I will swallow hard and thank God I know his way
I'll keep walking don't you doubt
I will find my place.

But what will you do I ask, when you justly find
Another tattered and broken, tender soul
Who DOESN'T have a heart like mine?
The will come to you with their woes and saddened ways,
You'll turn your cheek in ignorance
Because that's the game you play.

They will share the very last laugh,
When precious blood covers your walls of Grey.
So when the smoke settles and others ask why,
What will you have to say?

Please gather the penny's in like grains of sand to your side,
I promise you will thank me,
This time they are on our side.
Lord's blood and his life he freely gave
Don't wait for fate to be upon you

When a Child's pain puts you in your grave.
You can help more than you know
With your eyes open wide
So gather us in I beg you like grains of sand to his side

*There are few things in life thought so small
As just one penny
With the reverberating words they can use
We have felt the great pain plenty.
But if you'll reach down and gather discarded each one,
Like heaven to earth reaches down
The scarred hand, the blessed hand
Of his son.*

A Child's Dream My Teacher My friend

Maybe once in your lifetime, someone takes your hand,
They say come follow, I will lead you, to a life beyond this land
And you're frightened and your heart is scared
And you don't know what to do
They tell you look down deep inside
And there will be a you.

Chorus

The light of love shines around you,
You're the sight within these walls
So many know there's not a time
Upon you they could not call
I've gained the courage the strength
My life has just began
From you guidance,
My teacher, My friend

Though your path sometimes troubled
Still your faith holds strong
And you never show
The pain you've felt
When your life has done you wrong
And I can never express enough
What you mean to me
Because when I learn and grow away
I hope that you'll have seen

Chorus

That the light of love shines around you,
You're the light within our walls
So many know there's not a time
Upon you they could not call
I've gained the courage the strength
My life has just begun
From your guidance
My teacher, My friend

With eyes of grace and understanding
You're a power to us all
You give so many the courage
Who thought that they would fall
As my life changes and my heart warms
And I start to understand
My mind drifts back to whisper thank you
For being there my friend.

The light of love shines around you,
You're the light within these walls
So many know there's not a time
Upon you they could not call
I've gained the courage the strength
My life has just begun
From your guidance,

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From your guidance, my teacher, my friend.

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