Mathematics

Problems

At one time

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more

Of
Introduction

It is my honor to welcome you into my wonderful world of poems. This but a curious glimpse into my thoughts. This book contains twenty-five simple, easy to read poems and it is my hope that at least one captures your mind. That is why I chose to name this book One Out of Twenty-Five. I figure if one out of twenty-five of these poems reaches you then my work is not in vain.

I have been incarcerated for nine years and writing poems have been a great source of happiness for me. Pen and paper have been my best friend and it is safe to say that I am an essayist by skill, an novelist at heart, and a poet by nature. Living in this lonely cell gave me two things to do. Write and read books. Without the two I would truly be lost for they give me comfort in a world where violence is praised and hate is ubiquitous.

I grew up a shy kid with two deaf parents living in a small city filled with drug addicts. We didn't have much money and I fell victim to what poverty can produce in a drug infused world. I got locked up when I was only 13 and most of my early education comes from Juvenile Hall and group home programs. It is in these places that I learned the art of creative writing. I wrote my first poem in a small cell with a broken pencil and a piece of scratch paper. I haven't stopped since so as you read this book know that I am giving you a small gift of myself.

Thank you.

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Twisted
We twist and turn we live and learn and
in the end we die
We pass the time with idle minds but in
the end it's fine
I wish that I could make a list of
people that have failed
They go amiss in ignorant bliss and
never pay their bills
Lost in thought they plot and trot
until they see the end
Twisted in their own content about
what they could have been

1.
Marty LeMaster
Life
Life is like a sudden thought
Where dreams are told and can't be bought
Where truth prevails and lies are sin
Some people lose some people win
Some people die some people cry
Most of us lose our minds
It's a thing we must all play
But in the end it is no game

2.
Marty LeMaster
Moment of Guilt

There was a time in my life when I didn't stand for much. The world didn't afford me the opportunity to live in comfort. I had to fight and claw my way into what I now deem a social dictate. Popularity and beauty only defined by the social norm for what is great, when in fact, we are all great. I stole from myself in this regard because I dared not to look within. I couldn't bare to catch a glimpse of my soul because I was scared of what I might see. I was scared that I might see a shivering boy praying for someone to save him, to save him from himself. My soul is my soul and it changed in a moment of guilt when I realized that confronting myself was harder then confronting the world.

3.
Marty LeMaster
The Frozen Truth
They say enlightenment is only for the chosen few
I'll break the rules and show the world the frozen truth
For one moment let's just think about our legacies
Esoteric agendas pushing a white supremacy
It's a conspiracy I know but isn't it fun
Like saying people don't kill people they blame it on the guns

4.
Marty LeMaster
Dream

I fell asleep and had a dream of a sky that was bright gold
Where one could right the wrongs in life and see their kids grow old
People cry for joy not pain in the hills above
Love is what we live by and hate is never spoken of
If you have a dream like this close your eyes and say
God please make my dream come true if only for a day

5.
Marty LeMaster
You and I

Even though we are different we are the same you and I
Strangers on different corners living the same life
I see the truth in your eyes the lies you disguise
Meet me in the middle you might be surprised
I know we all fear and in the end we die
That's why we're the same you and I

6.
Marty LeMaster
Locked Within Myself

I am locked within myself scared to show what I am made of
But if I am scared of myself then who should I be afraid of
I see the bigger picture but I am locked like I am in a safe
The combination is bravery, courage and the path for a better way
Sometimes I See
Sometimes I see sometimes I don't
The fork in the road, the hole in the boat
The trees in the sky, the water around
The friends that I lost, the friends that I found.
The sand on my feet, the breeze in the air
The person who lied, the person who cared
The people that love the people that won't
Sometimes I see sometimes I don't

8.
Marty LeMaster
Finding Yourself
To find yourself you must look within
Confront your pain confront your sin
See what's missing see what's there
Conquer your mind conquer your fear
Look at your past and see the truth
Make no mistakes no time to lose

9.
Marty LeMaster
No Apologies

There is no need for apologies

Witness these two young prodigies

Chained to the pain of living in constant poverty

Two soldiers in this new age better expect monopoly

Here we stand some better men speaking a new philosophy

So listen closely as we speak this truthful prophesy

10.
Marty LeMaster
We Stand

We stand proud and bleed in the fires of destruction
Behind the siver wire fence
built with criminal construction
The green stand mean the politics bring cancer
We keep the drama on the yard instead of searching for answers
Anticipating your next move like a big game of chess
 Hearing metal being sharpened leaves images of open flesh
We push that concrete to flex
Showing battle wounds and scars
To let people know where we've been so they can see who we are
We stand proud in this criminal Oasis
We pick and choose our battles when it comes to rival confrontations
So we salute those who are about to die it's just another day in the life of a criminal we strive

11.
Marty LeMaster
Make or Break

They say this place will make or break and tear you up inside
Keep you in the constant fear that one day you might die
It doesn't take a prison for me to see that's life
And just because you live doesn't mean that you're alive
I know a lot of people that watch their lives go by
They sit around and clown and frown and hide what's deep inside
What If
What if one day my life really did
get better
what if Travon Martin didn't get shot
in cold weather
What if black pieces on the chess
board moved first
If I played what if then this would
all work

13.
Marty LeMaster
Problems

How can I express how I feel
These problems in my mind make me doubt what is real
The world is against me and I know you can relate
I'm like a dog that only got one bite of a delicious plate
These are my problems not yours and I would never expect For you to explore my mind and get caught up in this mess

14.
Marty LeMaster
Militant Minds

Militant minds are hard to find like Oasis
Splashes of my knowledge puddle could leave you faceless
I see these idle minds attached to puzzled faces
I guess ignorance really is bliss until your braindead
But you know me I see the humor and it's all funny
They are working desperately hard to be nobodies
They want respect, for what, for no reason
It's the criminal mind we must escape the feeling

15.
Marty LeMaster
A Bad Day

I'm having a bad day I'm feeling off placed
I'm tired of the gimmicks and that's when it hit me
I'll climb a tree and gain perspective like a hippie
Now I am looking at the whole wide messed up world
I'm seeing pictures of my family they are growing up
Even though it's so sweet I feel like throwing up
I can't maintain because this anger has the best of me
Praying to God to help me find a healing recipe
I was climbing down the tree feeling like a better man
I caught a splinter and fell to my death damn.

16.
Marty LeMaster
Sorry For the Way I Am
I'm feeling kind of weird I'm feeling kind of off
I'm sorry for the way I am and how I come across
It's not my fault I was born eating evil thoughts
It bred a path of destruction can you see results
Now I'm changed and see the error of my wicked ways
Please forgive me Lord I know I caused so much pain

17.
Marty LeMaster
Reach

I close my eyes to meditate about something like a friend
Kisses fill my thoughtful mind and take me to places I've never been
Where the sky is green the grass is blue and her lips taste so sweet
I triumph in my own thoughts at last
I fall asleep
Concrete Walls

It's these concrete walls sometimes I feel like their breathing
It's like the world is closing in on me for no reason
I can't take a step without calculating my next move
Paranoid because I know that I got everything to lose
So I twist and turn at night I can't get no sleep
I know I'll never stop looking behind my back until I'm free

19.
Marty LeMaster
I Refuse

I refuse to back down I don't care
what you say
I am not going to conform to your childish
ways
This world is mine I just dare you to stop
me
This is not a challenge I just want you to see what I see
The pie is all yours just take a bite
Claim what's yours claim what's right

20.
Marty LeMaster
Your Dead To Me

I didn't mean to hurt you girl that wasn't the plan
I gave you all that I had I did what I can
In your eyes it wasn't enough what do I do
I wore my heart on my sleeve I gave it all up for you
I stopped hanging out with my friends
I even got a job
You didn't appreciate shit you treated me like a dog
You even went behind my back just to rub it in
I seen you laughing and joking with all your friends
when I went to prison you left me for dead
You gave away all my stuff and had sex with all my friends
So from here on out I hope you always will see that girl you're dead to me

Marty LeMaster
Success

Ready or not here I come
See me now please don't run
I will catch you please believe
I wont stop until I am on my knees
It's something I musy confess
What I am chashing is success
Stories
I love to tell stories about cold summer nights
Where the stars line up but things aren't right
Stories with days that are perfect and with plots that thicken
Where I am forever the hero and forever the villain
Stories with strong men doing miraculous feats
And pretty girls with pretty feet
These are the stories I like to tell
they must have rhythm they must have thrill

23.
Marty LeMaster
Promise

I will light your path and make you laugh we can have some fun
It's a date stay up late until we see the sun
No more struggle no more trouble let us make amends
And promise that from here on out we will always be friends

24.
Marty LeMaster
The End
The end is now so take a bow and tell all of your friends About this book and how I look writing the first end I hope one day I meet you and that you are a fan And see that I am a dreamer with a book full of plans

25.
Marty LeMaster