To Raymond:

Title: Never Said Goodbye

He never said goodbye to me, he blew a kiss instead, And he went off to die, whilst I was safe in bed. I don't know why he left me, I know I never will. The pain that he inflicted then, and now, is with me still. It doesn't seem to go away, no matter how I try, Oh why, oh why, did he choose to go and die? He took away our future, and gave me nothing in return, And if its one of life's lessons, then it's the hardest one to learn My tears run down my face, trickling just like rain The hurt I feel inside is my heart that's filled with pain. They try to wash away the sadness, that's deep within my soul Im broken into pieces, when I should be feeling whole I never saw his pain, nor did I see despair His mask it never slipped, he had chosen not to share His thoughts and feelings were so clearly trapped inside And his troubled soul within, soared above him when he died All earthly worries, all earthly cares, left him for above And willingly he travelled, and took with him all my love. I wish you peace, my darling, although I will never understand Why you chose to leave me, and let go my loving hand.

To Raymond

How will I ever trust another, and love someone so much When you chose to go before me and I will never feel your touch Or feel your arms around me, whilst you whisper, "I love you" And I would hold you tightly, and say "I love you, too" You told me you would love me, forever you would stay But you broke your promise to me, on that sad and terrible day When you chose to walk alone, the path you bravely trod And now, my darling, you are safe, held by the hands of God.

To Raymond

Madrid

We were going to go on holiday, Id bought a brand new dress And then you went and left me, my life is now a mess. I close my eyes, I can see us, strolling hand in hand The hotel was booked, the tours were chosen, together we had planned Madrid's a beautiful city, or so, its said to be But I don't think I will ever visit, for now it will just be me And I wanted to go together and not be on my own, But you chose to go before me and leave me all alone. You'd whisper in my ear, and kiss, and hold me tight And you knew, that I loved you too, and everything was right. The time we had wasn't long enough, and I thought I knew you too I didn't see the dark side, it was completely out of view. Your smiles and laughter cleverly hid all despair and pain And I am left with questions going round and round my brain. To try and make some sense of a situation that doesn't have any And the times I lie awake, thinking, - there are many. But none that you can answer, all our words are left unsaid The dress that I bought for our holiday, I wore to your funeral instead.

The Bird

The bird was trapped inside the cage and longed to be set free It flapped its wings so wildly, and yet I didn't see The anguish that it caused, the frustration and despair But now it's been set free its vanquished earth-born care You took the cage, and opened it, and it soared to Heaven above And on that day, it flew away, with freedom, peace and love.

To Raymond:

I am broken into pieces, brittle, sharp and small
Shattered into fragments – don't feel like me at all
The pain inside my heart, cuts through me like a knife
And I think you took a part of it, when you went and took your life.

To Raymond:

Part of me

Part of me is missing, I think you took it when you went
But I know the pain you caused me was never truly meant
You cant have been thinking, for you would never have left that way
My world was changed forever, when that night turned into day
You took our future with you, and left me only sorrow
Now I dream about the past, and cant think about tomorrow
Trapped inside my mind, you live and breathe again
I hear your voice, hear your laugh, precious memories remain
My darling I will keep you, safe within my heart
And now that you are with me, we will never truly part
The path we trod together, we must now go our separate ways
Keep the part that you took with you, when you ended all your days

Broken heart, broken dreams
Was everything real or not as it seemed?
Doubt and mistrust live with me now
And I have got to get through this, somehow
There are no answers, only questions left
I am lost and lonely, and totally bereft

Oh Lord, please look after him for me
I love him so, and now that hes been set free
I know that you will care for him, with a gentle, loving touch
And please spare a thought for me Lord, who misses him so much
The emptiness and pain deep inside I carry round
Please fill us both with your love and peace that knows no bound
I know hes gone before me, into that great divide
And I know that youll look after him, and heal my scar inside
Your love will keep us Lord, and give me strength to carry on
For me to tread my earthly path, and to Heaven, where hes gone
And then one day my earthly cares will cease for evermore
And I will embrace my loved one, on that wondrous, golden shore.

To Raymond:

Doesn't stop me

Darling, how I love you, and miss you very much How I miss your laughter, and your gentle, loving touch The special way you looked at me, and mouthed "I love you" All the funny, special texts, you continually sent me too The plans that we had made, must now be left undone We shared so very much, not least our sense of fun! You left me like a thief, slipping out into the night You took with you my heart, and that just cant be right You left me with a stone, where my heart, it used to be And now it hasn't any feeling, its numb with grief, you see How I wish I could hold you, in a long and last embrace And you would wipe away the tears that are falling down my face And my hand would reach for yours, the way it used to do My precious memories, love and faith will see me through But it doesn't stop me missing you, each and every day And it doesn't stop me wishing that you had never gone away But I know you are now at peace, and its time to let you go But oh, my darling Raymond, how I loved you so!

Questions

When will my grief lessen, when will the tears cease to fall? The feelings of anger, tainted with the bitterness of gall I remember the sweetness of your kiss, and the love I felt inside Everything was changed on the day you went and died How could you walk away from your family and me? Or did the fates conspire, and we were never meant to be I remember all the love we shared — I think it was all real? Now, confusion, pain and guilt are emotions that I feel What made you escape life in such a sad and terrible way? And has left me thinking of it, every single day I hope you didn't suffer, cant bear to think of you in pain I only wish I could see you and hold you once again Darling, I forgive you, for leaving me this way I only wish that our love had been enough to make you stay

There's a scar that's deep within me, hidden from all sight Please heal me Lord, and do not leave me in this plight The hurt that he inflicted is hidden deep inside Did he truly love me, or had he simply lied? For if he truly loved me, he would still be here Please help me Lord to understand, and take away my fear Help me learn to live with this, and cope with life apart And to know deep down, that he did love me – and with all his heart And to accept my life has changed and now I must move on Everything is left unsaid, and nothing can be done That nothing could have changed this, it was simply meant to be And his life on earth was finished, and now he's been set free

On the outside

On the outside I am happy and smiling again
On the inside I am grieving and full of such pain
The weight on my shoulders is pulling me down
But I am trying to smile and keep in the frown
See, I am laughing — you can't see the pain
But all of that humour seems so much in vain
A smile is to happiness, what grief is to frown
And here I am with the tears of a clown
I say I am over it, I'm so much happier now
Say it often enough, and you start to believe it somehow.

From Raymond?

I did not intend to leave you when I slipped out into the night My eyes were all seeing, but they did not have any sight I wish it had been different, I wish I could have returned to you For I know deep down I loved you, and know that you loved me too But it simply wasn't enough, to make me want to stay I wish I could have stopped myself from ending it that day I didn't see it coming, and I know you didn't too But remember all the times we had, and that I loved you, Sue.