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Billy

Never speaks  
Trapped within damaged brain  
Body twisted, limbs trembling  
Sitting in hospital yard  
Humming tunes without melody.  
Bright soul standing tall  
Articulate mind intact  
Singing melodious songs of love  
Only God and he can hear.

When young and easy

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Naked with her on a summer's day  
Hidden among swaying corn  
Whispering love's promises.

No thoughts but making love  
Heart rejoicing hearing her voice  
Soul trembling with life's reason  
Each kiss a giddy taste of wine.

## LOVE

Love is never boastful  
But patient, steadfast and honest  
Moving mountains in its path.

Love is never jealous, wicked nor envious  
Never keeping records of wrong doings  
But smiling walks the extra mile.

Love is never self-seeking nor proud  
Never delights in evil  
Has no price to be bought and sold.

## Death of a sperm whale

With her calf she dives  
Into the darkness a mile below the waves  
Where great squid abides  
Ferocious Goliath monarch of oceans deep.

Singing lilting lullaby to her calf  
In darkness she swims in playful mood  
And for an hour remains down in the deep  
Swimming side by side with her son.

Largest of toothed whales  
The sperm whale comes to the surface  
Spouting water through her blowhole  
Smacking her great tail upon the waves.

Japanese harpooner takes aim  
Deadly bolt plunges home  
Explosive charge detonates  
Mortally wounded she calls to her calf.

Hauled up dying by her tail  
Against the side of the whaling ship  
In agony she dangles with head in the sea  
Bleeding slowly to death.

Her calf calls out in anguish  
Following the ship for hours  
But there is no lilting answering lullaby  
Only blood in the water.