

# POETRY

## Nature's War

Violent  
Colours light up the Fall  
As the army of conifers  
Stands guard  
Over all

Maple Foot Soldiers  
and cedar generals  
The battle is waged  
And lost  
By perennials

Explosions  
Of orange, yellow and red  
While the rake clears away  
The wounded  
The dead

And though many have died  
Still many remain  
So be here next year  
For the conflict  
Again

Jeff B.



I gracefully glide  
Across the sky,  
Feeling no need  
For caring.

As I roam through  
The heavens so blue,  
I notice one thing missing.

The peace, the love  
The wonderful touch of  
A friend's arm  
Around me.

I looked down  
My feet touched the ground  
And reality struck  
Me hard.

There's no-one there  
Who actually cares  
If I can fly.

Traci

## Happiness...

Happiness is more than joy;  
It is a feeling that many people share;  
You do not have to look everywhere...  
It is like a special toy.

Sometimes it's there in front of you;  
Sometimes it is not, it is hidden in the blue.  
In my own words, I say that happiness...  
Is more than love or tenderness.

It can comfort you or either it hurts;  
I find my happiness by going into church...  
Happiness has it's good times;  
And sadness has it's hard lines.

So let the happiness in to your life;  
Happiness does not happen overnight...  
But when you achieve it, it is such a delight;  
I compare happiness to the sun, it's as bright as  
the sun.  
Happiness can be a lot of fun...  
For your own happiness you must fight.

Shannon Raymond Patrick Swayze

## Price of Pleasure

We are close.  
And as we speak,  
Our eyes share our  
feelings,  
And our hands  
Reach out  
And reassure.  
We embrace.  
And as we touch,  
I cherish your  
comfort,  
And somehow,  
You understand  
My love for you.

Then you leave.  
And as I think  
Of what we had  
shared,  
I remember  
The Price  
Of Pleasure.  
We are distant.  
And as I watch,  
What you refused  
from me,  
You accept  
From another,  
With a smile.

I falter.  
And I ask myself:  
Is Pain the price of  
Pleasure?

Understanding,  
I gain strength.  
And we are close.  
Again.

Anonymous

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