

## Hand to Hold

c.p. Nanci Ahern 2014

It's a golden summer evening  
the trees are singing in the wind  
I'd like to go out dancing  
but I guess I'm staying in

The sky will break my heart  
the sun will leave me cold  
All the beauty becomes so bare  
without a hand to hold

I am a sailor on the voyage  
I am a seeker on the road  
Too many storms have left me stranded  
too many wars have made me old

The songs will break my heart  
the truth will leave me cold  
All the journeys lead to nowhere  
without a hand to hold

There is an answer in the singing  
there is a healing in the word  
So I am married to the music  
this is what my heart has heard

The stars will turn to peace  
the story turn to gold  
and I'm on my way to somewhere  
this is the hand I hold

Deep in Dreams  
c.p. Nanci Ahern 1999

When I lie down in my bed of dreams  
I beg the night to send your soul to me  
Where I walk, the tears are bound to fall  
but deep in dreams, your love will dry them all

Every night I hope to hear your name  
but the story changes, and your face is not the same  
Where I walk, each day can break my heart in two  
but deep in dreams, that heart is held by you

If I could make you real, and hold the hands that heal  
if I could make you see that you could dream me, dream me too

And when I wake into the lonely day  
it's trials and troubles can't take my night away  
Where I walk, the flowers still can stand  
and deep in dreams, I'm still holding your hand  
Mm...mm...so deep in dreams

Thou Tiny Bird  
c.p. Nanci Ahern 2014

Sing into my soul thou tiny bird  
through the window where oh once my mother's voice was heard  
So merry bright and sweet, her spirit me to greet  
Heaven seems so far away, I cannot climb that stair today  
So fly out of the realm of light and sing into my dreams tonight  
sing into my soul thou tiny bird

You are flying free, I feel your wings  
rising far above the past and pain of earthly things  
Like a baby bird, newborn life unfurled  
Heaven's not so far away, you can climb that stair today  
So fly into the realm of light and greet the angels with delight  
sing into my soul thou tiny bird

**I Bear Witness**  
**c.p. Nanci Ahern 2016**

Oh lord, you are the glory  
oh lord, I cannot fail  
oh lord, I am your story  
oh lord, I am your sail

I bear witness to the struggle  
I bear witness to the grace  
I bear witness to the holy road  
that leads me to your face

Bear me up through tears and turmoil  
through the sorrow and the strife  
lead me on the path of wisdom  
turn this life into the light

I bear witness to the struggle  
I bear witness to the grace  
I bear witness to the holy road  
that leads me to your face

**When I Wear My Angel Wings**  
c.p. Nanci Ahern 2011

Oh I can find my angel wings  
when I let go of darker things  
Lay down the black shield I need no more  
for heaven's standing at my door

Begone the shadows, begone the war  
no more hiding behind the door  
For I have found my angel wings  
so close to heaven, my earth does sing

And I have sailed on the ship of fear  
lost in the the deep storm of rage and tears  
Cried out for clear skies, cried out for grace  
the heart of healing in an angel's face

And though the shadows come after me  
starlight within grows so strong and free  
For I have found my angel wings  
so close to heaven, my earth does sing  
Yes I have found my angel wings  
so close to heaven, my earth does sing  
oh I'm in heaven when I wear my angel wings

## Hymn

c.p. Nanci Ahern 1996

Oh your peace is all around me  
and your song is in my heart  
You have come in joy and wisdom  
let the shades of doubt depart

In the wind your voice does echo  
in the trees your body dance  
In the earth your love is beating  
drink the cup and join the dance

Be in me oh fairest flower  
let me see Thy tender face  
Let me linger in your garden  
let me live within your grace

There is music on the mountain  
and the bells ring in my heart  
I have found the jewel of heaven  
let us never be apart

Let us journey on forever  
loving night and loving day  
Til the earth is born in heaven  
til the stars come out to say

Let us dance upon the earth  
and be glad

**Wheel of the World**  
c.p. Nanci Ahern 2012

So you're back in the pit where you think you belong  
you've been her so often it's almost a song  
I can feel your soul crackin', see the blood on your teeth  
every word is a warning of the death of belief

This broken heart is too open and the world wanders in  
trees stabbing the sky can you even begin  
To hear how I'm breaking beneath the wheel of the world  
can you hear how I'm breaking beneath the wheel of the world

My voice it is empty of all but the pain  
of my burning blood denied again and again  
If I had the money, if I had the means  
I would plow this world under and sow it with some new seeds

Chorus

Change it.. change it.. change it.. change it..  
I want to change it.. change it.....change.....

Capable of Spring  
c.p. Nanci Ahern 2012

After winter and the cold  
the death of all I sought to hold  
the summer heart tells one true thing  
that I am capable of spring

I find a song inside the pain  
let the tears become the rain  
watch the buds of joy appear  
bearing life bigger than my fear

So I am capable of life  
its sweet surprises and its strife  
I am capable of dreams  
sometimes so broken as they seem  
I am capable of heart  
even when it falls apart  
but above all other things  
I am capable of spring

Oh to melt the frozen heart  
find the love lost in the dark  
feel the soft light of the soul  
where the spirit longs to go

Chorus



**I'm Dreaming**  
c.p. Nanci Ahern 1996

I'm dreaming of a love that will not end  
of a love that makes our souls to bend  
Into a place for dreaming

I'm dreaming of a love that does not die  
of a love that shows the sky  
I'm alive and dreaming

On the road, I grow old with the pain of days  
and my heart grows alone in the dark  
On the edge again, you can find me  
on my knees, alone and dreaming

I'm dreaming of a love that knows my name  
of a love that feeds the flame  
Of the heart I cannot tame

I'm dreaming of a love that holds my heart  
of a love that keeps the spark alive  
When I'm lost and dreaming

Chorus

I'm dreaming tonight  
dreaming of you...

## Root Like A Rose

c.p. Nanci Ahern 1975

There's a green, green place where you lift your face  
to the sound of the waves and the wind  
Down by the shore, there my soul does endure  
where the mother sea ends and begins

Take me home to the sand and the foam  
where my dreams still walk in the mist  
I would fall to the earth and root like a rose  
in the salt land that gave me my birth

Though I wander afar, the same sea, the same stars  
still shine through the tears in my eyes  
They take me home to a land that my soul understands  
where the heart of the rose never dies

Chorus

**It All Comes Down to This**  
c.p. Nanci Ahern 2019

It all comes down to this  
that I am happy for the kiss of spring  
For every green and growing thing  
it all comes down to this

I've read a book or two  
telling tales about the truths of life  
With maps and tools to take me through the night  
I've read a book or two

Spirit reaching for the sky  
yet here on earth am I  
Wedded to this time and place  
learning all I can of grace

When all is said and done  
the bright white day the angels come for me  
I'll still be moving through the mystery  
when all is said and done

Chorus