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*"I'll keep my dreams and wait,
there's nothing else to do."*

In this poetry collection, readers find odes to love, tributes to chasing dreams, and dedications to loved ones and friends. Poems like "I'll Close My Eyes" transport readers into the memories of a lover long gone. "Bonding" embraces those quiet moments that solidify a relationship. "I'll Keep My Dreams" acknowledges the disappointment one feels when one realizes "We couldn't know our love was / lost and would never last." Other poems like "Need the Sunshine" encourage readers to look beyond the hurt one might endure and find the brightness and happiness the future offers. These romantic verses carefully blend hope, desire, fulfillment, and loss. However, other poems center around gratitude and faith. For example, as the collection concludes, readers encounter poems like "Easter," a poem which celebrates "charity, love, patience" and reminds readers to be "thankful for all we have and pray."

These poems are written in a conversational tone that invites readers into the book's pages. The poems are intimate and personal, which helps establish a strong connection between the speaker and the reader. Many of the poems incorporate rhyme, so readers who appreciate rhyming poetry will especially love and appreciate this book. For readers just discovering poetry, the accessibility of these poems will help them become comfortable with the genre. Many of the poems are confessional in nature, while others, like the uplifting and positive "Treadmill of Life," act as small devotions that celebrate the everyday gifts so many overlook. This collection is perfect for teenagers and adults alike.



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