

Loss

How do you react when a friend tells you she is having tests for cancer?

Do you feel pure madness because some invisible cell mutation has threatened the life of someone you care for?

Do you feel sadness because this person brings endless joy to people, her smile that makes you feel exuberant, her mannerisms that show the inherent good of her personality, the pain you feel when something troubles her, or her uncanny wit and intelligence that lets her perceive the humorous side of life?

Do you feel a sense of deja-vu because your own father experienced two heart attacks before? Experiencing the need to cry, but prevented because you're trying to be strong, when you know you can't?

Now, again, a person who part of you loves as the woman she is and the other part of you who care about the friend she is.

How do you put your feelings into words, maybe never seeing this person again?

How do you try to see inside her soul, to the futility of the courageous battle she fights because she might never see the sun rise in the morning, never seeing her children mature and grow, never being able to have that sense of touch with someone intimately?

How can one not feel anger at the way life could snuff out the pure beauty which is that person?
How can a side of me exist without seeing that smile once more?

— George Anderson

The Pain Inside of Me

Everyday I see you,
I try to hide my pain,
'Cause darlin' I already know,
It will never be the same.

The times we spent together,
Have seemed to fall away,
I try to hold them close,
But I know that there's no way.

Even Axl's cold "November Rain,"
Cannot conceal his pain,
So I feel at liberty
To express my feelings the same.

Now that it's over,
Don't you know my love remains,
'Cause even a four-leaved clover,
Couldn't bring me luck again.
— Marcus Allen Marinovich

Summer

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We share one similarity you and I
and it gives us many things in common.
Yet we are two different people,
people with different backgrounds,
brought up completely opposite.

But we share one painful loss!
This loss gives us a bond,
bringing us together.
We take shelter in each other,
reminiscing the times of the past
and trying to move ahead into the future.

We hope the time we share together
will help hurry us through the Summer
and get us to the Fall.

Once Fall comes,
distance will separate us from the pain.
We will store the hurt in the back of our minds,
keeping them till next Summer,
when the distance again shortens,
and the pain once again returns.

But until we reach the Fall,
we will try to enjoy the Summer,
and pretend,
that we are happy.
— Marco Scappa

**ZORBA'S Predictions
for 1995**

We have asked renowned psychic Zorba to give us some of her predictions for the upcoming year. Zorba is a UPEI graduate, and holds degrees from several prestigious mail-order schools. As well, she has been featured on the 1-900 psychic hotline and several late night infomercials.

1) Dr. Elliot will retire from the presidency and will fulfill a latent desire for the theatre by running away with a travelling circus. He will also make guest appearances on "Tarzan" as Wolf Larsen's uncle.

2) To make ends meet, Dr. Epperly will follow her dream of starting a business selling "Anne" relics. (See March 29, 1994 X-Press) As a result she will be apprehended by customs for exporting *Green Gables* paraphernalia without a licence.

3) The Marriott food services contract will be given over to the Murphy Group. The Wanda Wyatt Dining Hall will house Pizza Delight, the AVC cafeteria will be Wendy's, and the Pit will become a Tim Horton's. Meal Plans will be transferred into "buy one, get one free" pizza coupons.

4) The UPEI Student Union executive will be infiltrated by the Natural Law Party, and TM and yogic flying will become required courses.

5) Due to government cutbacks, the Engineering Society will take over the contract to finish the fixed link.

6) Student hackers will take over the business office computers and grant all students full scholarships.

7) Students in the Pit will see a vision of the Virgin Mary. Dr. Morrison will lead a movement to turn the Pit into a shrine. The new Tim Horton's located in the Pit will celebrate the event by granting commemorative donuts. CFS will lead students across Canada on pilgrimage to the shrine.

8) CIMN will get its FM licence, and promptly becomes the most listened-to station on the planet.

9) The X-Press staff will win the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes, buys the University outright and in an unprecedented move with the SU and CIMN, plan and accomplish a hostile take-over of the MacLean-Hunter group and become a giant propaganda machine for the Natural Law Party.

10) Andrew MacPherson will use his persuasive powers of wit, charm, and devastating good looks to convince the province of Quebec to sever ALL ties with Canada and move their land mass to the South Pacific.

11) The tunnels under campus will be opened and the fine arts department will be thrilled to discover prehistoric cave paintings of little girls with red braids.

12) Not knowing Island geology, Hilton Hotels International will purchase Blanchard Hall, and add 20 more floors of "luxury suites". Within weeks the Island's first skyscraper sinks into the mud.

13) To finance the new Chemistry building, chem 110 labs will be used to make designer drugs such as LSD and PCP.