## SWEET LOVE

Caramel sugar brown and sweet Your eyes look up and in them I see Rays of honey and chocolate heat Sunrays dancing on a glistening sea

Like summer on the island of Capri You unwrap my soul and set me free to bloom like an orange flower Cream soda bubbles and raspberry tea All of this sweetness could never sour

A sparkling croquembouche tower In a spun sugar sky You give me strength, you give me power When you look at me, I cannot lie

Your smile always brings me to life Once your sweet girl and now your sweet wife

## MOTHER

A mother's sacrifice is silenced in her devotion She is changed forever Heart as heavy as the ocean

Days and nights melt into one motion Sleep deprived, body sore, infant clinging, to let go – never A mother's sacrifice is silenced in her devotion

New life cuts through her and lets out a flood of emotion This is more than a new endeavor Heart as heavy as the ocean

Her aging hands, soft, smell of baby lotion A bond exists, stronger than love alone, stronger than pain – which no one could ever sever A mother's sacrifice is silenced in her devotion

Though sometimes difficult, still like a dream, or a magic potion It's effects of which she hopes never wears off – not ever Heart as heavy as the ocean

Her life has become such sweet commotion This divine responsibility is hers forever A mother's sacrifice is silenced in her devotion Heart as heavy as the ocean

## AMY ROBSART

Sorrowful Amy fights back the tears Cloaked in velvet and gold Hears of her husband, unfaithful for years Their marriage bed lonely and cold

Away with the servants, she must be alone The acting rips her apart If only she could find a way to de-throne The ice queen who's captured his heart

Alone, alone, she thinks of him, No! The poison touches her lips From the top of the stairs, she lets herself go Blood from her head gash drips

Sorrowful Amy's ghost appears Trapped between Heaven and all of her fears

## NEVER TO FORGET HER

In a little green house On a little green hill In the little green country of Ireland I sat with my Nana for the last time At a table with a cloth of little green flowers She crocheting Me contemplating I watched her hands They moved with automatic grace Almost complete A little green hat For me She asked me what was wrong I said, "What can a small girl do in a great big world?" She said. "You see this hat?" I nodded "It is not a hat at all. It is a ball of green yarn. We are like the yarn. You may stay a ball of green yarn in a green box on a green shelf, or you may mold yourself to be a hat, and venture out into the great big world. What will you see? The inside of a box, or the great big world? Follow your heart." My Nana was wise That night she suffered a stroke In her little green house On that little green hill Never to be herself again But here I am in the great big world Holding tight to my little green hat Never to forget her