## STIR UP THE WATERS, MAKE WAVES:

The wicked crawl on bended knee they float
To saunter to the jitterbug
Pick up your feet and cut a rug
A rugged wind, a violent storm
The ship is breaking, its bow has turned
I crash or fly
Shout out to the world that just might hear
I raised my glass to an empty room
Then disappeared.

When you break your vow
Do you wonder how you got there and if there is no turning back
Am I the one that broke it first
Even though you walked away
Did I find myself so lost
That you had to go astray
Standing in the pouring rain I question everything yet nothing
All of this dialogue seems useless
As we were doomed to this fate so long ago.

Did you practice the game or roll the dice Speak my name or say it twice You keep finding a way back into my heart, my bed I search for a place that keeps you out The forest light is dim as the moon is gone and the sun is shaded Flames engulf the floor the heat rises it is too much to bear I walk gingerly around it and still find you there Do you want to leave?

Maybe I want you to stay.

Truth be told it's hard to know if we might find peace either way? Mountains peak out from the valley below and the wind kicks up the drifting snow I search through the foggy brush but find there is nowhere to go.

My body may be broken
A door might open or close
Damn to the bitterness that encompasses your enchanted low
Eyes bleed blue they're crystal or bleak
So burn your flesh and show you're weak'
Give regards to the proud
The ones that rise at your feet
Show respect, dignity to all you subject
We are all equal not parts or sects
Your nation has promised a moment of peace
Live in harmony, give thanks to justice
So all that walk after you will find that wars have ceased

I can recall the first your big brown eyes lit up at me and flashed a beautiful smile As I watched in that moment as time stood still if only for a while

I remember the first you wept as I cradled you in my arms

And all I knew than was that I would always do my best to you away from harm I remember how I could not take my eyes off of yours as I watched you learn to crawl

And as you pulled yourself up to walk I had to let you fall

I now stand witness to the amazing young woman that you have become

A bright star in a dark world

I know that your journey has only begun

I remember the first time you showed me a boo boo and I tried to kiss it away So that I could fill that space in time with love not sorrow if only for the day I wish you all the love and joy.

That hopes and dreams seem real every time you look around And though I am not in your presence my words to you will make a sound.