

When shadows are long,
At the end of the day.
When barely a song,
From lips can escape.

When tears puddle deep,
And muddle one's sight.
Toss and turn sleep,
Wake at dawn's light.

When one minute's joy,
Turns into doubt.
Try to employ
A strength when without.

When trying to serve
All but yourself;
Straighten the curve
That leads one to tell

Of sorrow and loss,
Of hope unsustained,
Of crossroads uncrossed,
Of silent disdain.

I look to the hills,
From where comes my help.
My heartbeat it stills,
My lips tremble; tell

I'm not strong enough
To run this race well.
I'm not good enough
To silence and quell

The doubt in my soul,
The fear in my bones.
Dark takes its toll,
I question alone.

You speak to me now,
Quiet but sure.
You tell of a pow'r
Destined and pure.

“In a sky full of stars;
Of brightness alight.
I chose your beams
To break through the night.

In a sky full of stars,
Each one in its place.
I chose your light
To softly embrace.

In a sky full of stars,
Burning for years.
I chose your side,
To dry all your tears.

In a sky full of stars,
Each one has its place,
But You, my bright one,
Illuminate grace.

Yes, years will come,
And tarnish your beams
Hurt will devour;
Dissipate dreams.

Your core remains strong,
Designed to remain
A light in the wrong;
A shelter in rain.

I carry you through,
I whisper my love.
Your hope I renew,
We shine far above

The road underneath
With its pits and despair
Created for more,
Your home is not there!

Shine in the pain.
Shine in the sun!
Shine your strong rays
On everyone.

When darkness comes,
Shine even brighter!
Not by yourself;
My love is your fire.

And watch other stars
Learn from your beams
To blaze from afar
Amidst their own dreams.

In storms that will come
To vanquish their light,
They, too, stand strong-
A beautiful sight.

Keep shining, my suns,
And never forget.
In a sky full of stars,
Your beauty's unmet.

In a sky full of stars,
Each one has its place,
But You, my bright one,
Illuminate grace."

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