

The background of the cover is a photograph of a sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that fills the sky. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds that catch the light of the setting sun. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of a forest of trees are visible against the bright horizon. The overall mood is peaceful and inspirational.

*Tattoos*  
*On*  
*Your*  
*Soul*

*Short Inspirational  
Stories and Poetry*

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## ***Introduction***

“*Tattoos on your soul*” is a collection of short inspirational stories and uplifting words of poetry that I have put together over the course of the last few years. It’s a little reminder that, throughout our everyday lives while many of us may have experienced or we may be experiencing some sort of short coming or set back within our lives, that there is still hope. I hope that within my words you can find some slight encouragement and the vision to believe that with faith you can aspire to and conquer your failures, fears and struggles life will throw at you.

Remember, you are not alone as there are so many people that have experienced some of the same everyday issues as you. I only hope that no matter where you may find yourself in life, that through my words and inspiration you can fall into an uplifting moment to get you through your everyday schedule and bring a smile upon your face.

Let my words be a constant reminder to yourself, that no matter how bad it may seem you can always take from every negative situation a positive view. I hope you enjoy what I have to offer and take comfort in the words I have written. *Thank you for reading. Kenn Hubbs*

## *Chapter 1*

### *Strength*

While trying to search for our inner strength, so often with life we will drive ourselves to improve upon our own recent mistakes, or take guidance from the misfortunes of our own ill-advised past involvements. By doing this, we often find ourselves using a process of trial and error so to say; you can call it a process of elimination if you want.

Taking from this guidance we will try to see things in a better light from within those bad experiences, while trying to learn what not to do in our future endeavors. We will apply those life lessons that we have learned from, and of those people who may have wronged us in certain situations, and make them work to our advantage to gain the much needed knowledge and apply it to our own best interest.

As it is with human nature, our internal drive of never wanting to be held down, pushed

back, or accepting failure, we will do what is needed to pull ourselves back together. Reaching down and drawing upon this inner guide and self-conscious decision making we give ourselves the strength to move forward. Not being limited to but escaping from our own limitations, we try to recover and move beyond the shadow of harm's way. Essentially we will drive ourselves to reach the top of our destination by not looking down, but by looking up, taking the chances needed to succeed in whatever we apply ourselves at accomplishing.

With all challenges in life, there may be moments when we will slip and fall while we catch ourselves looking down, it will happen, as we fail to notice the progress that has been made. Without being able to stop ourselves, we may come sliding back down to the bottom of the hill. We will often lose focus of the efforts we had to overcome after trying so hard to climb over the obstacles in our path to succeed. What we need to remember is that these are all just minor obstacles that life has thrown in our way and we; like we have done many

times in our past we will find a way to get through this by letting our strength and determination for succession become our guide.

It is with this blind ambition that we place so many obstacles upon ourselves; we fail to see the wrong in others as we involve ourselves within theirs or our lives. Or we find ourselves sinking beyond the reaches of our financial safety zone and living well beyond the means to support our needed necessities. We make a wrong decision in life only wishing that hindsight would have played a more prevalent roll in the choices that we have made, thus lending its much needed light to see where we were headed or heading.

It then will become those moments that we let those failures define who we are as individuals, and this is the moment we come to grips with our own self-provocation. For without knowing or testing our own limitations we have no way to gauge our strengths as the individuals that we are. Once we find ourselves knocked down we then gain

a better understanding of what brought us to this place. We now have the ability to stand up on our own and remind ourselves that our intentions are good, and although we may place our heart on our sleeve we are much stronger than we may sometimes give ourselves credit for.

Always remember, no matter what the obstacles that lie in front of us, we are not going to let ourselves fail, we won't let the infringements of others in our lives dictate or hold us down for any amount of time. Let your wisdom become your strength, it is the knowledge of knowing that becomes our power, and knowing where we came from and who we shall become is all the needed tools to get us over the top of any of life's hills.

So if ever we shall come into contact with such situations again remember strength, knowledge and the will to succeed will be all the necessary tools needed to prevail at whatever goals you may have set for yourself. "For without the wisdom of

knowing failure, we don't have the knowledge to succeed.”



## *Life in Light*

*Sitting here, I have often pondered  
decisions that have been made.*

*The roads I have traveled, be it dirt or gravel  
all the friends I have made along the way.*

*Life is a journey, filled with joyful expectations, and  
hardships shall come what may.*

*Always in sight two decisions at hand  
a choice of sorts, but it was always mine to make.*

*So yes I have wondered, and to this I have pondered  
what would have been, had I taken the other road?  
Would it have been better, could it have been worse,  
to this an answer you and I may never in this life  
time ever know.*

## *Chapter 2*

### *Trapped in the past*

So often we find ourselves trapped in our own past, often holding onto the memories of those experiences and relationships that we have tried so often to avoid like the common cold. We find ourselves running at the mere thought of getting involved within these endless propositions, seemingly stalling us from ever being able to progress forward in our own lives.

Often feeling the sense of being proverbially dragged into an endless round of mind games, mistrust, and misfortunes we find ourselves falling prey to our own system of self-preservation. Is it that we are possibly too afraid to try something different or to escape the grips of our own uncertainty and move forward? Or are we just too uncertain of our own needs and wants in life?

Call it our own personal security system if you will, but too often we find ourselves too afraid to

go out and meet new people or take on a new adventure. We will often give way to what we perceive as our own safety net to catch us if we fall. So often we will settle for what we have become accustomed to, a feeling of familiarity within our own little comfort zone. The problem is it's those kinds of fail-safe features that always seem to have us taking two steps backwards and not letting us move forward with our lives.

You would think at some point, a red flag would pop into our heads and tell us we know we should avoid these all too common situations but subconsciously we deem it as safe for our own emotional protection. What we fail to realize is that it was the past we have tried so hard to escape from, but when we keep telling ourselves "*it's going to be better this time*", we give way to our own self-pity, opening the door for the same failures to take place all over again.

A common problem then develops, if we keep harboring in the past it will only continue to

bring the same sorrow and heartaches for the future, never giving way towards moving on. We then somehow become unconscious to this situation and slip lower and lower into a hole of obsession and self-loathing that it becomes so deep it may take what feels like an eternity to dig ourselves back out to safety.

So until you're willing to walk away from your past, be willing to live without regrets, and find yourself able to take a forward path not wanting to look back, will you then truly be free to move through life with a smile on your face. Your ultimate goal should be, being able to take those steps forward and be happy, living in the moment with new adventures on your horizons and meeting new people in your life. But in order to do just that you may have to change the way you think or act.

Drastic measures may need to be taken, possibly cutting all ties with those chains that bind you down in order to escape your past. Sometimes feelings may get hurt along the way and a few toes

may get stepped on, but are we not looking out for ourselves, first needing to put our own best interest at the forefront for happiness? There will come those times along the way we may also run into a few unforeseen pit falls not all good things in life come unwarranted. The trick we need to learn is to accept the consequences of such ordeals and learn the proper way to deal with those pitfalls.

A great tool in life is learning the ability to adapt and overcome, this is an essential key to maneuvering through life, supplying the necessary means for our own self survival. Remember we are our own person, and self-being, we have feelings concealed within our own heart and soul and no one knows us better than we do ourselves.

We shouldn't have to rely on another for assistance when it's not warranted, but be willing to accept their assistance when it is needed. As well, we shouldn't have to serve another person's needs but also be willing to offer our own assistance when we feel it may be needed or accepted by that person

or people when we choose to let them into our lives. Happiness should be as easy as breathing and should not be something we have to labor over to be successful at doing.

Just being yourself, it can be as simple as that, sure you can alter who you are to make small improvements, its expected as we grow older, that's what learning from life experience's has thrust upon us. Who you are inside is all that matters and that on its own will shine through to what others will see of you on the outside. Remember to stay true to who you are and not what others want you to be. Always following your heart when decisions are to be made and your head should then be able to make the best choices to help lead you to where you want to be in life.

There will always be those who will try to change you or try to persuade you in one direction or another but in the end it is you who has to live with the decisions that you have made. Remember friends will come and go and unfortunately so will

relationships, life is all about finding out who we are, and being with those who make us happy. So just be yourself and explore the happiness from within you so you can share your happiness and who you are with others. The past can be just that, a dirt road in the rear view mirror of life as you get onto the expressway to your freedom and happiness. But before you are able to take that road some minor adjustments to those mirrors may need to be made.

## *Heavens Cape*

*Raise your tired head and touch the fading sky  
The summers last orange glow  
Behold with your wondering eyes*

*Soon the leaves will turn and the season shall pass  
Winter will arrive, so I say loudly  
Tip heavy your sharing glass*

*Come grow with me as I watch over you so tightly  
Blowing softly into your flowing hair  
I'll shall kiss you, oh ever so slightly*

*You'll turn to me with such love within your eyes  
Looking after you never we do not fade  
Never do we lose our sight*

*Yes summer has gone and fall is yet so near  
Soon the snow will be ever so great  
Our white blanket of trust  
Sheet of our faith cover us  
Heavens white cape*



## *Chapter 3*

### *Forgiveness*

The innocence of life as we know it can often be muddled by our surrounding's, thus causing such a confusion and cluttering our minds with a hate and dislike for one another. So often we will reach into our subliminal thought process and draw upon our feelings for resentment. Sometimes without justification we tend to let our feelings for certain situations drive us in one direction or another, repeatedly hurling us down a path of right or wrong. We for whatever reason may feel there is no need to follow through with a thorough investigation into the resources that brought such unwanted problems to light.

Upon arrival at our journeys end we may have made a wrong choice and hurt someone for all the wrong reasons, as with human nature we often tend to jump to a conclusive decision and unable to accept the responsibilities for our actions, we will run and hide behind a wall of excuses, not wanting

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