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## Optimistic Pessimist

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**Optimistic Pessimist**  
**Mary Mastromatteo**

The sun is always shining  
In the darkness of her world;  
The shadows keep on stretching  
Seeking out this lonely girl.  
She searches for the brighter side,  
To keep on her better path,  
but the Fear is always threatening-  
the Fear of slipping back.  
Her dreams are vivid insights  
Into things she'll never have;  
The man she'll never dance with,  
A kiss she's never had.  
But forever she holds onto hope  
To light her dismal days;  
For if hope goes, she surely knows,  
Her life will begin to fade.



**Sometimes**  
**Mary Mastromatteo**

Sometimes I sit here and wonder  
Wonder about things  
Things that have no bearing  
No bearing on anything  
Anything that happens  
Happens to me.  
Sometimes I sit here and wait  
Wait for anything  
Anything that should come  
Come from me.  
Sometimes I sit here and listen  
Listen to the noises  
Noises that overwhelm  
Overwhelm everything  
Everything to me.  
Sometimes I sit here and try  
Try to make things become  
Become what I want  
Want for me.  
Sometimes I just sit here.

