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Words Uncaged Submission

(Parts 1 and 2 with author's reflection)

“Night and Day”

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Part One (1996)

So ruff, so tuff,

So hard to snuff,

Kills with a smile,

No anger sensed for a mile,

A corrupted childhood formed the mold,

A destructive protection to those valued gold,

A real metropolitan gangster on the next move,

Self, mind and soul is only to prove,

Suicidal method is the key,

Less than a second done quicker than the eye could see,

Taken as a profession,

Teaching how to take your last breath is the lesson,

Everything is done with reason,

New holidays called the killing season...

Part Two (2016)

...a distorted sense of justice and order was my demise,
 Out of the ashes of a life sentence I rise,
 The insight of my life has awakened me,
From the bondage of wrong thinking, I'm set free,
 To serve others with love is my newfound joy,
I have finally healed from being that abandoned, broken boy,
 On my way home now, I have a new mission,
To help our young ones afflicted with my old condition,
 To live a life of love and not hate,
 That as long as they breathe it is not too late,
 That the time is now and not tomorrow,
Not to be like me and serve twenty-five years of sorrow.

(Author's Reflection on "Night and Day")

I always had a knack for writing poetry ever since Junior High. My teachers always let me know about my talent, so I indulged in writing poetry when I had time even though I was running the streets.

At the time of my arrest I had this "poem" I had just written while I was a passenger in a car, about a week before my arrest. I had stuffed it in my pocket.

The District Attorney blew it up real big and put it on a cardboard stand so the jury could read it and ultimately use it to convict me of my crimes. They used it to prove my mentality.

I just found it amongst my property (twenty years later) so I decided to make a "part 2" to this poem in contrast to who I was then and who I am now. Part 1 and 2 together is called "Night and Day".

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