***The Vision in Our Hearts***

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*(Persistence)*

*Shall not the shadows in your eyes
Form droplets of patience
Blankets of better times*

*(Success)*

*Shall not the seas of victor
Create the best of greater days
For are we not children of God
And He, our North Star in every way*

*- (Or shall we drift aimlessly
forlorn vessels dashed against
a sea of torrential rains) -*

*(Hope)*

*Shall we not rise together as one
To face another tomorrow
With sturdy chins and mindsets
Toward the brightest sun*

*(Trust)*

*Shall not the vision in our hearts
Blaze the hottest flame of passion
‘Til the walls of our vulnerabilities
Meaningfully come undone*

***Virtue***

*Starting as if there's no tomorrow*

*This rush does beckon forth*

*Greatness and yet still*

*Blends patience*

*And virtue*

 *The need to stand tall*

*Against the weaker will*

*The promise to hold strong*

*To all that has been said*

*All that was laid in trails*

*Of tears and sand granules*

*Beneath the tide of love*

*And graceful nights*

*Etched in perfect harmony*

*With lights and a quandary*

*Of whimsical questions*

*The thoughtful mind*

*Craves solitude and compassion*

*Logic and practical action*

*There is no other path to take*

*There is no other solution*

***A Heart Overflowing***

*Actions speak louder*

*As they say*

*Than anything else*

*You might attempt*

*In the momentous*

*Partings of today*

*Therefore,*

*Speak it louder*

*Seek it with boundless*

*Compassion*

*Patiently with love*

*Give everything*

*In your heart*

*Let blessings overflow*

*From every place*

*From every field*

*You carefully plow*

*Let words, like water*

*Flow, explode*

*Drive the inner shaping*

*The refined paintings*

*Of your heart*

*The inner dreams*

*You have yet to start*

***Stand Tall***

*I'm no longer alone*

*In this battle called life*

*In this journey deemed*

*Sometimes, an unknown*

*Plight*

*We walk along,*

*With books in hand*

*With brows focused ahead*

*With missions purposeful*

*Instead*

*We stand tall*

*Taller,*

*Brave, braver*

*We stand tall*

*We rise once again*

*Each time we fall*

*We rise, we rise*

*We rise*

*We brush away the past*

*And, we stand tall*

***We are One***

*You are but a star
Shimmering in the universe
That is me
And you
And us
And we*

*For there is no separation
Between the songs
In my heart
And the songs
In yours*

*For together
We are all free
For together
We all stand
With harmony*

*Together
We are divinity*

*In exaltation
We are one
We are love
We are joy*

*Together
You and I*

***Whispers in the Wind***

*Solid footing*

*Stands alone*

*With weed and tumbling dreams*

*Whispers in the wind*

*Sturdy hearts*

*Sturdy chins*

*This is a battle*

*We must win*

*Hold firm*

*To the character*

*And words you continue*

*To spin*

*To the message*

*In your heart*

*For all are passages*

*Great windows*

*Into the future*

*Of mankind*