

# Norton's Grate

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## Languish

My words don't mean nothin  
So easy to write  
Flippant like  
Simple as tossing a coin

My body ain't remembered  
Taken an used  
Abused like  
Insincere as tossing it off

My time don't mean nothin  
Wasted over and over again  
Thoughtless like  
Stiff as tossing a brick

My mind ain't considered  
Twisted and torn

Screwed like  
Soft as tossing semen

My money don't matter  
Spent in misery  
Clueless like  
Scorned as tossing frost

My possessions ain't there now  
Given to ghosts  
Frightened like  
Shadowy as tossing sears

My soul don't belong  
Together no more  
Broken like  
Stuffed as tossing dross

## France

Country of beauty

Spirit of love

Saviour of souls

All language of life exposed

Cafe and city

Caress in belief

Entwined in emotion

Truth through philosophical thought

Flags flown of passion

Reflection of rosary

Blossom of blue

A lightning white silk bold with sensuality

Building to monumental memory

Joyous in contemplation

Serene and explosive

All character to taste of style evoked

Arch of triumph

Pyramid of translucence

Champion's causeway

Quest of meaning, statement of ought

## Except excess

I have loved you too much for my own good  
I have been and am indeed obsessed

Now the need to love you less  
The need indeed to be depressed

From moments of energy high and bright  
To thoughts of loss and self deceit

Saving the chance to not decimate  
Wanting to say to stay related

I have loved you far too deep  
I have been affected, infected, caressed

Now we have no time to share  
Priorities selected that prise apart

Bricks and mortar, bonds of blood  
Sticks and stones and calling names that hurt  
we

Wandering into darkness, glaring glaze  
Staring deep, open space avoiding eyes

Process and outcome, education lost in time  
Concentration lapse, forgotten hopes  
forgotten thoughts

Factual representation, fictional probes  
Such wasted and wanting, such wasted and  
wanting

Creation enabled, energy adsorbed  
invigorated and re-enacted  
Such wanting and wasting, such wanting and  
wasting

Wilful, skilful intellectualisation of decay and  
delusion  
Integrating woven webs of traps and snares,  
snaps and stares  
Breaking out and breaking through  
Striking out and striking through bleakest  
blackest blue

Morning glory and morning shame, hiding  
hope, hoping pain  
Familiar story, familiar, wrong choice,  
wretched crime of stain

Pouring, scoring, scorn, clinched fist, clench,  
ache waste  
Devastation blinding flashback blinding  
scream

Platitude, pity, pleasance, care less poverty  
Robbery, conceit, deceit, repulsive disgrace  
misplace

Product of curse and clamour, tread, tramp,  
wish underfoot  
Grieve, hate, deprave, crave, grovel, grate.  
Waste

## Severity

Wouldn't be so bad if we hated  
If we hated more than we hated parting

Wouldn't be so bad if we cared less  
If we cared less than we cared for

Wouldn't be so bad if we slated  
If we slated more than we stated

Wouldn't be so bad if we created  
If we created more than creating

Wouldn't be so bad  
Probably would

## Love

Poetry, you giver, you deliver, you consider,  
you receiver of debt  
Receiver of doubt and despair, you care, you  
stare; you always compare

## Practitioners law

Out of everything evolves another thing  
Out of every situation revolves another  
relationship

From where to eternity  
Walks each and every one man

In to every relationship walks a situation  
In to everything wrestles fear and hope

From where to affirmation  
Wills each one and every man

Up to every level place is another pace  
Up to every realization being a separate light

From where in modernity  
Expectation is expected of all men

Down among the deepest creeps another  
heartache  
Down for ever foraging in desperation

From where to creation  
Craves man, and woman, alike



## Equal to zero

Commitment  
Equal to zero  
Never, not ever, except if its o.k.

Fall in line  
And join the queue  
Open time for rejection

Pity is not  
Ever selected  
Parting shot failing words

Nothing more than meaning  
At that instant in time  
Opportunity bespoke

Courage to have no conviction  
Desirous of freedom  
Fleeing to free

Course it just does not  
Work any other way  
Corruption without care

Stating the obvious  
Pouring the rhyme  
Steering to be

Well that is the way  
See if you risk  
Losing it all

Reading the line  
Creating the image  
Clouding the issue

Take it on head first  
Take it to task  
Neglect asymmetric action

Proud to beg  
Upstanding to fall  
Crazed with distortion

Extinguish the anguish  
Obliterate desire  
Mask any malignant hope

Wreak havoc and teardrop  
Crush chaos and cause  
Eradicate ethereal thought

Bring into some being  
Alternate  
Hope

## Play with words

Midas, Minerva, miracle, meek  
Blessed, beautiful, bronze, bleak

August, artisan, anthropoid, aardvark  
Neanderthal, narcissus, Nordic, nark

## You

You gave me my reason  
I took it without thought  
You gave me my freedom  
I took it and forgot

You gave me my belief  
I took it to crush  
You gave me my outlet  
I took it to destroy

You gave me some hope  
I took it to devour  
You gave me my love  
I took it and lusted for more

## Consumption

I awake, awake with anger  
Say in my mind all feelings of hate  
Work the words of badness  
Work words to grate  
Grate all my feelings  
Grind them to dust  
Work through the torment  
Clearing a view  
Opening some pathway

For the rest of the day  
Crippled in chaos  
Crippled from to do  
Knowing I have to  
Knowing no desire  
Grovel, grope inside me  
Grieve, leave behind  
A weight that's consuming  
Consuming my mind

## Unite

Fifty six hours from parting  
Fifty six hours untying the umbilical cord

Two days, no more  
Two days from seeing you before

Seven years and one half from meeting  
Seven years and one hell of forgetting

Mornings of madness  
Daydreams of sadness

Days within secrecy  
Nights without sorcery

Faith searching for forgiveness  
Futility in any other guise

## **Times for loving**

Mondays for Jim  
Payment and pleasure

Tuesdays for Sarah  
Enabling to grow

Wednesdays for Emily  
Pain to extract

Thursdays for Tracy  
Teaching to talk

Fridays for Terry  
For youth you reach out

Saturdays for Joseph  
Playing without pressure

Sundays for Wendy  
Shopping, planning to cope

Mondays for essays  
Assignments undone

Tuesdays for social policy  
The disenfranchised few

Wednesdays for bonding  
Groups searching for you

## Words on the wire

Thursdays for lectures  
Notes and names to mistake

Fridays for hope of time  
Beginning today

Saturdays remembered  
Those times you spoke, of

Sunday morning's pleasure  
Loving your bloke

One connection you cannot make  
No line, no number to call

And writings no use  
commitment to print  
eluded as if for life

Words wrapped in meaning  
are best trapped on the wire  
no record, no misrepresentation

Fairly unfair  
forgetting the demands of time  
time allocated otherwise

## No place for mistake

Fourteen per cent  
Your share in the weekly event  
Take care not to monopolize  
The seventh of heaven sent

Tread ever so lightly  
determine to please personify  
Speak your words wisely  
lest misinterpretation belie

You have only partial access  
wanted on short term demands  
if this seems only duress  
consider what sort of life it commands

What sort of sad person  
is in time to evolve  
What sort of mad person  
will this lifestyle lathe revolve