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*a collection of poems by*  
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**AGORAPHOBIA**

I've been a brother when I should have been a lover  
I've been a secret hidden in shame  
I've been an ex when I could have been next  
And I've been the stranger without a name

I've forgotten love that can face the public  
That can stand tall in the face of all this  
Sad, sappy, sticky, tricky, tactile lust we all cling to  
I'm fighting for a love that can face the public  
That stands unblemished even in the spotlight  
A love so pure it ensures a cure for all we've been through  
    I've been a best friend when there was another man  
I've admired from afar when I couldn't be close  
I've been a nothing when I could've been something  
And I've given nothing when it should have been a rose

And I fight for gas money  
So I could be happy for just a weekend  
But the fear of a new frontier  
Has my knees shaking and weakened  
I've been a boy when I should have been a man  
To stand  
and find a love that can face the public