

Pam Steers, Agora 2017

**His Love**

A bond so strong.

Guiding hands.

Shoulders so strong to lean on.

Wise words at moment's notice.

Kind thoughts.

Now there is hatred and cruelty.

Strong-arming your agenda now.

Not a kind word now.

No doubt that bond is shattered.

A guiding hand is now a fist of injustice.

I will not bend under your will.

You can't destroy me like sand in the wind.

Stand alone, while I stand with an army.

No more twisted words shattering my heart.

Your empire is crumbling and I am the impending explosion.

Love is supposed to be unbreakable.

Fear is all I know from you now.

Though I may fear you, I will not fall.

I go into this world damaged but strong.

Never again will you break me.

Maybe there is a future for this love.

Forgiveness can happen if you allow it.

The bond we share may be cracked but not broken.

One day soon, I may be able to say those words.

One day I hope to say I love you again.

## **Trapped**

Too much pain

Not enough sleep

Pulling me apart

I scream

IT'S TOO MUCH!

Can you help me?

Can you do this for me?

You need this done now!

Why haven't you visited lately?

I CAN'T HANDLE IT!

No sleep

Driving 1000 miles

My heart grieves

No free time

IT'S KILLING ME INSIDE!

20 Pages

Research Piles Up

Work Everyday

Dates Forgotten

I AM DROWNING!

I am trapped

No escape

The pace is too much

So much stress

I GIVE UP!

I remember  
The progress I make  
I am lucky  
No backing down  
I WILL CARRY ON!

This is my future  
My pain is temporary  
I will survive  
Fear won't win  
I WILL TRUIMP!

Don't ever give up  
Keep going  
Life is hard  
No matter what  
NO TRAP IS FOREVER!