

"My Desert"

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When solitude becomes loneliness
Life a desert
Dry, barren and uncertain

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Patience leads to revelation
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Is isolation salvation?
Illusions sanctification?
Delusions regeneration?

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Are perceptions unanswered prayers?
Deceptions discernment?
Forsaken, yet forgiven, the price for living?

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My spirit cries out; another mirage?
In this mindful desert of emptiness
Another dead soul; Starved, dehydrated and lost!

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Love once again lost; a hallucination?
Complete intimacy, only a vision?
The desert sun of a broken relationship sets; taking the heat of hope with it

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Dark desert night settles in; crushing the senses of sensuality
Taking the breath out of all that seemed genuine
Loneliness reigns again

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My desert comes alive at night; Blackness shouts, demons reply
Crippling conversations; Interruptions to my Godly sight
Temptations blind me with fright, my heavenly plight?

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My desert; Incapable of surviving without water
Holy Spirit quench me, redeem me!
Atoning water; nourish me!

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