For Amy

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For Amethyst Rose (1990)

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   C                      Am
I sometimes have spoken about you
        F                 G
But I never did write you a song;
C                      G
It's not that I ever forgot you,
        F                          C
Though between us the years have grown long,
                          F
But now after all that I've been through,
      Dm                     Em
the heartache, the laughter, the tears,
      C                 F   C  G
I'm singing a song for my Amethyst Rose
        G        F   C  G  C
Who's waited for so many years.


      F                     Am
   The flowers of summer are shattered
         Dm                      Em
   Their stems wrapped in shadow and frost,
         C                       G
   Their leaves and their petals wind-scattered,
        Dm                 Am
   Reminders of all we have lost;
        F                 C
   But one stands with blossom unbroken,
        F                 G
   No matter what bitter wind blows,
        C                 F
   Of love and remembrance a token,
        G        F   C  G    C
   Forever, for Amethyst Rose.
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Though you never were more than a shadow
Stillborn before you could live
Still I've always been drawn to your darkness—
Even shadows have something to give.
And whenever my dreams have been shattered,
And sift through my fingers like sand
It's then I remember my Amethyst Rose
And dream you are holding my hand.

I dream of a petrified forest
And gaze at a stone, silent glade
Where one crystal flower stands blooming,
Her stems and her leaves of green jade;
Obsidian thorns keen as sorrow,

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But when I've been forgotten for years,
Still there in the twilight my Amethyst Rose
Will be blooming, untarnished by tears.

Amethyst Rose[2] was our second child, stillborn August 4th, 1990. Her memorial page can be found here[3].

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[2] <http://thestarport.org/suites/Starport/Family/Amethyst/>
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