

Don

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Don, I re mem ber that night at the bar; you were
You moved from town to be pret - ty boy wife to a

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blue jeaned and beard ed and tall. Shock ing blue eyes, how they
coal min er in Il lin ois. Though we both knew you were

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mag net-ized me; I was drawn from my place at the wall.
driv - en to do it, and it brought you more pain than joy.

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Whirl ing and turn - ing 'til well af ter three, 'til we knew our con nec tion could
Beer drink ing studs may be hot in the bar, but they're not much on mus ic or

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start.
art. Fun ny how lov ers and friends can grow out of a
Things that you need if you're go - ing to live out your

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dream life in a gay man's heart.
with a gay man's heart.

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You were the youth that I'd wast - ed a way and I of fered the car ing you
 in St. Lou - is and you in Chi ca go con nect as the years melt a

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craved. way. We knew just where both our chal len - ges lay and what
 You with your leath - er ad vent ures in volved, while I

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for ces we both had to brave. You had to find faith ful
 live out my ac tiv - ist days. Play ing your Bald - win pi

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love with a man who could nur ture your sen si tive part.
an o by day, while you worked ev ery night at K mart.

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Such are the mys tries of fall ing in love with a man curse with a gay man's
Work ing and long ing for what you can't have is the of the gay man's

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heart. And how bit ter - sweet to find you in the
heart. And how ter ri fy ing when

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arms of a Car bon - dale guy. And know that it
 you found lumps un der your arms. And e ven the

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had to be this way, and all we could both do was cry.
 pros pect of dy ing could not put a chink in your charm.

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You came to call in my depths of dis pair, and in dark ness you crad - led my
 You just kept on liv - ing day af ter day, and you nev er gave up on your

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head. Jim, I can nev er stop treas- ur ing you; be my
dreams. Some how I knew you were glad to be gay, though your

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friend for a life time you said. Sud den ly sum- mer ahd
life fell a part at the seams. Hos pit - al stays had be

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fad - ed to fall like a piece of im pres sion - ist art.
come the rou tine and had weak - ened your spir it ed heart.

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Such are the mem'ries and verse num ber here one of a This
Then you were gone, but you're liv ing here still in this

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son from a gay man's heart. A song from a
son from a gay man's heart. A song from a

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gay man's heart.
gay man's heart.

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