## ELEVEN

Youthful ignorance isn't an excuse;
But it's why I was a source of pain for you.
You can't see it, but I've really grown;
Because heartaches & sorrows exposed me to wisdom I wouldn't have otherwise known.
I now know nothing in this life,
can compare to the love we share.
Even if fear of being hurt,
won't let you admit that it's still there.
So I'm pouring my soul into each verse;
Hoping my truth pierces your heart,
as I release it into the universe....

I've already lost 3 lives, yet I'm holding on like I've got 9 left. Never knew when I saw him on April 1st, 2016, Eleven days later my oldest son would breathe his last breath. This as I was still trying to process his younger brother's deaths. Eleven days and eleven nights, I flooded this cell with the 11,000,000,000 tears that flowed from my eyes. My body was in a battle with my mind; As my soul & spirit became intertwined, taking me from November 27th, 2011 back to May 16th, 1999; When I was holding my Q., praying for a sign. One that would let me know I could take him home; But I had to let him go, because my baby was gone. They say God giveth and He taketh away. One year to the date, I saw a picture of His grace; As I looked at my baby girl's face. May 16th, 2000 is the day she was born. God blessed me with another gift. She simply came in a different poetic form. His death, and her life has left my heart forever torn. In a broken state I betrayed my "Misses" Giving my mistress "Her" bedroom kisses But that doesn't scratch the surface of all the foul things that I did. I A.M. a kingdom citizen, so I A.M. not into astrology; But my 3 sons & 3 daughters will eternally be stars to me!!!! To the Queen that let me be her first "Big Bang" without a "Theory". Although you thought my seed was born out of lust; You never picked a jury to bring charges against us. Yet the pain I've carried for years, constantly reminds me of your tears. Blinded by sickness, I couldn't see her true worth; So I checked out on myself, and wrongfully abandoned her. Seeing my state of mind she felt my pain more than her own. In spite of my flaws she opened her heart, and placed me atop her throne. She to me was the essence of natural beauty; Especially when sun rays kissed her face as I watched her sleep. My absence broke her down,

Dedicated to: O.A.Q. May you all forever rest in peace!!!

and forced her to be stronger than she had to be.

My Queen had to leave me, and My sons had to die.

and give us both a measure of peace.

Eleven millions times I've asked God why,

So I've been searching for eleven ways to make amends,

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