

i am not broken ...

i am not broken  
lost  
found  
abandoned  
or  
damaged

when you see my pain  
you must also see my  
heart  
my soul  
the goodness that is me  
the will  
the resilience  
that has always been

no one  
no thing  
has ever touched  
the god-ness  
that resides in me

this god-ness  
creates songs  
and poems  
and loves without thought of cost  
or pain or loss

this goodness  
gets up every morning  
and puts one foot  
in front of the other  
in front of the other  
and welcomes the sun  
and goes to bed each night  
under the comfort of the moon

i am not broken ... *(continued)*

this goodness  
breathed life into children  
sings laughter into grandchildren  
and touches the lives  
of countless friends

i am not your absolution from guilt  
nor a window for you to be a voyeur  
seeking  
your own forgiveness

i will not allow anyone  
to define my existence  
by my past pain

my laughter  
warmth  
love  
passion  
my will to live  
defines who i am

i live my life knowing the best revenge is joy

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