

# ***The Real Ones***

The Collective



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## ***The Real Ones: Stories in Poems***

### **Introduction:**

Welcome. We are *The Real Ones*. Life is like a puzzle made of moments—some joyful, some challenging, and some that leave us thinking deeply about who we are. Poems take these moments and turn them into powerful words that connect with the heart and mind.

*The Real Ones* is a collection of poems about loyalty, dreams, love, and the everyday choices that define us. These poems speak to friendships, family, and the goals we chase, showing how our actions shape our future. They remind us that life is short, and every moment counts.

For those facing tough times or finding their way, these poems offer hope, reflection, and inspiration. They encourage us to live with purpose, appreciate the bonds we share, and leave a lasting legacy. Step into *The Real Ones* and discover powerful words written to inspire you to rise above and make your mark on the world.

# ***1 AM***

## **I Am**

Active and full of energy,

My kite, bright red in the sky.

Kite soaring high above the others

Unique, that's who I am.

- A.A

**I Am**

I see myself differently

as a versatile, noteful, expandable person.

I'm thankful for my optimism.

- D.D.B

**I Am**

I'm so nice every day.

I create new events, plays, and that's the truth,

Just like James St. Patrick.

- N.V

## **I Am**

I am super active.

I help people elevate themselves.

I'm eager and decent when it comes to action.

- S.M

## *Values and Loyalty*

### **The Hard Knock Life & Values**

It's the hard knock life,

Money changes everything,

Everything is everything.

Even if I had money, I still wouldn't have everything.

Family first, I love 'em,

But I need loyalty over anything.

- *D.D.B*

## **Relationships & Loyalty**

I love a respectful, loyal type of relationship

People I shouldn't have to worry about for anything.

- *D.D.B*

## **Love & Loyalty Through Action**

What a man thinks about love and loyalty

Will show in his actions, not his dreams.

Love and loyalty are shown in actions,

Not dreams. A man can't just think it.

- *D.D.B*

## **Love and Loyalty**

Love and loyalty

Are shown in actions,

Not dreams.

- *S.M.*

## **Brotherhood**

Me and my brothers  
Been through hell,  
But that stuff was fun.

- *S.M.*

# ***Dreams***

## **Dreams and Work Ethic**

Dream it, chase it, live it.

The work isn't paid off till I get it.

- *D.D.B*

## **Time to Chase Dreams**

My time on earth is limited,

So I gotta keep chasing my dreams

Before it's too late.

- *S.M.*

## ***Life's Journey and Actions***

### **My Time on Earth**

My time on earth is limited,

Which is why I don't stay stuck on the past.

- *N.V.*

## **Living Without Limit**

My time on earth is limited,

So I'll live it without limit.

- *D.D.B*

## **Life's Journey**

Life is a journey,

So we live and learn.

- *S.M.*

## **Truth in the Dark**

What happens in the dark

Comes up to the light,

So I'm not even worried,

Because the truth gonna shine bright.

- *S.M.*

## **Action**

Actions always stand out more than words,

For words can fade, but actions last.

- *N.V.*

## ***If I Ruled the World***

**If I ruled the world,**

I would fix the system, government specifically.

If I also ruled the world,

I would categorize the convicted

To serve their sentence with people of similar charges.

- *D.D.B*

## ***Power & Choices***

In life, we all want to be great,  
Chasing dreams, even when things get tough.

The world keeps moving,  
And we're just trying to figure it out.  
An older friend told me to stay smart,  
His face shows the lessons he's learned,  
A reminder that it's not about chasing everything,  
But knowing when to stop and think,  
And when to rise above the rest.  
A true leader doesn't need to prove anything.  
Some people try too hard to show off,  
Thinking that's what makes them strong,  
But real strength comes from our choices  
And the mark we leave behind.

***Signed, The Collective***

