



PRESTON

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Powerful
his life packed an unforgettable punch
Short jabs, uppercuts, knockouts!
He wrestled death and won!
The victory of positivity
Eternal impact
Touching lives beyond the grave
Saving youth
PROTECTing.

He has ascended onto his heavenly perch
Wings fanning a soothing refrain
Melodies of love permeating our being
Bring us together through tears and joy
Hearts breaking
Yet precious memories explode
Master P
The heavy weight champion forever
Say hello to Ali.

R

Radiant
Earth tone melanin popping
Smile ablaze like Time Square on New Year's Eve
Beckoning the worn traveler
To the promise of adventure
Discovery,
Restoration,
and Hope
For better tomorrows
For Peace
And Love.

E

Extraordinary
an Explorer of life
Unafraid
Like fishing at South Beach at midnight
Solo transatlantic flight
Ferry rides on Nantucket Sound
Pedaling from OB to Edgartown!
Unconditional love
Fearless
Unfazed
Pushing boundaries
Defying expectations
Building bridges
Loving life.

S

Sailor
Riding ferocious seas
Undaunted
Singular focus.
Once gliding on the surface in pursuit
Of that which lives below
Limited by the cast of a net

The pitch of a rod
The reel of a line.
Now
One with living water
Such pure joy
United forever
Unlimited in reach
The treasures of the deep blue laid bare
He is one with the ocean.
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T

Tenacious
Treasure chest
Is there any game untouched
No challenge unanswered
No competition worth its stuff
Could discourage this gladiator
Not just the thrill of victory
A formidable foe
But the bonds of friendship
The sportsman's vow
The team spirit
The let's play with everything
In the here and now
The brotherhood of shared goals
The LOVE expressed.

O

Outgoing
Outrageous
There was no divide
No one was a stranger
No heart off limits
No corner unexplored
No soul unexposed
No lips fixed in Preston's presence
No mind unopened.

N

Nice
A word dismissed by many
as simple, noncommittal
Sometimes loaded
Yet it is simple and complex
Like Preston
Love is the simplest of emotions
Yet the most complex
So with much love
Respect
Admiration
And gut wrenching sadness too
We bid goodbye to you
Preston
Embracing BOTH, AND.
Cause
You
Were.
Just.
Simply.
NICE.

