The thing about time It doesn't slow down It doesn't back up It just keeps going and going

I don't want my life to be the restless hands of a clock I don't want to be constantly moving Place to place Person to person Until somebody makes it worth it to

## Stop

No I don't want to be the tireless spinning snowflake Dizzy and tumbling I don't want to be the busy worker bee Or the clock tick-tocking away

I'd rather my life be the spare time I want to be able to make it up as I go To make my own choices To shape it as I move

I want to spend my life doing what I want Spending hours with my friends Picking up a good book Writing a new story

I want to be that break That moment you just sit down And Relax

Close your eyes Hear waves crashing on sandy shores Let your mind drift away Just seafoam riding the current

Travel back Lay down in the grass Searching for constellations Calling out to shooting stars A gentle breeze A sense of wonder The rise and fall of their chest A steady heartbeat Beneath your head

Close your eyes

Because you have the time

I want to go on more adventures Feel the freedom of a summer night Unburdened and happy

When the first snowstorm hits I want that bubble The warmth of hot cocoa and cuddles And not having to go outside

I want to spend my life in that free time Spontaneous Singing in the rain Skipping in the first snowfall

The pure joy The wonder

I don't want society to cage me in I don't want to get trapped in a meaningless loop I don't want someone to take the fun away

I want to sit down with a tea And a sketchbook And draw

Take a deep breath and watch the sunrise I don't want to always be stressed about my next move

I want to take my time Breathe In and out

Relax

I want those surrounding me to know I *chose* To be by them I chose To stay up too late making them cookies I chose To drop everything to make them smile I chose Them

I want to know the value of my time And others to know it too I don't want to spend time crying Over those who never cared

I want to leap through flowered meadows And run through overgrown fields Laughing

I want those around me to stop taking me for granted Appreciate me when I'm there To give you a break from hard times

I'm done screaming when no one hears me Done forcing down tears To fake laughter Done pretending this time is not my own

I want my life to be free It is what I choose it to be Productive Silly Maybe Meaningful I'll figure it out

See, The thing about time, It doesn't slow down It doesn't back up It keeps going and going

Times will change People will change Friends will change

And I can't control that I can hope they feel my love as we drift I can pray that I'm not forgotten But I can't control time

I just control how I spend it And ya know what I'm going to make use of my spare time