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FUNERALS

Book of Verse

Miss Me – But Let Me Go

Now I have come to the end of the road

And the sun has set for me

I want no rites in a gloom filled room

Why cry for a soul set free

Miss me a little – but let me go

And not with a head bowed low

Remember the love that we once shared

Miss me – but let me go

For this is a journey that we all must take

And each must go alone

It's all a part of the Master's plan

A step on the road to home

When you are lonely and sick of heart

Go to the friends we know

And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds

Miss me – but let me go.

Each Day is a Gift

Yesterday is History.

Tomorrow is a Mystery.

Today is a Gift,

That's why it's called the Present

An Angel

An angel lived among us,
 A gift from *God/up* above.
She showered us with kindness,
 And shared with us her love.
She cherished every moment,
 With the man who was her life;
Walking hand in hand together,
 Facing life with all it's strife.
She loved her children dearly,
 Each one in a different way,
Nestled close within her heart,
 Though, now, she's far away.
She's gone to live in Heaven,
 But she's here with us today,
Smiling down on every one of us,
 And telling us she's okay.

The Gift of You

Thank you for the gift of you!
 You gave us hope by just being you.
After all the hurting and healing is through
 We'll treasure most of all the gift of you!

The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on *his/her* headstone,
from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came *his/her* date of birth
and spoke of the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
that *he/she* spent alive on earth...
and now only those who loved *him/her*
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own;
the cars....the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...
are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be arranged.

If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real,
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
and more often wear a smile...
remembering that this special dash
might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read
with your life's actions to rehash...
would you be proud of the things they
say about how you spent your dash?

The Day You Left

With tears we saw you suffer,
 As we watched you fade away.
Our hearts were almost broken,
 As you fought so hard to stay.
We knew you had to leave us,
 But you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
 The day you left for home.

A Message From Heaven

Perhaps you aren't ready yet,
 To have to say goodbye.
Perhaps you thought of things
 You wish you said, well so have I,
For one thing I would have told you
 Not to worry about me...
I'm with the Lord in Heaven now,
 You knew that's where I'd be.
I'm sorry that you're feeling sad,
 For I am happy now...
I've asked the Lord to ease your hurt,
 It's hard at the beginning,
But I know you'll make it through.
 I hope it helps you to know,
That I'll be waiting here for you.

Only The Best

A heart of gold stopped beating,

Two shining eyes at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove

He only takes the best.

God knows why you had to leave us,

But you did not go alone.

For part of us went with you,

The day He took you home.

To some you are forgotten,

To others just part of the past.

But for those who loved and lost you,

Your memory will always last.

Something Beautiful Remains

The tide recedes but leaves behind,

Bright seashells in the sand.

The sun goes down, but gentle warmth,

Still lingers on the land.

The music stops, and yet it echoes,

On in sweet refrains...

For every joy that passes,

Something beautiful remains.

His / Her Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of *him/her* as gone away

His/Her journey's just begun;

Life holds many facets –

This Earth is only one.

Just think of *him/her* as resting

From the sorrows and the tears

In a place of warmth and comfort

Where there are no days and years.

Think of how *he/she* must be wishing

That we could know today,

How nothing but our sadness

Can really pass away.

And think of *him/her* as living

In the hearts of those he/she touched...

For nothing loved is ever lost...

And *he/she* was loved so much.

A Cheeky Smile, A Heart of Gold

A cheeky smile, a heart of gold,

One of the best this world could hold.

Loving nature true and kind,

What beautiful memories you leave behind.

For those who have a *son/daughter* etc,

Love *him/her* while you can.

Because I would give the world and more,

To have mine back again.

We'll Feel You By Our Side

You are so very much a part of us,

We'll cherish and hold you near.

They say everything has a reason,

Even if right now it's not that clear.

So when we look down deep within,

We'll feel your strength inside.

And when we need to know you're close,

We'll feel you by our side.

I Did Not Die

Do not stand by my grave and weep.

I am not there I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond glints upon the snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain,

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am that swift uplifting rush,

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft star that shines at night.

Do not stand by my grave and cry,

I am not there, I did not die.

We Speak Your Name

We speak your name with love and pride,

We smile through tears we try to hide.

Thank you *Mum/Dad/Name* for the time we shared,

The love you gave and the way you cared

You left a place no other can fill,

We miss you *Mum/Dad/Name* and always will

One At Rest

Think of me as one at rest, for me you should not weep.

I have no pain no troubled thoughts for I am just asleep.

The living thinking me that was is now forever still

And life goes on without me as time forever will

If your heart is heavy now because I've gone away

Dwell not long upon it friend for none of us can stay.

Those of you who liked me, I sincerely thank you all

And those of you who loved me, I thank you most of all.

For in my fleeting life span as time went rushing by

I found some time to hesitate, to laugh, to love, to cry.

Matters it now if time began, if time will ever cease?

I was here, I used it all..... and now I am at peace.

Traditional Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Come With Me

The Lord saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around you
And whispered 'Come with me.'
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Your beautiful smile at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove
He always takes the best.

It's lonesome here without you,
We miss you so each day.
Our lives just aren't the same
Ever since you went away.
When days are sad and lonely
And everything goes wrong,
We hear you gently whisper,
'Cheer up and carry on.'
Each time we see your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
'Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping,
We'll meet again someday.'

You Never Said Goodbye

You never said I'm leaving,
 You never said goodbye.
You were gone before I knew it,
 And nobody knows why.
So many times I needed you,
 So many times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
 You never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly,
 In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place ,
 That no other could ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you,
 But you didn't go alone.
For part of me went with you,
 The day God took you home.

Time

Time is too slow for those who wait
 Too swift for those who fear
Too long for those who grieve
 Too short for those who rejoice
But for those who love – Time is eternity

Perhaps (A Thank-you)

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers,
If so we saw them there.
Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words,
As any friend would say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts
We thank you so very much,
Whatever the part.

In Memoriam

I hold it true whatever befall,
I feel it when I sorrow most.
It is better to have loved and lost,
Then to have never loved at all.

He/She is Gone

You can shed tears that *he/she* is gone,
Or you can smile because *he/she* lived,
You can close your eyes
and pray that *he/she* will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that *he/she* has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see *him/her*
Or you can be full of the love that you shared,
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember *him/her* and only that *he/she* is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on,
You can cry and close your mind be empty and turn your
back, Or you can do what *he/she* would want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

The Journey

*Don't think of Lynne as gone away –
Her journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets –
This earth is only one.*

*Just think of her as resting
From the challenges of the years
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days, no years.*

*Think how she must be wishing
That we could know, today,
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.*

*And think of her as living
In the hearts of those he touched.
For nothing is ever lost,
And Lynne was loved so much.*

The Journey's End

*When a person reaches advanced age
After having lived a full life,
Dying becomes almost as natural
As the picking of a ripe apple
Or the falling of a brightly coloured leaf in autumn.
The harvest has been gathered in,
The journey ended,
The story told.
Life's tasks finished
And neatly bound together like a sheaf of wheat.
There is a roundness about a person's life,
A sense of completion and fulfillment;
And while there is sadness in **him/her** leaving us,
There is a sense of worth and achievement,
So much so,
That the funeral becomes a celebration;
He/She is with us today as **he/she** will always be.*

A Beautiful Journey

*They say it's a beautiful journey
From the old world to the new
Someday we'll take that journey
Up the staircase that leads to you
And when we reach that garden
Where all are free from pain
We'll put our arms around you
And we'll never part again.*

Angel On My Shoulder

There's an Angel on my shoulder and I know it must be you,
A whisper in my ear from a voice I always knew.
Sometimes a gentle breeze, where it never should have been,
You let me know you're with me from a place where time
begins.
A touch when no one's there, a flicker in my eye,
A rainbow where a storm had been, in a dark and rolling sky.
I know you are my angel, and your heart goes on in me
Your love shines down around me from a place I cannot see.
Some may think I'm crazy, some may not believe,
But I can feel your spirit, I know you'll never leave.
Your wings wrap me in warmth, your halo shows me light,
Your whispers keep me safe, in the darkness of the night.
It really does not matter,
That no one else can see.
Just like in the days before,
It is always you and me.

Because Of You

Because of you,

The world is a much nicer place.

Because of you,

I have faith in the human race.

Because of you,

I know what it means to love unconditionally.

Because of you,

I know what it means to give unselfishly.

Because of you,

I believe in magic and mystery and worlds unseen.

Because of you,

There is joy - wherever you are and have ever been.

And all because of you!

The Ode

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Lest we forget

Memories of The Heart

Feel no guilt in laughter,
 He/She knows how much you care.
Feel no sorrow in a smile
 That *he's/she's* not here to share.

You cannot grieve forever,
 He/She would not want you to.
He'd hope that you would carry on
 The way you always do.

So talk about the good times
 And the ways you showed you cared.
The days you spent together,
 All the happiness you shared.

Let the memories surround you,
 A word someone may say
Will suddenly recapture
 A time, an hour, a day.

That brings *him/her* back as clearly
 As though he were still here,
And fills you with the feelings
 That he is always near.

For if you keep those memories
 You will never be apart
And *he/she* will live forever
 Locked safe within your heart

I Will Be There

If I go while you're still here...

Know that I live on.

Vibrating to a different measure,

Behind a thin veil you cannot see through.

You will not see me,

So you must have faith.

I wait for the time when we can soar together again

Both aware of each other.

Until then, live life to its fullest,

And when you need me,

Just whisper my name in your heart

... I will be there

A Sunrise for Each Sunset

There is a sunrise for each sunset,

And for each night of sorrow.

There is an ending as the new day dawns,

On the horizon called tomorrow.

Don't cry because *he/she* has gone,

But smile because *he/she* was here.

Stairway

If tears could build a stairway
 And memories make a lane,
We would walk right up to Heaven
 To bring you home again.
No farewell words were spoken
 No time to say Good-bye.
You were gone before we knew it.
 And only God knows why.
Our hearts, they ache in sadness
 And secret tears still flow.
What it meant to lose you,
 No one will ever know.
You are with the Angels
 High in your heavenly home,
We would have held you closer,
 If we had only known.

Wonder, Hope, Wish

I sit here and wonder, what it is that I can do,

 If I had one more day just to spend it all with you.

Would we talk for hours and say all we never said, or

 Would we hold each other gently and wait until the end.

It's hard to sit and wonder, when it plays upon your mind,

 Just what it would have been like, if we knew there was
not much time.

I wonder what you're doing, and if your thinking of us here,

 I wonder if you see us, I wonder if you're near.

I hope you find the answers, to the questions that you seek,

 I hope you find contentment in the answers you receive.

I spent a lifetime walking, in the shadows of my mind,

 I wish I hadn't wasted all of that precious time.

I wished for you to be here, and wished it wasn't true,

 One day we'll be together and then we'll talk it
through.

But until then I wonder, what it is that I would do,

 If I had one more day just to spend it all with you.

Nothing Ever Really Dies

Nothing ever really dies that is not born anew,
The miracle of nature all tell us this is true.
The flowers sleeping peacefully beneath the winters snow
Awaken from their icy grave when spring winds start to blow
And little brooks and singing streams ice-bound beneath the snow
Begin to babble merrily beneath the sun's warm glow.
And all around on every side, new life and joy appear
To tell us nothing ever dies and we should have no fear,
For death is just a detour along life's winding way
That leads God's chosen children to a bright and glorious day.

Memories and Peace

Why smile in such sadness?
It's because of the memories of laughter shared in the past.
The humour of life, the fun and the joy,
The reminiscences certain to last.
Why relief in such sadness?
It's because there is peace, with no more chance of pain.
No one can hurt, nor take away
There will never be fear again.

We Only Wanted You

They say memories are golden

Well maybe that is true.

We never wanted memories,

We only wanted you.

A million times we needed you,

A million times we've cried.

If love alone could have saved you

You never would have died.

In life we loved you dearly,

In death we love you still.

In our hearts you hold a place

No one can ever fill.

If tears could build a stairway

And heartache make a lane,

We'd walk the path to heaven

To bring you back again.

Our family chain is broken,

And nothing seems the same.

But as God calls us one by one,

The chain will link again.

Seashell

Loving friends be wise and dry,
 Straight away every weeping eye.
What you left upon the brier,
 Is not worth a single tear.
'Tis a simple seashell,
 Out of which the pearl is gone.
The shell was nothing, leave it there,
 The pearl, the soul, was all, is here.

A Life Worth Living

For me – to have made one soul
 The better for my birth;
To have added but one flower
 To the garden of the Earth.
To have struck one blow for truth,
 In the daily fight with lies;
To have done one deed for right,
 In the face of scorn;
To have sown in the souls of men,
 One thought that will not die;
And to have been a link in the chain of life
 Remember me, for I have lived!

To Those Whom I Love, and to Those Who Love Me

When I am gone release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You must not tie yourself to me with tears,

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess,

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,

But now it is time I travelled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It is only for a while that we must part,

So bless the memories within your heart.

I will not be far away for life goes on,

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near,

Then if you listen with your heart, you will hear

All my love around you, soft and clear.

Then when you come this way alone,

I will greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home!"

Life Does Proceed

Life does proceed when a loved one leaves,
 But it's difficult for us, who are left to grieve.
We'll pick ourselves up and try again,
 We'll make an effort to function again.
It won't be easy, as we well know,
 But we won't give up, the change has made us grow.
We loved *him/her* so much and fate was unkind,
 He/She went away first, he/she left us behind.
The pain in our hearts, will remain yet a while,
 But yesterday's gone, tomorrow we'll smile.

How Do I Love Thee

When I must leave you here a while,
 Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you through the years.
 But start out bravely with a gallant smile,
And for my sake and in my name,
 Live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
 But fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
 And I in turn will comfort and hold you near.
And never, never be afraid to die,
 For I will be waiting for, on that you can rely.

Now That I'm Gone

Now that I am gone,

Remember me with smiles and laughter.

If you need to cry,

Cry with your brother or sister

Who walks in grief beside you.

And when you need me,

Put your arms around someone

And give to them what you need to give to me.

There are so many who need so much.

I want to leave you something

Much better than words or sounds.

Look for me in the people I've known

Or helped in some special way.

Let me live in your heart

As well as in your mind.

You can love me most

By letting your love reach out to our loved ones,

By embracing them and living in their love.

Love does not die, people do.

So, when all that's left of me is love,

Give me away as best you can.

Moving On ...

You can shed tears that *he/she* is gone
Or you can smile because *he/she's* lived

You can close your eyes and pray *he/she'll* come back,
Or you can see all the good *he/she's* left behind

Your heart can be empty because you can't see *him/her*,
Or your heart can be full because of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live for yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember *him/her* and only that *he/she* has gone,
Or you can cherish *his/her* memory, and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back

Or you can do what (*name of person*) would want.....
Smile, open your mind, live and go on.

Peace My Heart

Peace, my heart, let the time for the parting be sweet.

Let it not be a death but completeness.

Let love melt into memory and pain into songs.

Let the flight through the sky end

in the folding of the wings over the nest.

Let the last touch of your hands be gentle

like the flower of the night.

Stand still, O Beautiful End, for a moment,

and say your last words in silence.

I bow to you and hold up my lamp to light you on your way.

Never Alone

I feel you in the morning

When at first I awake

Your thought is with me

With each decision I make

You'd been around forever

Since the first breath I took

Now I have to go on alone

But for love, I need not look

Cause by what you bestowed

In our short time together

Will last in my heart

Forever and ever

Although you've left

And now walk above

I'm never alone

I'm wrapped in your love

Enjoy now your long waited reward

Feel peace that your love continues on

What was taught to me, will be taught to mine

Cause you live on in me even after you've gone

My Dear loved ones,

These words I wish to say.

I'm home up here in Heaven
And here is where I'll stay.

My pain and struggle is over;
I'll rest in peace today.

Although I know you'll grieve for me,
Be strong, it's going to be O.K.

I'm in my eternal home
Where there's everlasting light.

I'm in the arms of loved ones,
Holding me so tight.

Please try to carry on your life
With me inside your heart.

Someday you'll be rewarded
And we'll never have to part.

I'm glad we had so many years
Together you and I.

You filled my life with happiness
And gave me wings to fly.

Just keep your faith; believe my words,
You'll see the morning light.

And know that I am with you
Every morning, noon and night.

We Will Remember

May the winds of love blow softly
and whisper for you to hear.
That we will love and remember you
and forever keep you near.

Our hearts ache with sadness
Our secret tears will flow
For what it means to lose you
No-one will ever know.

Memory Lane

There is a place in every heart,
 They call it Memory Lane,
Where thoughts of loved ones lost
 Forever will remain.
God made this special place
 When He first created man,
For He knew it would be needed,
 As part of our life's plan.
He knew when loved ones left us,
 We'd need some time to heal,
To come to terms with sorrow
 And the loneliness we'd feel.
So when you lose a loved one
 And your life is filled with pain,
The comfort of their presence
 Will be found in Memory Lane.

God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you, and whispered
"Come With Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you, slowly fade away,
Although we loved you dearly, we would not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Your Life was Full of Loving Deeds

Your life was full of loving deeds
Forever thoughtful of our special needs,
Today and tomorrow,
Our whole life through,
We will always love and cherish you.

In Our Hearts

*We thought of you with love today
But that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday
And days before that too
We think of you in silence
We often speak your name
Now all we have is memories
And your picture in a frame
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
Our love for you is unending
For we have you in our hearts.*

Should You Go First

Should you go first and I remain to walk the road alone,
I'll live in memories' garden, dear, with happy days we've known.
In spring, I'll watch for roses red when fades the lilac blue.
In early fall when brown leaves call, I'll catch a glimpse of you.

Should you go first and I remain for battles to be fought,
Each thing you've touched along the way will be a hallowed spot.
I'll hear your voice; I'll see your smile.
Though blindly I may grope, the memory of your helping hand.....
will buoy me on with hope.

Should you go first and I remain to finish with the scroll
No lengthening shadows shall creep in - to make this life seem droll.
We've known so much happiness. We've had our cup of joy.
But memory is one gift of God - that death cannot destroy.

Should you go first and I remain, one thing I'd have you do.
Walk slowly down that long, long path, for soon I'll follow you...

I want to know each step you take, that I may walk the same;
For some day down that lonely road, you'll hear me call your name.

I'm Still Here

Please don't mourn for me,
I'm still here, though you don't see.
I'm right by your side each night and day
And within your heart I long to stay.

My body is gone but I'm always near.
I'm everything you feel, see and hear.
My spirit is free but I'll never depart,
As long as you keep me alive in your heart.

I'll never wander out of your sight.
I'm the brightest star on a warm summer night.
I'll never go beyond your reach.
I'm the warm moist sand when you're at the beach.

I'm the colourful leaves when winter comes round
And the pure white snow that blankets the ground.
I'm the beautiful flowers of which you're so fond.
The clear cool water in a quiet pond.

I'm the first bright blossom you see in the spring.
The first shiny raindrop that storm clouds bring.
I'm the first ray of light when the sun starts to shine
And you'll see that the face in the moon is mine.

When you start thinking there's no one to love you,
Talk to me and I will listen.
I'll whisper my answer through the leaves on the trees
And you'll feel my presence in the soft summer breeze.

I'm the hot salty tears that flow when you weep
And the beautiful dreams that come while you sleep.
I'm the smile you see on a stranger's face.
Just look for me...
I'm everywhere.

Gone From My Sight

I am standing upon the seashore.

A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze, and starts for the blue ocean.

She is an object of beauty and strength,

I stand and watch her at length

She hangs like a speck of white cloud

Just where the sea and sky come together.

Then someone at my side say;

“There, she is gone!”

“Gone Where?”

Gone from my sight, that is all.

She is just as large in mast and hull

As spar as she was when she left my side

And she is just as able to bear her freight

To her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not her.

And just at the moment when someone says, “There, she is gone!” there are others watching her coming,

And other voices ready to take up the glad shout;

“Here she comes!”

And that is dying.

Fearless And Ready To Go

Dear ones, there's something you

Need to know;

Death has knocked upon my door -

And I am ready to go.

I have no strength left within

Me to stay and fight,

And I have no desire to - now

I've seen the light.

For the light of death is brighter

Than the light of day,

And death's sweet voice is calling

Me - calling me away.

So dear ones, very soon I know

That you will weep,

As my body falls into a peaceful sleep.

But read these words I've written

Once again, and you will see,

I welcome death with loving arms -

It holds no fear for me.

Don't Cry

Don't cry any more tears for me.

I am at peace. I'm finally free.

Like the eagle in the sky,

I am soaring. So, please don't cry.

I know you love me. I love you, too.

But, my time was over;

Was finally through.

I have ascended

To a better place,

Which is not confined

By time or space.

To those that loved me,

I did not fall.

I only succumbed

To a higher call.

Do not mourn me.

I am with you still.

I'll be with you always,

From dawn.....until.

After Glow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo, whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times, And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun.
Of happy memories that I leave when my life is done.

The Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, grant me the serenity to accept
 The things I cannot change.
The courage to change things I can,
 And the wisdom to know the difference.

Farewell to you

Farwell to you, and the youth I have spent with you,
 It was but yesterday we met in a dream.
But let me figure in your daily talk,
 Tell of my loves and joys, of how we used to laugh
That way you will keep me in your memory,
 That is my hope of immortality.

Gone Fishing

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,
 So put me on a boat and send me out to sea.
Please send along my fishing pole,
 For I've been invited to the fishing hole.
Where every day is a day to fish,
 To fill your heart with every wish.
Don't worry or feel sad for me,
 I am fishing with the master of the sea.
We will miss each other for a while,
 But you will come and bring your smile.
That won't be long you will see,
 Until we're together again, you and me.
To all those that think of me,
 Be happy as I go out to sea.
If others wonder why I'm missing,
 Just tell them I've 'Gone Fishing'.

A Fisherman's Prayer

God, grant that I may live and fish
until my dying day,
And when it comes to my last cast
I then most humbly pray,
When in the Lord's safe landing net
I'm peacefully asleep,
That in His mercy I be judged
as good enough to keep.

Remember

Remember me with a smile

Now my life on this earth is done.

My dreams have all been fulfilled

And a new life has just begun.

Remember me with a smile

When grief may cause you to weep.

One day we will laugh once again

When our Heavenly meeting we keep.

Let's be thankful we shared precious love,

Keep the memories warm for a while,

Let them bring peace to your heart

And remember me - with a smile.

We Shed A Tear

We shed a tear for your tomorrow

That now you will never know

We shed a tear for your yesterdays

And the fears you could not show

We shed a tear for our today's

As we offer you goodbye

We shed our tears of sorrow

As we let your spirit fly

Be contented in your journey.

Without You

It's lonely here without you,
 We miss you more each day,
For life is not the same to us,
 Since you were called away.

Your resting place we visit,
 Place flowers there with care,
But no one knows our heartache,
 When we turn to leave you there.

Just Think Of Me

Just think of me, and I'll be there,
 I'm always around, I'm everywhere,
I'm in your dreams when you sleep,
 I hear your cries when you weep,
Don't be sad, wear a smile on your face,
 All my sufferings in a better place,
I've left this world, my bodies gone,
 But in your hearts my soul lives on,
I know you'll grieve and suffer pain
 But one day soon we'll be together again.

The Master's Bouquet

The Master walked in His garden,
 Plucking flowers along the way;
He plucked one of our loved ones,
 To add to his bouquet.
My heart at first was broken,
 At the loss of one so dear;
But the tears I shed just washed my eyes,
 So I saw his way more clear.
He has a need for just this one,
 For the pattern in his mind;
But it's hard for the rest of us to see,
 Why we must be left behind.
Perhaps we are not ready to go just yet,
 We may need to ripen more,
To reach the full blown fragrance,
 The Lord is waiting for.
To each, give forth a fragrance,
 To each we chance to meet.
We should be trying day by day,
 To make our fragrance sweet.
So I'm going to try my very best
 To be loving and kind each day,
So at last I'll be worthy
 To be part of the Master's bouquet.

If I Should Go Tomorrow

If I should go tomorrow

It would never be goodbye,

For I have left my heart with you,

So don't you ever cry.

The love that's deep within me

Shall reach you from the stars.

You'll feel it from the Heavens,

And it will heal the scars.

Serenity Prayer

God grant me Serenity

To accept the things I cannot change,

Courage to change the things I can,

And Wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,

Enjoying one moment at a time,

Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,

Not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make all things right

If I surrender to His will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life

And supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

Footprints

One night a man had a dream.
He dreamed he was walking
along the beach with the Lord.
Across the sky flashed scenes
from his life,
for each scene,
he noticed two sets of footprints
in the sand, one belonging to him
the other to the Lord.
When the last scene of his life
flashed before him,
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.
He noticed that many times
along the path of his life
there were only one set of footprints.
He also noticed that it happened
at the very lowest
and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him
and he questioned the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said that once I decided
to follow you,
you would walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed
that during the most troublesome times
in my life there is only one set of footprints.
I do not understand why when I needed you most
you would leave me?"

The Lord replied
"My precious child, I love you and
I would never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering
when you see only one set of footprints
it was then that I carried you.

23rd Psalm - King James Version

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name' sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: For thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou annointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

I Thought Of You With Love

I thought of you with love today
But that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday
And days before that too
I think of you in silence
I often speak your name
All I have are memories and
Your picture in a frame
Your memory is my keepsake
With which I'll never part
God has you in His keeping
I have you in my heart.

Take Some Time

Take some time to smell the flowers as you walk the paths of life.

Take some time to ease the tensions from the challenges and strife.
Take some time to hear the birds sing as they usher in the dawn.
Though the day be just emerging, too soon it will be gone.

Take some time to watch a sunrise, now and then a sunset too.

Just be sure that seeking pleasure isn't all you ever do.
Take some time to count your blessings, though you feel they're not that great.
You will find they're more abundant than you thought, at any rate.

Take some time to banish hatred when and where you can.

Just detest man's evil ways and not your fellow man.
Take some time to love your children every moment you are free.
The benefits far exceed a University degree.

Take some time to love your neighbour and even more important still,

Take some time to love yourself or not many others will.
And if you don't like that image of yourself that others see,
Take some time to make some changes, be the best that you can be.

Take some time to help another who you think might need a hand.

You will find the satisfaction leaves you feeling sort of grand.
Take some time to live by virtue in the best way that is known,
And respect the rights of others as equal to your own.

Take some time to just appreciate the fact that you are here,

And to know that Higher Power and to trust It without fear.
If you do these things with diligence you will eventually be glad.
If you don't attempt to do them, you may one day wish you had.

Although this no doubt could impose upon your time for seeking wealth,

There should be little question that it could improve your health.
And though you might not be as wealthy nor drive so fine a car,
You'll find you will be richer in other ways by far.

Birthdays In Heaven

Birthdays in heaven are a wonderful site
Where generations of family once again unite.
Nothing on earth can ever compare
to the sounds of the angels singing
"Happy Birthday My Dear!"

We gather together with our family and friends
And circle the world with love once again.
We know that you miss us and we want you to know
that birthdays up here are not much different than below.

For we have cake with candles and one wish we always make
That your heart will know love and will never again ache.
So tonight go outside and count the stars in the sky
for as I blow out my candles they will flicker up high.

And as this is happening you'll know deep in your heart
That Heaven and Earth aren't really that far apart!

Our Special Place In Heaven

There's a special place in Heaven

That's reserved for you and I,

A special little place in our

Home up in the sky.

If God calls me to Heaven

And I reach it before you do,

I promise I'll take care of it the

Way you'd want me to.

I will keep it warm and tidy -

The way you like a home to be,

And I'll brighten it with Heaven's

Flowers, angels' songs and poetry.

You'll Always Be There

You never asked for very much, though much was asked of you.

You always were relied upon, your love was tried and true.

As Wife, Mother, Nanna and friend, you've done more than your share.

We know that whatever life holds in our hearts, you'll always be there.

Two Hearts

Two hearts we were as one on Earth,
Two hearts that were entwined,
My love for you was ever strong,
Now you live inside my mind.

Your lovely life just slipped away,
That life so full of zest!
Your twinkling eyes got weary,
Your beating heart took rest.

I know you've gone to Heaven,
From Earth you slipped away,
But faith in you my dearest Lord
Keeps me strong each day.

Two hearts once beat together,
Now one beats all alone.
I know one day we'll meet Dear Lord,
The day you call me home.

Rest In Peace

You are not forgotten my love nor will you ever be.
As long as life and memory last, your soul will live in me.

I'll miss you now my heart is sore.
As time goes by I'll miss you more.

Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.

Soul Journey

Beautiful are memories of a moonlit night with you,
 The spark of love we lit and all the world felt new.
My heart told me I'd known you, in times so long ago,
 Something deep inside me had set my soul aglow.
Soul-mates re-united, bound by the ties of past,
 Through each and every age this perfect love will last.
So at our journey's end and the time has come to part,
 An endless cord of love will link us heart to heart.

That Wonderful Mother of Mine

The moon never beams without bringing me dreams

Of that wonderful mother of mine.

The birds never sing but a message they bring

Of that wonderful mother of mine.

Just to bring back the time, that was so sweet to me,

Just to bring back the days, when I sat on her knee.

I pray every night to our Father above,

For that wonderful mother of mine.

I ask Him to keep her as long as He can

That wonderful mother of mine.

There are treasures on earth, that made life seem worthwhile,

But there's none can compare to my mother's smile.

You are a wonderful mother, dear old Mother of mine.

You'll hold a spot down deep in my heart,

'Till the stars no longer shine.

Your soul shall live on forever,

On through the fields of time.

For there'll never be another to me,

Like that wonderful Mother of mine.

Mum

I hope I've made you proud dear Mum

For there will never be another.

Cause there is no love greater,

Than a child has for their Mother.

Dearest Mum

Memories unfold as we think of you,

A real mum, through and through.

You suffered in silence everyday,

An illness that would not go away.

But now you have no more pain

For God's loving arms have healed you again.

Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,

A mother who never grows old;

He made her smile of the sunshine,

And He moulded her heart of pure gold;

In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,

In her cheeks fair roses you see;

God made a wonderful mother,

And He gave that dear mother to me.

Mother's Hands

Hands that rocked the cradle

From the moment of my birth,

Their tender touch remembered

By those still here on Earth.

Soft as silk those hands

That taught me how to pray,

Banishing childhood fears;

They soothed each one away.

When I grew much older

And troubles came my way,

Those hands caressing mine

Did more than words could say.

Mother's hands were gentle,

They're missed so very much,

I'd give the world to feel once more

Their warm and tender touch.

Those hands were full of comfort

Now they lie at rest,

But memories holds them close

To the ones they served the best.

Farewell, Dear Mother

Somewhere in my heart, beneath all my grief and pain,
Is a smile I still wear at the sound of your dear name.
The precious word is 'MOTHER', she was my world, you see,
But now my heart is breaking cause she's no longer here with me.
God chose her for His angel, to watch me from above,
To guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved.
The day she had to leave me, her life on earth was through,
But God had better plans for her, for this, I surely knew.
When I think of her kind heart and all those loving years,
My memories surround me and I can't hold back the tears.
She truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in,
She always had a tender touch, and a warm and gentle grin.
I want to thank you Mother, for teaching me so well,
Even though the time has come, that I must bid you this farewell.
I'll remember all you've taught me, and make you proud, you'll see.
Thank you my Dear Mother, for all the love you showed me.
Although you've left this earth, and now you've taken flight,
I know that you are here with me, each morning, noon and night.

A Mother's Message From Heaven

I see you my darlings, all the time,
I know everything you do.
Would you believe, my dearest children
I'm even closer now to you!

I can see inside your minds,
Indeed, inside your hearts,
I even know you better now,
Than I did before, sweethearts.

I've always loved you - you know that,
But maybe now I love you more,
I love the adults that you've become,
Just as I loved the child before.

I know how much you miss me,
Well, I surely miss you, too.
I miss our talking and our laughing,
And all we used to do.
Whether you are six or sixty,
You'll always be my precious child.
You're the babies that I carried
And the adults that helped me smile.
What you need to understand,
Though death has taken me away,
Is that I've not left you, my darlings.
I am still with you today.
My family, I could never leave you;
God, of course, would not want that.
Physically, we are apart,
But our hearts are still attached.
I love you all the time,
You cannot get away from me.
That's the way a Mother is
Right until eternity.
Every day I'm with you
I see you from above,
And I want for you to know
How very much you're dearly loved.

What Makes A Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,
 The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
 The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
 The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
 The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
 The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
 The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
 When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
 And so, He called it ... 'DAD!'

Our Dear Dad

Although we are apart now

 You're always in our hearts,

In every single thing we do,

 You play the biggest part.

When we have to make decisions

 And we don't know what to do,

Our thoughts, we find

 Will go right back to you.

We think of how you'd handle it

 And try to work it out,

It's at times like this we'll really miss

 Having you about.

Not only for this reason

 When things are going bad,

There's a million different reasons

 Why we'll miss you Dad.

Memories of Dad

I will take this special moment
 To turn my thoughts to Dad
Thank him for the home he gave
 For all the things we had.

We think about the fleeting years
 Too quickly, gone for good
It seems like only yesterday
 I'd go back if I could.

A time when Dad was always there,
 No matter what the weather.
Always strong when things went wrong
 He held our lives together.

He strived so hard from day to day
 And never once complained.
With steady hands, he worked so hard
 And kept the family name.

He taught us that hard work pays off,
 You reap just what you sow.
He said that if you tend your crops,
 Your field will overflow.

My life has been bountiful
 He taught me how to give
In his firm and steadfast way
 He taught me how to live.

Dad dwells among the angels now
 He left us much too soon
He glides across a golden field
 Above the harvest moon.

I see him in the summer rain,
 He rides upon the wind
And when my path is beaten down
 He picks me up again.

I'll Fly Away

Has it been that long

 Since I sat upon your knee?

You sang to me so sweetly.

 I hugged you happily.

Your voice was so strong,

 As you spoke to me that day.

You talked about Heaven.

 You said, 'Soon, I'll fly away.'

I never really understood

 Just what you tried to say.

I only knew I loved you.

 I didn't want you to go away.

'Daddy loves you, honey'

 Was the last thing you said to me.

At once I understood those words

 And wondered why I didn't see.

On the morning, when his life was done,

 My Daddy flew away,

But I know his love will stay with me,

 Forever and a day.

A Silent Tear

Just close your eyes, and you will see
All the memories that you have, of me.
Just sit and relax and you will find
I'm really still there, inside your mind.
Don't cry for me, now I am gone,
for I am in the land of song.
There is no pain, there is no fear,
So dry away that silent tear.
Don't think of me in the dark and cold,
For here I am, no longer old.
I'm in that place that's filled with love,
Known to you all as "UP ABOVE".

A Young Life Cut Short

Do not judge a biography by its length,
Nor by the number of page sin it.
Judge it by the richness of its contents
Sometimes those unfinished are among the most poignant...
Do not judge a song by its duration
Nor by the number of its notes
Judge it by the way it touches and lifts the soul
Sometimes those unfinished are among the most beautiful
And when something has enriched your life
And when it's melody lingers on in your heart
Is it unfinished? Or is it endless?

Death Is Nothing At All

Death is nothing at all
I have only slipped away into the next room.

I am I, and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other,
that we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name,
speak to me in the easy way
which you always used.

Put no difference in your tone,
wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.

Let my name be ever the household word
that it always was,
let it be spoken without effect,
without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was;
there is unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind
because I am out of sight?

I am waiting for you,
for an interval, somewhere very near,
just around the corner.
All is well.

The Legacy

Give what is left of me to
my children and grand children.
If you need to cry, cry for friends
and family walking beside you.
Put your arms around anyone and
give them what you need to give to me.
I have left you with something,
something better than words or sounds,
Look for me in the people I have known and loved,
and if you cannot live without me,
Then let me live in your eyes,
your mind and your hearts.
You can love me most by letting hands
touch hands and letting go to set you free.
Love does not die, people do.
So when all that is left of me is love,
Remember me.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

Feel No Guilt In Laughter

Feel no guilt in laughter,
He knows how much you care,
Feel no sorrow in a smile that
He's not here to share.
You can not grieve forever,
He wouldn't want you to,
He'd hope that you could carry on,
The way you always do.
So talk about the good times,
And the way you showed you cared,
The days you spent together,
All the happiness you shared.
Let memories surround you,
A word someone may say
Will suddenly recapture a time,
An hour, a day that brings him back
As clearly as though he were still here,
And fills you with the feelings that he is always near.
For if you keep these moments,
You will never be apart,
And he will live forever,
locked safe within your heart.

Scottish Tribute

*I love to smell the gum leaves
And explore the great outdoors
I love to breathe the salty air
Along our golden shores*

*This country is a wonder
With a million sights to see
And I'm proud to be a part of it
For it means a lot to me.*

*Sp how on earth do I explain
To all my Aussie friends
The ache I feel within me.
For another distant land.....*

*Where Lochs glisten in the valleys
Through the heather I could roam
And the piper in the hilltop
Calls the weary wanderer home.*

*Yes, Scotland's hand still beckons,
For a wee piece of my heart.
But Australia, I feel sure
Will retain the greater part.*

*Its great to be an Aussie
Still there's one thing I can't change.....
And that's the purely Scottish blood
That's running through my veins.*

DAD

He never looks for praises
He's never one to boast
He just goes on quietly working
For those he loves the most
His dreams are seldom spoken
His wants are very few
And most of the time his worries
Will go unspoken too
He's there... A firm foundation
Through all storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold to
In times of stress and strife
A true friend we can turn to
When times are good or bad
One of our greatest blessings,
The man that we call Dad

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