

Popular Poems and Readings

A selection of readings that have proven
popular choices by our families



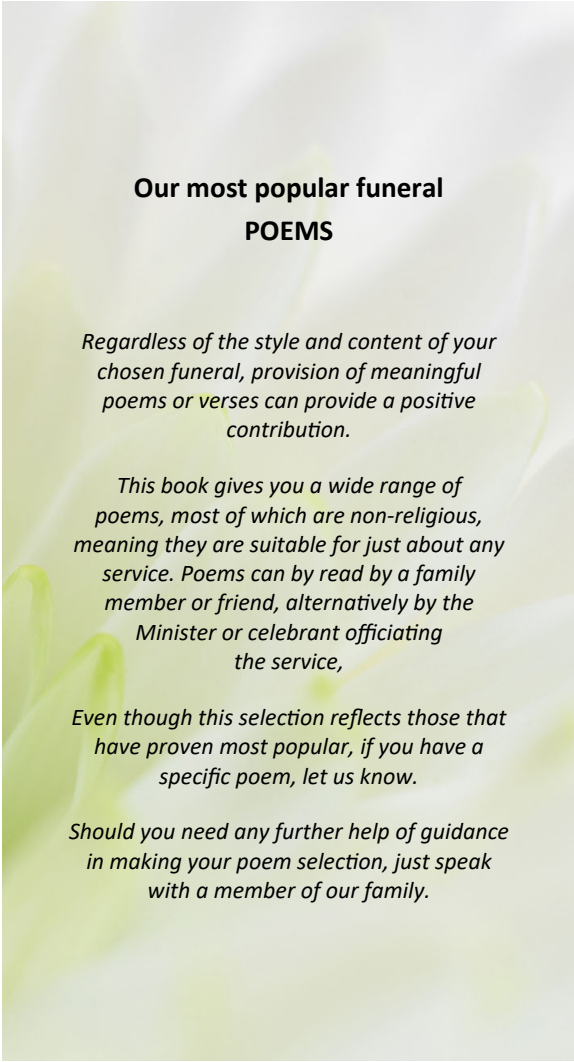
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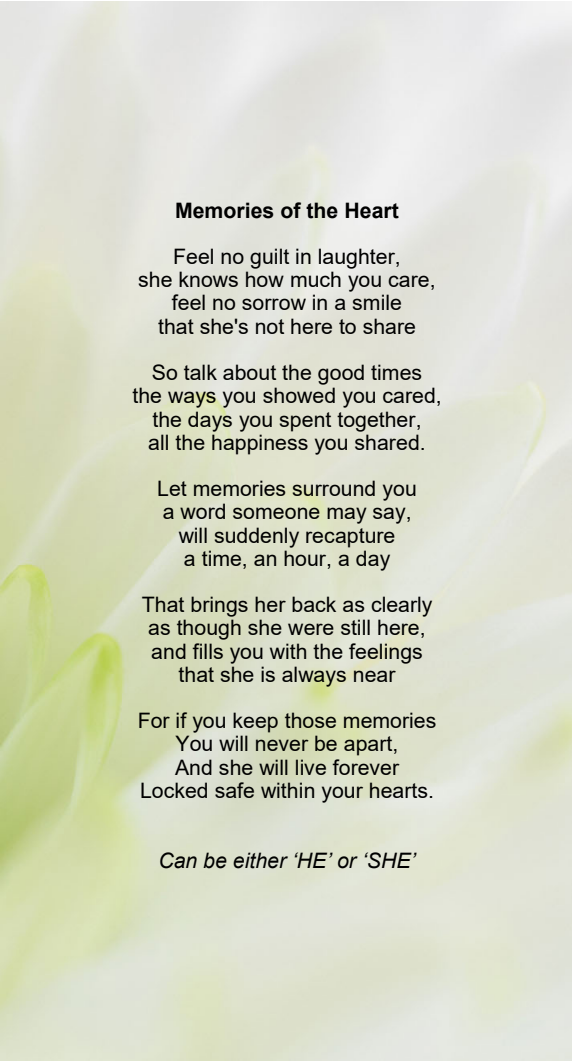
**Our most popular funeral
POEMS**

Regardless of the style and content of your chosen funeral, provision of meaningful poems or verses can provide a positive contribution.

This book gives you a wide range of poems, most of which are non-religious, meaning they are suitable for just about any service. Poems can be read by a family member or friend, alternatively by the Minister or celebrant officiating the service,

Even though this selection reflects those that have proven most popular, if you have a specific poem, let us know.

Should you need any further help of guidance in making your poem selection, just speak with a member of our family.



Memories of the Heart

Feel no guilt in laughter,
she knows how much you care,
feel no sorrow in a smile
that she's not here to share

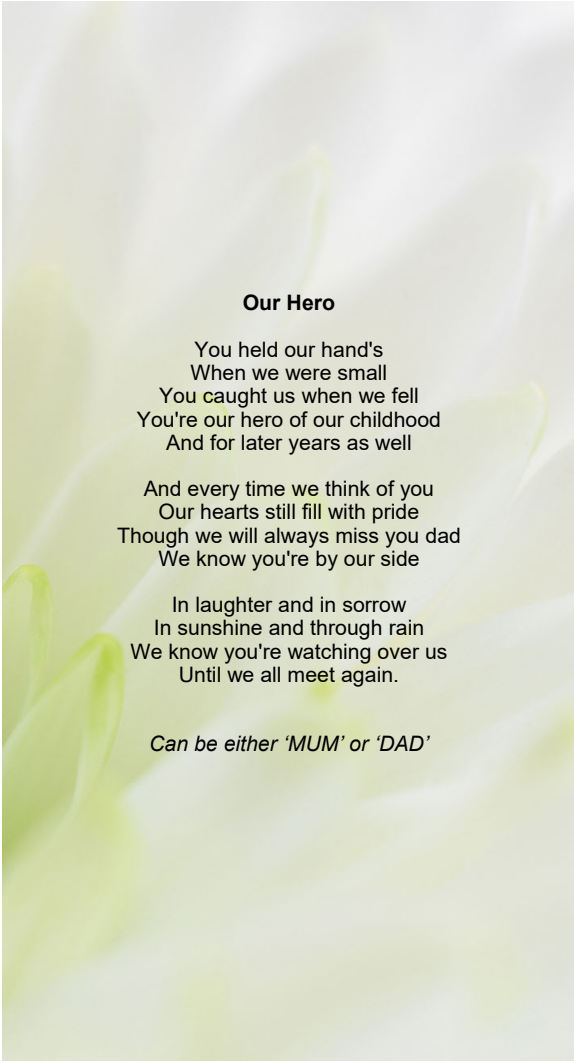
So talk about the good times
the ways you showed you cared,
the days you spent together,
all the happiness you shared.

Let memories surround you
a word someone may say,
will suddenly recapture
a time, an hour, a day

That brings her back as clearly
as though she were still here,
and fills you with the feelings
that she is always near

For if you keep those memories
You will never be apart,
And she will live forever
Locked safe within your hearts.

Can be either 'HE' or 'SHE'



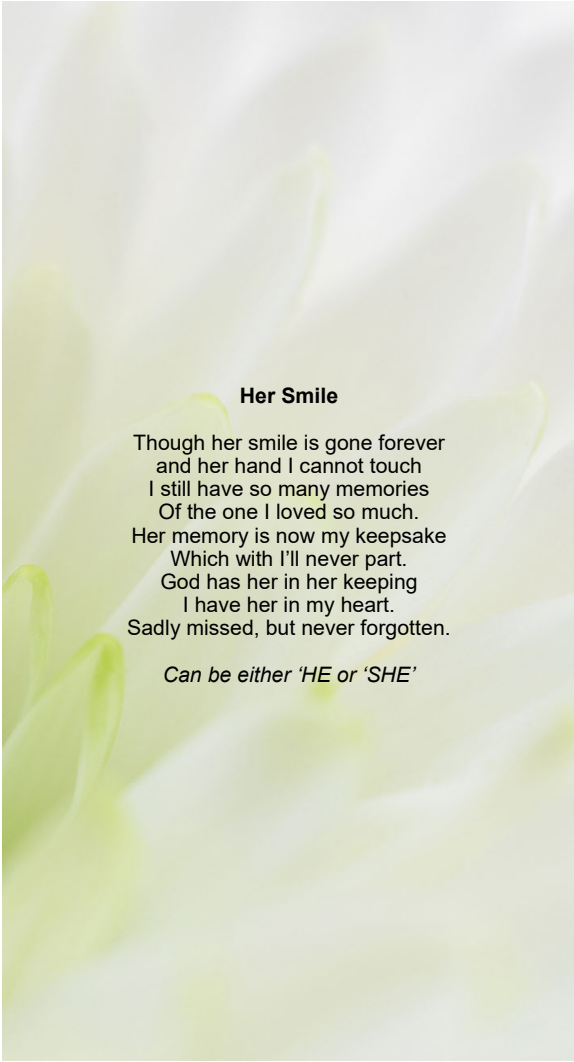
Our Hero

You held our hand's
When we were small
You caught us when we fell
You're our hero of our childhood
And for later years as well

And every time we think of you
Our hearts still fill with pride
Though we will always miss you dad
We know you're by our side

In laughter and in sorrow
In sunshine and through rain
We know you're watching over us
Until we all meet again.

Can be either 'MUM' or 'DAD'



Her Smile

Though her smile is gone forever
and her hand I cannot touch
I still have so many memories
Of the one I loved so much.
Her memory is now my keepsake
Which with I'll never part.
God has her in her keeping
I have her in my heart.
Sadly missed, but never forgotten.

Can be either 'HE or 'SHE'



The Broken Chain

We little knew the day that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one
the chain will link again.

I'll Be There

There was no time to say goodbye
But this I ask – please do not cry
Remember me as you think best
The happy time – forget the rest.

Look for me and I'll be there
And you will find me everywhere
In the gentle touch of breeze
That cools the skin or swirls the leaves.

In the scent and colour of flowers
That gave to me such happy hours
On sunny days under sunny skies of blue
Just think of me, I'll be with you.

In winter when there's cloud or mist
The rain will give to you my kiss
As wood smoke lingers in the air
Look for me and I'll be there.

Where seagulls cry above the sea
And surf rolls in so endlessly
Among towering trees that soar above
In all these things that i once loved
Look for me and I'll be there
You'll feel my presence everywhere.



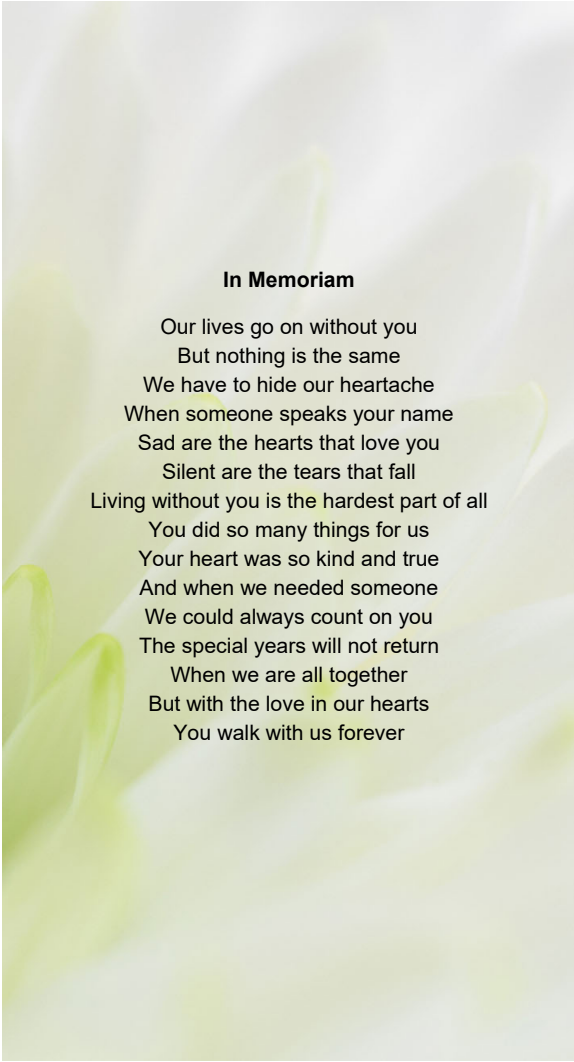
Till We Meet Again

The moment that you died
Our hearts were torn in two
One side filled with heartache
the other died with you

We often lie awake at night
When the world is fast asleep
and take a walk down memory lane
With tears upon our cheeks

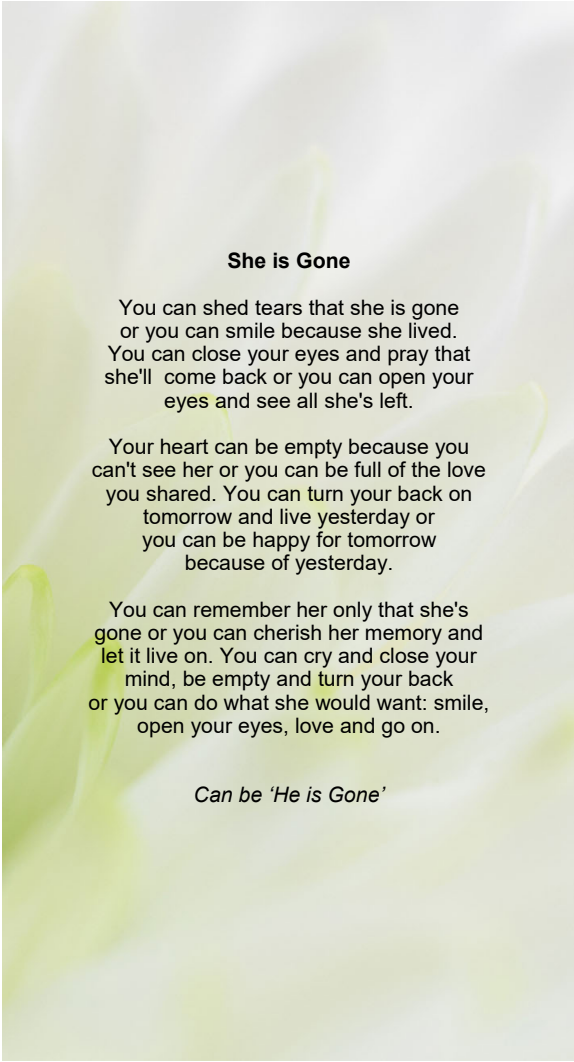
Remembering you is easy
We do it everyday
but missing you is heartache
the never goes away.

We hold you tightly within our hearts
and there you will remain
Until the joyous day arrive
That we all meet again.



In Memoriam

Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same
We have to hide our heartache
When someone speaks your name
Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent are the tears that fall
Living without you is the hardest part of all
You did so many things for us
Your heart was so kind and true
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you
The special years will not return
When we are all together
But with the love in our hearts
You walk with us forever



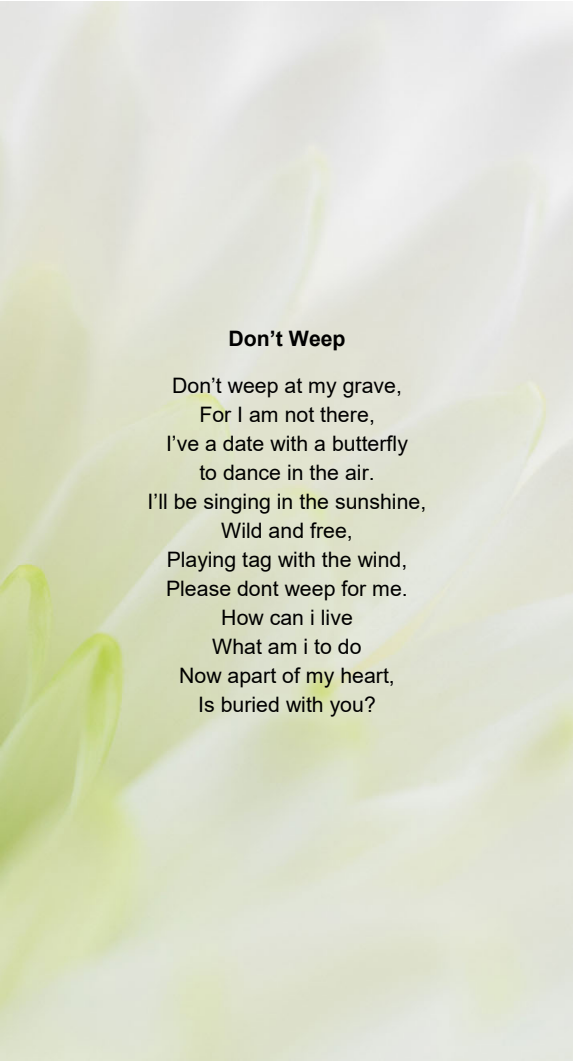
She is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone
or you can smile because she lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that
she'll come back or you can open your
eyes and see all she's left.

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

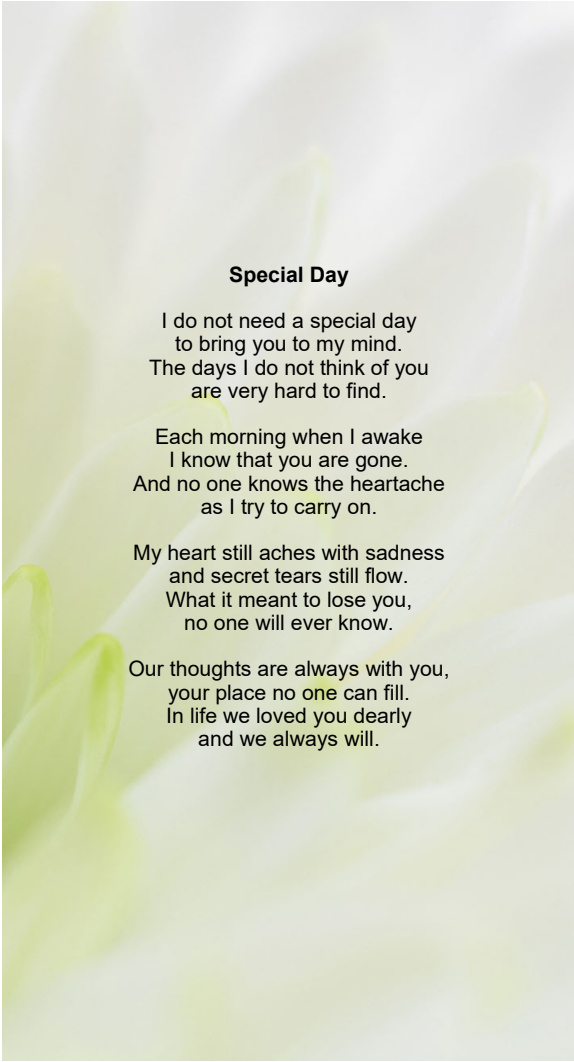
You can remember her only that she's
gone or you can cherish her memory and
let it live on. You can cry and close your
mind, be empty and turn your back
or you can do what she would want: smile,
open your eyes, love and go on.

Can be 'He is Gone'



Don't Weep

Don't weep at my grave,
For I am not there,
I've a date with a butterfly
to dance in the air.
I'll be singing in the sunshine,
Wild and free,
Playing tag with the wind,
Please don't weep for me.
How can I live
What am I to do
Now apart of my heart,
Is buried with you?




Special Day

I do not need a special day
to bring you to my mind.
The days I do not think of you
are very hard to find.

Each morning when I awake
I know that you are gone.
And no one knows the heartache
as I try to carry on.


My heart still aches with sadness
and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to lose you,
no one will ever know.

Our thoughts are always with you,
your place no one can fill.
In life we loved you dearly
and we always will.



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'm 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"



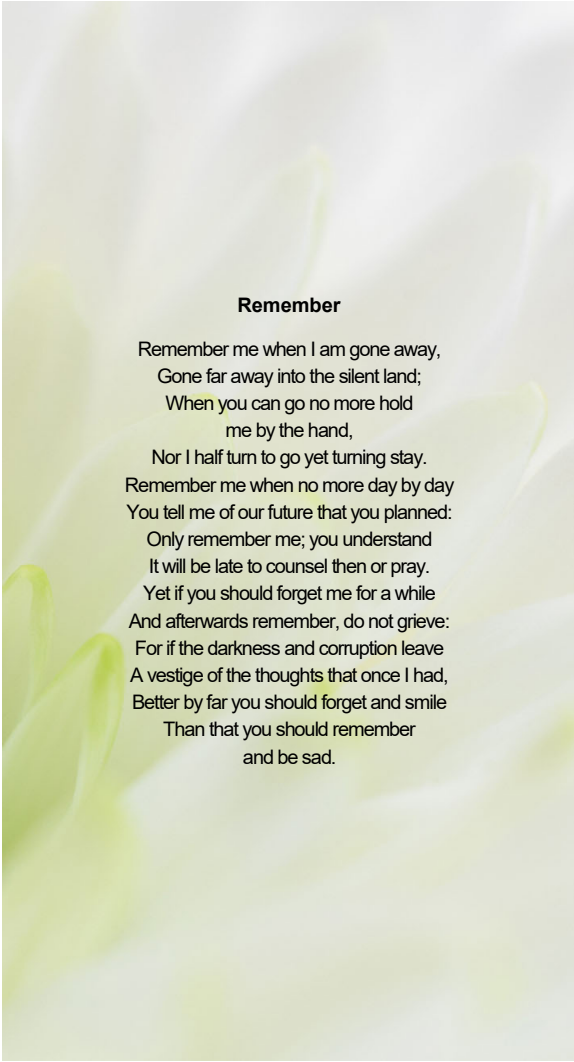
Miss me but let me go

When I 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 not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me - but let me go.

For this is a journey that we must all 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
Bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss me - but let me go



Remember

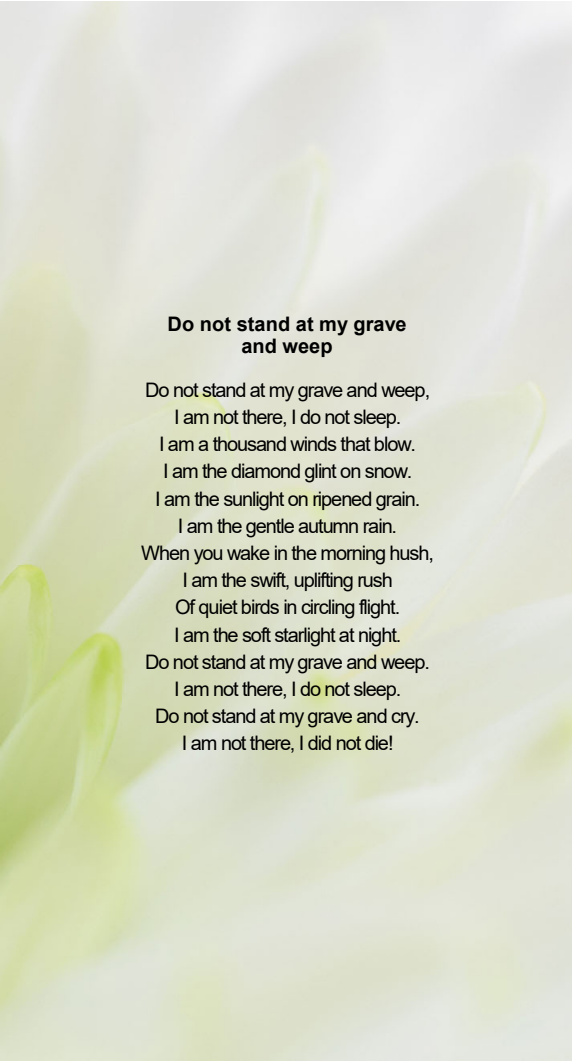
Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can go no more hold
me by the hand,

Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.

Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you planned:

Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.

Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember
and be sad.

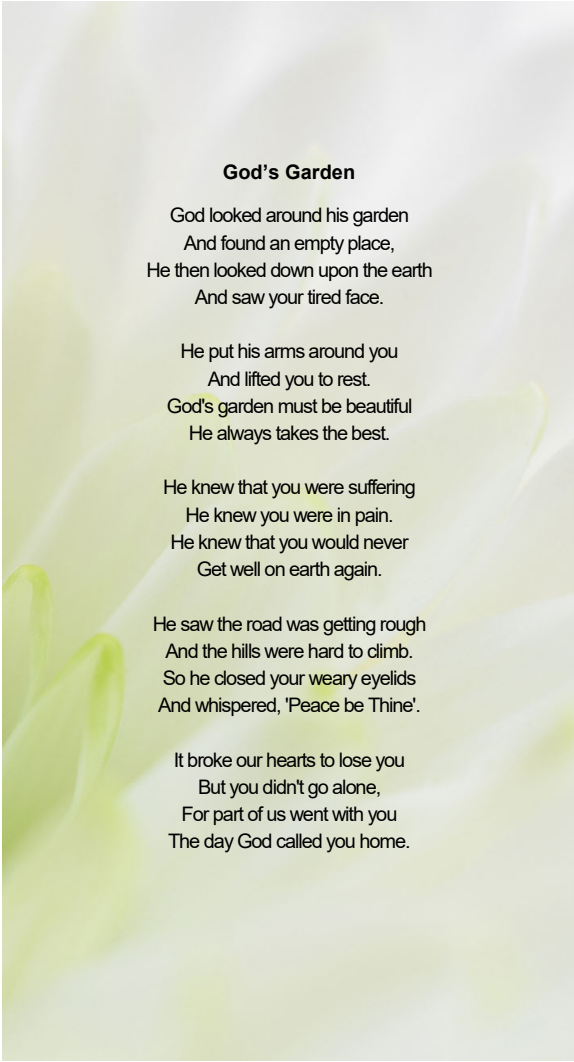


**Do not stand at my grave
and weep**

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you wake in the morning hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.
Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die!

All is Well

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 are still
Call me by my old familiar name
Speak to me in the easy way you
always used
Put no difference into your tone
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow
Laugh as we always laughed
At the little jokes we always enjoyed together
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me
Let my name be ever the household word
that it always was
Let it be spoken without effort
Without the ghost of a shadow in it
Life means all that it ever meant
It is the same as it ever was
There is absolute unbroken continuity
What is death but a negligible accident?
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.



God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be Thine'.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Farewell my Friends

It was beautiful as long as it lasted
The journey of my life.

I have no regrets whatsoever
Save the pain I'll leave behind.

Those dear hearts who love and care...
And the strings pulling at the
heart and soul...

The strong arms that held me up
When my own strength let me down.

At every turning of my life I came across good friends,
Friends who stood by me,
Even when the time raced me by.

Farewell, farewell, my friends
I smile and bid you goodbye.

No, shed no tears for I need them not
All I need is your smile.

If you feel sad do think of me
For that's what I'll like when you
live in the hearts

Of those you love, remember then
You never die.

I am Free

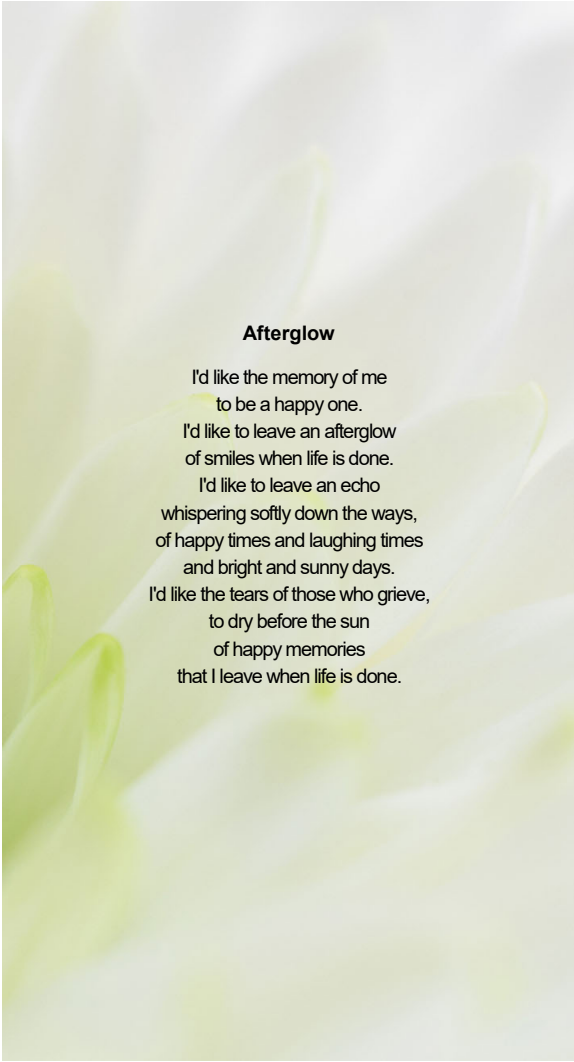
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following paths God made for me
I took his hand I heard him call
Then turned, and bid farewell to all

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found my peace... at close of play

And if my parting left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened... deep with sorrow
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full I've savoured much
Good friends, good times
A loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with grief
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wants me now... He set me free.



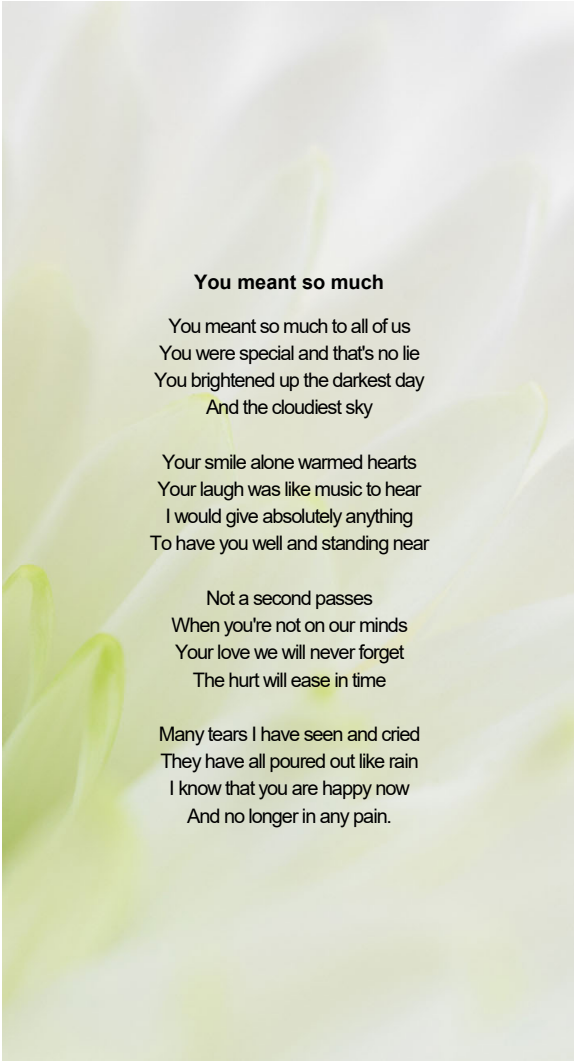
Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow
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 life is done.



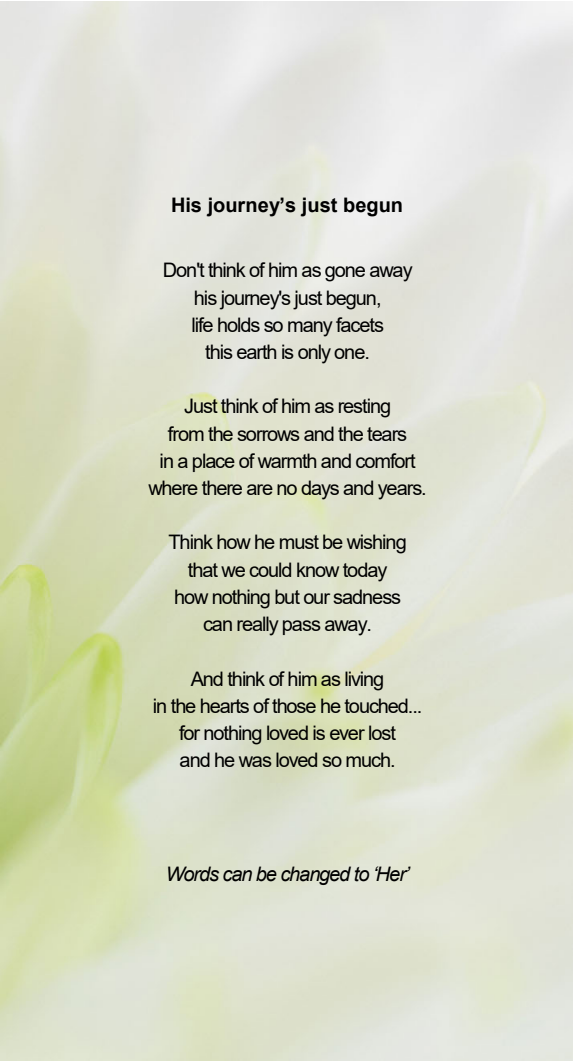
You meant so much

You meant so much to all of us
You were special and that's no lie
You brightened up the darkest day
And the cloudiest sky

Your smile alone warmed hearts
Your laugh was like music to hear
I would give absolutely anything
To have you well and standing near

Not a second passes
When you're not on our minds
Your love we will never forget
The hurt will ease in time

Many tears I have seen and cried
They have all poured out like rain
I know that you are happy now
And no longer in any pain.



His journey's just begun

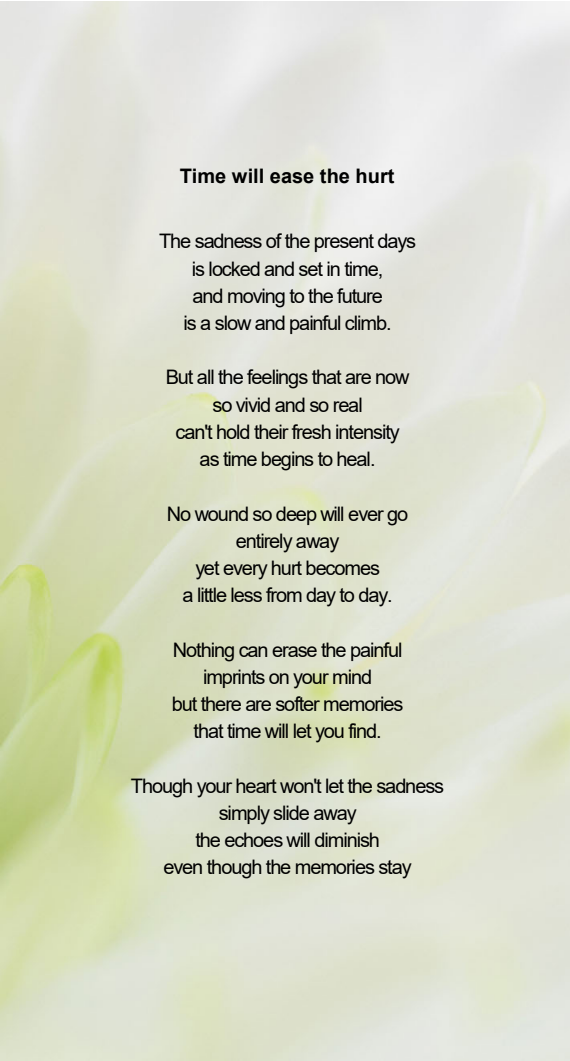
Don't think of him as gone away
his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and he was loved so much.

Words can be changed to 'Her'



Time will ease the hurt

The sadness of the present days
is locked and set in time,
and moving to the future
is a slow and painful climb.

But all the feelings that are now
so vivid and so real
can't hold their fresh intensity
as time begins to heal.

No wound so deep will ever go
entirely away
yet every hurt becomes
a little less from day to day.

Nothing can erase the painful
imprints on your mind
but there are softer memories
that time will let you find.

Though your heart won't let the sadness
simply slide away
the echoes will diminish
even though the memories stay

Stairway to Heaven

They say memories are golden,
Well, maybe that is true;
I never wanted memories,
I only wanted you.

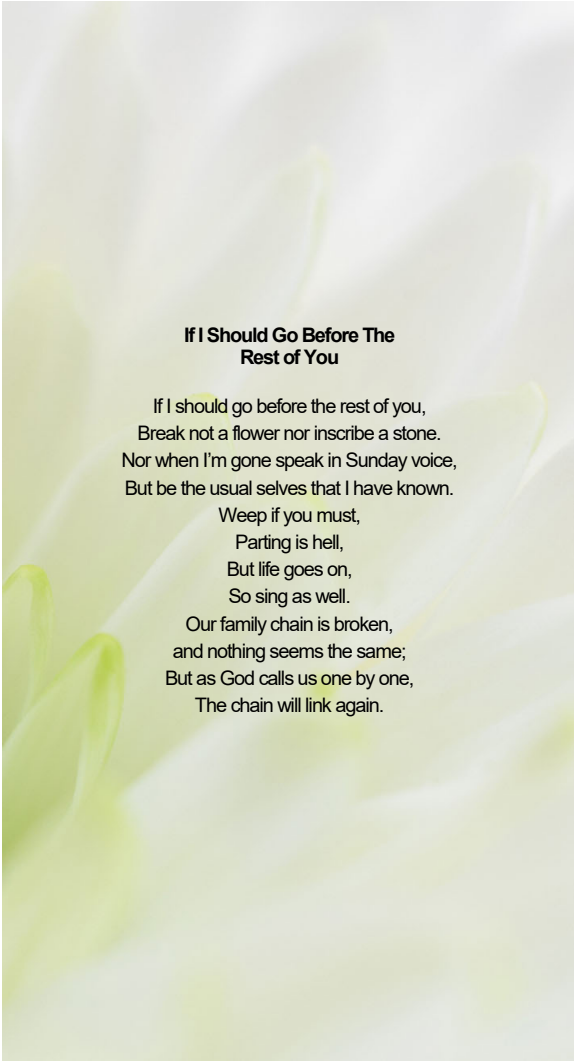
A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried;
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still;
In my heart you hold a piece
No one could ever fill.

But now I know you want me
To mourn for you no more,
To remember the happy times
Life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten
I pledge to you today;
A hallowed place within my heart
Is where you'll always stay.

If tears could build a stairway
And heartache make a lane;
I'd walk the path to heaven
And bring you back again.




**If I Should Go Before The
Rest of You**

If I should go before the rest of you,
Break not a flower nor inscribe a stone.
Nor when I'm gone speak in Sunday voice,
But be the usual selves that I have known.

Weep if you must,
Parting is hell,
But life goes on,
So sing as well.

Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same;
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.



If Roses grow in Heaven

If Roses grow in Heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.

Tell her that I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.



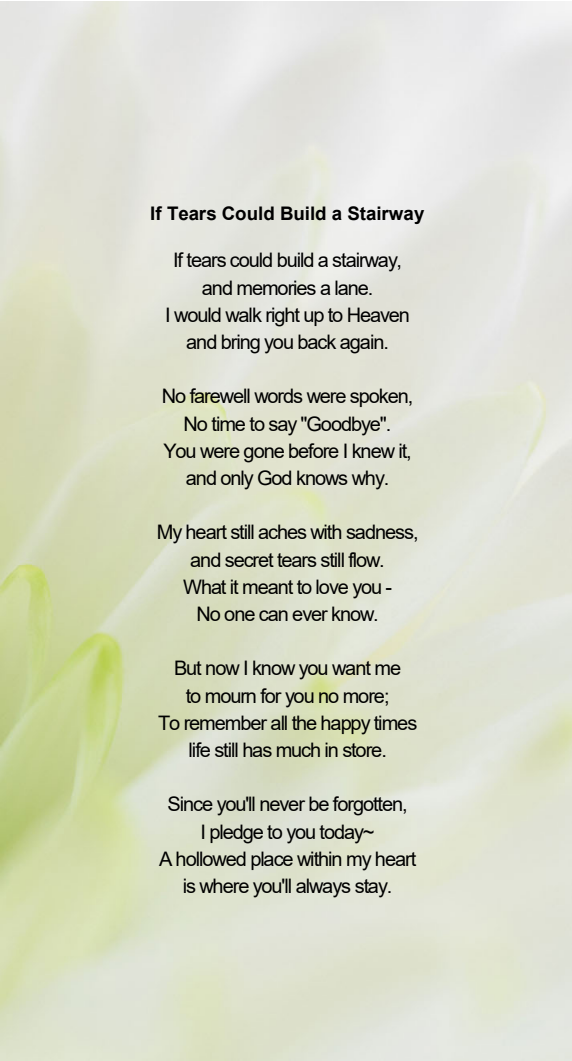
Daffodils

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.



If Tears Could Build a Stairway

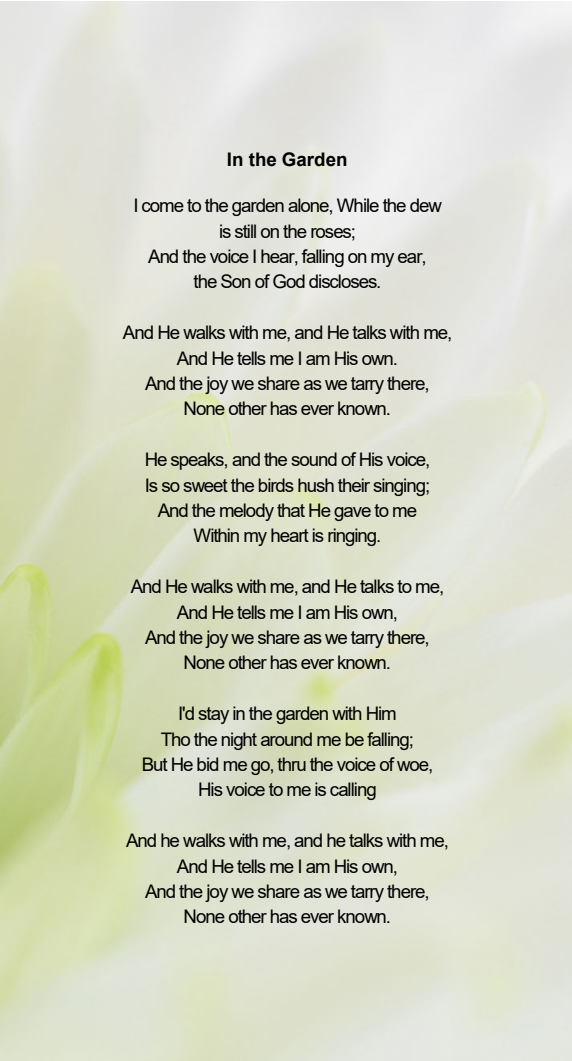
If tears could build a stairway,
and memories a lane.
I would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say "Goodbye".
You were gone before I knew it,
and only God knows why.

My heart still aches with sadness,
and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to love you -
No one can ever know.

But now I know you want me
to mourn for you no more;
To remember all the happy times
life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten,
I pledge to you today~
A hollowed place within my heart
is where you'll always stay.



In the Garden

I come to the garden alone, While the dew
is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own.
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

And He walks with me, and He talks to me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bid me go, thru the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.



Let Me Go

We've known lots of pleasure,
At times endured pain,
We've lived in the sunshine
And walked in the rain.

But now we're separated
And for a time apart,
But I am not alone
You're forever in my heart.

Death always seems so sudden,
And it is always sure,
But what is oft' forgotten
It is not without a cure.

There may be times you miss me,
I sort of hope you do,
But smile when you think of me,
For I'll be waiting for you.

Now there's many things for you to,
And lots of ways to grow,
So get busy, be happy, and live your life,
Miss me, but let me go.

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