

Sounds
of
Comfort

MUSIC & SPOKEN TRIBUTES WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH



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At this difficult time, I would like to thank you for the honor of considering my services to pay tribute to your loved one.

My hope is that you are able to take comfort in knowing there is a simple way to personalize the memorial you are planning through thoughtful song choices and readings. The "Music and Spoken Tribute Pairings Guide" was designed for this purpose. You will find over 150 songs and several spoken tributes here that offer dedication and comfort with a personal touch.

There are categories to help make appropriate choices easier. You are able to match a song and/or reading with the life we are honoring after considering what was important to them. There are also songs paired with readings for an especially moving tribute.

If I can offer assistance in selecting the music or readings, I will be happy to do so. And, if you have a song or something you would like read not in the catalog, I will attempt to locate it for you.

I hope you find peace from the "sounds of comfort" chosen especially for your loved one as you remember their life, and share their precious memory with those who surround you.

In God's Love,

Marcy

MUSIC & SPOKEN TRIBUTE PAIRINGS GUIDE

SPOKEN TRIBUTES – Readings with suggestions for a personalized tribute.

MUSIC – Alphabetical listing of songs, followed by categories for easy pairings:

MUSIC GENRES

- Broadway/Musicals/Movies
- Contemporary Christian
- Country
- Gospel & Hymns
- “The Greatest Generation”
- Soft Sounds – The 60’s to Now
- Veteran & Patriotic Tributes



PERSONALIZED TRIBUTES

- Father/Grandfather
- Mother/Grandmother
- Child
- Spouse/Partner
- Friend

CELEBRATING A LIFE

- Hobbies – Art, Music, Athletics, Horses, Traveling, Photography, etc.
- Interests – Church, Entertainment, Cultural Heritage, Volunteering, etc.
- Occupations – Clergy/Church, Coach, Farmer, Rancher, Military Service, Care-Giver, Teacher, Musician, etc.

COMFORT IN EVERY SITUATION

- “After A Brave Fight” – Carefully chosen lyrics pay tribute to heroic battles against illness, injustice, or emotional obstacles.
- “As It Is In Heaven” – Celebrating the peaceful blessing of knowing our loved ones are in their beautiful home in Heaven.
- “Gone Too Soon” – Gentle phrases and familiar melodies reflect on the short, yet precious lives of the youngest angels in Heaven.
- “Musical Serenity” – Songs that identify with The Serenity Prayer.
- “Praise The Lord” – Peaceful songs of devotion, honoring our Father in Heaven for holding us in a warm embrace of understanding.
- “Until We Meet Again” – Compassionate melodies of hope in celebration of the day we reunite with our loved ones.
- “Verses of Comfort” – In times of sorrow, these songs have the ability to soothe the soul, and offer healing to the broken-hearted.
- “Why?” – After a tragedy, these thoughtful lines speak to the questions that weigh heavy on the minds of those who mourn.
- “You’re Still Here” – Musical messages of consolation for living humbly in the company of angels.



A – Z Catalog of Songs

SONG

ARTIST

1. A Mother's Love	Jim Brickman & Mark Masri
2. Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)	Chris Tomlin
3. Amazing Grace	Traditional
4. America The Beautiful	Traditional
5. American Soldier	Toby Keith
6. Angel	Jon Secada
7. Angel	Sarah McLachlan
8. Angels Among Us	Alabama
9. Another Soldier's Coming Home	Janet Paschal/Gaithers
10. Arlington	Trace Adkins
11. Arms Of Love	Amy Grant
12. Ave Maria	Traditional
13. Baby Mine	From "Dumbo"
14. Battle Hymn Of The Republic	Traditional
15. Be Not Afraid	Traditional
16. Because He Lives	Traditional
17. Believe	Brooks & Dunn
18. Beyond the Sunset	Traditional
19. Bless the Broken Road	Rascal Flatts
20. Bridge Over Troubled Water	Simon & Garfunkel

21. Butterfly Kisses	Bob Carlisle
22. Can't Cry Hard Enough	Williams Brothers
23. Child of Mine	Carole King
24. Come Some Rainy Day	Wynonna
25. Cryin' For Me	Toby Keith
26. Dance With My Father	Luther Vandross
27. Dance, The	Garth Brooks
28. Dust In The Wind	Kansas
29. Edelweiss	From "The Sound of Music"
30. El Shaddai	Amy Grant
31. Everything I Own	Bread
32. Fire and Rain	James Taylor
33. For Good	From "Wicked"
34. For Just A Moment	From "St. Elmo's Fire"
35. Forever Young	Bob Dylan
36. Friends	Michael W. Smith
37. Glory of Love, The	Traditional
38. God Be With You Till We Meet Again	Traditional
39. God Bless America	Traditional
40. God Bless The USA	Lee Greenwood
41. Going Home	Gaithers
42. Golden Slumbers	The Beatles
43. Gone Too Soon	Michael Jackson
44. Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)	Green Day
45. Goodbye For Now	Kathy Troccoli
46. Goodbye My Friend	Linda Ronstadt
47. Grandpa	The Judds
48. Hallelujah	Leonard Cohen/KD Lang
49. Have Thine Own Way, Lord	Traditional
50. Heaven Was Needing A Hero	JoDee Messina

51. Help Me God	Kathy Troccoli
52. Here I Am Lord	Traditional
53. Here's To Life	Shirley Horn
54. His Eye Is On the Sparrow	Traditional
55. Holes In The Floor Of Heaven	Steve Wariner
56. House That Built Me, The	Miranda Lambert
57. How Can I Help You Say Goodbye	Patty Loveless
58. How Great Thou Art	Traditional
59. I Believe	Diamond Rio
60. I Can Only Imagine	Mercy Me
61. I Don't Want To Miss A Thing	Aerosmith/"Armageddon"
62. I Will Always Love You	Dolly Parton/Whitney Houston
63. I Will Remember You	Sarah McLachlan
64. I Won't Let Go	Rascal Flatts
65. I'll Be Seeing You	Traditional
66. I'll Fly Away	Traditional
67. I'll Remember You	Terre McPheeters
68. I'm Already There	Lonestar
69. I'm Gonna Love You Through It	Martina McBride
70. If I Had Only Known	Reba McEntire/"8 Seconds"
71. If These Walls Could Speak	Jimmy Webb/Amy Grant
72. If You Could See Me Now	Truth
73. If You're Reading This	Tim McGraw
74. Imagine	John Lennon
75. In Color	Jamey Johnson
76. In My Daughter's Eyes	Martina McBride
77. In My Life	The Beatles
78. In The Garden	Traditional
79. It's So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday	Boyz II Men/Jason Mraz
80. Jealous Of The Angels	Jenn Bostic

81. Just a Closer Walk With Thee	Traditional
82. Just As I Am	Traditional
83. Knowing You'll Be There	Guy Penrod/Gaithers
84. Landslide	Fleetwood Mac
85. Let It Be	The Beatles
86. Let There Be Peace On Earth	Vince Gill
87. Life Is Hard (God Is Good)	Pam Thum
88. Live Like You Were Dying	Tim McGraw
89. Look For Me	Tanya Goodman-Sykes/Gaithers
90. Lord's Prayer, The	Traditional
91. Love Can Build A Bridge	The Judds
92. Love, Me	Collin Raye
93. May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You	Traditional
94. Maybe Someday	Terre McPheeters
95. My Blue Heaven	Traditional
96. My Heart Will Go On	Celine Dion
97. My One True Friend	Carole King/Bette Midler
98. My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)	Traditional
99. My Way	Frank Sinatra
100. Nearer My God to Thee	Traditional
101. O Danny Boy	Traditional
102. Old Rugged Cross	Traditional
103. On Eagle's Wings	Traditional
104. One More Day	Diamond Rio
105. One Sweet Day	Mariah Carey
106. Over The Rainbow	From "The Wizard of Oz"
107. Peace in the Valley (There'll Be)	Traditional
108. Prayer, The	Josh Groban
109. Precious Memories	Traditional
110. Remember Me This Way	From "Casper"

111. Remember Me	Mark Schultz
112. Return To Pooh Corner	Kenny Loggins
113. Rodeo Road	From "Flicka"
114. Rose, The	Bette Midler/"The Rose"
115. Save A Place For Me	Matthew West
116. Say Something	A Great Big World
117. September Song	Traditional
118. Softly and Tenderly	Traditional
119. Somewhere Down The Road	Amy Grant
120. Songbird	Fleetwood Mac
121. Stand	Donnie McClurkin
122. Sweet Hour of Prayer	Traditional
123. Take My Hand, Precious Lord	Traditional
124. Tears In Heaven	Eric Clapton
125. Thank God For Kids	The Oak Ridge Boys
126. Thank You For Being My Dad	Jon Barker
127. Thank You For Loving Me	Bon Jovi
128. Thank You	Ray Boltz
129. That's An Irish Lullaby	Traditional
130. That's What Friends Are For	Dionne Warwick
131. There You'll Be	Faith Hill/"Pearl Harbor"
132. To Make You Feel My Love	Bob Dylan
133. To Where You Are	Josh Groban
134. Unchained Melody	Righteous Brothers
135. Unforgettable	Nat King Cole
136. Vincent	Don McLean
137. Way Over Yonder	Carole King
138. Way We Were, The	Barbra Streisand
139. Were You There	Traditional
140. What a Friend We Have In Jesus	Traditional

141. What A Wonderful World	Louis Armstrong
142. What I Did For Love	From "A Chorus Line"
143. When October Goes	Barry Manilow
144. Who You'd Be Today	Kenny Chesney
145. Why	Rascal Flatts
146. Wind Beneath My Wings	Bette Midler/"Beaches"
147. Yesterday	The Beatles
148. You Are My Sunshine	Traditional
149. You Raise Me Up	Josh Groban
150. You'll Be In My Heart	Phil Collins/"Tarzan"
151. You'll Never Walk Alone	Traditional
152. You're Still Here	Faith Hill
153. You've Got A Friend	Carole King
154. Your Song	Elton John /"Moulin Rouge"

Broadway/Musicals/Movies

Baby Mine	(Dumbo)
Edelweiss	(The Sound of Music)
For Good	(Wicked)
For Just A Moment	(St. Elmo's Fire)
I Don't Want To Miss A Thing	(Armageddon)
I Will Always Love You	(The Bodyguard)
If I Had Only Known	(8 Seconds)
My Heart Will Go On	(Titanic)
My One True Friend	(One True Thing)
Over The Rainbow	(The Wizard of Oz)
Remember Me This Way	(Casper)
Rodeo Road	(Flicka)
Rose, The	(The Rose)
There You'll Be	(Pearl Harbor)
Way We Were, The	(The Way We Were)
What A Wonderful World	(Good Morning Vietnam)
Wind Beneath My Wings	(Beaches)
What I Did For Love	(A Chorus Line)
You'll Be In My Heart	(Tarzan)
You'll Never Walk Alone	(Carousel)
Your Song	(Moulin Rouge)



Contemporary Christian

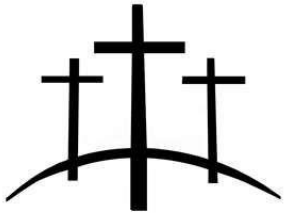
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)	(Chris Tomlin)
Another Soldier's Coming Home	(Janet Paschal/Gaithers)
Arms Of Love	(Amy Grant)
El Shaddai	(Amy Grant)
Friends	(Michael W. Smith)
Goodbye For Now	(Kathy Troccoli)
Help Me God	(Kathy Troccoli)
If You Could See Me Now	(Truth)
Knowing You'll Be There	(Guy Penrod/Gaithers)
Life Is Hard (God Is Good)	(Pam Thum)
Look For Me	(Tanya Goodman-Sykes)
On Eagle's Wings	(Traditional)
Remember Me	(Mark Schultz)
Save A Place For Me	(Matthew West)
Somewhere Down The Road	(Amy Grant)
Stand	(Donnie McClurkin)
Thank You	(Ray Boltz)



Country

Angels Among Us	(Alabama)
Arlington	(Trace Adkins)
Believe	(Brooks & Dunn)
Bless The Broken Road	(Rascal Flatts)
Butterfly Kisses	(Bob Carlisle)
Come Some Rainy Day	(Wynonna)
Cryin' For Me	(Toby Keith)
Dance, The	(Garth Brooks)
Go Rest High On That Mountain	(Vince Gill)
Grandpa	(The Judds)
Heaven Was Needing A Hero	(JoDee Messina)
Holes In The Floor Of Heaven	(Steve Wariner)
House That Built Me, The	(Miranda Lambert)
How Can I Help You Say Goodbye	(Patty Loveless)
I Believe	(Diamond Rio)
I Will Always Love You	(Dolly Parton)
I Won't Let Go	(Rascal Flatts)
I'm Already There	(Lonestar)
I'm Gonna Love You Through It	(Martina McBride)
If I Had Only Known	(Reba McEntire/"8 Seconds")
If You're Reading This	(Tim McGraw)
In Color	(Jamey Johnson)
In My Daughter's Eyes	(Martina McBride)
Live Like You Were Dying	(Tim McGraw)
Love Can Build A Bridge	(The Judds)
Love, Me	(Collin Raye)
One More Day	(Diamond Rio)
Rodeo Road	(From "Flicka")
Thank God For Kids	(The Oak Ridge Boys)
Who You'd Be Today	(Kenny Chesney)
Why	(Rascal Flatts)





Gospel & Hymns

Amazing Grace

Ave Maria

Be Not Afraid

Because He Lives

Beyond The Sunset

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Going Home

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Here I Am, Lord

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

How Great Thou Art

I'll Fly Away

In The Garden

Just A Closer With Thee

Just As I Am

Lord's Prayer, The

May The Good Lord Bless & Keep You

My Tribute (To God Be The Glory)

Nearer My God To Thee

Old Rugged Cross

On Eagle's Wings

Peace In The Valley (There'll Be)

Precious Memories

Softly and Tenderly

Stand

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

Were You There?

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

"The Greatest Generation"

Glory of Love

I'll Be Seeing You

My Blue Heaven

My Way

O Danny Boy

Over The Rainbow

September Song



That's An Irish Lullaby

Unforgettable

What A Wonderful World

When October Goes

You Are My Sunshine



Veteran & Patriotic Tributes

America The Beautiful	(Traditional)
American Soldier	(Toby Keith)
Another Soldier's Coming Home	(Janet Paschal/Gaithers)
Arlington	(Trace Adkins)
Battle Hymn Of The Republic	(Traditional)
Believe	(Brooks & Dunn)
God Bless America	(Traditional)
God Bless The USA	(Lee Greenwood)
Heaven Was Needing A Hero	(JoDee Messina)
I'll Be Seeing You	(Traditional)
If You're Reading This	(Tim McGraw)
In Color	(Jamey Johnson)
O Danny Boy	(Traditional)
There You'll Be	(Faith Hill/"Pearl Harbor")
Wind Beneath My Wings	(Bette Midler/"Beaches")
You Raise Me Up	(Josh Groban)



Soft Sounds – The 60's to Now

Angel	(Jon Secada)
Angel	(Sarah McLachlan)
Bridge Over Troubled Water	(Simon & Garfunkel)
Butterfly Kisses	(Bob Carlisle)
Can't Cry Hard Enough	(Williams Brothers)
Child Of Mine	(Carole King)
Dance With My Father	(Luther Vandross)
Dust In The Wind	(Kansas)
Everything I Own	(Bread)
Fire And Rain	(James Taylor)
Forever Young	(Bob Dylan)
Golden Slumbers	(The Beatles)
Gone Too Soon	(Michael Jackson)
Good Riddance (Time Of Your Life)	(Green Day)
Goodbye My Friend	(Linda Ronstadt)
Hallelujah	(Leonard Cohen)
I Don't Want To Miss A Thing	(Aerosmith)
I Will Always Love You	(Whitney Houston)
I Will Remember You	(Sarah McLachlan)
I'll Remember You	(Terre McPheeters)
If These Walls Could Speak	(Jimmy Webb/Amy Grant)
Imagine	(John Lennon)
In My Life	(The Beatles)
It's So Hard To Say Goodbye to Yesterday	(Boyz II Men/Jason Mraz)

Jealous Of The Angels

(Jenn Bostic)

Landslide

(Fleetwood Mac)

Let It Be

(The Beatles)

Maybe Someday

(Terre McPheeters)

My One True Friend

(Carole King/Bette Midler)

One Sweet Day

(Mariah Carey)

Prayer, The

(Josh Groban)

Return To Pooh Corner

(Kenny Loggins)

Rose, The

(Bette Midler)

Say Something

(A Great Big World)

Songbird

(Fleetwood Mac)

Tears In Heaven

(Eric Clapton)

Thank You For Being My Dad

(Jon Barker)

Thank You For Loving Me

(Bon Jovi)

That's What Friends Are For

(Dionne Warwick)

There You'll Be

(Faith Hill/"Pearl Harbor")

To Make You Feel My Love

(Bob Dylan)

To Where You Are

(Josh Groban)

Unchained Melody

(Righteous Brothers)

Vincent

(Don McLean)

Way Over Yonder

(Carole King)

Way We Were, The

(Barbra Streisand)

What I Did For Love

(Josh Groban/"A Chorus Line")

When October Goes

(Barry Manilow)

Wind Beneath My Wings

(Bette Midler/"Beaches")

Yesterday

(The Beatles)

You Raise Me Up

(Josh Groban)

You'll Be In My Heart

(Phil Collins/"Tarzan")

You're Still Here

(Faith Hill)

You've Got A Friend

(Carole King)

Your Song

(Elton John/"Moulin Rouge")

Father/Grandfather

Believe	(Brooks & Dunn)
Butterfly Kisses	(Bob Carlisle)
Can't Cry Hard Enough	(Williams Brothers)
Dance With My Father	(Luther Vandross)
Dance, The	(Garth Brooks)
Everything I Own	(Bread)
Grandpa	(The Judds)
Heaven Was Needing A Hero	(JoDee Messina)
House That Built Me, The	(Miranda Lambert)
I'm Already There	(Lonestar)
If These Walls Could Speak	(Jimmy Webb/Amy Grant)
In Color	(Jamey Johnson)
Jealous Of The Angels	(Jenn Bostic)
Landslide	(Fleetwood Mac)
Live Like You Were Dying	(Tim McGraw)
One More Day	(Diamond Rio)
Prayer, The	(Josh Groban)
Remember Me This Way	(From "Casper")
Somewhere Down The Road	(Amy Grant)
Thank You For Being My Dad	(Jon Barker)
Thank You For Loving Me	(Bon Jovi)
There You'll Be	(Faith Hill/"Pearl Harbor")
To Make You Feel My Love	(Bob Dylan)
To Where You Are	(Josh Groban)

Mother/Grandmother

A Mother's Love	(Jim Brickman & Mark Masri)
Arms Of Love	(Amy Grant)
Bridge Over Troubled Water	(Simon & Garfunkel)
Can't Cry Hard Enough	(Williams Brothers)
Everything I Own	(Bread)
House That Built Me, The	(Miranda Lambert)
How Can I Help You Say Goodbye	(Patty Loveless)
I'm Gonna Love You Through It	(Martina McBride)
If These Walls Could Speak	(Webb/Grant)
In My Daughter's Eyes	(Martina McBride)
Jealous Of The Angels	(Jenn Bostic)
My One True Friend	(Carole King/Bette Midler)
One More Day	(Diamond Rio)
Prayer, The	(Josh Groban)
Precious Memories	(Traditional)
Remember Me This Way	(From "Casper")
Somewhere Down The Road	(Amy Grant)
Songbird	(Fleetwood Mac)
Thank You For Loving Me	(Bon Jovi)
There You'll Be	(Faith Hill/"Pearl Harbor")
To Make You Feel My Love	(Bob Dylan)
To Where You Are	(Josh Groban)
Wind Beneath My Wings	(Bette Midler/"Beaches")
You're Still Here	(Faith Hill)

Child

Baby Mine	(From "Dumbo")
Butterfly Kisses	(Bob Carlisle)
Can't Cry Hard Enough	(Williams Brothers)
Child Of Mine	(Carole King)
Come Some Rainy Day	(Wynonna)
Golden Slumbers	(The Beatles)
Gone Too Soon	(Michael Jackson)
House That Built Me, The	(Miranda Lambert)
I Don't Want To Miss A Thing	(Aerosmith/"Armageddon")
If I Had Only Known	(Reba McEntire/"8 Seconds")
In My Daughter's Eyes	(Martina McBride)
One More Day	(Diamond Rio)
Over The Rainbow	(Eva Cassidy)
Remember Me This Way	(From "Casper")
Return To Pooh Corner	(Kenny Loggins)
Somewhere Down The Road	(Amy Grant)
Tears In Heaven	(Eric Clapton)
Thank God For Kids	(The Oak Ridge Boys)
That's An Irish Lullaby	(Traditional)
To Make You Feel My Love	(Bob Dylan)
To Where You Are	(Josh Groban)
Who You'd Be Today	(Kenny Chesney)
You Are My Sunshine	(Traditional)
You'll Be In My Heart	(Phil Collins/"Tarzan")

Spouse/Partner

Bless The Broken Road	(Rascal Flatts)
Can't Cry Hard Enough	(Williams Brothers)
Dance, The	(Garth Brooks)
For Just A Moment	(From "St. Elmo's Fire")
Glory Of Love, The	(Traditional)
Goodbye For Now	(Kathy Troccoli)
Goodbye My Friend	(Linda Ronstadt)
I Believe	(Diamond Rio)
I Don't Want To Miss A Thing	(Aerosmith/"Armageddon")
I Will Always Love You	(Dolly Parton/Whitney Houston)
I'll Be Seeing You	(Traditional)
I'll Remember You	(Terre McPheeters)
I'm Already There	(Lonestar)
I'm Gonna Love You Through It	(Martina McBride)
If I Had Only Known	(Reba McEntire/"8 Seconds")
It's So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday	(Boyz II Men/Jason Mraz)
Jealous Of The Angels	(Jenn Bostic)
My Heart Will Go On	(Celine Dion/"Titanic")
My One True Friend	(Carole King/Bette Midler)
One More Day	(Diamond Rio)
One Sweet Day	(Mariah Carey)
Somewhere Down The Road	(Amy Grant)
Thank You For Loving Me	(Bon Jovi)
There You'll Be	(Faith Hill/"Pearl Harbor")
To Make You Feel My Love	(Bob Dylan)
To Where You Are	(Josh Groban)
Unchained Melody	(Righteous Brothers)
Unforgettable	(Nat King Cole)
Way We Were, The	(Barbra Streisand)
You're Still Here	(Faith Hill)

Friend

Bridge Over Troubled Water	(Simon & Garfunkel)
Can't Cry Hard Enough	(Williams Brothers)
Cryin' For Me	(Toby Keith)
For Good	(From "Wicked")
For Just A Moment	(From "St. Elmo's Fire")
Friends	Michael W. Smith
Good Riddance (Time Of Your Life)	Green Day
Goodbye For Now	(Kathy Troccoli)
Goodbye My Friend	(Linda Ronstadt)
I Will Remember You	(Sarah McLachlan)
I'll Remember You	(Terre McPheeters)
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Knowing You'll Be There	(Guy Penrod/Gaithers)
Maybe Someday	(Terre McPheeters)
My One True Friend	(Carole King/Bette Midler)
One More Day	(Diamond Rio)
One Sweet Day	(Mariah Carey)
Remember Me This Way	(From "Casper")
Save A Place For Me	(Matthew West)
Say Something	(A Great Big World)
Somewhere Down The Road	(Amy Grant)
That's What Friends Are For	(Dionne Warwick)
Who You'd Be Today	(Kenny Chesney)
You'll Be In My Heart	(Phil Collins/"Tarzan")
You've Got A Friend	(Carole King)

Celebrating a Life

*Honor your loved one's special interests, hobbies, service,
or occupation through music.*

Artist/Dancer/Musician

Cryin' For Me

Dance With My Father

Dance, The

Go Rest High On That Mountain

Hallelujah

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

I Can Only Imagine

My One True Friend

Songbird

Vincent

What A Wonderful World

What I Did For Love

Your Song

Clergy/Church Worker

Prayer, The

Remember Me

Thank You

Coach/Teacher

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Thank You For Loving Me

There You'll Be

You Raise Me Up

Climber

Go Rest High On That Mountain

Live Like You Were Dying

Somewhere Down The Road

You Raise Me Up

Farmer/Rancher

If I Had Only Known

Live Like You Were Dying

Love, Me

Rodeo Road

What A Wonderful World

Irish

May The Road Rise Up To Meet You

O Danny Boy

That's An Irish Lullaby

Photographer

Good Riddance (Time Of Your Life)

In Color

Way We Were, The

What A Wonderful World

Pilot

I'll Fly Away

On Eagle's Wings

There You'll Be

When October Goes

Wind Beneath My Wings

Sailor

Bridge Over Troubled Water

My Heart Will Go On

Traveler

Be Not Afraid

Friends

What A Wonderful World

Volunteer/Caregiver

Angels Among Us

Bridge Over Troubled Water

I Won't Let Go

Love Can Build A Bridge

Prayer, The

Thank You

Thank You For Loving Me

That's What Friends Are For

You've Got A Friend

"After A Brave Fight"

Carefully chosen lyrics pay tribute to heroic battles against illness, injustice, or emotional obstacles.

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Another Soldier's Coming Home

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Can't Cry Hard Enough

Dance, The

Fire And Rain

Go Rest High On That Mountain

I Won't Let Go

I'll Fly Away

I'm Gonna Love You Through It

If You Could See Me Now

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Just As I Am

Let It Be

Life Is Hard (God Is Good)

Peace In The Valley

Somewhere Down The Road

Songbird

Stand

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

Wind Beneath My Wings

You Raise Me Up

You'll Never Walk Alone

"As It Is In Heaven"

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Knowing You'll Be There

Look For Me

My Blue Heaven

Nearer My God To Thee

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To Where You Are

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"Musical Serenity"

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Amazing Grace

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Arms Of Love

Because He Lives

El Shaddai

Help Me God

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

How Great Thou Art

I Can Only Imagine

If You Could See Me Now

In The Garden

Life Is Hard (God Is Good)

Lord's Prayer, The

My Tribute (To God Be The Glory)

Remember Me

Sweet Hour Of Prayer

Thank You

"Until We Meet Again"

Compassionate melodies of hope in celebration of the day we reunite with our loved ones.

Beyond The Sunset

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Goodbye For Now

Knowing You'll Be There

Look For Me

Love, Me

May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You

My Heart Will Go On

There You'll Be



"Verses of Comfort"

*In times of sorrow, these songs have the ability to soothe the soul,
and offer healing verses to the broken hearted.*

Amazing Grace

Arms Of Love

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Goodbye For Now

Help Me God

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

In The Garden

It's So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Life Is Hard (God Is Good)

Softly and Tenderly

Somewhere Down The Road

Stand

Take My Hand Precious Lord

Way Over Yonder

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

"Why?"

*After a tragedy, these thoughtful lines speak to the questions
that weigh heavy on the minds of those who mourn.*

Can't Cry Hard Enough

Goodbye My Friend

Somewhere Down The Road

Why

"You're Still Here"

Musical messages of consolation for living humbly in the company of angels.

Angels Among Us

I'll Be Seeing You

I'm Already There

My Heart Will Go On

There You'll Be

To Where You Are

You'll Be In My Heart

You're Still Here

Personalizing a Tribute

Questions to offer assistance in honoring the memory of your loved one.

- Did they have a favorite song?
- A favorite style of music (Country, Jazz, Rock, Oldies, etc.)?
- Favorite movie or musical?
- Favorite musician or band?
- Are they a veteran?
- What was their place in the family (Father, Mother, etc.)?
- Did they like contemporary or traditional church music?
- Were they proud of their family heritage? Are there songs associated with that?
- Did they have hobbies that were centered on the arts (Music, Dance, Painting, Theater, etc.)?
- What did they enjoy doing in their spare time? Hobbies?
- Did they do any church work or service?
- Were they a coach?
- Did they teach?
- Did they enjoy sports and recreation activities (Climbing, Sailing, Running, Flying, etc.)?
- Were they farmers or ranchers?
- Did they love horses?
- Did they enjoy traveling?
- Were they known for taking photos?
- Were they volunteers, or care-givers?
- Did they fight a brave battle with an illness?
- Did they speak fondly of Heaven?
- How old were they?
- Did they have an earthly battle with an addiction?
- Was their death a sudden tragedy?
- Did they believe there were angels among us?
- What was their profession?
- Where were they from?

Spoken Tributes

Marcy can write an original tribute, poem etc. for your loved one. Simply answer questions on the "Personalizing a Tribute" page, and a piece will be written in their honor.

Pieces may be read with or without background music.

New readings are being added all the time, and suggestions are welcomed for the catalog of tribute choices.

Consider a portion of lyrics from the honoree's favorite song, or a quote from a movie to personalize a tribute.

She Is Gone (He Is Gone)

You can shed tears that she is gone

Or you can smile because she has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back

Or you can open your eyes, and see all that she has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see 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 her, and only that she is 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.

- David Harkins

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 glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;

I am not there.

I did not die.

- Mary Frye

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 are still
Call me by my old familiar name
Speak to me in the easy way you always
used to
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.
Nothing is past; nothing is lost
One brief moment and all will be as it
was before
How we shall laugh at the trouble of
parting when we meet again!

- Canon Henry Scott-Holland

We Remember Him (We Remember Her)

When we are weary and in need of strength,

When we are lost and sick at heart,

We remember him.

When we have a joy we crave to share

When we have decisions that are difficult to make

When we have achievements that are based on his

We remember him.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember him.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

We remember him.

At the rising of the sun and at its setting,

We remember him.

As long as we live, he too will live

For he is now a part of us,

As we remember him.

- Adapted from the Yizkor Service

Parable On Immortality

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 until at last she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and the sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says, "There she goes."

Gone where? Gone from my sight...that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says, "There she goes", there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

- Henry Van Dyke

Our Memories Build A Special Bridge

When loved ones have to part
To help us feel were with them still
And soothe a grieving heart
They span the years and warm our lives
Preserving ties that bind
Our memories build a special bridge
And bring us peace of mind.

- Emly Mathews

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 for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we
shared
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.

When I am dead my dearest
Sing no sad songs for me
Plant thou no roses at my head
Nor shady cypress tree
Be the green grass above me
With showers and dewdrops wet
And if thou wilt remember
And if thou wilt, forget.
I shall not see the shadows,
I shall not fear the rain;
I shall not hear the nightingale
Sing on as if in pain;
And dreaming through the twilight
That doth not rise nor set,
Haply I may remember,
And haply may forget.

-Christina Rossetti

There Is No Night Without A Dawning

No winter without a spring
And beyond the dark horizon
Our hearts will once more sing
For those who leave us for a while
Have only gone away
Out of a restless, care worn world
Into a brighter day

- Helen Steiner Rice

Remember

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can 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.

- Christina Rossetti

Irish Blessing

May the roads rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

- Anonymous

Untitled

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.

- Rabindranath Tagore

Untitled

What though the radiance which was once so bright
Be now forever taken from my sight,
Though nothing can bring back the hour
Of splendour in the grass, of glory in the flower;
We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind.

- William Wordsworth, Intimations of Immortality

Not How Did He Die, But How Did He Live?

Not, how did he die, but how did he live?
Not, what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of his birth.
Nor what was his church, nor what was his creed?
But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever ready, with words of good cheer,
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many were sorry when he passed away?

- Anonymous

Untitled

And when the stream that overflows has passed,
A consciousness remains upon the silent shore of memory;
Images and precious thoughts that shall not be
And cannot be destroyed.

- William Wordsworth, from The Excursion

Untitled

I carry your heart with me (I carry it in
my heart) I am never without it (anywhere
I go you go, my dear; and whatever is done
by only me is your doing, my darling)

I fear

no fate (for you are my fate, my sweet) I want
no world (for beautiful you are my world, my true)
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant
and whatever a sun will always sing is you
here is the deepest secret nobody knows
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud
and the sky of a tree called life; which grows
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart
I carry your heart (I carry it in my heart)

- E.E.Cummings

A Reflection On An Autumn Day

I took up a handful of grain and let it slip flowing through my fingers, and I said to myself

This is what it is all about. There is no longer any room for pretense. At harvest time the essence is revealed – the straw and chaff are set aside, they have done their job. The grain alone matters – sacks of pure gold.

So it is when a person dies the essence of that person is revealed. At the moment of death a person's character stands out happy for the person who has forged it well over the years. Then it will not be the great achievement that will matter, nor, how much money or possessions a person has amassed. These like the straw and the chaff, will be left behind. It is what he has made of himself that will matter. Death can take away from us what we have, but it cannot rob us of who we are.

Footprints On The Sands of Time

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream! —
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.
Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returns,
Was not spoken of the soul.
Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each to-morrow
Find us farther than to-day.
Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and
brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act, — act in the living Present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead!
Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;
Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.
Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Untitled

Tis only we who grieve
They do not leave
They are not gone
They look upon us still
They walk among the valleys now
They stride upon the hill
Their smile is in the summer sky
Their grace is in the breeze
Their memories whisper in the grass
Their calm is in the trees
Their light is in the winter snow
Their tears are in the rain
Their merriment runs in the brook
Their laughter in the lane
Their gentleness is in the flowers
They sigh in autumn leaves
They do not leave
They are not gone
Tis only we who grieve
If only we could see the splendour of the land
To which our loved ones are called from you and me
We'd understand
If only we could hear the welcome they receive
From old familiar voices all so dear
We would not grieve
If only we could know the reason why they went
We'd smile and wipe away the tears that flow
And wait content

Untitled

When we lose a loved one
Our world just falls apart
We think that we can't carry on
With this broken heart
Everything is different now
You're upset and you're annoyed
Your world it seems is shattered
There's such an awful void
There's got to be a reason
And we have to understand
God made us and at any time
Hell reach down for our hand
There might not be a warning
We won't know where or when
The only thing were certain of
Is well meet them once again.

- Anon

Finally Home (For Mom)

A beautiful mind that first
thought of me
A womb that kept me safe
A smile that exploded
The first time she saw my face

Loving arms that cradled me
Gentle hands that brushed my hair
A contagious, vibrant laugh
That still lingers in the air

Two lips that kissed my banged up
knees
And wiped away my tears
A tongue that prayed
continuously
Through all my childhood years

Approving eyes that watched me
dance
That never missed a show
Ears that listened to all my hurts

Advice that helped me grow
A faith that helped me spread my
wings
Her spirit made me strong
Encouragement that made me
brave
That helped me write my song

The greatest mom, my truest
friend
I wish I could see your smile
Still, today my heart leaps with joy
Because I had you for a while

Fifty-six years, spent and gone
A life that briefly touched my
own
A smile on her Savior's face
A soul that's finally home

- Jamie Zahradnik-Williams

Twenty Third Psalm

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's 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
anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth
over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.

I Am Learning How To Live

I am learning how to live
In a new way
Since that day
You were taken away.

I am learning how to live
With the things left unsaid
Knowing I got to say them
With every tear that I shed.

I am learning how to live
By embracing the pain
Knowing that you live on

Through the memories that
remain.

I am learning how to live
Knowing I will never again see
your face
And I have peace knowing
You're in a better place.

I am learning how to live
Knowing you're in God's care
It gives me the strength to move
on
And makes the pain much easier
to bear

Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright.
There is a perfect joy and beauty
in this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh, but Jesus' love illuminated
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
in the way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on
could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so
sorely,

for I love you dearly still.

Try to look beyond death's
shadows;

Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
so you must not idly stand.

Do it now, while life remaineth;
you shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting;
Oh, the joy to see you come!

- Anonymous

So God Made A Farmer

And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board." So God made a farmer.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon -- and mean it." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt. And watch it die. Then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, pain'n from 'tractor back,' put in another seventy-two hours." So God made a farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place. So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark. It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church.

"Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life so doing what dad does." So God made a farmer.

- Paul Harvey

So God Made A Farmer's Wife

And on the 9th day God looked down and said, "I have just asked a lot of this old boy, he is going to need some help," So God made a farmer's wife. God said, "She has to get up before dawn and not let that farmer hit snooze for the third time, cook breakfast while he is milking cows, wake and ready the brood for school, take supper to him in the field and remind him to quit in time to get to the school board meeting in town." So God made a farmer's wife.

"I need someone strong enough to carry his children and at 8 months along run cows out of corn field. Someone to run for parts, come home and throw a meal together and deliver another meal to a sick neighbor. Someone to mend his clothes and keep them clean, who will deliver her good towels and own hair dryer to the barn to warm a shivering calf." So God made a farmer's wife.

"I need someone who will trade off with him in the barn while saving that newborn colt. And when it dies, she will cry, when he says, 'Maybe next year.' Someone who can use that ax and knows where to find it. Who can fashion a child's belt out of baling twine, while running horses back in and fixing the hot wire. And who at planting time finishes her forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, 16 of those hours at her in town job." So God made a farmer's wife.

God knew that farmer would need someone out there bucking bales & bouncing along at double speed helping get that hay in ahead of the rain. Someone who would run with him to the neighbors' when he sees smoke and then come up with enough food to feed the tired, hungry, impromptu firemen. So God made a farmer's wife.

God said, "She has to be strong enough to heave bales, scoop out bins, carry feed buckets, yet gentle enough to fix a child's boo-boo with a duct tape & shop towel bandage in the middle of a field. It has to be someone

who won't cut corners when it comes to the land and animals but cut them in her clothing, grocery, beautician and decorating budget. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and mix calf bottles and load livestock and haul them to town. Who makes sure everyone is bathed and in the pew Sunday morning for church."

"Somebody who would trust his guidance, but offer her suggestions, as he baled his family together in love and sharing. Who gently reminds him of who he is working for. Someone who would laugh, then sigh and then reply with smiling eyes, when her daughter says she wants to grow up and 'marry a farmer.'" So God made a farmer's wife.

- Megan Gottman

Footprints In The Sand

One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
Especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
There was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my
life,
There was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave
me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

For My Husband, My Best Friend, My Cowboy

It's not the end of the trail for me,
I'm just headin' out to the light I see.
Beyond those mountains there's a soft glow;
It's gettin' brighter the closer I go.
It's like the beginning of a new day,
And the trail I'm followin' leads the way.
I feel sure there's friends and family ahead,
And they've set up camp on a brand new spread.
Yes, I can hear the voices callin' my name,
sayin', "Welcome Dan, sure glad you came,
This new range is special, you'll like it here,
There's grass for your horses, the streams are clear,
The cattle are gentle and never stampede,
And in every direction there's plenty of feed.
If you're thinkin' it sounds too good to be true,
it's not—'cause the Boss made a promise to you.
If you'd ride for his brand, be honest and square,
He'd relive all your pain, and remove every care.
He was mighty pleased with your life on earth,
That you did your best, and proved your worth.
So step off your horse, and tied on up,
Your friends are all waiting to pour you a cup.
We'll talk about old days, as time allows,
'cause startin' tomorrow you'll be workin' cows!"

Book of Ecclesiastes – A Time For Everything

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboreth?

I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of God. I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

- The Bible, King James Version

Where Do They Go To?

Where do they go to, the people who leave?
Are they around us, in the cool evening breeze?
Do they still hear us, and watch us each day?
I'd like you to think of them with us that way.

Where do they go to, when no longer here?
I think that they stay with us, calming our fear
Loving us always, holding our hands
Walking beside us, on grass or on sand.

Where do they go to, well it's my belief
They watch us and help us to cope with our grief
They comfort and stay with us, through each of our days
Guiding us always through life's mortal maze.

He Only Takes the Best

God saw that he was getting tired,
A cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around him
and whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes, we watched him suffer,
And saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes "the best"

I Will Wait For You

I will wait for you,
Though we never had a chance to say goodbye.
Remember me,
When winter snows are falling through a quiet sky.
I'll remember you,
When, in our darkest hour,
You held my hand and prayed I wouldn't go.
But a silent voice called out to me;
My time had come, and I had to travel Home.

Since then, I know your life has never been the same,
For I visit you each day
So many times I've felt your pain:
I've watched you cry:
And I've heard you call my name...

But now, further along life's road I stand
In a timeless world, just beyond your sight,
Waiting for the day when I can take your hand and bring you across
to this land of Golden Light...

Till then, remember me, you understand—and try not to cry.
But if you do:
Let your tears fall
For the happiness and joy we knew,
And for the special love we shared,
For love can never die.

Stephen O'Brien

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his 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've found that peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free.

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I'll Lend You A Child

"I'll lend you for a little time a child of Mine." He said.
"For you to love while he lives
And mourn for when he's dead.
It may be six or seven years
Or twenty-two or three,
But will you, till I call him back,
Take care of him for Me?"
He'll bring his charms to gladden you,
And should his stay be brief
You'll have his lovely memories
As solace for your grief.
""I cannot promise he will stay
Since all from Earth return,
But there are lessons taught down there
I want this child to learn.
I've looked the wide world over
In my search for teachers true,
And from the throngs that crowd
life's lanes
I have selected you.

Now will you give him all your love,
Not think the labour vain,
Nor hate Me when I come to call
And take him back again.
"I fancied that I heard them say,
"Dear Lord, Thy will be done,
For all the joy Thy child shall bring,
The risk of grief we run.
We'll shelter him with tenderness,
We'll love him while we may,
And for the happiness we've known,
Forever grateful stay.
But should the angels call for him
Much sooner than we planned,
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes
and try to understand."

- Edgar Guest, newspaperman and prolific Anglo American poet (1881 – 1959)

