

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 path 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 will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

# P1  
**Psalm 23**

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

# P2  
**The Lord's Prayer**

I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day 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 behind,  
When the day is done.

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

# P3  
**Afterglow**

I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

# P4  
**The Master Called**

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 all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.

-author unknown

# P5  
**Miss Me, But Let Me Go**

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 Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or 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 up 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.  
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!

-author unknown

# P6  
**I'm Free**

GOD, grant me the Serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can, and the  
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.  
Amen

-Author unknown

# P7  
**Serenity Prayer**

"Be not afraid" the Master said,  
"I'm with you always," so instead  
Of shouldering my cross alone,  
I place my burden on His own.  
For I'm not nearly strong enough,  
To make it when the going's rough,  
And it's a comfort to believe  
"You need but ask Me to receive"  
Handed down to me through time,  
These blessed words of hope,  
and I'm Renewed in spirit to recall  
"Am I not Father to you all?"  
One day these feet shall cease to roam,  
Earth's but my temporary home  
I was in truth for Heaven made,  
And so I shall not be afraid.

-Author unknown

#P8  
**Be Not Afraid**

When I must leave you for a little 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 you  
And hold you near  
And never, never be afraid to die  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

-Helen Steiner Rice

# P9  
**When I Must Leave You**

As you complete this temporary journey  
 you have embraced our hearts  
 Yes we mourn but realize this is where your life  
 truly starts your smile sparkled greater  
 than silver and gold We're willing to let go of  
 your hand so that God can grab hold . We will  
 always love you as you have continued to love us  
 all we ask now is that you look down while you  
 are above us we are grateful that God put us in  
 the midst of your presence we breathe with your  
 memory and walk with your essence. The Lord is  
 our Shepherd He tends to us as sheep and mends  
 the hearts that are weak until one day we can  
 shake his hand and sit at his feet we don't think of  
 you as a loss to our family that remains We  
 cherish you as a beautiful angel that heaven has  
 gained!

-Author unknown

# P10

**Heaven Has Gained An Angel**

You can shed tears that he is gone,  
 Or you can smile because he lived,  
 You can close your eyes and pray that he will  
 come back, Or you can open your eyes and  
 see all that he has left. Your heart can be  
 empty because you can't see him 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  
 and only that he 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 would want: smile,  
 open your eyes, love and go on.

-Author unknown

# P11

**He Is Gone**

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,  
 So there's no reason for you to weep;  
 This is a debt we all must pay,  
 You will see me again someday.  
 I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,  
 Now I don't have to worry about  
 tomorrow. But life for you must go on,  
 You must not worry because I'm gone.  
 You stood beside me all the way,  
 When I was down, you knew what to say  
 ... You always told me, "get some rest,"  
 Let me sleep now, I've done my best.  
 So please let me rest in peace,  
 The tears you're shedding soon will  
 cease. You'll soon realize this was meant  
 to be, I thank God because He came for  
 me.

-Author unknown

# P12

**Asleep**

Death is nothing at all - I have only slipped  
 away into the next room. Whatever we were to  
 each other, that we are still. Call me by my old  
 familiar name, speak to me in the easy way  
 which you always used. Laugh as we always  
 laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.  
 Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my  
 name be the household word it always was. Let  
 it be spoken without effort. Life means all that  
 it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was:  
 there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why  
 should I be out of your mind because I am out  
 of your sight? I am but 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 before  
 — only better, infinitely happier and forever we  
 will all be one together with Christ.

-Author unknown

# P13

**Togetherness**

To those I love and those that love me,  
 When I am gone, release me, let me go  
 I have so many things to see and do  
 You mustn't 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's time I travel alone  
 So grieve for a while for me if you must  
 Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
 It's only for a while that we must part  
 So bless the memories within your heart  
 I won't be far away, for life goes on  
 So if you need me, call and I will come  
 Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
 And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
 All my love around you so soft and clear  
 And then, when you must come this way alone  
 I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
 "Welcome Home."

-Author unknown

# P14

**To Those I Love**

Don't spend too much time in mourning,  
 Tears are for the sad;  
 I left to be with Jesus  
 And this should make you glad.  
 Don't waste your hours in grieving,  
 No need to feel distress;  
 I'm tired of life's frustrations  
 And had to get some rest.  
 Don't puzzle yourself with questions  
 Or try to reason why  
 Life here for me was ended,  
 It came my time to die.  
 Don't lose the love I gave you  
 Feed it with your care;  
 Grow it with devotion  
 And spread it everywhere.  
 Don't fret because my leaving  
 Came in such a way;  
 We'll have another meeting  
 In God's eternal day.

-Author unknown

# P15

**Don't**

God saw she was getting tired  
 And a cure was not to be  
 So He gently closed those loving eyes  
 And whispered "Come to me"  
 The days of toil and nights of pain  
 The weary hours have passed  
 The patient gentle worn out frame  
 Has found sweet rest at last.  
 Day and night we stood by her  
 And saw her in pain,  
 Anxiously awaiting her cure  
 But our waiting was in vain.  
 God who knoweth all things best  
 Eased her suffering, gave her rest  
 She is gone but not forgotten,  
 Never will our memories fade  
 Sweetest thoughts of her will ever linger  
 Round the place where she rests.

-Author unknown

# P16

**Come to me**

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 belonged  
 to him, and 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 was 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'd 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 don't understand why when  
 I needed you most you would leave". The LORD  
 replied, "My precious, 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".

-Mary Stevenson

# P17

**Footprints**

We strain every nerve, We strive for the prize  
 Of our calling in Christ, A home in the skies.  
 The battles all fought the victory won  
 We have the reward "Good servant well done."  
 Come enter thy home these mansions above  
 Rest in Heaven of infinite love  
 From sorrow and sin forever released  
 Come sit with the guest at the Heavenly feast  
 All stains washed away in robes of pure white  
 We bask in His rays we shine in His light  
 The crowns of rejoicing we ever more wear  
 The glory of Christ eternally shared.  
 Make me "O" father more grateful for life  
 More willing to bear the turmoil and strife  
 More anxious to serve more like him to be  
 Who gave his own life for answer, for me  
 That bearing Christ image here below.  
 My word done in him his glory may show  
 Fill the summer hear in accents of love  
 Daughter come higher and serve me above  
 What glories await the spirit set free  
 From fetters of earth untrammelled to be  
 The work begins here is continued above  
 And all that's left in life is service and love.

-Author unknown

# P18

**The Mansions Above**

*I know not what the year will bring,  
But this I know, my heart will sing;  
For He who gives the gift of years has  
power to still my doubts and fears.  
And if the way be dark or fair, I shall  
not doubt God answers prayer.  
Though I may walk the depths, of night,  
His lamp of Truth shall give me light.  
To me there is no foreign land, For  
with me is His guiding hand.  
And God, Who heeds the sparrow's  
fall, will always answer when I call.  
I shall go forward, upright, free; For  
He will walk the way with me.  
I leave this year with God alone, For  
He is mindful of His own.*

-Author unknown

# P19

**He is Mindful Of His Own**

*To say goodbye is not the end  
To all my family and friends  
For life goes on, you must endure  
For my eternity is sure.  
Remember all the good times  
The memories we've shared  
The precious jewels of laughter  
The tender love and care.  
I found my resting place  
God's peace surrounds my soul  
Let love abound in all your hearts  
Let heaven be your goal.*

-Author unknown

# P20

**To Say Goodbye**

*For every pain that we must bear  
For every burden, every care  
There is a reason.  
For every grief that bows the head  
For every tear drop that is shed  
There is a reason.  
For every hurt, for every plight  
For every lonely, pain-racked night,  
There is a reason.  
But if we trust God, as we should  
It will all turn out for our good  
He knows the reason.*

-Author unknown

# P21

**There's A Reason**

*I've parted this life my loved one,  
But worry not for I am not gone,  
I am merely resting.  
Don't cry or mourn  
For God is with you and in your hearts.  
Carry on.  
We will miss each other,  
But remember God is with us all.  
Be strong my loved one,  
For I am not gone,  
but merely resting.*

-Author unknown

# P22

**I Am Resting**

*I needed the quiet so He drew me aside,  
Into the shadows where we could confide.  
Away from the bustle where all the day long  
I hurried and worried when active and strong.  
I needed the quiet tho' at first I rebelled  
But gently, so gently, my cross He upheld.  
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things  
Tho' weakened in body, my spirit took wings  
To heights never dreamed of when active and gay.  
He loved me so greatly, He drew me away.  
I needed the quiet. No prison, my bed,  
But a beautiful valley of blessings instead -  
A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide.  
I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside.*

-Alice H. Mortenson

# P23

**I Needed The Quiet**

*I've changed my address to Heaven  
I've crossed the Great Divide.  
I know there's no sorrow or crying,  
Because I've reached the other side.  
I am so happy to be here, for the Lord Himself I see.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place where you'll find me.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I bid this world goodbye.  
I now live forever with Jesus in my new home in the  
sky. I have no burdens or heartaches  
and from tears I am now free.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place to find me.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I'm safe forevermore. For the Lord built a mansion  
and my name is on the door.  
You can find us walking together,  
for where He is, I'll always be.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place you'll find me.*

-Author unknown

# P24

**I've Changed My Address**

*Lonely is the home without you,  
Life to us is not the same;  
All the world would be like Heaven,  
If we could have you back again.  
A light from our household gone,  
A voice we loved is still,  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled.  
May the God of Love and Mercy,  
Care our loved one who is gone,  
And bless with consolation,  
Those left to carry on.  
The happy hours we once enjoyed,  
How sweet their memory still  
But death has left a vacant place,  
This world can never fill.  
How dearly we loved you,  
And prayed you might live,  
But Jesus just beckoned,  
And we had to give.  
God gave us strength to bear it,  
And courage to fight the blow,  
What it has meant to lose you,  
God alone will ever know.*

-Author unknown

# P25

**Lonely Is The Home Without You**

*Our family circle has been broken link has  
gone from our chain;  
But though we are parted for a while,  
We know we will meet again.  
Sometimes it's hard to understand why  
certain things must be, but there is a reason  
for it all, beyond our power to see.  
The cover of life's book is closed for one we  
loved so well; But the loving deeds of  
by-gone days are what the pages tell.  
The blow was hard, the shock severe;  
We never thought your death was so near.  
But only those who have lost can tell  
The pain of parting without farewell.*

-Author unknown

# P26

**My Farewell**

*There are many things in life  
That we do not understand  
But we must trust God's judgment  
And be guided by His hand,  
And all who have God's blessing  
Can rest safely in His care,  
For he promises safe passage  
On the wings of faith and prayer.*

-Author unknown

# P27

**Rest Safely In His Care VI**

*If I knew it would be the last time I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep,  
 If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for more.  
 If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted in praise, I would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.  
 If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two to stop and say "I Love You", instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.  
 If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.  
 For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything right.  
 There will always be another day to say our "I love you's", And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?" But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope you never forget, Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.  
 So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day, That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss and you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.  
 So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear,  
 Take time to say "I'm sorry," "please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay". And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have NO regrets about Today.*

-Author unknown

# P28

**If Tomorrow Never Comes**

*Lord, I've never moved a mountain  
 And I guess I never will.  
 All the faith that I could muster  
 Wouldn't move a small ant hill.  
 Yet I'll tell you, Lord, I'm grateful  
 For the privilege of knowing thee,  
 And for all the mountain moving  
 Down through life you've done for me.  
 When I needed grace to lift me  
 From the depths of despair,  
 And when burdens, pain and sorrow  
 Have been more than I could bear,  
 You have always been my helper  
 To restore life's troubled sea,  
 And to move these little mountains  
 That have looked so big to me.  
 Many times when I've had problems  
 And when bills I've had to pay,  
 And the worries and the heartaches  
 Just kept mounting every day,  
 Lord, I don't know how you did it,  
 Can't explain, the where's or why's,  
 All I know I've seen these mountains  
 Turn to blessings in disguise.  
 No, I've never moved a mountain  
 For my faith is far too small.  
 Yet I thank you, Lord of Heaven,  
 You have always heard my call.  
 And as long as there are mountains  
 In my life I'll have no fear,  
 For the mountain moving Jesus  
 He shall make them disappear.*

-Author unknown

# P29

**Mountain Moving**

*I was once put in a place with nothing to see;  
 Not a soul to talk to and not a thing I could be.  
 Not a voice to hear me laugh.  
 So there above the dark gray clouds was a flower I just had to have.  
 Up above the sunlit sky was what seemed to be  
 The reddest rose and the most yellow daisy surrounded by blue.  
 With Its luminous glow that reminded me of a love I once knew.  
 And I'm quite sure that if you had seen this Wildflower,  
 you would have wanted it, too.  
 I was told the sky is the limit,  
 so for what am I to do without an ear to hear  
 Or a person to see me shed a tear under a shade less tree?  
 Maybe I can reach if I try with all my might.  
 But if all fails, I shall try again at the first sight of light.  
 Through all the things I have been through,  
 reaching the flower was my goal.  
 Not able to realize the pleasure and pain inflicted upon my soul.  
 So, I raise my head and speak to the Holy Man.  
 Promise me I can have the Wild Flower located in the Promised Land.  
 Then I stared at the beautiful flower that now seemed kind of tan.  
 When I die, bury me with this flower in the depths of pearl white sands.  
 I reached out high and touched the sky as the flower fell in my hand.  
 I have fulfilled my one and only goal, so bury me here where I stand.  
 Now, I shall count the minutes of time, and stay happy,  
 Because the Wild Flower is finally mine.*

-Author unknown

# P30

**Wildflower**

*Good Bye family I had to go  
 But there's something I want you to know  
 I enjoyed you while I had life  
 I had to cross over with my father Jesus Christ.  
 Don't you cry, don't shed a tear  
 Just look up and my love will appear  
 So good bye daughter, good bye son  
 O don't let me forget my little one  
 I'll see you soon one day  
 Just remember I am OK  
 Go on and live your life  
 You will soon cross over with Jesus Christ  
 Don't weep or mourn because you will all  
 Be called home, Good Bye, Good Bye Love you all.  
 Just remember don't let my death let you fall  
 Hold on, hold on tight  
 I'll see you soon, Goodnight.*

# P31

**Good Bye Family**

God on his throne in Heaven  
Looked around at His Flowers so fair  
And then sought a blossom on earth  
To add to those he had there  
To be part of such heavenly company  
The bloom must be pure and sweet  
And the little bud that was chosen  
Was the child who had played at our feet.  
Sorrow is great at the loss of our child  
At the parting with one we love  
But the parting was made that our  
child might go  
To brighten the heavens above.

-Author unknown

# P32  
**Baby**

Your gentle face and patient smile,  
With sadness we recall,  
You had a kindly word for each  
And died beloved by all.  
The voice is mute and stilled the heart  
That loved us well and true,  
Ah, bitter was the trial to part  
From one so good as you.  
You are not forgotten loved one  
Nor will you ever be  
As long as life and memory last  
We will remember thee.  
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,  
As time goes by, we miss you more,  
Your loving smile, your gentle face,  
No one can take your vacant place.

-Author unknown

# P33  
**Your Gentle Face And Patient Smile**

Lord, for your faithful people life  
Is changed, not ended. When the  
body of our earthly dwelling lies in  
death we gain an everlasting  
dwelling place in Heaven.  
Lord, grant eternal rest, forever in  
The radiance of your light.

-Author unknown

# P34  
**Faithful People**

Remember, O Lord, this  
Thy servant, who is gone  
Before us with the sign  
of faith, and sleeps in  
the sleep of peace.  
To this one, O Lord and  
To all who rest in Christ,  
Grant, we pray Thee, a  
Place of refreshment, light,  
And peace.

-Author unknown

# P35  
**Wreath**

The life of those  
Who are faithful  
To thee, Lord, is  
But changed, not Ended.

-Author unknown

# P36  
**Life Prayer**

I said a prayer for you today and  
I know God must have heard  
I felt the answer in my heart  
Although He spoke no word!  
I didn't ask for wealth or fame  
(I knew you wouldn't mind)  
I asked him to send treasures of  
A far more lasting kind!  
I asked that He'd be near you  
At the start of each new day  
To grant you health and blessings  
And friends to share your way!  
I asked for happiness for you in all  
Things great and small but it was for his  
loving care that I Prayed for most of all!

-Author unknown

# P37  
**I Said A Prayer**

God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain  
But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way.  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unveiling sympathy,  
Undying love.....

-Annie Johnson Flint

# P38  
**What God Hath Promised**

"To laugh often and much: to win  
the respect of intelligent people and  
the affection of children: to earn the  
appreciation of honest critics and  
endure the betrayal of false friends:  
to appreciate beauty: to find the best  
in others: to leave the world a bit better  
whether by a healthy child, a garden  
patch, or a redeemed social condition:  
to know even one life has breathed  
easier because you have lived.  
This is to have succeeded."

-Author unknown

# P39  
**Success**

With the spirits of righteousness  
Made perfect, give rest to the  
Soul of your servant, O Savior. And  
Preserve it in that life of blessedness  
Which is with You, O Lord who  
Loves mankind.  
In the place of your rest, O Lord,  
Where all Your Saints repose, give  
Rest also to the soul of your servant:  
For you alone love mankind.

-Author unknown

# P40  
**Savior Prayer**

*If death should beckon me  
With outstretched hand  
And whisper softly of  
"An Unknown Land"  
I shall not be afraid to go,  
For though the path I do not know,  
I take Death's Hand without a fear,  
For He who safely brought me here  
Will also take me safely back.  
And though in many things I lack,  
He will not let me go alone  
Into the "Valley That's Unknown"...  
So I reach out and take Death's hand  
And journey to the "Promised Land."*

-Author unknown

# P41  
**I Do Not Go Alone VI**

*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 star that shines at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry.  
I am not there: I did not die.*

-Melinda Sue Pacho

# P42  
**I Did Not Die**

*There is no life, truth, intelligence  
Not substance in matter. All is infinite  
Mind and its infinite manifestations.  
Spirit is immortal truth. Matter is mortal  
Error. Spirit is the real and eternal.  
Matter is the unreal and temporal.  
Spirit is God and Man is His image  
And likeness. Therefore man is not  
Material. He is spiritual.*

-Author unknown

# P43  
**Christian Science**

*I shall pass through the world  
But once: any good therefore that  
I can do or any kindness that I  
Can show to any human being,  
Let me do it now, let me not defer  
Or neglect it for I shall not pass  
This way again.*

-Author unknown

# P44  
**Exlibris**

*Fold my work and lay it away for  
This is the end of a last long day. Out  
Of the clouds have come some tears,  
Out of the shadow have come some  
Fears.  
Always our Father's loving care, and  
The blessed privilege dear friends and  
Loved ones do not sorrow, its good  
Right now, but its good morning  
Tomorrow.*

-Author unknown

# P45  
**Fold My Work**

*A light is from our household gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled.  
We have to mourn the loss of one  
We did our best to save.  
Beloved on earth, regretted still,  
Remembered in the grave.  
'Twas hard to part with one so dear,  
We little thought the time was near  
Farewell, dear one, your life is past,  
Our love for you till the end will last.*

-Author unknown

# P46  
**A Light From Our Household**

*There's magic in mother's touch,  
And sunshine in her smile  
There's love in everything she does  
To make our lives worthwhile  
We can find both love and courage  
Just by looking in her eyes  
Her laughter is a source of joy,  
Her words are warm and wise  
There is a kindness and compassion  
To be found in her embrace  
And we see the light of Heaven  
Shining from a mother's face.*

-Author unknown

# P47  
**The Magic of a Mother's Touch**

*If tears could build a stairway  
And memories were a lane.  
We 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 we knew it  
And only God knows why  
Our hearts still ache in sadness  
And secret tears still flow  
What it meant to love you  
No one can ever know  
But now we know you want us  
To mourn for you no more  
To remember all the happy times  
Life still has much in store  
Since you'll never be forgotten  
We pledge to you today  
A hallowed place within our hearts  
Is where you'll always stay.*

-Author unknown

# P48  
**If Tears Could Build A Stairway**

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to  
see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with  
tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way  
you did today, while thinking of the many things, we  
didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much  
as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know  
you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me,  
please try to understand that an angel came and called  
my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place  
was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave  
behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked  
through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When  
God looked down and smiled at me, from His great  
golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've  
promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but  
here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today  
will always last. And since each day's the same way,  
there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow  
starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For  
every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.*

-Author unknown

# P49  
**When Tomorrow Starts Without Me**

Away from earth's worries  
Away from all cares  
Our loved one is sleeping  
Beyond the sun's glare,  
Her life's work is finished  
So why should we weep?  
In God's wonderful garden  
She has fallen asleep.

-Author unknown

#P50  
Away

If a tiny baby could think, it would be afraid of birth. To leave the only world it has known would seem a kind of death. But immediately after the birth the child would find itself in loving arms, showered with affection and cared for at every moment. Surely the baby would say, "I was foolish to doubt God's plan for me. This is a beautiful life."

Passing through death is really a birth into a new and better world. Those who are left behind should not grieve as if there were no hope. Life is changed, not taken away. Our dear ones live on, in a world beautiful beyond anything we can imagine.

"Do not grieve too much," they say to us.  
"We are living and are still with you."

-Author unknown

#P51  
A Word Of Consolation

He wished no one a last farewell,  
nor even said goodbye.  
He was gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.  
They say time heals all sorrow,  
And helps us to forget,  
But time so far only proves  
How much we miss him yet,  
God gives us strength to face it,  
And courage to bear the blow.  
But what it meant to  
"love" and lose him  
No one will ever know.

-Author unknown

#P52  
He Wished No One A Last Farewell

In this time of grief, may the glow of God's love light your way, and may the warmth of His embrace give you peace and comfort.

-Author unknown

#P53  
In This Time Of Grief

To the living, I am gone,  
To the sorrowful I will never return,  
I am at peace with myself and the Lord,  
I cannot speak, but I can listen  
I cannot be seen but I can be heard,  
So remember me in your heart and thoughts,  
Remember me in your memories,  
Remember me of the times we loved,  
Remember me of the times we laughed,  
Remember me of the times we cried,  
Remember me of the times we fought  
And always remember me of the times we lived together. I am resting in peace with the highest hope that some day we shall all unite again in God's Kingdom.

-Author unknown

#P54  
Remember Me

Fly on to heaven, fly high, fly free, take your place with God and your long lost family. On this earth you are a sister, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and mother-in-law. You eased all our tears with your great spirit and calm hands. No more hurt, no more pain, you floated to heaven and gained PEACE. Even though we will miss you And it hurts more than we can stand, we know you are care free and in God's hands. Can't wait to see you again. You will always be loved and missed.

-Author unknown

#P55  
Fly On To Heaven

The softened rush of angel wings  
Is heard in quiet hours; a moment when a child prays, the wind upon the flowers, the velvet touch at the end of day when twilight touches sky, the trickle of a single tear when one must say goodbye. The softened rush of angel wings. When the heavens all rejoice, when one finds God's redemption, the angels lift their voice. They sing, so full of glory a child has come home, no more to wander aimlessly so lost and all alone. The softened rush of angel wings; A ripple in a pond, a vagrant cloud in crystal dome, the scarlet streaks of dawn. The rustle is so gentle, we often don't take care, we say it's just a breath of wind That's blowing by somewhere but if you listen carefully you might hear the flit of wings Gliding through the evening breeze soft as a whisper sings. You might even feel a flutter. As an angel passes by, So close that you could touch them as they journey through the sky.

#P56 -Author unknown

Rush Of Angel Wings

The day so full of promise Has slowly slipped away, Like dying coals upon fire Where logs of oak once lay. Some victories, some losses, With work yet to be don't. People who will need me Struggles to be won. So I kneel beside my bed To thank God for this day, I ask for nothing but His grace That love might light my way. Gone forever this day, Content I've done my best. I hand it over now to God And seek His peaceful rest.

-Author unknown

#P57  
When Day Is Done

Little did we know that morning,  
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,  
you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.  
You left us beautiful memories,  
your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
you are always by 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.

-Author unknown

#P58  
The Chain Will Link Again

*A heart of gold stopped beating,  
Two shining eyes at rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove  
He only takes the best,  
God knows you had to leave us,  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day He took you home.  
To some you will be forgotten,  
To others, just part of the past,  
But to us who loved and lost you,  
Your memory will always last.*

-Author unknown

#P59  
**A Heart of Gold**

*May I go now  
Do you think the time is right?  
May I say goodbye to pain - filled days  
and endless lonely nights?  
I've lived my life and done my best,  
an example tried to be,  
So can I take that step beyond  
and set my spirit free?  
I fought with all my might,  
but something seems to draw me now,  
To a warm and lovely light.  
Thank you so for loving me,  
you know I love you too.  
That's why it's hard to say goodbye  
and end this life with you.  
So hold me now just one more time  
and let me hear you say,  
Because you care so much for me,  
you'll let me go today.*

#P60 -Author unknown  
**May I Go Now? (VI)**

*No more grief or sorrow, no more suffering or  
pain, now there is everlasting peace because  
the angels came. Only God knows what is  
best and He gently holds my hand . Guiding  
me to a better place because the angels came.  
When the sun rises tomorrow and I answer  
not my name, Please don't cry ..... Rejoice  
with me because the angels came. I now can  
rest in peace as I never could before.  
answered the gentle knock of the angels at my  
door. So please don't mourn for me as new  
wings I now claim, I can take my flight to  
heaven because the angels came.*

-Author unknown

#P61  
**Because The Angels Came**

*There's no time for sad remembrances  
Because I'm home where I belong  
I've conquered all my battles,  
I've even heard the trumpet's song.  
I've climbed my highest mountain  
And I've reached an even peak,  
And I've found that peace and true reward  
That you have yet to seek.  
There's no time for sad remembrances  
For you have a precious life;  
So find comfort in my journey  
Please don't bear this pain and strife.  
Oh! My Father's house is perfect  
Just like He said it would be,  
So dry your tears  
Because I'm home and now I'm free.  
I am part of all the beauty  
That your world has yet to see;  
So don't be sad about my journey,  
Just be glad that I am free!*

-Author unknown

#P62  
**No Time For Sad Remembrances**

*With the Lord as "Your Shepherd"  
You have all that you need.  
For if you "Follow in His Footsteps"  
wherever He may lead,  
He will guard and guide and keep you  
In His loving, watchful care  
And, when traveling in "Dark Valleys,"  
"Your Shepherd" will be there ....  
His goodness is unfailing,  
His kindness knows no end.  
For the Lord is a "Good Shepherd"  
on whom can you depend ....  
So, when your heart is troubled,  
You'll find quiet peace and calm  
If you open up your Bible  
and just read this treasured Psalm.*

-Author unknown

#P63  
**There Is Peace And Calm In The  
23rd Psalm**

*Sorry I had to Leave You So Suddenly"  
Sorry I had to leave in a sudden kind of  
way; didn't have time to call and say  
good-bye today. I knew you would  
understand, because that's the way you  
are; don't worry about the distance  
because I'm not really that far. Don't  
wait up and please don't cry you didn't  
hear me say good-bye.*

#P64  
**Suddenly**

*Trust Him when dark doubts assail thee  
Trust Him when thy strength is small,  
Trust Him when to simply trust Him  
Seems the hardest thing of all.  
Trust Him, He is ever faithful;  
Trust Him, for His will is best;  
Trust Him, for the Heart of Jesus  
Is the only place of rest.  
Trust Him then, through doubts and  
sunshine. All thy cares upon Him cast,  
Till the storm of life is over and the  
trusting days are past.*

#P65  
**Trust Him**

*This old world  
I'll see no more  
Pain and suffering for me  
Is out the door  
Oh, what a journey this will be  
Knowing my Father in heaven  
is walking with me.  
Don't be afraid  
I'll be alright  
I'm cradled in Jesus' arms  
He's holding me tight  
I needed this rest  
Only God knows best  
For those I've left behind  
Don't worry, I'm fine,  
Victory is mine.*

#P66  
**This Old World**

*Earth hath no sorrows that God can't heal  
As I softly repeat it, great comfort I feel  
And I long to reach out to those in the storm.  
Of sorrows dark night and point to the morn,  
when joy will abound up there in the skies.  
As God gently wipes he tears from our eyes!  
Oh then we'll see clearly the face we adore  
and greet our dear loved ones who've gone  
on before. Gone every heartache that here  
we may feel; for earth hath no sorrows that  
God can't heal!*

#P67  
**Earth Hath Sorrow That God Can't Heal**

*Each person's life is but a breath, and I don't know how much air that I have left. I am in pain and distress and I still wonder why my love is put to rest. There isn't a day that goes by that my heart sorrows and I didn't have to cry. If only this was a bad dream, only then could I wake up tomorrow with a brighter gleam. Day and night my heart pounds, my strength fails me, and even the light has gone from my eyes. It seems that I'm about to fall, and my pain will be ever with me. Mom will always touch my heart and I will always touch her soul. For she is my diamond pearl, she is my entire world. If I can borrow angel wings or grace like a dove, there wouldn't be a day that I'll miss your smile in Heaven above.*

*A woman was created from a man's rib and closed up in flesh meaning "life itself or created life" God had to remove something out to make room for another life. I can only pray and hope that God could take my rib and create that special life again. I would do anything just to hear her laugh, smile, and call my name because without her nothing's the same. May the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in her sight for all is her love and love is her all a restful night. I'll love you forever. For great is your love reaching to the Heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the skies, awake her soul for here she lies awaiting your hold. Mother, you will be truly missed and certainly not forgotten. May God bless your soul. Mommy, Heaven's waiting for you, I Love You and you will always have my heart. May God be gracious to us, bless us and make her face shine upon us*

#P68  
**Heart To Soul**

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is 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  
Trod the valley of the shade?  
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me  
In that 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 earth'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!*

#P69  
**Safely Home**

*Loving you is something we all enjoyed to do. Your beautiful smile, your everlasting bliss, your slow walk and gentle hug, kiss. Those are just a few things that we will all miss. You were like a breath of fresh air. Never once did you not care. In our hearts, we can't despair, because you will always be here. May your soul live on forever, because we will always be together. So, for now we will put you to rest, because for all of us, I know you would want the best. There's so much we all want, need and forgot to say. But, there's one thing for sure, we can't stand in God's way. So, as your family and friends, we must stay strong ... so you're precious name may carry on. We love you then, now and forever. In our hearts, minds and souls, we will always be together.*

#P70  
**Loving You**

*Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in. Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win. Please don't say how good I was, but I did my best. Just say that I tried to do what's right - to give the most I could, not do less.*

*Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do. I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due. Please don't give flowers, or talk in hushed tones. Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God; I've made my home.*

*Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done. Just see to all my family's needs, the battle has been won. When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a Saint. I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paint - not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark. In fact, don't put me down on canvass, paint me in your heart.*

*Don't just remember good times, but remember all the bad. For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad. But if you must do something, then I have one last request - forgive for the wrongs I've done, and with the love that's left, thank God for my soul's resting, thank God for I've been blessed. Thank God for all who loved me, praise God who loved me best.*

#P71  
**When I Must Leave You**

*In tears we saw you sinking  
And watched you fade away.  
Our hearts were almost breaking  
We wanted you to stay.  
But when we saw you sleeping  
So peacefully and free from pain  
How could we wish you back  
To suffer that again?  
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*

#P72

**In Tears We Saw You Sinking**

*A mother's love is everlasting though  
the flesh is gone. The memories of joy  
and laughter will still live on I will  
always miss your voice and your  
presence I will remember all of the  
times we shared. Don't worry I will  
move on as I get in my car listening to  
your favorite song, "I Got Love On My  
Mind" - I know life still goes on as I  
start my days and end my nights my  
mother's love will embrace me tight.  
Feeling your presence and knowing  
you're there letting me know I have  
nothing to fear. I will then close my  
eyes and squeeze real tight then I will  
have a good sleep.*

#P73

**A Mother's Love**

*When you're searching for truth And you  
can't find your way, When people don't  
hear What you're trying to say, And the  
answers won't come to the things that you  
pray. It's time to let go And let God ...  
Let go of the bad and the good will appear,  
Trust in the knowledge that He's always  
near, That answers and choices are  
always more clear when you can let go  
and let God. Just lift up your hands and  
surrender your heart, Tell Him your  
worries and He'll do His part, Let go of the  
past and your future will start, When you  
finally let go and let God. May prayers  
and faith and knowing you're loved carry  
you through times of doubt,  
and lead you to perfect peace.*

#P74

**Let Go and Let God**

*No need to worry, no need to cry nor  
question God and wonder why. My heart's  
at peace you're wondering how because  
my soul is with Jesus and I'm resting now.  
The services I gave for my family and  
friends were services of love, even to the  
end. Loved one's now look to Jesus for He  
knows best. He carried me home for I  
needed the rest. Family don't you cry and  
don't be afraid for me, already a way has  
been made. Keep trusting in Jesus and  
doing His will, through Jesus my presence  
you will always feel. Yes, my heart's at  
peace and my soul's at rest and you  
wonder how; it's because I'm with Jesus  
and I'm resting now. I'm in a better place  
as long as I'm with Jesus. I'm resting, just  
like a white dove I've flown away yet. I'm  
resting now.*

#P75

**No Need To Worry, No Need To Cry**

*Now the time has come to depart  
How sweet the moments in our hearts  
Rushing away to embrace the time  
at hand. Not long to go before the time.  
We all spend through the day and night.  
We move over the mountains so high.  
But now with my love its time I find.  
Hold on to my hand till I arrive and  
together we stand.*

#P76

**Now The Time Has Come To Depart**

*We are all God's children  
From the morning hour of birth  
He lets us live and laugh and love  
And have our day on earth;  
He guards us through the afternoon  
Till sunset's rays are cast  
Then one by one  
With gentle words  
He calls us home at last!!*

#P77

**We Are All God's Children**

*Life is funny how it turns  
Life comes and goes  
Life tells a story, while  
death tells it all.  
Life brings family when death controls  
Life can light the world  
when death takes its toll.  
Death is life  
Life is death, but  
Death is just the beginning  
and Life is the end.*

#P78

**Life and Death**

*In all the times that seem so hard  
When tears cry out inside,  
You must explore new ways to live,  
Reverse depression's tide,  
When all of your solutions  
Stay away, remain unknown,  
Are you are isolated  
In your heart and feel alone,  
Remember that the world  
Is full of others just like you  
And you can reach beyond the darkness,  
Change your point of view.  
Everyone has moments  
When their problems seem too much,  
Everyone has joys that seem  
Elusive, out of touch. But when it all seems  
very bleak. And hope has all but gone.  
Remember, time will heal your heavy thoughts  
If you'll hang on.*

#P79

**Just Hang On**

*I watched a sail until it dropped from  
sight. Over the rounding sea a gleam of  
light at last far flashed farewell, and like  
a thought - slipped out of mind, it  
vanished and was not. Yet, to the  
helmsmen standing at the wheel broad  
seas still swept beneath the gliding heel.  
Disaster? Change?  
He felt no slight sign, nor dreamed he of  
that dim horizon line. So may it be per  
chance, when down the tide our dear ones  
vanish. Peacefully, they glide on level  
seas nor mark the unknown bound. We  
call it death - to them 'Tis Life Beyond.*

#P80

**This Life Beyond**

*Dear Lord of all my days and years,  
The joyful times, the pain and tears  
My peace and calm within the storm  
That keeps me safe from harm  
I know that tears must sometimes fall  
To help me stand up strong and tall,  
All strength and power is Yours to give,  
Your hand is there each day I live.*

*When on the mountaintop I stand  
The blessings flow from Your strong hand  
But when the valley days are here,  
I feel Your presence always near.*

*Just fill me with Your love each day  
To give to others, by the way,  
The blessings that You give to me,  
Help me to share them lovingly  
That I might be Your light of love,  
A blessing from Your throne above.*

*There are so many in despair  
I need to show that You are there.  
So Lord of all my days and years,  
Help me to dry another's tears,  
To show the love You give each day  
The blessings we should give away.*

#P81  
**The Blessing You Give**

*Nearer my God to thee  
Evermore shall we all be  
Whether in life or death each must come,  
And see if we have a place at your throne.*

*We take you so much for granted.  
Heavenly father you watch as we rave and rant.  
There's nothing on earth we can take when we leave.  
Yet we work and slave and over things grieve.*

*You placed each one of us here on earth.  
You alone know our true worth.  
Will we try to fulfill the plan you made?  
Will idleness take us to an early grave?*

*You told us to be fruitful and multiply.  
What comes to my mind is with your help I'll try.  
I'll let others know you would all have salvation  
In this life they can find restoration.*

*To your bosom we will all be drawn,  
And be able to live eternally in your arms.  
We have come to find peace that lasts.  
You removed all sin from our past.*

#P82  
**Even Nearer To Thee**

*Good Bye family I had to go  
But there's something I want you to know  
I enjoyed you while I had life  
I had to cross over with my father Jesus Christ.  
Don't you cry, don't shed a tear  
Just look up and my love will appear  
So good bye daughter, good bye son  
O don't let me forget my little one  
I'll see you soon one day  
Just remember I am OK  
Go on and live your life  
You will soon cross over with Jesus Christ  
Don't weep or mourn because you will all  
Be called home, Good Bye, Good Bye Love you all.  
Just remember don't let my death let you fall  
Hold on, hold on tight  
I'll see you soon, Goodnight.*

#P83  
**Good Bye Family**

Carry on my children  
And do not weep.  
For today is not the end  
But instead the beginning.  
Carry on my children  
You must be strong  
For I am home with the Lord  
And I am free from all that ails me.  
Carry on my children  
And keep my memory alive  
Remember our laughter  
And all the joys we shared.  
So until we meet again  
Carry on my dear children  
For one day we will all be free.

#P84  
**Carry On My Children**

In all my life I've made some choices  
Some good some bad, but I made choices.  
I now have a life depending on me  
Looking to learn love and responsibility  
Although you were a bit of a surprise  
Love is all I feel when I look into your eyes  
I want you to have everything I had  
I want you to know the difference between  
good and bad In this wish from a mother to  
her daughter for her to act the way I taught  
her this wish I seal with a kiss  
For you to have a lifetime of love and  
happiness I wish for you to be the best  
That is a kiss to ?????

#P85  
**Kiss to ?????**

I see the hurt in your eyes  
I see the joy in your eyes  
I see the fear in your eyes  
We have the same laughter and tears  
I smell the beautiful rose  
I smell the crisp, clear air  
I smell the autumn leaves  
Nature's magnificent aromas are the  
same all over the world  
I hear the songs of birds  
I hear the violins in the symphony  
I hear the solitude of death  
I hear the laughter of children playing

#P86  
**Let Everyone Sing in Harmony**

There's an open gate  
at the end of the Road  
Through which each one  
must go alone  
And there is a light we cannot see  
Our Father claims His own  
Beyond the Gate our loved one finds  
Happiness and rest  
And there is comfort in the thought  
that a loving God knows best.

#P87  
**Beyond Life's Gateway**

The memory of me  
to be a happy one  
God's grace surrounds  
my soul!  
Let comfort and love  
abound in all your hearts  
Let Heaven be your goal.

#P88  
**I'd Like.....**

May I go now? Do you think the time is right?  
May I say goodbye to pain - filled days and endless lonely  
nights?  
I've lived my life and done my best, an example tried to be.  
So can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?  
I didn't want to go at first, I fought with all my might,  
but something seems to draw me now, to a warm and lovely  
light.  
I want to go, I really do, it's difficult to stay.  
But I will try as best I can to live for just one more day,  
To give you time to care for me and share your love and fears.  
I know you're sad and afraid because I see your tears.  
I will not be far, I promise you that and hope you'll always  
know  
That my spirit will be close to you wherever you may go.  
Thank you for loving me, you know I love you too.  
That 's why it's hard to say goodbye and end this life with you.  
So hold me now, just one more time and let me hear you say,  
because you care so much for me. You'll let me go today.

#P89  
**May I Go Now (V2)**

Today God picked a rose,  
such a beautiful Angel He chose  
From Heaven above; she's now  
smiling down, on her face there's  
not a tear or frown. From now on  
all her days will be bright,  
she's now walking above in God's  
perfect light.

#P90  
**A Rose**

As the sun begins to set,  
and the day comes to an end.  
Precious memories of your life  
We will cherish so deep within.  
  
Your life was an inspiration.  
You touched so many lives,  
And we're truly going to miss you,  
through all the tears we cry.  
  
But joy comes in the morning,  
Just to know you're at Heavenly rest.  
With God and all His angels,  
Because you were the very best.

#P91  
**As The Sun Begins To Set**

My heart does not ache  
From my past  
I move forward with my life  
No time to waste on regrets  
Everyday a new  
Another day to try harder  
To be better, to improve  
To succeed, to fall in love  
What a difference a day makes

#P92  
**Tomorrow**

Lord make me an instrument of your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love  
Where there is injury, pardon  
Where there is doubt, faith  
Where there is despair, hope  
Where there is darkness, light  
And where there is sadness, joy  
You taught us Faith ... one day at a time

#P93

**Lord, Make Me And Instrument Of Your  
Peace**

It's true we bring nothing into this world  
,and nothing we take when we pass. So  
the time in between we must use carefully,  
for only the memories will last. We hurt  
because you left us, we cry because  
you're gone; with sorrow we must say  
goodbye. But your memory lives on.  
Because of what you mean to us the  
loneliness will always remain.  
But because of all the love you gave, in  
our hearts you'll live always.

#P94

**You Live Always**

I've built me a home in a far off land.  
A home not touched by human hands  
I've built my home on sold ground.  
My rock, my strength, my savior found.  
Rock of ages cleft for me,  
Now I hide myself in thee.  
Jesus has paid all my debts,  
All my transgression and sin to forget.  
I've built me a heavenly home.  
No more tears have I to shed.  
No more pain, no fears, no dread, no sickness,  
nor sorrow have I.  
No more worries in the sweet by and by.  
So sleep on loved one and take your rest.  
We love you dearly, but God loved you best.

#P95

**Gone On Home**

Please don't sing sad songs for me,  
Forget your grief and fears,  
For I am in a perfect place,  
Away from pain and tears ...  
I'm far away from hunger,  
And hurt and want and pride.  
I have a place in Heaven,  
With the Master at my side.  
My life on earth was very good.  
As earthly lives can go  
But paradise is so much more  
Than anyone can know.  
My heart is filled with happiness  
And sweet rejoicing too,  
To walk with God is perfect peace  
A joy forever new.

#P96

**I Have A Place In Heaven**

As along life's rugged path I trod,  
I find my resting place with God.  
Tho' cares are many along the way,  
By His tender touch, they are swept away.  
As I climb the mountains with weary feet,  
His outstretched arms are there to greet.  
I find blest comfort; my pain erased,  
As I nestle there in His sweet embrace.  
While at river's crossing, or on barren  
land. Tired from my journey, I rest again  
-in the arms of God, where he waits once  
more To ease my travels just like before.  
O'er hill and valley, and troubled sea,  
Or wherever my steps shall carry me,  
My strength is renewed by infinite Grace  
That comes from God,  
"My Resting Place."

#P97

**My Resting Place**

We cannot know what lies ahead  
From day to passing day,  
What changes God is planning  
In His wise and loving way.  
We cannot know the reasons  
He allows both joy and tears,  
Why we must lose the precious ones  
We've cherished through the years.  
We cannot know - but we can trust,  
And faith can help us find  
Our way to those tomorrows  
That will bring us peace of mind.

#P98

**We Cannot Know What Lies Ahead**

When I go marching home,  
Please don't grieve for me,  
I'll be in a better place,  
Full of God's serenity.  
My woes and cares shall be released,  
My spirit freed to roam.  
I'll find the Lord's exalted peace  
When I go marching home.

#P99

**When I Go Marching Home**

In the garden of flowers grew  
with style and grace,  
I knew you were special  
when God shined down on your face.  
When it was time God came down  
and picked you with grace,  
and washed all the pain  
away from your face.  
Without a whimper or a sound  
You walked away strong and proud.  
We will miss you this is true  
But now you must rest  
because your work is through.  
God knows this and we know it too,  
For that is why He has chosen you.

#P100

**In The Garden Of Flowers**

Endings and beginnings, closing and opening  
doors, new experiences and the day-to-day  
routines - all are needed and important. What  
is most important for us to know is that every  
day, every hour, every moment is a new  
beginning. We can begin again! Whatever  
yesterday held is in the past. Painful  
memories are dissolved, and disappointments  
are swept away. In this moment all, including  
each one of us, is made new. We can begin  
again! Even if doors have closed to some  
meaningful experience, we know that even  
greater good is in store. Let us catch the  
vision of new doors, new opportunities that  
are opening to us. We are growing and  
unfolding as we continually say yes to God's  
plan of good for us.

#P101

**Thank You, God, for new beginnings!**

*The clock of life is wound but once  
And no man has the power to tell  
Just when the hand will stop  
At late or early hour.  
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,  
To lose one's health is more,  
To lose one's soul is such a loss,  
As no man can restore.  
The present only is our own  
We shall live and toil with a will  
And place no faith in tomorrow,  
For the clock may then be still.*

#P102  
**The Clock Of Life**

*I CANNOT SAY, AND I will not say that  
he is dead. He is just away.  
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the  
hand, He has wandered into  
an unknown land,  
And left us dreaming how very fair it needs  
must be, since he lingers there.  
And you - oh, you, who the wildest yearn,  
for an old-time step, and the glad return,  
Think of him faring on, as dear, In the love  
of There as the love of Here.  
Think of him still as the same. I say, he is  
not dead - he is just away.*

#P103  
**He Is Not Dead**

*As we watch you fly day by day  
We never knew it would end this way  
As we turn to your heart for  
comfort and relief.  
You told us the things we needed to hear.  
For the love we have for you Daddy made us  
glad! Although we sit around and wonder  
why you left us sad. As time goes by and by  
we will say to you "You're Free, You're  
free!"  
So spread your wings and soar. And always  
remember we will be grateful for your grace,  
love and wisdom. As we close this poem with  
love, peace and faith We say to you Daddy,  
We Love You. So spread your wings and fly  
away, fly away. I'm sure we will meet  
another day.*

#P104  
**Fly Away**

*This angel of light, she blessed all our days -  
we found the meaning of love in so many  
ways. Tho our time together was short, we  
were blessed just the same. Although this  
sweet angel didn't carry our name.  
Reminding us of everything we've been  
through, even when times weren't good we  
could count on you to help us make it  
through. Now she's no longer with us, and  
our hearts weep, we lost our loved one but we  
gained an angel that we wanted to keep!*

#P105  
**Our Angel Above**

*Walk alongside me, daddy  
And hold my hand.  
I have so many things to learn  
That I don't yet understand.  
Teach me the things to keep me safe  
From dangers everyday.  
Show me how to do my best,  
At home, at school, at play  
Every child needs a gentle hand  
To guide them as they grow,  
So walk along side me, daddy ~  
We have a long way to go.*

#P106  
**Walk With Me, Daddy**

*It was just like yesterday when I saw your  
face but now that you're gone I don't know  
what to do. Even though in my heart I know  
you're in a very special place. So don't say  
goodbye. It's more like seeing you later as  
you head into the arms of the Lord who we  
believe in. May your soul rest in peace as I  
sit back wondering what our lives could  
have been like but now that you're gone all  
I have is beginning memories.,*

#P107  
**In God We Trust**

*It's sometimes hard to understand  
Why these things have to be  
Our sad hearts seek the answer  
But it's not for us to see  
We can only trust in God  
And know that in some way  
It's all a part of His great plan  
We'll understand someday.*

#P108  
**It's Sometimes Hard To Understand**

*The pain ...  
The pain of not seeing you again  
The pain of losing my closest friend  
The pain of not hearing you call my name  
The pain of me not doing the same  
The pain of how I tried the most  
The pain of knowing that I tried my best  
The ease of knowing that you are at rest  
The pain of seeing you lying there  
The pain of having to cry another tear  
The pain of not seeing you breathe for one last time  
The pain of wishing I could rewind  
The pain of not hearing "Is that your Dad? Cause  
you two look just alike"  
The pain of knowing that you put up a fight  
The pain of realizing that this is reality  
The pain of you not being here with me  
The pain ...*

#P109  
**The Pain**

*A father is a friend, a shoulder when you need  
And when you are in trouble, Daddy's there  
in deed. When it seems the world's against  
you, Daddy's right there on your side. To  
show you that he cares and you no longer  
need to hide. When you feel left in the dark,  
all alone and cold. Daddy's little word can  
make you feel so bold. Daddy knows when  
something's wrong or when you need his  
care and because he has these senses, you  
can count on him being there. So my poem  
comes to an end, Yes me Daddy's little girl  
and though he's no longer here, He's the best  
Daddy in the world.*

#P110  
**A Father**

*God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around you  
And whispered, "Come to me"  
With tearful eyes we watched you  
And saw you pass away  
Although we loved you dearly  
We could 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.*

#P111  
**Come To Me**

*God called your name so softly,  
that only you could hear  
And no one heard the footsteps  
Of angels drawing near.  
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.  
You're always close beside us, in everything we do,  
You were our greatest treasure, God's gift to us was you.  
We will always remember that way you looked,  
the way you talked and smiled,  
The little things you said and did  
to make our lives worthwhile.  
Each time we look at your picture,  
you seem to smile and say,  
Don't be sad but courage take  
and love each other for my sake.  
Just a prayer from the family to you,  
just a memory fond and true,  
In our hearts you will stay forever  
because we thought the world of you.*

#P112  
**God Called Your Name So Softly**

*Turn your face toward the sun and  
leave the clouds behind,  
Today is yours, God given a precious gift of time.  
Yesterday's beyond recall it cannot be redone,  
Tomorrow is still unclaimed it may or may not come.  
Too often we worry over the bridge we'll never cross  
And miss the joys of today to be forever lost.  
If there's a kindness you can do for another's sake,  
Do it now while there is time tomorrow may be too late.  
Keep your face toward the sun and happiness you'll find,  
Cherish the gift of each new day and  
leave the clouds behind.*

#P113  
**A Break in the Clouds**

*When I die do not cry for my life has come  
full circle. I've lived my life with those I've  
loved and friends who were just perfect. I  
now reside in a place of peace and all  
things are in perspective.*

#P114  
**You Better Believe It!"**

*For once again a loved one is gone,  
God only knew, so He sent His angels  
to carry him home.  
For we knew not what troubled  
him each day of his life.  
He'd already lost his father, mother,  
a daughter and wife.  
As we look back over the years  
We enjoyed the good times, but still there are tears.  
For God does not make a mistake  
God knows whom He wants and they He will take.  
Although we cannot see your face,  
nor hear your voice,  
God has selected you to be His choice.  
Go ahead uncle and now you can rest  
We love you, we miss but God loves you best.*

#P115  
**For Once Again A Loved One Is Gone**

*My husband was a blessing sent from heaven above  
A gift from God, for our family to love  
A helping hand that was always there  
A loving friend who would always care  
And who all of our burdens would share  
My husband what a blessing.  
Those guiding hands that lead us  
To the straight and narrow way.  
And teaching lips that help us to learn  
More and more each day.  
A comfort when things didn't go right  
An angel watching over us through the night  
Protecting us with all his might  
My husband, what a blessing  
My husband put his family first,  
Before himself always  
He always tried to do his best  
To give us better days  
By sacrificing each and every day.  
He set examples for us, all the way.  
Remembering always to serve God and pray.  
My husband, what a blessing.  
Good husbands never die.  
They live with God eternally  
And one day, when we meet again, how happy  
We will be, in his footsteps we now go  
And will follow God and we will show  
That his work was not in vain.  
Oh no, my husband, what a blessing.*

#P116  
**Husband**

*A poem for you, A poem for me.  
A poem for one, who now is free.  
Turn me around Lord Turn me around  
Shine your light on me Lord I want to be free.  
Give me a sign Lord, oh walk with me.  
My Heavenly Father, I am in need.  
I've been in trouble, and now I can see.  
You're the only one, who can set me free!  
Now I know I have no more doubts,  
I was lost Lord, I was crying out.  
You came to my aide, there was a change in me.  
Your love touched me Lord, spiritually.  
I am a happy soldier now that you answered my prayer.  
I am not alone anymore in darkness and despair.  
We have so much in common now that you are here.  
My Lord, My Lord, My Father in Heaven, who will not  
forsake me. Who will always be with me in times of trouble.  
You have answered my prayer.*

#P117

**When I Talk To God My Lord**

*Life is eternal, it does not end  
Our Father tells us so.  
Believe what He says, my friend  
for He surely does know.  
He created all life you see;  
death is just a transition he explains.  
He made life eternally so the soul forever will remain.  
The body is only the clothes we wear; we take them off  
when we go home. We won't need them over there for our  
Father gives us new ones to wear. The new clothes last  
forever you see throughout all eternity. Once again we will  
all come together to share our lives and love*

#P118

**Life Eternal**

*Faith is what fuels our lives  
and gives motivation,  
inspiration, eternal hope for our existence.  
It's not easy to step out on faith,  
but you can stand steady on God's promises.  
This is what we know you'd say.  
So go in confidence,  
knowing that God's grace  
and my prayers  
are always with you.  
One day at a time.  
For we know and believe that  
"faith is the substance of things hoped for,  
the evidence of things not seen"  
For you lived by faith and grace,  
Love and hope, caring and sharing ...  
Oh Yes, "MOM"  
you taught us this one day at a time.*

#P119

**Faith Is What Fuels Our Lives**

*A Mother's Love Is  
Being happy for her children  
When they are happy  
Being sad for her children  
When they are sad  
Being together in good and bad times.  
A Mother's Love is a source of strength  
A Mother's Love Is  
Being honest with herself at all times  
Being honest with her children at all times  
Talking, listening and respecting the truth and never pretending  
A Mother's Love is the source of reality.  
A Mother's Love Is  
An understanding so complete that she feels  
as if she is a part of her children  
Accepting her children just the way they are  
And not trying to change them into being something else  
A Mother's Love is the source of unity.  
A Mother's Love Is  
The freedom to pursue her own desires while  
sharing her experiences with her children  
The growth of her individuality along with  
the growth of her children's individuality  
A Mother's Love is the source of success.  
A Mother's Love Is  
Knowing that her children will always be with her  
Regardless of what happens  
Missing her children when they pass  
But knowing that they are near in her heart  
A Mother's Love is the source of security.  
Most of all a Mother's Love is Forever!*

#P120

**A Mother's Love**

*Your life is a beautiful memory,  
Your absence is a silent grief;  
Your sleep is in God's beautiful  
garden, Of sunshine and perfect peace  
Of sorrow too great to be told;  
But to us who love you and lost you,  
Your memory will never grow old.*

#P121  
**A Tribute**

*A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we love is stilled,  
A place is vacant in our heart  
which never can be filled.  
But always beautiful memories  
of one we love so dear.*

#P122  
**A Precious One From Us Is Gone**

*Many times I feel downhearted ... weary  
from the weight of strife ... for almost at  
every turning ... New hurts come into my life  
... as soon as one problem is solved ...  
another looms in view ... until it seems like  
trouble ... never will be through ... though  
so-called friends forsake me ... as they most  
always will ... I know there still is someone  
... to help me climb the hill ... so I turn my  
thoughts to God ... Who answers every call  
... with the kind of tenderness ... that matters  
above all ... and after just a prayer or two ...  
my faith is born anew ... and I go along the  
way ... that fate deemed I pursue ... so when  
you feel downhearted ... reach for the  
Master's hand ... however great the problem  
is ... He will understand.*

#P123  
**Sketches**

*Stay, that's what so many of us wanted to say  
She said I'm sorry I have to go because God has  
made a way away for me to look down upon you  
A way for me to guide you through  
The many obstacles that God has planned  
And because of my strength I know  
you too will stand  
What will we do without you?  
She said live on that's what I want you to do.  
Because know that I am still with you in everything  
you do. Who will I talk to and which way do I turn?  
She said turn to each other, time and time again  
for there are lessons to be learned. Learn from each  
other no matter how old or young Because know that  
you are all family so don't forget to behave as one  
What about when I miss you and I just want to see  
your face? She said just think of me smiling at you  
in your most memorable time and place.  
How do I know that you're up there and that you're  
alright? She said I was a good-hearted woman so  
God has received me now and  
I no longer have to fight.*

#P124  
**Stay**

*Our hearts are filled with sadness  
Our eyes are filled with tears  
Our thoughts are of the times we shared with  
you  
Over the many, many years.  
Some of the times were good  
And some of the times were bad  
But, we thank the Lord above,  
For all the times we had.  
And as the tears roll down our faces  
From our tear-filled eyes  
And with our heavy and broken hearts  
We say our last goodbye.  
We loved you when you were here  
And we will love you eternally.*

#P125  
**Godspeed Dear Mother**

*If God can take a small, brown seed  
And grow a lovely flower,  
Or set a rainbow in the sky  
When sun shines through a shower -  
Can't we trust our loved ones  
To His very special care  
In that great heavenly mansion  
That He has prepared somewhere?*

#P126  
**If God Can Take A Small Brown Seed**

*Away from earth's worries  
Away from all cares  
Our loved one is sleeping  
Beyond the sun's glare,  
His life's work is finished  
So why should we weep?  
In God's wonderful garden  
He has fallen asleep.*

#P127  
**Asleep (Male)**

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat  
quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a  
floral piece if so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as  
any friend could 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 much  
whatever the part.*

#P128  
**Perhaps**

*You wonder why I went away  
And didn't say goodbye;  
I couldn't bear to tell you  
For it hurts me when you cry.*  
  
*My ship came in early this morning  
And it was beautiful to see;  
The captain was King Jesus,  
And he softly beckoned me.*  
  
*I ran across the leeway  
And fell down at his feet  
He took me gently in His arms,  
My rest is now complete.*

#P129  
**Didn't Say Goodbye**

Gone to be at rest  
Gone to be with the very best  
Free from trouble  
Free from pain  
Gone never to suffer again  
Trials are all past  
They are home at last  
Resting in God's land

#P130  
**Gone To Be At Rest**

Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow  
But remember me in every tomorrow,  
Remember the joy, and the smiles  
I've only gone to rest a little while  
Although my leaving causes pain and grief  
My going has eased my hurt and given me  
relief. So dry your eyes and remember me,  
Not as I am now, but as I used to be.  
Because I will remember you all and look  
on with a smile. Understand in your  
hearts, I've only gone to rest a little while.  
As long as I have the love of each of you  
I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.

#P131  
**Fill Not Your Hearts With Pain  
And Sorrow**

Oh, my loved ones, why do you weep?  
Wipe away your tears, for I'm only asleep.  
Will not awake when you call my name,  
Because in the midst of the night, Death  
came. I have earned this eternal rest,  
Because in life God put me to the test.  
The battle is over and the victory is won,  
God spoke to me and  
he said, "Well Done."  
He stretched out His hand to beckon me,  
And said, "Come home my child, to  
eternity." Wipe away the tears, because  
I'm only asleep, I'm in the arms of Jesus,  
so there's no need to weep.  
Weeping may endure for the night,  
But joy cometh in the morning.

#P132  
**No Need To Weep**

Those we loved remain with us,  
For love itself lives on.  
Cherished memories never fade,  
Because a loved one is gone.  
Those we love can never be,  
More than a thought apart.  
For as long as there are memories,  
They'll live on in our hearts.

#P133  
**Those We Loved Remain With Us**

God saw you were getting weary  
So he did what he thought best.  
He came and stood beside you  
And whispered "**Come And Rest.**"  
You bade no one a last farewell,  
No, not even a goodbye.  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.  
We shall forever cherish the love,  
And memory of you.  
You have been everything to us  
A son, a brother, an uncle,  
a nephew, a friend.  
God saw the road was getting rough, The  
hills so hard to climb.  
So he gently closed your loving eyes And  
whispered, "**Peace Be Thine.**"

#P134  
**Peace Be Thine**

I could not bear my cross alone  
So weak and worn was I,  
But Jesus came Himself to help  
And soon my tears were dry.  
It broke my heart to leave dear friends,  
And loved ones I adore,  
Although I knew, earth's sadness ends  
At Heaven's golden door.  
For this is a journey we all must take  
No matter where or when,  
Keep precious memories for my sake  
Until we meet again.

#P135  
**I Could not Bear My Cross Alone**

Sad and solemn was the call,  
Of one who was dearly loved by all.  
Someday we know we will meet her.  
Someday we know not when,  
On the beautiful Isle of somewhere,  
Never to part again!

#P136  
**We'll Meet Again**

What a precious gift to life she is,  
My Mother  
Embodied with the gentle strength  
Of our ancestor's eternal love  
She truly is the meaning  
Of understanding and goodness.  
With support and guidance  
She gave me the freedom  
To follow my mind and my heart,  
Encouraging me always to  
Seek the goodness in others  
And find it in myself.  
This Mother's Day  
I realize how lucky I am  
That I can say  
She is my Mother.

#P137  
**On Mother's Day**

Servant of God, well done!  
Rest from thy loved employ.  
The battle fought, the victory won.  
Enter the Master's joy.  
The pains of death are past.  
Labors and sorrows cease.  
And life's long warfare closed at last.  
The soul's found in peace.

#P138  
**Well Done**

Years have come to pass, yet today I'm gone  
 In the Bible it says we don't live forever, so *This Is How I Say*  
 Goodbye Mommy please be strong  
 My life was lasting through the spirit of God  
 So I leave my heart to my daughter who's my joy and pride  
 For all my loved ones who followed me through life's ride  
 I want you to know my fear should be not  
 of death but of staying alive  
 But in your heart you still have God to  
 wipe away the water from your teary eyes  
 I know my time of living is not forever  
 But hopefully as I go God and I will meet together  
 God said, "One day my child you will suffer no more"  
 When I meet up with Him at Heaven's door  
 One day you will see me again for all it's worth  
 I was told to be joyful when someone leaves  
 this hateful world but cry at birth  
 As I go everyone is to remember me as a beautiful thing  
 When you close your eyes you will see me, I'm the angel with the  
 sparkling wing.

#P139

**This Is How I Say Goodbye**

Don't think of her as gone away  
 Her journey's just begun.  
 Life holds so many facets  
 This earth is only one.  
 Just think of her resting  
 From the sorrows and the tears  
 In a place of warmth and comfort  
 Where there are no days and 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 she touched  
 For nothing loved is ever lost  
 And she was loved so much.

#P140

**Her Journey's Just Begun**

Loved ones will weep o'er my silent face,  
 Dear ones will clasp me in sad embrace,  
 Shadows and darkness will fill the place,  
 Five minutes after I die.

Thanks be to Jesus for pardon free,  
 He paid my debt on Mount Calvary's tree,  
 Paradise gates will enfold even me,  
 Five minutes after I die.

O marvelous grace that has rescued me,  
 O joyous moment when Jesus I see,  
 O happy day when like Him I'll be,  
 Five minutes after I die.

God help you to choose your eternal state  
 Depends on your choice, you dare not wait;  
 You must choose now; it will be too late  
 Five minutes after you die.

#P141

**Five Minutes After I Die**

If I knew it would be the last time I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you  
 in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep,  
 If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door, I would  
 give you a hug and kiss and call you back for more.  
 If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise, I  
 would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after  
 day.  
 If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two to  
 stop and say "I Love You", instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.  
 If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, well  
 I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.  
 For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we  
 always get a second chance to make everything right.  
 There will always be another day to say our "I love you's", And certainly  
 there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?" But just in case I  
 might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you  
 and I hope you never forget, Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or  
 old alike, And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one  
 tight.  
 So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow  
 never comes, you'll surely regret the day, That you didn't take that extra  
 time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss and you were too busy to grant someone,  
 what turned out to be their one last wish.  
 So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, Tell them how  
 much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear. Take time to say  
 "I'm sorry," "please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay". And if  
 tomorrow never comes, you'll have NO regrets about today.

#P142

**A Nice Thought**

When evening comes I meditate, on what the day has brought and do my best to understand what lessons have been taught. For I believe the reason why, we have been given birth . Is we must meet the challenges, that we face here on earth. Life isn't just a one-way street, where we can't lift our voices. From birth until the day we die, we're given many choices. I have to question, did I try, to really understand The needs that someone else may have, and lend a helping hand? If I will just remember, to light one little spark That brightness someone else's life, that otherwise is dark. Then I can find contentment, in doing what I can And knowing there's a reason, I've been chosen for His plan.

#P143  
**Soliloquy**

On the wings of death and sorrow  
God sends us hope for tomorrow  
And in His mercy and His grace  
He gives us strength to bravely face  
The lonely days that stretch ahead  
And know our loved one is not dead,  
But only sleeping and out of sight  
In that land where there is no night.

#P144  
**On The Wings Of Death And Sorrow**

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 all must take and each  
and every one of us must go alone. It's all  
part of the Master's plan, a step on the  
road to home. When you are lonely and  
sick at heart, go to the friends we know.  
And bury your sorrows in doing good  
deeds  
Miss me-but let me go.

#P145  
**Miss Me, But Let Me Go!**

Where I'm going is a beautiful and silent  
place. No cries, sickness or worries for eter-  
nity. Why grieve for me when you have  
each other? Don't think of the bad times.  
Think of good times we've had together.  
Over the years, tired and sickly ...  
I feel much better with Jesus.  
God saw I was getting tired, so He picked  
me up on His wings so I could rest.

#P146  
**I Have Gone To A Better Place**

God knows best when you are  
discouraged. He knows when you are  
blue, He knows if you need comforting.  
He watches over you. He knows when  
things are going wrong. And friends  
seem to be few. When trials and trouble  
get you down. He watches over you.  
He's always near in time of need.  
When dark clouds are in view  
And when you think you can't go on  
He watches over you.  
And when you really need a friend  
One who's kind and true.  
Just put your faith and trust in Him  
He watches over you.

#P147  
**God Knows Best**

Can you see with your mind's eye, peoples  
dwelling together? Sorrow has passed. Peace  
at last! Life without tears and pain. Sing out  
with joy of heart. You, too, can have a part. Live  
for the day when you'll say: "Life without end,  
at last!" Man and beast living in peace, cause  
no harm to each other. Food will be there. All  
will share in what God provides. Sing out with  
joy of heart. You, too, can have a part. Live for  
the day when you'll say: "Life without end, at  
last!" In those days old will grow young, flesh  
revived as in childhood. Troubles are gone from  
now on. No need to weep or fear.  
Sing out with joy of heart. You, too, can have a  
part. Live for the day when you'll say: "Life  
without end, at last!" Paradise all will enjoy as  
they sing of God's glory. Yes ev'ry day we will  
say to God our Master, "Thanks!" Sing out with  
joy of heart. You, too, can have a part. Live for  
the day when you'll say: "Life without end, at  
last!"

#P148  
**Can You See Your Mind's Eye**

There are many things in life  
That we cannot understand  
But we must trust God's judgment  
And be guided by His hand  
You toiled so hard for those you loved  
Your love for you family was true  
You did your best for all of us  
And we will always remember you  
Only God knows how much we'll miss you  
And how much you meant to us  
Though your smile is gone forever  
And your love we cannot touch  
Yet we'll have as sweet memory  
Of the one we loved so much  
For many years, the family chain \was  
closely linked together  
But, oh! That chain is broken now  
Another link is gone forever.

#P149  
**Rest Safely In His Care (V2)**

There will be a light in the sky  
From the palace on high  
When I come to the end of my journey  
Sweet relief from all care  
Will be waiting for me there  
When I come to the end of my journey.  
When the long day is ended  
The journey is over  
I shall enter that blessed above,  
For the Savior I love  
Will be waiting for me  
When I come to my journey's end.

#P150  
**There Will Be A Light In The Sky**

A mother's love is something that no one can  
explain, it is made of deep devotion and sacrifice  
and pain, it is endless and unselfish and enduring  
come what may for nothing can destroy it or take  
that love away...  
It is patient and forgiving when all others are  
forsaking, and it never fails or falters even  
though the heart is breaking... it believes beyond  
believing when the world around condemns, and  
it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest  
gems ... It is far beyond defining, it defies all  
explanation, and it still remains a secret like the  
mysteries of creation ... a many splendor miracle  
man cannot understand and another wondrous  
evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

#P151  
**A Mother's Love**

*Sweet guardian angel sent down from above, you speak to me of God's mercy and love. Assigned to my care, God sent you to earth to guard and protect me from time of my birth. Although I can't see you, I know that you're real. When danger is lurking, your presence I feel. It comforts me then to know you are near, keeping watch over me, whatever my fear. My friend and protector each day of the year, God knew I would need you and that's why you're here.*

#P152

**My Guardian Angel**

*Though you're gone  
You're not forgotten  
Your place on earth can  
never be filled  
We shall keep your memory sacred*

#P153

**Though You're Gone**

*God came to me one day  
He whispered in my ear  
Come on my child, its time to go  
Your home is now up there  
I can't go now, I haven't said goodbye  
To my friends and family  
Don't worry, he said you don't have to fear. In their hearts you'll always be near. I went without saying anything  
To all the people I love  
Hoping they'll understand, it was in God's plan and at His gates I'll stand  
So now that I'm in the house of the Lord I say don't shed a tear  
Just think of it as his amazing grace  
And know I'm always here Till our hearts in death are stilled.*

#P154

**God Came**

*If the sun begins to hurt your eyes.  
Then, it's time for you to realize.  
Beyond this morning's skies,  
lies a better day  
If you let Him, He'll guide you.  
He'll always be there.  
Right there beside you.  
Each and every step of your way.  
Come and go where peaceful waters flow.  
Our precious one.  
Go and take your rest.  
We love you so very much but,  
God loves you best.*

#P155

**If The Sun Begins To Hurt Your Eyes**

*When your burdens are many  
And your heart is heavy  
And you doubt your strength can last,  
Reach up, and hold tight to the Giver of Life. And know, this too shall pass.  
Of't times we are laden  
With trials and sorrows  
That seem to come all too fast.  
Reach up, hold tight to the Giver of Life. And know, this too shall pass. When doubts and worries plague your soul. And your problems are all too vast, Reach up, hold tight to the Giver of Life and know this too shall pass.  
When your faith is tested. And pain is so great And depression you can't seem to cast Reach up, hold tight to the Giver of Life. And know this too shall pass.*

#P156

**This Too Shall Pass**

*No more suffering, no more pain  
Only sunshine, no more rain.  
No more problems, no more stress  
Only good times, no more mess.  
No more crying, no more tears  
Only smiles, no more fears.  
No more running, no more hiding  
Only the truth, no ore lying  
No more wishing, no more hoping  
Everything is granted, no more moping  
No more hate, no more evil  
Only God, no more devil  
No more dealing with the physical form  
Now spread your wings and ..... Fly on.*

#P157

**No More**

*Just think of a world, a world without tears.  
Where a man can live for a million years.  
With never a grief, an ache, or a pain  
And never a thought of dying again.  
Think of a world where a lame man will leap  
From crag to crag like a deer or a sheep.  
Where none will be deaf or none shall be blind,  
And the dumb shall sing and speak forth his mind.  
Now a "World without tears". Is not just a dream.  
As many a person might make it to seem,  
For just as sure as the bible is true ...  
A world without tears now lies before you.*

#P158

**A World Without Tears**

*God didn't promise  
Days without pain,  
Laughter without sorrow  
Or sun without rain.  
But God did promise  
Strength for the day,  
Comfort for the tears  
And a light for the way,  
And for all who believe  
In His Kingdom above,  
He answers their faith  
With everlasting love.*

#P159

**God's Promise**

*Take time to think;  
It is the source of power.  
Take time to read;  
It is the foundation of wisdom.  
Take time to play;  
It is the opportunity to seek God.  
Take time to be aware;  
It is the opportunity to help others.  
Take time to love and to be loved;  
It is God's greatest gift.  
Take time to laugh;  
It is the music of the soul.  
Take time to be friendly;  
It is the road to happiness.  
Take time to dream;  
It is what the future is made of.  
Take time to appreciate people;  
They are part of your years living.  
Thank the people in your life;  
For your life is so enriched by them.  
Take time to pray;  
It is the greatest power on Earth.*

#P160

**Take Time**

*Dear Family and Friends,  
I want you to know that I have moved. I received a call from God, the Chief Architect, who informed me that my new house is ready and I could move immediately. Well, my new home is finished and its such a beautiful sight to behold. It is located in an exclusive estate area and it sits behind a beautiful pearly gate.*

*There is peace, joy and happiness here with no more pain to bear, no strife or discontent. I could go on exploring around my new home but I have to get fitted for my wings. Let me give you my new address because I highly recommend you make plans to live here too.*

*?  
12 Gates to the City Avenue  
Godstown, Heaven 77777.*

*Oh yeah! Let me tell you this , I don't have a telephone yet, but first call God. If you don't have His number, He is listed in the Good Book on every page. Contact Him.*

**#P161**  
**Change Of Address**

*Life is Eternal, the Good Lord said,  
So do not think of your loved one as dead  
For death is only a stepping stone  
To a beautiful life we have never known.  
A place where God promised man he would be  
Eternally happy and safe and free.  
A wonderful land where we live anew,  
When our journey on Earth is over and through.  
So trust in God and doubt him never,  
For all who love Him, live forever,  
And while we cannot understand  
Just let the Savior take your hand,  
For when death's Angel comes to call,  
"God is so great and we are so small"  
And there is nothing you need fear  
For faith in God makes all things clear.*

**#P162**  
**Life is Eternal**

*Just because I love you is why I sit and write these few words that mean so much.*

*To think that being without you would cause me grief, yet relief. God has allowed us a few wonderful years together. I admit all has not been a bed of roses but yet cherishable.*

*Now, we have come to the ending of our road together. This is where we part and the ending becomes the beginning.*

*Somewhere along the way, we lost one another.*

*In losing you I find myself. In finding myself, I find GOD. In finding GOD I find peace. Surely, GOD knows my love for you is sincere and true. I will always LOVE and remember nothing but the good.*

*Where there is no relationship there is no life. So, nothing can grow in a barren land.*

*I have pledged myself to succeed in life and I know success is always the result of conscientious and efficient effort.*

*I believe that GOD will lend me everything with which to succeed. I will never close my eyes in sleep without praying for Diving Guidance to the end, that I will be Patient and Persevere.*

**#P163**  
**A New Beginning**

*One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD.*

*When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life.*

*This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd 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 don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."*

*The LORD replied, "My precious, 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."*

**#P164**  
**Footprints (Female)**

God did not promise  
Days without pain,  
Laughter without sorrow  
Or sun without rain.  
But God did promise  
Strength for the day,  
Comfort for the tears  
And a light for the way,  
And for all who believe  
In His Kingdom above,  
He answers their faith  
With everlasting love.

#P165  
**God's Promise**

We are all God's children,  
From the morning hour of birth,  
He lets us live and laugh and love.  
And have our day on earth.  
He guards us through the afternoon,  
Till sunset's rays are cast,  
Them one by one, with gentle words,  
He calls us home at last

#P166  
**Home At Last**

By the Glorious  
Morning Light  
And by the Night  
When it is still ...  
The Guardian Lord  
Hath not Forsaken thee  
Nor is He displeased  
And verily the Hereafter  
Will be better for thee  
Than the present.

#P167  
**The Glorious Morning Light**  
**Muslim Prayer**

Those we love must sometimes pass  
Beyond our present sight;  
Must leave us and must leave our world  
Without their radiant light.  
But, we can say that like the candle  
They are just away.  
That another room is brightened  
By their warm and lovely ray.  
And heaven's candelabra  
Where they shine divinely bright  
Each candle burns forevermore  
In God's eternal light.

#P168

Remember me, God?  
I come every day  
Just to talk with You  
And to learn how to pray.

You make me feel welcome,  
You reach out Your hand.  
I need never explain  
For You understand.

O God, what comfort to know You care  
And to know when I seek You,  
You will always be there.

#P169  
**It's Me Again, God**

When God calls little children to dwell with  
Him above, we mortals sometimes question  
the wisdom of his love. For an heartache  
compares with the death of one small child  
who does so much to make our world seem  
wonderful and mild. Perhaps God tires of  
calling the aged to His fold, so He picks a  
rosebud before it can grow old. God knows  
how much we need them, and so he takes  
but few to make the land of Heaven more  
beautiful to view. Believing this is difficult  
still somehow we must try, the saddest word  
mankind knows will always be "Goodbye."  
So when a little child departs, we who are  
left behind. Must realize God loves  
children. Angels are hard to find.

#P170  
**Little Angels**

Sometimes it's hard to understand  
Why some things have to be.  
But in His wisdom God has planned,  
Beyond our power to see.  
So looking back in tenderness,  
Along the road we trod,  
We cherish the years we've had with  
You and leave the rest to God.

#P171

Our Father knows what's best for us,  
So why should we complain ...  
We always want the sunshine,  
But He knows there must be rain.  
We love the sound of laughter  
And the merriment of cheer;  
But our hearts would lose their tenderness  
If we never shed a tear.  
Our Father tests us often  
With suffering and with sorrow;  
He tests us, not to punish us,  
But to help us meet "tomorrow."  
For growing trees are strengthened  
When they withstand the storm;  
And the sharp cut of the chisel  
Gives the marble grace and form.  
God never hurts us needlessly,  
And He never wastes our pain;  
For every loss He sends to us  
Is followed by rich gain.  
And when we count the blessing  
That God has so freely sent;  
We will find no cause for murmuring  
And no time to lament.  
For our Father loves His children,  
And to Him all things are plain;  
So He never sends us "Pleasure"  
When the "soul's deep need is pain."  
So whenever we are troubled,  
And when everything goes wrong,  
It is just God working in us  
To make "our spirits strong."

#P172  
**God Knows Best**

While strolling in Life's Garden,  
I saw beauty on every turn,  
Bright flowers were all blooming,  
Midst stately rows of fern.  
Amongst such lovely splendor  
Were roses full of thorns,  
White lilies aged, with browning,  
A product of Life's Storms.  
We too, have thorns and thistles  
That prick and cause us pain;  
Sometimes we trip and stumble,  
But God pick us up again.  
Then as we stroll Life's Garden,  
There are signs along the way;  
If we will read and follow them,  
We won't get lost or stray.  
Christ is the garden keeper,  
Who tends our needs as well,  
As long as we look up to Him,  
His love won't let us fail.

#P173  
**Strolling Life's Garden**

*If you should awaken one day to find that God had forbidden my sun to shine I wish that you would not shed a tear just bow your head and say a prayer.*

*My funeral is not being preached today it is a celebration in a way.*

*I've shed my troubles, my ups and downs now I'm going home to get my crown.*

*I've done some bad, I've done some good but God is merciful, He understood. He forgave my sins and set me straight and now I can enter the Pearly Gates.*

#P174

**Words of Comfort**

*People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; Forgive them anyway.*

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.*

*If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.*

*If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.*

*What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.*

*If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.*

*Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.*

*You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; It was never between you and them anyway.*

#P175

**Do It Anyway**

*Life begins and life ends.  
And I will never forget how  
I spent my life with you.  
You being the one , who listened  
when I cried and wept,  
The one who I kept up when I couldn't sleep.  
The one who told me in few words  
that everything would be alright.  
The one who always made sense  
of my lack of sense.  
And as my life begins I will  
never forget the woman  
who I thought was so cool,  
The woman who broke some of the rules.  
“ \* ” I could never explain how much you  
have contributed to my life,  
And no one will ever be able to so as you did,  
But as your life ends, my life begins.*

#P176

*I have to live with myself, and so  
I want to be for myself to know.  
I want to be able, as days go by,  
Always to look myself straight in the eye.  
I don't want to stand, with the setting sun,  
And hate myself for the things I've done.  
I want to go out with my head erect,  
I want to deserve all men's respect.  
For here in the struggle for fame and self  
I want to be able to like myself.  
I don't want to look at myself and  
know I'm bluster, a bluff  
and an empty show.  
I never can hide myself from ME;  
I see what others may never see.  
I know what others may never know,  
I never can fool myself, and so,  
Whatever happens, I want to be  
Self-respecting and conscience-free.*

#P177

**Myself**

*The Glorious Morning Light*

*By the Glorious  
Morning Light  
And by the Night  
When it is still ...  
The Guardian Lord  
Hath not Forsaken thee  
Nor is He displeased  
And verily the Hereafter  
Will be better for thee  
Than the present.*

- Amen -

#P178

**Going Home "Prayer"**

*Farewell my family, don't weep for I'm at peace now, just asleep. Farewell my family, I'm not alone, the Mighty Maker has led me safely home. Just think back over the many years, how the family seemed so strong, holding back the tears. Yet, God somehow always made a way, thanking Him every night and day. Be good my family, always love each other. Be strong my family, strong in heart, the blood ties, no one can ever part. If at some time I made a mistake, as you live, many will you make. Farewell my family, I've been called away. Walk with God, trust in His word, for He is always by your side.*

#P179

**Farewell**

*Do not cry for me, for I have lived my life to the extent of time which God has granted me.  
Do not cry for me, for I have walked a long way in my lifetime, I have moved on to fulfill my destiny.  
Do not cry for me, for I am not lost, I am home where I am free.  
When you think of my passing, picture my face in your mind and reminisce of the times that have passed be it good or bad;  
Do not cry for me for I am with God, and my life has just begun.*

#P180

**"Don't Cry For Me"**

*I would rather have a little rose from the garden of a friend, than have the choicest flowers when my stay on earth shall end.  
I would rather have the kindest words and a smile that I can see, than flattery, when my heart is still and this life ceased to be.  
I would rather have a loving smile from the friends I know are true than tears shed around my casket when this world I bid adieu.*

#P181

*Mother you were such a good one, you raised me oh, so well  
You lived your life and grew in grace,  
No one else can take your place  
No more pain and suffering will you endure I loved you so much, but God loved you more. He chose you to come through those pearly gates, Oh you are so much better in that perfect place. You were much more than a mother, you were my backbone, best friend, mentor and leader I will always love you, and your memories will live with me for the rest of my life. I could not be so selfish to have you all for myself. He wanted to enjoy all of those magnificent memories that I have of you. You have emerged from this earthly shell, Now with ? And ? you will dwell.*

#P182

**To My Beloved Mother**

*I have finished now with this  
house of clay  
Please kindly and carefully lay it away,  
And let me rest from this life of pain,  
Failing in sunshine, storm and rain.  
Trying to help my family and friends  
Turning no needy from my door  
Many times I was misunderstood  
When I had done the best I could.  
I'm tired now so let me rest  
Don't cry, don't you know  
God knows best?  
I have another house you know,  
Where God's redeemed can go.  
I don't need this house of clay  
So tenderly, carefully lay it away.*

#P183  
**House of Clay**

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty place.  
Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
He placed His arms around you  
and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,  
He saw the road was getting rough  
and the hills were hard to climb,  
so He closed your eyes and whispered  
"Peace be Thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
but you did not go alone,  
a part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.  
If love would have saved you,  
you never would have died.*

#P184  
**God looked around His Garden**

*Time is not measured  
by the years that you live  
But by the deeds that you do  
and the joy that you give -  
And each day as it comes  
brings a chance to each one  
To love to the fullest,  
leaving nothing undone  
That would brighten the life  
or lighten the load  
Of some weary traveler  
lost on life's road -  
So what does it matter  
how long we may live  
If as long as we live  
we unselfishly give.*

#P185  
**The Joy Of Unselfish Giving**

*In the stillness we think of you  
husband, father, brother and friend.  
In the breeze, in a tear, in a sound, in passing a  
porch seeing an empty chair, the smell of a cigar,  
a cigarette or listening to elderly men chatting,  
laughing, throwing up their hands talking about  
their yesterdays and when they were young.*

*In stillness of our mind, when we are all alone,  
everyone has gone home. I still feel you, smell  
you, the warmth of a hug, the sound of your laugh  
and how all the simple things that you gave will  
last. You will never be forgotten, we will learn to  
live with your memory.*

*Our shooting star that was borrowed to us. We  
thank God for you, to God be the Glory in His  
Stillness of time..... We say see you on the other  
side Daddy, Husband, Brother and Friend.  
Thanks for all the things you done that was  
appreciated and those things that went unnoticed  
and what was never done..... It don't matter no  
how. In the stillness we thank  
the day that you were born.*

#186  
**In the Stillness**

*No reason for sorrow, no reason to cry. Look  
toward tomorrow and I'll tell you why my  
memories of you and yours of me are filled  
with love and laughter forever. You'll see no  
reason to worry, nor question God as to why  
you have lost me. No reason to say goodbye.*

*It's time for my journey home, a beautiful and  
peaceful trip that I must make alone. So just  
be strong and keep a smile, we'll only be  
apart for a little while. The love I've known is  
a very special part, the love I've shown came  
straight from the heart.*

*I leave you now to go on my way to a  
wonderful place where we'll be together  
someday. No reason at all as you can see. I'm  
with my Lord. He'll take care of me.*

#P187  
**To My Loved Ones**

*Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road  
To sweet Eternity.  
We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn something,  
But never meant to stay.....  
Our destination is a place far  
Greater than we know,  
For some, the journey's quicker,  
For some, the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the Lord.*

#P188  
**The Road To Eternity**

*Almighty and most Merciful God  
Who, when little children born again of  
water depart this mortal life, doest  
forthwith, without any desert of other,  
bestow upon them life everlasting, as we  
believe thou hast done to this little child,  
grant we beseech thee, that through the  
intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and of all thy saints. We may serve thee  
here with pure minds and be forever united  
to the blessed little ones in paradise.*

*Through Christ our Lord.*

*Now I lay me down to sleep.....  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.....  
If I should die before I wake....  
I pray the Lord my soul to take....  
May God bless all those I love.*

#P189  
**A Child's Prayer**

*I'll loan to you for a little time a child of mine, He said  
For you to love while she lives and mourn for when she's dead  
She may be six or seven years or twenty-two or three  
But will you till I call for her take care of her for me?  
She'll bring her charms to gladden you and should her stay be brief  
You'll have her lovely memories as solace for your grief*

*I cannot promise she will stay since all from Earth return  
But there are some lessons taught down there  
I want this child to learn  
I've looked this wide world over in my search for teachers true  
And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes - I've selected you  
Now will you give her all your love? Not think the labor vain?  
Not hate me when I come to call to take her home again?*

*I fancied that I heard them say; "Dear Lord, Thy Will Be Done"  
For all the joys this child will bring the risk of grief we'll run  
We'll shelter her with tenderness, We'll love her while we may  
And for the happiness we've known forever grateful stay  
But should the angels call for her much sooner than we planned  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand*

#P181  
**A Child of Mine (female)**

*I'll lend you for a while a child of mine," He said.  
"For you to love the 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 chosen you.  
Now will you give him all your love, not think the labor vain,  
Nor hate Me when I come to call to 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've  
planned,  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand!"*

#P181  
**A Child of Mine (male)**

# Spanish Prayers



Jehová es mi pastor: nada me faltará En lugares de delicados pastos me hará descansar: junto a aguas de reposo me pastoreará. Confortará mi alma: me guiará por sendas de justicia por amor de su nombre. Aunque ande en valle de sombra de muerte, no temeré mal alguno, porque tú estarás conmigo: tu vara y tu cayado me infundirán aliento. Aderezas mesa delante de mí en presencia de mis angustiadores: unges mi cabeza con aceite: mi copa está rebosando. Ciertamente el bien y la misericordia me seguirán todos los días de mi vida, y en la casa de Jehová moraré por largos días.

#P200  
**Salmo 23**

Alzaré mis ojos a los montes; De dónde vendrá mi socorro? Mi socorro viene de Jehová, que hizo los cielos y la tierra. No dará tu pie al resbaladero, Ni se dormirá el que te guarda. He aquí, no se adormecerá no dormirá. El que guarda a Israel. Jehová es t guardador; Jehová es tu sombra a tu mano derecha. El sol no te fatigará de día, ni la luna de noche. Jehová te guardará de todo mal; el guardara tu alma. Jehová guardará tu salida y tu entrada desde ahora y para siempre.

#P201  
**Salmo 121**

El que habita al abrigo del Altísimo morará a la sombra del Omnipotente. Diré yo al SEÑOR: Refugio mío y fortaleza mía, mi Dios, en quien confío. Porque El te libra del lazo del cazador y de la pestilencia mortal. Con sus plumas te cubre, y bajo sus alas hallas refugio; escudo y baluarte es su fidelidad. No temerás el terror de la noche, ni la flecha que vuela de día, ni la pestilencia que anda en tinieblas, ni la destrucción que hace estragos en medio del día. Aunque caigan mil a tu lado y diez mil a tu diestra, a ti no se acercará. Con tus ojos mirarás y verás la paga de los impíos.

Porque has puesto al SEÑOR, que es mi refugio, al Altísimo, por tu habitación. No te sucederá ningún mal, ni plaga se acercará a tu morada. Pues El dará órdenes a sus ángeles acerca de ti, para que te guarden en todos tus caminos. En sus manos te llevarán, para que tu pie no tropiece en piedra. Sobre el león y la cobra pisarás; hollarás al cachorro de león y a la serpiente. Porque en mí ha puesto su amor, yo entonces lo libraré; lo exaltaré, porque ha conocido mi nombre. Me invocará, y le responderé; yo estaré con él en la angustia; lo rescataré y lo honraré; lo saciaré de larga vida, y le haré ver mi salvación.

#P203  
**Salmo 91**

De Jehova es la tierra y su plenitude; El mundo, y los que en el habitan.

Porque el la fundo sobre los mares, Y la afirmo sobre los Rios.

Quien subira al monte de Jehova? Y quien estara en su lugar santo?

El limpio de manos y puro de corazon;

El que no ha elevado su alma a cosas vanas, Ni jurado Con engano.

El recibira bendicion de Jehova,y justicia del Dios de salvacion.

#P204  
**Salmo 24**

Cuando tenga que dejalos por un corto tiempo, por favor no se entristezcan ni derramen lagrimas ni se abracen a su pena a traves de el tiempo; por el contrario empiezen de Nuevo con valentia y con una sonrisa por mi memoria y en mi nombre vivan su vida y hagan todas las cosas igual que antes. No alimenten su soledad con dias vacios sino llenenlos de manera util. Extiendan su mano para confortar y dar animo y en cambio yo los confortare y los tendre cerca de mi; y nunca, nunca tengan miedo de morir porque yo estare esperandolos en el cielo!

#P205

Una noche un hombre tuvo un sueño. Soñó que caminaba en la orilla de una playa con el SEÑOR. A través del cielo se alumbraban escenas de su vida. En cada escena veía dos pares de huellas de pies en la arena: un par pertenecía a él y el otro, al SEÑOR. Cuando la última escena de su vida se alumbró ante él, miró hacia atrás, a las huellas en la arena, notó que muchas veces a lo largo del sendero de su vida, había sólomente un par de huellas. También notó que esto coincidía con los momentos más tristes y solitarios de su vida. Esto realmente le molestó y le preguntó al SEÑOR: "SEÑOR, Tú dijiste una vez que yo decidí seguirte, Tú caminarias conmigo todo el camino, pero he notado que en las momentos más difíciles de mi vida, hay sólomente un par de huellas. Yo no comprendo por qué cuando más te he necesitado, me has dejado sólo." El SEÑOR le contestó: "Hijo mío, mi querido hijo, yo te amo y nunca te he dejado. Durante tus momentos de prueba y sufrimiento, cuando tú has visto únicamente un par de huellas, era entonces cuando yo te cargaba."

#P206  
**Las Huellas**

Señor hazme un instrumento de tu paz!  
Donde haya odio, siembre yo amor, donde  
haya injuria, perdon: donde haya duda, fe:  
donde haya desaliento, esperanza: donde  
haya sombras, luz: donde haya tristeza  
alegría.

Oh Divino Maestro! Concédeme que no  
busque ser comprendido, sino  
comprender: ser amado, sino amar: porque  
dando, es como recibimos: perdonando, es  
como Tú nos perdanos y muriendo en Ti,  
es como nacemos a la Vida Eterna!

- S. Francisco de Asis

#P207

Dios te salve María: llena eres  
de gracia, el Señor es contigo.  
Bendita tú eres entre todas las  
mujeres y bendito es el fruto  
de tu vientre, Jesús. Santa  
María, Madre de Dios ruega  
por nosotros pecadores ahora  
y en la hora de nuestra muerte.

Amén

#P208  
El Ave Maria

Oh Dios, através de la muerte de tu  
Hijo en la cruz, tu has sobrepasado el  
sufrimiento de la muerte por nosotros.

A través de su entierro, Tú has hecho  
la tumba un lugar sagrado.

Rogamos por todos los que han muer-  
to creyendo en Jesus, y han sido en-  
terrados con Él creyendo que algún  
día llegaría el día de la resurrección.

En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del  
Espíritu Santo.

Amén.

#P209

Angel de Dios, Mi querido  
Guardián; fuiste enviado para  
protegernos.

En este día permanece junto a mí,  
para alumbrar y guiar, guardarme  
y dirigirme.

Enseñame, mi querido Angel de  
la Guarda, a conocer a Dios, para  
amarlo y servirlo por siempre.

Aléjame de todo peligro y  
enseñame el camino al Cielo.

Amén.

#P210

**Oración al Angel de la Guarda**

Oración a la Virgen de Guadalupe  
Oh amada Virgen de Guadalupe,  
rosa mística, intercede por nosotros  
ante tu Hijo y obtén por nosotros  
las gracias que te pedimos.

En los momentos de angustia  
defiendenos de las fuerzas de  
nuestros enemigos, y a la hora de  
nuestra muerte recibe nuestra alma  
en el Cielo.

Amén

#P211

Oh Piadoso Corazón de Jesus siempre  
presente en el Sacramento, siempre  
lleno de amor ardiente por las pobres  
almas cautivas en el Purgatorio, ten  
piedad del alma de quien llega a Ti  
con humildad. No seas muy severo en  
Vuestro Juicio y deja que algunas  
gotas de Vuestra Preciosa Sangre  
caigan en las devoradoras llamas y  
haced, oh piadosa Señor, que  
Vuestros Angeles conduzcan el alma  
de quien a Ti clama, a un lugar de  
descanso y paz eterna.

Amén

#P212

Padre Nuestro, que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre; venga a  
nosotros tu reino; hágase tu  
voluntad en la tierra como en el  
cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de  
cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas  
como también nosotros  
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden;  
no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y  
líbranos del mal.

Amén

#P213

**Padre Nuestro**

Senor,  
Dame la serenidad  
Necesaria  
Para aceptar las  
Cosas que no puedo  
Cambiar.  
Coraje par  
Cambiar las cosas que puedo  
Y Astucia para  
Saber la diferencia  
Entre ellas.

#P214

*Yo soy la resurreccion y la  
Vida el que cree en mi,  
Aunque haya muerto, vivira,  
Y el que vive y cree en mi,  
No morira para siempre.*

#P215