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My name is Becky and I am 49 years old. I was born in Texas and have lived in dear old Louisiana all of my life. I enjoy writing and have been doing so since 1993. God is so good in giving me the words to write to encourage and uplift hearts, minds, and souls. I give him all the glory and honor forever. I have three children: Kevin, Angela, and Richard. I also have three wonderful grandchildren: Kevin Jr., Sarah Kathyryn, and Tre' Allen.

' Bright Shining Star'

Star, star, you shine so bright
Lighting even my darkest night...

You make me smile
If only for a little while...

You remind me of the presence
Of my Lord most high,
As you shine so proudly in the sky...

I love a star lit night so true
It causes my emotions
To drift away
It makes me feel less blue...

When I am down and feel so out of place
Gazing upon your beauty causes a smile
To return to my face...

May I make a make believe wish upon you tonight
And can you tell me if my future will be bright

Stars, stars forever shine
For you are all favorites of mine
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' Peace Can Be Found In The Storm'

You think you hurt and that life has treated you so unkindly
Friend let me tell you about someone who endured so much more
He endured more than any human upon this earth has before

He was laughed at and mocked by those whom he loved
He was wounded for our sins as well
By those whom he taught about God and good
His whereabouts to the enemies they still did tell

He was spat upon lashed, beaten beyond belief
Nowhere upon earth did his body find relief

His own mother watched him die
All sh could do was watch them torture him
Her son as she winced in pain on his behalf
"Oh how she did cry"!

He was torn, and tattered, beaten and scorned
Yet I am sure he hurt more for the hearts
That were broken and for all who for his death, mourned
He took so little for himself, for he came as a servant to all
And not once as he hang upon the cross suffering
Upon his many angels for help did he call!

So unworthy are we still of his life he gave for all
Don't look back at who has hurt you the most
Or what is not right in your lives
For if Jesus hadn't died for us-
Friend, you wouldn't have a life at all!
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"a Stroll With My Father"

I arose with my Lord upon my mind
And it occurred to me that no
Better or more reliable friend
Could one ever find!

Yesterday is a faded memory
For each day is brand new
And I know today is no exception
My Father has new things for me to do

Thank you Father for another day
And teach me now what role
For you this day I shall play

Plant my feet in the area of need as
You and I take our daily stroll
In your garden of love

But first cleanse me of my sins
And wash me as white as the
Wings of a snow white dove

Prepare my heart and my mind too
For all the glorious things you
Will for me to do

Then when my work this day is done
Arrange my thoughts to focus
Even more upon your only Son

Let me not close my eyes in sleep
Until I go to you in prayer
And thank you Lord for
Being right beside me
For you have always been
Right there

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"all That We Truly Need"

Question not what tomorrow shall bring
Live life with a prayer to start each day
Give your thoughts and cares to the one
Who truly cares for you

Faith in God is brought to surface
By believing that voice within
The one that reminds us in the songs of birds
Of God's continual presence

Mankind has done so much harm to the air
The animals should be dead that breathe it
Yet they flourish because he is God and can
Still succeed no matter what mankind has
Done to his beautiful creations

He shows us his power in the mighty crashing waves
That pound the banks and even the waters obey him
They stop where he says stop
They become angry when he demands
They are stirred
Then with one word he tells them
To be silent

He the creator has given so much to all
So why should one ever feel they have nothing
Why should gloom consume their short lives

Let us rejoice in every moment
Allowing whatever shall come
Knowing for sure that
God is beside us and
He knows the desires and needs
Of our hearts

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"once More Jesus Rescued Me From Sin And Set Me Free"

Though torn and tattered like a ship out at sea
My Lord Jesus saw a reason to rescue me

He took me into his loving care and cleansed
Me from every sin and fear and doubt once more
He opened unto me his forgiving and merciful door

Entered I therein to sup with him telling him all
Of my worries and strife
Telling him of my struggle to do anything
Worthwhile or pleasing to him in this life

He said to me dear child of mine
Do not forget that some things you did
For others you did it unto me;
Lending a helping hand when someone
Needed strength to carry on
Reaching out to others in their times of need
Or child how about the times you planted within
The lost and hopeless my loving seed?

The tears rolled down upon my cheeks
As I buried my head upon his shoulders
And cried away all pain life had dealt to me
Once again I joyfully arose from my knees and
Felt forgiven and oh so free!

Though I failed and failed again
Jesus still saw goodness and not just sin in me too
He forgave me and taught me tonight
That this is the same thing he wants me to do-

Forgive myself for I have more work
To do for God, I must use each moment like it is my last
I must not mope and go through life or live in the past...

Take my hand and boldly stand

Resist others who seem not to notice your loving heart
I will be beside you when you fail I shall prosper your thoughts
And your days shall be more bearable -as we walk hand in hand!
"Sayeth the Lord"-amen
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'A Rose Rare And Genuine'

My heart before you is like a pink rose
It's petals extended upward
It's buds open to absorb
The warmth of your love

Petals that are fragile and yet
Carry within them the most beautiful
Of God's created beauty and scents....

My love for you is like a rose
Yet a rare and genuine one
Because the love I feel for you
Is seldom discovered
Let alone-savored

Rare and genuine am I your rose
I bloom for you when you give
Of your emotions and heart to me ...

Our love will bloom forever
If we treat it as fragile as a delicate rose

So take me your rose
And treat me kindly
And I will bring you years
Of continuous blooms of beauty
And perfume to enlighten your days ...

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'Amidst Life's Storms'

Amidst life's storms I find myself
Feeling that I don't belong here for long
It is revealed to me that pain and suffering
Shall not forever prolong

Though amidst life's trials and tribulations
We remain here today yet God feels our
Agony when we mourn
As unto him we fervently pray

One's trials seems so small in comparison
To what our dear Jesus did endure
That huge sacrifice he offered all
As he was tormented upon Calvary
His death made it possible for us to be purified

Amidst life's ups and downs I stand amazed
And know that even now I am truly blessed
At this point in my life

We are often blinded by the truth
Itself for deceit has been around us for so long
Yet if we remain in Christ and he in us
Deceit from Satan cannot prolong

Amidst life's trials Jesus can be found
For his words said "he shall never forsake us"
Nor leave our side
If you truly love Jesus my friends
His love and mercy and goodness you
Simply cannot deny!

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Another Picture Perfect Day

Our Lord awakens the earth with
The sweet sound of song birds
And the sound of a roosters crow
The sun rises and the dew evaporates
Mankind scurries to greet the new day
With a prayer of thanksgiving

Children wake and wipe the sleep
From their little eyes
Then soon hurry off to play
Or off to school

Squirrels run around gathering food
And suddenly they run away
To search for more elsewhere

The clattering of plates can be heard
As dinner upon the table is served
Before folks know it
Night-time will fall

The sun is setting
The sky is multi-colored
With orange, gray, and blue

The birds fly quickly
To the safety of brush or trees
Calling after one another
To come home now the day is done

All the world should now be ready
For a restful night but let us not forget:
To give our Lord thanks
And praise; for another
Picture perfect day!

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'But None Endured What He Did'

You think you hurt and that life has treated you so unkindly
Friend let me tell you about someone who endured so much more
He endured more than any human upon this earth has before

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He was wounded for our sins as well
By those whom he taught about God and good
His whereabouts to the enemies they still did tell

He was spat upon lashed, beaten beyond belief
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His own mother watched him die
All sh could do was watch them torture him
Her son as she winced in pain on his behalf
"Oh how she did cry"!

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Yet I am sure he hurt more for the hearts
That were broken and for all who for his death, mourned
He took so little for himself, for he came as a servant to all
And not once as he hang upon the cross suffering
Upon his many angels for help did he call!

So unworthy are we still of his life he gave for all
Don't look back at who has hurt you the most
Or what is not right in your lives
For if Jesus hadn't died for us-
Friend, you wouldn't have a life at all!
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'By His Grace I Am Surely Set Free'

Will sin destroy all hope of life that I own
Will tears blind me from the truth that was derived
From Christ's death upon the cross

Will my fate be decided by those who mock me
Who betray me who leave me when I need them most

Will Satan continue to torture me until I am utterly

Destroyed with no hope of arising again

My questions were answered long ago
For Jesus took my place on a cross and cleared the way
For me to see the real meaning of Salvations' plan
Which he so kindly gave to me

He bore my pain my sin my loss
When He died that day on Calvary
His blood paid sins total cost

Though the tide of life rises higher
Than our faith his grace is sufficient
And we can rest in his loving care

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'Captured By His Beauty'

I find myself totally captured by the
Beauty of the Lord's complete creation

What joy doth fill my heart when I see
The mountains so tall
And sounds in the air of the birds and wind
And a mighty waterfall!

What intense emotion I feel when
I look upon the green valley's
And over the ocean's too
Oh God I shout: "thank you"
For all you have given us to enjoy
And to view!

Birds sound their alarms at the break of day
Singing beautiful songs as we travel
Along our merry way

Wind to cool us from the raging heat of the sun
Beautiful seasons which bring needed rest
Given by our loving Father whom
For all has given his best

As you enjoy the beauty he has created for you
I hope that you will be captured by his beauty too!
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'Child Rest In Me'

Child I watch you as you wrestle with life's
Ups and downs
Come unto me and we can talk about them
As I rid you of all of your frowns

Put your burdens at the foot of the cross
And leave them there
For I am here to comfort you and to show
You how much for you that I care

I know things get rough but let me say
I will help you always so
Just call on me night or day

Nothing is going to happen that I can't handle
You must by faith hold on
Until the last breath from your body is gone

I won't forsake you nor leave you alone
I don't expect you to make it on your own

Lay down in peace dear one
For I will be here When you awake
Your burdens and sins then from you will I take

When the storms rage outside
of your window be ye not afraid
For storms are also creations I have made

I will guard you and keep you from all harm
I will guide you and make everything alright
For I will forever keep you in my sight

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Continue The March

"CONTINUE THE MARCH"

CONTINUE MARCHING ONWARD NO MATTER
WHAT OBSTACLES ENTER INTO YOUR PATH OF LIFE

GOD IS WATCHING OVER US EVEN AT TIMES
WHEN WE FEEL THAT DUE TO OUR SINS
HE IS NOWHERE NEAR

AT TIMES OUR PRAYERS SEEM TO BOUNCE
OFF THE CEILING AND IT SEEMS THAT OUR LORD
DOESTN'T HEAR US

SATAN WOULD RATHER WE BOW IN SHAME
NOT FOGIVING OURSELVES AS GOD DOES

SATAN WANTS TO REMIND US OF HOW
TERRIBLE AND UNWORTHY WE ARE
TO BE FORGIVEN AND THEREFORE
OFT TIMES WE CANNOT FEEL GOD'S MERCY

BUT WHEN WE STOP AND REALIZE WE HAVE
A NEW DAY A NEW CHANCE TO BETTER THAT
WHICH WE DID NOT ACCOMPLISH YESTERDAY
WE ARE REMINDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
THAT THERE IS RENEWED HOPE AND THAT
GOD'S MERCY NEVER ONCE CEASED

JUST AS THE ROSE BUDS WAIT BENEATH
THE SNOW FOR SPRINGTIME TO ARRIVE
AND JUST LIKE THE BARE TREES
WHOSE LEAVES HAVE CRUMPLED AND
DIED FALLING TO THE GROUND
SOON NEW SPROUTS BUD OUT
FROM THAT WHICH APPEARED LIFELESS

CONTINUE YOUR MARCH TOWARDS OUR LORD
TURN NEITHER LEFT NOR RIGHT
JUST KEEP YOUR EYES UPON THE

LORD WHO RENEWS THAT WHICH SEEMED
DEAD AND LIFELESS

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'Could It Be That He Is Feeling Joyous?

I saw the stars tonight "oh Lord"
How brightly they did shine
So I thought I'd sit down and write
A poem to you our Lord
One that would bring you joy as it rhymed

Could it be that you are joyous because
Of the upcoming celebration of your birthday
Are you sending the stars to show us your pleasure
For all of the praises and songs that will be sent up
On Christmas day

Let the stars shine brighter brighter still
They've always been my favorites and
Lord they always will

You "Oh Lord" are the brightest star
The ones in the sky just signify
How much you shine in the darkness
As you send unto the earth much light

Lord within the confounds of my heart
I pray that you will always be present
And through my heart show unto others
Your Holy Spirit that lives within me
Which shines ever so bright!

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'Countless Blessings'

I stepped outside, I heard the birds
I could not wait until I heard their soft tunes
They were singing to me as I drank my first
Cup of coffee, for God sent them to me
For he knows how very much
His creations mean to me

As my thoughts turn away from the birds
To the maple tree in my front yard I thought
As I gazed upon its' beauty
"You will finish opening your foliage tomorrow"
The next day they opened up so beautifully displayed
God's way of saying "see my child you too can be renewed
Like this tree"

The grass green and lush cool upon my feet
The multi-colored rose moth in bloom again

I gaze at my dog who is soon to be a mother
How happy she must be
For soon the lil pups will be suckling
Making little whimpers
Making new little personalities
And yes building up little tempers

All the newness around me reminds me
Constantly of our Father's daily renewing love
For these wonders are all countless blessings from above!

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'For All He Suffered And Died'

He died on the cross for our sins
It should have been we who died instead...

The people spat upon him they mocked him
And called him name
They laughed and mistreated him
With schemes to further degrade him
With all of their evil games...

Yes for all He suffered a long and horrible death
He was buried in a cave, and three days later he arose
The stone was rolled away...

When the people saw that He was no longer dead
They just could not believe, what had happened that day...

Oh Father: " had I been there with you,
I surely would have died" for it would be more than
I could bare to see you crucified...

You who had not committed one single sin
Yet you did not call heavens
Angels to rescue you that sad and lonely day...

Oh Father: "how much it must Have hurt Mary your mother
To see her son tortured again and again"...

Thank you for that ultimate sacrifice for all
Thank you Lord that upon your name
We your heirs can freely call...

Thank you for dying for all in our place
For we are filled with such sin
Thank you Lord for forgiving us
over and over again...

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'Gentle Spirit'

Gentle spirit I love you
And wonder what I might do
To give something back for all the things
Having you in my life Father into my life brings...

You've sent me friends so many
So many other things as well, and I've done
No special deeds to deserve them all-not any...

Holding back the love I feel inside for you
Would be like trying to hold back
An ocean full of water or an angry tide...

You alone deserve all honor and praise
Every head to bow unto you-and every hand
Unto you to raise...

Please let me bow down before you Lord
And not linger in saying
I thank you Lord for all you've done for me
And thank you for all whom for so long
On my behalf have been praying
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Gods Love In A Bud Beneath The Snow

GOD'S LOVE IN A BUD BENEATH THE SNOW

To all who stumbled upon you to them you
Were just a twig ready to greet life early
Your true beauty they could not see

A bud were you beneath the snow
Awaiting life's chance to grow
And flourish in the sunshine of
God's love

Your beauty became exquisite
One Spring as the ice slowly
Began to melt
You found your way reaching
For the warmth of Gods' love

God's warmth showering down upon
You as you grew your thorns
Thorns in life that would protect
You from mistakes you would surely
Make and teach you how to be
A rare and beautiful rose

Fragrant and beautiful you became
Lighting up the faces of all
Who came to know your beauty
Your fragrance was heaven-sent

Life grew weeds all around you
Pain and sorrow caused scars upon
Your twigs; soft petals fell to the ground
Tears that were mending you making you stronger

Though you've seen many storms
God will replenish you once more..
Bloom for the one who created you
In God's garden of love
And be the rose he created you to be!

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'He Knew His Destiny'

Into this world Jesus came
As mere flesh and bone
He came for our sins to atone

This babe, this glorious babe so pure
Came and suffered the punishment
As he died for mankind's sin
Yes much grief and pain did he
Our Lord "Jesus" endure

What a price to pay for mankind whom
His genuine love we did not deserve
Yet through his righteousness
And by spilling his precious blood
He washed away our sins-like
Unto a great flood!

By dieing that awful day our sins were washed
Away with that first dropp of blood
He left with us his promise to arise again
His thirst was not quenched as the blood ran freely
Down his skin

Without Jesus' birth and death upon Calvary
We would have been destroyed never to be
Remembered again
Then there would have been no
Way to cover our multitude of sin

He knew his destiny
Yet for you and I he still chose to die
He loved us so much he wanted to give
Us the chance of eternal life
With him most high
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He Lifts Me Up

Though at times life may knock me down to the ground
Life isn't nearly as difficult as Satan would have me to believe...

Things are difficult because sometimes I get tired of getting
Up again and making the same mistakes repeatedly...

God lifts me up when I am down
He dusts' me off and gives me a new hope...

Pure and clean I stand before our Lord
All washed white as snow once more

He gives me strength to press onward
So I speak softly in my mind
I tell myself: "he is with you"
Even when you cannot press on alone

His strength is my strength
His hope is my hope
In him I shall breathe
And be freed from a world
Of doubts and fears
In him I shall again stand firmly

He lifts me up when life lets me down
He sends more love than my heart can hold
He holds my hand when I am afraid of what
Is just up ahead

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'He Touched Me'

Though grief ridden because of sin
With Jesus inside of my heart
This spiritual battle between
Good and evil of the flesh
I shall win!

Though led astray by evil
At times at the finish of another day
Praise "God" at night
For I have another time of repentance
As I go humbly before him and I pray

I felt him touch me
When I did wrong and lead me back home
Helping me to return to the right path
Whenever I did roam

He touched me when I lost all hope
In those whom I love
And left his Holy Spirit to guide me
When he had to go join his father "God" up above

He touched me that night when daddy died
And he held me gently as in his arms I painfully cried

He touched me when those near death experiences
Came over me and destroyed the devils' lie
For Satan convinced everyone I would die

Without his touch
Without his love
I could not face another day
Without him I wouldn't want
To try ever again anyway
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'He's My Dream'

His mind is sharp his heart is gold
He is very warm inside
That's why I never feel cold

He appreciates me he makes me smile
He makes my entire life worthwhile

Never do I want us to part
Nor leave one another's side
Love like ours we cannot hide

When at last you come to me
You hold me oh so tight
I know that from that day forward
Our futures will be so bright.

Hold me in your loving arms
Whisper things from within
Love me everyday
Again and again

I will treasure your love
Never let you down
I will bring many smiles
To your face where once
You were made to frown

Take me as I am love me till the end
Be my partner, lover, and my friend

I will give you my heart
To cherish till Jesus comes
To take me home
I will stand beside you no matter
What as upon this earth we both roam
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His Love Is All Consuming

His love is all consuming
It lingers and awaits for the moment
To be right to pour into our souls

Our Lord sits at the door of
Our hearts patiently awaiting to come in

His love consumes that which is opened unto
Him welcoming his Holy Spirit within

He uproots that which is evil and vile and unclean
Replacing it with good things that only come from God

He will consume our thoughts
Our actions and our everything
If we bid him come in

For to allow him to consume us is the sweetest thing
Mankind can experience

Unlike earthly and fleshly things which can never
Satisfy his love fills that place where nothing else can

Man has a one on one relationship with
The creator of mankind
And all living things when his love
Is allowed to consume the willing soul

Tis sweet to be in his loving care
Yet many blessings otherwise unknown
To mankind shall be revealed
To the soul that welcomes his:
"All-consuming love"

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'His Strength Will Carry Me Through'

Under the shelter of his wings am I kept from harm
He is my guiding light, my strength, my only hope
His strength will carry me through any storm

Life will carry many blows from the unknown
But just knowing that Jesus is beside us brings
So much comfort, and peace, where there
Once was only fear, and unrest

Peace in knowing where I am bound
When I leave this cold and trying world
Peace and freedom from temptation
Hope all eternal

Thank you most high for your shield
Of protection upon and around me and my loved ones
Thank you most of all for "Jesus" who is our Salvation

Let us cling tightly to the masters hand
Therefore standing to face any storm
Life may blow our way

In Jesus there is hope for tomorrow
There is relief from pain
There is hope no matter what
Happens to these earthly bodies

Stand strong oh ye children of his
For soon there shall be a gathering
Like no man has ever witnessed
As King Jesus gathers us unto himself
To take us home to live in glory eternally!

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'How I Thank You Oh God'

I thank you for the breath in my body as I arise
I thank you God for sleep to rest my eyes

Thank you oh God for friends who are many
Thank you for the sky above
Thank you most of all for Jesus
And for family you loaned to us to love

Thank you for tonight
Thank you for tomorrow too
Oh God I just want to say thank you
For all of your mercy and forgiveness and all you do

Friends come and go but you remain the same
I am so thankful I can call upon your wonderful name

Father teach me guide me help me to be more like you
Lord guide my mind my heart and my life too

I will serve you all of my days
I will glorify your name with my ways

We are so weak in comparison to you father God
But help us to be humble
As we wait to go home with you
And upon this earth continue to trod

Let us not look back but forward to seeing you
Lord let us remember always to say Oh God
How we thank you!

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'I Dreamed Of Him'

I dreamed I went to Heaven, and saw Jesus
Standing there, his face all aglow
Awaiting my coming with arms wide open
To tell me things I always wanted to know
He spoke like a waterfall, as words
So peacefully flowed from his mouth, as he said:
"Be ye not afraid for it is I"
He was more beautiful than I ever imagined
I so wanted to cry!

He said: "there will be no more tears here,
For you have reached that peaceful shore"
I fell down and worshipped him and said to him:
"Oh Jesus, it is you, whom I adore"!

We began our eternal walk for he had
So much there for me to see and do
Yet he allowed me to send one more message to you:
"He said to tell you he loves you, and wants to see
You in Heaven too"

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'I Was A Wounded Dove'

Helpless and hurt and filled with guilt
My heart turned to God
I knew not how even to pray except
To plea unto him for help and release
Of the pain and secrets I kept deep within

My heart was so heavy my soul barren
And dry and I could not go on unless
Repentance poured from my very soul

I asked God to help me and for awhile
I bathed in the sunshine of his love
And mercy and forgiveness

Sin crept back in through the doors
I opened when the world outside
Caused me to be curious again

Can I be happier than I am now
I followed my desires and thought
Of ways I could begin a new life
I silently planned and counted the days
Yet I never made the move because God's
Holy Spirit brought me back to reality in time

Like a wounded bird found by a small child
You scooped me up and protected me
You taught me how to become new from the inside out

I still stray now and then in thought
But I thank you Oh Lord for being so merciful and loving and
For knowing me better than anyone for my desire to serve
You is more powerful than anything Satan has to offer
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'I Was The Lost Sheep'

When the world seemed to mock
Me and broke my heart into
It reminded me dear "Jesus" of
What you went through

Though you were pure
As the whitest snow
Sinless and merciful full of love
Sent by God himself above

So many "Jesus" still
Would not in you believe
When you taught them the way
Oh but now, I am sure they grieve!

Like a sheep whom hath strayed
From their master's side
I am that sheep that was lost
My sins are only one reason you had
To pay with your life on the cross

You came to give a perfect love
Eternally perfect and pure
So that Hades mankind would
Not have to endure

You brought this weak child in me
Back because you love each of us so
To remind me where I use to be in life
Not so long ago

Let me cling closely to thee and never again stray
Let me follow you and obey your commands
Day by day

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'In My Father's Hands'

You ask me how I cope with life as it is
I simply turn to you and say
It is in my Father's hands
For it is he alone who my every
Care fully understands

I may fall beneath my heavy load
I may cry and sometimes feel alone too
But it is then that I am reminded
To place all my cares
In my Father's hands

My hurts I
Give to God who can
Mend all that is broken apart
All my cares are in my Father's hands

You don't have to remain sad
Feeling hopeless or alone
For you too only need to
Place all of your cares
In the Father's hands!
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'In The Arms Of Jesus'

He takes me in each time I drift and lose my way
He brightens my darkest day

He patches me up when I fall apart at the seams
And within my heart his love light beams

He is the lily in my valley and he blooms all the time
And there is no mountain that together we cannot climb

He forgives me so much until I am ashamed
And lost in my guilt
But his love for me is a strong foundation
And it is well built

How could I inherit such love, hope, and peace,
And a bond with my creator that shall never cease

I cannot ever repay the debt I owe
But our Lord Jesus paid the price for me
And all so long ago

When I think of all he sacrificed for me
I wonder truly "how can this be"

His love is beyond any imagination
Upon the entire earth
For only God above found
In us humans any worth

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'Just One Little Christmas Wish'

I sat and I thought as I wondered
What it was that I could do
To bring back the real meaning
Of Christmas Lord: "You"

Happy Birthday dear Lord Jesus
May glory be brought to thy Holy name
May all who celebrate turn and look
Upon your sweet birth
As you hear sweet songs sung
With glad tidings as joy
Spreads throughout the entire earth

One little wish I make tonight
As I imagine your face so bright
Is that you will help us to put Christ
Back in Christmas like never before
For it is thee at Christmas whom we want
To celebrate and thee we fully adore!

I lift my heart up to you in praise
Not just because of Christmas
But because I will to obey and follow you
And to serve you all of my days!
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'Let His Living Waters Flow'

Through my sinful nature let the waters
Of Christ flow and cleanse me of all the
Things that are impure, for sin must go

Let the waters rage across my thoughts
Like rocks out at sea, and purify
All that is within me

Let the waters flow that soothe the most
Restless heart, and calm the greatest need,
And then may there be planted within
A new and healthier seed

A seed that can go to God each new and
Glorious day, feeding upon all the things
Which are spiritually nutritious; like
When one goes to God to pray

Let his living waters flow
And cleanse you from within
Ridding your heart from every sin!
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'Let The Storms Of Life Rage Onward'

Though life tosses us about from shore to shore
We know that we will be safe and secure
For the hand of God to catch us

When we feel we drown in life
He will give the strength needed to endure
Each of us daily struggles must face
But in the end their memory from us
Shall He then erase

Like mighty rushing waters
Purifying all in it's sight
Jesus' blood cleanses us from every sin
They are removed and a new life
We can then begin

No matter how deep the troubled
Waters are in your life my friend
Upon the dear Lord you can
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Let us pray:
Dear Lord so wonderful and so true,
How I adore you and I thank you for the storm
Clouds that frequently gather in our lives,
And a way to feel the beauty after it has blown
It's hardest. Though we are battered we still tarry on, and I pray
My father that you will continue to give us the strength to face any
Future storms. Though the wind and the stinging pain from our sins and
Actions cause much grief and pain; afterwards is a reward of a lesson learned.

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'Let Thy Will Be Known'

Thank you for for this new day
Thank you for hope and renewal
You have sent my way...

Help me to be still
And to let thy love flow
As in thy divine knowlege I grow
Lead me in the ways Lord that I should go
For it is your will and your ways only that I long to know...

Lift me up and let me stand
Remind me always that
You oh Lord, are holding my hand
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Life Is A Journey Of Trials

Life is a journey of trials we must face each day
Yet God opens our hearts and minds to what he has to say

He helps us to wake in the early morn
A chance for us to kneel unto him and pray
He loves the praise of a freshly awakened heart
And therefore blesses our day

Life is a journey of temptations
Things that would normally be impossible for mankind
But God's word promises we have the power
To overcome and leave them all behind

Life is filled with sorrow loss and pain
Yet if we remain steadfast and only believe
We have heaven with Jesus to gain

Let not the trials and lessons of life bring you down
Yet stay prayed up and ready
Causing Satan with all of his tricks
To look like a clown!

Jesus is attentive to the needs of all
Who upon his dear name in prayer do call

He will guide us through dark times as well as light
So praise him every moment as much as you can
For he and he alone causes the sun to shine
Within our lives-ever so bright!
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'Lord I Need A Renewing Touch'

Lord touch me tonight for I need revival in my soul
Renew my heart from within
Walk beside me as tomorrow a new life begin

Teach me to guard my tongue
When words should not be spoken
Turn my head away from sin
Then when I stray off the main road
Place my feet upon the right road again

Let me not look backwards but forward
Help me not lose hope
Help me to hang on until you rescue me
When I feel I have reached the end of my rope

I don't care what failures I have in my past
My sins are forgiven and guilt shall not last

I will praise you Lord all of my days
I will glorify your name
I will pray for lost souls more
I will tell everyone who will
Listen that you my "God"
I eternally adore!

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'Lord I Trust In Thee'

God I don't know your plan for me
But I do know I trust in thee
To be my protector and my guide
As in your presence I abide

When I am quiet and submissive
To your still small voice
It guides me and causes my heart to rejoice

You have promised me to always be near
To rid my heart of all doubt and fear
You promised to give me courage faith and power
Every day and every hour

When my thoughts are upon you my hopes you raise
I offer a prayer to you my Lord as I offer up my praise

Thank you Lord for all the blessings you send
My father my Lord and my dearest friend

I don't know your plans for me Lord
But I totally trust in thee
From here unto eternity it
Will forever be!

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'Lord Just Hold Me'

Reach out Lord and take
Me by the hand dear God
If I should stray
Hold me back
If I should lose my way

Lord give me peace
In all of my days
Let songs of joy
Ring out from within
Keep me forever close
To thee, in order that
I might look away from every sin

Lord give me the feeling
Of safety in the night
And let my dreams be sweet

Then if there be another
New day ahead, then
Father once again, guide my feet!
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'Lord Let Me Sing Unto Thee A New Song'

Some of us had a bad year but we survived it
Some of our blessings went un-noticed
So many times we felt the urge
To accept defeat and quit

Now the new millennium approaches
And we can clearly see
What abundant mercies the Lord
Hath given and how loving he must be

So many failures we have made
This passing year
Yet he reaches out to hug and pull
Us ever so near

He has loved us in spite of our faults and sin
For those who choose to serve him
His mercy is efficient to forgive
Their sins again and again

As the holidays come when we set aside
Special time for loved ones and family too
Even though rushed and busy
There is much in this lovely season
For Christ we must also do

We can take time to pray before meals
Tell the story of Jesus' birth
Tell the true meaning of Christmas to all
Tell the world that upon him they too may call

Sing unto the Lord a new and joyous song
Tell the world boldly it is his side that
You are on

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'Love Died Young'

They met at the local library
One cold wintry day
They had nice conversation
And later met again at
A local party

He had hair of black
Blue eyes and a lovely smile
He was so handsome in her eyes

Her hair was golden like wheat
Her eyes were emerald green
Her beauty was rare
He adored her

They dated for 2 years
Then one day he fell to his
Knees all pride pushed aside
And he asked her to become his wife

She gratefully accepted his proposal
With God as the witness that day

Three years have passed
Two children came to them
A blessing from God
A boy and a girl-twins they were

Then three years later
The wife falls to the floor
She weakly said: "I am ok now" as
A hand was extended to help her to her feet

After the doctor's exam
She was told she had a short
Time to live for she could not be healed

Love so young how could this be?
Her husband and two small children struggled

Wondering how could God let such a terrible thing
Happen to such a good family

Love died so young the husband
And children found strength to carry on
The mother lives on through them all
But how they long to find out in the end
Why love had to die so young?

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Maybe One Day God Will Answer Our Questions

I don't know what the future holds but I can tell you where all I have been
I have been all around in life and I have lived before in sin

I can tell you that nothing means as much as the love of Jesus
For he is the only one thing that never changes
For he is truly sincere
He who heals and has mercy upon all
He holds so dear

Loved ones come and they go in our lives we don't know what to think
One day they are here with us
And the next gone in a wink

Loved ones go away they die
More are born and multiply

God is forever the same though we don't always understand
Why so many must die and leave us with so many questions
When God gives that final command

Maybe one day God will answer questions we may have
Concerning our loved ones but till then
Let us look up and not back
So that we may start to enjoy
This blessed life-again

It hurts us to lose those we love be it by death
Or by chance or miles
But God puts new ones in our lives
To bring us brand new smiles

Don't give up when life gets you down my friend
God is the best pal you could ever ask for
And he will hold your hand till you meet
Life's End

Life will just begin when you reach heaven
To be with "Lord Jesus" our King
For in him are the answers to everything!

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'Memorable Melodies'

Just as I am -you accepted me oh Lord and came into my heart
Amazing Grace-covered my sins and gave me renewed hope
How Great Thou Art-I cried out loudly for you freed my soul
There is a river-reminds me you are deep within my heart
Although at times I cannot feel you or fail to notice your presence
Because he lives-reminds me that is why I am still here upon this earth
Oh when the saints go marching in -reminds me that some day I will march to
Heaven's sweet music and be with my Lord when life here is o'er
Somebody prayed for me -got me through all the down times when
I drifted from your side oh Lord
Standing on the promises-reminds me that you are eternally faithful
To your children and will remain unchanged
The lighthouse-reminds me that your door is always open and the light of
Your heart is on for your dear children so they will see how to come back home
Peace in the valley-reminds me that some sweet day sin will loose its' sting
And guilt will forever cease, tears shall be no more
Thank you Lord for the sweet melodies of old that touch hearts still
In today's' fast paced world; thank you for a burden for lost souls
Thank you oh Lord for guilt that brings repentance
Thank you for the fresh eternal flow of mercy that
Cleanses us and makes us pure in your sight
Thank you for the knowledge that the very first dropp
Of blood that came from your tortured body was for
Every sin man would ever commit
Now Lord use us for thy divine purposes-amen
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'My Evening Star'

You are my evening star
You shine so bright for me
You give me warmth and love
No happier could I ever be

You shine your light that I might see
Full joy and happiness all around me

Your eyes they dance when I look at you
Your hair is so silky your smile is warm too

You are my evening star
I want to be your sky
I want to love you my dear
Until the day that I die

Love is meant to be genuine
True and pure
A true love like ours
Brings days of sheer
Delight that is for sure

Come shine for me forevermore
For I love you with all of my heart
Hold my hand as we walk toward
That heavenly shore

I won't leave you nor be untrue
For my darling I will
Eternally
Love only you!

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'My Jesus And Me'

I spent time with Jesus today
I spoke his name and tried
His commands to obey

How sweet to visit him during
The daylight hours, for comfort I find
As I share with him the things upon my mind

Today wasn't perfect, I suppose
Neither will tomorrow be
But time is so sweetly spent
When we are alone, my Jesus and me

Sorrows often come in one door
Or another in this life
But when we spend time alone
With God, we find needed strength,
And comfort, and experience better ways
To cope with pain and strife

I don't have to worry about
What tomorrow might bring
For with Jesus beside me
Together we can handle anything

If you don't have time to spend
With Jesus in prayer each day
I recommend you find some time for him
For he alone is worthy of all praise and
He is wonderful and true, his mercy endureth forever
His arms are outstretched also for you
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My Sweet Love

Up until now I knew nothing of true love
I only read about it or dreamed of it
My highest expectations
Have been exceeded
In our joining-

Oh my sweet love
How I long to say so much
To show you more of how I feel
The days seem to fly by
When I am in your arms-

Tender kisses during the day
Love to keep me secure and warm
Hope for a brighter future-

Knowing me more and I you
As time goes by
Savoring every moment
Of loves' beautiful flavors-

Your green eyes walking away
Stolen kisses neither
Quenching the hunger
For more-

Love too intense to put into words
Melting with passion and desire
But the most beautiful thing we share-
"All the fire we feel started from inside! "
This love is so powerful I must believe
It came from our loving God!

Let us pray for it to grow forever
Let us pour all we have into us
Let us never forget who has given
All we so abundantly share in love
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Nothing Can Put Out The Light Of God

Though many try to lead others astray with their
Own confused beliefs they cannot put the light out
In those souls who have invited the Holy Spirit within

Some may be rude to those trying to live
According to God's plans for them
Yet the light that is guiding them
Grows brighter each day
A guide for the believer
As Gods' commands
He tries to obey

Darkness may come the thunder
May grow louder and you may
Still feel afraid but Jesus
Is forever present with you
Lighting the way

Nothing and no one can put out the light
That extends from the love of God
And nothing can separate that which
Belongs to him not even
Storms that blow violently in the night

Want ye who are not yet saved
Ask God to show you a way
In which you may understand
That accepting Jesus as your Lord
Is his wish and command

Tis so much sweeter to know
Our Lord as a friend and a Father
Walking daily hand in hand
Through prayer and supplication
Giving all you have and are to him
Freely and without hesitation
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'Oh Behold A King Still Reigns'

Behold our Lord on this Christmas day
For he is still alive and rules with honesty and passion
He is merciful and came to serve all
He came to die and sacrifice himself for our sins
He came to save all of mankind that would accept him

Yes behold this "King" shall reign eternally
Oh praise be unto his Holy name
None that was nor those to come
Can outshine our precious Lord

No power that is formed against him shall prosper
He is destined to keep that which is his in his care
Unto himself for all eternity
Sin has no power over us anymore
He removed it far from us
He lovingly defends us daily in Heaven

Devil seek ye whom you may devour
But you shall never become KING
For Jesus alone shall forever hold that seat

Let us sing "Happy Birthday Mighty King"
Let us forever praise him and joyful songs
Let us unto him eternally sing
We love you and adore you our Mighty King!
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Once More Jesus Recued Me From The Trials Of Life

"Once More Jesus Rescued Me From Sin and Set Me Free"

Though torn and tattered like a ship out at sea
My Lord Jesus saw a reason to rescue me

He took me into his loving care and cleansed
Me from every sin and fear and doubt once more
He opened unto me his forgiving and merciful door

Entered I therein to sup with him telling him all
Of my worries and strife
Telling him of my struggle to do anything
Worthwhile or pleasing to him in this life

He said to me dear child of mine
Do not forget that some things you did
For others you did it unto me;
Lending a helping hand when someone
Needed strength to carry on
Reaching out to others in their times of need
Or child how about the times you planted within
The lost and hopeless my loving seed?

The tears rolled down upon my cheeks
As I buried my head upon his shoulders
And cried away all pain life had dealt to me
Once again I joyfully arose from my knees and
Felt forgiven and oh so free!

Though I failed and failed again
Jesus still saw goodness and not just sin in me too
He forgave me and taught me tonight
That this is the same thing he wants me to do-

Forgive myself for I have more work
To do for God, I must use each moment like it is my last
I must not mope and go through life or live in the past...

Take my hand and boldly stand

Resist others who seem not to notice your loving heart
I will be beside you when you fail I shall prosper your thoughts
And your days shall be more bearable -as we walk hand in hand!
"Sayeth the Lord"-amen
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'One Little Dance'

I met you in a pub all dressed
In a suit and so handsome were
You that wonderful night

You asked me to dance I could not believe it
I accepted and we danced the whole night through
We were so young and alive then

You asked me if I wanted to go for a ride
See the moonlit night and walk the
Sandy beach-see the lovely ocean shore

I was so proud you liked me and wanted
To spend time with me I felt so happy inside
We walked and held hands nothing seemed
Wrong the world we left outside

You bent down to kiss me
But I did not know that wasn't as
Far as you wanted to go

I felt such shame when I felt your hand
Slowly open my blouse
No one had done that before

I could not refuse you for I would
Be so afraid to lose you and the attention
You were giving to me
You were the most handsome
Boy I had ever seen

You brutally taught me about love
You had none for me
You took my love in vain

I loved you so much I thought
But now here I sit on the beach all alone
My clothes torn my hair a mess
And my most precious gift given by God taken

What a horrible thing to take
And then walk away
As if nothing mattered to you

Now I spend my entire life
Wondering if all men are like you
You took more than my virginity that night-
You took my pride!

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'Only Your Love'

Only your love could
Make me feel this way
Only your love could cause
Me to drift into another world

Your love is like sunshine
Warm upon my skin
Radiant beams
That renew my
Life and my dreams
Each time I look into your eyes

You take me into your arms
We dance till dawn
First to the music and then
We taste love's genuine
Potion better than any wine

After love is over our bodies at ease
We desire this outstanding love once more
In each others arms again
Only your love can do this to me

Hearts rushing like a mighty river
Love flowing like a stream
Steady and continual
Breathing out of control
Love intense beyond
Anything we have ever known

He turns he starts to go
Then he said to her: I will see
You again tonight and every night
For the rest of our lives
For I want only your love
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'Our Lord God Is More'

He means so much to me my Lord
He who breathed life into our beings
He who created us from dust
He is the only one in this life we can trust

He means more to me than life itself
For to know him is so sweet
He means so much to me I would
Fall down to worship him at his feet

To tell of my love for him I could never do
But he is more to me than anything in this life
Friend I would love to hear
How very much he means to you too

Our Lord is worthy of more praise than we can give
He is powerful and true to all of his words
He is merciful and forgiving
He wants to impact your life in
A huge way and help you to change
The way you are living

You can't out give him
But you can praise him daily
With him your adoration for him you can share
And pray and read your Bible to find the
Wisdom he has hidden in there

Cast all of your cares upon him
For he will not let you fall
If upon him you will trust
And upon his dear name often call
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Poor Ugly Lizzie Mae

Poor little Lizzie Mae ugly as could be
None of the boys her beauty did see
She was teased, mistreated by most
So she went on a venture
Seeing if folks were the same
From coast to coast....

She lacked in beauty
She never dressed in style
But every time you saw Lizzie Mae
She had one heck of a smile...

No one got her down or made her
Feel badly or even blue
Lizzie had a heart of pure gold
Love filled she was and she had
A gentleness about her too...

She had the love of Jesus written on her heart
From his side as an ugly girl
She never did part...

All the beautiful girls who mocked
Her knew not her secret to happiness
Nor a reason for her to smile
But when they become old ladies
And God changes their hearts
They too will learn the
Secret after awhile....

Lizzie Mae weren't much to look at
But had more beauty within
Than all the girls shaped like hour
Glasses, with tanned skin...

She held the key to love
It never left her side
So when unattractive Lizzie Mae
Was in public her beauty she

Proudly displayed with great pride!
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'Renewed Hope'

Restored Hope

The rain may refuse to fall
The dust may form
The earth might thirst
For a season

The birds may refrain
From singing their melodies
The tide may roll in
Life within may be scattered about

Hope may seem lost
Life's sorrows may enter therein
But God whispers-
"This too shall pass"

The snow melts
The bud beneath begins
To bloom again
Producing a sweet
Rose scented with renewed hope

A loved one dies
A new one is born
A tear shed
Because of the sadness
Is replaced by a tear of joy

No pain would mean
No need to turn to God
No suffering and we would not
Know how to care

Though we seem lifeless
When the storms
Rage against us
In Christ at the altar
Of prayer is

"Renewed Hope"

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'Seeking Your Face Oh Lord'

Forever seeking your face "Oh Lord" I see
From fear and hopelessness and doubt
I have already been set free

How could you love a wretch like me
I still can't understand no I can't see

Seeking thy loving face oh Lord I find
Peace hope and joy where there was
Once Only a troubled mind

Seeking your face "My Lord I can see
That I truly am a child of yours
And you hold a place for me
With you my "Father" in eternity!

Seeking your face I can overcome this
Word filled with pain and doubt and fears
Seeking your face along with praying daily
And obeying your commands-
Causes me less tears

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'Stay Focused Upon The Lord'

To stay focused upon the Lord we
Must strip off our old garments and put
Upon the garments that will protect us
From the evil that lurks around us

We must renew our hearts, minds, our bodies
And place upon them the full armor of God
So that we can withstand that which is just
Over the horizon

We must pray more study God's word more
And live our lives more so to honor and
Bring glory and praise unto God

We must put on the fight of our lives
For a war is coming that is more evil and
Dreadful than mankind has ever seen
Or experienced and every person
Must be fully prepared

Satan is on guard 24/7 so we must be equally
Prepared and aware of his evil tactics
If we cling closely to God and seek his
Face daily-we will prevail!
We will recognize
His tactics before he has a chance to destruct
Our lives and the lives of our loved ones
Further and we shall all praise God when
The final battle is won!

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'Storm Clouds Are Gathering'

The storm clouds of life are growing more intense
Winds are harshly blowing
Signs of Jesus' second coming is surely showing

The bitterness of life's fiercest storms roll
Into our lives, trials and temptations
Are growing stronger
We wonder if we can hold on any longer

We look to the east the storms are building up
We look to the west the tides of trouble roll in
We run and hide and promise God "oh Father
Save me and I will surely not commit a
Certain sin again! "

Life is growing shorter the food supply could go
The waters could be poisoned
Then what would we do
Would we try to save our material goods
Or just leave immediately taking just ourselves and
Go where God leads us to go

If your faith was tested your mouths
Parched from lack of drink
Would you immediately follow the voice of God
Or would you stay determined to sort it out alone
As you paused to think

Times will surely get worse just look around you
Hurricanes, terrorism, floods and famines
Oh friends it is time our souls we examine
If you don't think you can be forgiven and change
It is a lie straight from Satan who seeks your soul to destroy
There is hope still while there is yet life in your bodies
Yes hope for every man, women, girl, and boy
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'Surely There Is Love At First Sight'

Standing in a small café in the middle of town
He rests quietly sipping a hot cup of coffee
Thoughts of a getaway from work
And the hustle and bustle of life
Weighing heavily upon his mind

He looks up and to his surprise
In walks a beautiful woman
Her hair is brown her skin
So clear and radiant
He stood in awe of her
Amazed at how she
Caught his eye

Never had he seen such
A woman before that moved
Him so deeply
He felt she was his destiny
But questioned how can this be?

Breathlessly he finds
A reason to confront her
Though deeply shy and afraid
Of how she might react

Excuse me he said
An he spoke softly to her
I noticed your book
I have not seen that one
For a long time
It is an old favorite of mine

She smiled and said: "really"?
That is how their lives began
He really liked her a lot
At first sight and she him

They now look out the window
Of life together each day

Dreaming of more
Days together in true love
And believing that
Surely there is such a thing as:
"Love at first sight"!
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'That Little Country Church'

It was a small little Church I attended
Back in my childhood days
The little country preacher taught
Me about Jesus and how he
Alone could change my ways

It wasn't much to look at and with fancy
Scenic things it did not glow
But this little Church, "oh how
I loved it so"!

Each time I would hear the little country
Preacher talk of the Lord
It gave me a chill
And one day while he was preaching
I felt God's nudge upon my soul
And I accepted Jesus into my heart
As I allowed the entry of God's will

My heart leaped out of control within
My little chest, for I was just a young girl
But yet, the Lord stood at my heart's door
And now I am freed from sin!

I have drifted many times through
The years since then
But Jesus keeps forgiving me as
I repent of every sin

That little country Church will always
Bring a smile back to my face
When my mind goes wondering back
To that lovely little place
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'That's The Power Of God'

His mercy endures forever
His grace is all we need
His love planted within
A soul that has been renewed
Is a prosperous seed

Do you see the early morning
Flights of the birds
Do you hear their loud songs?
All praise for all that we enjoy
Unto our Lord so powerful belongs!

The blind man was made to see
The sick woman with the issue of blood
She was healed, and Noah and his
Family were protected from the flood!

The ocean knows how far to come inland
The mountains how high to climb too
God's power everywhere we see
Is so real and so true

The mighty winds
The mighty rushing tides
From our Loving Father
No one hides

Satan could not defeat him
And he never will
God is in charge even today
Satan can feel God's chill

The day is coming when all shall
See how powerful our Lord is
But when all the fury breaks out
Between Jesus and Satan
God will separate and protect his!

Look up not back surrender your lives

To God the most powerful one
For time is drawing nigh
Put all of your faith in the one
Who shall soon return
For he is most high
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The Alphabets Of Life

A-allow God to show you the way one step at a time.

B-believe he is unchanging and merciful
and everything we shall ever need

C-cast the cares of this world upon him for
his love and concern for us is from everlasting unto everlasting

D-don't doubt him yet place your faith
and hope in him and not in mankind alone

E-enjoy the blessings that God has to give to those who follow him and whom
are obedient to his dear cause for many blessings await
those who love the Lord fully

F-face your sins and repent daily
for God's arms are open and he wishes to welcome you back and forgive your
sins

G-glorify the Lord-give your best in love
and sacrifice for others and praise him daily
for he alone is worthy

H-help those who are lost to find their way as you plant a loving seed within their
hearts

as you tell them the good news of Jesus Christ

You never know when it might take root and another child makes it home to
Jesus

I-invite others to read God's words-to pray and serve his divine purposes in the
community

J-Just let go of you and let God guide you

K-keep in his will and seeking his loving face and surely you shall be blessed

L-live your life as if each day were your last
giving all you have to our Lord and by loving others as well

M-move when you feel the urge to do something although you doubt it and fear
what others might think-you may not have the same chance again

N-Nourish the wisdom God gives to you by surrounding yourself with his positive
thinking and allow his persuasion upon your heart to work that which he wishes
to achieve through you

O-Open your mind and heart and soul-
so his loving messages might flow freely into your hearts and souls so others
may see him in you

P-put your trust in him for mankind will let you down and yet Jesus remains the
same forever

q- quickly pray when others wrong you

It is easier to allow God to help you when you are wronged or hurt -for he is a

just God

R-rest in him for he cares for you and there is peace like no other in God

S-speak kindly-to others for you never know what affect words may have on them-words can destroy or encourage

T-take time to get to know our Lord as a dear and close friend-

U-unleash your doubts and fears-and let his love consume your heart and mind

v-verify that you believe in him completely as you boldly tell others what you have discovered in him

W-watch for his coming soon

as you tell all who will hear about his love and soon return

X-ex out any evil thoughts that Satan puts in your mind and know that Christ has given us the power to overcome him and his tactics to destroy our minds

Y-yield to the will of God -allow him to speak to you and do as he wills

Z-zero efforts brings zero accomplishments by: © Becky LaPrarie 1/20/08

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'The Brightest Star By Far'

The star shown bright that glorious night
Lighting the way to sweet Jesus' birth
Many came from miles away
Bringing Gifts of incense and mirth

The animals stood joyously about
In complete awe and calm
For ever they knew how wonderful
This special child was

Wrapped in swaddling clothes
Laying in a manger was he
Such a precious babe

He came to save all who would
Accept him as their Savior
He knew his destiny
He was to die upon
A cross called Calvary

We love your ultimate sacrifice
Our Lord our King
Happy Birthday dear Lord
As we celebrate it I pray joy
Is what those who love you
Unto you will bring!
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'The Spirit Moves When It Rains'

The spirit is alive yet sometimes we forget
Not taking enough time to be alone
With our Lord in peace and quiet
Choosing to sit down and fret

The rain pitter patters upon my roof
And it causes me to think upon our Lord
For even the rain can bring peace and rest
Even when fear and temptation
Had brought upon us a mighty test

As the rain drops slowly on this old tin roof
I feel the nudge of the "Holy Spirit" within
Saying to me: "this would be a good time to pray
For I have given you a rainy restful day"

Take time to thank me and count
The many blessings I have bestowed upon you
Take time to feel the closeness of my presence
Take time my child for me too

I love you child of mine
I am glad you stopped in
I hope we can visit one another
On a sunny or another dreary day
For I look forward to meeting with you again!
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'The Spirit Of God Stirs The Embers Of My Soul'

The Lord has moved so deeply within my heart this week
I can barely stand the beauty of it all
My soul trembles at the mere thought of him
Our omnipotent and wonderful Lord!

Join with me in praise and honor
And proclaiming how lovely he is
In the midst of the most horrible storms of life
He revives our souls and purifies our hearts
And begins a new work within

Oh how I love Jesus
He is the sweetest thing to me
I have never felt a longing for him like I have now
Oh what joy floods my renewed soul!
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The Storm Is Heading Our Way

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FOR GOD'S WORD SHALL COME TO PASS

IN 1948 ISRAEL BECAME A NATION AGAIN
FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE BEFORE CHRIST
THE U.S.A HELPED TO GET HER BACK
FROM ENGLAND

IN MATTHEW AND MARK YOU CAN SEE
THE THINGS WHICH GOD SAID WILL COME TO PASS
BEFORE JESUS RETURNS TO TAKE US HOME TO
LIVE WITH HIM IN ETERNITY

IN NOAH'S DAY THE PEOPLE THOUGHT HIM A FOOL
A MAN WHO BUILT SUCH A LARGE VESSEL AND NO RAIN
WAS VISIBLE, THEY LAUGHED AND MOCKED HIM
TILL THE VERY DAY THE STORMS CAME AND NOAH
CLOSED THE ARK DOORS

THE PEOPLE WERE SWEEPED AWAY AND EVERY
ANIMAL AS WELL JUST AS NOAH HAD WARNED
YET NO ONE WOULD HEED A WORD HE SPOKE

WE ARE LIVING IN TIMES THAT ARE NEARING END
THE BIRTHING PAINS ARE BEGINNING
YET SO FEW DARE TO BELIEVE

WE ARE NOW IN THE FIFTH SEAL ALREADY
AND THERE ARE ONLY SEVEN
NEXT SHALL COME THE ANTICHRIST

LET US READY OUR SOULS FOR THIS COMING
TERRIBLE STORM WHICH SHALL
BRING ALSO HEALING AND
RELIEF FROM ALL PAIN AND EARTHLY SORROW

HE SHALL COME LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT
LET US BE FOUND CLEAN AND READY
OH LET US READY OURSELVES FOR LIFE'S FINAL STORM!

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'The Tears Flow Like And Unending Stream'

Tears flow from my soul when I see a lost person
One whom cannot see one single thing he
Feels he needs God for

Oh how it burdens my soul that they remain lost
No matter what we share with them
Oh how it hurts to even see those
Who are taught that Jesus is not real
Turn their backs upon him and curse him

It burdens my soul to think of those
I loved so dearly who have gone on before me
From this life, possibly not being saved
I often wonder shall I ever see them again

It frightens me when I look at all the things
People are accepting as ok now
Not accepting that there will be consequences
For things done which are not pure

It burdens my heart that many never claim
Our Lord as their one and only God
They are ashamed of what others might say
It burdens me even more to know that
Jesus will say to them: "depart for I know
You not "

All people on earth no matter how near or far
Look up and cry out to the God of the universe
He is the only hope and joy and peace we shall find
For soon we will see a major need for him
Oh please don't wait until the door is closed
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'The Tears Of The Savior'

I WONDER, DOTH HE CRY FOR US
WHEN HE LOOKS UPON OUR STRIFE?
MUST HE FOREVER SUFFER
WHEN ALREADY FOR ALL
HE HATH GIVEN HIS LIFE?

MY FATHER IS THE MOST WONDERFUL THING
TO HAVE EVER HAPPENED TO ME;
YET, I STUMBLE I FIND PEACE IN KNOWING
THAT NEAR ME HE WILL ALWAYS BE!

BOTH SUNNY AND RAINY DAYS APPEAR,
WE KNOW NOT HOW NOR WHEN
BUT; THERE IS ONE THING
ON WHICH WE CAN DEPEND;
'HE IS COMING AGAIN'! ! !

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'The Winter Whispers'

All over the world it is cold outside
And people are mostly staying inside
Many still wonder about
As if it is a sunshine filled day

Many get depressed when
Winter really sets in and they lose hope
Thinking upon the thoughts that are not good

Why do so many of us miss the opportunities
That a cold wintry day brings
For many times a cold day when we
Can't get out we can still do many things

We could take the time to do things which
We seldom do together, such as snuggle in a warm bed
Turning our negative thinking into positive instead

Staying inside for long periods of time
Does bring sadness and wrong emotions surface
And even built up stress

The snow can be used to make homemade ice-cream
The ice is pretty to look at
Little squirrels scurry around for food
On cold sunny days too
See there are lots of things one can do

Hot cocoa warms the body
Brings families closer together
So friends put on a smile
No matter what the weather!

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'This I Pray'

I pray dear Lord you will help me to do thy bless-ed will
Therefore in doing so within my heart your loving
Presence you will instill....

Look upon my heart and cleanse me
So unto thee a better servant I might be....

Bring gladness in the place of my tears
Bring courage in the place of my fears....

Open these eyes and renewed hope let me see
As I press onward in this life
And focused upon thee let me forever be...

Your time of a second coming is in the air
And Lord I want to spend eternity with you
When you call me up there....
Above all past trials and tribulations
As I see all that is revealed of the Revalations...

I will lift my voice and unto thy ears thy praises sing
Praying it will bring thee great joy my king
I want to praise you oh God forever in eternity
As daily I worship you and praises unto you
Knelt down before you I bring...

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'Though Life Seemed Gloomy He Was Still Visible'

I looked north south east and west and all I saw was pain
Inside my heart all I could feel was distress
Seldom did I feel the warmth of the sunshine
For all I noticed was the rain...

I lay in my bed and I toss and turn
Thoughts of guilt and pain in my life
Within my mind continually burn....

Then I realized the moment and time
When I was feeling so low
I then thought of reasons why
Unto my father more often I did not go....

I know he was there in spite of my low feelings
For it could have been much worse than what I went through
Yes Lord at down times I have even said there was no need
For me to come crying and praying anymore to you...

So often we don't see the sun for the rain
We seldom smile and enjoy your love and abundance
For we are trying to carry the load of our own pain....

But now I can vividly see the light again
For I should rejoice more often
For you have removed my every sin...

You've been so patient true and kind
Never giving to me what I deserved to be
Thank you Lord for your mercy and
Gentleness in dealing with me~...

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'Tonight I Came Back To Him'

Tonight my soul ached from within
For my heart and life were overflowing with sin...

Sin of resentment, bitterness, feeling guilty, and lonely
Yet deep within my heart, still longs for Jesus only...

Satan would have me believe that new hope shall never arrive
And that there will be no joy within
As long as I am still alive....

Blinded by tears and pain
Feeling the wounds left from trying to make it on my own
Falling for the untruth that things will never be better
Even though by sins, and failure in Him, I have spiritually grown...

Tonight I give you my sins Lord, my resentment,
My bitterness too, and I know
That you will take me back gladly
Lord, as straight into your arms I shall go...

Thank you for holding me up as I felt faint
Lord, teach me how to endure all sorts of things
Things that cause me to be disoriented, and exhaust me
Oh father: "I rejoice that I am back
Near you now" for beside you I feel so free! ...

Thought for the day:
If we give up Satan will be the champion
Let us make him squirm in the pain and sorrow
And feelings of hopelessness that he has created! ...
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'Treasured Things'

Treasured things for me are not of this world
Or material goods nor money nor fame
My greatest treasure is knowing I am saved
And I can Call upon Jesus' name

Treasured things are times of being healthy
And being able to see the birds and hear their songs
I treasure knowing that unto my Lord
My soul belongs

I treasure times when things go right with friends
And family and peace is upon us too
I treasure skies that are of purest blue

I treasure friends that never leave me
Who call to say hi or take the time to write
It makes my life and days so very bright

But most of all I treasure you my Lord most high
I thank you Lord for comfort
When life gets difficult and I must cry

I treasure the thought that each night when I lay down
To rest I can lay down in peace knowing

You are taking care of my loved ones too

To tell of all the things I treasure so much
Lord I could never do
But I just want to say once more a "How much
Lord most of all I treasure you"!

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'Trust In Jesus'

As you take in your first breath this day
Go to Jesus in thankfulness and pray

God fertilizes the trees and it's amazing
How they are all perfect in height blending with one another

He is the lily in my valley and he does bloom all of the time
He is the sunlight and through his children his brightness doth shine

After a rain shower the earth is filled with a heavenly scent
Reminding us of God's presence and beautiful creations
Only trust him for he is the light
In a world filled with darkness

He whose presence is felt in the warmth of the sun-
His love shines through a moon lit night-
In the wind he whispers as the leaves
Rustle down to the ground-

In the ocean whose power
Given by God can be heard as the waves come crashing down

Let everyone who has breath praise him
For he is the life of our Spiritual gardens
Without our hope and faith deeply being implanted
Into His power and love through his Holy Spirit
There would be no need for another day

The next time you are down and out
And feel as if you should give up
Just gaze upon his creations
Which was meant to soothe your cares away

In him there is rest, love, relief from pain,
In him there is eternal hope-
Thank you Jesus!

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'Unworthy I Kneelt At The Cross'

Unworthy I fell to my knees if only in my mind
For hope and forgiveness and God's
Mercy I needed once again to find

The storms of life have tossed me about again
Now Satan triumphs over newly committed sin
It won't be like this I am reminded for much longer
For the Lord Jesus will come soon
His coming again is as sure as there is a bright moon

Satan will not rejoice forever for his time draweth nigh
For this battle between good and evil
Belongs to our Lord most high

Though we fail and are sometimes lost at sea
When asked with a humbled heart for forgiveness
God will from sin set us completely free

Tomorrow may bring much sorrow grief and pain
But just keep asking for forgiveness again and again

God cannot lie so don't let guilt hang around
Place your faith in Jesus
For his word is built on solid ground!

The spiritual battle is his alone to win
So rejoice as you rise from your knees at
The foot of the cross for you are forgiven
From every sin!

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'Whisper His Name'

When your heart aches within
And you don't know what to do
Whisper the name of Jesus
For he cares for you

When life gets you down
And you're lonesome and blue
Whisper Lord help me
To make it through

When loved ones and friends
Can't be found and
You feel left behind
Whisper Lord I am lonely
For to comfort you he does not mind

Whisper the name of Jesus
When you're having a sunny day too
For he made it and gave it to you!
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Wondering Rose

Rose was her name pretty as could be
But Rose should have never married
For she still acted free...

She fell in love with John handsome dark and tall
She loved the local mailman
For he stood so proudly in his suit
Oh "men" Rose just loved them all! ...

The plumber came her plumbing to repair
Rose brought him tea and began to stare
Satan entered in and now they both did sin
Oh my goodness, " Rose is at it again"!

Rose may never settle though
Her husband she never told
But now he lays down in a grave
All alone and so cold.....

He did not care what the odds would be
For he loved his Rose so dearly you see...

Rose is older now her hair is gray
She is slower to move
Not enough energy for as much play...

There sits beside her a new man named Jim
He loves her like the last
But Rose has wondering eyes
Memories of her past...

She gave her heart to Jesus
She now sings in a Choir
But she laughingly says to
Her best friend-I hope
There are handsome men
In heaven when I get there!
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'Words Of Wisdom'

When you are a child
Your eyes are full of brightness for life
For it is all brand new to you
It doesn't really matter where you go or what you do

You learn from those who are around the most
You learn to be proud of your successes
You learn how when things go right to rejoice

You go to Church one day and you feel
So uplifted and like life is brand new
You get saved and how this changes you

The Lord's Holy Spirit guides you each
And every day as you go to him and pray
He teaches you his word through reading the Bible
And spending time in prayer with him
There is so much more he longs to teach you

Knowledge comes in the strangest ways you see
For God is so unlike you or me
He speaks through others, through certain events, certain places
When we never know, but it is in all of these areas of wisdom
We grow spiritually

Sometimes we fail to grow as Christians
Because we don't hunger after the things
We silently long to know, and do not ask God for his wisdom

Let us seek our Lord's wonderful face
And seek his will to know, and his knowledge as
We grow in his Holy presence

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'You Promised Me Forever'

We met at summer camp one year in 1974
You were tall with athletic build
I was just 11 years old, a girl at heart
Who fell deeply for you

We danced at the prom
We went to football games
Shows and studied together too

How I loved you and looked up to you
You bought me a bubblegum ring
When I was 13 and promised your
Heart would be forever mine

Sally came along one year later
And you met her at the races
I could not be with you that day
For my mother needed me by
Her side for she was ill

You and Sally started hanging out
More together and you told me
You were just friends

One day I saw your shadows after
Dark hugging, and dancing, in the light-
My heart broke that day for you were
My first love, I gave all that I had to you

So tell me was it puppy love you
Had for me?
You promised me forever
Now from my side you have gone

You promised me forever
Now our forever is forever gone!
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'Your Everchanging Rose'

A little bloom of pink am I
Awaiting your awakening kiss
To cause my petals to open...

See them unfolding before your eyes
For you have given your flower bud
A new and awakening reason
To bloom for you...

Kisses placed warmly upon
My lips my color turns red
A red rose fresh and un-kissed
By the morning dew
Oh my lover I shall wear
My brightest most beautiful red
Only for you....

Tomorrow I might be yellow
As a sign of my deepening love for you
Yellow because like the sun
Your love is forever nourishing your rose...

As your roses' petals wilt and fall to the ground
As the years of this life drift away due to old age
There will be life renewed when we both reach that
Golden shore: "where roses shall bloom in Heaven
Forever more"!

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