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Amber

My blond hair, blue eyed angel
How sweet you've always been
From the moment I first saw you
A special relationship did begin

My first-born, gentle grandchild
You mean so much to me
You are my shining star
And the wonderous, endless sea

The years pass by too quickly
And I continue to watch in awe
As you blossom into a young adult
Standing proud, confident and tall

I listen as you express to me
Your aspirations and your dreams
Of becoming a famous actress
I've no doubt you'll find the means

To make all your wishes come true one day
Your dreams will be fulfilled
You'll make your mark in Hollywood
Keeping morals your family instilled

I know you'll keep your head on straight
Though it's easy to lose your way
When surrounded by people you don't know
And at times don't mean what they say

Just remember I'm always here for you
I'll always set you straight
I'll never steer you wrong, sweetheart
I believe acting is your fate

I've only wanted what is best for you
From that first day you were born
You can come to me with conflicts
Anytime, evening or morn

I'll steer you in the right direction
With our Father as my Guide
You can't go wrong in all of life
With our Lord and Savior by your side

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Baby Charlotte Lullabye

Baby Charlotte, Baby Charlotte
With your eyes big and brown
Your silent slumber so peaceful
You don't make a sound

Baby Charlotte, Baby Charlotte
With your smile so sweet
Your full head of hair
Your tiny, precious feet

Baby Charlotte, Baby Charlotte
With your dimples so deep
Your laughter contagious
Your personality unique

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With your expressions divine
Your smarter than most
Your namesake is mine.

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Baby Charlotte Song

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Baby's Lullabye

Chorus

Go to sleep now, go to sleep now
My little belle
When you wake you will find
All is still well

The sun may shine through billowy clouds
Or the rain may come thundering down
It simply doesn't matter to either of us
We can play loud or not make a sound.

But you must know,
Whatever God will choose
That me, my lil' belle
You will never lose.

Chorus

The moon is up,
The stars come out
Depend on that
Without a doubt.

My love for you
Will never change.
Give me hugs, blow me kisses,
We've much to gain.

When the moon comes out
Or the sun does shine.
That's when you'll know
That you are mine.

Chorus

The sun will shine
The moon goes down
As for me, you know

I'll always be around.

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Brittany's Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father
I'm asking today
For You to take
Brittany's tumor away

Thy will be done, Lord
On this we believe
So I'm asking you, Father
To plant Your seed

Of healing for Brittany
Our precious gift from You
Be with her doctors
Please see them through.

Guide their hands of healing
You gave them as gifts
To remove Brittany's tumor
That is our wish.

We know this is possible
Only through You
Lay Your hands on her now, Lord
Please see her through

This frightening ordeal
You've laid on our Brit
I'm sure there's a reason
Though I can't see it.

Guide the healing hands
Of her surgeon and team
Let them feel in their hearts
What our Brittany means

To her family and friends
And to You, Lord, yes, You
For she is Your daughter
Please see her through

This frightening ordeal
You dealt her way
Bless her and be with her
As you take it away.

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Brittany's Thirteenth Birthday

My very special Brittany Lynn
Another like you there's never been

And never again will there be
For God made you, then tossed the key

You're so original; you're quite unique
One of a kind and so upbeat

You are a blessing, from God to me
I've know since I bounced you on my knee

You mature so much each and every year
And each birthday I can't help but cheer

Because, Dear Brittany, I'm so proud of you
Of the person you've become; the caring things that you do

I pray God will continue to pile high His blessings
That you'll experience His love and sweet caressings

Know that He's with you all of the time
Through thick and thin, you need not a 'sign'

Also know that I love you in an unconditional way
From now until forever - happy thirteenth birthday.

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Butterfly Buffet

Butterfly, butterfly, your colors so bright
Where do you go when God turns out the light?

Do you find some place safe that you can call home?
Or continue to flutter, continue to roam?

Through a buffet of flavors, slurping nectar, so sweet
Savoring a myriad of flowers, as their juices you drink

Until your tummy's content and you've had your fill
Now let your food settle till your next nectar meal

Butterfly, butterfly, your colors so bright
Where do you go when God turns out the light?

Do you continue to fly from flower to flower
Or call it a day then wait out the hours?

Do you find a cozy and comfy place
Where you're sure to show God's beauty and grace?

I know I've seen you many times before
At a picnic, a ball game, at the seashore

Look for the beauty God gave us to share
And we will find butterflies plentiful there.

Butterfly, butterfly, colors so bright
Where do you go when God turns off the lights?

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Carrie

Carrie joined our family when she was just two
When my son and daughter went to look at a few

Puppies for free the paper had said
So off they went to view pups in their bed

But when they arrived, they had been misled
The puppies were gone, they took 'momma' instead

'What were you thinking? ' 'Who is this? ' 'Can't you see? '
'This is a momma dog, not a puppy! '

'But, she's too cute.' 'Can we keep her, Mom, please? '
'You won't know she is here.' They begged from their knees.

The doorbell would ring and Carrie would bark
Barked at everything, during the day, after dark

But eventually she settled down. Now she'd been with us 18 years
Our flourishing love continued to grow through our blood, our sweat, our tears.

With cataracts and loss of hearing, arthritis and so much more
One day she simply laid down - she couldn't rise from the floor

I took Carrie to her doctor, someone she trusted and knew
He said, 'I'll give you a few moments to say Goodbye and I love you'

'Oh, Carrie, I do love you, and I will miss you so.'
I repeated over and over again until it was time to go

I will always love and miss my companion although it has been years
I'll treasure our memories, now and forever, My sweet, Carrie Dear.

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Clouds

When you're lying on the grass
and the clouds are passing by
Can you tell who and what they are?

See the dark of the cloud
How it blends with the white
To make a roadway, a train, a car.

There's a lady over there serving tea
Her auburn hair flowing natural in the breeze.

But no, she's gone, where did she go?
So quickly she did leave.
The wind picked up and out to sea
Went my heavenly bereaved.

A weeping willow,
On the side of a hill
Aiming straight for the cloud
That is sitting still.

A little puppy on a leash
But no one's holding her
Take off the lead, she floats away
Leaving little specks of fur

I love to watch the shifting of the clouds
A sun evolves into a moon
A shark, with it's teeth bearing down
Becomes a graceful dolphin in June.

Now, look above and you will see
The amazement of the clouds
Fluffy, white, puffs of cotton
The lioness with cubs sitting proud

So whenever you're left with nothing but time
Go outside and take a look
You'll be amazed at the wonders up in the clouds

and a glance is all it took.

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Dad's Birthday Poem

A dad like you is hard to find
Not that I've searched for another
I'm perfectly content with the one I have
I can't imagine a different father.

The Lord must love me so very much
To have chosen you to be my dad
I'm sure He looked the universe over
Then decided, 'This is the one she will have.'

You are the dad just right for me
I can't imagine anyone but you
Sharing ups, downs, laughter and tears
And the silly things we do.

Thanks for always being there
You are my super Dad!
A one-in-a-million, never before
The greatest to be had.

And so on this, your birthday,
Let me tell you once again
How blessed I am that you're my dad
Whose become even more - my friend.

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Dad's Tree And Me

It seems like just yesterday
I must have been about three
Dad grabbed a pointed shovel
Hollarded, 'Girl, get out here with me.'

So off we went to plant a seed
With hopes it soon would grow
We buried the seed beneath the soil
No worries of ice or snow.

Everyday like clockwork
My dad would take my hand
And lead me to this barren place
Where all I saw was sand

But soon thereafter a splinter of green
The seed would become a tree
All because my Daddy's love
Was shared that day with me.

The years passed by too swiftly
Age showed itself all round
Dad's eyes may have been the worse for wear
Yet his ears heard every sound

I cherish our times together
I'll take them with me to my grave
The pride of being called his daughter
Yes, these are the memories saved

He's courageous, brave, firm, steadfast
Committed to his beliefs
Honorable, loyal, a soldier's soldier
In victory as in defeat

Our tree now reaches the heavens
On a solid, fertile, growing ground
A trunk with countless branches
A squirell and bird playground

As I look upon the massive oak
We planted so long ago
I long to take his hand in mine
And never again let go.

The diabetes will take its tollon Dad
His hips, his feet, his eyes
But will never take the priceless things
He's my gift from God, so wise.

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Dear Friend

My dear sweet friend
How the years have flown
You've been through so much
I pray you were not alone

It's difficult to find
The right words to say
To lessen your pain
You must feel every day

I would gladly share your burdens
If God would transfer the pain
You've had the weight of the world on your shoulders
My dear friend in sunshine and rain

Although it's not much solace now
I will always be here for you
If ever you need a friend's shoulder
If you're down or feeling blue

The time of day doesn't matter
My heart and my ear I will lend
Sometimes we just need to be swaddled
By a caring, loving, lifelong friend

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Farrah Fawcett Tribute

Although she once was yours
And we know you loved her dearly
You may have never realized
The whole world loved her nearly

As much as you did
With her heart made of gold
She'd been through so much
Her private story untold.

About whom Farrah was
So simple, so sweet
From her beautiful strands
To the tips of her feet.

It really didn't matter
If she was working or not
She was always an angel
That couldn't be bought.

She loved her soul mate
And also her son
Some said it was over
But her fight had begun

She shared with the world
Such a personal disease
From the very beginning
She so wanted to please.

An angel with a voice
A brave battle she fought
Educating the world
With new-found knowledge she sought.

When the Lord said,
'Farrah, It's time to come home.'
She knew that her family
Would not be alone.

A slow and horrific, painful demise
A terrible infliction, indeed
Took a shining star's short life too soon
Brave heroes like Farrah we need.

Her loss was mourned
By women and men
When the sky opened up
To welcome her come in.

Her sweet voice can still be heard
Though her bright star burned out too soon
Farrah 'lived' till her final words.
Without self pity and clouds of gloom.

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God-Given Gifts

My sweet little children
I've just tucked you into bed
After moans for more kisses
And prayers have been said.

Then I dove into photos
Of two God-given kids
Went month by month
Through many things you did.

It's hard to believe
That God would chose me
To raise His angels;
Open my eyes to see

That life is wonderful
So simple and pure
As long as I have you
I will always endure.

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I Am Alone

I am unhappy
I am depressed
I am without comfort
I am a mess

I am a Christian
I am God's child
I am so meek
I am so mild

I am so lonely
I am so alone
I am surrounded
I am left to roam

I am seeking God's guidance
I am begging His help
I am sinking still deeper
I am becoming stealth

I am intolerable
I am loud, I am crass
I am a lunatic
I am an ass

I am all of these things
I am wondering why
I am left on this earth
I am waiting to die

I am begging You, Father
I am asking You, please
I am ready and willing
I am praying You'll appease

I am ready and willing
I am depressed
I am without comfort
I am just a mess.

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I Served My Country

I served the United States of America
The home of the brave and free
And gladly took my father's place
In the tradition of our history.

Like my father before me
I served proud and stood tall
Next, my son raised his right hand
And was committed to the call.

Brave young men and women
Stand ready to fight
And defend to the death
Our Constitutional Rights.

The tremendous pride I feel,
The swell in my heart
When our beautiful song
Stars Spangled Banner starts.

From the top of my head to the tips of my toes
A veteran is who I always will be
From my thoughts in my mind to the love in my heart
Veterans are the reason we're free.

The next time you see a veteran,
Active duty, retired, or disabled vet
Tell him or her how proud you are
To be an American, or better yet,

The next time you see a soldier,
Tell him thanks, extend your hand.
That uniform is made from our flag
It deserves the respect it demands.

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Is This All There Is?

Is this my destiny
What God had in store
When He put me on earth?
Shouldn't there be more?

Is this all there is?
Am I sounding contrite?
To expect more from life
Some sort of beacon or light?

To shine on some sort
Of heavenly destination
Instead I'm left
With life's biggest question.

Is this all there is?
Do I appear ungrateful?
To expect something more
My appetite unsatiable

My spirit is left yearning
For there has to be more
Oh my Lord, won't you let me
Dip my toes in Your shore

Yes, Your heavenly ocean
Would suit me just fine
The sun always warming
This frigid body of mine

A body left feeling
Quite out of place
Among people on earth
This great human race

Perhaps You could find
A small corner for me
To curl up alone
I'm a mess, can't You see?

I'm ready, Dear Father
Please call me home
Or is it Your will
Keep me stringing along

On a ever longing, empty heart
Fulfillment nowhere in sight
So this is it, then, my Dear Lord
This is Your gift of life?

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Kitty, Kitty

I don't know where you are
You just wandered away
Where did you go
I've called you for days

You've live here ten years
And have never been gone
For longer than over night
Have I done something wrong?

Is it because of the new dog
That you decided to leave?
There's space in my heart
For you both, please believe.

But you're gone, little Kitty
And I do miss you so
It seems all at once
All my pets on the go

First there was Tommy
When he was just ten
Then my beloved Carrie
She was eighteen by then

Next I found Tiggy
Curled up, as asleep
Now you, my dear Kitty
For you, I now weep.

Where have you gone?
I must find you some way
I'll look these acres over
If it takes endless days

I know you are out there
You wouldn't go far
For I've just had to call you
You slept under the stars

You were my brave hunter
Bringing so many 'gifts' home
From half eaten lizards
Birds, frogs and strange bones

I don't know where you are
I must find you some way
Where are you, dear Kitty
I've been searching for days.

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Lovers Poem

How can it be that a love like ours
Filled with happiness and so much joy
Can be over, done and finished
Between this girl and boy.

Kind and loving words we shared
That were truly from our hearts
Turned to hurtful, angry, selfish words
Tasting bitter, flaming and tart.

They fly like sharpened daggers
As they tear into their mark
Rejoice! We whisper, as the red blood flows
From the pierced and withering heart.

A heart that was mine
As mine was yours
Forever and always
Throughout the years.

Then something happened;
We started to change.
We laughed less often
Our kindness was strained.

We spoke to each other less often
We just didn't think to share
The burdens of life's pressures,
Our minds blindly unaware.

That something was brewing
In each of our hearts
Kisses tasting of honey
Were now bitter and tart.

Yet we stood for the challenge
Armored, ready to fight
Neither would surrender -
We fought with all our might.

Our union, it seemed
Was destined to end
We became hurtful,
Blind, unable to bend.

We're unflexible, uncompromising
Rigid and stiff
That's just not the way
To give our spirits a lift.

We both know we deserve
Something better than this
Even though by leaving
Each other we'll miss.

Our union is little more than routine
We see each other only in passing
Separate rooms and different lives
This love can't be ever-lasting.

So, I guess this is it then
'The duration' has come
But I wish you happiness
You certainly deserve some.

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My Son's Prayer

My Dear Father, my Lord,
My Creator, my All
You've blessed me always
Then tonight, a phone call

My son, You promised
Your special gift to me
And to others, Your messenger
And faithful servant of Thee

Your voice he heard,
No one else it could be
He'd prayed for Your guidance
You said, 'Ask and you'll receive'

When he heard You speaking
You spoke loud; You were clear
And giving sound guidance
Said, 'With you, I am here.'

His christian commitment unwaiving;
His steadfast dedication is to You,
His everlasting, unconditional love
Will forever see him through.

Whatever the world throws his way,
He'll gather in heaven's cart
Then give it to You for answers
With his soul, his mind, his heart.

His donned Christian suit of armor
Our Lord in his heart and soul
Whatever challenges confronted
He's protected - You've made him whole.

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Teenage Friends

Years and then more years
Had passed since the days
We had the times of our lives
Then went separate ways

In a foreign country
Babes forced to mature
A dorm life abroad
The perfect allure

Not for our parents
Who knew what to expect
With no supervision
Legal drinking age, met

Oh Holland, oh Netherlands
Your laws are devine
For teenage escapades
Dear Lord, what a time

Forced into decisions
We might later regret
Were daily occurences
A lifetime of debt

A debt not taken lightly
Serve, sacrifice, give back
We had to reinvent ourselves
Self confidence we lacked

In time, we've come to realize
Nothing realling was that bad
Memories of our friendships
Were the best we ever had

Having said all this, I have to add
I wouldn't change a thing
We are who we are today
Due, in part, to who we've been.

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Tiggy Wiggy

My sweet Tiggy Wiggy
I found you today
Curled up in the 'red' room
On your side you do lay

I spoke to you once
But you didn't respond
Though your eyes were open
I knew you were gone

I touched you so gently
Softly calling your name
Then suddenly I felt it
The sadness, the shame

How long had you laid there
An hour? Maybe two?
I sobbed with my angst
For I had lost you.

Another of my pets
Has died from old age
I remember it well
When I chose you from the cage

I went to the pound
Picked you right from the start
I had Carrie then too
And without ne're a bark

You joined our famly
We all got along fine
We just melded together
Like aged cheese and fine wine

But now you are gone
You just left me today
A few hours ago
That's what the vets say

I hope that I helped
Make your life here on earth
Welcome and happy
As you wandered your turf.

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