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## Don'T Close Those Gates Till I Get There

Save me a place up in Heaven, dear Lord. Don't close those gates till I get there. I may not hear the Angels when they call 'All aboard'.

So don't close those gates till I get there. I keep pretty busy down here on earth, And I don't alway hear you when you talk to my heart.

So, Lord, if I don't hear you on the first call, Don't think of you, I want no part at all.

# **Dream Magic**

Some Dreams were meant to be just that A dream and nothing more A special place where fantasies exist Not open to realities door

Gently in the sky Moon and stars colliding As you're passing by

Sky is filled with wonder So plain for you to see Dreams are never fading They live on endlessly

Heart is filled with beauty Soul is filled with love Bright the stars that twinkle Within the glow above

Feel the breeze cascading
As you move along the way
Your wishes for tomorrow
Will all come true today
Dream Magic

I see dream magic It is in the life of all Just close your eyes

Watch only for a moment The light of dawn Sparkling like magic Misted by nights rain

Rest now in this beauty
For when you will arise
Sun will shine so brightly
While stars will fill your eyes.

## It Shows In Your Face

You don't have to tell how you live each day;
You don't have to say if you work or play.
A tried true thermometer serves in the place,
However you live it shows in your face.

The false, the lies, that you bear in your heart, Will not stay inside where it first got it's start. Blood and muscle are a thin veil of lace; What you wear in your heart, you wear on your face.

If your life is unselfish, if for others you live, Not how much you get, but how much you give, If you live close to God and his infinite grace, You won't have to tell, it shows in your face.

# Keep On Believing

You've got to keep on walking.

One word won't tell people who you are;

You've got to keep on talking.

One inch won't keep you very tall;

You've got to keep on growing.

One little call won't do it all;

You've got to keep on going!

## **Leaves Of October**

In October fires of crayon ablaze

Not familiar to her sun-filled days.

'Who painted this leaf with spots of brown'?

'Who painted the leaves that are drifting down'?

Her eyes grew big with wonder -light,
Hearing of far off hills grown bright.
'Who painted this leaf with spots of red,
And instead of grean made it red instead?'

'Who painted the hills'? She wanted to know. The golden haired girl with he face all aglow.

# Nature Is Smiling

I knew autumn long ago, Like a fairy tale. The mystique has seemed to grow Stronger each fall.

Nature is smiling,
Warming the heart and soul.
A warm, lovely lady,
Her beauty to behold.

Leaves falling without number. A sweet fragrance in the air Lulls the thinking to slumber. An evening so rare.

Strange and dreamy thoughts arise As through the leaves I trod... While insects improvise Their evening hymn among the goldenrod.

## One Of A Kind

What a very special friend you are indeed,

When I'm with you, my feelings, I do not heed.

My heart tells me tostop before I start.

You have a very special place in my heart.

Who knows what for us the future will hold?

My heart is warm, you keep out the cold.

You're gentle, giving, and very kind.

Won't you be my special one of a kind?

# **Precious Love**

Part of the moon was falling down in the west,

Dragging the whole sky with it to the hills.

It's light poured softly in her lap.

She saw it,

And spread her apron to it.

She put out her hand among the harp like

Morning glory strings.

Taut with dew from garden bed to eaves;

As if she played, unheard, some tenderness.

That wrought on him beside her in the night.

# Take Me There

Take me to where the sun shines forever.

Take me to where the rainbow never ends.

There where the grass is always green,

And the trees are full of blossoms.

That special paradise,

Can it be ours?

Will you take me there?

Can it really be ours?

# We'Re On A Party Line

The Smith baby broke his rib,
I guess he fell from his crib.
The hogs are selling cheap today.
I'm sorry I bought mine.
The Jones are buying grapes.
I guess they're making wine.
Oh, we don't need a radio,
We're on a party line.

Mrs. Hanson is surely worse,
Dr. Jones passed just now.
The Johnson boy just came home
And bought a nice milk cow.
The river bridge fell last night
About half past nine.
Oh, we don't need a radio,
We're on a party line.

Liz Tate got forty eggs today!
My gosh we only got ten!
But we're happy anyway
We've got sittin hens.
Yes, John went to the sale today.
The barn is now full of hay.
Oh, we don't need a radio,
We're on a party line.