

Memorial Verses



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Verse Selections

MV01 - 23rd Psalm

23rd Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul;
 He leadeth me on the paths of righteousness
 for his names sake,
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
 Thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
 forever.*

Verse Selections

MV02 - A Distant Shore

A Distant Shore

*The Sea Flows
on past the horizon
to rest upon a shore
out of our sight.*

*The Stars fade
in the morning sunlight
and travel to another
starry night.*

*The Breeze Blows
quietly around us;
then flies away
to cool a distant space.*

*The ones we love
never really leave us,
but go on to another
shining place.*

Verse Selections

MV03 - A Memory

A Memory

*God gave to me A memory,
A blessing in disguise.
For I can see Your face, my dear,
When'ere I close My eyes.*

*God gave to me A memory,
And all I have to do, Is turn
my face Up to the skies;
And I'm again With you.*

*God gave to me A memory,
Of a rose Of beauty rare.
So, be it winter, Spring or Fall;
I have Roses Everywhere.*

*God gave to me A memory,
So, no matter Where I roam;
You'll always be Beside me,
and I'll never Walk alone.*

F. J. Post

Verse Selections

MV04 - A Mother Holds

*A Mother holds
her children's
hands for
a while...
their hearts
forever.*

MV05 - A Mother's Love

A mother's love is like a circle, it has no beginning and no ending.

*It keeps going around and around, ever expanding,
touching everyone who comes in contact with it.*

*Engulfing them like a morning's mist,
warming them like the noontime sun,
and covering them like a blanket of evening stars.*

Verse Selections

MV06 - Abide With Me

Abide with Me!

*Abide with me! Fast falls the even tide.
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!*

MV07 - Bagner

*When I am dead and gone my dearest,
Sing no sad songs for me,
Plant thou no roses at my head,
nor shady Cypress tree.
Be the green grass above me,
with showers and dewdrops wet.
If thou will remember and,
if thou will forget.*

By: Virginia Bagner

Verse Selections

MV08 - Cowboy Prayer 1

Cowboy's Prayer

By Badger Clark

O Lord, I've never lived where churches grow: I've loved creation better as it stood, that day you finished it, so long ago, and looked upon your work and called it good.

*Just let me live my life as I've begun. And give me work that's open to the sky:
make me a partner of the wind and sun, and I won't ask a life that's soft and high.*

*Make me as big and open as the plains; as honest as the horse between my knees; clean as the wind
that blows behind the rains; free as the hawk that circles down the breeze.*

*Just keep an eye on all that's done and said; just right me sometime when I turn aside;
and guide me on the long, dim trail ahead;
that stretches upward towards the Great Divide.*

MV09 - Cowboy Prayer 2

A Cowboy's Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pause, mindful of the many blessings You have bestowed upon us.

We ask that You be with us at this rodeo and we pray that You will guide us in the arena of life.

*We don't ask for special favors:
we don't ask to draw around a chute-fightin' horse or to never break a barrier.*

*Nor do we ask for all daylight runs or not to draw a steer that won't lay.
Help us Lord, to live our lives in such a manner that when we make that last inevitable ride to the
country up there, where the grass grows lush, green and stirrup high, and the water runs cool,
clear and deep, that You, as our Last Judge, will tell us that our entry fees are paid.*

Verse Selections

MV10 - Crossing The Bar

*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out
The boundless deep turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;*

*For though from out our borne
Of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.*

Alfred Tennyson

Verse Selections

MV11 - Dad

*God took the strength of a mountain,
 The majesty of a tree.
 The warmth of a summer sun,
 The calm of a quiet sea.
 The generous soul of nature,
 The comforting arm of night.
 The wisdom of the ages,
 The power of the eagle's flight.
 Then God combined these qualities,
 There was nothing more to add.
 His masterpiece was now complete,
 He lovingly called it, Dad.*

MV12 - Do Not Stand At My Grave

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
 I am not there, I do not sleep.*

*I am a thousand winds that blow,
 I am the diamond glints on snow.*

*I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
 I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awaken in morning's hush,
 I am the swifter uplifting rush.*

*Of quiet birds in circled flight.
 I am the soft star that shines at night.*

*Do not stand at my grave and cry,
 I am not there, I did not die.*

Verse Selections

MV13 – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Verse Selections

MV14 – Fireman’s Prayer

A FIREMAN’S PRAYER

*When I am called to duty, God Wherever flames may rage, Give me strength to save some life
Whatever be its age. Help me embrace a little child Before it is too late Or save an older person
from The horror of that fate. Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout And quickly and
efficiently To put the fire out. I want to fill my calling and To give the best in me, To guard my
every neighbor and Protect his property. And if according to my fate I am to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting hand
My children and my wife.*

MV15 – Fisherman’s Prayer

Fisherman's Prayer

*God, grant that I may live to fish until my dying day -- and when it comes to my last cast,
I then most humbly pray - when in the Lord's safe landing net I'm peacefully asleep,
that in His mercy I be judged big enough to keep.*

Verse Selections

MV16 - Footprints in the Sand

Footprints in the Sand

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand.

One was mine, and one was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared before me,

I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise,

I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints.

And I noticed, that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints, I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord said "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial.

Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

Verse Selections

MV17 - For Those I Love

*For those I Love...
For those who love me.*

*When I am gone, release us, let us go...
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time to travel on alone.*

*So grieve awhile for me, if you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for awhile that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you, soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
Welcome Home.*

Verse Selections

MV18 - God Called You Home

God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden and He found an empty place.
 He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face.
 He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.
 God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering.
 He knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never get well on earth again.
 He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb.
 So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered,
 Peace be thine.
 It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you
 the day God called you home.*

MV19 - God Hath Not Promised

*God hath not promised
 skies always blue,
 Flower-strewn pathways
 all our lives through;
 God hath not promised
 sun without rain,
 Joy without sorrow,
 peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised
 strength for the day,
 Rest for the labor,
 light for the way,
 Grace for the trials,
 help from above,
 Unfailing sympathy - -
 undying love.*

Verse Selections

MV20 - God Saw You Were Getting Tired

*God saw you were getting tired
and a cure was not to be.
So He put his arms around you
and He whispered come with me.*

*With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
and watched you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
we could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating.
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
that He only takes the best.*

*It's lonely here without you.
We miss you more each day.
Life doesn't seem the same
since you went away.*

*When days are sad and lonely,
and everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper,
Cheer up and carry on.*

*Each time we see your picture
you seem to smile and say,
Don't cry, I'm in God's hands.
We'll meet again someday.*

Verse Selections

MV21 - He Drew Me Aside

*I needed the quiet so He drew me aside.
 Into the shadows where we could confide.
 Away from the bustle where all the day long
 I hurried and worried when active and strong.*

*I needed the quiet tho at first I rebelled
 But gently, so gently, my cross He upheld
 And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things
 Tho weakened in body, my spirit took wings
 To heights n'er dreamed of when active and
 gay He loved me so greatly he drew me away.*

*I needed quiet. No prison my bed,
 But a beautiful valley of blessings instead -
 A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide.
 I needed the quiet so He drew me aside.*

Verse Selections

MV22 - He Loved To Till

*He loved to till the verdant soil,
And watch his garden grow
But now he tills another spot,
A beauty spot I know.*

*He plows where fields are always green
With furrows straight and true,
And where the day is always bright
And life begins anew.*

*But we shall miss him here on earth
Until our day is done
When we shall be with him again
When our rewards are won.*

MV23 - High Flight

High Flight

*Oh, I Have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
and danced the skies on laughter, silvered wings;
sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth.
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things.
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace, where never lark, or even eagle flew;
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod.
The high, un-trespassed sanctity of space, put out my hand, and touched the face of God.*

John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Verse Selections

MV24 - I Am Free

I'm Free

*Don't Grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me.
 I took his hand when I heard him call. I turned my back and left it all.
 I could not stay another day.
 To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way.
 I found that peace at close of day.
 If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
 ah yes these things I too will miss.
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full, I've savored much. Good friends, good time,
 a loved one's touch.
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief ~ don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your hearts and share with me. God wanted me now; He set me free.*

Verse Selections

MV25 - If He Was Your Father

*If he was your father, your love and respect for him grew with the years
as you came to realize what he had given you...*

*If he was your husband, the years were all good
and the difficult moments served only to strengthen the bond...*

*If he was your grandfather, you had only a tiny bit of the love and happiness
he would have given you and perhaps yours is the greatest loss...*

*If our sorrow is to be lessened by anything,
it may be remembering the joy of loving and being loved
by him.*

MV26 - If She Was Your Mother

*If she was your mother, your love and respect for her grew with the years
as you came to realize what she had given you...*

*If she was your wife, the years were all good
and the difficult moments served only to strengthen the bond...*

*If she was your grandmother, you had only a tiny bit of the love and happiness
she would have given you and perhaps yours is the greatest loss...*

*If our sorrow is to be lessened by anything,
it may be remembering the joy of loving and being loved
by her.*

Verse Selections

MV27 - In the Darkness of Night

*In the darkness of the night;
It just seems long*

When I look out the windows waiting for dawn.

*Up in the sky; stars, planets - whatever it may be -
Go on shimmering endlessly;*

*The heavens look so free
So I will close my eyes, shut them tight
Think about soaring, I shall take flight!*

*Spread my wings no walls do I see
Freedom flight in the dark of the night.*

*Away from the pain - just for a while
Up with the angels - to dance in the clouds*

*See all the rainbows, one, two, and three.
Then touching my hand I see the lord, Jesus and he says to me -*

*It will be alright - for you are with me
go back now - for its the sun you shall see!*

*Down thru the clouds and back into my bed
Close my eyes, shut them tight*

*Back from Heaven to sleep thru the night
I know my time is coming and that's alright!*

*I know in my heart and all the love that I see
God will grant me peace and let me be free!*

Verse Selections

MV28 - Jehova Es Mi Pastor

*Jehova es mi pastor
Salmo de David*

1. *Jehova es mi pastor; nada me faltara.*
2. *En lugares de delicados pastos me hara descansar; Junto a aguas de reposo me pastoreara.*
3. *Confortara mi alma; Me guiara por sendas de justicia por amor de su nombre.*
4. *Aunque ande en valle de sombra de muerte, No temere mal alguno, porque tu estaras conmigo; Tu vara y tu cayado me infundiran aliento.*
5. *Aderezas mesa delante de mi en presencia de mis angustiadores; Unges mi cabeza con aceite; mi copa esta rebosando.*
6. *Ciertamente el bien y la misericordia me seguiran todos los dias de mi vida, Y en la casa de Jehova morare por largos dias.*

Verse Selections

MV29 - John 11:25,26

*I am the resurrection,
and the life:
he that believeth in me,
though he were dead,
yet shall he live:*

*And whosoever liveth
and believeth in me
shall never die.*

Believeth thou this?

John 11:25,26

MV30 - Man Is a Success

Man Is a Success

Who has lived well, laughed often and loved much.

Who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children.

Who has filled his niche and accomplished his task,

*Who leaves the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy,
a perfect poem or a rescued soul.*

Who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it.

Who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.

Verse Selections

MV31 - May The Road Rise Up

*May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your field;
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
Amen.*

MV32 – Mother's Hand

Mother's Hand

The Lord took Mother's hand today. Said, come with Me, I'll lead the way.

I have a special place for you, now we must go there's much to do.

*This fluffy cloud will be your bed, this crown of stars is for your head,
this ray of sun will keep you warm, My love is shelter from the storm.*

So come beloved child with Me. The very best is yet to be.

- Carol Quealy Johnson

Verse Selections

MV33 - Native American Prayer

Native American Prayer

I give you this one thought to keep-
I am with you still - I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not think of me as gone -
I am with you still - in each new dawn.

Verse Selections

MV34 - Nobody Knows It But Me

Nobody Knows It But Me

*There's a place that I travel,
When I want to roam
And nobody knows it but me.*

*The roads don't go there,
And the signs stay home
And nobody knows it but me.*

*It's far, far away and way, way afar,
It's over the moon and the sea,
And wherever you are going,
That's wherever you are
And nobody knows it but me.*

Patrick O'Leary

Verse Selections

MV35 - On the Wings of Prayer

On the Wings of Prayer

*Just close your eyes and open your heart and feel your worries and cares depart,
just yield yourself to the father above and let Him hold you secure in His love –
For life on earth grows more involved with endless problems that can't be solved
- but God only asks us to do our best, then He will take over and finish the rest –
so when you are tired, discouraged and blue, there's always one door that is open to you –
and that is the door to The House of Prayer and you'll find God waiting to meet you there,
and The House of Prayer is no farther away than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray –
for the heart is a temple when God is there
as we place ourselves in His loving care,
and He hears every prayer and answers each one
when we pray in His name Thy Will be done –
and the burdens that seemed too heavy to bear are lifted away
on the wings of prayer.*

MV36 - Promise of the Rainbow

*A breath of air between
the tears
The tears are forever there
some outside, some inside
Memories of you, my
child forever there.*

*You are a part of us
You are emblazoned
on our souls*

Forever there....Forever

*Dedicated to the children who are no longer with us.
Adapted from The Promise of the Rainbow by Patti Toche*

Verse Selections

MV37 - Psalm 121

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this forth, and even for evermore.

MV38 - Revelation 21:4-7

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;

and there shall be no more death,

neither sorrow, nor crying,

neither shall there be any more pain;

for the former things are passed away

---Behold, I make all things new.---

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God and he shall be my son.

Revelation 21:4-7

Verse Selections

MV39 - Safely Home

Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely, For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth - You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

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

MV40 – Serenity Prayer

*God grant me the serenity
To accept the things
I cannot change
Courage to change
The things I can,
And wisdom
to know the difference.*

Verse Selections

MV41 - Should You Go First

Should You Go First

*Should you go first and I remain to walk the road alone,
 I'll live in memory's garden, dear, with happy days we've known.
 In Spring, I'll watch for roses red when fades the lilac blue.
 In early Fall when brown leaves call, I'll catch a glimpse of you.
 Should you go first and I remain for battles to be fought,
 Each thing you've touched along the way will be a hallowed spot.
 I'll hear your voice; I'll see your smile; though blindly I may grope,
 The memory of your helping hand will buoy me on with hope.
 Should you go first and I remain to finish with the scroll,
 No lengthening shadows shall creep in to make this life seem droll.
 We've known so much of happiness; we've had our cup of joy,
 But memory is one gift of God that death cannot destroy.
 Should you go first and I remain, one thing I'd have you do:
 Walk slowly down that long, lone path, for soon I'll follow you.
 I'll want to know each step you take, that I may walk the same,
 For some day down that lonely road, you'll hear me call your name.*

MV42 - Somehow

Somehow

*I've tried for many an hour and a minute. To imagine this world without me in it.
 I cannot think of a new born day, without me here -- somehow -- someday.
 I can't imagine the autumn's flare without me here -- alive -- aware.
 I cannot think of a dawn in spring without my hearts awakening.
 These treasured years will come and go with swifter pace, but this I know,
 I have no fear -- I have no dread, of that marked day that lies ahead.
 My flesh will turn to Ash and Clay but I'll be here --
 Somehow -- Someday.*

Verse Selections

MV43 - St Francis Assisi

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Verse Selections

MV44 - Starlight

Starlight
by Mary Croxton

*Starlight, Starlight,
A long day is spreading a blanket of blue.
Starlight, Starlight,
All is at rest---a babe in its cradle, a bird in her nest.
The moonbeams are floating on heavenly wings away in the stillness a nightingale sings of God
in his glory and Infinite way who tells us to rest at the close of each day.
May we receive a blessing from Heaven and faith to believe!
The moonbeams are floating on heavenly wings---
Away in the stillness a nightingale sings of God's little angels away up above who scatter the
stardust-
-and tell of His love.
Starlight, Starlight,
May we receive a blessing from Heaven and in Him believe!*

Verse Selections

MV45 - Taps

Taps

*Day is done,
gone the sun
from the lake,
from the hill,
from the sky.
All is well,
safely rest.
God is nigh.*

*Thanks and praise
for our days
neath the sun,
neath the stars,
neath the sky.
As we go,
this we know.
God is nigh.*

Verse Selections

MV46 - Tell Mother

*When I was but a little child, how well I recollect,
How I would grieve my mother with my folly and neglect;
and now that she has gone to heaven, I miss her tender care;
O angels, tell my mother I'll be there.*

*Though I was often wayward, she was always kind and good;
So patient, gentle, loving, when I acted rough and rude;
May childhood's grief and trials she would gladly with me share;
O angels, tell my mother I'll be there.*

*When I became a prodigal and left the old rooftree,
She almost broke her loving heart in mourning after me,
And day and night she prayed to God to keep me in His care;
O angels, tell my mother I'll be there.*

*One day a message came to me; it bade me quickly come,
If I would see my mother ere the Savior took her home;
I promised her before she died for heaven to prepare;
O angels, tell my mother I'll be there.*

*Tell mother I'll be there, in answer to her prayer;
This message, guardian angels, to her bear;
Tell mother I'll be there, heaven's joys with her to share;
Yes, tell my darling mother I'll be there.*

Verse Selections

MV47 - The Clock Of Life

*The clock of life is wound but once
 And no man has the power
 To tell just when the hands will stop
 At late or early hour.
 Now is the only time you own,
 Live, love, toil with a will,
 Place no faith in tomorrow for
 The clock may then be still.*

MV48 - The Love Of A Father

The Love Of A Father

*A father's love shines through his strength and his gentleness, through his kindness and concern...
 it shines through everything he does.
 And it is reflected in the special warmth and closeness he shares with his family...
 it is reflected in the love his family has for him.*

Verse Selections

MV49 - The Rose

The Rose

*It is only a tiny rosebud -
 A flower of God's design;
 But I cannot unfold the petals
 With these clumsy hands of mine.
 The secret of unfolding flowers
 Is not known to such as I -
 The flower God opens so sweetly
 In my hands would fade and die.
 If I cannot unfold a rosebud
 This flower of God's design,
 Then how can I think I have wisdom
 To unfold this life of mine?
 So I'll trust in Him for His leading,
 Each moment of every day,
 And I'll look to Him for His guidance
 Each step of the pilgrim way.
 For the pathway that lies before me
 My Heavenly Father knows
 I'll trust Him to unfold the moments
 Just as He unfolds the rose.*

Verse Selections

MV51 - The Wind Beneath My Wings

The Wind Beneath My Wings

*It must have been cold there in my shadow, to never have sunlight on your face.
You were content to let me shine, that's your way, you always walked a step behind.
So, I was the one with all the glory, while you were the one with all the strength.
A beautiful face without a name for so long, a beautiful smile to hide the pain.*

Did you ever know that you're my hero, and everything I would like to be?

*I can fly higher than an eagle, cause you are the wind beneath my wings,
wind beneath my wings, fly, fly, fly away, you let me fly so high.*

Oh, fly, fly, high against the sky, so high I almost touch the sky.

Thank you, thank you, thank God for you, the wind beneath my wings.

It might have appeared to go unnoticed, but I've got it all here in my heart.

I want you to know I know the truth, course I know it, I would be nothing without you.

Verse Selections

MV52 - Those Old Timers

Those Old Timers

*Never think of those Old Timers, As someone that's come and gone,
They are ever here beside us, helping us to carry on.
They will always run the wagon, they will always lead the drive,
Thru the lessons they have taught us, they are ever by our side.*

*In memory they guide us, and their presence is so near,
Sometimes we see them thru the dust, riding with us here.
Working the herd on roundup, in their patient quite way,
Making sure the calves are branded, and watching for the strays.*

*We see them ride the circle, helping drive the cattle in,
With horses we thought dead and gone, back in their saddle string.
They are not ghosts or phantoms, nor any trick of mind,
But simply those Old Timers, helping someone left behind.*

*There was never time, for all the plans, they wished to carry out,
So they do them thru us now, by the lessons they have taught.
All the trails we follow here, were made by a horse they rode,
Those worn deep, from the cattle's feet, of the many herds they drove.*

*Some of their trails are winding, but follow and you shall see,
They always lead to water and grass, where ever that might be.
Up and over the mountains, across the plains beyond,
Those are the trails they traveled--that we should follow on.*

*If we but heed their wise advice, we seldom can go wrong,
The way will never be so rough, and only half as long.
Over a path not bad at all, and a lot of good we'll find,
When we travel with those Old Timers, over the trails they left behind.*

Verse Selections

MV53 - Treasured Season

Treasured Season

*For everything there is
 an appointed season.
 And a time for everything
 under heaven-
 A time for sharing
 a time for caring.
 A time for loving
 a time for giving
 A time for remembering
 a time for parting.
 You have made everything
 beautiful in its time
 For everything You do
 remains forever.*

MV54 - Value Of Life

Value of Life

*Supposing today was your last day on earth,
 The last mile of the journey you've trod,
 After all of your troubles, how much are you worth?
 How much can you take home to God?
 Count not your possessions - your silver and gold-
 For tomorrow you leave these behind
 And all that is yours to have and to hold -
 Are the services you've given mankind.*

Verse Selections

MV55 - What Cancer Cannot Do

What Cancer Cannot Do

*Cancer is so limited...
It cannot cripple love,
It cannot erode faith,
It cannot eat away peace,
It cannot destroy confidence,
It cannot kill friendship,
It cannot shutout memories,
It cannot silence courage,
It cannot invade the soul,
It cannot reduce eternal life,
It cannot quench the spirit,
It cannot lessen the power of resurrection.*

Verse Selections

MV56 - When I Am Gone

When I'm Gone

*When I come to the end of my journey
and I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And only remember the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken;
Remember some good I have done
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun.
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way.
Remember I have fought some hard battles
And won, ere the close of the day.
Then forget to grieve for my going,
I would not have you sad for a day.
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay,
And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west.
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.*

Verse Selections

MV57 - When I Must Leave You

When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while,
 Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
 And hug your sorrow, to you through the years
 But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
 And for my sake and in my name
 Live on and do all things the same,
 Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
 But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
 Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
 And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
 And never, never be afraid to die,
 For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

Verse Selections

MV58 - When We Ask Why

When We Ask Why

*God's purpose and plan
Is sometimes concealed,
But someday His purpose
Will be revealed.*

*Someday God's wisdom
Will make it very plain
Why problems were permitted
And how He uses pain.*

*Things thought illogical-
Disease, tragedy, fear-
Will someday make sense
When God makes all things clear.*

*We'll see the Lord's purpose
From the Lord's point of view,
And we'll know the answers
In ways we never knew.*

*Until we're home with God
Some answers must wait.
Until His plan unfolds
We'll live and walk by faith.*

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Verse Selections

MV59 - Woman Is a Success

Woman Is a Success

Who has lived well, laughed often and loved much.

Who has gained the respect of intelligent people and the joys of children.

Who has filled her niche and accomplished her task,

*Who leaves the world better than she found it, whether by an improved poppy,
a perfect poem or a rescued soul.*

Who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it.

Who looked for the best in others and gave the best she had.