



Our Treasured Memories

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When We Lose a Loved One

When we lose a loved one
Our world just falls apart
We think that we cannot carry on
With this broken heart
Everything is different now
You're upset and you're annoyed
Your world it seems is shattered
There's such an awful void
There's got to be a reason
And we have to understand
God made us and at any time
He will reach down for our hand
There might not be a warning
We won't know where or when
The only thing were certain of
Is that we will meet again.

Anonymous

Into the Freedom

Into the freedom of wind and sunshine
We let you go
Into the dance of the stars and the planets
We let you go
Into the wind's breath and the hands of the
star maker
We let you go
We love you, we miss you, we want you to be
happy
Go safely, go dancing, go running home

Ruth Burgess

There is No Night without a Dawning

There is No Night without a Dawning
No winter without a spring
And beyond the dark horizon
Our hearts will once more sing
For those who leave us for a while
Have only gone away
Out of a restless, care worn world
Into a brighter day

Helen Steiner Rice

You've Just Walked on Ahead of Me

You've Just Walked on Ahead of Me
And I've got to understand
You must release the ones you love
And let go of their hand.
I try and cope the best I can
But I'm missing you so much
If I could only see you
And once more feel your touch.
Yes, you've just walked on ahead of me
Don't worry I'll be fine
But now and then I swear I feel
Your hand slip into mine.

Joyce Grenfell

Remember

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more, day by day
You tell me of our future that you planned:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel them or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts I once had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Christina Rossetti

The Day God Called You Home

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the 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.





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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.

Anonymous

I'll Be Waiting for You

Although your heart may be broken,
There's no need to weep for me.
I'm in a wonderful place now,
Where I'm happy and so carefree.

I had to go, but I've left behind
Good memories to comfort you.
Concentrate on the best times we had,
And try not to feel so blue.

For one day we'll be together again,
To laugh and sing and play.
You'll be so glad to see me again,
It will seem I was gone just one day.

So try to lift up your heads now,
And dare to set grief aside,
Because I'll be waiting here for you,
To welcome you to the other side.

Kelly Roper

Free

I am free to fly on wind,
To catch the breeze,
Floating where I please.
I am free to shine with the sun,
To light up the day

In my own special way.
I am free without my body,
To live on in your memory.

Anonymous

Not Ready to Let You Go

I wish that I could tell you
I'm not ready to let you go.
But you've already departed,
And my heart is feeling so low.

I miss that little twinkle
That used to light up your eyes.
And I miss the sound of your voice,
Your laughter and your sighs.

But most of all I miss
The way you made me feel,
Like nothing could ever harm me because
Your love was so strong and real.

There are others here who miss you,
And they've gathered here today.
Your life touched so many people,
Who became your friends along the way.

They want you to know they love you, too.
And they're filled with sadness and grief.
No one really wants to say goodbye,
So we'll just wish you eternal peace.

Kelly Roper

This is Real

This is real. This is very real.
This is absolutely inescapable.
And we are utterly unprepared.
And we have nothing to offer but each other
and our broken hearts.
And that will be enough.

Rabbi Alan Lew





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Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when
life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly
down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright
and sunny days.

Helen Lowrie Marshall

To Those Whom I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many
tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.

Anonymous

Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep

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 glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.

Mary Elizabeth Frye

I Wrote Your Name

I wrote your name in the sand,
But the waves washed it away.
I wrote your name in the sky,
But the wind blew it away.
So I wrote your name in my heart,
And that's where it will stay, always"

Anonymous

In Memoriam

For a second you were flying
Like you always wanted to
Now you'll fly forever
In skies of azure blue
We'll see your smile in every ray
Of sunshine after rain
And hear the echo of your laughter
Over all the pain
The world's a little quieter now
The colours have lost their hue
The birds are singing softly
And our hearts are missing you
Each time we see a little cloud
Or a rainbow soaring high
We'll think of you and gently
Wipe a tear from our eye

Victoria Bruce

Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not
for me".
Remember the best times, the laughter and
the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine
through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again.

Anonymous





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I Have Not Gone

You think I've gone, that I am dead, and life
has lost its will,
But look around, I am right there, living with
you still

I watch your tears, I feel your pain – I see the
things you do

I weep as well, each time you cry, my soul, it
lives with you

It gives such joy to hear you laugh, and do the
things you do

And when you smile o'er by gone days, I smile
right with you too

For we're still one, just you and me, one mind,
one soul, one being

Walking forward into life, though only you are
seen

And in the stillness of the night, when the pain
it really starts

Stretch out a little with your mind and draw
me to your heart

For I am always right in there, always by your
side

For you have been, all my life's days, my joy,
my love my pride.

Anonymous

A Silent Tear

Just close your eyes and you will see
All the memories that you have of me

Just sit and relax and you will find

I'm really still there inside your mind

Don't cry for me now I'm gone

For I am in the land of song

There is no pain, there is no fear

So dry away that silent tear

Don't think of me in the dark and cold

For here I am, no longer old

I'm in that place that's filled with love

Known to you all, as "UP ABOVE"

Gaynor Llewellyn

I Am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following paths God made for me
I took his hand, I heard him call
Then turned, and bid farewell to all

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found my peace ... at close of play

And if my parting 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... deep with sorrow
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full I've savoured much
Good friends, good times
A loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now
He set me free.

Anonymous

Death is Nothing At All...

Death is nothing at all. It does not count.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
Nothing has happened. Everything remains
exactly as it was.

I am I, and you are you, and the old life that
we lived so fondly together is untouched,
unchanged.

Whatever we were to each other, that we are
still.

Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me
in the easy way which you always used.





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Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.
Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity.

What is this death but a negligible accident?
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner.
All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before.
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again

Henry Scott Holland

May the Road Rise Up to Meet You

May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home
And may the hand of a friend always be near.

May green be the grass you walk on,
May blue be the skies above you,
May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.

Anonymous

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

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories I leave
Behind – when day is done.

Helen Lowrie Marshall

Celebrate

Weep not for me though I am gone
Into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet flight

I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears.
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years.
There is no pain, I suffer not,
The fear now all is gone.
Put now these things out of your thoughts
In your memory I live on.

Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death,
But celebrate my life.

Anonymous

Memories of the Heart

Feel no guilt in laughter,
He knows how much you care.
Feel no sorrow in a smile
That he's not here to share.





You cannot grieve forever,
He would not want you to.
He'd hope that you would carry on
The way you always do.

So talk about the good times
And the ways you showed you cared.
The days you spent together,
All the happiness you shared.

Let the memories surround you,
A word someone may say
Will suddenly recapture
A time, an hour, a day.

That brings him back as clearly
As though he were still here,
And fills you with the feelings
That he is always near.

For if you keep those memories
You will never be apart
And he will live forever
Locked safe within your heart.

Anonymous

Please Be Strong

Please be strong while I'm away
Have faith in all that is today
Although I'm gone, I'm with you always,
And when you smile, I'm there

Please don't cry for you can't see me,
I'm always there for when you need me
Although I'm gone, you're in my heart,
And when you smile, I'm there.

Forgotten I know that I will not be,
I know that you think often of me
We'll meet again, for now in prayer,
For when you smile, please know I'm there.

Alex Jamieson

If Roses Grow in Heaven

Don't think of her as gone away,
Her journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets,
This earth is only one.
Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.
Think how she must be wishing
That we could know today,
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.
And think of her as living
In the hearts of those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost
And she was loved so much.

Kirsten Preus

Crossing Over

Oh, please don't feel guilty
It was just my time to go.
I see you are still feeling sad,
And the tears just seem to flow.
We all come to earth for our lifetime,
And for some it's not many years
I don't want you to keep crying
You are shedding so many tears.
I haven't really left you
Even though it may seem so.
I have just gone to my heavenly home,
And I'm closer to you than you know.
Just believe that when you say
my name, I'm standing next to you,
I know you long to see me,
But there's nothing I can do.
But I'll still send you messages
And hope you understand,
That when your time comes to
cross over,² I'll be there to take your hand.

Anonymous





The Ship

What is dying?
A ship sails and I stand watching it till it fades
on the horizon.
Someone at my side says, "She is gone."
Gone where?
Gone from my sight. That is all.
She is just as large as when I saw her.
The diminished size and total loss of sight is in
me, not in her.
And just at that moment, when someone at
your side says, "She is gone"
There are others who are watching her
coming.
And other voices take up the glad shout.
"Here she comes!"
And that is dying.

Bishop Charles Henry Brent

Miss Me – But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no tears in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free

Miss me a little but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me – but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take
And for each must go alone
It's all a part of a bigger plan
A step on the road to home
And when you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your tears in their loving arms
Miss me – but let me go.

Anonymous

In Memoriam

Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same
We have to hide our heartache
When someone speaks your name
Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent are the tears that fall
Living without you is the hardest part of all
You did so many things for us
Your heart was so kind and true
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you
The special years will not return
When we are all together
But with Author Unknown the love in our
hearts

You walk with us forever

Anonymous

Those Whom I Love, and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go,
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart
I will not be far away – for life goes on,
So if you need me call, and I will come.

Though you cannot see or touch me, I'll be
near,
And if you listen with your heart, you will
hear,
All of my love around you, soft and clear
Then, when you must come this way alone,
I will greet you with a smile, and a 'welcome
home'.

Anonymous

