

1.

She's gone from earth's toil  
To her heavenly rest,  
To be home for all time  
In the dear Saviour's breast;  
And there when our sun,  
Sinks low in the sky,  
God grant that we meet  
In the sweet bye and bye.

2.

If there could be more bitter pain  
That hearts could suffer here,  
Than losing our beloved one –  
'Twould be ne'er having known you, dear.

3.

Sleep on our beloved,  
While years come and go;  
Each brings us but closer to you  
And the day we shall meet  
In the bright afterglow,  
When our life's lonely journey is through.

4.

The hungry years have bitten deep  
Into the cheeks you found so fair;  
And the frost of many winters gleams  
In silvered lacings through my hair;  
Yet while awaiting the call up yonder,  
Where we'll meet at last once more –  
I know you'll recognize me darling,  
And love me as before.

5.

Where eternal suns are shining,  
And skies are ever blue;  
We pray your soul is resting,  
Till we may come to you.

6.

No prouder parents than we were,  
Nor with greater right to pride,  
Till our dear son, scarce grown a man,  
Who fought and bled and died,  
That freedom and the rights of men  
Might have in peace, new birth.  
Then ere he'd time to see it come,  
Departed from the earth.

7.

We bade him a last and fond farewell,  
Ere his ship put out to sea;  
And whispered our prayers  
For his safe return,  
But it wasn't meant to be.  
For God in His infinite wisdom,  
Saw fit to ignore our prayer  
And took him instead to heaven  
To rest and await us there.

8.

Ever loving, ever true,  
To the task God set of you;  
Mother dear, He knew 'twas done,  
So called you home, our dearest one.

9.

Though pain be our constant companion,  
And missing you darkens our life;  
There's comfort in knowing you're happy,  
Dear Mother, and dearly loved wife.

10.

Death broke the link  
That bound you to earth;  
But it can never sever  
The golden knot that our love tied –  
'Twill bind us close forever.

11.

His grave we tend with loving hands  
And keep it heaped with flowers  
For there his spirit's body rests,  
Alone till death brings ours.

12.

The world sees but our smiling faces,  
Thus maybe thinks you've been forgot;  
But you can look deep in our hearts,  
And see the scars that prove you're not.

13.

His favorite chair is empty now,  
His pipe and slippers laid aside  
Since our dear one's gone to heaven  
There with God in peace to bide.

14.

We've lifted sorrow's heavy cup,  
Drunk deep its bitter brew;  
Nor will our hearts forget the grief;  
Till we're again with you.

15.

As we journey towards life's sunset  
Mourning him who went before,  
Faith keeps saying,  
"You'll be with him,  
When you reach the other shore."

16.

In whatever far off heaven  
Your spirit rests, we know  
That it's watching dear, and waiting  
Till our tasks are done below.

17.

The bitter grief that first we felt  
When God called you away,  
Has been sweetened by anticipation  
Of joining you that Promised Day.

18.

We've an added incentive to live now,  
As God has commanded we do;  
Since we know there awaits us in heaven,  
An eternal hereafter with you.

19.

The sun 'round which our lives revolved  
Has been eclipsed, ne'er more to light,  
And warm our hearts with happiness  
Till Resurrection end our night.

20.

So slow to anger or rebuke,  
So quick to sparkling laughter,  
His presence in our home was loved  
By all; and now, his memory after.

21.

We mourn but dare not question why;  
God called him home just when  
His future seemed secure and bright  
We only pray to meet again.

22.

His portrait in its silver frame  
The ravages of time may dim  
But in our hearts he's still the same,  
We hold bright memories of him.

23.

We'd had her such a little while,  
When came that summons dire.  
Yet in our hearts her memory  
Will last and e'er inspire  
The ones she left behind to live  
A better life while here  
In hopes of clasping once again  
With hungry arms, our baby dear.

24.

Her life was a long sweet story  
That ended as it had begun  
With love and faith and charity  
For all; and malice for not one.

25.

Life wouldn't seem so bleak today  
Had you not been so dear;  
Nor the years ahead so empty  
If you could just be here.  
We'll miss your presence in our lives  
Each day that we're apart,  
And grieve that death's forever stilled  
Your understanding heart.

26.

The future nothing holds now  
To wish for since you've gone  
Its sun will e'er be dark and cold  
Till life's last day shall dawn  
And you who made life happy  
Shall be with us that day  
To fold us in your arms once more  
And kiss our pain away.

27.

To know her was to love her  
Both for family and friend  
And the sweetness of her memory  
Time can neither dim nor end.

28.

All the days since she's been gone  
Have been lonely, but today  
Is the saddest, for on this one  
---years ago she passed away;  
Left us grieving for her presence  
In a home that ne'er will see  
Her passing through its rooms again  
Except in memory.

29.

The sunset years that we planned for  
And worked, that they might be  
Spent leisurely together  
In sweet security  
Are here, but their sunset's glory  
Has faded now and gone  
For me, dear life's companion  
Since the day that you passed on.

30.

Someday somewhere the joy we had  
In him we lost will be  
Renewed again beyond the veil  
For all eternity.

31.

We tell our lonely, aching hearts  
God took her from us for the best  
That only He, the Great Physician,  
Could ease her pain and give her rest.  
Alas, the hours without her are  
Too empty to be measured  
And we wish a thousand times each day  
For the dear one that we treasured.

32.

Sometimes a ray of happiness  
Breaks through our loneliness, and then  
We know our dear one's saying to us,  
From far beyond our mortal ken,  
That where his spirit waits for us  
All's peace; and not to mourn;  
He'll meet us nevermore to part  
When in life eternal we're reborn.

33.

The years to come  
May bring their pleasures,  
"Time healeth all", 'tis said;  
But ne'er on earth will be forgotten  
The dear one whose last bed  
We heap with flowers and stand beside  
And water with our tears.  
His memory will grow but dearer  
Through all the coming years.

34.

His death was as his life had been  
So sweet and gentle that it seemed  
He only slept, and sleeping dreamed  
Of heaven. And so his peaceful face  
Eased the darkness of our grief  
With hope and faith and firm belief  
We'd join him in that peaceful place.

35.

Where peace and harmony abound  
And there be naught but joyous sound  
Of song to soothe his war-wracked soul,  
We pray thee God, our hero rest,  
Till Death shall come at Thy behest  
And lead us also to our goal.

36.

"Man proposes but God disposes,"  
And nothing may alter His plan  
So we must subdue our rebellious hearts  
To His will with what strength we can;  
Only He knows what you meant to us  
And in mercy will understand  
And pity our tears and our yearning  
For you and the future we'd planned.

37.

The years you've slept are many and long  
Yet there's never been a day  
Unsweetened by the memories  
You left when you went away.  
And when at Life's end,  
The call shall come  
And us in turn set free  
How happily we'll go with Him,  
To that longed for meeting with thee.

38.

Though the days of our babe were so meager  
And the days she's been sleeping, so many  
The memories we stored while we had her  
Are so precious we'll ne'er forget any.

39.

The way he talked, the smiles he wore,  
And all the thousand things so dear  
We loved about him while he lived  
Haven't gone with him from here;  
They're planted deep in memory's garden  
And watered daily with our tears.  
To keep them ever fresh and vivid  
Through all the coming years.

40.

For every tiny hurt you got  
In life, our hearts atone  
With grief that magnifies them all  
Now that we're alone.  
And everyday are spent away  
From you while you were here  
Returns to taunt our loneliness  
With futile longing, dear.

41.

On your Country's Hero Roster  
Your name is written fair  
But we would give the world and all  
If only it weren't there;  
And you were safe at home with just  
Your duty done today;  
Instead we've only medals  
For which your life did pay.

42.

They who think that you are gone  
Because no more your face they see,  
Are wrong – for in our hearts you live;  
And always will, in memory.

43.

The blessed certainly we'll meet again,  
Dear loved one, gone before,  
Give us strength to fight sin's current  
As we strive toward heaven's shore.

44.

We can't say Happy Birthday, dear,  
The way we used to do,  
With cake and candles and presents;  
Those joys we buried with you.  
And eternity's not measured  
On earth's finite scale of years;  
But here, on our heart's calendar,  
Today's e'er ringed with tears.

45.

We hear the Christmas carols ring  
On every side and pray  
Our darling's happy singing where  
Angels keep Our Lord's Birthday  
With praise for Him who saved the world,  
From darkness, sin and woe,  
And promised everlasting life  
To mortals here below.

46.

As leaves fall spinning downward  
Bright with autumn's crystal dew  
We think of him they covered  
When his grave was fresh and new.  
And each leaf falls like a teardrop  
Onto hearts where tears abound  
And grief, a silent watchman,  
Does sentry duty year round.

47.

For those who loved you and remember  
Today's the saddest of the year;  
For 'tis the date you met the Reaper  
And left us here to sorrow, dear.

48.

His farewell kiss was never given  
His last goodbye was never said,  
For none could know that death lay waiting  
For him when he went to bed;  
And though our grief was sharp and lasting  
We thanked God then and do today  
That by Our Father's love  
And boundless mercy,  
In painless sleep he passed away.

49.

Pitting all man's skill and science  
'Gainst life's grim adversary, Death,  
We fought hard our losing battle,  
Nor dispaired till your last breath  
Had left your body lifeless  
And our hearts pierced to their core,  
With grief for you we'd loved so,  
And whom we'll miss now evermore.

50.

Sometimes while sitting late at night  
When lights are out and the fire burns low,  
Our wistful eyes see in the brand  
Your face as it looked long ago;  
And then we open memory's book  
And search the bygone past  
To live again those treasures stored  
Within our hearts, while life shall last.

51.

His toilworn hands once busy  
Are folded now in sleep;  
And o'er his out-worn body  
The earth lies cold and deep.  
But the soul that was his essence,  
Live on, and we shall see  
Him when The Master calls us home  
For all eternity.

52. Above the Easter lilies  
Symbolize a peace that's new  
In hearts that grief had closed to joy  
When Death from us called you  
Those pure white trumpets sound a note  
That stirs the very soul  
With hope of everlasting life with you  
When we have reached the goal.

53.

'Mong those heavenly hillocks where you wait  
We'll be together bye and bye;  
With an eternal lease on living  
In our mansion in the sky.

54.

We wear no mourning crepe that eyes  
Indifferent to our loss may see,  
But in our hearts dark sorrow's sable  
Will ever clothe your memory.

55.

The grave that holds our darling,  
Our eyes will ne'er behold;  
But his spirit risen triumphant  
Will greet us at those Gates of Gold.

56.

She made our life one long sweet song  
Until death bade us part,  
But in the time that she's been gone  
We've learned grief's song by heart.

57.

We place our faith in Him who said,  
"I am the Resurrection and the Life"  
And in His time, again we'll see thee  
Far beyond this world of woe and strife.

58.

The Shepherd who loveth His sheep  
And over all watch doth keep,  
Saw our little lamb was in need of rest  
And gathered her close to His healing breast.

59.

Though our eyes will nevermore be gladdened  
To see on earth his dear, dear face,  
The magic mirror of memory keeps it  
Undimmed by time or death or space.

60.

When night draws its velvet curtain  
Across heaven's star-lit sky,  
And the cares of day are smoothed away,  
We look through memory's eye  
Down the road that leads to long ago  
And suns forever set  
And impress your face indelibly  
On our hearts, lest we forget.

61.

There's never a moment  
Since she's been gone,  
As bright as the time when she  
Warmed our hearts and lives  
With her boundless love  
In the dear, departed used-to-be.

62.

Walled in our hearts there's a garden  
Where memories bloom every day  
In the rainbow colors of happiness  
She gave us ere the Master took her away.

63.

In the lovely springtime of her life  
God plucked our dainty flower  
To grace a niche in heaven and bloom  
Forever through His love and power.

64.

Till Gabriel shall his trumpet raise  
And blow our summons too,  
The dearest memories in our hearts  
Will be those we have of you.

65.

Though in our hearts there's grief today,  
There's hope, and faith, that once again  
We'll meet where death no more can part us  
Where God and joy forever reign.

66.

The blessed memories we have  
Of her we'll always cherish  
And count them tenderly each day  
Lest for lack of love one perish.

67.

No man knows his day nor hour  
To leave the world, and 'tis better so,  
Lest foreknowledge ruin all happiness  
By clouding joy with foreknown woe.  
Still darling, had we known that the Reaper  
Had started on his way for you  
We'd have built a barricade of prayers  
So insistent death could ne'er get through.

68.

Could we but know unerringly  
The path that leads to peace,  
As did she who's waiting at its end  
For us, we'd pray release...  
From all that life might ever hold  
Of wealth, or fame or power  
And hasten there to meet our love  
In that celestial bower.

69.

We're like all the newly blinded,  
Bitter at our loss of sight  
For when you passed away dear  
Death snuffed out our guiding light;  
Leaving us to grope in darkness  
Down life's lonely road till you  
Shall meet us at our journey's end  
And love relight our eyes anew.

70.

With each succeeding year,  
Your gentle spirit  
Increased in grace and ever nobler grew  
Until at last it's too frail mortal temple  
Death rent, and from the precious fragments,  
You went winging heavenward in happy flight.  
Leaving earth-bound bondage for eternity,  
And us to mourn beside the empty ruins  
in a world bare of all but memory.

71.

The price of love is loneliness  
For dear ones passed away,  
And we pay each dreary tomorrow  
For each precious yesterday.

72.

God knows how much we miss you  
And how hard it is to bear  
Death's separation darling,  
For He hears our constant prayer.  
That eternal rest in heaven  
Be yours; and ours, who mourn,  
Joyous meeting with you there  
When we're in Christ reborn.

73.

The sun still rises every morn  
And warms the earth each day  
But somehow lacks the power to warm  
Our hearts since you're away.

74.

She who's life brought naught but joy  
To us, in death has left  
Sorrow time can never soften  
For hearts so broken and bereft.

75.

It was His will that she should die,  
His will that we should let her go;  
And we must ever bow to it,  
But oh dear God, we miss her so!

76.

To us his name will ever be  
The key that unlocks memory  
Of a dear one gone but cherished yet  
A beloved face we'll ne'er forget.

77.

The prints you left along life's road  
Are preserved in gold that memory cast,  
Dear sign posts pointing ever heavenward  
To lead us safely home at last.

78.

As dear she was to us in life,  
So in death she'll always be  
A holy inspiration  
To come closer, God, to Thee.

79.

Beyond the grave she's waiting  
Patiently, as e'er of yore  
For the lagging ones she loved so  
To knock at Heaven's door.

80.

Life's silver crown she never wore,  
In her short years 'twas never earned;  
But when we meet her up in heaven  
Gold will crown the brow Time spurned.

81.

The power she had to captivate the heart  
And charm with her voice's music every year  
Will ne'er be buried in her lonely grave  
While memory lives, 'twill entrall us here.

82.

Now she who was life's  
Dear companion sleeps apart;  
Alone, and far from home among the dead  
No more to wake and wonder  
If all are home  
And get up to see each safely tucked in bed.  
Her foolish little fears once thought amusing,  
And laughed at many times, we miss today;  
But more than all, we miss her loving presence  
In a home that's just a house since she's away.

83.

The dear one missing from our home,  
In memory, we e'er recall;  
With lonely, aching, empty hearts,  
And tears that never fail to fall.

84.

The day you passed away we thought  
Our death-struck hearts would break with pain  
But that was just the overture to grief;  
And missing you, the life-long sad refrain.

85.

There is no balm in Gilead  
That can soothe my aching heart,  
Till Heaven reunites us  
Whom death did tear apart.

86.

No hand so soft and gentle  
No heart so tender, true  
No sorrow life could bring us  
To equal losing you.

87.

There's a place in Heaven,  
That's marked "Reserved;"  
For fathers such as he,  
Who lived life-long devotion to  
His wife and family.  
And there's a place in our hearts  
Marked that way too,  
Where his dear memory  
Will be loved as he was loved  
Before he entered eternity.

88.

Your vacant chair we've put away,  
Your pipe and dear, scuffed slippers too,  
Lest paid at constant sight of them  
Should break our hearts with missing you.

89.

Though grief should be my life-long cross  
Since you are gone, I'd choose my sorrow.  
Rather than forget a single golden yesterday  
We shared, to ease the  
Emptiness of every drab tomorrow.

90.

Where she has gone, one day I too, shall go  
When time and tears have washed away the dross  
That keeps me earth-bound; and my soul  
Shall learn to be no longer bitter o'er her loss.

91.

We'll never forget his final goodbye,  
So peaceful we were shamed by our tears,  
And his transfigured face  
With its radiant smile,  
Will shine in memory all through our years.

92.

May she find welcoming  
Loved ones in heaven  
And rest and freedom from care  
With no worry o'er us while she's waiting  
Until we can go to her there.

93.

Rest in peace, your labor's ended,  
Never more will grief or pain  
Bow your head or cause you heartache  
You are safe where God doth reign.

94.

Returning winter adds its ice  
To death's chill grief within my breast  
And snow again your grave will blanket  
As when first you were laid to rest  
But as time cannot dim remembrance  
So the cold can't still my feet  
They go as ever at love's bidding  
To flowers strewn above you, sweet.

95.

So lily-white and still and cold,  
Her hands once warm with life and love  
We folded in the shape of prayer,  
And made our own to Him above.  
"Oh Lord", we prayed "Our darling take  
Where joy and love shall never cease;  
And when Thy will on earth we've done,  
Grant that we join her in Thy Peace."

96.

Because in her life she was saintly  
Because in her heart she was pure  
Her reward we are sure must be heaven,  
And our grief we must try to endure.

97.

Loved, remembered, and longed for,  
She'll be with each beat of my heart  
Till in heaven we're once more together  
For eternity never to part.

98.

The cup of joy we drank together,  
We quaffed too fast our thirst to stay;  
But sorrow's cup I drain more slowly  
Drop by bitter drop, day by lonely day.

99.

Just a year ago today  
Our loss was fresh – your grave was new,  
Now Time your earth has cloaked with green  
And memory blossoms hide our hurt from view.

100.

Death's merciful hand we'll nevermore fear  
Since we saw it lull you to rest;  
And watched your eyes close in heavenly sleep  
Like a babe at its mother's breast.  
So when we returns we'll welcome him in  
Like an old friend we're eager to see,  
And without hesitation, we'll follow  
Him home to Our Master in Heaven, and thee.

101.

I cannot see you with my eyes  
Or hear you with my ears.  
But thoughts of you are with me still  
And often dry my tears  
You whisper in the rustling leaves  
That linger in the fall  
And in the gentle evening breeze  
I'm sure I hear your call  
A part of you remains with me  
That none can take away  
It gives me strength to carry on  
At dawning of new day  
I think of happy times we shared  
And then I softly sigh  
But this I know- we'll meet again  
And never say goodbye

102.

If tears could bring you back to me  
You'd be here by my side  
For God could fill a river full  
With all the tears I've cried  
If I could have one wish come true  
I'd ask of God in prayer  
To let me have just one more day  
To show how much I care  
If love could reach to heaven's shore  
I'd quickly come for you  
My heart would build a bridge of love  
One wide enough for two  
But this I know, the day will come  
When we will never part  
Until that day we meet again  
I'll keep you in my heart

103. I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see  
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 the close of day  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh 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 savored 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

104. If Tears Could Build a Stairway

If tears could build a stairway  
And memories were a lane,  
We would walk right up to heaven  
And bring you back again  
No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say goodbye,  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why  
Our hearts still ache in sadness  
And secret tears still flow  
What it meant to lose you  
No one can ever know  
But now we know you want us  
To mourn for you no more  
To remember all the happy times  
Life still has much in store  
Since you'll never be forgotten  
We pledge to you today  
A hallowed place within our hearts  
Is where you'll always stay.