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A life measured in memories, not years

Always in our hearts

Asleep in Christ Jesus

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At rest with God

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning we will remember them

Beloved of the Lord

Death is only a shadow across the path to heaven

Entered into rest

Everlasting life through Christ

Forever in our hearts

God could not have made earthly ties so strong to break them in eternity

Gone, but not forgotten

Hasten, oh blessed hour our reunion

He gave thee, He took thee, and He will restore thee

He longest lives who most to others gives, himself forgetting

His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me

Home with God, which is far better

I have gone to be an angel, and with the angels stand

I shall but love thee better after death

In Loving Memory of

Known by many, loved by many, missed by many

Loving memories last forever

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace

Not lost to memory! Not lost to love! but gone to our Father's house above

Ours for a little while, with Jesus forever

Rest in Peace

Rest is thine, sweet memory ours

Safe in the arms of Jesus

Step softly, a dream lies here

Sweetly sleeping

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The presence of her absence is everywhere

The song is ended, but the melody lingers on

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die

To live in the hearts of those we love is never to die

Too well loved to ever be forgotten

Until we meet again

What we keep in memory is ours unchanged forever

When I come to the end of the long, long road, I shall look in the face of my dearest friend

Your love will light my way, your memory will ever be with me

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Classic

...The heart of man is restless until it finds its rest in Thee. - St. Augustine

...There hath pass'd away a glory from the earth. - Wordsworth

'Tis not the whole of life to live, nor all of death to die. - J. Montgomery

Beyond is the infinite morning of a day without tomorrow. - W.S. Abbott

But in the night of death hope sees a star, and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing.

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Death is not a foe, but an inevitable adventure. - Sir Oliver Lodge

Death is the golden key that opens the palace of Eternity. - Milton

Death's but a path to be trod if man would ever pass to God. - T. Parnell

Dust thou art, to dust returnest, was not spoken of the soul. - Longfellow

Each lonely scene shall thee restore. - William Collins

Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. - Moore

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Every man's life is a plan of God. - Horace Bushnell

Faith builds a bridge across the gulf of death. - Young

Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak whispers the o'erfraught heart and bids it break...

Shakespeare

God gives us love. Something to love He lends us. - Tennyson

God is and all is well. - Whittier

He hath awakened from the dream of life. - Shelley

Heaven, the treasury of everlasting joy. - Shakespeare

His daily prayer, far better understood in acts than words, was simple doing good. - Whittier

Humble love, and not proud science, keeps the door of heaven. - Young

In His will is our peace. - Dante

Joy, joy forever! - My task is done - the gates are pass'd and heaven is won. - Moore

Life's a voyage that's homeward bound. - H. Melville

Mercy to him that shows it, is the rule. - Cowper

Mutual love, the crown of all our bliss. - Milton

Nature's loving proxy, the watchful mother. - Bulwer

Now twilight lets her curtain down and pins it with a star. - L.M. Child

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Onward to thy glory! 'Tis always morning somewhere in the world.

R.H. Horne

Safe in the hallowed quiets of the past. - Lowell

Sorrows are like tall angels with star-crowns in their hair. - Margery Eldredge Howell

Strength is born in the deep silence of long-suffering hearts, not amid joy. - Hemans

Tears are often the telescope by which men see far into heaven. - H.W. Beecher

The acts of this life are the destiny of the next. - Eastern proverb

The cross leads generations on. - Shelley

The end and the reward of toil is rest. - James Beattie

The greatest attribute of Heaven is mercy. - Beaumont and Fletcher

The heart of him who truly loves is a paradise on earth. - Lamennais

The kiss of the sun for pardon, the song of the birds for mirth, One's nearer God's heart in a garden,

than anywhere else on earth. - Dorothy Francis

The soul that suffers is stronger than the soul that rejoices. - E. Shepard

There is a sweet job that comes to us through sorrow. - Spurgeon

There never was night that had no morn. - D.M.N. Craik

Things past belong to memory alone, things future are the property of hope. - John Home

Till the master of all good workmen shall set us to work anew. - Rudyard Kipling

To love is to place our happiness in the happiness of another. - Leibnitz

Until the day break, and the shadows flee away. - Cant. ii:17

What seems to us but dim funeral tapers may be heaven's distant lamps. - Longfellow

When soft voices die, music vibrates in the memory. - Shelley

Where He leads me I can safely go. - Millay

Where there is much light, the shadows are deepest. - Goethe

Where there is sorrow there is holy ground. - Wilde

Whither thou goest, I will go. - Ruth i:16

Yet in this heart's most sacred place, thou, alone, shall dwell forever. - Moore

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Child

An angel visited the green earth, and took a flower away

Awaiting the touch of a little hand, and the smile of a little face

Budded (or blossomed) on earth to bloom in Heaven

Called by one who loves him dearly

Children are a heritage of the Lord. Psalms 127:3

Children are the keys of paradise

Children bring their own love with them when they come

For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven

God's garden has need of little flowers

His was a man's courage

Hush my dear, be still and slumber: Jolly angels guard your bed

Let thy child rest in hope and rise in glory

Little Boy Blue has gone away

Lord, we give you our littlest angel

No jewel is as perfect as the innocence of childhood

Oh, for boyhood's time of June crowding years into one brief moon

Our littlest angel who went back to Heaven

Remembering a tiny angel

Sleep undisturbed within the peaceful shrine, Till angels wake thee with a note like thine

Sleep, my little one, sleep

So small, so sweet, so soon

The child is the father of the man

The dutifulness of children is the foundation of all virtue

What would the world be to us if children were no more?

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Male / Female

A mother is a mother still, the holiest thing alive

Always loving: always loved

God bless thee wheresoe'er thou art in His great universe today

God called her from among us to a home of eternal rest

God took her home, it was His will, but in our hearts she liveth still

God's greatest gift returned to God - my mother

Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eye, in every gesture dignity and love

Her children arise up and call her blessed

Her friends were her world

Her friendship was an inspiration, her love a blessing

Her memory is enshrined in our hearts

May God grant you eternal rest, dear Mother

O, Lord I put her in thy hands

Resting with those she loved

She concealed her tears but shared her smiles

She gave so much and demanded so little

She had a kindly word for each and she died beloved by all

She is resting peacefully with Jesus in that beautiful home above

She lives with us in memory and will for evermore

She loved people and laughter

She passed through glory's morning gate and walked into paradise

She served and kept the faith

She walked in beauty

She would rather give than receive

To know her was to love her

When she had passed, it seemed like the ceasing of exquisite music

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Bible

...All things work together for good to them that love God. Romans 8:28

...Be thou faith unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Revelation 2:10

...Not my will, but thine be done. Luke 22:42

...Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Matthew 25:21

Believe on Him to life everlasting. 1 Timothy 1:16

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Matthew 5:8

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Blessed is the man who maketh the Lord his trust. Psalms 40:4

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden. Matthew 11:28

For of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew xix:14

For with thee is the foundation of life: in the light shall we see light. Ps.xxxvi:9

God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1John iv:16

Greater love than this no one has, that one lay down his life for his friends. John xv:13

He shall receive in the world to come eternal life. Mark 10:30

He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life. John 3:16

He that endureth to the end shall be saved. Matthew 10:22

I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live. John 11:25

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. 11 Tim.1v:7my

I rejoice in thy salvation. 1 Samuel 2:1

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. Philippians 1:3

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1

Sleep on now, and take your rest. Matthew 26:45

The Lord hath given him rest from all his enemies. 11 Samuel 7:1

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. 23rd Psalm

The Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other. Genesis 31:49

The righteous shall go into life eternal. Matthew 25:46

This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well please. Matthew 3:17

This is the promise... the life everlasting. 1st Epistle of John ii:25

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. 23rd Psalm

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Thy remembrance shall endure into all generations. 102nd Psalm Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:15