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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. - Ingersoll
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