

In My Own Words

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Foreword

Greetings, in the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The author of this book of poems is my sister, Brenda Leatrice Baltimore.

We will always remember Brenda for her wit, her stubbornness,
her courage and her kindness. She faced
adversity with faith and courage,
leaning heavily on her Lord
and Savior,
Jesus Christ.



In these poems you will find all the elements of life here on earth--happiness, sadness, determination, faith, encouragement and love. It is our hope that these poems will inspire and encourage you, and that you get to see just a glimpse of the wonderful person whom we had the privilege of calling our sister.



Like David, Brenda wrote poems to express her love of God.



Sing on, my sister, sing!

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A Blessing

Blessing in the Name of the Lord!
Great is Thy Holy Name!
Shout and Praise His Holy name!
Rejoice! For He is (our) (my)
Friend and Mentor
Who is always there when we need Him
And sometimes when we (think) we don't
He never gives up on us when we
Don't do as He asks.
Instead, He tells us to pray and
Ask forgiveness
Just knowing you are there, Father
Makes all things worthwhile.

A Child

God has bestowed upon you a special child.
One full of Love and a dimpled smile.
Teach this child to give and Understand
That Love above All is His greatest command. . . .
That compassion and trust are next in line.
The light He gives to shine within us is divine,
Raise this child the best you can.
God will give you a helping hand.

-- Brenda L. Baltimore



Blessings



May the Blessings
Which come from God
Be with us always Until the end of time
Love that God
Gives in great measure
And we share with others.
Each day is Love
Returned to us greater still

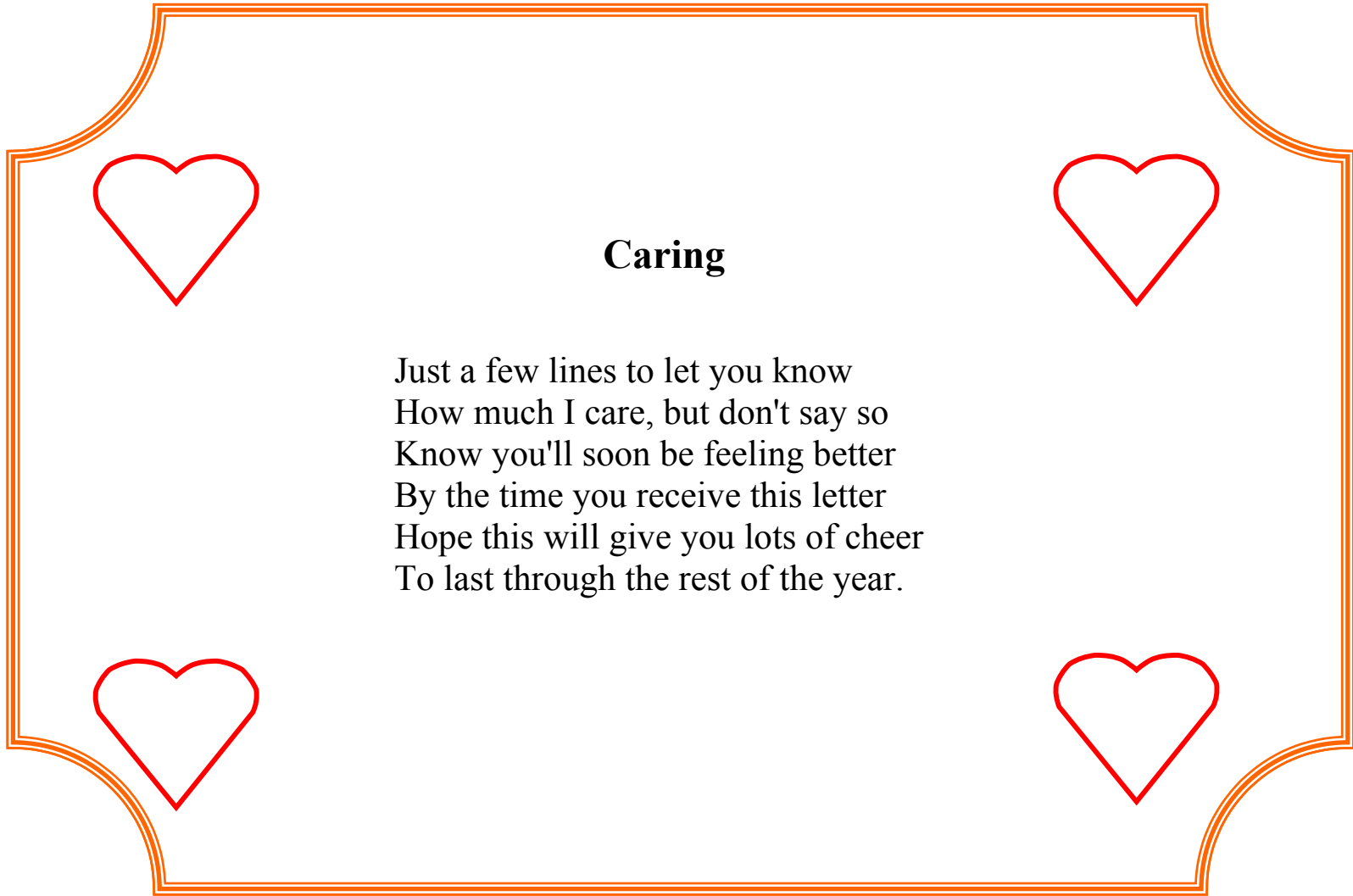


Call on God Today



Lift up your voice in song
Praising God Most High
For all the things you have
Love, Health, Strength, Family, Friends
Neighbors and Strangers
Raise your voice loud and strong
All day long and into the night
By sunlight, by firelight
And moonlight, too!
Anytime's just right
It doesn't matter
He's always there
To hear your sorrows
And your joys
He's there for you to share
So don't delay!
Call on God today!





Caring

Just a few lines to let you know
How much I care, but don't say so
Know you'll soon be feeling better
By the time you receive this letter
Hope this will give you lots of cheer
To last through the rest of the year.



Father

Dear Father:

Guide my speech as I talk
Guide my feet as I walk
Help me, Father, along the way
As I go through each day
Guide what I do and say,
In the name of Jesus,
Father, I pray. Amen





Feeling Blue



When you're down and feeling blue
That's old Satan trying to talk to you
Don't you listen to what he says
He's trying to rob you of your soul
And do a lot of damage untold
Just pray to Jesus
He'll stand by you
In whatever you try to do
Just pray and ask Him what's right
Doesn't matter if it's day or night



Flowers

Gather the flowers, while ye may
God will come for us one day
So pick them while they are new
While they are fresh with dew.
Because on your special day
God will come to take you away
To meet with those already gone
And who sing the Heavenly Psalms.





God's Glory

Unto God be the
Glory of all
Big and small
Short and tall
Fair and light.
We are a blessing
In His sight,
For He made
Us all

Whether we're 5 ft. 4
Or 10 ft. tall

Yes, I thank you, Lord,
Each day as I pray
To keep me straight
On the narrow way.





Help!

Help! I need you, Father
To get me through the day.
I lean on Your strength
And I pray
Help me to watch my every
Action, word and deeds
So that I can help
Someone else in need.
Toward this end, O Lord,
I work my way
So that I can be with
You on Judgment Day.



Helping Hand

An Angel stands beside me
And gives me a helping hand.
To go out and help
All of those I can...
For that is our purpose--
To do what we can,
To help bring Love and Understanding
To this troubled land...
For God so loved the world,
He gave His only Begotten Son...
So that we may go out and help
Our brothers, one by one.



-- Brenda L. Baltimore



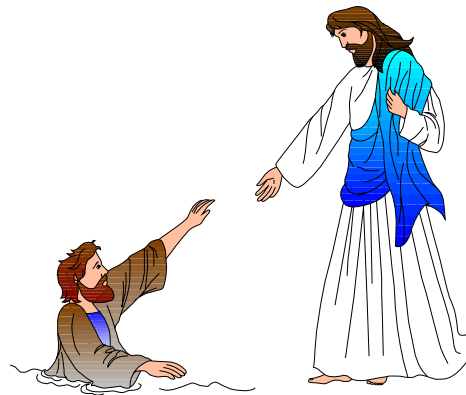
In First Place

God today, tomorrow, always, forever
The only way to go through the day.
Put Him first in your life
Everything else will fall into place
Put Him last and all good things will pass
God in 1st Place
Is all it takes.



Jesus Is A Friend of Mine

Jesus is a friend of mine
I can call on Him at any time
No matter what time, day or night
He's there to help in every way
He lifts me up when I am down
He helps me smile instead of frown.
He's helped to turn my life around
And lead me in the way that I must go
It's so True! Jesus is the
Sweetest Name I Know.

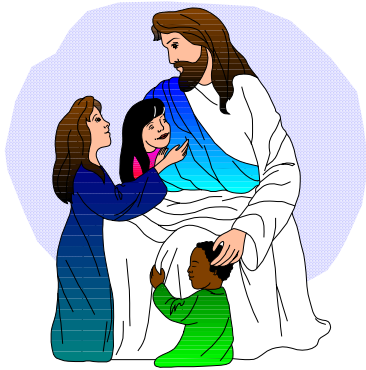


Jesus the Potter

Jesus is the Potter
I am His clay
He helps to brighten
Up my day
He's with me all
Along the way
Thank you, Jesus,
For today.

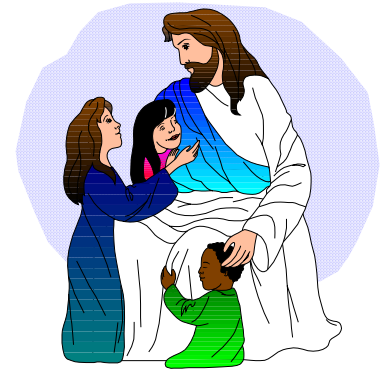
I praise Your Holy Name
When I pray for
Friends, family, strangers
And then
I thank thee, Jesus,
All over again.

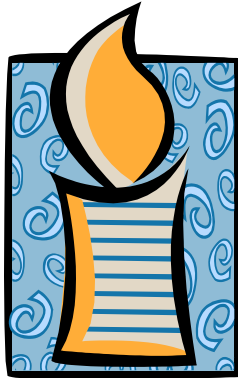




Jesus Will Make It All Right

Hurt, anger, vanity, strife--
These are things that disrupt your life.
When these things happen to you,
You should know just what to do:
Call on Jesus to pull you through
He's the one that can do it, too!
Just say, "Jesus, I need a helping hand
"To get me out of this No Man's Land."
He'll give you strength to carry on
And you'll start to sing a happy song
That will make your heart feel light
And then everything will be all right.





Light of Mine

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Where 'ere I go
Up to the mountaintop
Down to the valley low
Shine so that others may see
What God has done for me.



Love



Love is like a rose
It comes for just a while
Then leaves with little fanfare
But if you close your eyes
You can still remember
The sweet lingering smell
That the blooms leave behind
As long as you live,
You never forget
The beauty that was there
And in the Spring, like the rose
Love will come again



My Friend Jesus



I've got a friend
Who is precious and rare.
His Name is Jesus.
He's a Friend in times of trouble;
In times of pain and despair,
He's always there
Because He cares.
He'll be there early or late.
Don't hesitate!
There is no one
Who can Love me
Like my friend, Jesus!





New Start

When I'm down and I can't sleep
I pray to God to help me keep
All His commandments in my heart
Each day as I make a brand new start





No Reason to Fear

No reason to doubt,
No reason to fear
Jesus is always
Standing near
To answer our call
To answer our plea
Just state your cause
And let it be.
He will answer--
Never fear.



One Person

It only takes one person
To right a wrong
It only takes one person
To sing a merry song
It only takes one person
To listen,
To make things right...
It takes God's Son, Jesus
To show us the Light...
Be that one person
And make things right.





Peace, Love and Mercy

Let the Peace that in knowing
Jesus be with us today.
Let the Love that He shows
Us begin our every day.
Let the Mercy He bestows on us
Show in our lives for all
The world to see.
For all these many blessings of
Goodness and mercy, I thank You
For, Father today.



People

People are like ostriches
With their heads in the sand
They won't stand beside
Their fellow man
No matter what happens.
You can hear them say
"Just close your eyes,
And it will go away."
But there are some things
That can't be denied.
The Love of God is one
It's like being outside
On a cold and windy day
Then you come inside
To the Warmth and Heat
That's never far away.





Praise God

Praise God for:
The sunshine, the rain
Good health and pain
Happy days and sad
Good times and bad
Flowers that grow
Green grass to mow
Eyes to see
The bumble bee
Trees and the wind
And a good best friend.





Remember

Remember Jesus, born in a stable,
Was born so that we are able
To repent our sins and find goodness within
To Love our fellow man
And when one of them does wrong
Find it in our hearts to forgive
And be able to start anew
To make friends as we are able to do.

Sparkle



Where did the sparkle go?
Earlier today, I felt a glow
I felt like a light lit up inside
It was something I just couldn't hide.
What happened? Where did it go?
It just up and left, I don't know.
It will come back, I know---you'll see
Then I'll be as Happy as I can be.





Thank You, Father

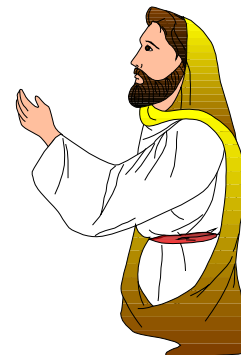
Thank You for this day
Thank You for hearing my prayer
Help me to do all I can
To help out in this troubled land
Thank You for being there
For all of us who need you.



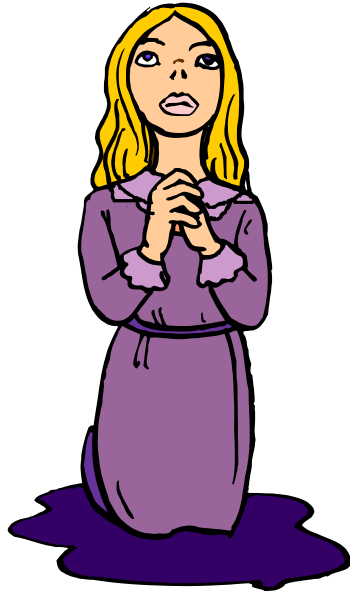


Times

Sometimes I feel so Happy
Sometimes I feel so Sad
Sometimes I want to Laugh
Sometimes I want to Cry
But no matter what I'm feeling
I Know there'll always be
A Friend who walks beside me
Throughout All Eternity



Troubled Times



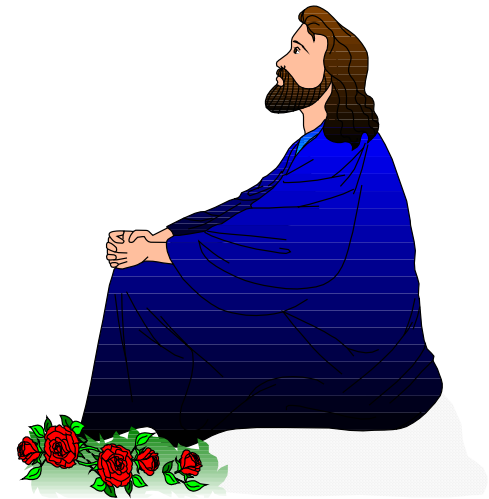
When troubled times are near
The answer is with the Lord.
He's there for us all
To lean on and see us through.
Even during the good times,
Call on the Lord
So that He can aid you.
Wherever you go, whatever you do
He will not fail you.
He loved us when we were bad
When we are happy, when we're sad
He watches over us all
And all that we do
Count on the Lord
To see you through.





Who?

Who knows your thoughts?
Who knows what to do?
God--that's who!
Who knows your heart
Better than you do?
God--that's who.
He's there for you to lean on
In troubled times, it's true,
Put your life in God's hands
And He will see you through.





Words

Take time to speak a loving word
Where loving words are seldom heard;
And it will linger in the mind,
And gather others of its kind
Till loving words will echo where
Erstwhile the heart was poor and bare
And somewhere on the heavenward track
Their music will come echoing back

