

Poems Of Comfort

When I Am Gone

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 tears,
Be thankful for our many beautiful years.
I gave to you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I travel on alone.
So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near. And
if you listen with your heart you'll hear, All my
love around you soft and clear.
And then, When you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and say...
"Welcome Home"

To Laugh Often And Much

“To laugh often and much; to win the
respect of intelligent people and the
affection of children; to earn the
appreciation of honest critics and endure
the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate
beauty; to find the best in others; to
leave the world a bit better whether by
healthy child, a garden patch, or a
redeemed social condition; to know even
one life has breathed easier because you
have lived. This is to have succeeded”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Love Lives On

Those we love remain with us
for love itself lives on,
And cherished memories never fade
Because a love one's gone. . .
Those we love can never be
more than a thought apart
For as long as there is memory,
They'll live on in the heart.

At the Rising of the Sun

At the rising of the sun
and its going down,
WE REMEMBER THEM.
At the blowing of the wind
and in the chill of winter,
WE REMEMBER THEM.
In the opening of the buds
and in the rebirth of the spring,
WE REMEMBER THEM.
At the blueness of the skies
and in the warmth of summer,
WE REMEMBER THEM.
At the rustling of the leaves
and the beauty of autumn,
WE REMEMBER THEM.
As long as we live, they too will live;
for they are now a part of us,
As we remember them.

When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
live on and do all things the same;
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
And hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die.
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

You Are Not Forgotten

You are not forgotten, loved one
Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore
As time goes by we'll miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.

Keepsakes of the Heart

A collection of your memories,
Precious times enjoyed together;
Keepsakes of the heart
That remain with us forever.

A Little While

Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow,
But remember me in every tomorrow...
Remember the joy, the laughter,
the smiles,
I've only gone to rest a little while.
Although my leaving
causes pain and grief
My going has eased my hurt
And given me relief.
So dry your eyes and remember me,
Not as I am now, but as I used to be.
Because I will remember you all
And look on with a smile.
Understand in your hearts
I've only gone to rest a little while.

Beautiful Spirit

A beautiful spirit endures
Through many transformations
And carries with it a patient endurance
A perseverance of the soul
That stands the test of time
The colors of our lives do not fade
But grow brighter with
every changing season

Fairways of Glory

A dedication to the endless pursuit
of the perfect game
Fond memories of the challenges
Of the greens and trials of its traps
And now, the last putt has dropped
into the cup of life
And the light of the day has faded
Lord, it is now on your fairways of glory
That the game will continue to be played.

Goodbye Is Not Forever

When you lived your life for others
and you loved without condition
When you made so many laugh
and your smile won't be forgotten
When you left behind an empty place
that no one else can fill
When the friendships that you shared
long to be renewed
When you built your life on hope
and fulfilled it every day
The footprints that you left behind
will bring us face to face
So, goodbye is not forever,
You're only steps away.

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
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done

Harvest of Memories

When you plant seeds
in the lives of others
And water them with love and care
You will reap a harvest
of sweet memories
That will follow you everywhere

Do Not Stand At My Grave

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.
When you wake in the morning hush;
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die.
-Anonymous

Roots of Love

To plant a seed in one's heart...
To root it in love...
To nourish it with time spent together...
Yields a blossom
that will flourish forever.