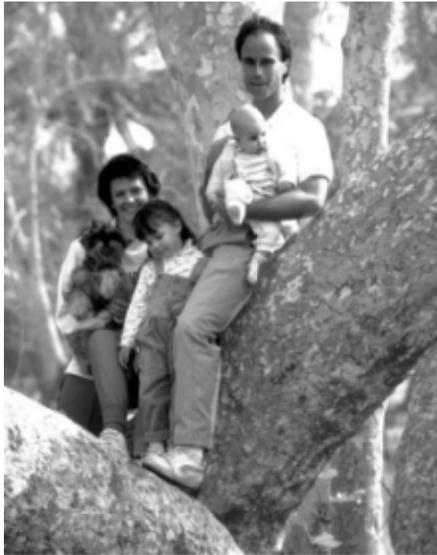


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Love - Family

*You Are Loved
More Than You Know*



David (beloved)

*I have found David, son of Jesse,
a man after my own heart;
he will do everything I want him to do.*

Acts 13:22

*This is love, not that we loved God,
but that He loved us
and sent His Son as an atoning
sacrifice for our sins.*

1 John 4:10

*Dear friends,
since God so loved us,
we ought to love one another.*

1 John 4:11



It's nice to think of family
and how much they mean to us
For with them we can be for real
without a lot of fuss.
We kinda' know each other
from the inside to the out,
Though none of us are perfect
we have lots to talk about.

It's around the kitchen table
that we share a lot of stuff
And all support each other
whether times are good or tough.
Yes, it's great to have a family
where we know each other well
And share the stuff we have inside
but don't to others tell.

There's nothing like a family's love
to cheer your heart and soul
Though they are scattered far and wide—
perhaps from pole to pole,
But email and the telephone
help each to keep in touch
And what a joy a family has
who love each other much.

Sons (daughters) are a heritage from the Lord,
children a reward from Him. Psalms 127:3

A House a Home

A house is just a building, folks,
until a home is made,
It needs a yard where kids can play
with lotsa' trees for shade.
The kitchen should be kinda' big
for food is right good stuff,
Its there we all can sit and chat
until we've had enough.

Among the things a home should have
is a big cookie jar,
And there should be fun things to do
when kids aren't up to par.
I like to think a home is where
each one can tell his tale
And share the feelings of his heart
e'en though sometimes they fail.

No other place on planet earth--
no matter where we roam

Will warm our hearts and

cheer our souls
like when we're
all at home.



The Meeting Place

I know there are important folks
 who meet day after day
And they discuss important stuff
 in all the things they say.
I know someone must head a group
 no matter small or large
And let the folks all gathered 'round
 know they're the one in charge.

And so the chairman of the board—
 perhaps the CEO,
Will tell the folks just sitting there
 the things they need to know,
And though they delegate and plan
 an awful lot of stuff
The best laid plans may come to naught
 if times are mean and tough.

The things that really matter
 are discussed another place,
It's in the kitchens of the world
 where folks talk face to face

And learn how they're supposed to act
and how they oughta' think
And bits of wisdom come from Mom
who's busy at the sink.

The kitchen is the very place
where all the family meet
And it's the boardroom of the home
and really can't be beat.
So if the kids have been taught well
and know what's right or wrong
The CEO's, with staff like that
could end up with a song.

Train up a child in the way he should go
and when he is old he will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6



Pictures

Have you wished you had your camera
that's home up on a shelf
Because your child with dog in tow
is playing by himself?
He's not bothered with big problems—
life's as good as it can get
For when he's just a little guy
you find his needs are met.
And so with not much going on
your child can just relax
And how you'd like a picture
as he lives life to the max!
But then a lot of Moms and Dads
are really pretty smart
For they have found that they can take
a picture with the heart.



Family Ties Will Last

Now just what is a family for
if its not there to care--
A place each finds contentment
and away from wear and tear.
Its fun to have our little jokes
and kid about the past
And know whatever comes to pass
the family ties will last
For sometimes life comes crashing in
and things seem pretty bad,
And if we find there's love at home
a caring Mom and Dad
Can help to get the wrinkles out
and mend a thing gone wrong,
And by the family's love and care
can help restore their song.
There's no place like a family,
God planned it be this way,
And if we live in harmony
We'll find love every day.



Children's children are
a crown to the aged.
Proverbs 17:6

The Pickers

If you will look around, my friend,
no two folks are the same;
Some really are laid back, you know,
while others strive for fame.
It seems some stay right with the flow
and seldom go up-stream,
They kinda let the world go by
without a goal or dream.

I rather think folks in between
may have a lot to give--
They haven't stopped dead in their tracks
so they know how to live.



Though some may pick the world apart
and say how bad things are
Some others pick apart their friends
though they are near or far.

But aren't you glad that little folks
know living at its best--
They aren't caught up in grown-ups games
and now you've surely guessed
The kids know what's important
and each day that comes along
They take it like it's meant for them
and seldom do it wrong.

They don't complain about the world
or what their neighbors do,
They concentrate on just today
so they don't sit and stew.
The kids take time to pick some flow'rs
and make a spring bouquet
And when they give it to their Mom
it really makes her day!

From the lips of children and infants
you have ordained praise. Psalms 8:2a

Despair Not

Don't ever despair of a child, my friend,
No other gift that God could send
Will equal the joy that a child can bring
And cause the parent's hearts to sing.
If life seems hard, and sometimes tough,
A song and a prayer may be enough
Along with love that never dies
To heal some wounds from children's cries.
Each one is precious in God's sight--
He wants them always treated right.
God trusts His child into your care,
So do your best, and don't despair.



And he (Jesus) took the children
in his arms, put his hands on them
and blessed them. Mark 10:16

Watch 'em Grow

Some folks can't seem to find a job
while others start out small,
They start by mowing sidewalks
but that really isn't all—
Sometimes the mower hits the grass
and makes the green stuff fly;
It takes a while to learn the trade
when one's a little guy.



But watch that fellow as he grows,
he'll learn a trade or two;
Might even go to college
and find out what he should do.
Kids have a lot of brains, you know,
and often play it smart,
And if they're given half a chance
they just might steal your heart.

Bedtime Stories

If Mom and Dad were busy
it was nice to have a son
Who'd read a bedtime story
when daylight hours were done
To give the kids some happy thoughts
before they'd fall asleep
And trust that God would through the night
their trusting souls would keep.

'Twas back in olden times, it seems,
that kids liked stories read
So they'd have stuff to think about
ere they were tucked in bed.
It seems that Peter Rabbit
was a rascal most the time
And caused McGregor lots of stress
although he did no crime.



When Goldilocks tried out the chairs
 the Three Bears owned one day
She found just one that really fit
 so didn't run away.
And then there was that awful troll
 beneath the bridge, you know,
Who'd scare the travelers half to death
 if they that way would go;
And Humpty Dumpty on the wall,
 Jack Spratt who ate no fat,
Old Mother Hubbard's empty shelves,
 some kids remember that.

Little Boy Blue who blew his horn,
 Bo Peep who lost her sheep
Were stories much beloved by all
 and helped kids go to sleep.
I'm not too sure kids of today
 hear fairy tales and such,
It seems folks are too busy now
 to do this very much.
There's something about stories
 that can fill a child with joy
And fairy tales should be a part
 of every girl and boy.

Scolding

The little folks make small mistakes
And right away receive
A scolding or a reprimand
Like you would not believe.
But older folks, when they grow up,
Can make a big mistake
And they don't want a reprimand
For all the goofs they make.
So lets make sure that when we scold
We don't give more than due,
And realize that like adults
The kids have feelings, too.
So next time when the milk is spilled
Do not your child harass.
I've never seen a scolding that
Puts milk back in the glass.



Fathers, do not embitter your children
or they will become discouraged
Colossians 3:21

Longevity

Some folks will live a lot of years
and seldom see the Doc
Who tunes 'em up a little bit
and kinda' winds their clock.
I sometimes dwell on this a bit
and wonder, could it be
That folks inherit long, long lives
straight from their family tree?

Or could it be they handle well
the stress and strain of life
And live in peace with other folks
including kids and wife?
The folks who harbor hatred
which has festered in their heart
May shorten up their days on earth
and cause 'em to depart.

Christ told us how we ought to think
and how we ought to live,
One thing that He said loud and clear
is that folks should forgive.
If there's no hatred deep within,
instead there is a song
It might explain the reason why
some oldsters live so long.

Forgive as the Lord
forgave you.
Colossians 3:13



The Oldsters

When folks get up in years, you know,
 they've learned a lot of stuff
And yet in our fast moving world
 sometimes it's not enough
To keep us up on top th' heap
 like things we oughta' know,
But it could be we struggle some
 because our steps are slow.

And I would guess another thing
 that slows us down a bit
Is that we've figured some things out
 as in our chair we sit.
We see success for what it is,
 we watch folks at the top
And find that those who always rush
 just may not want to stop.

It's hard to smell the flowers
 if you're always on the run
And folks who are too busy
 well might miss the setting sun.

The oldsters who have lived a while
 may have it figured out
That those who take the time to live
 may know what life's about.

So don't pass by the older folks
 and think they are not smart
For they have learned a lot of things
 and keep them in their heart.
It just might be when life is tough
 and you've a rainy day
You'll find they have a list'ning ear
 and like the things they say.

