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*A Song and  
a Prayer*





*Psalm 42:8*

*Job 35:10*

*By day the Lord directs  
his love,  
at night his song  
is with me--  
a prayer to the God  
of my life.*

*. . . God my maker  
who gives songs  
in the night.*

## *Waking Up*



When you wake up in  
the morning  
do you have a happy heart  
That sings a song down deep inside  
to give you a good start?  
I think it's kinda' foolish  
to let something steal your joy  
When God made things so beautiful  
that you ought to enjoy.

He didn't clone the animals  
and only make a few  
But he created thousands  
when the world was fresh and new.  
I wonder if the animals, and birds  
that sing so sweet  
Are giving messages to us  
when we the morning greet.

The birds will start their day with song,  
the animals will stir  
And kinda' stretch a little bit,  
then gussy up their fur.  
It seems they do not have to think,  
"What shall I do today?"  
They get right busy doing stuff  
and then get on their way.

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us  
rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

## *The Happy Heart*

The folks who have a happy heart  
are pretty smart, ya' know.  
Some whistle, sing, or hum a bit  
most everywhere they go;  
And if you do that very thing  
folks wonder what you've got  
That gives you happiness inside--  
a thing that they have not.

A lot of good things happen  
when you spread your love around--  
Some folks who feel down in the dumps  
sure need a joyful sound.  
So brighten someone's life today  
by things you do and say,  
Sometimes a smile will let them know  
that they are loved today.



*Dear friends, let us love one another,  
for love comes from God. 1 John 4:7*



Don't waste your time in arguing,  
It's such a waste, you know,  
To raise your voice in anger  
is just not the way to go.  
To say things that should not be said  
can hurt a person bad  
So keep your cool and shut your mouth  
and keep your spirit glad.

The Bible gives advice on this  
that's really pretty neat--  
It says if folks are full of wrath  
keep answers soft and sweet.  
It takes two or more to argue  
so if you're really smart  
You'll not shout out those unkind words,  
it could affect your heart.  
Though we may live a long, long time  
life still goes pretty fast  
And happy are the gentle folks  
who make the good times last.

*A patient man calms a quarrel*  
*Proverbs 15:18*

## *Today's Song*



Today my heart will have  
a song  
for I will grateful be  
For all the good things  
in my life  
that God has given me.  
It seems that anywhere I look  
I see His love and care,  
There is no place where He is not--  
He's simply everywhere.

I know some folks don't say too much  
and feel depressed and sad,  
I wonder if a smile or song  
would cheer them up a tad.  
I realize a lot of stuff  
can kinda' steal our song  
And so we've got to careful be  
that that won't last too long.

Don't let your heart be troubled, folks,  
our God is in control  
And He's aware of everything  
that irritates your soul.  
So put your hand in His big Hand  
and hang on real tight  
Assured that when He's in control  
He'll make things come out right.

*Do not let your heart be troubled.  
Trust in God John 14:1*

## *The Upward Look*

When you wake up in the morning  
and you're feeling mighty fine  
Do your eyes and heart turn upward  
and get Heaven "on the line?"  
Do you tell Him you are grateful  
for your family and your friends  
And truly do appreciate  
the blessings that He sends?  
Do you tell Him that you love Him,  
that you're proud to be His son,  
And thank Him that His eye's on you  
until this life is done?  
We would save ourselves some trouble  
and some stress along the way  
If we'd talk to God in Heaven  
and to Him commit our day.

*Commit your way to the  
Lord; trust in him  
Psalm 37:5*



## *Just Keepin' In Touch*

Dear Lord,

I talked to You a while ago  
and I'm already back,  
I really like to keep in touch  
before I hit the sack.  
I kinda' want to thank You  
for Your help throughout the day,  
I'm glad You're not annoyed with me  
because I often pray.

Some days are kinda' tough, You know,  
some nights get pretty long  
But knowing that You care for me  
sure gives my heart a song.  
It's great You're not too busy, Lord,  
to hear the words I say,  
I'm glad I need not stand in line  
and wait and wait to pray.

And so I'll say good night  
for now  
and then when I get up  
I'll get in touch with You again  
so You can fill my cup.

*Be joyful always;  
pray continually;  
give thanks in all  
circumstances  
1 Thessalonians 5:16*



## *You're In God's Heart*

You have a place in God's big heart  
and He'd like you to know  
That He would like a place in yours  
because He loves you so.  
If you would fall in love with Christ  
and give Him all your soul  
Your life would never be the same  
because He'd make you whole.

A life that's lived apart from God  
can never satisfy  
The empty feeling down inside  
no matter how you try.  
So ask the Lord into your heart,  
He'd give your soul a song  
And you'd find life is sweeter  
when you have the Lord along.



*Here I am! I stand at  
the door and knock.  
If anyone hears my  
voice and opens the door,  
I will come in and eat  
with him and he with me.  
Revelation 3:20*

## *Songs in the Night*

Some folks will take a sleeping pill  
to help them sleep at night,  
They hope they can drop off and sleep  
until the morning light.  
But pills don't always work that well  
and put a guy to sleep  
And so sometimes they just end up  
by counting endless sheep.

But that is not too smart, ya' know,  
there's better stuff to do  
For you can hum a song inside  
that means a lot to you.  
So don't despair and waste that time  
and toss and turn in bed  
And ruminates on unkind things  
you may have done or said.

Lift up your heart and talk to God,  
He has good news for you  
And seeing He's awake  
all night  
He'll know just what to do.

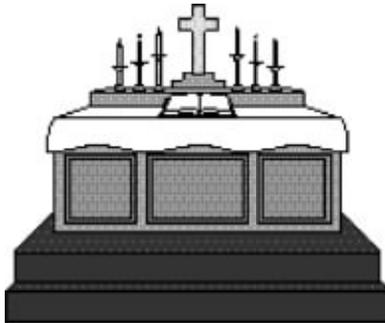
*God my maker  
who gives songs  
in the night..  
Job 35:10*



## *Not all Altars are in Churches*

All altars aren't in churches, friend,  
they're where you meet with God;  
Sometimes they're by an old highchair  
where children sit and nod.  
Some folks will find an altar  
above their kitchen sink,  
Still others are in bed in pain  
with lots of time to think.

Some talk to God while shopping  
or walking down the street  
And God may even help them smile  
at people that they meet.  
Some talk to God while cleaning floors  
and dusting things a bit  
For God is listening all the time  
and will hear all of it.



We can bow before an altar  
in a fancy church or shrine  
And hope that God will listen  
as we tell Him line by line  
About the stuff that bothers us  
and how our life is tough  
And that we need His grace and love  
so we'll have strength enough.

It's nice to go to Church, ya' know,  
and hear the people sing  
And know that God hears every prayer--  
in fact, hears everything.  
But lots of prayers aren't said in church--  
they're said most anywhere  
Where people bow their hearts and minds  
and breathe a sincere prayer.



*But God has surely listened and  
heard my prayer. Psalm 66:19 and 20*



## *Tired of Problems*

Sometimes I'm tired  
of problems, Lord,  
that would upset my day  
Forgetting that they  
come to pass  
and do not come to stay.

Forgive me when I fail to see  
how richly I am blest  
With all the things You've given me  
to feather up my nest.

Besides all this I find the things  
that I most highly treasure  
Are friends You've sent across my path  
who bring both love and pleasure.  
Without them, Lord, I'd not survive  
for life would lose its song  
And even more important  
is to have You, Lord, along.

So I will keep a happy song  
tucked deep within my heart  
Assured that things that come my way  
won't keep us far apart.  
Because I need Your help so much  
I know You'll understand  
Why I creep up so close to You  
until I feel Your Hand.

## *The Doc's*

It seems the Doc's know how to do  
a lot of fancy stuff--  
They transplant different organs now  
and if that's not enough  
They replace hips and worn knee joints,  
they push and pull with zest,  
And always they are trying to do  
the treatment that is best.

They order pills they think will help  
to cure some bad disease,  
And often they prescribe some stuff  
to make folks feel at ease.  
I don't know how we'd get along  
without their help, ya' know,  
When parts wear out and pain sets in  
and we feel mighty low.

So they take care of flu and gout  
and tune us up a bit  
Then we find out it isn't long  
before we're feeling fit.  
But if you have a broken heart  
and life is mean and tough  
The Doc's advice and  
pills you take  
just may not be enough.  
You may need God to touch  
your heart  
and make it whole and new  
For He's the Great Physician  
and He knows just what to do.



## *Lift Up Your Voice and Sing*

Don't live among the shadows, friend,  
lift up your voice and sing,  
God loves it when we're joyful  
and give thanks for every thing.  
There is nothing like the sunlight  
of God's amazing love  
To bathe our heart and cheer our soul  
like sunshine from above.

I know some folks have troubles  
and find it hard to cope,  
It seems they've not discovered  
God can give them peace and hope.  
But others who believe in God  
are on the winning team  
For He has made life better--  
more than they dared to dream.





## *Cloudy Skies*

Sometimes our skies seem pretty gray  
and we start feeling blue  
Like we've kinda' hit some speed bumps  
so what's a guy to do?  
We can either slip into a rut  
our anxious thoughts have dug  
Or we can sing a song to God  
and He'll give us a hug.

Life is kinda' what we make it,  
we can sing or we can pout  
But if we have a happy heart  
it shows from inside out.  
So if you find life tough and mean  
you need to hum a tune  
And if it's from your heart to God  
you should feel better soon.

*A cheerful heart is good medicine*  
*Proverbs 17:22*

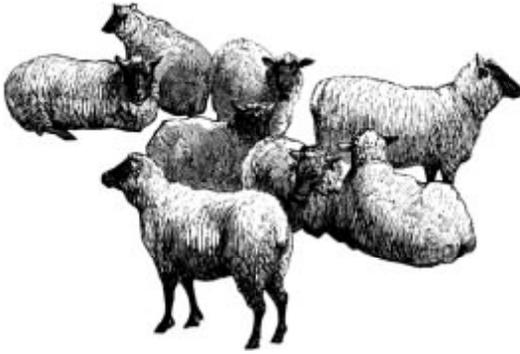
## *Shepherds*

I like to see the Christmas cards  
that show that Holy Night  
When shepherds saw the Christ Child  
and stars were shining bright.  
But have you noticed they're dressed up  
and look so clean and neat?  
I doubt if they are barefoot  
but have sandals on their feet.

Now when I meditate on this  
the thought occurs to me  
God chose to send His angels  
to some common folks, you see.  
The shepherds didn't know that night  
they'd hear the angels sing  
So they were wearing shepherd's clothes  
unaware of anything.

I'd guess they would have tidied up  
but with no place to show'r  
There wasn't much that they could do  
at that near-midnight hour.  
But God was looking at their hearts,  
not at the clothes they wore  
And so He chose some common folks  
to worship and adore

His Gift to earth, His only Son,  
the very best He had  
In hopes there would be peace on earth  
and make His followers glad.  
And, friend, it is the same today,  
God welcomes all who come  
And if you give your heart to Him  
your soul will sing and hum.



*The shepherds returned, glorifying and  
praising God for all the things they had  
heard and seen, which were just as they  
had been told. Luke 2:20*

## *What's God Supposed to Do?*

Don't treat God like a sickly friend  
you visit once a week  
For He wants you to keep in touch  
and hear the words you speak.  
I know it takes some time to pray  
and read His Word, you know,  
But folks who do this very thing  
know it's the way to go.

Somehow they seem to hum a lot  
and find God answers prayer  
For they have found God listens  
and may answer then and there.  
Sometimes He answers with a "Yes,"  
sometimes He may say "No,"  
Sometimes He tells us "Wait a bit,"  
but that's okay you know

Because He knows the future  
and He sees far, far ahead  
And if our God looks after us  
we need not live in dread.  
So if you're hassled every day  
with burdens hard to bear  
Just tell the Lord what's in your heart  
and then just leave it there.

God has a lot of answers  
that He'd like to share with you  
But if you seldom talk to Him  
what's He supposed to do?  
It seems to me if you're stressed out  
and really in a bind  
You oughta' talk to God a lot  
for He gives peace of mind.



*Come to me, all you who are weary and  
burdened, and I will give you rest.  
Matthew 11:28*



## *Perks*

I've found there are perks  
that you get in this life  
If you hang together  
as husband and wife  
And work toward a goal  
that you both want to reach  
And do the fun things  
so important to each.

I'd just like to mention  
a few of the perks  
That both can enjoy  
in a marriage that works.  
You need not be lonely  
for someone is there,  
It's always more fun  
if your heart you can share.

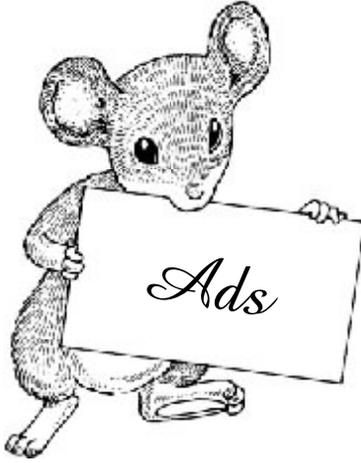
There's someone to care  
if you're feeling down low--  
They'll do things to help you  
to get up and go.

The pains and the aches  
get a listening ear,  
There's comfort in knowing  
another is near.

And then there's the joy  
if with children you're blest--  
They'll brighten the home  
as can no other guest.  
The trips that you take  
would be lonely and long  
If you had no partner  
to give it a song.

So folks, hang together,  
things sometimes get rough  
And if you get thinking  
that you've had enough  
Hold on to your marriage,  
hard times will not last  
And 'fore y'all know it  
the problems have passed.

The kids will be grateful  
to both Mom and Dad  
If all hang together  
and share the same pad.



Some things that I see advertised  
just kinda' tee me off  
Because a lot of stuff they claim  
won't even cure a cough.  
If folks use anti-aging cream  
no wrinkle should appear,  
And yet I see folks wrinkled up,  
why don't they disappear?

And then I see they advertise  
a lot of pills and stuff,  
It seems if they'd do what they claim  
folks should feel up to snuff.  
No one would have to lie awake  
just counting endless sheep,  
They'd take a pill and crawl in bed  
then shortly fall asleep.

I know that medicine can cure  
a lot of people's ills  
But do we really need to take  
so many kinds of pills?  
I wonder what would happen  
if we just ate healthy food--  
Would we start feeling better  
or would we come unglued?

I wonder if the research folks  
would ask the senior group  
What really made them live so long--  
could it be chicken soup?  
Or did they have a song inside  
that helped them to relax  
And when their heart kept  
humming tunes  
they lived life to the max?

