



*In Loving Memory
of
Our Angel
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*When somebody dies,
a cloud turns into an angel,
and flies up to tell God
to put another flower on a pillow.*

*A bird gives the message
back to the world,
and sings a silent prayer
that makes the rain cry.*

*People disappear,
but they never really go away.*

*The spirits up there put the sun to bed,
wake up grass,
and spin the earth in dizzy circles.*

*Sometimes you can see them
dancing in a cloud during the daytime,
when they're supposed to be sleeping.*

*They paint the rainbows
and also the sunsets
and make waves splash
and tug at the tide.*

*They toss shooting stars
and listen to wishes.*

*And when they sing windsongs,
they whisper to us,
don't miss me too much.
The view is nice
and I'm doing just fine.*

Author Unknown

White Butterflies

By Kay Mukhar

*I went to light a candle
To pray for you, my dear
When past me flew
White butterflies
Who brushed away my tears*

*Velvet wings so light, so pure
They sparkled as they flew
Surrounding me
White butterflies
Reminding me of you*

*They tickled me, made me laugh
I chuckled for awhile
And just like you
White butterflies
Turned sorrow into smiles*

*One landed on my shoulder
And nestled in my hair
For that brief time
White butterflies
Allowed you to sit there*

*I know you never left me
So please forgive my tears
Next time I see
White butterflies
I'll know that you are near*

The Cord

*We are connected,
My child and I
By an invisible cord
Not seen by the eye.*

*It's not like the cord
That connects us 'til birth
This cord can't been seen
By any on Earth.*

*This cord does it's work
Right from the start.
It binds us together
Attached to my heart.*

*I know that it's there
Though no one can see
The invisible cord
From my child to me.*

*The strength of this cord
Is hard to describe.
It can't be destroyed
It can't be denied.*

*It's stronger than any cord
Man could create
It withstands the test
Can hold any weight.*

*And though you are gone,
Though you're not here with me,
The cord is still there
But no one can see.*

*It pulls at my heart
I am bruised...I am sore,
But this cord is my lifeline
As never before.*

*I am thankful that God
Connects us this way
A mother and child
Death can't take it away!*



*I have moved for a time into another room
In this place of beauty I await you soon
Just you and I as we were and are
I am watching and guiding I am not far
I have shed my earthly cloak I wore
Yet I return to places we visited and saw
So call me by my familiar name
There is no time for sorrow or pain
Laugh as we laughed at the jokes we played
The words that we spoke and the friends we made
Our thoughts are the same in unbroken shade
I live in such peace from whence I came
I enter your dreams I enter your mind
To talk to you still in vision and sound
I smile when you wake asking if this were true
Keep sacred these dreams
I am waiting for you....*

By John Goodman

My Windows' Shades
By Kay Sukhar

*Some say the windows
To one's soul are the eyes
So I have chosen
To keep my windows closed
To all but a few*

*When people meet me
They see my smile
So bright
And hear my laughter
So cheerful*

*I look upon the world
Through my windows'
shades
To hide my tears
My pain
My sorrow*

*Why make others feel
My sorrow
Why let them peek
Into the private windows
Of my soul*

*No one but one bereaved
Can understand
The burning tears
Of one who has lost
A child
So dear*

*So when I go out
The world looks not
Upon my soul
No one sees my tears
Behind my windows' shades*



The Morning Star

By Carol McCracken

*Farik, Farik bright morning star
It's comforting to know where you are
You are the brightest star in the sky
I look up at you and wonder why*

*Why you had to leave this earth
When it seems we just celebrated your birth
You have work to do of a heavenly call
You will spread your love and gifts to all*

*Yes, you have work to do
dear precious boy
And who knew you were filled with joy
Your light will never fade
As it guides us on our way*

*We miss you on this earthly plane
Here, we will never see you again
But, we will feel you in the sun
rain and snow
And with each breath
we will never let you go*

*Soon it will be our time to join you
When we must leave this planet, too
We will dance in eternity's grace
And we will forever see your beautiful
smiling face*

*Til then we send our love
And know you are watching from above
We will honor you on each and every day
And make you proud of us
in each and every way*



Turn Your Scars to Stars

*Life, it is the ultimate ride
No one in it can ever glide
One day up the next day down
We never know what comes around
Lessons we learn near and far
Remember to turn your scars to stars
Pain is weakness leaving the body
A gift disguised, next to Godly
Face it with courage and with pride
Because you were chosen for this bumpy ride
Needing each other to empathize
One day we'll realize
For greater purpose we sacrifice
Some even give their lives
In tragedy it's hard to see
What good can come to you and me
It's all part of the legacy
Of love that's given unconditionally
It's divine intervention to learn what we need
To give to others so they can succeed
It's a healing process that helps us to nurture
It's a prophecy that leads to the future
Look to the heavens and marvel at the stars
They are products of so many scars
Thanks to God they illuminate the sky
The chosen few should never ask why
Lessons we learn near and far
Remember to turn your scars to stars
So know your loss is the ultimate gain
You are blessed with every drop of rain
Emptiness is not the infernal abyss
It's a place to hold your beloved Farik
Maybe a purpose will help us survive
The path we've chosen in our life
Your child was born out of love
And given to God up above
He was the connection, the ties that bind
The reason you searched and couldn't find
A message to send to all the world
Of health and healing and all that's told
In the books of our prophets,
in the suffering of saints
In the garden of life, a cry so faint
You'll never hear it unless you know
He had to leave, he had to go
There was mother who suffered such loss
As she saw her son nailed to a cross
The good that comes from the depths of grief
That is your child's legacy
Lessons we learn near and far
Remember to turn your scars to stars*

*Dedicated to Ginny with faith, hope and love...
The greatest of these is love.
1st Corinthians, Chapter 13*

Diana Baker



A Prayer Away

By Kay Sukhar

*Let us take a walk, dear friend,
right across the stars
and see who we might see*

*We'll skate the Milky Way on roller blades
and swim the universe for days*

*We'll come across the home of God
but not stay there for long*

*We know we'll come another day
we'll just show up and stay...
If we're invited, that is to say!*

*A fine young man will greet us there
someone you know and love
he'll say he wants to talk... to you*

*I'll wait outside for his words,
dear friend, are just for you to hear*

*And then...
he'll tell you how he misses you
but wants you to know he's fine*

*And then...
he'll thank you for the life you shared
for your love and belief in him*

*And then...
he'll thank you for the jokes you'd share
making you both laugh for days*

*And then...
he'll put his arms around you
and let you know he's safe*

*And then...
he'll assure you he is in the home of God
and blessed are his days*

*And then...
he'll show you round and let you meet
the angels who'd always been his friends*

*And then...
he'll reassure you
that death doesn't mean an end
that he will always be close by...*

Only a prayer away

