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Forward

I want to take this opportunity to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for enabling me to put the contents of this book in print. It is my prayer that all who read it will know the rich blessing of God upon their lives.

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Whispers of Love

Whispers of Love from heaven above
speak to this heart of mine
and tell me of the gift that cost
the life that was Divine.

The gift of my salvation
was bought upon a tree
by the lovely Son of God
who died on Calvary.

I thank Him that He whispers still
and that for good, and not for ill,
may I ever attentive be
to the One who speaks to me.

John 10:4 & Romans 8:23

Bluebells, Bluebells

Bluebells, bluebells everywhere,
their honey scent floats on the air.

In the forest floor under leafy shade,
on the grassy bank, in the sunset glade.

On the roadside verge that winds its way
along the riverbank, what a display.

I wonder who planted the seedlings there?
They come each year without attention or care.

They must get attention that we don't see,
at least this is how it seems to me.



Bird Song

What is that beautiful sound I hear?
It is the sound of bird song in my ear.
The notes that hang on the air
sound so beautiful and so fair.

Not a single note is out of tune,
yet many sing from early morn to noon
Every species sings its own song
yet they blend together in symphonic throng.

Why not stop and listen, lend an ear
while the birds sing their songs loud and clear,
They will raise your thoughts to a higher plane
where God will refresh your soul again.





Mulroy Bay

Beautiful Donegal

I have travelled here
I have travelled there
In Ireland I have travelled
almost everywhere.

I firmly believe
nowhere else can compare
with beautiful Donegal,
it is so, so fair.

I think I'm right,
I think I can say
Nowhere compares
to beautiful Mulroy Bay.

The Close of the Day

There is no time more beautiful
than the close of the day,
when the sun is sinking down
over Mulroy Bay.

When the clouds turn to orange
and the sea turns to red
then we know for certain
this day is near its end.



Mulroy Bay, Kerrykeel

The Picture from my Window

This morning from my window
high perched upon a tree,
a bird sat as if framed
on the branch in front of me.

When you pull back your curtains
do you ever expect to see
something that will start your morning
like opening a good day with a key?



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Said the Robin to the Sparrow

Said the robin to the sparrow
“I would really like to know
why these anxious human beings
rush about to and fro?”

Said the sparrow to the robin,
“If they were like you and me
they’d let their Creator guide them
where’er they happen to be.”

God’s Creativity

Every day there is something different
in this world for us to see,
I never cease to be amazed
by God’s creativity.



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The Red Breasted Robin

The red breasted robin
high perched upon the wall,
thrusts his breast forward,
and sings the sweetest song of all.

How lovely it is to hear him
after the dark Winter's night,
Now he is declaring
that Spring is just in sight.

Mountains

There are mountains of every shape and design
with colourful hues over height and decline
Mountains of heather, of grass and stone
with bracken and flowers, they're a delight to roam.

Many flocks of birds have rested thereon
or nested and given birth to their young
Many sheep and goats reside there too
I wonder do they appreciate the view?



Mulroy Bay

Waves

I love to sit and watch the waves
as they lap upon the shore,
I love to see them rise and break
as they flow the rocks o'er.

I love to sit and listen
to the sounds they make thereon,
I love to see them ebb and flow
the golden sand upon.

I love to see the patterns
they leave when they go
Only to return once more
and again, to overflow.

The Wind

Where does the wind come from
and where does it go?
This is a difficult question
to answer I know.

We just have to accept
there is a God on high
who can do as He likes
with the wind in the sky.



This picture was taken in Australia



Mullingar, Co Westmeath

The Cherry Tree

The blossoms on the Cherry Tree
although beautiful to see,
last for such a short time
that they remind me
that we, human beings,
while created big and strong
we too will fade and fall,
and it won't take very long.

A Thought

An apple tree breads apples
because it's an apple tree,
We humans bread sin
because we sinners be.
Thankfully God sent His Son
to die for you and me
So that if we repent and trust
we can be from sin set free.



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An Amazing Sight

Have you ever watched a flock of birds in flight?

Now I think that is an amazing sight,

How can they swoop, dive, soar and weave,
without causing each other pain or grief?

How can they take flight, not one but all
from the ground yet not collide or fall?

How do they decide how fast to go
yet not fly too high, or fly too low?

How do they know where to land?

Which bird gives the flight command?

I don't see birds with flashing lights
to signal when to turn to the left or right,
I have heard it said a man had a bird brain
insinuating he had not a brain to his name
but I know that if a man was to try to fly
I know for certain that man would die.

Have you ever considered the awesomeness of God?

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The One who created all with nought but His Word
From the high, high mountains to the rolling seas
From the birds in the sky to the tiny bees
From the amazing elephants to the minute flees
From the sun in the sky to you and to me
How can God speak to individuals all over the earth
without a microphone, a telephone or anything else?
How can we speak, hear, see, think, walk, feel and do
without having to start an engine or press a button or two?
I don't know what you think, but I take a lot for granted
yet my body has worked from the moment my life started
I think you and I ought to give thanks and praise
to the One who created us and numbered our days.

*I hope those who read the next two poems will forgive me for including them
in this book but I think God wants us to see that He also has a sense of
humour*

The Lizard and the Toad

“Are you going to abide in your usual abode”
said the lizard to the toad?

“Yes, I am as soon as I can
at least that is my present plan.”

“Why not come and stay with me
I have many exciting things to see.”

“It is so good of you to think of me
I’ll accept your invitation as I am free.”

“Think nothing of it, just come with me
I would like to have SOMETHING for tea.”

Spare Inches

I once was slender, I once was slim
I had no spare inches on my bum.

I hope you appreciate that after child number eight
I am allowed just a little weight.

What was that I heard you say?
Middle aged spread, oh no way.

I am yet but in my prime
Was that a groan I heard you whine?

Oh, the highlights in my hair
Are they not the fashion now everywhere?

Our Beds

It is so good to have a bed
that is comfortable and warm
A place to lay our weary heads
a shelter from the storm.

A place to relax and retreat
from the pressures of the day
A place to close tired eyes
and have troubles float away.

A place where bodies are remade
rebuilt, restored, renewed,
so they can face another day
with new strength endued.

The Light from above

Pull back the curtains and let Jesus' light shine in
if your life is darkened by a web of sin
You won't know what you are missing
until you allow the Lord Jesus to be
the Light that shines so, so clearly
There is so much beauty hidden from view
Will you allow Jesus to reveal His beauty to you?
Jesus offers His light without favour or cost
He died to reveal beauty to a world that is lost
We cannot buy power that will light the soul
We cannot use candles, electricity, peat or coal
Jesus who offers salvation as a gift of His love
Said, "I have come as the light from above."

Memories of Mrs Kerr

Thank you, Lord, for the little things
that remind me of times gone by
Thank you for primroses,
they remind me of Mrs Kerr.

I now recall the many times
I sat beside her bed
When I brought her primroses
she poured blessings on my head.

Although she was old and I was young,
there was so much we had to say,
I valued her Godly friendship
and her wisdom many a day.

I recall the scripture text she gave me
when I on Christ my sins did cast,
“In all thy ways acknowledge Him
and He will direct thy paths.”

Proverbs 3 v 6



Our Daily Bread

We may eat our food on Sunday
and pack our stomachs tight
but if we fast on weekdays
we will grow thin and weak and white.

Our minds won't function properly,
our bodies will go astray,
indeed, it won't take very long
until the undertaker takes us away.

Take note if you are a Christian
who sings and reads and prays,
in Church on a Sunday morning
but neglects God on weekdays.

God's Word is called the Bread of Life,
So, if it's your wish and desire to be
a strong and able Christian
then partake of His Word daily.



I have so many blessings

As the storm rages and the storm roars
I become more thankful for strong doors,
for strong walls; and a warm bed,
for a strong roof above my head.

It's sad to think there are people on the streets
with soggy shoes upon their feet
In cardboard boxes for their beds,
with the sky as the roof above their heads.

It makes me so thankful I want to say
I have so many blessings every day
Lord, touch my heart and touch my mind
so that to all I will be loving and kind.

Many Thanks

Thank You for your presence Lord,
for your love and tender care.

Thank You for our homes
and families who love us there.

Thank You for our world
with beauty all around.

Thank You for our food
from out of the sea and ground.

Thank You for our schools
where we can learn and do.

Thank You for our Churches
where we can learn of You.

Farmers

It is getting more and more difficult for farmers each year
this may be the pattern from now on I fear,
With inclement weather and storms galore
with prices leaving farmers looking for more,
Now, there is paperwork mounting high
no wonder we hear farmers sigh.
Forms to record animal births,
Forms to record animal deaths,
And many more forms in between
forms that our forbearers would never have seen.
Not long ago it was ladies who wore
necklaces, earrings and jewellery galore.
Now cattle are wearing them more and more
no wonder farm incomes are going through the floor.

Sometimes we are Too Busy

Sometimes we are too busy
to hear the birds sing,
Sometimes we are too busy
to hear anything.

Sometimes we are too busy
to see the beauty all around,
To see the beauty in the sea,
on the mountains or in the ground.

Sometimes we are too busy
to hear someone sigh,
To see they really need us
to listen to their cry.

Some people have been too busy
to see their children grow,
only then to realise
they from the nest have flown.



Our garden

The Storms of Life

The plants growing in my garden
stand firm against the storm
as it blows and beats around them
on this bleak Winter's morn.

They are fragile and beautiful,
a welcome sight to see
It's sad to see them tossed about
so relentlessly.

They make me think of people
whose faith is fragile too,
as they face the storms of life
that buffet me and you.

If they put their trust in Jesus
He will take them by the hand,
He will never leave them,
He will help them stand.

A Trophy to Win

We see tennis played on our TV screens many a day
with many playing in a professional way,
Playing with speed, precision and skill,
it appears they can almost control the ball at will.

It is not only the ball they keep in control
they keep their person in control as a whole,
They show little emotion, stress or pain,
as they play in hot sun between showers of rain.

They face their opponents hour after hour,
hitting the ball with strength and power,
Ever keeping the title and trophy in view
to win, is the reason for the hard work they do.

As we marvel at their skill on the TV screen
so much of their effort and work goes unseen,
Many practice from childhood day after day,
in Summer and Winter, come what may.

Behind the screen the coach urges them on,
giving advice and instruction they can rely upon,
Working alongside their pupil day after day
assuring them of help, every step of the way.

As the game is played the spectators watch on
applauding and cheering their player along,
With so, so much pressure to do their best
the player's skill and stamina is put to the test.

We see joy on the face of the player who wins,
supporters are rewarded with a wave and a grin
What a sense of achievement, the prize is theirs,
they walk off the court to applause and cheers.

As individuals these players have much to teach us
that with faith in our Saviour, dedication and trust
We have a trophy and an eternal title to win
our coach is waiting if we are willing to begin.

Jesus, our Saviour promises to stay by our side
He will teach, guide and lead us and with us abide
Because spectators will also watch you and me
we must show them how they too can win a trophy.

Joshua 1 v 5

The Lord said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

Happy Birthday

I am sitting here thinking of you,
So, I am sending a word to say
how I would like to be with you
to celebrate your birthday.

As you know that's not possible
as many, many miles divide,
But miles cannot divide the love
that is welling up inside.

I hope you have a Birthday
that is special in every way,
May you enjoy many, many more
peaceful, happy days.

I ask the Lord to bless you
and keep you in His care,
His love, it is so precious,
nothing earthly can compare.

A Smile

A smile is the greatest gift we can give away,
There is a “mile” after the “s” literally,
If you meet someone who looks sad, lonely or forlorn
just give them a smile as you, this world roam,
And I believe, you then will see
a change on their countenance instantly,
You may be the only person that individual will meet
who will acknowledge them or their attention seek,
A smile won’t cost you a single, solitary thing
but it could make the heart of a lonely person sing,
The heart that felt rejected, miserable or afraid
could now be filled with a glimmer of hope instead,
If you don’t already know, I hope you now can see
that your smile could help others and yourself internally,
Your heart will feel uplifted if they smile in return,
that is something money can’t buy and should not be spurned,
The person you meet could become a very good friend
but you’ll never know if you don’t a smile of friendship extend,
Jesus said, “Love your neighbour as yourself.”
I think His advice is good, “What do you think yourself?”

Bridges can be taken for granted

Bridges can be taken for granted,
we can use them day after day
and never consider their value,
they are just part of life's highway.

In past days of frost, rain and storm
many bridges were swept away,
many people were left stranded,
as they travelled their homeward way.

We can forget there was a void
where travellers were unable to cross,
until required action was taken,
raising steel and concrete aloft.

Bridges allow traffic to flow freely,
access can be made to either side,
transporting the necessities of life,
regardless of on which side we abide.

A void exists between God and man,
a void that man is unable to span,
That's why God sent His sinless Son
to die to save all who trust in Him.

Lovingly, Jesus Christ did for man
what man himself was powerless to do,
Jesus knew no sin could enter heaven,
so He died to redeem me and you.

But like the bridge that spans the river,
we won't reach heaven's golden shore
by looking, dreaming, hoping or wishing,
only those who trust in Jesus will enter heaven's door.



Co Westmeath



Taken in Australia

God's Work of Perfection

No wonder my God loved the garden
where the story of creation began,
It was there he worked in detail
in perfection as only He can.

He worked on shape, size and colour,
on design, texture and smell,
On height, width and foliage,
how did He create everything so well?

He created flowers, fruits, veg. and cereals,
plus green grasses in every hue,
Providing for the needs of man and beast,
while taking time to make things beautiful too.

He created a vast variety of creatures,
many more than the eye can see,
Birds, beetles, bugs and bees,
underfoot and in the flowers and trees.

Of course, He made animals galore
of every shape, size and design,
Many He created to benefit man,
some for food, some to assist mankind.

Now to mention His final creation,
when He picked up clay and made man,
Desiring to make someone like Himself,
with whom He could communicate and plan.

When all was finally completed,
He looked around with pride and did say,
"It is good, I am satisfied, I am finished,
it is now time to rest for a day."

How often we mindlessly ignore
God's bounty and beauty that's displayed,
Too busy, we are apt to be heedless,
we take so much for granted each day.

An amazing feat of technology

A thought came to mind the other day
of how our bodies are made in such an amazing way,
If you stop and consider I'm sure you'll agree
we are an amazing feat of technology.

Our bodies are factories at work night and day,
they never stop working whether at sleep or play,
Circulating blood, vitamins and minerals too,
are continually active within me and you.

We can work, speak, feel, think and see,
yet we take these procedures for granted daily,
To lift our hand and drink our tea
our brain must tell our hand to do this activity.

If we thought of all the work involved
we would be tired before we did any work at all,
I don't know about you, but now I see
I am a soul living within a working laboratory.

My heart is filled with thanks and praise
to God who has blessed me all my days,
I ask him now to never let me be
presumptuous of His wonderful gifts to me.

Allotted Time

God says in His Word whether we like it or not
we are bound by the time that we're allotted.

A time to be born, a time to die,
a time to repent, don't let it pass by.

Because God our Creator holds the key
He decides where we dwell eternally.

It's just the same as a man at a bar
when it is his pleasure to have a jar.

The bar-man shouts "Time" and all must go,
the time is up, the clock says so.

"No more excuses, out you get,
for the law states the time is set.

But after death when we all go,
there will be judgement, God's Word says so.

The only difference with the man at the bar,
he knows the time he must finish his jar.

So, don't let the time pass you by,
God offers forgiveness and a home on high.

Be wise; put your trust in Jesus, God's Son,
His blood was shed to save all who trust in Him.

Ecclesiastes 3



Christmas Greetings

We come at this season
to sing praises to you,
with hearts full of love
we have Good News too,
Good news that our Saviour
who came to this earth,
was born in a stable
of virgin birth.

When shepherds heard angels,
they were all filled with fright,
then in that cold stable,
to their great delight,
they found the Saviour,
Christ Jesus was born,
as the angles told them
in joyful song.

We bring Christmas Greetings
glad tidings to you,
Do you know the Saviour
so kind and so true?
He stands at your heart's door,
Oh, bid Him come in,
He died upon Calvary
to save you from sin..



Christmas is not just about holly

Christmas is not just about holly,
or tinsel, or crackers, or trees,
Christmas is about the love of God,
for sinners like you and me.

Jesus knew all about splendour,
He came from Heaven above,
Yet was born in a filthy stable,
to show us the depth of His love.

He could have been laid in satin,
in a crib of gold and gems,
But He was laid in a manger,
more humble than many men.

He sacrificed all and was lowly,
this Prince of Peace most high,
He knew when He came that Christmas
on Calvary He must die.





Why it's important to celebrate Christmas

Let me tell you why it's important to me
to celebrate Christmas annually,
It reminds me of what my blessed Saviour has done
to rescue me from the path I was travelling on.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God who dwelt in heaven on high
was sent to this earth to bleed and to die,
He was sent to rescue wretched man who was cursed by sin,
Jesus allowed His sinless blood to be shed, all glory to Him.

He, who became more humble than any man
says we must humble ourselves and repent of sin,
Acknowledge our need, trust and believe,
then from Him we will forgiveness and redemption receive.

God has put my sin in the sea of His forgetfulness to remember it no more,
and He has guaranteed me a home in heaven where we will dwell forevermore.
All glory, praise and honour be given to His precious, holy name,
now my wretched life will never, ever, be the same.

Please let me ask you one question, "Has He done the same for you?"
"If not, will you let Him do so now, because He wants to?"
Like me, all you need do is repent, trust and believe,
then you too from God will forgiveness and redemption receive.

I Ask the Lord to Bless You

I ask the Lord to bless you as you walk along life's way,
I pray He will guide and keep you through every passing day,
I'm sure you know He loves you, with an everlasting love,
That's why He sent Jesus to pay for the wrongs, you have done,
God's Son, who was born in Bethlehem on that first Christmas morn
Never sinned like you and me, He never did any wrong.
That is why God can now forgive us, if we put our trust in His Son,
Who allowed His sinless blood to be shed to save all, who trust in Him.
We never can repay Him, no matter how hard we try,
But we ought to praise and serve Him who sits at God's hand on high.



Harvests may be difficult

Harvests may be difficult,
Harvests may be bad,
But our God has promised
There will be a harvest to be had.

As long as the earth remains
God says that there will be
Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter
from now until eternity.

Nothing Happened by Chance

How can people say all happened by chance?
When they see the wonderful dolphin dance,
When they see the birds fly high in the sky,
When they see the animals peacefully lie,
When they see the beautiful moon in the sky,
When they see the lovely edible apple pie,
When they see the little child draw nigh,
I'm sure, you, like me, can see at a glance
That none of this could have happened by chance.

Lord, please lead

Lord, please lead, guide and direct me
in everything I say, think and do.
Help me to give praise, honour and glory
in every circumstance my God to You.

Thank You for Your blessed Holy Spirit,
that comforts, strengthens and keeps,
Help me to dwell in Your Divine Will,
every day whether awake or asleep.



Kerrykeel

A Big Question

If there is an oil slick on the road,
And your friend is heading there,
Will you do nothing to deter him?
Will you sit back and just not care?

Something to Remember

When we point a finger
to faults in those around,
Remember three fingers are pointing back
to faults that they have found.

Money

Money is like vapour
that evaporates with air,
As soon as we acknowledge it,
it is no longer there.

Questions worth considering

Have you ever considered the awesomeness of God?
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to the One who created us and numbered our days.



The Harvest Thanksgiving in our church

David and Goliath

There were two males in Israel
three thousand years ago,
One was called Goliath,
he was a massive man we know.

The other male was David,
he was only a young lad,
He tended his father's sheep,
what a responsible job he had.

Goliath was a Philistine,
he stood over nine feet tall,
He led the Philistine army,
he sought the Israelite's fall.

He taunted and he boasted
of how he would slay
any Israelite soldier
who would dare come his way.

Soldiers in the Israelite army
trembled with fear,
as the sound of his shouts
echoed in their ears.

The sight of his armour
alone caused great fear,
in the heart of any soldier
who dared to draw near.

Then along came David
with food for his brothers,
They served in the army
at the front, with the others.

It was there David heard
Goliath taunt all and say,
He would fight any man
who would dare come his way.

Young David then said,
“I will kill him if I am allowed,”
so he was brought to King Saul
amid the on-looking crowd.

David’s brothers were angry
at what they heard him say,
Perhaps there was jealousy
in their hearts that day.

King Saul said, “It’s impossible,
Sure you are only a lad.”
But David showed the King
what great courage he had.

He said, “I killed lions and bears
while looking after the sheep,
My God who helped me then,
is still well able to keep.”

He put a stone in his sling,
and he then faced the foe,
striking Goliath on the head
with one fatal blow.

David then ran bravely
to where Goliath lay,
and he cut off his head
on that historic day.

1 Samuel 17

Fear of Death

What causes people to have such fear
when they think death is drawing near?
If they don't believe there's a God on high
then why are they so afraid to die?

If they believed in our God of love,
then they would have nothing to be afraid of,
All who put their trust in Jesus, God's Son
will dwell eternally in heaven with Him.

"Time"

If we don't spend time, in the presence
of God, when dwelling below,
We won't spend time in His Presence,
when from this earth we go.

When we die we take nothing with us,
when from this world we take our leave,
Only time to consider the consequences,
if God's Word of Truth we did not believe.

Feet of Clay

When I spiritually stumble and fall,
if I hearken to God's call
and admit I've gone astray,
He will lift me right away
and plant my feet that are made of clay
on the Solid Rock, Who is the Way.

Psalm 40 vs. 1 & 2

*I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.*

Romans 9 v33

"See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him (Jesus) will never be put to shame.

Fallen Humanity

We stumble and tumble,
We falter and fall,
Without the Saviour,
We are no use at all.

"Salvation"

We must be saved from self and sin
if we are ever to enter in,
to God's prepared home on high,
and dwell with Him when we die.

Christianity

Christianity's not about being good enough,
It is not about being bad,
It is about new life in Christ,
that is available to be had.

This life we cannot work for,
This life money cannot buy,
This life is freely available,
but we must accept it before we die.

Our ransom it was paid for
by Jesus on Cavalry's Tree,
There He bought the gift of life,
now He offers it to you and me.

John 10 v 10

Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life
and have it to the full."

Commissioned to Tell

Do you realize that you ought to be
telling people about God and eternity?

God asks us to go and spread the word
that Jesus died to be our Lord.

There is no other job here on earth
that pays a wage beyond our death.

There is no insurance for you or me
like trusting in Jesus for eternity.

But we can only speak, if we know
we have been commissioned by God to go.

Mark 16 v 15

Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and preach
the good news to all creation.

My feet were heavy

My feet were heavy and my heart was sad
When I realized the life I had had,
But then my heart, it jumped with glee,
When my eyes read the words in front of me,
I read in the Bible that God sent His Son
To die for sinners who put their trust in Him,
My mind then raced, my feet danced with glee,
when I realized what He had done for me,
My burden was lifted, my soul was freed,
my lips sang His praise, I knew liberty,
Now my stomach feels sick, my head feels sore,
when I think of this sinful world and that is for sure,
But it gives me great joy to tell of His grace,
and watch Him put a smile on many a sad face.

2 Corinthians 12v9

The Lord said, "My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness."



Mulroy Bay, near Kerrykeel.

Jesus can meet our need

A car is taken to a garage,
when in need of repair,
We humans are taken to hospital,
most health issues can be solved there.

But when it comes to solving
the problem of our souls,
Then we must go to the Saviour,
only He can make us whole.

Jesus Christ alone was sinless,
while both human and divine,
Yet He gave His spotless, sinless life
to save your sinful soul and mine.

God accepted Jesus sacrifice,
when He gave His life on Calvary's tree
Now salvation is the gift God offers
if repentant sinners we be.

For it is by grace you have been saved through faith and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2 v 8

Can I ask you one question?

Can I ask you one question?
“Are you on speaking terms with God?”
Do you know that He is willing
to relieve your sinful load?
God asked His precious Son to die
on Calvary’s cruel, cruel tree,
to take man’s sin upon himself
so that sinners could go free.
He doesn’t charge a euro,
but He pleads with you and me
to admit we need forgiveness
so He then can set us free,
He can cleanse our sinful souls
of every spot and stain,
He longs to give us freedom,
praise to His precious name.

John 8 V’s 34 – 36

Jesus (the Son of God) replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

I claim friendship with Jesus

I claim friendship with Jesus, my Lord and my God,
He can achieve victory above the odds,
He, my Saviour claimed that He can be
right bedside me regardless of where I be.
I have proved that what He says is true,
I have so many stories, I could now tell you.
Jesus Christ also wants to befriend you,
what He did for me He also wants to do for you,
If you don't believe what I say is true
put Him to the test and He will prove it to you.

Deuteronomy 31 v 6

“Do not be afraid or terrified because of them,
for I will never leave you or forsake you.”

The Invitation

Come to the Saviour,
Oh! do not delay,
I know He is waiting
to meet you today!

Accept His offer,
draw nigh and take rest,
I know if you do,
your soul will be blessed.

He gives the invitation,
He asks us to come
Whoever we are,
Wherever we're from,

All invitations,
deserve a reply,
Don't disappoint Jesus
accept and draw nigh.



One Fact you now must see

If we want a personal relationship with Almighty God we must repent of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord.

He, the Son of God who gave His life on Calvary's tree allowed His righteous blood to be shed to set sinners free.

Jesus says, "If you repent; I will remember your sin no more I will cleanse your soul of sin, I will leave it white as snow.

The Holy Spirit will then dwell your redeemed soul within, peace, joy and purpose will replace the vile scourge of sin.

God, our Creator wants to do for you what He has done for me, but you must invite Him, because one fact you now must see,

He will never force His divine will on either you or on me, He gives us freedom to choose; yet He wants to set us free.

But if we refuse His offer, we have everything to loose, all who refuse His offer of salvation will their decision rue.

They will spend eternity in a despicably, vile, awful place where there will be suffering, sadness and eternal disgrace.

Jesus says only righteous blood can cleanse the soul of sin

So, open your heart's door and let the Lord Jesus come in.

All who refuse His offer of salvation and redeeming grace will spend eternity weeping, wailing and gnashing their teeth.

I have SO much to give thanks to God for

I want to thank God for His healing touch,
Through trials in life, He has taught me so much,
I have received healing of body, soul and mind,
I have so much to give thanks to God for you'll find.

Our God, is the God who is well able to do
whatever He pleases, let me tell you,
All He asks us to do is trust and believe,
then we from Him will blessings receive.

My Granny Anderson died when I was a child of 8,
I then asked God to allow me her trust in Him to emulate,
From then I tried to live in a way, that would please Him,
but at age 15, I realised I could not overcome sin.

The Holy Spirit then revealed I could be cleansed within,
if I trusted in the sinless death of Jesus, God's Son,
He who died to redeem all who repent and believe,
I would then, from God the gift of redemption receive.

I'm glad to say, I now have "Good News" to tell,
God cleansed my soul and He can cleanse yours as well,
He can put our sin in the sea of His forgetfulness, to remember it no more,
and guarantee us a dwelling place in Heaven, forevermore.

Thankfully, God can also heal our bodies as well as our souls,
I'm glad to say I have experienced His healing touch o'er and o'er,
But I also believe, God allows us to experience times of trial and pain,
so He can strengthen our faith in Him, praise His great and holy name.

*Proverbs 3 vs. 5&6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not
on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him
and He will make your paths straight.*

*Isaiah 43 v 25 "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions,
for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."*

Go for Growth

Some Christians are babies,
although life has begun,
they are still very weak,
they have not grown strong.

They haven't attempted to stand,
They have never attempted to run,
Indeed, I believe for many,
life has barely begun.

They have never attempted
to put God to the test,
They have never sought His help,
they have never been blessed.

They ought to make an effort
to get to their feet,
They must be determined,
all obstacles to beat.

If they endeavour in faith,
to take a step at a time,
they will soon realise
they can walk just fine.

Quickly they will know
they can even run,
Now a great adventure
has only begun.

There is much in this world
God wants them to do,
"Fields are white unto harvest
but the reapers are few."



Jesus

Jesus, the Prophet,
He can tell us
what is yet to come.

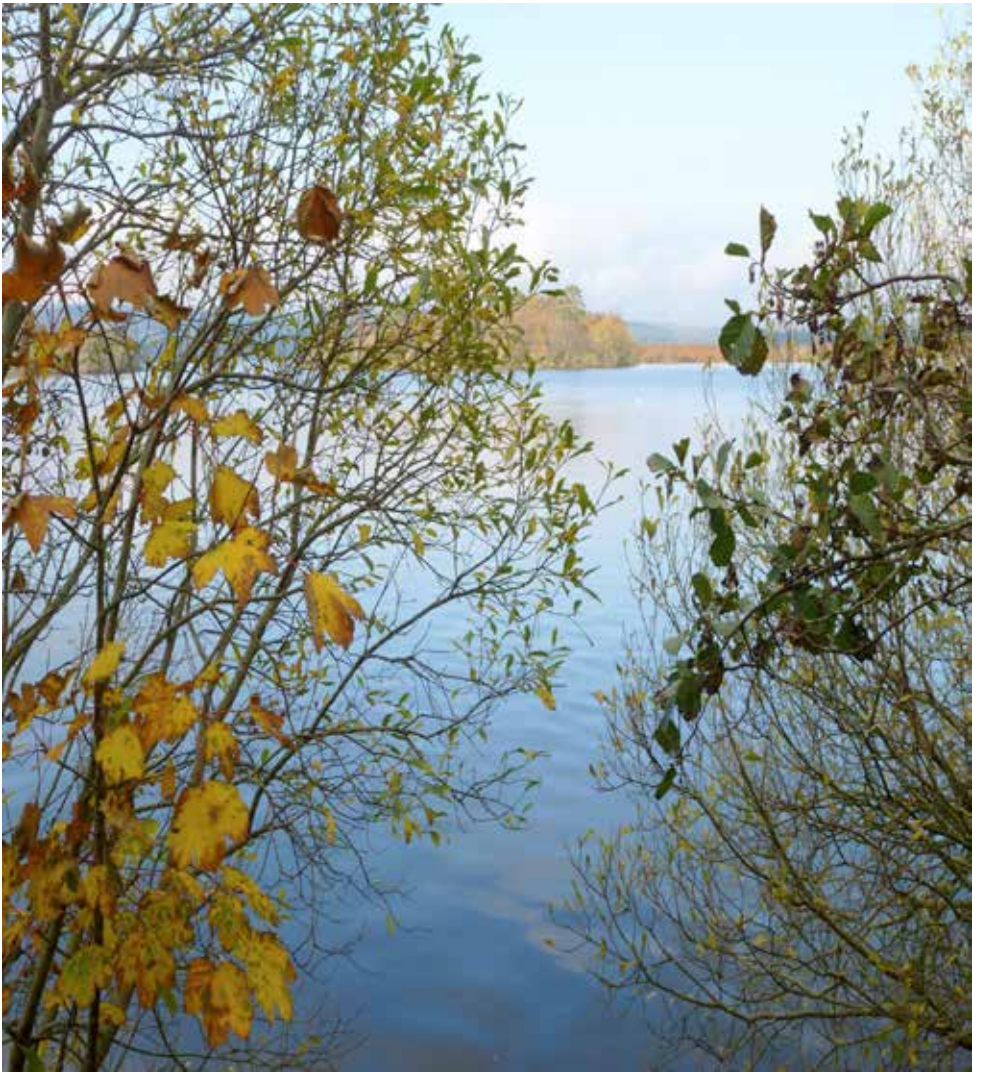
Jesus, the Priest,
His life's sacrifice
paid for the wrong we've done.

Jesus, the Saviour,
He has died
our sin's debt to atone.

Jesus, the King,
He has the right
to sit on the royal throne.

Jesus, the Lord,
Reigns and rules
within this heart of mine.

Jesus, the Friend,
Is like no other,
He's gentle, loving and kind.



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*Lord,
I want to Worship You*

Lord, I want to worship you,
I want to speak your worth,
I want to lift my voice and sing
Your praise while here on earth.

You alone are worthy Lord,
there is none who can compare,
You created this beautiful world,
the evidence is everywhere.

From the tiniest little flower,
to the trees that stand so tall,
From the tiny pebbles on the beach,
to the great Niagara Falls.

From the beautiful little bird
that sings a song so sweet,
To the great strong elephant,
with its amazing trunk and feet.

Can I tell you of my Saviour?

Can I tell you of my Saviour?
Can I tell you of my Lord?
He who died to redeem mankind
before we walked upon earth's sod.

He the sinless Son of God
gave His life on Calvary's Tree
To rescue wretched sinners
who could not from sin get free!

He died because He loved us
He died because He cared
He knew the cunning devil
had our sinful souls snared.

So He the sinless Son of God
gave His life on Calvary's Tree
To rescue wretched sinners
who resemble you and me.

He knew we were powerless
to cleanse ourselves of sin
Sinless blood had to be shed
so we could be cleansed within.

Now He, our Divine Creator,
our Saviour, Lord and King
Offers salvation as a gift
to all who repent of sin.

Thank You for Lessons, Lord

I thank You for the lessons Lord,
You teach me every day,
As I live my life for You,
in all I do and say.

You teach me that I need to be,
more gentle, pure and kind,
More loving and considerate,
more patient too, I find.

I know it is Your aim dear Lord,
to make me like my Master,
I'm thankful for Your patience Lord,
as I often fail and falter.

I thank You for your promise Lord,
that You will ever be
Right at hand to help me Lord,
become what I ought to be.

God has a Plan

It is God's wish that all would see,
that He has a plan to set us free
From the bondage of sin and shame,
to lift our burden of fear and blame.

He wants to put a new song in each heart,
He wants to give all a brand new start,
He wants to wipe every soul's slate clean
He says, "I won't remember your sin again."

But, we all must repent and turn away
from sin that besets our souls daily,
Of ourselves, this we are unable to do,
that is why Jesus died for me and you.



The Garden of Gethsemane

My Wonderful Lord

My wonderful Saviour,
how great it will be
To dwell in Your presence,
throughout eternity.

Help me never to doubt,
Help me never to despair,
Help me to keep focused
on meeting You, up there.

What a delight it will be
when we meet face to face,
How I long to worship You,
in Your eternal resting place.

Peace with God

Just because we're old
it doesn't always mean
we have the peace of God
no matter how it seems.

It's only to those who trust Him
Jesus promised to give His peace
we must accept Jesus as Saviour
whether aged, adolescent or youth.

In fact He says we all must come
just as a little child
and put our trust and faith in Him
if we want to know His peace inside.

Love, Love, Wonderful Love

Love, love, wonderful love,
purg'd away my sin,
Love, love, wonderful love,
made me clean within.

It was the blood of Jesus,
that cleansed my sinful soul,
He, my God, my Saviour,
made me clean and whole.

God, the Holy Spirit,
revealed my need within,
He pointed me to my Saviour,
Who alone could cleanse from sin.

God, my heavenly Father said,
"Please my child, come home."
As lovingly, He embraced me,
I pledged no more to roam.

Our God of Mercy

As our God of mercy
looks down from above,
may you know His peace,
and His undying love.

The world has problems
of sickness and stress,
but all who trust in Jesus,
will find peace and rest.

Put your trust in the Saviour,
because He holds the key
to our eternal home,
regardless of who we be.

He ever invites
all those who trust Him,
to cast care aside
He, is the answer to sin.

We can't work for, pay for or earn Salvation

We can't work for, pay for, earn, or merit it,
Salvation is a gift that is free
God offers it to the "whosoever"
Regardless of whom we are, or where we be.

All he asks is that we acknowledge our need
of being saved from the scourge of sin
Then put our trust in His beloved Son
Jesus died to save all who trust in Him.

God says, "Though your sins are like scarlet
they shall be white as snow;
though they are red like crimson
they shall be as wool."

That is why He sent His only beloved Son
to shed His blood on Calvary's Tree
There, Jesus willingly bore the ransom for sin
so that all who repent; can now go free.

Jesus suffered until He completed the task
He did all that was needed to be done
At length He was able to say, "It is finished"
All we need do now is put our trust in Him.

Isaiah 1 v 18

Salvation is offered to all

We could never buy God's favour,
We could never buy God's love,
Nothing earthly would satisfy,
the demands of God above.

It may amaze you to hear,
that God will freely give
to all, His wonderful blessings,
regardless of where we live.

He will give us salvation,
forgiveness, joy and peace,
as a gift of His love,
as a token of His grace.

Salvation is offered to all,
but accepted by the few,
Many don't want God telling them
what they should say, think or do.



Errigal Mountain to the left, Muckish Mountain on the right.

Jesus alone is worthy

While Jesus wants to be Saviour,
He also wants to be Lord,
If you want joy in His presence,
yield every thought, action and word.

The Lord Jesus alone is worthy
of the deep, sincere love of the soul,
He paid our ransom on Calvary's Cross,
that you and I may be made whole.

He knows well our failings,
He knows we are as weak as can be,
He knows it is only through His Spirit,
that you and I can be set free.

God, in His Word clearly tells us
to ask if we want to receive,
The gift of the Holy Spirit,
all He asks us to do is believe.



Dublin Zoo

We consider it a privilege

We consider it a privilege,
to sing songs of joy and praise,
to Jesus, our loving Saviour
He changed our lives in many ways.

He put a new song in our hearts,
and peace within our souls,
Now we want to sing His praise,
every day, the whole world o'er.

He, the sinless Son of God,
came to earth to bleed and die,
He left the splendour of heaven,
knowing He would be crucified.

He willingly paid the price for sin,
His blood was shed on Calvary's Tree,
He knew without the shedding of blood,
we could not be from sin set free.

He tells us now to come to Him,
to repent and turn from sin,
God wants to forgive all sinners,
we can all know peace with Him.

If you haven't already come,
why not come to Jesus today,
You too, can know His forgiveness,
then we'll dwell in heaven one day.

Hebrews 9v22

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood,
and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Thoughts worth considering!

Many people spend much time planning
where to go on holiday for a week or two,
Choosing where to go and how to go,
what to see, what to eat and do.

Destinations are chosen with caution,
chosen by date, place and clime,
Few can afford to dismiss these facts,
because of budgets, health and time.

Waiting time will be spent in anticipation
of what will be experienced and seen,
When eventually the destination is reached,
that hitherto was only a dream.

How many people spend time considering
where they will spend time after death?
Do many casually dismiss this fact -
while they thoughtlessly roam this earth?

While holidaying lasts only a week or two,
we are told eternity will last forever
So we ought to take time while we can, and may,
this we will do, if we are wise and clever.

God clearly tells us in His Precious Word,
That there are two destinations in view,
One called Heaven, the other called Hell,
Which destination are you heading to?

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life
no-one comes to the Father but by me."
So, take note, trust, repent and believe in Him
if you want to live in Heaven eternally.

God didn't send Jesus to condemn the world

In John chapter 3 verse's 16 & 17
we are told that God didn't send Jesus
into the world to condemn the world
but to save the world through Him.

Thankfully we are also told,
Jesus is now seated at God's right hand
interceding for all who trust in Him,
as His Heavenly Father planned.

Jesus said He will return to earth
from His heavenly home on high
to receive all who put their trust in Him
and bring them to His Father's side.

But He also said He will come to judge
both the living and the dead
and all who rejected Him as Saviour
will be sent to a lost eternity instead.

That lost eternity is called Hell,
a place of suffering, grief and pain
where the fire is never quenched,
a place of separation and shame.

So I urge you please take note,
Trust in Jesus while you may
All who refuse His offer of forgiveness
will regret it for all eternity.

I have written about this, I have written about that

I have written about this, I have written about that,
but I think the greatest thing I have written about
is the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ my Lord,
the Son of God who came from heaven above,
to sacrifice His sinless life on Calvary's cruel tree,
to redeem wretched sinners like you and like me.

He could have called ten thousand angels to set Him free,
but He refrained, although in anguish until he was able to say,
"It is finished." Oh! What a wonderful, wonderful day.
All He now asks of helpless people like you and me,
is that we personally admit our need to be set free,
because you and I cannot rid ourselves of the scourge of sin,
we ought to admit we cannot cleanse ourselves within.

***Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life,
No-one comes to the Father except through me."***

Take heed! He alone was able these words to say,
If we ignore them we'll be held accountable on judgement day.
God tells us we are ***dead in our trespasses and sins,***
we haven't a hope of entering heaven within,
Thankfully, Jesus who took our sins on His body on the tree
says, if we repent, trust and turn from sin, He will set us free.

He can give us the sure and certain hope of eternal life,
so I urge you take note while you may, as you roam this earth,
He also says, ***"There is no-one righteous, no not one."***
He tells us we are all condemned by the scourge of sin,
But thankfully while on earth He was also heard to say,
"The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life."
So take note, because, unless you accept this gift that is free,
you will certainly regret it forever, through eternity.

Another important fact that is worthy of note,
God gives us free choice, lest we should gloat,
or accuse Him falsely of forcing His divine Will,
so He allows us to personally choose either heaven or hell,
The wise choose heaven, that place of redeeming grace,
while the foolish choose hell where there will be weeping,
wailing and gnashing of teeth.

John 19v30 When he received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.”
With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 14v6 Jesus answered, “I am the way, and the truth and the life,
No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Ephesians 2v1 “As for you, you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world
and the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work
in those who are disobedient.”

2Peter 3v9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand
slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone
to come to repentance.

Romans 3v10 As it is written, “There is no-one righteous, not even one.”

Romans 6v23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Accept my thanks I pray

Blessed Holy Spirit
accept my thanks I pray,
You pointed me to the only One,
who could take my sin away,
You pointed me to Jesus,
who is The Life, The Truth, The Way,
I'm glad to say Jesus kept His Word,
He gave me new life that day.

I worship and adore Him,
I praise His holy name
It was for me that He bled and died,
He bore all my guilt and shame.
He gave me joy within my heart,
and peace within my soul,
I want to thank, and thank my Lord,
every day and for evermore.

Now I want to praise Him,
To lift His Name on high,
Jesus Christ the Son of God,
can save all who to Him draw nigh.
Let us point our friends to Jesus,
who is The Life, The Truth, The Way,
They too can know the peace I found,
He can give New Life today.

Death is not so awful

Death is not so awful,
if we are trusting in the One
who gives eternal life,
to all who trust in Him.

It is then the passing
from this world of woe,
into the nearer presence
of the Saviour that we know.

There no pain or sickness,
no sadness, grief or loss,
no tears of mourning,
no injustice; hurt or cost.

There a great reunion,
with the loved ones gone before,
and with our blessed Saviour,
we will dwell forever more.

Enjoy every minute of every day

Because days they come and days they go,
and years pass away like drifting snow,
Enjoy every minute of every day,
don't spend time wishing your life away,
Many can't wait until Saturday has come,
weekdays are thought of, as a struggle by some,
While every day is a gift from God above,
granted to each of us, as a gift of God's love,
If we seek His will for our lives every day,
He'll give us strength regardless of what comes our way,
Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind
and love your neighbour as yourself"
Because He knows if we do, our lives will be blessed.
None of us know how many days God has allowed,
so we should seek His will whether in sunshine or cloud,
One day, He will call all who have trusted in His Son,
all who have repented of sin and been forgiven by Him,
will then go to dwell in heaven forevermore,
with our Saviour who longs to save people the world o'er,
We will go to that place where there will never, ever be,
sadness, sickness, parting or pain throughout eternity,
But note, all who haven't repented and trusted in God's Son,
will be sent to a place where God doesn't want to send anyone.

Matthew 22v 37 & 38

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

We ought to take heed

Whether we are a popper, a pastor, a priest or a king,
all must repent and put their trust in God's Son,
He who gave his sinless life on Calvary's tree
to rescue wretched sinners like you and like me.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
is what we are told in God's Holy Word,
There is no-one righteous, no, not even one,
so we'd best take heed, lest we be condemned by Him.

While Jesus was human, He was also divine,
God sent him to earth to save your soul and mine,
Because He never sinned like you and like me,
His sinless blood paid the ransom to set us free.

As Christmas approaches people are buying gifts galore,
they are buying them for people they love by the score,
They are buying them for family, loved ones and friends,
some people take out loans, so they have money to spend.

We wouldn't dream of rejecting a gift from a friend,
yet God's gift is rejected again, again and again,
Imagine how God feels, when people reject His love,
His precious gift, cost the life of His only Son.

God offers salvation as a gift, and gifts are free,
His gift includes forgiveness, redemption and liberty,
But He does ask us to repent and trust in His Son,
or we will spend eternity far, far, far from Him.

*Jesus,
Our, Everlasting God*

From everlasting to everlasting,
Jesus Christ is the same,
In all the world no other name,
has gained such respect or fame.

A Request for Forgiveness

Lord, forgive us for greed in a world of need
where so many are dying today,
Help us to see, help us to be
willing to share and to pay.

Forgive us for closing our eyes and our ears
to the cries of distress and pain,
Help us to reach out the hand of love,
so the helpless in the world may gain.

Dear Lord

Dear Lord, You know the way ahead
and only You can lead,
So oft we stumble blindly,
we do not Your instructions heed,
We need to allow You to guide
our every thought and plan,
If we are to know Your leading
and Your purpose understand.

Stand firm for the Master

Stand firm for the Master,
against the surging throng,
Stand firm for the Master,
with Him you can't go wrong.

Hold high His holy standards,
always His Word obey,
You will not regret it
on judgement day.

*“Lord,
may not my will be done”*

May not my will but Yours be done
within my life today,
May not my will but Yours be done
in all I do and say,
May my thoughts and my actions,
be directed from above,
Please grant me strength to do Your Will,
and fill my heart with love.

Please keep me from pride

Lord, please keep me from pride I pray,
don't let pride raise its nasty head today,
It is only in You I have strength within
to keep my soul free from sin.

Please speak to my Children

Please speak to my children,
so they too may know
the joy of having the Holy Spirit
dwell within their souls.

Prayer

Lord, please give me insight,
and help me to see,
Your will and plan
in this world for me.

Prayer

Lord, You know
there is nothing I can do,
except You give me strength
to carry it through.

Life is precious

Treat life with dignity,
Treat life with care,
Remember life is precious,
Death can bring despair.



Our garden, overlooking Mulroy Bay and the lake on our farm called The Meadows Trout Fishery.

What do people find?

If people scratch our surface do they find
flesh and blood and a heart that is kind?
Or do they find bitterness and hate,
ready to burst out and escape?

Do we resemble our Father above?
Is our heart like His, a heart of love?
Or are we like a grizzly bear,
do people want to run in despair?

At times we may have to admit it is true.
Please dear Lord, make us more like You,
so that people will then want to be
related to us spiritually.

Milestones in Life

There are milestones in life,
from the day we are born,
Birth being the first of many
whether life be short or long.

First a cry, a sigh, a peep of the eye,
a day, a week, a year,
A smile, a tooth, a word, a step,
now the world knows we are here.

Consider the impressions we make
in this world when new people we meet,
Do we make them feel glad that we have been born?
Or make them wish they could hide or retreat?

Lord I'm Sorry

Lord, I'm sorry I don't shine as brightly as I should,
Lord, I'm sorry that I don't shine as brightly as I could,
Your Word clearly tells us that You want Your children to be
Lights in this dark world so that other people may see,
See, that they too can have forgiveness, love, peace and joy,
In place of the curse of sin that will their lives destroy,
You want Your children to be a reflection of Your beloved Son,
So that people may inquire what You, in our lives have done.



Jesus told Nicodemus

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that God sent Him to be
the Saviour of the world,
not the judge of humanity.

Now we know that Jesus
is seated at God's right hand,
interceding for all, who trust in Him,
as His Heavenly Father planned.

We are told He will return to earth,
from His heavenly home on high,
to receive all who put their trust in Him,
and bring them to His Father's side.

But we're told He will then come to judge
both the living and the dead,
and all who rejected Him as Saviour,
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trust in Jesus while you may,
All who refuse His offer of forgiveness
will regret it for all eternity.

John chapter 3 verses 16 & 17

Is God Excited?

Is your name resounding
in the portals above?
Is God now speaking
your name in love?

Is He like a parent
with a new born child?
Is He now telling others
that you have arrived?

Is God, our heavenly Father,
the Holy Spirit and Son
excited, because
your eternal life has begun?

Is God excited because you
have trusted in His Son?
Overjoyed because that means,
you can now dwell with Him.

I give thanks to God for the 17th April 1968

I give thanks to God for Donegal, the place where I was born,
I could not have wished for better, I have great neighbours I can rely upon,
We live in peace and harmony; all are there for one another,
Many are there to lend a hand in times of joy or bother.
I was born in the village of Kerrykeel, along beautiful Mulroy Bay,
I spent twenty happy years there, I knew many people personally.
When I married Eric Borland, I moved just 3 miles along the way
To the farm near Rossnakill, overlooking Muckish Mountain and Mulroy Bay.
I couldn't have chosen a better husband; he is so loving, considerate and kind,
He is generous, helpful and faithful, there are not many like him you'll find.
Nor could I have chosen a more beautiful place either near or far away,
Where my great husband and I were blessed with eight great children eventually,
As for our children, I'm glad to say I'm proud of every one that came along,
I pray the Lord will bless, guide and keep them spiritually and physically strong.
Now they are all grown up and most have moved away,
One now has his own family as far away as the city of Melbourne, Australia.
Our children have now gifted us with nine wonderful grandchildren,
Plus, sons-in-law and daughters-in law whom we treasure highly,
We have so, so much to be thankful for, but I think it is sufficient to say,
"Thank you Lord, for the many blessings you have sent our way."
When I began to write this poem, I wasn't thinking of this great day,
When we would have the pleasure of celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary,
Now that is quite an achievement, I'm sure you will have to agree,
I'm so glad you were able to join us in this great festivity,
We have so, so much to celebrate, to reminisce and to recall,
But I think it's sufficient to say I thank God and I wouldn't change a thing at all.

To Our Family

Do you know how very precious
you are to your Dad and me?
If we have not already told you
it's because we're not good with words you see.

We want you to know we're thankful,
to our Heavenly Father above,
for protecting you from all harm
and surrounding you with His love.

We also want you to know
we are praying each and every day,
that God the blessed Holy Spirit,
will lead and guide you in His Way.

Obey the Warning

When Mammy says stay away from the fire,
cramping our style is not her desire.

She wants to keep us from bearing the pain,
of burning ourselves there, on the flames!

If we don't listen, if we disobey,
blisters will remind us, for many a day.

Because fire burns and burns are sore,
if burned once, we won't wish for more.

So, we ought to be wise and mother obey,
if we want to enjoy pain-free days.

Our Heavenly Father warns of fire too,
but He says those who listen, will be very few.

Revelation 20 v's 14 & 15

Then death and hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Mother & Child *Child & Mother*

When we are born, we have nothing to do,
but eat and sleep and smile and coo.

Mother is careful to look after our needs,
to keep us clean and make sure we feed.

Before very long we will want to do,
the things that mother used to do.

We became so independent that after a time,
we will wish to leave Mother behind.

But when we grow older, we sometimes find
the rolls are turned completely around.

Relationships can be Difficult

Relationships can be difficult,
relationships can be hard,
It's sad when relationships
within families are marred.

People have different personalities,
likes, dislikes and minds,
Different age groups,
many feelings are entwined.

In this world where we live
so much is changing fast,
Much that is now the accepted norm,
would have been rejected in the past.

Do you know the Word of God
has much to say to us
about our relationships
so reading it, is a must?

God says we should not let the sun
go down on our wrath,
We ought to sort our problems out,
if we want to walk a peaceful path.

*We,
are so dependant
Lord*

Lord, we are so dependant
on you from day to day,
Lord, we are so dependant
on you in every way.

You are the One who enables us
to think, to speak and do,
You are the One who empowers us,
to see every venture through.

You are our heavenly provider,
our sustainer and our friend,
You are the One who has promised,
to be with us to the end.

You are the Salt of the earth

We, like salt are meant to give life flavour,
for family and friends, for colleagues and neighbours,
But we need to remember as when cooking food,
a little salt makes the flavour good.

If we are too liberal with salt we'll find,
we hear complaints, rather than words that are kind,

How sad it is when we spoil good food,
just because we didn't take the care that we should,

Salt helps to preserve as well as savour,
so words and actions should have a loving flavour,

We can help or hurt people we meet every day,
by the actions we do and the words we say.

Matthew 5 v 13

You are the salt of the earth.

A Friend through life

Bring to Jesus all your sorrows, cares and woes,
Bring to Jesus your family, friends and foes,
Come to Him with your sadness or pain,
Come to Him in times of loss or gain,
He is interested in all that we do,
He is interested in all we've been through,
He has promised that He will be
a friend throughout life for you and me.



Many, many people in our world today

Many, many people in our world today
believe in God with their heads only,
They haven't recognized their need to repent of sin,
and allow Jesus Christ to cleanse their souls within,
Yet, God sent His sinless Son to die on a tree,
to redeem all who repent of sin and set them free,
The Holy Spirit only then comes to dwell within,
the soul of the redeemed who now praise God's Son,
The Holy Spirit will lead, guide and keep until the day
they enter Heaven's Gates singing, "Glory, Hallelujah."

*Be a Spoke
in the wheel
for Jesus*

Be a spoke in the wheel for Jesus,
you never know how it may turn,
Or where it may lead in service
to bring other souls to Him.

There was no wheel ever invented,
to carry such a precious load,
There is no destination more special,
than God's wonderful heavenly abode.

Fire

When the fire-alarm is raised,
the only right thing to do,
is evacuate the building
and call the fire-brigade crew.

There is no time for dallying,
no time for delay,
no time should be wasted,
thinking of trivia today.

We spend so much time worrying
about things that don't matter,
like silver and gold,
things that break and shatter.

It's at a time like this
that we suddenly realize,
there is nothing as important
is our family's lives.

Be in Time

When your life on earth is ended,
and your earthly path is trod,
will you go to Heaven rejoicing
to dwell with your God?

Or will you go to meet Him,
in dread or trepidation,
knowing you have rejected
His offer of salvation?

While there's time repent and trust
in Jesus Christ, God's Son,
accept His offer of mercy,
because He died for everyone.

You will find your name is written
in the Book of Life on high,
if you trust in the Saviour
on earth, before you die.

Are we like boats that are anchored?

Are we like boats that are anchored
when fishing needs to be done?
Should we be taking the gospel
to people who are dying in sin?

Jesus Christ asked the disciples
to become fishers of men,
He says the same to you and me
as He did on that day to them.

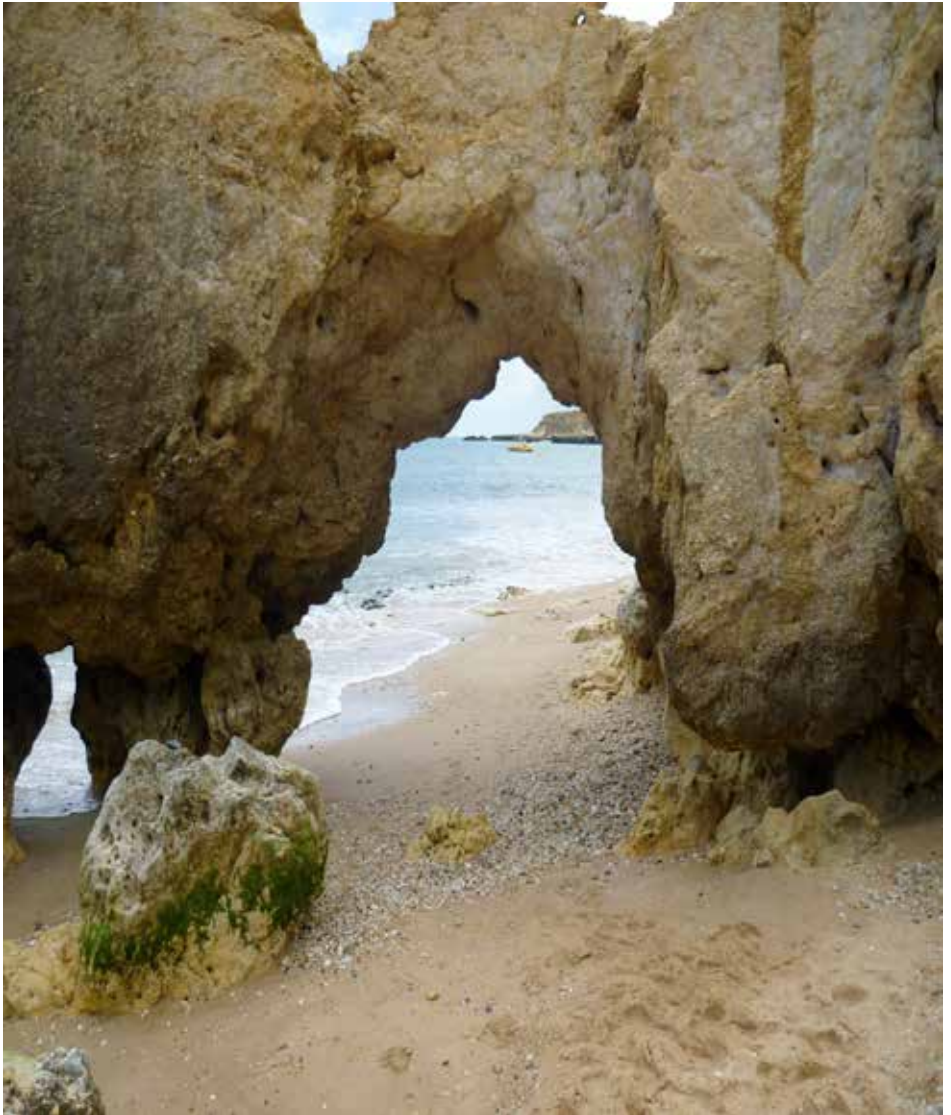
So, come now, let us get busy,
there *is* Good News to share,
Jesus Christ, the Son of God
died, the sinner's burden to bear.

Jesus alone was sinless,
unlike you and me,
He allowed His blood to be shed,
to redeem us and set us free.

So, let us share the Good News,
so that any who repent and believe,
can know sins forgiven,
and God's pardon receive.



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The Valley of the Shadow

As you go through the valley
remember there's One
Who has gone on ahead,
He has the victory won.

He is the Good Shepherd,
He cares for His sheep,
He never wearies,
and He never sleeps.

He has gone on ahead
to prepare the way,
through the valley,
for us on that day.

He is there to lift us,
if ever we fall,
He is there to listen,
whenever we call.

He knows every bend,
He knows every stone,
that's why He makes sure,
we never travel alone.

Moreover, He knows
that waiting up there,
beyond the sunset,
there is a land that is fair.

Our Hearts Are Sore

Many people in our world today
experience sadness, pain, suffering, grief and loss,
Many people carry a heavy, heavy cross,
May God give His children strength, their cross to bear,
I pray they will know His comfort and His loving care,
Our hearts are pained and our hearts are sore,
yet the anguish of many, hasn't come through our door,
There is so, so much evil in our world to-day,
No one knows when heartache will come their way,
God asks us to love our neighbour as ourselves,
and if we obey God's instructions we will do well,
Because one day we will all meet Him face to face,
and we will receive His judgement or His reward of grace.

Our God will keep His Word

As we live our lives amid turmoil,
worry, stress and strain,
Our Saviour will keep His Word to us,
again, again and again,
He will bring us through the storms of life,
praise His holy name,
He will give us the strength to lift our heads,
again, again and again.

The ABC&D of Life

Always be there to lend a hand,
Be the person, who will help another stand,
Choose to do right instead of wrong,
Develop relationships that are happy and strong,
Make this world a better place for the hurting, human race.



Harvest Thanksgiving decorations in our church

We have a problem

If we work our fingers to the bone,
we will never reach our heavenly home,
If we try to buy a heavenward fare,
we will still be left in bleak despair,
If we try to rid ourselves of sin,
we will still be left unclean within,
I know there is nothing I can do,
to get to heaven and neither can you,
God says no sin will enter there
So, we have a problem beyond,
We must repent, trust and believe,
His gift of salvation to receive,
So, my advice is come and do so now,
this decision you won't regret it, I vow,
Then, one day, you and I will meet,
as we sit around our Saviour's feet.

Life, is like a Puff of Smoke

Times come and times go,
like the tides ebb and flow,
Minutes, hours, days and years,
quickly pass and disappear.

Life is like a puff of smoke,
Children think this is a joke,
Adults, soon find this is true,
as God reminds me and you.

The Valley Ahead

The longer I live the more clearly, I see
there is a valley ahead waiting for me.

I am so thankful that Jesus Christ will be
the Shepherd, that goes through the valley with me.

In fact, we're told He goes on before,
Is it any wonder I my Saviour adore?

2000 years after the Resurrection

2000 years after the resurrection,
Jesus is still working away,
He is still saving souls,
to this very day.

I speak to God in Verse

I speak to God in verse,
I speak to God in rhyme,
I am so thankful,
I can speak to God
Anywhere,
and at any time.

A Hymn of Praise

Oh God of heaven to you we raise
Our hearts in joyful hymns of praise;
We thank you for redemption won
on Calvary's cross by Christ your Son.

We want to lift His name on high
We want our praise to fill the sky;
It was for us He bled and died;
He for our sin was crucified.

He gladly paid the price for sin
That all repentant might enter in
To Your eternal, heavenly rest
Redeemed, forgiven, cleansed and blessed.

He knew there was no earthly way
That we could pay our debt for sin
He chose to leave His home on high;
He came to earth to bleed and die.

Now let us all our voices raise
With hymns of thanks in joyful praise
To Jesus, Your beloved Son
He, eternal life for us has won.

Tell people what they need to know

Open your heart and let Jesus come in,
Open your mouth then and let His praise ring,
Open your eyes and I know you will see,
Hundreds of people just like you and me.

People who don't know what way to turn,
People who don't know the Saviour within,
People who don't know that God's Word is true,
Why don't you tell them, like I'm telling you?

People who fear what each day may bring,
People who fear death's final sting,
People who need someone like you or me,
To tell them why Jesus died on the tree!

Tell people that Jesus died their sins to atone,
Tell them that they need never be alone,
Tell them that Jesus, God's only Son,
Shed His sinless blood for everyone.

Tell them that they must repent of sin,
Open their hearts and let Jesus come in,
Tell them that God; the Holy Spirit will come,
And give them His peace, in place of their sin.

Salvation

We can't work for, pay for, earn, or merit it,
Salvation is a gift that is free
God offers it to the "whosoever",
Regardless of whom we are, or where we be.

All he asks is that we acknowledge our need,
of being saved, from the scourge of sin,
Then, put our trust in His beloved Son
Jesus died to save all who trust in Him.

God says, "Though your sins are like scarlet
they shall be white as snow;
though they are red like crimson
they shall be as wool."

That is why He sent His only beloved Son,
to shed His blood on Calvary's Tree,
There, Jesus willingly bore the ransom for sin,
so that all who repent; can now go free.

Jesus suffered until He completed the task,
He did all that was needed to be done,
At length He was able to say, "It is finished"
All we need do now is put our trust in Him.

Isaiah 1 v 18
John 19 v 30

God wants to change the outcome for the “Whosoever Will”

God wants to change the outcome for the “whosoever will”
regardless of who we are, or where we are from
Regardless of what we have thought, or what we have done
He wants to put a new song in every heart
He wants to give all a brand new start
He our God is well able to do,
 whatever He pleases let me tell you
He can wipe our soul’s slate clean
He can the vilest sinner redeem
He can put our sin in the Sea of His forgetfulness to remember it no more
He can guarantee our dwelling on Heaven’s golden shore
That is why He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ to be
the Saviour of all who would admit their need to be set free
BUT, our God won’t force His Divine Will on you or on me
He will allow us to choose whether to remain static, or be freed.

Romans 10:13 (Authorised Version)

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Give thanks to Jesus Christ, God's Son

If you have been blessed in any way
by what you have seen or read, I pray
You will give thanks to Jesus, God's Son
It was He who enabled me to do what I have done.



Life, and God's Greater Plan

This new book is yet another piece in Olive Borland's wonderful odyssey of spirituality and her ability to converse in the written word about her innermost belief in the Almighty God. Once again, Olive brings alive the passion, belief, the true meaning and spirit of Christianity and it is part of that amazing legacy crafted out of life's experience by Olive and Eric on their family farm high above Mulroy Bay, near Rosinakill. We've almost lost count of Olive's prolific publications... this is the 16th, and it reflects her indomitable spirit in promoting the Gospels and the way she reflects the importance of the Redeemer in everyday life and how He has changed her family life in a very positive way, is very special. The 17th book entitled as 'A Revelation from God' is also with the printers.

She writes from experience of her illness, of recovery and the part her relationship with God has played in her life. Like all her previous publications, this one is inspiring in the poems, the thoughts, the words of Scripture and by the depth of her own faith. Olive is Donegal's most prolific writer and her inspirational thoughts are a regular feature of the Tribune: we are privileged to have her among our contributors. Olive's thoughts dwell on all aspects of divine love, inspiration and indeed her visit to the Holy Land and how that visit enriched her own learning and horizons. *Whispers of Love*, the original production was first released in 1996 and now twenty three years later Olive's writings and poems are as relevant and thoughtful as ever. Over those years, every word is an inspiration from God, says Olive and that comes across to her readers as her diversity embraces all cultures, transcends barriers of religion and reaches out to a community, without borders and without prejudices.

For Olive these are God's gifts to embrace, to cherish and to be thankful for every day of our lives, remembering that life itself is a most precious miracle.

Olive and Eric are a deeply spiritual couple with a very strong bond of friendship and trust that comes from within their own hearts. This is something that can only happen by embracing God's love and being inspired in their everyday lives by His guidance.

Olive is often inspired in the middle of the night to come downstairs and put pen to paper: that is God's plan in her life and this publication makes us look again at the reasons for our own existence.

I take this opportunity to wish Olive every success in her future writings and to commend this book of poetry as something that will give others in our midst a reason to pause for thought...to reflect on their own lives and to take example from how God has inspired Olive in her writings and her poetry.

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