

# Poems and Verses

## *for funerals*

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*Regardless of the style and content of your chosen funeral, provision of meaningful poems or verses can provide a positive contribution.*

*This book extends a wide range of poems, most of which are non-religious, meaning they are suitable for just about any service. Poems can be read by a family member or friend, alternatively by the Minister or Celebrant officiating the service.*

*Even though this selection reflects those that have proven most popular, if you have a specific poem, let us know. Should you need any further help or guidance in making your poem selection, just speak with a member of our family.*



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## Memories of the Heart

Feel no guilt in laughter,  
she knows how much you care,  
feel no sorrow in a smile  
that she's not here to share

So talk about the good times  
the ways you showed you cared,  
the days you spent together,  
all the happiness you shared.

Let memories surround you  
a word someone may say,  
will suddenly recapture  
a time, an hour, a day

That brings her back as clearly  
as though she were still here,  
and fills you with the feelings  
that she is always near

For if you keep those memories  
you will never be apart,  
and she will live forever  
locked safe within your hearts.

Can be either '**HE**' or '**SHE**'

## Our Hero

You held our hand's  
When we were small  
You caught us when we fell  
You're our hero of our childhood  
And for later years as well

And every time we think of you  
Our hearts still fill with pride  
Though we will always miss you dad  
We know you're by our side

In laughter and in sorrow  
In sunshine and through rain  
We know you're watching over us  
Until we all meet again.

Can be either '**MUM**' or '**DAD**'

## **Her Smile**

Though her smile is gone forever  
and her hand I cannot touch  
I still have so many memories  
Of the one I loved so much.  
Her memory is now my keepsake  
Which with I'll never part.  
God has her in her keeping  
I have her in my heart.  
Sadly missed, but never forgotten.

Can be either '**HE**' or '**SHE**'

## **Broken Chain**

We little knew the day that  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone.  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories.  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you  
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one  
the chain will link again.

## **I'll Be There**

There was no time to say goodbye  
But this I ask – please do not cry  
Remember me as you think best  
The happy time – forget the rest.

Look for me and I'll be there  
And you will find me everywhere  
In the gentle touch of breeze  
That cools the skin or swirls the leaves.

In the scent and colour of flowers  
That gave to me such happy hours  
On sunny days under sunny skies of blue  
Just think of me, I'll be with you.

In winter when there's cloud or mist  
The rain will give to you my kiss  
As wood smoke lingers in the air  
Look for me and I'll be there.

Where seagulls cry above the sea  
And surf rolls in so endlessly  
Among towering trees that soar above  
In all these things that i once loved  
Look for me and I'll be there  
You'll feel my presence everywhere.

## **Until We Meet Again**

The moment that you died  
Our hearts were torn in two  
One side filled with heartache  
the other died with you

We often lie awake at night  
When the world is fast asleep  
and take a walk down memory lane  
With tears upon our cheeks

Remembering you is easy  
We do it everyday  
but missing you is heartache  
the never goes away.

We hold you tightly within our hearts  
and there you will remain  
Until the joyous day arrive  
That we all meet again.



## **In Memoriam**

Our lives go on without you  
But nothing is the same  
We have to hide our heartache  
When someone speaks your name  
Sad are the hearts that love you  
Silent are the tears that fall  
Living without you is the hardest part of all  
You did so many things for us  
Your heart was so kind and true  
And when we needed someone  
We could always count on you  
The special years will not return  
When we are all together  
But with the love in our hearts  
You walk with us forever

## **She Is Gone**

You can shed tears that she is gone  
or you can smile because she lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that  
she'll come back or you can open your  
eyes and see all she's left.

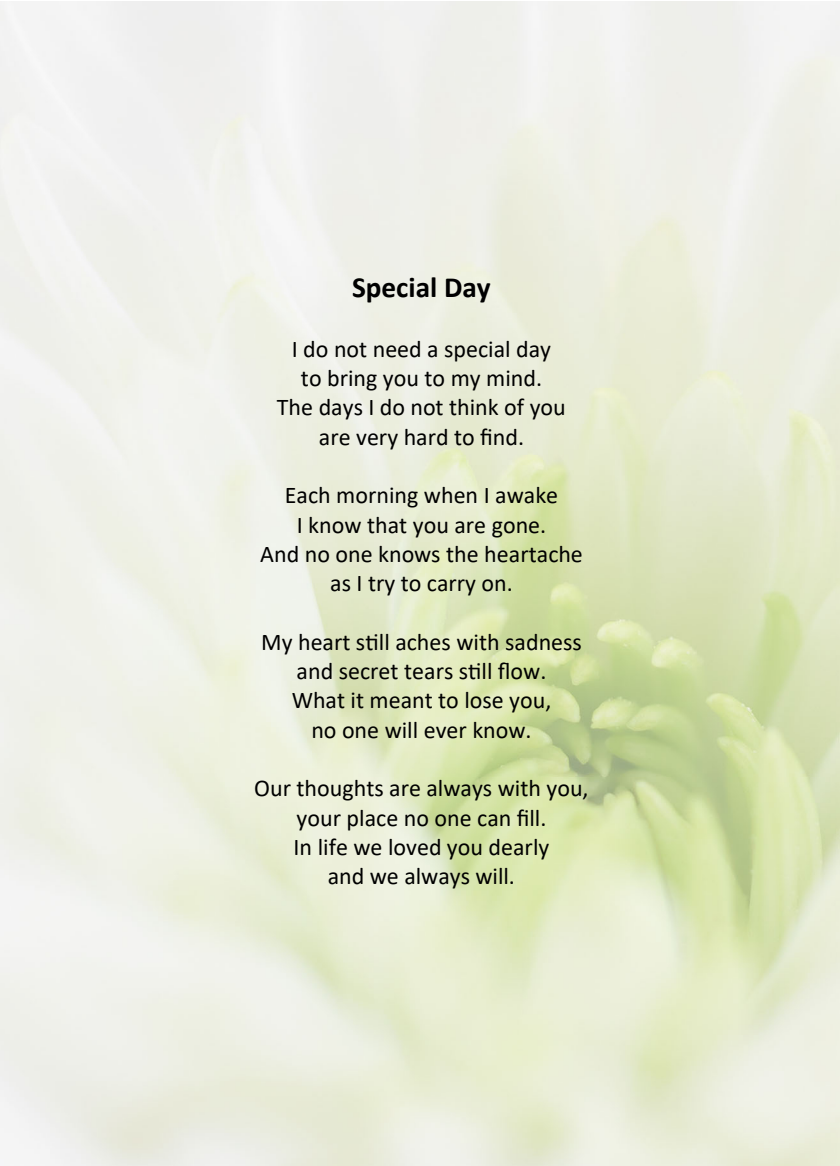
Your heart can be empty because you  
can't see her or you can be full of the love  
you shared. You can turn your back on  
tomorrow and live yesterday or  
you can be happy for tomorrow  
because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's  
gone or you can cherish her memory and  
let it live on. You can cry and close your  
mind, be empty and turn your back  
or you can do what she would want: smile, open  
your eyes, love and go on.

Can be '**He is Gone**'

## **Don't Weep**

Don't weep at my grave,  
For I am not there,  
I've a date with a butterfly  
to dance in the air.  
I'll be singing in the sunshine,  
Wild and free,  
Playing tag with the wind,  
Please don't weep for me.  
How can i live  
What am i to do  
Now apart of my heart,  
Is buried with you?



## Special Day

I do not need a special day  
to bring you to my mind.  
The days I do not think of you  
are very hard to find.

Each morning when I awake  
I know that you are gone.  
And no one knows the heartache  
as I try to carry on.

My heart still aches with sadness  
and secret tears still flow.  
What it meant to lose you,  
no one will ever know.

Our thoughts are always with you,  
your place no one can fill.  
In life we loved you dearly  
and we always will.

## **Silent Tear**

Just close your eyes and you will see  
All the memories that you have of me  
Just sit and relax and you will find  
I'm really still there inside your mind  
Don't cry for me now I'm gone  
For I am in the land of song  
There is no pain, there is no fear  
So dry away that silent tear  
Don't think of me in the dark and cold  
For here I am, no longer old  
I'm in that place that's filled with love  
Known to you all, as "UP ABOVE"

## **Miss Me But Let Me Go**

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free.

Miss me a little - but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that we once shared  
Miss me - but let me go.

For this is a journey that we must all take  
And each must go alone  
It's all a part of the Master's plan  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely, and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know  
Bury your sorrows in doing good deeds  
Miss me - but let me go

## **Remember**

Remember me when I am gone away,  
Gone far away into the silent land;  
When you can go no more hold  
me by the hand,  
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.  
Remember me when no more day by day  
You tell me of our future that you planned:  
Only remember me; you understand  
It will be late to counsel then or pray.  
Yet if you should forget me for a while  
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:  
For if the darkness and corruption leave  
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,  
Better by far you should forget and smile  
Than that you should remember  
and be sad.



## **Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep**

Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glint on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you wake in the morning hush,

I am the swift, uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circling flight.

I am the soft starlight at night.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there, I do not sleep.

Do not stand at my grave and cry.

I am not there, I did not die!



## All Is Well

Death is nothing at all  
I have only slipped away into  
the next room  
I am I and you are you  
Whatever we were to each other  
That we are still  
Call me by my old familiar name  
Speak to me in the easy way you  
always used  
Put no difference into your tone  
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow  
Laugh as we always laughed  
At the little jokes we always enjoyed together  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me  
Let my name be ever the household word  
that it always was  
Let it be spoken without effort  
Without the ghost of a shadow in it  
Life means all that it ever meant  
It is the same as it ever was  
There is absolute unbroken continuity  
What is death but a negligible accident?  
Why should I be out of mind  
Because I am out of sight?  
I am waiting for you for an interval  
Somewhere very near  
Just around the corner  
All is well.

## God's Garden

God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, 'Peace be Thine'.  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

## **Farewell My Friends**

It was beautiful as long as it lasted  
The journey of my life.  
I have no regrets whatsoever  
Save the pain I'll leave behind.  
Those dear hearts who love and care...  
And the strings pulling at the  
heart and soul...  
The strong arms that held me up  
When my own strength let me down.  
At every turning of my life I came across good friends,  
Friends who stood by me,  
Even when the time raced me by.  
Farewell, farewell, my friends  
I smile and bid you goodbye.  
No, shed no tears for I need them not  
All I need is your smile.  
If you feel sad do think of me  
For that's what I'll like when you  
live in the hearts  
Of those you love, remember then  
You never die.

## **I Am Free**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following paths God made for me  
I took his hand I heard him call  
Then turned, and bid farewell to all

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found my peace... at close of play

And if my parting left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened... deep with sorrow  
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full I've savoured much  
Good friends, good times  
A loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with grief  
Lift up your hearts and share with me,  
God wants me now... He set me free.

## **Afterglow**

I'd like the memory of me  
to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow  
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the ways,  
of happy times and laughing times  
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
to dry before the sun  
of happy memories  
that I leave when life is done.

## **You Meant So Much**

You meant so much to all of us  
You were special and that's no lie  
You brightened up the darkest day  
And the cloudiest sky

Your smile alone warmed hearts  
Your laugh was like music to hear  
I would give absolutely anything  
To have you well and standing near

Not a second passes  
When you're not on our minds  
Your love we will never forget  
The hurt will ease in time

Many tears I have seen and cried  
They have all poured out like rain  
I know that you are happy now  
And no longer in any pain.

## **His Journey's Just Begun**

Don't think of him as gone away  
his journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets  
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.

And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost  
and he was loved so much.

Words can be changed to **'HER'**

## **Time Will Ease The Hurt**

The sadness of the present days  
is locked and set in time,  
and moving to the future  
is a slow and painful climb.

But all the feelings that are now  
so vivid and so real  
can't hold their fresh intensity  
as time begins to heal.

No wound so deep will ever go  
entirely away  
yet every hurt becomes  
a little less from day to day.

Nothing can erase the painful  
imprints on your mind  
but there are softer memories  
that time will let you find.

Though your heart won't let the sadness  
simply slide away  
the echoes will diminish  
even though the memories stay



## Stairway To Heaven

They say memories are golden,  
Well, maybe that is true;  
I never wanted memories,  
I only wanted you.

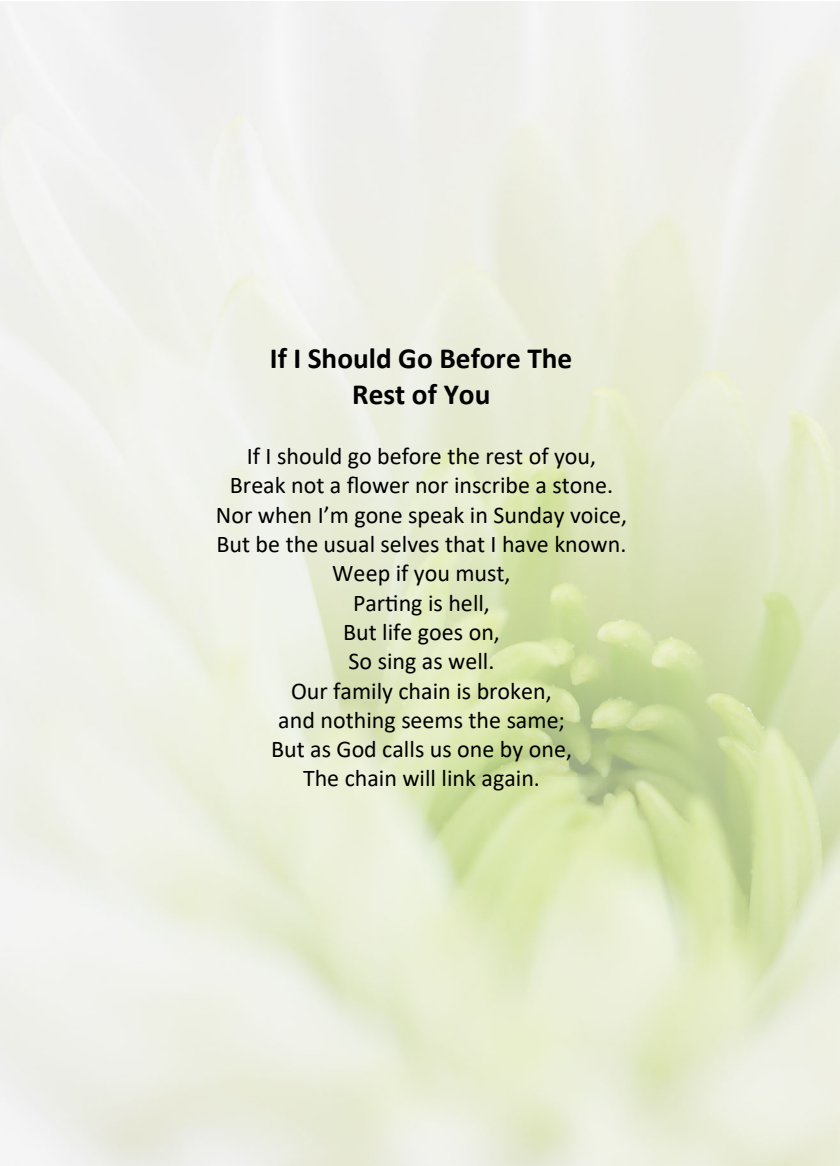
A million times I needed you,  
A million times I cried;  
If love alone could have saved you,  
You never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still;  
In my heart you hold a piece  
No one could ever fill.

But now I know you want me  
To mourn for you no more,  
To remember the happy times  
Life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten  
I pledge to you today;  
A hallowed place within my heart  
Is where you'll always stay.

If tears could build a stairway  
And heartache make a lane;  
I'd walk the path to heaven  
And bring you back again.



## **If I Should Go Before The Rest of You**

If I should go before the rest of you,  
Break not a flower nor inscribe a stone.  
Nor when I'm gone speak in Sunday voice,  
But be the usual selves that I have known.

Weep if you must,  
Parting is hell,  
But life goes on,  
So sing as well.

Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same;  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

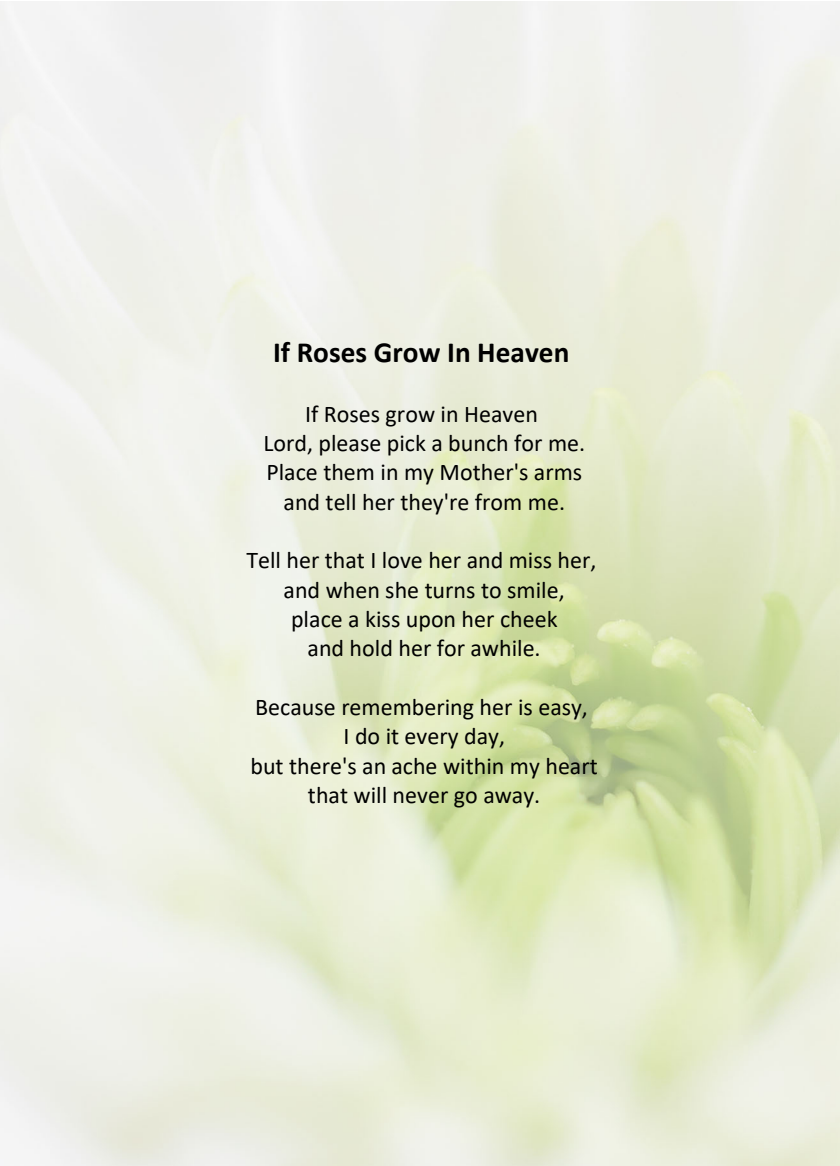
## Daffodils

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:  
A poet could not but be gay,  
In such a jocund company:  
I gazed--and gazed--but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.



## **If Roses Grow In Heaven**

If Roses grow in Heaven  
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my Mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me.

Tell her that I love her and miss her,  
and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it every day,  
but there's an ache within my heart  
that will never go away.

## **If Tears Could Build A Stairway**

If tears could build a stairway,  
and memories a lane.  
I would walk right up to Heaven  
and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken,  
No time to say "Goodbye".  
You were gone before I knew it,  
and only God knows why.

My heart still aches with sadness,  
and secret tears still flow.  
What it meant to love you -  
No one can ever know.

But now I know you want me  
to mourn for you no more;  
To remember all the happy times  
life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten,  
I pledge to you today~  
A hollowed place within my heart  
is where you'll always stay.

## **In The Garden**

I come to the garden alone, While the dew  
is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
the Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own.  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.

And He walks with me, and He talks to me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho the night around me be falling;  
But He bid me go, thru the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

## Let Me Go

We've known lots of pleasure,  
At times endured pain,  
We've lived in the sunshine  
And walked in the rain.

But now we're separated  
And for a time apart,  
But I am not alone  
You're forever in my heart.

Death always seems so sudden,  
And it is always sure,  
But what is oft' forgotten  
It is not without a cure.

There may be times you miss me,  
I sort of hope you do,  
But smile when you think of me,  
For I'll be waiting for you.

Now there's many things for you to,  
And lots of ways to grow,  
So get busy, be happy, and live your life,  
Miss me, but let me go.

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