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“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2
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I sought to ease the heartache felt
O'er loved ones snatched from out of time.
I pitied homes that death had touched,
But then life's foe invaded mine!

The words of love and themes of hope
That seemed so right for other's woes
Fell strangely then upon my ears
As I endured deep sorrow's throes.

Though loved ones eased the weight of grief,
And I, in turn, held them more dear,
*Twas grace alone that let me see
The blessedness of joy 'midst tears.*

Assurance over doubts prevailed
Though clouds of anguish lingered o'er.
Faith's unseen beacon cast its glow,
And shed God's peace on me once more.

“Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”
I Peter 5:7

What a joy that, in the heartache of loss, we can embrace the truth that our dear one is now living the believer's hope! Faith has become sight! The splendors of Home and the wonders of the Almighty have brought “joy unspeakable and full of glory!”

As sorrow's dark seasons come and go, we can rest in the calm assurance that *the moment* God calls His children to Himself, their spirit is in His presence! Nothing could keep them here! We can rejoice that, when God chooses, we will see them again!

“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.”

I Thessalonians 4:13, 14