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## A Mother's Sacrifice

A mother's love you may never explain Like the beauty of the setting sun It matters not how little she has Often leaves herself undone

For many a hungry face I know Not for a day or two, This was my mother's daily sacrifice We have silently learnt to endure

There is no better mom, I have ever known Who sacrificed both great and small A mother's denial, is an honest sacrifice, For it teaches love best of all.

# Happy Female Father's Day

I patiently waited for another year, For father's day to come To wish that special person a happy day Happy father's day, to my mom

The father figure, was very rare Games together were numb I wonder what a father's love might be Happy father's day, to my mom.

So on this day set aside for dads, I want to let you know That you are the one I treasure most, And to you my love I owe

Thank you for another father's day, I longed for this day to come, Never knowing the love, of a visiting dad Happy father's day, to my mom

My mother dear, my mother dear, You are the best, in every way So I stand tall and wish for you A happy female father's day.

### I Want To Talk To You

M'my, as she was affectionately called by me Never lent a deafening ear, But now my cries, my calls, my sighs, my shouts My God, she cannot hear

In my dull days and my nervous nights,
I pray to God that she were here
To listen to my anxious and weeping heart,
And to offer a motherly cheer

I dialled her number many times since then But never heard her voice, What must I do? I want to talk to you My mother, you are the best choice

"God is in charge and all is well"

Are the last words I heard her say

Your stubborn love for Christ and your faithfulness

Are my lesson books, to this day.

I want to talk to you, dear mother You have been more, than a mom to me That day will soon return, I remembered Just be faithful through eternity.

### Lessons From The Sea

I was out one day to learn lessons from the sea. The sea so deep and wide, It is used to take you from place to place It appears that nothing lies inside

My eyes can see what appears to be its end The margin of the horizon, But the closer I get, the end disappears A mystery to everyone

The sea communicates with me, now and then In a language of its own I may never understand every word it speaks Just like the seagulls, above it flown

The lessons learnt at sea, must be taught by the sea For a substitute, there is One other If there were no sea, where would the lessons be? Only through that of my mother

A mother's love, is like the wide open sea That never stops to flow, It matters not, the child you've been Her love never ceases to glow

# My Oak Tree

My taste for love is what I long, The secret so full and free My heart of love beats every day Because of this Oak Tree

The beauty of its leaves, we seldom admire
Oh Creator Lord to thee
How foolish our paths would have been
If it wasn't for this Oak Tree

How quickly this seed germinated Our eyes could hardly see I treasured every moment Beneath this Oak Tree

As little children we play and hide How sweet are those memories to me? The games we played, the jokes we shared Beneath this Oak Tree

I would never forget this Oak Tree dear For she is very dear to me It matters not how grey I get For my Mother is that Oak Tree

I watched this tree as the leaves got dry The limbs begin to break I fell to my knees, and begged the Lord "Please don't you this Oak Tree take"

Lord, if this tree should bend its head I dread that day to see May time give way to that glorious day When we meet in eternity.

# My Peaceful Sea

Speak to me softly my peaceful sea How your waves grow loud and loud I can hardly understand the message you give May your head not slowly bow

My peace I give to you my child
I have plenty of peace to share
I am shouting loudly to your older siblings
But they would not lend an ear

"Don't worry about tomorrow my love? "
Said this peaceful Sea to her son,
I want the best for you, my dear
And my little one

"O.K my mother", I said to this Sea Your love is very rare. I wander what can match this love And what to it compare.

"Flow in peace", I said to my peaceful sea Remember this world no more For God has already made provisions for you Upon you bountiful blessings bestow

# **Prayers Of Protection**

"Protect my little ones", falling down on my knees
"Dear Jesus, I am begging you please
I present my children again today
For your protection dear Lord, I pray"

Kneeling by my bedside, every day in a row God, upon my children, a blessing bestow Never giving up on her opportunities
To present to Thee, her little trophies

Teach them to pray, dear Lord I pray
For they need to know to pray, some day
Prayer is the key to unlock every door
Also the many blessings, God has in store.

Thank you my mother for your prayers for me
They have guided me on my onward journey
Your prayers have helped me, to make the best choice
Thank God for my mother's voice.

### Survival

Remember our journey to town
In the coolness of the day
Mommy had no other employment
Than mangoes on a tray
We always looked for bargains
From the lady dressed in brown
So we can make a profit
The next time we walked to town

Mommy parceled them each day
So passersby can get
Some were even short on finance
But mommy never frets
Some days were blue as sales,
Business were very slow
She decided upon another trade,
She turned to icicle

My sister ate some for dinner
And took some home as well
Mommy never forgot my portion,
For her granddaughter Angel
She kept this trade for many years,
From school children she couldn't hide
She was very pleased to serve them,
Until that mournful day, she died.

### Those Two Hands

My mother grew up in an old country town Working hard in every little way The time we spent and the joys she shared Are the most vivid memories today

She was my teacher, throughout my life Though her formal education was brief If it weren't for her act of decisive devotion What would I today achieve?

It mattered not, what people have said
Of the chores she did all day
She worked honestly, as a nonresident maid
For bills she had to pay

I would never forget, those two hands For me, the scares they bear You have the most remarkable hands in the world No other hands to yours compare

My mother dear, Oh my mother dear Time on earth could never repay You have been the undisputed champion of my life And again I, "Thank you" say.