



*Sacred  
Seasons  
of the Heart*

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*To my dear Dean, your love holds me tighter now than ever before.*

*The following is a collection of poems, quotes and reflections.*

## *The Journey of Faith*

*Speak to me in tranquility*

*Words of wisdom*

*Words of peace*

*Words of love*

*That send me to my trembling knees.*

*Words of comfort*

*Words of joy*

*Words of hope*

*That walk me through the wilderness.*

## *Sacred Seasons*

*Sacred seasons of the heart,  
Sacred journeys of the soul,  
Sacred moments shared together.  
Sacred laughter, sacred tears,  
Sacred memories through the years.*

*Sacred joys that make us grateful,  
Sacred trials that keep us humble,  
Sacred love, unmatched, unending.  
Sacred closeness, sacred touch,  
Sacred memories through the years.*

*Sacred grace to keep us giving,  
Sacred scars that bring us healing,  
Sacred snapshots held forever.  
Sacred healing, sacred us,  
Sacred memories through the years.*

### *Prayer for Blessings*

*In this world of dark despair*

*Bless us, we pray, with joy*

*Cross the boundaries of hate and fear*

*Bless us, we pray, with joy*

*Hold us tight in perfect peace*

*Bless us, we pray, with joy*

*Tossed by waves of doubt and greed*

*Bless us, we pray, with joy*

*Plagued with sin and worldly strife*

*Bless us, we pray, with joy*

*Close our hearts to cold and doubt*

*Bless us, we pray, with joy*

*Perfect peace that comes from You*

*Bless us, we pray, with joy*

*Power and sovereignty for all mankind*

*Bless us, we pray, with joy*

*Pure joy that only comes from Jesus*

*That stills our hearts and calms our soul*

*This hallowed day we look to heaven*

*Bless our days, we pray, with joy.*

## *Challenges*

*What challenges you in the dark  
And witnesses your stand for light?*

*What inspires a holy freedom  
And grips you in the storms of life?*

*What challenges your weary heart  
And strengthens your soul for sight?*

*What nudges a walk for truth  
And banners the pathway for right?*

## ***Beneath My Heart***

*What would lie beneath my heart*

*If all the pain had fled?*

*No sounds to pierce the light of day*

*Or horror of what's been said.*

*What would lie beneath my heart*

*If all the pain erased?*

*Would I forget the hardened glares*

*The mem'ry of blatant hate?*

*What would lie beneath my heart*

*If Jesus hadn't shed*

*His blood to take away my sin*

*The eternal price was paid.*

## *Peaks of Love*

*Oh peaks of love secure my trembling*

*Oh rock beneath my feet stand firm.*

*I'm blind to tomorrow's troubling*

*Afraid to breathe the vast unseen.*

*The times I've fallen, You've picked me up*

*Called to me in my rebellion.*

*Your provision I soon forget*

*Bring me back to You again.*

## *The Difference*

*Tell me what*

*God says about*

*Love and it's burning*

*Brand on the heart of man.*

*Never avoiding or abandoning*

*Never changing or suspecting*

*Never disagreeing or unfriending*

*Never unbelieving or unwilling*

*Always attracting and creating*

*Always embracing and inspiring*

*Always encouraging and hearing*

*Always forgiving and mending*

*Always identifying and rejoicing*

*Always inviting and praising*

*Always rejoicing and sacrificing*

*Always singing and worshipping*

*Always*

*Eternally.*

## *Where are you?*

*I embraced You on a mercy field  
And sealed my life in eternity  
I thought the black and gray would end  
But valleys came without warning.*

*Storms blew and tossed my tainted soul  
I feared my God abandoned me.  
Am I alone to face this world?  
Why can't I see the victory?*

## *The Grand Party*

*God invited us to a party  
A grand event glistening in love  
Are you too busy  
To dress in finery  
and laugh with Him, the Lord above?*

## *Soul Questions*

*Where will time find you?*

*In the noise?*

*In the silence?*

*In prideful absolution?*

*Or something contemplative?*

*Where will God fit?*

*In the mist?*

*In the turmoil?*

*In deeper reflection?*

*Or a life well spent?*

## *Through It All*

*With every moment*

*With every breath*

*Let me feel Your holy presence.*

*Through every crisis*

*Through every tear*

*I will lift my voice in prayer.*

## *My Identity*

*A child of God  
His shield I bear  
To fight this world  
of sin and despair.*

## *What is Your Worship?*

*Is your worship a box to check?*

*Assigned minutes to read and pray?*

*Check the time*

*Review my list*

*God, I must be on my way.*

## *The Storm*

*The storm  
That threatens  
My ransomed soul  
Threatens  
To drown me  
Yet I'm restored.*

## ***Critics***

*Boo Birds chatter on the line*

*I reject your nasty lies.*

*I'm a treasured child of God*

*Blessed, redeemed, and deeply loved.*

*Addicted to Jesus*

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*With my whole heart.*

*May my simple prayer of longing*

*Show the love*

*The power*

*In me*

*Forever.*

## ***Embrace Me!***

*Embrace me in the wind-blown storm*

*Still my heart and soothe my pain.*

*In my sorrow*

*In my grief*

*Jesus, I will praise your name.*

*Lies*

*Why do I remember  
The sins that stalk my soul?  
Why can't I hold on to the  
Forgiveness that makes me whole?  
Ashes rise to steal my breath.  
I choke from drowning fear.  
Help me Lord to cling to You  
In never-ending prayer.*

## *Windows of Heaven*

*Windows of heaven*

*See my plight today*

*Use your power-filled hand*

*And show Your path again.*

## *Dancing on raindrops*

*A tickle*

*A giggle*

*Cleansing me from shattered woes*

*Mists of renewed freshness*

*Despite a heart that cries*

*In desperation*

*In anticipation*

*I'm like new*

*Solely new.*

## *The Rocky Path*

*In this room of sin and doubt  
Anxieties cripple my faith and joy  
Choking my life and limiting my journey  
With chaos, heartache, and deadly worry.*

*Lead me by your blood-stained hands  
To the place where you have planned.*

*Carry me when I am weary  
And walk with me on this rocky land.*

## *Where?*

*Where does change begin?*

*Where does revival start?*

*Where is love that knows no end*

*And seals the human heart?*

## *I Need Jesus*

*Am I but this needy sparrow?*

*Do I forget the lilies' splendor?*

*Help me Jesus to feel your presence*

*You are with me in my despair.*

*My heart is lost and empty*

*Oh satisfy my hunger*

*Cast aside my grip of fear*

*And lead me in your sovereign power.*

## *Everlasting Song*

### *Christmas*

*The strings of time weave through my heart  
Back to a place where memories beckon.  
Like a patchwork quilt that calls me home  
To the love of those who know God's heaven.*

*The blessings of Christmas fill me  
With the peace and joy of a simpler life  
Where love is the gift to all mankind;  
A light to a broken world's strife.*

*Spoken through a wee babe's gentle cry  
I hear the message loud and strong.  
Quiet love given to common man  
Give ear! An everlasting song.*

**Dance**  
**For Allison**

*Dance, oh my weary soul, dance!*

*Let my heart embrace  
The wonders of His grace  
And dance  
Oh my weary soul dance.*

*Sing, oh my weary soul sing*

*Lift high your voice  
With praises raised  
And sing  
Oh my weary soul sing.*

*Pray, oh my weary soul pray.*

*Help me draw near  
From every fear  
And pray  
Oh my weary soul pray.*

*Continued . . .*

*Live, oh my weary soul live!*

*With arms stretched high*

*My spirit takes flight,*

*And live*

*Oh my ransomed soul, live.*

## *Seasons*

*For Ben and Machille*

*Seasons of change*

*Seasons of purpose*

*Moments in time to make a difference.*

*Choices for good*

*Choices for meaning*

*Treasures for hope to fill my being.*

**For Brett**

*You came to me in my brokenness and loved me in my sin  
You embraced my wounded heart despite where I had been  
You showed me in a burning bush your love and righteousness  
You touched me with healing fire and offered sweet forgiveness.*

## **Focus**

### **For Beau**

*When the world and it's happenings  
Threaten to steal my hope and breath,  
When the news thrills in the tragedies  
I have Jesus.*

*When pressures speak louder than words  
Performance bows to sacrifice,  
When the sabbath becomes a burden  
I have Jesus.*

*When my faith is viewed as tainted,  
Ridiculed and too archaic,  
When prayer labels me distracted  
I have Jesus.*

*When purpose is met with despair  
Shouts of failure say I should quit  
When hope is beyond my every tear  
I have Jesus.*

## *To Us*

*The ups and downs of life have sealed us.  
Through our joys and hardships, we'll cling.  
Only God gives extraordinary love.  
Only God paves a golden journey.*

*We've left our spring of life behind us  
And summer has parted its way  
Fall blows a wind of memories  
Begging winter to creep away.*

## *Part 11*

# *Reflections of a Soul for Jesus*

*Not of my own will or from earth's vain splendor  
But the mist that flows from Heaven's throne.  
Fill my thirsty soul with Your pure water  
That ushers me to my eternal home.*

*How long do we wait for our Savior's return  
When scars vanish and anguish flees?  
I long to see His treasured face  
And thrive forever in His loving embrace.*

*My refuge rests in God alone.  
In a world clothed in stress and pain  
In Him I place my hope and faith  
His presence a forever gain.*

*How can I grasp your infinite love  
Or fathom your passionate grace  
Lord, shelter me under your mighty wings  
Till I see Your lovely face.*

*What lights your path?  
And fires your soul?  
Where springs your hope  
And lights your way?*

*Fill every corner  
Fill every gloom  
Hold me close to the empty tomb.*

*It's not my role to impress  
Or make you aware of me  
But see the world as it really is  
Lost without our Jesus sweet.*

## *Part III*

### *Quotes*

## *Life Quotes*

*We have a three-fold mission on earth: Love Jesus. Love His people. Show that love. Everything else is simply narration in the big scene of life.*

*Can we abandon family dysfunction for holy function?*

*Some days I think God uses me as an object lesson. Some days I'm glad he does; this is not one of them.*

*What is love but an uphill climb, and the view is amazing.*

*The light of heaven finds you in dark places.*

*When life scrapes and scars your heart, it's just a plot twist.*

*A new road with God is a highway of blessings.*

*God gives us friends so the winding road is never beyond our sight.*

*I'm not crying any more just determined to rid the Goliath of performance from my path.*

*Never walk away from prayer without asking God to join you for the rest of the day.*

*God's prescription for living a godly life doesn't expire until He calls us home. But intimacy with Him must be ingested in every breath.*

*Unlikely friends are the best friends.*

*The gripping reality of love is while the giver is free to embrace its joy, the chains of hurt bind tighter than any pain known to the soul.*

*May our Sunday be filled with our eyes open to God's goodness; our ears in tune with His voice; our hearts filled with His presence; our joy in Him tastes like sweet honey, and His love touch all we meet.*

*Tears cleanse the believer's soul to see what God sees.*

*If love does not motivate us for the kingdom, we are not Christians but self-seekers.*

*Our best friends speak the language of understanding.*

*We aren't afraid to deal with the hard stuff to show how God deals with the messiness of life. The flourishing trees along the riverbank have endured mud and drought to thrive.*

*Today is a road filled with purpose and adventure.*

*Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who desires not only to wash our feet but cleanse our souls.*

## Writer Quotes

*A novel is a living, breathing organism. It has the power to shape and change lives, but a Christian novel does even more. It's a seed to grow the kingdom of God.*

*If I ever think I'm too big to help another writer, God may think I'm too small for publication.*

*If our calling as writers painfully pushes us to be a layer of artists who excel above the rest, we can pay the price of tears, loss of pride, and look at ourselves in a clearer light.*

*Writers need constructive criticism not empty compliments.*

*If a writer cannot offer hope, what's the purpose of penning another word?*

*Writing a book takes creativity, stamina, and several pots of dark roasted coffee.*

*Trying is what makes a hero or heroine.*

*A writer looks at the colors of each day and creates a breathless moment.*

*Learning the craft of writing, like any valued skill, is a life-long experience. Embrace it. Crave it. Treasure it. But don't worship it.*

*Read, write, pray, edit. Repeat.*

*Writing is not a well-oiled machine. It involves our imagination, and that means a constant shot of Writer's WD40: coffee, chocolate, and creativity.*

*Give me a powerful story, and I'll walk the tightrope of an adventure.*

*Atta-boys don't make a good writer. Being read makes a writer.*

*You are a writer when you create your first word.*

*Communication through the written word is one more way to appreciate the beauty of life.*

*When God created writers, He knew the best of His people would pen the best of His words.*

*Writing is a lonely business: you, the computer and God.*

*A novel is a living breathing organism. It has the power to shape and change lives, but a Christian novel does even more. It's a seed to grow believers into the kingdom of God.*

*The power of social media is turning a name into a friend, like turning straw into gold.*

*Writing for God takes us out of our comfort zone.*

*Writing is a melding of literary techniques that allows the reader to experience a character who is more real than the neighbor next door.*

*A true writing instructor can't teach you how to write, but she can reach into your soul and draw out unexpected beauty*

*Writing helps us to identify and process the emotions we often deny.*

*When we write and publish, we are sending our manuscripts on a mission trip.*

*Writers use drops of sweat to create magic.*

*In heaven there is a warehouse of unwritten books; I don't want my name on any of them.*

*A writer lives in the wild plains of creativity, where the mind runs free.*

*Writers approach seasons of change with prayer and confidence in the great Creator.*

*Writers climb higher than they ever dreamed possible and create their own world.*

*The End*