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A VISITOR FROM HEAVEN

by Twila Paris

A visitor from heaven
If only for awhile
A gift of love to be returned
We think of you and smile

A visitor from heaven
Accompanied by grace
Reminding of a better time
And of a better place

With aching hearts and empty arms
We send you with a name
It hurts so much to let you go
But we're so glad you came

A visitor from heaven
If only for a day
We thank Him for the time He gave
And now its time to say

We trust you to the Fathers love
And to His tender care
Held in the everlasting arms
And we're so glad you're there

With breaking hearts and open hands
We send you with a name
It hurts so much to let you go
But we're so glad you came.

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IN THE SPIRIT

In the spirit of remembrance
we hold and cherish you within,

In the spirit of faith
we will see you once again

In the spirit of friendship
when the others walk away,

In the spirit of strength
helping others find their way,

In the spirit of courage
as painfully we share,

In the spirit of kindness
reaching out to show you care

In the spirit of our children
shining down from up above,

Anything is possible.
Within the realms of love.

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WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say

I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
And each time that you think of me
I know you'll miss me too

But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand

And said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love

But when I walked through heaven's gates
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
From His great golden throne

He said "This is eternity
And all I've promised you"
Today for life on earth is past
But here it starts anew

I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past

So when tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me
I'm right here in your heart

THERE YOU'LL BE

Faith Hill

When I think back on these times,
And the dreams we left behind,
I'll be glad cause I was blessed
to get to have you in my life.

When I look back on these days,
I'll look and see your face.
You were right there for me.

In my dreams I'll always see you soar above the sky.
In my heart, there will always be a place for you.
For all my life I'll keep a part of you with me.
And everywhere I am, there you'll be.

Well you showed me how it feels,
to feel the sky within my reach.
And I always will remember
all the strength you gave to me.

Your love made me make it through.
Oh, I owe so much to you.
You were right there for me.

In my dreams I'll always see you soar above the sky.
In my heart, there will always be a place for you.
For all my life I'll keep a part of you with me.
And everywhere I am, there you'll be.

Cause I always saw in you my light, my strength.
And I want to thank you now for
all the ways you were right there for me,
You were right there for me.

For always...

I HOPE YOU DANCE

Lee Ann Womack

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
You get your fill to eat
But always keep that hunger
May you never take one single breath for granted
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed
I hope you still feel small
When you stand by the ocean
Whenever one door closes, I hope one more opens
Promise me you'll give fate a fighting chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance
I hope you dance
I hope you dance

I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance
Never settle for the path of least resistance
Living might mean taking chances
But they're worth taking
Lovin' might be a mistake
But it's worth making
Don't let some hell bent heart
Leave you bitter
When you come close to sellin out
Reconsider
Give the heavens above
More than just a passing glance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance

I hope you dance
(Time is a wheel in constant motion always)
I hope you dance
(Rolling us along)
I hope you dance
(Tell me who)
I hope you dance
(Wants to look back on their years and wonder)
(Wear those years have gone)

I hope you still feel small
When you stand beside the ocean
Whenever one door closes, I hope one more opens
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance

WITH HOPE

Steven Curtis Chapman

(child singing 'Jesus Loves Me')

This is not at all, how we thought it was supposed to be
We had so many plans for you, we had so many dreams.
But now you've gone away, and left us with the memories of your smile
And nothing we can say, and nothing we can do,
Can take away the pain, the pain of losing you

But we can cry with hope,
We can say goodbye with hope,
'Cuz we know our goodbye is not the end, oh no.
And we can grieve with hope
'Cuz we believe with hope
There's a place where we'll see your face again.
We'll see your face again.

Never have I known anything so hard to understand
And never have I questioned more the wisdom of God's plan
But through the cloud of tears I see the Father's smile and say well done
And I imagine you where you wanted most to be
Seeing all your dreams come true 'cuz now you're home and now you're free

But we can cry with hope,
We can say goodbye with hope,
'Cuz we know our goodbye is not the end, oh no.
And we can grieve with hope
'Cuz we believe with hope
There's a place where we'll see your face again.
We'll see your face again.

We have this hope as an anchor
'Cuz we believe that everything God promised us it true

So we can cry with hope,
We can say goodbye with hope,
'Cuz we know our goodbye is not the end, oh no.
And we can grieve with hope
'Cuz we believe with hope
There's a place, by God's grace,
There's a place where we'll see your face again.
We'll see your face again.

We wait with hope, and we ache with hope...

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ONE SWEET DAY

by Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men

Sorry I never told you, all I wanted to say
And now it's too late to hold you
'Cause you've flown away, so far away
Never had I imagined living without your smile
Feeling and knowing you hear me
It keeps me alive, alive
And I know you're shining down on me from heaven
Like so many friends we've lost along the way
And I know eventually we'll be together
Together, one sweet day

Darling, I never showed you
Assumed you'd always be there
I took your presence for granted, but I always cared
And I miss the love we shared
And I know you're shining down on me from heaven
Like so many friends we've lost along the way
And I know eventually we'll be together
Together, one sweet day

Although the sun will never shine the same
I'll always look to a brighter day
Lord, I know when I lay me down to sleep
You will always listen as I pray
And I know you're shining down on me from heaven
Like so many friends we've lost along the way
And I know eventually we'll be together
Together, one sweet day

And I know you're shining down on me from heaven
Like so many friends we've lost along the way
And I know eventually we'll be together
Together, one sweet day
Yes, we will one sweet day
Sorry I never told you, all I wanted to say