

BE REAL, BE TRUE

(1998, for Luke & Emma Christian)

Now you're together forever,
starting a journey that's new,
can you be honest and open and straight
— be real, be true?

Romance is nice, but it passes
just like the fresh morning dew.
Everyday living needs everyday love
— be real, be true.

Sometimes the simple and obvious thing
may be the hardest to do.
No-one is quite what they seem from outside
— bridegroom and bride, are you?

*Be real like waves on the ocean.
Be true like prints in the sand.
Be pure in heart, and right from the start
make peace whenever you can.*

Now you're together forever,
and while the promise is new,
can you be deep, and yet matter-of-fact
— be real, be true?

So many mysteries in this world —
we may unravel a few.
Can we uncover the mystery inside
— be real, be true?

Don't cover up all the weakness we hide,
don't be afraid to be wrong.
Practise forgiveness and patience each day,
every step of the way.

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DEEP PEACE

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
deep peace of the flowing air to you,
deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
deep peace of the shining stars to you,
deep peace of the gentle night,
moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

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YOU STILL LOVE ME

The headlines keep on changing
as stories come and go,
but the headline in my story stays the same.

*You still love me, you still love me,
you still love me.*

The sweetness of our loving,
the welcome in your smile,
the shortness of your anger makes me sure.

What can I say? There's so many ways
you make my life so much better.
I know that time can change hearts and minds,
but I feel that our love will always shine.

Sometimes I think you know me
better than I know myself.
There's very little of me you don't know.

Oh I love you — don't you know it?
— I love you more and more
but I doubt it can be better than right now.

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MAKE LOVE YOUR AIM

(2002, for Kristin & Shane Warner)

You could have a house so grand,
like the Taj Mahal
and servants to fulfil each passing fancy.
Though it may be fun to be number one,
there's a brighter flame — make love your aim.

You could be a movie star
the crowds would flock to see,
drive a brand new Porsche or ride a Harley.
Maybe greatness lies in a different prize:
go for humble fame — make love your aim.

*Love is patient and kind, never jealous or proud,
not conceited and not offensive
and it's not boastful or loud.*

*Love will always remain, never come to an end;
always trusting and always hoping:
on love, you can depend.*

You could write the greatest book,
and be a living legend,
find a cure for HIV or cancer.
As you turn the page,
walk a different stage,
keep it in the frame — make love your aim.

As you turn the page, walk a different stage,
keep it in the frame — make love your aim.
go for humble fame — make love your aim.
there's no greater claim — make love your aim.

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FOR DOROTHY

We share the days and nights together,
the mornings and the afternoons,
the kitchen and the news and weather,
the birthdays and a hundred tunes.

*Oh, but it's not easy to express the way I feel.
No, it isn't easy just to show my love is real.*

I like your style of conversation,
the way you walk and what you wear.
I like your special sense of humour
and jokes that only we can share.

Oh, how I love your eyes;
they speak more than words
of the song that is you inside.

So much of you is in my breathing.
You're written into every scene.
I love you more than songs and singing,
I want to stay inside your dreams.

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FOR YOU – DEEP STILLNESS

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland
For you, deep blue of the desert skies
For you, flame red of the rocks and stones
For you, sweet water from hidden springs.

From the edges seek the heartlands
and when you're burnt by the journey
may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit
soothe and replenish you.

In the name of Christ,
In the name of Christ

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HARDLY A SECRET

(2000. for Brenton & Jacinta Altmann)

It's hardly a secret, the love that you share,
but still it's a mystery alive in the air,
a wonder unfolding in front of our eyes,
an everyday kind of surprise.

It's hardly a secret the future's begun,
a new life is happening when two become one.
Be ready for changes, you won't stay the same,
be partners in more than a name.

*Living relies upon dying each day;
love isn't love till you give it away.
May Jesus' love shine in what you do and say,
as you walk together today,
as you love each other always.*

It's hardly a secret that feelings don't stay;
they're here for a moment and then fly away.
But real love is deeper, more lasting and true —
the way Jesus loves me and you.

He's humble and patient, he's gentle and kind,
he cares for your spirit, your body and mind.
He gives you the freedom to stand or to fall,
he hopes and believes in us all.

Living relies upon dying each day ...

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I DIDN'T TRAVEL FAR TO FIND YOU

I didn't travel far to find you,
I didn't cross a frozen waste,
there were no dangers that I had to face.
I had no need to be a hero,
no kind of rescue was required,
there was no earthquake, famine, flood or fire.

So if you dreamt of shining armour,
I'm sorry but it wasn't me;
a handsome knight I will not ever be.
We didn't write an epic romance,
a tale of love that must be told —
the movie rights will not be bought or sold.

I don't recall the day I met you,
I can't remember what you wore,
maybe I learnt your name and nothing more.
There was no flash of recognition
that you would be my one true love,
I heard no angels in the sky above.

But you're the one I love,
and what we share is real,
maybe as deep as any star-crossed lovers,
you and me...

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YOU CALL ME TO LOVE

You call me to love,
and you show me the path.
You tell me the burden is easy,
"Love is so simple, just be like a child,
trust me for all that you need."

You call me to love,
if I'm old or I'm young.
You tell me, you show me it's meaning:
it's not what we do, but what God has done,
sending his Son for us all.

*If I could sing like an angel,
if I had faith to move mountains,
nothing would change,
death would remain,
nothing would change without love.
Nothing can live without love.*

You call me to love,
to be patient and kind,
never jealous or boastful, but humble.
Love isn't selfish or angry or rude,
love doesn't count others' wrongs.

You call me to love,
to rejoice in the truth,
to be loyal and faithful forever.
Fill me with hope, keep me growing in you —
help me to love as you do.

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STEP INTO THE BOAT

Step into the boat and sail,
hold each other's hand;
you can go anywhere together:
sailing on his ocean, underneath his sky,
guided by his shining stars through the night,
through the night — he will be your light!

Step into the wind and fly, hold each other's hand;
you can go anywhere together:
gliding on his breezes, riding on the wind
— all the songs he teaches you, you can sing,
you can sing — he will be your wings!

Step into the road and run,
hold each other's hand;
you can go anywhere together:
running down his valleys, resting in his shade,
guided by his shining sun everyday,
everyday — he will be your way!

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MAY THE FEET OF GOD WALK WITH YOU

May the feet of God walk with you
and his hand hold you tight.

May the eye of God rest on you
and his ear hear your cry.

May the smile of God be for you
and his breath give you life.

May the Child of God grow in you
and his love bring you home.

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MAY WE BE ONE

May we be one,
bound in love forever,
growing close together day by day;
growing as God fills us with his life –
we are joined in him, he makes us one.

May we be one,
as our Father planned it –
may the love of Jesus make us strong.
No-one can harm us when he is near –
he has brought us peace, he makes us one.

May we be one,
Jesus' truth to bind us:
with his body he unites us all;
dying our death he restores our life,
living with us now he makes us one.

May we be one,
sharing life together
with the Father and his only Son.
Now we have life in this world of death,
heaven has begun, he makes us one,
heaven has begun, he makes us one.

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