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Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

In Loving Memory of

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January 20, 1963 † July 26, 2021

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Our Lady of Seven Dolors Catholic Church
Millerville, Minnesota

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Rachel Wagner
Voices of Joy

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