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Preface

...In His Presence was birthed through experiences of the Father's unconditional love, despite life's tragedies and wrong choices. With a desire to please God in every thought, word, and deed, poetry and prose have been written during quiet times alone with the Lord. As we allow Him to purify us through trials, He sends His ministering spirit, bringing words of encouragement, hope, comfort and transformation.

To receive God's best through this book, read it carefully and prayerfully, a little at a time, or perhaps with repetition, always searching for the hidden nuggets of truth and freedom for your own life. He who knows you and loves you without condition, understands you perfectly, will speak to your heart through the pages of this book, shutting out the world and bringing you into fellowship and intimacy with Himself.

Some poetry will challenge your thoughts, while others will inspire you to greater devotion with the Lord. **...In His Presence** will bless your heart as you open your soul to its living messages and reflect on the scriptures.

This book is a timeless treasure and with it go many prayers that God will enrich every life it touches. So, wherever you choose to be, and whatever you choose to do, let it be done **...In His Presence!**

Kathy



NO LONGER UNFORGIVEN

Being a young child
Forgiveness was a faraway friend.
When I was hurt,
It felt natural to be curt.

Getting up in age
No longer did I want to feel rage.
Though I continued to walk in disobedience
Jesus was filling me with His radiance.

One day I decided to say, “Yes;”
I wanted all the hurt to be erased.
So I painfully agreed to take His hand;
He walked me into the promise land.

He changed my heart!
We’re no longer apart.
Gone are the roots of that stubborn tree
Because this life....it’s not about me.

Make a choice to let Him,
Then you’ll be...No longer Unforgiven!

*For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father
will also forgive you:*

- Matthew 6:14

UP

You lift me up
To fill my cup

Your way is up
To prevent lockup.

My eyes look high
Up toward the sky

All I need is to whisper
And You show up.

You wrap me in Your arms of love
Promises from heaven above

Your Holy Spirit stirs me up
Says be still, so I don't blowup.

"Mind your manners, behave yourself
Don't fall prey to any gossip

In everyday trials, I'll lift you up
Preventing harm and likely wallop.

You'll always find Me filling your cup
From every sundown to every sunup

I'll meet your needs, so now stand up
Push your way through, push up!"



The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

- 1 Samuel 2:6