

From the Author

The cover of this book was chosen that the delicate blossoms of the dogwood tree might remind us of the gentleness of the Lord and the tenderness of His love. I chose to use the blossoms not yet fully open to indicate our need to open our hearts to the love of God and receive His love for us.

The legend of the Dogwood tree tells us that this tree once grew tall and strong and its branches were used to make the cross on which our savior died.

Because the tree was distressed over its fate, Jesus told the tree that never again would it grow strong branches to be used for such a purpose. In addition, its branches would yield beautiful blossoms of white or pink. As each blossom opens, its center will reveal a likeness of the crown of thorns which Jesus wore. Each of the four petals will remind us of the nails that pierced His hands and feet, and the blood He shed for our sins.

My prayer is that even the cover of this book will prompt you to remember God's amazing love for you.

- Patricia Elston

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Foreword

You will soon find the literary journey you are embarking on to be more than inspirational reading. Your soul will sing and dance as you meander these pages of thought and wit. Pat Elston finely fits Merriam-Webster's dictionary definition of a psalmist, being one who "writes or composes of especially biblical psalms." Her insights will brighten your darkest day and lighten your heavy load. Read slowly and inhale the inspirational life which reminds us all of the most majestic thought mankind can know... You are Loved!

*—Dr. George Cope
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*God's
Creation*



"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

- Genesis 1:1

The Garden of God

*Come walk with me in the garden of God
Come walk in the light, come out of the smog
The daffodils all bid us to come
Your heart wants to sing, your lips starts to hum
Bright colored begonias seem to light our way
As we rest in God's love on this glorious day.*

*There are daisies to tell of His unfailing love
And wisteria vines seem to come down from above.
There are violets that speak of His mercy and grace
The beauty around you makes you slow down your pace.*

*There are roses to tell how He makes all things new
And impatiens in every possible hue
There's a sprinkle of jonquils for the joy of the Lord
To just make you feel you are loved and adored.*

*Poppies are popping up here and there
Just to remind you of God's love and care
There's a fragrance so rare that fills the air
You just want to linger and always stay there.*

*And the whole garden's bathed in the light of His glory
You remember once more His wonderful story
How can you help but to answer His call
Just give Him your heart, your life, your all.*