

# *Forgiveness*

*To help understand what this really means,  
I've consulted my book of awards;  
My dictionary tells me in plain simple terms –  
"To cease to feel angry towards."*

*Feeling angry is something we all tend to do;  
It happens quite frequently now,  
And I have to learn to control it, my friend,  
To forgive, and then take a bow.*

*We lift them up and encourage them,  
When those spiteful things do come our way;  
To bless them and love them, for all we are worth,  
Forgiveness will then pave the way.*

*It's not easy, believe me, to act in this way,  
My past record shows me just that,  
But we have a Helper who'll come alongside  
To cover up every wee spat.*

*I*t builds character, my son, I've been told in my walk,  
Forgive them again and again.  
It prepares me for crisis, all far ahead,  
It's just training I know until then.

*T*he best example that then comes to mind  
Is our Jesus, as His death did draw near,  
As they nailed His hands to that old wooden cross,  
"Forgive them," - it sounded so clear.

*H*e did it for us, so that we could be free  
Of life's bondages, bruises and pain.  
I know in my heart for the rest of my life  
He'll do it again and again.

*T*he example He set is the one we must take  
To life's troubles as they come along;  
To forgive, forget and love them because  
That action will make our faith strong.

*I*t is hurtful above almost everything else  
When our loved ones just walk out the door,  
But we've got to forgive them this one act of shame,  
It protects our heart's inner core.

*T*he healing comes quickly as we pass this wee test,  
Our lives upon Him we depend.  
He'll take the sting out of multiple hurts,  
We'll end up just liking this friend.

*W*e can't do it alone, of that I am sure,  
It's impossible – let me just say,  
If you give it to Jesus I'll guarantee  
That he'll show you a far better way.

*A*fter forgiveness, then you will find  
An extra tool that you can use.  
Everything will seem to get better I know,  
Our problems then He'll defuse.

***T**he more we forgive, the more we will learn  
That life isn't really so bad.  
I know from experience I came alive  
Once I'd forgiven my dad.*

***H**e was a bully, a tyrant, a thug,  
But those memories have long passed away.  
I feel pity for him amongst other things,  
I can love him almost every day.*

***T**he world doesn't like us, of that I am sure,  
But I know that, as long as I live,  
I'll call on my Father to help me each day  
To show them that I can forgive.*