

YEARS

*of* *Autumn Gold*



*The Collected Poems of*

**BESSIE GOTTO**



## LIFE

*Life is a pathway of love, happiness, sadness, joy and play  
Through which we all must pass.  
Some more love and happiness;  
Others more sadness and sorrow.*

*When you are young, each day brings new hope of things to come.  
As you grow old, each day reminds you of the love and joy of yesterday  
And what might have been.*

*But young or old, there is no turning back.  
With each step you take the road behind you disappears  
Like a journey into the wilderness.*

*But you know somewhere down the road is a brighter tomorrow.  
Where the sun shines and the birds sing.  
Like magic a beautiful rainbow appears.*

*This is eternal life of joy, love and happiness  
As the pathway ends and your struggles are over.*



## THE AUTUMN YEARS

*The autumn years that I once knew  
When I was young and gay  
As I would walk down country lanes  
And see the trees' array.*

*My faithful love was by my side  
And all things seemed right.  
How quickly all those years have flown  
And faded from my sight.*

*As I have grown much older,  
And the years taken their toll,  
I think back on our loving years  
The years of Autumn Gold.*



WHEN YOU ARE SAD

*When you are sad and know not what to do,  
Just lift your eyes to Heaven.  
God will see you through.*

*When you feel like no one cares  
And there's no tears left to cry,  
Remember God still loves you  
He gave His Son to die.*



### FRIENDSHIP

TO EFFIE HUCKABY & TUCK (LOUISE) BROWN

*There's lots of treasures on this earth  
Diamonds, silver, gold  
But the greatest treasure in this world  
Is a friendship that never grows old.*

*You can clasp the hand of a lifelong friend  
Tell secrets that's never been told  
For the grip of the hand of a tried and true friend  
Is a treasure that's great to behold.*

TO MY LOVE AND  
TO OUR LOVING DAUGHTER

*I walked down memory lane one day  
And you were by my side.  
My mind raced back so many years  
When I became your bride.*

*We built a little cottage  
Where we lived with love and pride.  
One day the Lord blessed us.  
We were going to have a child.*

*The weeks and months went quickly by  
And soon the day arrived.  
But oh what sorrow filled our hearts  
Our baby girl had died.*

*Many years had gone by  
We lost another child too.  
But oh what joy we had in life,  
God finally gave us you.*

*You blessed our lives in many ways  
With your sweet love untold  
It's been a joy and blessing  
To watch your life unfold.*

ALL MY LOVE,  
MOTHER





### BECAUSE HE CARES

*There's a loving God who understands  
So just reach out and take His hand.  
He will lead you through your sorrows  
He will wipe away your tears.*

*He will not number things you've done  
In all your tender years  
His heart is so forgiving  
His love is oh so strong.*

*So keep Him in your daily life  
That's where He belongs.*



## MY OWN TRUE LOVE

*I think of you so often,  
With teardrops in my eyes.  
I know if I could talk to you  
My trouble would subside.*

*You had a certain magic  
That made everything seem right.  
My life with you was so happy,  
You made my troubles light.*

*Your love was so gentle,  
Patient and kind  
I know I tried it  
Many and many a time.*

*I know you understood me  
And loved me just the same.  
I still love you oh so dearly  
In my heart you still remain.*



## MY GOD

*My God is such an awesome God  
He covers me with love.  
He holds my hand and leads me on  
With blessings from above.*

*In nights and days of stormy roads  
He's always by my side  
He never fails, He's always there  
He hears my every cry.*

*Someday when this life's over  
And time will be no more  
I'll fly away on angel wings  
To Heaven's golden shore.*



## TODAY, YESTERDAY AND ALWAYS

(TO MY LOVING HUSBAND)

*I gaze up in the Heavens  
Amid the sky of blue.  
My mind goes back to yesterday  
My happy life with you.*

*I look out in the darkness  
Where no one seems to see,  
It's there I see your loving face  
Smiling back at me.*

*In the stillness of my bedroom  
I hear your footsteps fall  
I quickly rise to meet you  
It's the greatest pain of all.*

*For it's then that I recall  
You've departed from this life  
No more your face I'll see.  
Your love still lives within my heart  
Your still a part of me.*

*Someday we'll meet in Heaven  
Upon God's golden shore.  
We'll meet our loving children  
And live forevermore.*



## SADNESS

*Everyone need not know  
The sorrow in my heart  
The laughter and the wit I show  
Is my life set apart.*

*Alone each day from time to time  
My tear drops freely fall.  
But no one needs to know these times  
The saddest times of all.*

*I listen to the rain drops  
Beat on my window pane.  
Then I arise, put on my smile  
And face everyone again.*

*There are few who understand these times  
And very few who care.  
Such times of joy I used to know  
Have vanished in the air.*

*No one needs to know my heart  
It is my very own.  
The Lord will keep me through this life  
Until He takes me home.*

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## MY LOVE

*We built a cottage on a hill,  
We sat at night and watched the stars so bright  
And heard the song of a whippoorwill in flight.*

*We both were oh so happy!  
Your love was warm and true  
I thought what if I lost you.  
What would I ever do?*

*The time did come,  
God called you home  
And left me here behind.  
I struggle down life's pathway  
Just waiting for my time.*

*Today as I'm much older,  
And feel so all alone,  
I'm thinking of the love we knew.  
When will God call me home?*



## THE NIGHT MY LOVE PASSED AWAY

*I can't believe it's over  
My happy life with you.  
God wanted you in Heaven  
Oh! What was I to do?*

*I held your hand and kissed your cheek  
Oh, how I wished that you could speak.  
But God so gently called you home  
And left me here to cry alone.*

*My tears were slowly falling  
The rain started falling too.  
The angels in Heaven were crying  
Because I was losing you.*



## GRANDCHILDREN

*What blessings God has given us  
So much love to behold  
With our precious grandchildren  
As we are growing old.*

*And then our great grandchildren  
Little girls and boys  
They fill our life with so much love  
And bring us lots of joy.*

*God truly knows just what we need  
To make our sad old hearts smile.  
To hold these loved ones in our arms  
Still makes our lives worthwhile.*

*And as I travel onward  
I thank my God above  
For all these blessings in my life  
That's filled with so much love.*



## SANDS OF TIME

*Life is like the shifting sand  
Upon the ocean floor,  
Each day as we grow older,  
Our life shifts back once more.*

*From childhood to adulthood  
And to childhood then once more,  
We sit and dream  
Of days gone by before.*

*We know some day this life will end  
And God will take us home,  
Our loved ones will welcome us there  
And we'll no more be alone.*