A SONG WRITTEN FOR KATHLEEN

Timeless Gift of Love

Christmas



One November night in nineteen seventy-nine
At College Library, your smile met mine
Then Newport Beach lay under open sky
We walked while all the world was passing by
I still can feel that evening's gentle start
It opened something steady in my heart

> *Kathleen, apart from God's redeeming grace,*
> *You've been the best gift I've received from life*
> *Your love and friendship are my resting place*
> *Thank you for choosing me*

In Carl's Jr. parking lot, you said yes
I found my home inside your tenderness
We moved through Corcoran, then Lemoore
And you stayed true when life asked so
much more
Two beautiful daughters know your care
Your best qualities are shining there
When surgeries would leave me weak and sore
You nursed me through them, as you
had before

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At Christmas, I give thanks for all
we've grown
Your love has made my heart a lasting home
The life we share still opens up anew
I thank the days that led me here with you

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Your smile still lights each road that lies ahead
And I will hold your hand through all instead

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