A SONG WRITTEN FOR FRAN

Eternal Light

Just because



At the hangout by Panama City Beach
I saw you smiling in the evening light
Sixty-two years have crossed within our reach
And still your love can make the dark feel bright
You held my hand through every changing tide
And made a home where all my fears could hide

> *fran, my heart will always find its way*
> *You've been the light when skies were turning gray*
> *No matter what the years may ask us to*
> *I will always love you*

When I had open-heart surgery
You gave me strength and quiet mercy
Stroke, COVID, RSV came in a row
Yet still you found the strength to grow
Through all the storms that filled our days
You kept on walking through the rain
Your loving heart lit up the way
And taught my heart to hope again

> *fran, my heart will always find its way*
> *You've been the light when skies were turning gray*
> *No matter what the years may ask us to*
> *I will always love you*

Whatever waits beyond the bend
I'll walk beside you to the end
Each day, my heart will still renew
I'll keep on choosing only you

> *fran, my heart will always find its way*
> *You've been the light when skies were turning gray*
> *No matter what the years may ask us to*
> *I will always love you*

That beach still glows inside my heart
Your love and mine will never part

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