#23 MY FRIEND "PASSED AWAY"

<u>I've lost a friend I've known so long</u>
<u>And I shall miss him dearly.</u>
<u>The bond we had was very strong.</u>
It grew each day, each month and yearly.

He was so kind and gentle hearted To know him blessed my soul. It grieves me that he's now departed, His absence will take its toll.

I'll miss his voice and I'll always remember It always accompanied a smile,
And if on him a problem I'd render,
For me he'd walk a mile!

But I'm not sad for I truly know

That the LORD has brought him HOME!

And he will reap what he did sow:

But from God's Love no man CAN ROAM!!!

I know the Lord will comfort us all And get us through this rough time, And once again we'll all stand tall When I realize my friend's heart still lives in mine!

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