

## Our Love

Born in our youth  
conceived in a garden  
of naïve dreams  
and unspoken desires  
she was the offspring of hope  
unscathed and delicate  
a soft and fragile petal  
in Eden's dew kissed morn

But weaned on indifference  
nourished occasionally  
by thoughtful word  
or selfless deed  
she became overshadowed by responsibility  
a noble but wilted blossom  
in the heat of life's noonday sun

Then wounded by pride  
trampled by rough-shod feet  
propelled by selfish need  
and foolish desire  
she was crushed by sin  
thoughtless and uncaring  
a cruel and reckless assault  
in our love's darkest night

Now tested by trial  
purified by refining fire  
in the master's redeeming forge  
she is reborn through forgiveness  
strong and eternal  
a bright and shining diamond  
in heaven's majestic crown

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