



Father, there is someone who recently came to Your kingdom. A father, husband, grandfather and advisor to those he left behind. Give them the strength to move on and the love and memories to hold him tight.

As I sat with him when he was getting ready for his journey; these words, unspoken but felt, passed to me through the night. "I've Already Sent My Heart on Ahead".

A Hymn

"Wherever your heart is. That's where your treasure lies. I look upward and focus, far beyond the distant skies. As to things of this world, I've loosened all my ties. Streets of gold are waiting when one day I'll arise.

And when it comes time for me to lay this body down, I'll gladly trade everything for my heavenly crown. Don't let there be tears of grief, but rather joy instead. Remember I'm going home... And I've already sent my heart on ahead.

I've lived a life of blessing. Just knowing Him as Lord, and though I've fought some battles, the truth was my trusty sword. Family and dear ones, I'll love forever more. But I won't be fulfilled until, I set my feet upon that heavenly shore."

Don fought the good fight, he finished his race and he kept the faith. For him heaven was a wonderful reality to be looked forward to. He was not afraid to meet his Savior. All who knew and loved him knew he was greeted with the words, "Well done good and faithful servant." He has joined that great cloud of witnesses that encourage us to run the race of endurance, fixing our eyes on Jesus, Your Son.

We cannot weep for him for he is better off then before. It is our loss, that we mourn. We will see him again! Here is a song I can hear him singing to us: "Safely Home".

I am home in heaven, dear ones;

Oh, so happy and so bright!

There is perfect joy and beauty

In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,

Every restless tossing passed;

I am now at peace forever,

Safely home, in heaven, at last.

Your son,

Larry D

March-April, 2007