

Behold how strong the cords of love
Can bind our hearts in one
How hard to break those cords doth prove
But yet this thing is done

2nd When man and wife in love doth live
Much pleasure they do see
In union they each other give
The sweetest harmony

3rd But oh alas the awful call
Which we must all obey
For death is pass'd upon us all
And it we cant deny

4th I've witnessed something of this call
Though I am yet alive
As I will tell unto you all
I've lost my loving wife

5th The trouble that I now endure
Too much indeed to write
But I will hint and do no more
The death of my dear wife

6th When husbands with companions part
Who'r bound in love so dear
There's none can know the painful smart
Or understand so clear

7th The awful awful lonesome hours
Of those who'r thus bereaved
Of the dear jewel of their care
Their love no more to see

8th I once enjoyed a lovely dear

And tender hearted wife
The choice object of my care
While in this mortal life
9th She was to me so sweet and kind
And felt so near my heart
She cherished my poor drooping mind
And yet we had to part
10th The Lord has sent a message down
That message was sore death
It brought my love down to the ground
And stoped her mortal breath
11th And as for me I'm left alone
Without a loving mate
My days to grieve my years to mourn
How can I bear my fate
12th I go alone from day to day
And mourn my absent state
Each moment seems to me to say
You have no loving mate
13th But I must own my sovering God
The sentence to be just
For no injustice can proceed
From gods dear throne I trust
14

15th Although the grave her flesh contains
On the cold silent tomb

To hear no sound nor feel no pain
Though worms her flesh consumes
16th Thus lifeless there and needs no care
Nor my poor feeble help
Thers free from her afflictions there
And now enjoys health
17th Her happy soul is gone to God
This is my humble hope
Where she'll receive a ful reward
For all her pain below
18th She no more feels consumptions sting
Or any other pain
Redemption through our glorious King
For ever more to sing
19th Her body's dead because of sin
And mingles with the dust
And though she's dead she lives again
And dwells among the just
20th She's paid the debt that nature owes
And's free from sin and death
Affliction now to her's unknown
In that blest world of rest
21st No sorrow there to her is known
No trouble nor no pain
She dwells with God around the Throne
And with the angels sing
22nd A song that mortals cannot sing
It is to them unknown
Because the eye has never seen

The world to which she's gone
23rd O may I meet her in that day
When saints together meet
In that blest world beyond the grave
And worship at the feet
24th Of the dear King who has redeemed
Our souls from death and hell
In songs of ever lasting praise
And with the righteous dwell
25th Who can describe the praise that's due
To the eternal Three
Who set our souls from sorrow free
This ever shall be new
26th So not my will but thine be done
In all this earth below
Thy will is done in heaven above
And I can wish no more