

A RAY OF LIGHT — FOREVER **In loving memory of Mama C**

The World is cold with all it's glare,
but a mother's love for all her kin,
gave me a sign of light,
that before — in all my sin —
believing, I did not dare.

She was for me a mother's charm,
a brightness of the good;
a ray of light —
so nice and warm —,
a goodness understood.

But even I, —
then so cold and confused —,
found courage in her joyful smile,
That she gave to me so willingly,
so generously, as a token of the Love divine.

Why did she have to leave so soon
You ask? Well, my dear and troubled heart:

How can a ray of light —
once intensely shining —
having been thoroughly purified
by life's long road so winding,
not unite its little beam and ray of gold,
to that Light divine which is of old?

Once the veil is lifted, no ray of light alone,
will want to shine "a drifted",
as if shining on it's own.
But, rather, would want to give it's brilliance
to the Glorious One, from whom she had been given,
all we loved and treasured: her joyful balm.

So let us not, despite the pain of sorrow,
loose the glorious faith she shared;
because, for us there is no real tomorrow,
already now we are in Him as one:
Head and members all united.

Therefore, be gracious dearest friend of mine,
and put your troubled heart to rest,
you, too, allow her now to shine,
as many do request: Not just for me,
Not just for you, but, rather,
for the whole world to see,
without any further ado.

Take courage then, rejoice and bow,
it's our common faith alone
which assures us now!

- Rev. Klem Hasencox (Catholic Corps member)

*This song was written and composed by the Catholic Corps
Women's Community in honor of their beloved "Mama C".*

When I Said I Do

When I said I do, I had no clue, what I'd be doing,
The mystery, how it would be, or what the future would bring.

Now looking back through all the years,
Smiling still after so many tears,
I know the prize was worth the price,
The joy is greater than the sacrifice.

God's love would give, time and again,
new life for us to welcome in,
The babies laughed, the children played,
they grew up strong and good just like I'd prayed.

Now my life has proved, my words were true,
my commitment kept no matter what we went through,
Some have regrets for their own choice, but as for me, I only rejoice!

Now looking back through all the years,
Smiling still after so many tears,
I know the prize was worth the price,
The joy is greater than the sacrifice.

What I have now is a family,
something that will last for eternity.

O what has become of me?
In giving all I am set free.

I said "I do" to you. If I could do it again,
it's the only thing I'd do.