

For Bethany

Forever Young and Free

Do not weep for me, my family dear  
Because I've gone away  
Now I'm in a better place  
Where I can run and play.

I can do so many things  
I couldn't do before  
I wish you could see me now  
In my body healed, restored.

I remember resting my aching head  
On your shoulder when I was tired  
And tapping "I love you" on your hand  
Returning the love I so required.

It's true what I learned about Jesus  
He met me at heaven's gate  
Threw open His arms and bade me come in  
How could I hesitate?

The love in His eyes so warm and dear  
"Your journey is over, my child"  
"Cast aside your fear, only joy is here"  
And He hugged me tightly and smiled.

I'm dancing as the angels sing  
As the story of Jesus is told  
I lift praises to Christ our King  
Jingling beads of silver and gold.

We'll meet again and celebrate  
The love you gave to me  
And the peace that dwells  
When free at last for all eternity.

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