

## TOGETHER

*A poem by Verna Kwiatkowski. Sky View. Based on these verses from 1 Thessalonians 4: "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever."*

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Two words that express PART of Heaven's mystery.  
TOGETHER implies no separation; how can that be?  
And FOREVER implies no time. But when COMBINED,  
These words present concepts that challenge my mind!

Toss out all thinking of merely being "in the vicinity"  
Or even of wishing to be somehow "in close proximity."  
No more thinking of Heaven as such a crowded place  
That we seldom get a glimpse of our dear Savior's face.

I can imagine Jesus with each of us, just as he is now –  
"God is spirit," I say when my earthly brain asks "How?"  
"How can WE be all together?" is a bigger puzzle to me.  
Change, of course, will be involved. How? Wait and see!

As for TIME, imagine living without its MEASURES –  
No calendars, schedules, or clocks to limit Heaven's pleasures!  
No hunger, no fatigue, no seasons, day or night  
No sun or moon, for Jesus, our Savior, is Heaven's Light.

Jesus said to the thief: "Today we'll be together in Paradise."  
Relationship was always the purpose behind his Sacrifice.  
God loved us enough to be merciful, to graciously forgive  
Those who believe in his Son, who want to eternally live.

The apostle Paul, who glimpsed eternity, said in a letter:  
"To be with Christ in Heaven above BY FAR is better!"  
He also said that we will rise to meet our Lord in the air  
As a GROUP! We'll mingle and enjoy each other There!

Heaven will be filled with new things to do and to see.  
Knowing that we'll do them TOGETHER –  
Both with Jesus, and with others,  
Living as dear sisters and brothers –  
FOREVER! – Well, that certainly satisfies me!

THANK YOU, LORD!

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