

A SONNET ON SORROW AND SOLACE

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**When we have lost our health, our job, a friend,
Or worse, a much beloved person dies;
When pain and sorrow seem to have no end,
And even God seems deafened to our cries;
In our despair we crave supportive love
From a community of those who truly care -
Where we're enfolded like a hand in glove
By those we trust enough to really share!
Yet though God's Spirit works through human touch,
It's His Empathic Love which we can feel,
For when our pain and sorrow seem too much,
God channels Love through persons who can heal!
Now whole again, His Praises we will Sing,
Our Joy renewed through Thee, Our God and King!
Two Biblical Examples of Nurturing Love:**

When Jesus came to Bethany on the death of Lazarus, He was met by Lazarus' sister, Martha. Jesus said to Martha these words of Comfort and Solace: " I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that Believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, And whosoever Believeth in Me shall never die. Believeth thou this? She said unto Him: 'Yea, Lord: I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. '"

John 11 :25-27 from The King James Bible

A few days before His Crucifixion, Mary and Martha: both sisters of Lazarus, ministered to Jesus' Pain and Suffering as follows: "Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment ... Then said Jesus, 'Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. '" John 12:3-7 ... The King James Bible