



Food for the Journey

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Dear Friends, The following lyrics from the Broadway musical A Chorus Line became very important to me. I was first introduced to these words as a youth by my mentor, Brent Stratten. Brent served as the Minister of Music at the First Christian Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, for 43 years. These words and Brent's loving kindness have fed me my whole life. Brent passed away last week and all of the passages in this month's Spiritual Growth Publication are in his honor. Duncan

KISS TODAY GOODBYE

*Kiss today goodbye,
The sweetness and the sorrow.
Wish me luck, the same to you.
But I can't regret what I did for love, what I did for love.*

*Look my eyes are dry ... the gift was ours to borrow.
It's as if we always knew,
And I won't forget what I did for love, what I did for love.*

*Gone, love is never gone.
As we travel on, love's what we'll remember.*

*Kiss today goodbye
And point me t'ward tomorrow.
We did what we had to do.
Won't forget, can't regret what I did for love.*

What I did for love ... What I did for love.

*Gone, love is never gone,
And we carry on, love's what we'll remember.*

*Kiss today goodbye,
And point me t'ward tomorrow.*

*We did what we had to do.
Won't forget, can't regret what I did for love.*

and i won't regret
WHAT I DID FOR LOVE.

A CHORUS LINE

For Mentors In Our Lives

Text written in honor of Brent Stratten
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Sung to Taft Street by Brent Stratten © 1993
(page 642 – Chalice Hymnal)

*For mentors in our lives, and those who guide our way,
For all who teach us of your grace, we thank You, Lord, this day.*

*The love they freely give, the faith they live and share,
Has blessed us with Your gift of hope and taught us how to care.*

*In times of pain and loss, when shadows block Your light,
Their loving presence in our lives has given us new sight.*

*We hear your sacred call, to mentor and to guide,
Because in life they passed our way, and
journeyed by our side.*

*For mentors in our lives, and those who
guide our way,
For all who touch our souls with love, we
thank You, Lord, this day.*



I Will Be Beside You

I will be beside you in the night watches, when what is to come seems so uncertain, and what has been seems so shadowed. I will wait with you to see if we see faint stars far away, a glimmering moon on the distant hillside, any light at all coming our way. I will pray your prayer until it becomes our prayer and winds its way out into the darkness to mingle with all the prayers of all the nights of all our lives, the darker rivers of hope, deeper still for their longing. Yes, I will be beside you.

The Rev. Steven Charleston, a Choctaw and native of Oklahoma, and Bishop in the Episcopal Church

I Will
Pray
Your
Prayer
Until It
Becomes
Our
Prayer

*I will always be beside you
Until the very end
Wiping all your tears away
Being your Best Friend
I'll smile when you smile
And feel all the pain you feel
And if you cry a single tear
I promise I will cry too.*

I Love You

Paul's Words to His Friends in Philippi

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable - if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.
Philippians 4: 4-9

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You are invited to use this *Food for the Evergreen Journey* for such reading. Leave the publication somewhere with easy access. God might move you to receive its blessings at different times during the day, week, or month. Perhaps you will want to go back and read its offerings several times. Each time, God may reveal something new to you. Perhaps there will be a word or a phrase within this publication which moves you deeply and opens you to the fruit of the Spirit: ***love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.***

Pay attention to those words and phrases. They are God’s word for *your life* today.

If you would like to contribute to this publication, please write or call Rev. Miller. The only requirement is that all submitted items be uplifting and convey some quality of the fruit of the Spirit as found in Galatians 5: 22-23.

The Journey is the Thing

(quote from: Homer)



“If I should ever die, God forbid, let this be my epitaph:

THE ONLY PROOF HE NEEDED
FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

WAS MUSIC”

– [Kurt Vonnegut](#)