

A MOST SPECIAL LOVE

There's an old song that says 'Love makes the world go round',
But in seeking the 'real thing', haven't so many found
Love to fall far short of their imagining,
Or sadly prove a fleeting or an elusive thing?

Yet, despite our faults and follies, our problems and our past,
All can know a love that will satisfy and last –
The love of Jesus Christ, welcoming us as we are,
And reaching all the way to us, no matter how far.

Luke 15:2

'Tis a *love the human mind can scarcely comprehend* -
Why the Creator of the universe desires man as His friend;
And an *infinite love*, that none e'er could drain dry,
Deeper than any ocean, and vaster than the sky.

Rom 11:33

Jn 1:1-3 & 15:15

Eph 3:19

Micah 7:19; Ps 103:11-12

'Tis a *redeeming love*, where, on a brutal Roman cross
The utmost price Jesus paid to buy back all we had lost;
And a *sacrificial love* – He bled and died in our place,
That we might be made rich, through the abundance of His grace.

Mark 10:45; Phil 2:8

Ps 49:6-8; 1 Pet 1:18-19

Eph 5:25

2 Cor 8:9

'Tis a *pardoning love*, where the vilest wretch can know
Sins, though red like crimson, being washed white as snow;
And a *transforming love*, healing devastation,
Making bruised, broken lives a brand new creation.

1 Tim 1:15; Heb 7:25

1 Jn 1:7; Is 1:18

2 Cor 5:17

'Tis a *restoring love* that absolves of sin and shame
Creating with the Father a right relationship again;
And an *unfailing love* that no mistake on our part
Could our names e'er erase from His hands and heart.

1 Jn 1:7; Rom 8:1

Eph 2:13; Col 1:21-22

Is 49:16

'Tis an *unchanging love* which, whatever may betide,
Will never lessen, weaken, or ebb and flow like the tide;
And an *endless love* too, which no cruel power can sever,
We're firmly held in His grip – safe and secure forever.

Heb 13:8

Jn 3:16; Rom 8:35-39

Jn 10:28-29

And Jesus' *perfect love* all human love transcends,
Even that of our closest, dearest family and friends –
Truly a *matchless love*, no equal or rival knowing,
From the cross of Calvary, still unceasingly flowing.

Jn 15:13; Rom 5:8

1 Jn 4:10

In a world searching endlessly to find the perfect love
Could it be we'll seek everywhere, yet fail to look above?
"Come unto me" Jesus said, with tender, pleading voice –
To heed or disregard Him, you alone make the choice.

Is 45:22

Matt 11:28

Josh 24:15

Joyously, down the centuries, His followers attest
To this most special love, towering supreme o'er the rest,
And most gladly commending their Saviour's love to you,
Which alone has the power to make hearts and lives anew.

Ps 107:2

2 Cor 5:17; Ezek 36:26-27