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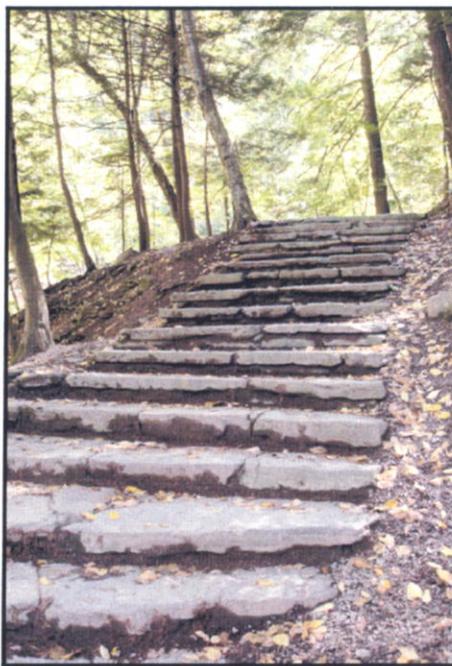
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## FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

BY CASSIE DEAN

To the faithfully departed may I join with you tonight?  
My feelings are as if I've fallen astray from the golden essence of your light.  
Relieve me from your kiss, your touch, your gentle grace.  
Lift me from this devastation and take me to that so called heavenly place.  
The stage for once upon I use to act has crumbled to the floor.  
The drama for which my life revolved seems to be no more.  
The death once wished never came to greet me.  
How on earth could I have let you defeat me?  
The time was right, the day was old, my weeping heart you went and stole.  
Take me to the place where once upon a time we divided.  
Hold my hand and hold me close.  
Challenge me to the night, to my dreams, to my heart.  
Don't leave me alone to rest and subside among the stars.  
Cherish me and let me know that what you want is for me to be your own.  
You are one and I am you.  
With our unspeakable love anything will do.  
To the faithfully departed may I join with you tonight?



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