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*“Come with Me.”*  
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer  
and saw you fade away.  
Although we LOVED YOU DEARLY  
we could not make you stay.  
A GOLDEN HEART stopped beating  
hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
*He only takes the best!*

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