

## Behind the Scenes

By Vanessa A. Jackson Austin

We will never know what happens,  
*behind the scenes*  
as the Holy Spirit interprets  
while He intervenes.  
Remember the bill that was due  
and you didn't know who to turn to?  
God paid it, *behind the scenes*.  
Recall when you made a mess of things  
but to God's word you continued to cling?  
God protected you, *behind the scenes*.  
Wondering how you would be fed  
you received a coupon.  
Instead  
of hunger, fear,  
and dread  
God provided for you, *behind the scenes*.  
If you are confused about life itself  
God's Word promises to give you rest  
He gives us peace,  
*behind the scenes*.  
For God reminds you to never doubt  
because miraculously, He will bring you out.  
So when you don't know how,  
He will purposely give us joy,  
*behind the scenes*.

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## **A Heart of Gold**

By Vanessa A. Jackson Austin

I know someone who has a heart of gold  
And this someone can save your soul.

He will give you unmistakable joy  
Plus love that will never be destroyed.

What a rich life you can live  
With this someone who is forever real.

I am so glad I know this man  
Yes, my life is in His mighty, mighty hands.

And He will never leave you in the cold  
Because He has a heart made of pure gold.

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## Hanging by a Thread

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When life's awkward situations  
Have come my way,  
I don't lose heart and go astray.

When I have been down to my last dime,  
That is just when the Lord steps in;  
He's always right on time.

Even when I have gone down the wrong path in life,  
God reminds me;  
The strength of growing is to endure strife.

When I feel overwhelmed in this life;  
When I'm *hanging by a thread*,  
I ask God to be my guide and by Him I am led.

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## You Are Precious To Me

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You are precious to me, my child  
for I will turn your sad face  
Into a happy smile.

For I came to save you from your sins  
and to give you love,  
And happiness again.

Even though your life might be in an uproar  
I came for you,  
So fear no more.

So whenever you are distraught  
remember your life was paid  
At a dear cost.

My child, you are so precious to me  
even when your life gets  
Tossed like a ship on stormy sea.

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## Seashells

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Seashells, how beautiful and uniquely formed  
they are a type of freshwater object,  
In which I truly adore.

They can be found inside the ocean and out  
although seashells come in a variety of colors,  
Without a doubt.

As they wash along the beach  
they are easy to be found,  
And are more within my reach.

Each one has such an odd design  
I am so amazed as they fascinate my eyes.

As seashells sparkle in the sand  
I am able to pick them up  
At my first glance.

For I find seashells such an awesome discover,  
but they are more intriguing, yet  
Worth while to uncover.

As I enjoy each seashell, I just drift away,  
and I thank God for the assortment  
He brings my way.

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