

## It's not forever that loved ones will be gone.



**D**EATH IS A SAD PARTING, even for Christians. It's a sad parting for those of us who are left behind, and in a way it's even sad for those who go on, to have to leave us behind for a little while. But thank God, our sorrow is not as those who have no hope, for we know we're going to be reunited again soon. We may have to be apart for a little while, but we'll appreciate each other more than ever when we're reunited in Heaven. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

Does Jesus care when I've said goodbye  
To the dearest on earth to me?  
When my sad heart aches, till it nearly breaks,  
Is it aught to Him? Does He see?

Oh, yes, He cares, I know He cares,  
His heart is touched with my grief;  
Though the days be weary, the long nights dreary,  
I know my Savior cares!<sup>1</sup>

Our dear ones are with Jesus, so if we stay close to Him, we cannot be far from them.

Death hides but it does not divide.  
Thou art but on Christ's other side.  
Thou art with Christ, and Christ with me.  
In Him I am still close to thee.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Frank E. Graeff (1860–1919).

<sup>2</sup> Author unknown.