## **LOVE IS ALWAYS PATIENT**

(Based on 1 Corinthians 13)

For Mary and Alan

Love is always patient, always kind and always truthful. Love will always choose to trust, to hope and to defend. Love will never waver in the face of disagreement. Loving knows no limits and loving knows no end.

Knowledge is imperfect and prophecy will fail; Eloquence soon falters and wisdom grows frail; Faith is all enduring and hope outlives despair, But love is still more precious, the greatest gift we share.

Love is never jealous, never boastful or conceited. Love will take no pleasure in the failings of a friend. Love will not surrender when the price of love is painful. Loving knows no limits and loving knows no end.

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Love is never hurtful, never spiteful or self-seeking. Love is not deceitful; it has no need to pretend. Love endures whatever comes through days and years of loving. Loving knows no limits and loving knows no end.

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