

## A Child of Mine

"I'll lend you for a while a child of mine," He said.  
"For you to love the while he lives and mourn for when he's  
dead.  
It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three,  
But will you, till I call him back, take care of him for me?  
He'll bring his charms to gladden you, and should his stay be  
brief,  
You'll have his lovely memories as solace for your grief."

"I cannot promise he will stay; since all from earth return,  
But there are lessons taught down there I want this child to learn.  
I've looked the wide world over in My search for teachers true  
And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes I have chosen you.  
Now will you give him all your love, not think the labor vain,  
Nor hate Me when I come to call to take him back again?"

"I fancied that I heard them say, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done!  
For all the joy Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we run.  
We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may,  
And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay;  
But should the angels call for him much sooner than we've  
planned,  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand!"

Edgar A. Guest

*Your presence at the visitation and service communicates that  
you care. This gesture is of immeasurable value to the family and  
speaks significantly about the life we commemorate.*



*In Beloved Memory*

*Thomas James Werdebaugh*  
"TJ"

*Entered into Life*  
July 12, 1996

*Entered into Eternal Life*  
August 29, 2016

*Commended to the Lord*  
Friday, September 2, 2016, at 7 p.m.  
Burnside Funeral Home

*Presiding*  
Pastor Bill Natalzia