

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, MY FOREVER LOVER!

I didn't know if this would be
a *happy anniversary*,
because we never know the day
that one of us will fly away,
so that the other has to grieve
to see their life-long partner leave.

But I am praising God above
that we're still here enjoying love.

My dearest Sweetheart, while I'm here,
I want to make it crystal clear
how blessed I am to be your man!
It's you alone, since we began,
I've had the joy "to have and hold."
My love increased as we grew old.
And if God graciously bestows
another year, I pray it grows....

— *David L. Hatton, 8/21/2022*