

TEARS OF LOSS

“Stop the pain of parting!
Stay the sting of loss!”
Is the mourner’s moaning
Underneath the cross. . . .

He Who asks its bearing
Understands the state
Of a heart that’s breaking
Underneath the weight.

“In this world of weeping,”
Says the Crucified,
“All is in My keeping—
All the ones who’ve died.

“Death is not an ending
But the follow-through:
Here, all souls are growing;
There, that growth pursue.”

Trust—while you are mourning—
Him Who paid the cost
For the full renewing
Of the world we’ve lost.

Keep your faith, believing
Till that coming Day,
When these tears of grieving
He will wipe away.

— *David L. Hatton, 3/15/2015*