TO MY VALENTINE

(1st letter of 1st line, 2nd of 2nd, etc.;and 1st letter acrostic)

Remember back one year ago— Do you recall when first we met? As soon as then, my heart did know Reserved would be a place to let Love mount in me and giant grow! Immovably my care is set, Neither will its inward glow Grow very dim, but brighter yet!

I truly cherish you, my dear, And set above a heartfelt praise! Divine has been this blessed year Of hard and rolling, winding ways, Replaced now by a path that's clear Enough to evidence His rays.

You know, as I, this joining of Our lives shall blossom only by United blessings in His love. So we must pray that He will tie Our hearts in bindings from above.

— David L. Hatton, 1/18/1970