

## Dialogue: *\*Betrayed*<sup>1</sup>

How do I describe it, this feeling that I feel?  
Is it emptiness, is it loneliness, or is it something more?  
I've drawn closer to you through the years  
And I thought you loved me back  
But now it feels as though you're gone  
You've just left me here like this.  
So how do I describe it, this feeling that I feel?  
It's not emptiness or loneliness, it is something more.  
real.  
Betrayed? Maybe that sounds absurd.  
But how else can I define this thing  
Because there is no harsher word?

Betrayed!

Every day I have tried to please you,  
Every day I've done my best.  
Sure I've made mistakes,  
But this?  
This!  
How can you explain it?  
reveal.  
No one deserves this pain, yet...  
Yet you've seen fit to punish me.

But what kind of person are you,  
To punish me this way?  
By going through the ones I love,  
It's more than I can take!  
Love! Isn't that who you are?  
But how can you wrap your arms around me  
When you seem so far?

Oh how I want to believe in you!  
Oh how I wish that you could see!  
I need you more than ever before!  
Please don't leave me asking "where,  
Where are you God!?"  
Because I know you're everywhere.  
But I don't need you everywhere,  
I'm in need of you right here.

Oh God, I'm growing weary,  
I know I can't hold out.  
So catch me father, I'm jumping,  
With all the faith that I have left.  
My life is hard, I'm trodden on,  
I'm in need of your tenderness.

How do I describe it, this feeling that I feel?  
It's tenderness, it's empathy, it's love at its best.  
I've always been close to you  
And My love has never left,  
But now you're facing hard times,  
You're being put to the test.  
So how do I describe it, this feeling that I feel?  
It's still tenderness and empathy and love that is so  
Love! Maybe that seems absurd.  
But how else can I describe this thing  
Because there is no stronger word.

Love!

Every day My arms have been open,  
Every day I've held you close,  
And now it seems so different.  
But this,  
This!  
This remains a mystery which I may choose not to  
And though you may not understand,  
My love will help you heal

I am God.  
I am GOD!  
That is who I AM. The only One.  
The things you now experience  
Are to make you more like My Son.  
And that, that is how I wrap myself around you.  
Through Him I draw close to you.

Oh how I want you to trust Me!  
Oh how I wish that you could see!  
I am with you more than ever before,  
Please don't turn from Me and flee.  
I am right here with you,  
And I have a plan, you'll see.  
Don't forget who holds everything.  
Don't forget My sovereignty.

Oh child, My love endures,  
It always through time will stand.  
My arms are stretched wide open  
Just let Me take your hand.  
There you will find peace and rest  
In a dry and weary land.

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<sup>1</sup> Inspired by a friend at college who lost a good friend in a car accident. If you look closely, you can see that God's poem follows the questioning of the questioner's poem.