



## ***I WISH YOU WERE HERE***

*Stephen Gill--Canada*

**When** dawn is dimmed  
amidst dull clouds  
and shroud is spread  
on my despair  
your name appears  
in every sphere.

Image of sacrifice  
message of hope  
you are highly prized.  
The present of my life  
reminds your constant strife.

Years have gone by  
your tearful eyes  
and comforting words  
emanate from the preserved pains  
in the friary of my veins.

A blind boy  
shattered in destiny's cage  
I long for your loving care.  
Mother dear  
I wish you were here.

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