All praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the source of every mercy and the God who comforts us. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. You can be sure that the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. So when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your benefit and salvation! For when God comforts us, it is so that we, in turn, can be an encouragement to you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. We are confident that as you share in suffering, you will also share God's comfort.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (NLT)

Sometimes I write songs that deal with causes or afflictions that impact many of us in the Christian community. My hope is that bringing these causes to people's attention, through my music, will increase our awareness of their existence and of the special needs of the families who are affected.

No matter what other avenues we follow to offer help and encouragement to these folks, we can also help them with our prayers.

As We Were

(dedicated to Alzheimer's Patients and their families)

by Jeffrey Robert Smith

Verse 1: She can't remember who I am...

And yet she's known me all our lives.

I still remind her, now and then,

That we are blessed when love survives.

I sit beside her on the porch, as we have done for many years.

We watch the world drift slowly by...

Two lovebirds rise and fly away.

I see the smile upon her face...

It warms my heart to see her smile,

Even though it brings a tear to me.

CHORUS: We shared our lives, our dreams, our love;

Together now, as we were then.

And I'd give anything to hear you say to me...

That we will share those memories again.

Verse 2: We married young, so long ago.

The love we planted then has grown.

We raised our children in this home;

Now they've got fam'lies of their own.

They come to visit us a time or two each year, on holidays.

Mostly, it's just the two of us...

Happily ever after here.

We saved a lifetime for this day,

To be together as we are.

So why should I be feeling so alone?

CHORUS: We shared our lives, our dreams, our love;

Together now, as we were then.

And I'd give anything to hear you say to me...

That we will share those memories again.

SECONDARY: For better or for worse, we'll always be.

She gave me more than I could ever give to her.

I'd give what life is left to me, if she could only see...

What we used to be when we were as we were.

CHORUS: We shared our lives, our dreams, our love; Together now, as we were then.
And I'd give anything to hear you say to me...
That we will share those memories again.

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