

## **Best Wishes**

(To my closest friend,  
**the late Barry Bourne** - Southampton UK.  
A Pastor and a Gentleman.)

I wish I lived in paradise  
Where angels shout for joy.  
I wish I roamed the galaxies  
Beyond my spaceship toy.  
I wish I hopped the midnight stars  
To Mars and Saturn clime.  
I wish I rode the Milky Way  
To earth return in time.

I wish I walked in pain-free paths  
Rejoicing in my heart.  
I wish I lived in blissfulness  
With many smiles to part.  
I wish a world adorned with peace  
Where child will never die.  
I wish unchained humanity  
Utopia pray for aye.

I wish volcanoes spewed out milk  
To calm the churning sea.  
I wish storm clouds dripping honey  
For land to flow so free.  
I wish seaquakes brought good tidings  
To surf to shore on wind.  
I wish swords turned into crosses  
And mankind never sinned.

I wish **Best Wishes** constant came  
To finish my hard race.  
I wish to sing and dance all day  
Before the Throne of Grace.  
When I shed my earthly garment  
My wishes will come true!  
I will fly in newest heavens  
Where God awaits you too!

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