

## Father and Son

By Mac McGovern

The years as they end, like the orange blossom and the rose in the purest hope of spring; rise to create a new beginning.

My yearning heart exalts in celebration of lost years end, leaping for joy at the whisper of your name.

As evening descends shaded by the great eagle's wing, I am calmed by the love I carry into the twilight of my heart, and hold warmly within my soul

I am filled with hope that I may dry your tears through solace, rejoicing, as a new era of love and understanding overshadows the past and brightens a future renewed.

Standing in the hushed twilight, before frogs begin to sing, I listen to the last ship's bell, signal the wane of day.

My exuberant heart beats as to leap from my chest. I wait in the crystal moonlight that reunites family so we may go as one in search of the glorious future that awaits father and son.

## The Love of Father And Daughter

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your heart glows beautiful as violet  
in the vibrant expectation of wonderment  
in spring

my longing heart rises and leaps like a bird  
at the whisper of your name,  
I embrace the morning  
heralded by the song of the great robin  
I am calmed by your love;  
love I carry into the twilight  
of wondrous dreams  
held tenderly next to my heart,  
with comforting embrace

I am filled with hope  
that I may dry your tears;  
those reminders of your love  
deeply embedded for me

In the early morn,  
I listen for the first winds  
of spring  
driving back winter's icy hold  
bringing forth renewal

my heart swells in joy  
at the whisper of your name,  
I wait in the crystal moonlight of time  
as a father  
rejoices,  
taking your hand in mine  
that we may,  
forgive as one; recover as one;  
the glorious love of father and daughter

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**Mac McGovern bio:** Mac McGovern was born in Dubuque, Iowa and lived there most of his youth. Most of his adult life, he served in the US Navy, retiring in 1995. Mac has varied experience in the US Navy as a Chief Hospital Corpsman, Cardiopulmonary Technologist, Director of the Naval School of the Health Sciences Cardiopulmonary Technique School and of the Electroencephalography Technique School. He served as a Medical Recruiter, Educator, was the first Master Training Specialist in the Navy Medical Department and is a State of Florida Journeyman Recruiter. He has written and published nine books, and utilizes his extensive knowledge in writing poetry, articles, and blogs. In May 2011, he invented a new poetic form called "Interchanging Poetry." A narrative combining poetry with discussion, debate, dialog, or description; using poetry to emphasize the narrative. The purpose...to develop interchanging literary devices to enhance poetic discourse. Today, Mac resides in Pensacola, Florida with the inspiration and the love of his life, his wife Sandra.