

Collection of Two Poems  
Transformation Over Generations

Unwanted.  
Abandoned.  
Alone in this world.  
Love eluded this little girl.

Shame.  
Secrets.  
Rage.  
Kept her locked in a cage.

Despair.  
Fear.  
Bitterness for others.  
Learned it all from her mother. Time.

Rendezvous.  
Clandestine.  
Someone had sought her.  
Time. Later a daughter.

Daughter's pain.  
Legacy continued.  
Hearts broken.  
Time. Jesus. One heart awoken.

Chains are gone.  
Daughter not alone.  
Cycle to break.  
Lives and souls at stake.

Surrender.  
No more cages.  
Transformation takes its place.  
Love, joy, mercy, and grace.

Time. New birth.  
What is your legacy?  
Write your own pages.  
I pray a cycle broken love wages.

## One Heart Cracks

Open door.  
Anticipation of arrival.  
Hugs and hellos—happy heart.  
Laughter and treasured voices.

Sharing stories.  
Making lunch and breaking bread.  
Five to the water.  
Boat time on the intercoastal.

Sunshine in my heart surpasses what I see.  
Sangria.  
Afternoon naps.  
Time. Please. Be. Still.

Two handmade gifts.  
Dinner together.  
Voices make melodies and memories.  
Salve for my soul.

Chocolate cake and comfortable pjs.  
Late night conversations.  
Lying down I hear laughter lulling me to sleep.  
Beautiful dreams.

Sunrise.  
Tears come—almost over.  
Avocado toast together.  
Walk by the water.

Picture on the dock.  
Laughter and more stories.  
Dread—three packing up.  
The end is coming.

Hugs, goodbyes, more hugs.  
Tears roll—never enough hugs.  
Four wheels roll, one heart cracks,  
Until I see them again—close door.