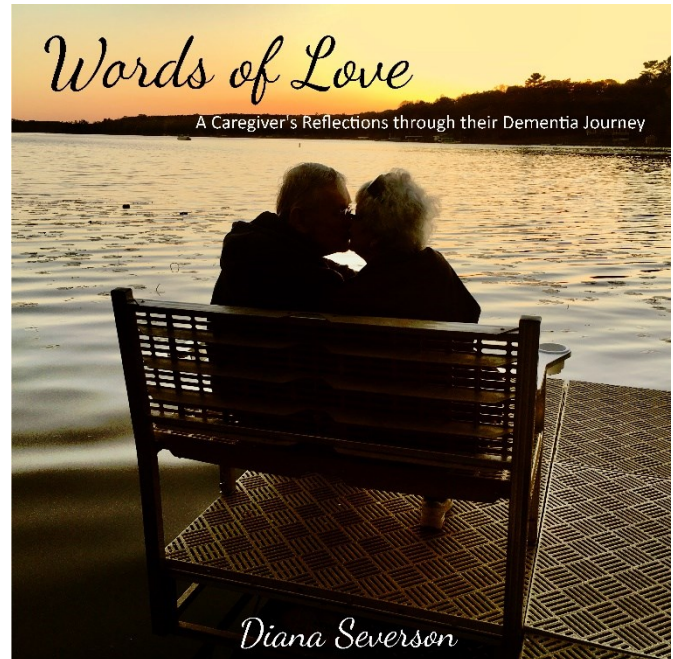

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I need you, Lord

Oh Lord, please hear me when I pray,
for I don't know just what to do.
This added burden now he bears,
of pain to catch him through and through.
It feels too much to add to this
already cru-el fate.
As if dementia's not enough
for him that he must take.
I do my best to comfort him,
to help relieve the pain,
but soon it's back ferociously,
just when I thought we'd made a gain.
I need you, Lord, to help him, please.
His pain to truly ease.
Please touch him with your holy hand,
and make the pain to cease.
For nothing is impossible
for you, my Savior dear.
So help me to remember this
and know you're always near.
You love him even more than I,
this I know for sure.
You've promised often in your Word
that we, you'll help endure,
whatever comes to us each day,
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