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Because I care ...

Because I care, I bring
hope to your hopelessness,
Because I care, I see you
as loving woman

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I See Your Fear

I see your fear.
I sense your loss.
I can hold your hand.
I cannot talk.
Yet we communicate.
Love has no
barriers ... nursing ... giving!
Our needs are met.
"You .can get pregnant again."
has no business here.
Our touch, our tears, our sharing
to start our grieving
and start living ... again.

Rosa Noguera

Don't Turn the Light Off

"Don't tum the light off nurse -
I'm going to be in the dark a long
time."

How can I respond? It's a quiet
night - I can sit here and take your
hand and talk about the light and
beauty and love in the place you're
going. We can talk about your
loved ones, your comfort, your
needs, your life experiences, Our
life experiences -
Lead me to what you'd like to
share and, and let's make this
precious moment meaningful to
both of us forever -

Etha Miles

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A Friendly Smile

A friendly smile
in a new place
A soothing voice
in a fearful time.

A calming stroke
in a painful time.
A reasuring face
in a frightful moment.

A skillful hand
to perform a task
An alert mind
to keep on track.

Compounded with
love and compassion
this is what
nursing is all about.

Zoila Davis

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Good Morning

Good morning I say to you,
as I hold your hand and smile with
you,

hoping to melt away all barriers,
hoping to bridge our spirits, to

care,

to nurture and together soar like
eagles
over the day's challenges,
because ...
I am your nurse.

Darla Brown Libby

From The Editors

Some readers have responded
with financial support for future
seasonal issues. .