



Their Presence is Always Here

**Why do some people have to be so evil; and why did they have to take you
Wish we could turn back the hands of time so you could start your life anew
It's hard to continue on without those we love so much
Without seeing their smile; hearing their laughter and feeling their touch**

**Those who murdered our loved ones don't realize what they've taken away
They don't realize how difficult it is for us just to get through each day
I hope they think about what they did but I doubt that they do
They look at the world differently; from a different view**

**But this day isn't about them; this day is about you – the ones we love and miss
When you were with us our world was complete happiness, complete bliss
So we honor you especially on this day as we celebrate your wonderful life
Getting through the days by thinking of you; happy thoughts overcoming the strife**

**We're thankful you were in our lives; just wish our time would have been longer
Maybe from our tragic ordeals, may we each somehow in some way grow stronger
Our loved ones didn't leave us; their spirits are always with us, always near
Like the breeze in the air, the warmth of the sun, their presence is always here**

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