## I Share With You the Agony of Your Grief

I share with you the agony of your grief,

The anguish of your heart finds echo in my own.

I know I cannot enter all you feel

Nor bear with you the burden of your pain;

I can but offer what my love does give: The strength of caring, the warmth of one who seeks to understand,

The silent storm-swept barrenness of so great a loss,

This I do in quiet ways, That on your lonely path You may not walk alone.

- Howard Thurman in "Meditations of the Heart"