God’s Plan for Me

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A little girl grown past her years
Fighting to hold back her tears
Watching over brothers dear
Poison drinks cause hurt severe
Mom just can’t put that drink away
So consequently we can’t stay
We’re split apart and gone astray
Blind in the dark, our fate at bay
In, out, in, out of care, bounced around
Wishing to be homeward bound
Soon, in the poison, Mom drowned
The drink sent Mom to the ground
Didn’t know what God had planned
Couldn’t see or understand
He took away, only to expand
I soon saw the picture grand
New Dad, new Mama, Big Brother, too
Our small family soon enough grew
With everything, we have come through
Sticking together, with God, as our Glue
Was adopted at 16 as their own
While love healed deep down to the bone
All doubt was taken and was thrown
Into the wondrous seas unknown
Fulfilling my dreams, graduated high school
Went on to college for some more tools
Yet due to others mistakes so cruel
I temporarily put down that jewel
Bumped into my Jr. High sweetheart
The eve before Valentine’s Day start
Catching up and sharing time apart
Attempting to keep emotions in part
Just can’t fight mine heart’s desire
   Even with the six kids prior
Fall deeply, madly in love, on fire
My Love’s last name I do acquire
Back in school for my business degree
   Still with my ever growing family
Though things get rough, I’m so happy
With God, my Love, my Kin and me.

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