



Betty Angela Downey

21st February 1926 - 27th December 2020





Poole Crematorium

Thursday 21st January 2021

Service conducted by Chris Antell

Order of Service

Opening Music

Una Furtiva Lagrima from *L'elisir d'Amore*
by Rolando Villazón

Introduction and Welcome



Poem

There's Lots Of Things With Which I'm Blessed
by Holly Siegle

There's lots of things with which I'm blessed,
My problems have been few,
But of all this, one's the best:
To have a friend like you.

In times of trouble, friends will say,
"Just ask, I'll help you through it."
But you don't wait for me to ask,
You just get up and do it!

And I can think of nothing more
That I could wisely do
To know a friend and be a friend.
And have a friend like you.

Tributes to Betty

A Reflection of Memories

Casta Diva from *Norma*
by Bellini

Reading

The Gardener by Patricia Hooper

Since the phlox are dying
and the daisies with their bright bodies
have shattered in the wind,

I go out among these last dancers,
cutting to the ground the withered asters,
the spent stalks of the lilies, the black rose,

and see them as they were in spring, the time
of eagerness and blossoms, knowing how
they will all sleep and return;

and sweep the dry leaves over them and see
the cold earth take them back as now
I know it is taking me

who have walked so long among them, so amazed,
so dazzled by their brightness I forgot
their distance, how of all

the chosen, all the fallen in the garden
I was different: I alone
could not come again to the world.



Music for the Farewell

Tosca
by Giacomo Puccini

*Betty, reunited with Bill.
May your free spirit live on in the hearts
of everyone you touched along the way.*

Closing Music

E Lucevan Le Stelle from Tosca
by Plácido Domingo



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