



HE GREW THE TREE

**HE MOLDED AND BUILT,
A SMALL LONELY HILL,
THAT HE KNEW WOULD BE CALLED CALVARY.**

**THEN HE MADE THE SEED,
THAT WOULD GROW TO BE,
THORNS THAT WOULD MAKE HIS SON BLEED.**

**THEN HE MADE A GREEN STEM,
GAVE IT LEAVES AND THEN,
GAVE IT SUNSHINE AND RAIN,
AND SHELTERED IT WITH MOSS.**

**HE GREW THE TREE,
THAT HE KNEW WOULD BE,
USED TO MAKE THE OLD RUGGED CROSS.**

**NOTHING TOOK HIS LIFE,
WITH LOVE HE GAVE IT,
HE WAS CRUCIFIED,
ON A TREE THAT HE CREATED.**

**WITH GREAT LOVE FOR MAN,
GOD STAYED WITH HIS PLAN,
HE GREW THE TREE,
SO THAT WE MIGHT GO FREE.**

**WITH TEARS IN HIS EYES,
GOD LOOKED DOWN THROUGH TIME,
SAW HIM SPAT UPON,
REJECTED AND MOCKED.**

**STILL, HE GREW THE TREE,
THAT HE KNEW WOULD BE,
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**CHUCK LAWRENCE WROTE THE MUSIC AND THE LYRICS FOR "HE GREW THE TREE" IN 1982.
BARBARA MANDRELL RECORDED THE SONG THAT EARNED SEVERAL DOVE AWARDS.**