

# Caress

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Although so much higher yet  
Magnificence not fully grasped, as such  
The Creator more sure even than His word  
Confirms true love by His generous touch

This is a great mystery, My Love  
He tells me to do for you  
What only He can do for me!  
A mighty expectation, imperative I include Him too

An invitation, His word, His holy spirit, His touch  
The Almighty power of the universe, says  
Upon you I lay my hands, in mercy  
Even more than an embrace, you I will caress

Exceeding mere infatuation in my youth  
Your glance was special, itself a caress  
Hence I stole the dance with you from the gentleman  
At the time unknowing, history would tell the rest

Beauty unsurpassed, Yes, I wanted!  
So much more though, was I given  
Your person, your spirit, I mean just you!  
Accepting the gift, I must now listen to the voice from heaven

Unselfish, nurturing from conception to first breath  
Our babies, now grown, so loved, so blessed  
From that first sniff of a newborn, embraced at your breast  
Through years of wisdom, they’ve only known a perpetual caress

A young man, ambitious, virile, full of strength  
Now lives his life for others, yet the only way he can  
Lessons learned from God, and you My Love  
No tougher job on earth, “an help meet for a man”

Exceeding the mundane, middle age routine  
Goals, ventures, success, failure and such  
Pinnacle of the mountaintop, the male psyche, but when it is down  
Reborn, exalted by the medicine, your embrace, your touch

Caress surpassing even the sense of touch  
Physical, emotional, psychological, spiritual, all a part  
Through triumph and tribulation, life  
Unseen by the eye, felt by the heart

Exceeding the aches and pains of old to come  
Longevity, your embrace, your touch, I request  
For second only to my savior  
My lifelong pleasure, my desire, your loving caress