

## Til Death

## Us Part

### Do

This represents my heart, big and grand; and it's yours forever because you are my friend. We've been together now for fifteen years. We've had lots of laughs, and shed many tears. When I consider all you've been to me during this time, I think of the excellent wife Solomon describes. You are worth more to me than fine jewels; and for you I'd give up all of my wood-working tools. Happy is the man with a quiver full of children. You've certainly given me that; and they're worth more than a million. I try to teach the kids Bible, from the knowledge in my head, and that isn't very smart; because you're the one who shows them Jesus by the love in your heart. You always try to keep my hopes up when things are going bad. You've struggled to take the place of my mom and my dad. Yes my darling, I give you my whole heart. And I hope  
we're together  
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This is the 1<sup>st</sup> poem I ever wrote that I thought was worth keeping. I framed it on a red background in a beautiful Lacewood, heart-shaped picture frame and presented it to my wife on our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I couldn't read it, and she couldn't listen without tears in our eyes. I wrote it six months after our separation, with hope, while I sat on the fence and waited to see which way our relationship would go. All the while I was working on me. On the next page is a song that will give you a hint as to which way it went.