

IF TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME
(From a poem by Joan Botto)

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1. **If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.**
2. **I know how much you love me, as much as I love you;
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
But when tomorrow starts without me, try to understand,
that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand.**
3. **He said my place was ready, in the heavens far above,
and I must leave behind for now, all those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,
for all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.**
4. **I had so much to live for, so much still left to do,
it seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and he bad;
I thought of all the things we shared, and all the fun we had.**
5. **If I could relive yesterday, even for just a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you too, and maybe see you smile.
But then at length I realized, that this could never be,
for emptiness and memories, would take the place of me.**
6. **And when I thought of worldly things, and missing some tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home,
when God looked down and smiled at me, from His majestic throne.**
7. **He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last,
and since every day is that way, you won't long for the past."**

**EPILOG: So when tomorrow starts without me,
 don't think we're far apart;
 For every time you think of me,
 I'm right there in your heart.**

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