***How Do I Love You?***

***Let Me Count the Ways***

*In the Lessons of Life we are taught the first one*

*Is* ***LOVE ONE ANOTHER.*** *How is that done?*

 *I* ***LOVE YOU****…*

 *1 ......when I* ***SMILE*** *and give you one of mine for free*

 *or pass along one that’s been given to me.*

 *2 ….. when I* ***ACCEPT*** *that we may be different—*

 *that’s okay—each of us is special that way.*

 *3 ….. when I* ***RESPECT*** *what you think and believe*

 *about life and God and blessings we receive.*

 *4 ….. when I* ***LISTEN*** *to what you have to say*

 *with ears wide open and mouth shut tight*

 *5 and*

 *….. when I* ***FORGIVE*** *and* ***FORGET***

 *6 if you’ve done something not right.*

 *7 ….. when I* ***SHARE*** *whatever I have with you--*

 *that multiples the joy by two.*

 *8 ….. when I give you a* ***HUG*** *or* ***HOLD YOUR HAND***

 *to let you know I understand.*

 *9 ….. when I* ***PRAY*** *angels guide you night and day*

 *and keep you safe along the way.*

 *10 and when I TELL YOU, the words I speak are true.*

 ***I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU!***

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