Verse and Vision

The quilt pictured here was made by volunteers to be given to parents to wrap their deceased newborn. It is a concrete message honoring the worth of the infant. Photograph contributed by Kay Roberts, Ph.D., RN of Northern Territory Australia

The Quilt

For all of us—when, we don't know—
Life strikes a blow to our very soul.
Grief and pain are deep within
As we wonder if we will smile again.

Our pain is private—it lies so deep.
Life's bright sun seems sound asleep.
But slowly a ray might shine through
Sent by people who care for you.

This quilt is a simple but loving gift
From those who would hold your soul
And lift your grief from where it lies
Toward the sun and heaven's skies.

—Joan Moon, RN, MSN