

FIRST LOVED

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'We love him because he first loved us'.

I had that and a picture of Jesus

On a card on my wall

When I was very young.

A love created before I was born

From a time before I knew him

A love that has stayed throughout my life.

A love that I have carried

A love for mother and father

A love for siblings and friends

A love for my wife

A love unseen

That I must carry to the wider world

We are not perfect

Only love is

And yet we must love

Making it new

From the past to the future.