

# Because We Are Yours

**But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob,  
And He who formed you, O Israel,  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are Mine!"**

—Isaiah 43:1

Loving Father,

I did not know you  
But I was yours.  
And they do not know me  
And I do not know them  
But they are mine  
And I am theirs.

Let no chasm, no river, no drought or storm,  
No war, no exodus, no border, natural or constructed,  
No device of man nor devil  
Come between us  
Or halt the love that burns within me,  
The grace that flows from you.

Let me think on no man  
    unless I think joyful thoughts of brotherhood,  
Let me think on no woman  
    unless I think tender thoughts of sisterhood,  
Friend and stranger,  
Ally and enemy,  
Brothers,  
Sisters.

They are mine  
And I am theirs,  
Because we are yours.

**Amen**