**This Is Only The Beginning**

**Because I am no longer with you, it doesn't**

**mean the laughter should stop, no it shouldn't.**

**I left behind, plenty of laughter to last**

**you a lifetime, give it up, I wouldn't.**

**I get you will miss me but I've got a new audience**

**now, some that haven't even heard my jokes yet.**

**And I want to be remembered for the joy I**

**brought not for the tears that got your clothes wet.**

**I left in peace, knowing that you all**

**were going to be okay without me.**

**I was reassured you would take care of one**

**another, some by angels you cannot see.**

**My life was far from being perfect**

**but I made it work somehow.**

**I danced to the beat of my own drums,**

**I didn't live in the past, I lived in the now.**

**We all have our gifts and talents,**

**I had the gift of laughter.**

**I can hear you talking, now that I'm gone,**

**that I have taken this gift to the hereafter.**

**I can tell you that gift was not mine to**

**take, it was meant for me to pass it on.**

**So when you have an urge to repeat one**

**of my joke, do it when you are called upon.**

**I was honored to have been called, brother,**

**son, husband, father, grandpa and even a friend.**

**Trust me; we will see each other again.**

**This is only the beginning, it's not the end. (wink)**

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