**God Rolled Out the Welcome Mat**

**Family and friend, I want you to know that**

**I wasn't alone while battling my illness.**

**I was surrounded by so much love**

**that it made the days seem timeless.**

**If I wrote a book about the journey**

**I was on, it would be on faith.**

**Although there were times I wanted to**

**give up; faith gave me that extra strength.**

**And it didn't hurt having positive people**

**surrounding me, they made it easier.**

**How do I express the gratitude I have, with**

**those that had lives that was somewhat busier.**

**When one loves another, there is nothing**

**they won't do for them and this was the case.**

**Each one of you made my journey a comfortable**

**place to be, memories that will be hard to erase.**

**I pray I left you with a story that will**

**inspires you for when you too struggle**

**with work, relationships children, parents,**

**friends even illnesses, all one seems to juggle.**

**God is always there to carry you through it**

**all, when one lets him. I'm just glad I did that.**

**I wasn't perfect yet he surprised me by taking me**

**to a place where he rolled out the welcome mat.**

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