MANUSCRIPTS

LAMENT OF ONE WHO WAITS

Pam Williams

He talks of marriage And his mom says I'm part of the family. He throws "forever" around like it didn't weigh a thing. He's got a lifetime planned and it's all just for me. But I say no. Lord, what's the matter with me?

I tell myself it's beautiful that I'm so loved. Must I love in return? Does it have to work both ways? I've never known a man to be so good to me. But I say no. Lord, what's the matter with me?

I could compromise myself And pacify my doubts with apologies. Perhaps in time, someday I could learn, yes, I could learn to care. But I can't shake this feeling That somewhere there has to be more. So I say no. Lord, what's the matter with me?