



Something for You

Collected Poems, 1927-2003

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PREFACE

The title of this lifetime collection of poems expresses my desire that you will find at least a few verses that you recognize as **Something For You**.

As you can see from the dates of these 277 poems, I wrote most of them during college years and retirement years. In between, I was so busy helping my husband, bringing up our children, and teaching English students that I seldom wrote poems. I did, however, write a great deal of prose—letters, lesson plans, professional articles, speeches, reports for the Southern Association and NCATE, sections of the Alabama State Course of Study, teachers' manuals and literature annotations for Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., school and church dramas, television scripts, etc.

Poetry writing isn't my only literary passion. I love being with all of you who are avid readers and interesting writers, and I appreciate your examples and your encouragement. My file folders save heartwarming letters, and my favorite bookshelves hold attractive volumes written by relatives and friends.

Please wish me good luck in completing my historical novel *Looking for Jency*, based on the life of my grandmother Lizzie Casebolt. I hope to live long enough to revise and publish its 55 chapters.

Thank you, dear family and friends, for urging me to dig through my jumbled files to find representative poems of life. May you find herein worthwhile reading— **Something For You**.

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