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*"There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread."
Mother Teresa*

In raising me, my father imparted a healthy appreciation for all things musical—particularly the standards.

We would drive with the “greats” blaring out the window of his blue Oldsmobile as he would rapidly quiz me, three chords into the song; “Who’s singing?” “Who’s the composer?” “When was it recorded?” Dean Martin, Ella, Bobby Darin; it didn’t matter. I had to be able to distinguish each voice, and no guessing was allowed. My father still quizzes me on occasion; I think to prove it wasn’t useless information.

I, of course, had a favorite and, subsequently, was the only girl in my fourth grade class who knew who Frank Sinatra was, much less had a poster of him hanging on my wall.

My favorite Sinatra song varied with time and moods but one constantly stuck in my mind—Irving Berlin’s *Always*. Perhaps this is because I once heard someone recite the lyrics in a description of God’s love for us.

And as the Hallmark version of love is pressed upon us during the month of February I consider those lyrics a refuge, reminding me of God’s great and unconditional love for each and every one of us.

I’ll be loving you **always**
With a love that’s true **always**.
When the things you’ve planned
Need a helping hand,
I will understand **always**.

Days may not be fair **always**,
That’s when I’ll be there **always**.
Not for just an hour,
Not for just a day,
Not for just a year,
But **always**

What a great illustration of God’s protection and the inconceivable constancy of His love. A love that is given to each of us no matter who we are or where we rest in our lives. A love that we are expected to emulate as we take care of those less fortunate.

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