

## A Prayer for Genealogists

Lord, help me dig into the past  
And sift the sands of time.  
That I might find the roots that made  
This family tree of mine.  
Lord, help me trace the ancient roads  
On which my fathers trod  
And led them through so many sands.  
To find our present sod.

Lord, help me find an ancient book  
Or dusty manuscript  
That's safely hidden now away  
In some forgotten crypt;  
Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts  
My soul when I can't find  
The missing link between some name  
That ends the same as mine.

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