

EVERY DAY – Seven Years

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Jacob, a Patriarch, the father of what would become the 12 tribes of Israel, had a complicated life, one worth examining from many perspectives. His devotion to Rachel is one of the few stories of romantic love in the Bible.

He served seven years but they seemed but a day
For he loved her, for he loved her
God and man made demands but he did not sway
For he loved her, for he loved her, for he loved her

I am scared, all alone-I have cheated the unknown
My duty lies too far to see
They expect too much from me

I have wrestled with my fears
A lasting hurt through all my years.
Then by the oasis set in sand
The crawling ends as I begin to stand
He served seven years...

Treachery and deceit do not signal my defeat
My love divided yet a family grows
How I yearn for oseh shalom

My winter brings sons of joy
Yet ripped from my arms - a jealous ploy
The blessings from my fading light
Are bittersweet as was my life
He served seven years...

