

Quilting Patches of Life

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Patches of florals
Checkers and stripes
Ginghams and plaids
Cheery and bright

Fashioned in trapezoids
Circles and squares
Cut with precision
Assembled with care

Gray, beige and black
Strips dull and bland
Placed in a pattern
By God's sovereign hand

Seasons of sunshine
And blushing bouquets
The laughter of children
Warm holidays

Contrasted by storm clouds
Trials and need
The mundane, everyday
Lives that we lead

Bits of bright joy
Dark segments of strife
The routine of existence
Patches of life

The poke of the needle
With each rise and dip
Sharp blades of the scissors
With each snip and clip

Hand sewn with a purpose
Patterns and groups
Create counterpane
Then rest in the hoop

On the lap of the Master
Batted and backed
He binds it together
To place on His rack

Unique in appearance
A keepsake and treasure
With function and beauty
Made for His pleasure

Whether mountains or valleys
Or treadmills unending
A pattern of days
God's crafting, or mending

His purpose in focus
Our hearts safely rest
Believing, trusting
The Quilter knows best

