

# THANK HIM FOR ME

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Once upon a timeless past  
Someone with a faceless name  
    Opened a door for you,  
    Opened much more for you.

Maybe that was miles ago,  
But he is with you just the same.  
    He helped you to be  
    What you are to me  
    Today.

    So now it's me, and now it's you, and now it's us  
    But it didn't,  
    No, it didn't have to be,  
    And so when you see him,  
    If you ever see him,  
    Thank him for me.

Miracles don't just appear fully grown.  
They start off as wonders  
That have to be tended  
    And nourished and mended  
    Until they are splendid  
    Enough to go out on their own.

And somewhere in the timeless past  
Is someone to be grateful to,  
    Like yesterday's vine  
    That made today's wine.

Maybe he has someone now  
Who's happy that a part of you  
    Is somehow still his,  
    Wherever he is  
    Today.

    And now it's me, and now it's you, and now it's us.  
    And it didn't,  
    No, it didn't have to be,  
    And so when you see him,  
    If you ever see him,  
    Thank him for me.

*(There have been two settings for these lyrics,  
one by TL and one by Michael Gould.)*