## **Tears** By Sharon Winters M.D.

Tears—salty, irritation, flowing, cleansing

Associated with Weeping, sorrow, grief. A broken heart, a prophetic knowledge. Falling Tears—destruction, rejection. Tears of empathy, of sympathy, of compassion. Tears—self-centered or God-centered. Tears—caring, loving, devotion. Tears—loss, suffering, rebellion Tears—move us towards action: hope, satisfaction, restoration, Rejoice!

## Fire on the Beach By Eric Heppner

How you relight this fire of mine from long dead ashes in a pit of sand. The darkness gone in a conflagration divine with thoughts of you that defy command. This beacon light guides ships to harbor and draws home part of me long lost. This fire to me is the stone marker of when life became worth its cost. The flames dance to the unheard song. The ember recites an ancient verse. With perfect tongue I would not sing along but let flame weave its heavenly curse. We sit by this fire and stare at the sea, and just for this moment endure eternity.

## Oh, Those Smiling Eyes

By Carol Warren

I look at the pictures you send back. You in your scrubs, Practicing your art. You look like my son, my daughter. Smiling eyes. Oh, those smiling eyes. Eyes of compassion Seeing pain You are able to fix— Happy because your dream is coming true.

I look at the pictures you send back Of the children in the places you doctor And they look like my little boys— The tosseled hair, the smiling eyes, Oh, those smiling eyes. Eyes of innocence Happy because you are there. Yes, caring for their needs, But really happy because YOU are there.

I look at the pictures you send back. I know we have made a difference. You are becoming something more And we are privileged to share. Smiling eyes. Oh, my smiling eyes Reflect my pride in you In me In us.

