## **MOTORCYCLE ANGELS**

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She was only six years old When her brother turned eighteen Though she'll never understand why He chose to be a Marine

She remembers that her mother cried The day he left to train She still recalls the last kiss he gave When he left for Afghanistan

The next thing she remembers Is being at his side She just couldn't understand Just why her brother had died

No one came to say sood-bye Or tell her brother 'Farewell' Except some people on motorcycles Who'd done their time in Hell

After the flas was folded And the sounds of taps faded out One of the riders approached her And in front of her knelt down

He spoke to her real softly His words I could barely hear And then he hugged her gently And gave her a Teddy Bear

When she knelt down by her bed that night I heard her pray so peacefully "God, why do people call them 'outlaws' Oh Jesus, can't they see? No matter who these people are They're Motorcycle Angles to me!"

It's been three years now Since they laid him in the ground When her mother received a phone call And her heart began to pound

The call seemed to last a lifetime Her mother's silence, it was loud Just before she hung up the phone She whispered "That would make us proud"

The little sirl asked her mother What was that about? He mother just held her tishtly And sobbed a bit out loud

You remember when your brother died And the motorcycles were there? Well there're some more patriots Who want to show they care

Weeks went by before the day When Angels would visit once again The little girl counted the days Until the time finally came

300 Motorcycles, maybe more Came roaring down the street But there was one special Angle The girl was anxious to greet As the riders sot off their bikes And the crowd sathered 'round She looked for her Ansle But her Ansle could not be found

As the crowd moved to the site
Where her family would be honored
She searched all throughout the crowd
But her Angel didn't seem to be around

When the moment finally came For the presentation of the plaque The crowd parted to allow Her Angle to step from the back

She stood and listened quietly As her Angle spoke to her mom She wanted desperately to hug him But she had to wait her turn

When her time finally came He aşain knelt beside her there Then she did something unexpected By showing her Teddy Bear

Tears welled up in her Angles' eyes As he hugged her oh so tight He proudly stood there by her side As the other Angels passed on by

When the day was finally over And the motorcycles had sone away The sun went down, she went to bed And once asain I heard her pray

"God, I still don't understand
Please tell me if you please
Why do people call them 'outlaws'
Oh Jesus, can't they see?
No matter who these people are
They're still Motorcycle Angles to me!"

They come from all walks of life
To fight to keep us free
Though we might not understand why
They fight for you and me

The ones who ride the motorcycles
The ones who choose to ride
Are ones who left someone "over there"
Their friends who long ago died

They ride with American flags flying They ride in all kinds of weather So the next time that you see 'em ride Please won't you try to remember

When you kneel down by your bed at night Ask God to help others see That they're not really outlaws, God They're Motorcycle Angles to me!" Yes, They're Motorcycle Angles to me!"