

# Keali'i Reichel, Patchwork Quilt

They unfolded your lives one by one  
They laid out your patchwork under the sun  
And people gathered from miles around  
To witness your quilt spread on the ground.

And then they called out your name  
Oh yes they called out your name  
Oh and you will live forever  
You know that I'll be loving you  
Just like a patchwork quilt.

Well there were men and women, mothers and fathers  
Sisters and brothers, daughters and sons  
And children and babies, and lovers and friends  
They all lay before me sewn into one.

Your lives had meaning and your lives had joy  
You touches so many people, many more than you will know  
And you wrapped yourselves around me  
As I walked along these rows  
You're letting me feel your beautiful souls.

I feel the warmth of your lives  
Oh and you will live forever  
You know that I'll be loving you  
Just like a patchwork quilt.

My heart spills over, flowing with tears  
I cry for your suffering and  
for your shortened years  
And I'll take you with me as I walk away  
Remembering you who have died with AIDS

Yes, I remember your names  
Oh I remember your names  
Oh and you will live forever  
You know that I'll be loving you  
Just like a patchwork quilt.