

I learned about COMMITMENT
During a very sad time in my life
I learned it from a woman
Who was not my friend, my relative, or my wife

I met Linda the day before
My mother passed away
She's a hospice nurse you see
And our family needed her badly that day

I don't know what I expected from her
But I know I felt surprise
When I saw a pleasant confidence
In her experienced and caring eyes

It seemed to me she had learned way back
That there's a need for a positive force
To deal with life and death as well
Or the sadness will take its course

Linda was strong that day
While the rest of us were in grief
She took over and cared for us and mom
With a commitment beyond belief

Then, in the middle of the last night
Of my mother's long and wonderful life
I watched this stranger bring comfort
To someone I had loved every day of my life

Who is this woman, I asked myself
This angel of the night
And realized she was only doing
What she knew to be right

Not just right for others
Who benefit from her labor
But right for herself as well
Creating an inner peace to savor

I hope it's not too late to find
A commitment to what we do
A deep down belief in our values
And a joy that will then shine through

So pass it on, this thirst for life
Find a commitment to whatever you do
It's a gift that is passed along today -
From Linda... to me... to you.

