

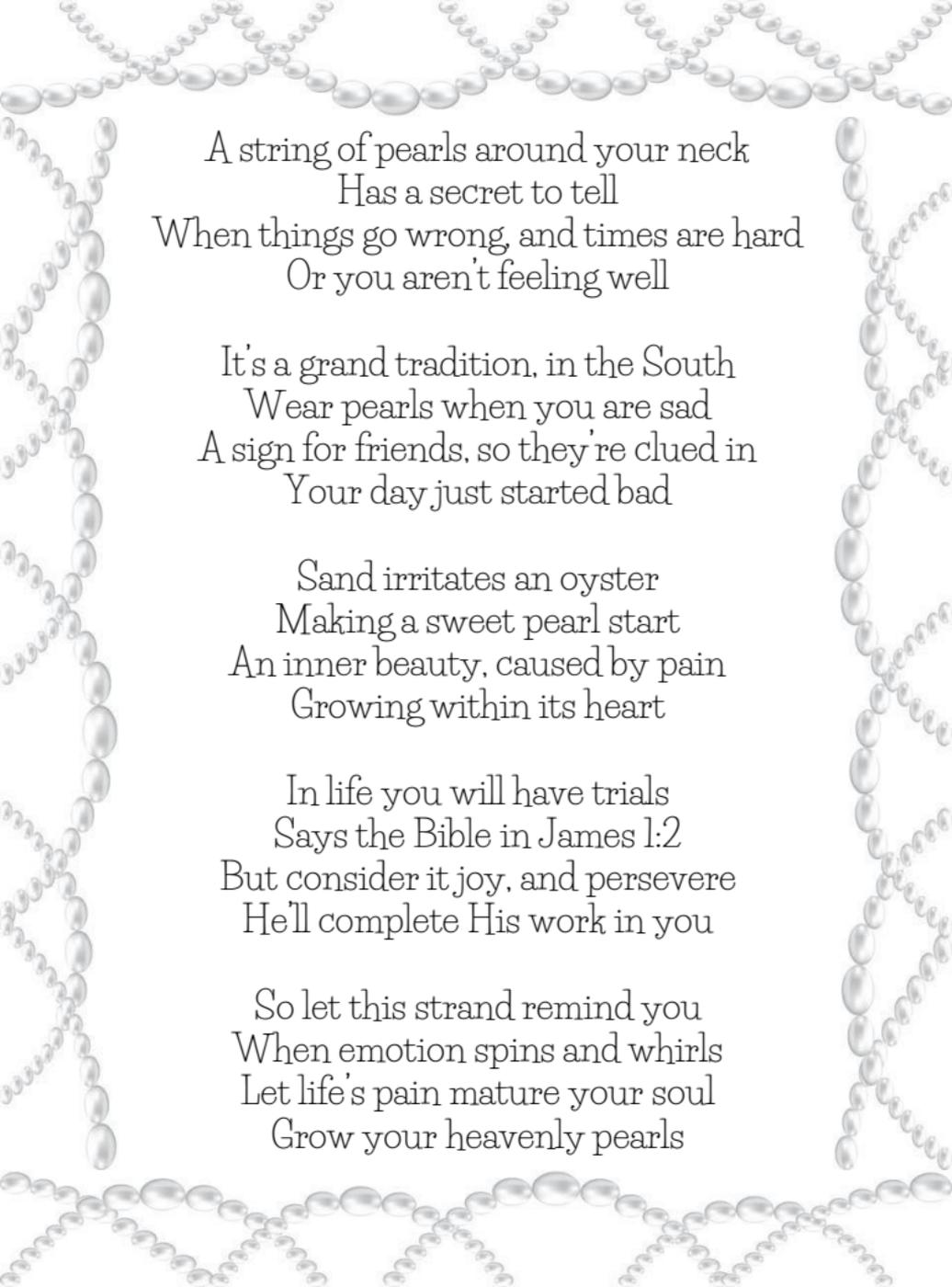
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Has a secret to tell  
When things go wrong, and times are hard  
Or you aren't feeling well

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Wear pearls when you are sad  
A sign for friends, so they're clued in  
Your day just started bad

Sand irritates an oyster  
Making a sweet pearl start  
An inner beauty, caused by pain  
Growing within its heart

In life you will have trials  
Says the Bible in James 1:2  
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He'll complete His work in you

So let this strand remind you  
When emotion spins and whirls  
Let life's pain mature your soul  
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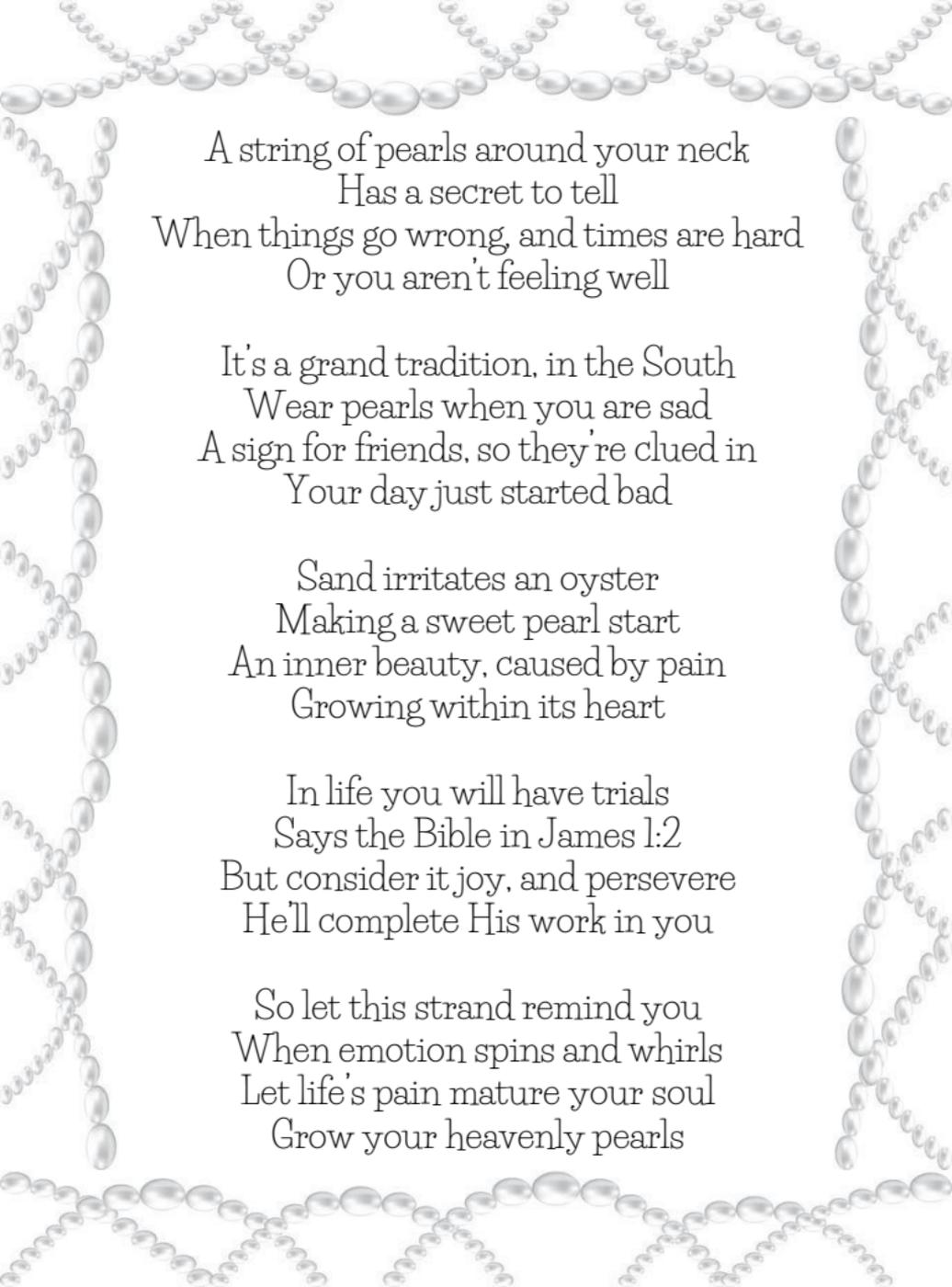
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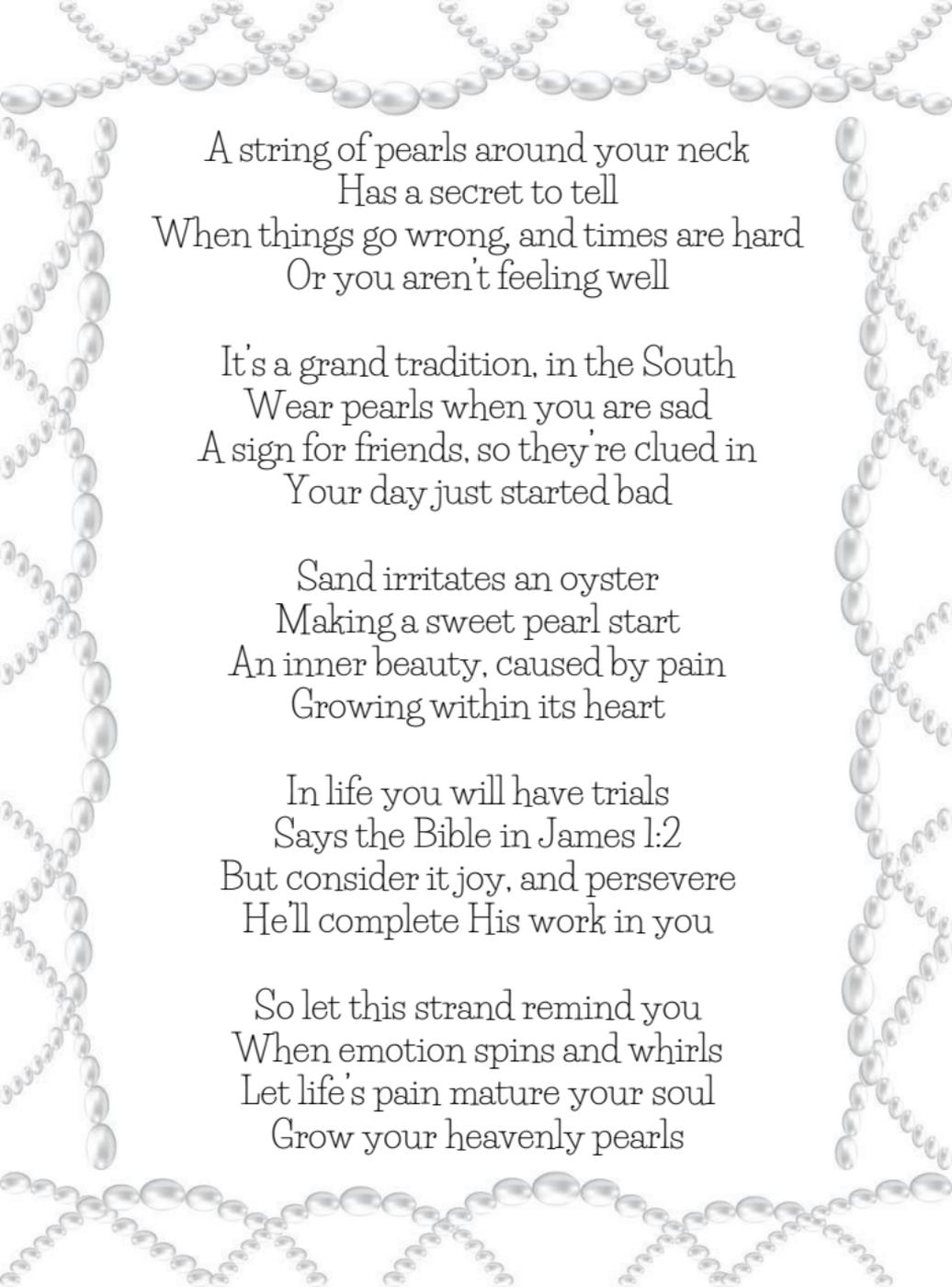
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