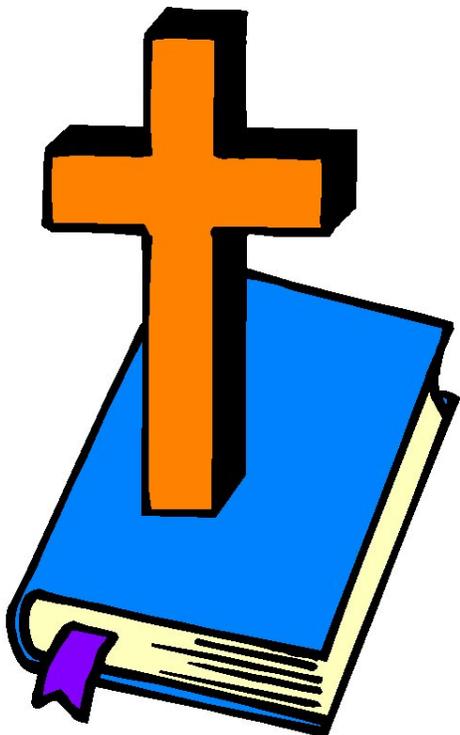

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Heaven Came Down

[Paterson, John ©1961 John W. Peterson Music Company]

1. O' what a wonderful, wonderful day –
Day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away,
Jesus my Savior I met.
O' what a tender, compassionate friend,
He met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling,
He made all the darkness depart!

2. Born of the Spirit with life from above,
Into God's family divine.
Justified fully through Calvary's love,
O' what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made
When as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer, of grace he did proffer –
He saved me, O' praise His dear name!

3. Now I've a hope that will surely endure,
After the passing of time;
I have a future in Heaven for sure,
There in those mansions sub-lime.
And it's because of that wonderful day
When at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal
From His precious hand I received.

Chorus:

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul.
When at the cross the Savior made me whole.
My sins were washed away, and my night was turned to day.
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!

'Til The Storm Passes By

[Lister, Mosie ©1958 Mosie Lister Songs]

1. In the dark of the midnight,
Have I oft hid my face.
While the storm howls above me,
And there's no hiding place.
'Mid the crash of the thunder,
Precious Lord, hear my cry,
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

2. Many times Satan whispers,
"There is no need to try,
For there's no end of sorrow,
There's no hope by and by."
But I know Thou are with me,
And tomorrow I'll rise,
Where the storms never darken the skies.

3. When the long night has ended,
And the storms come no more,
Let me stand in Thy presence,
On that bright, peaceful shore.
In the land where the tempest
Never comes, Lord, may I,
Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by.

Chorus:

'Til the storm passes over,
'Til the thunder sounds no more;
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky;
Hold me fast, let me stand, in the hollow of Thy hand.
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

God's provision to escape the eternal storm

The Eternal Storm – The Bad News

The Bible says that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). We have all come short of God's standard of perfection. In thoughts, words, and deeds, we have not been perfect. Unfortunately, the bad news gets worse, because the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). The Bible says that by sinning we have earned death. That means we deserve to die and be separated from God forever. But since there was no way we could come to God, God came to us.

The Eternal Preparation – The Good News

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). The Bible says Christ took the penalty that we deserved for sin, placed it upon Himself, and died in our place. Three days later Christ came back to life to prove that sin and death had been conquered and that His claims to be God were true. Just as the bad news got worse, the good news gets better. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast (Ephesians 2:8, 9). You must depend on Him alone to forgive you and to give you eternal life. Good living, going to church, helping the poor or any other good thing you might do cannot get you to heaven. You must trust in Jesus Christ alone, and God will give you eternal life as a gift.

Is there anything keeping you from trusting Christ right now? There is nothing more important than your need to trust Christ. It is not prayer that saves you. It is trusting Jesus Christ that saves you. Prayer is simply how you express to God what you are doing, such as: "Dear God, I know I'm a sinner. I know my sin deserves to be punished. I believe Christ died for me and rose from the grave. I trust Jesus Christ alone as my Savior. Thank you for the forgiveness and everlasting life I now have. In Jesus' name, amen."

John 5:24 explains, "He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." Eternal life is based on fact, not feeling.

Give Thanks:

- "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!" (Psalm 97:12)
- "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds." (Psalm 9:1)
- "Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!" (Psalm 105:1-2)

I Must Tell Jesus

[Hoffman, Elisha A. / Lane, Harold ©1968 Ben Speer Music].

1. I must tell Jesus all of my trials,
I cannot bear these burdens alone;
In my distress He kindly will help me,
He ever loves and cares for His own.

2. I must tell Jesus all of my troubles;
He is a kind, compassionate friend;
If I but ask Him, He will deliver,
Make of my troubles quickly an end.

3. O' how the world to evil allures me!
O' how my heart is tempted to sin!
I must tell Jesus and He will help me,
Over the world the vict'ry to win.

Chorus:

**I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
I cannot bear my burdens alone.
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
Jesus will help me, Jesus alone.**

Let him have all your worries and cares, for he is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you. (1 Peter 5:7, Living Bible)

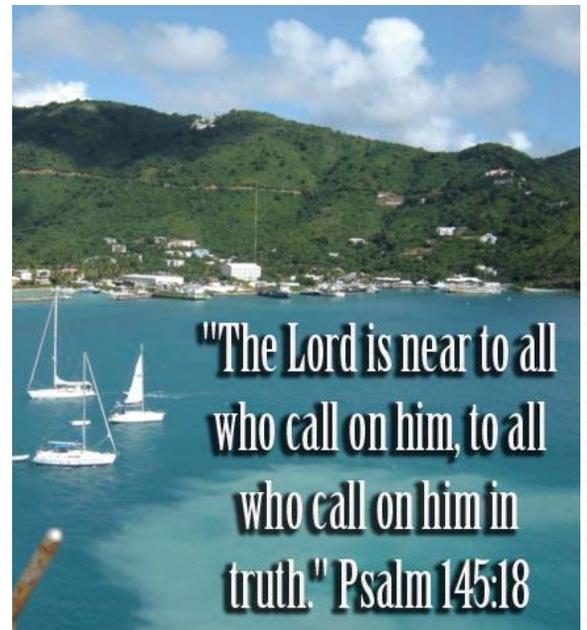
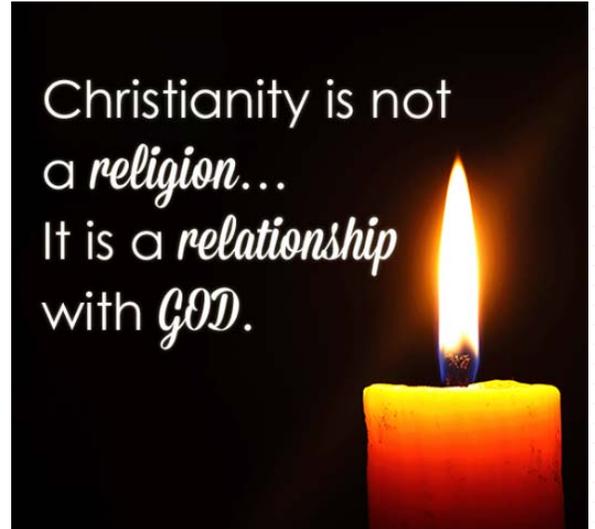
What a Friend We Have In Jesus

[Words by: Joseph Medlicott Scriven, circa 1885 / Music by: Charles Crozat Converse, 1886 (Public Domain)]

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer!
O' what peace we often forfeit,
O' what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are you weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge -
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do Thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB)

- ◆ Rejoice always;
- ◆ Pray without ceasing;
- ◆ In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

[Words by: Reginald Heber, 1826 / Music by: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861 (Public Domain)]

**1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;**

**Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.**

**3. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;**

**Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
which was, and is, and is to come.*

(Revelation 4:8)

As The Deer

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1. As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

3. I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver,
And the apple of my eye.

Chorus:

**You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.**

*As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So my soul pants for You, O God.
(Psalm 42:1, NASB)*

Be Thou My Vision

[Words by: Ancient Irish; translated to English by Mary Elizabeth Byrne, 1905; Music by: Irish folk tune (Public Domain)]

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

3. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

4. Be thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

5. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Jesus Loves Me

[Words by: Anna Bartlett Warner (1860) and David Rutherford McGuire, / Music by: William B. Bradbury, 1862 (Public Domain)]

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

2. Jesus loves me! Loves me still,
'tho I'm very weak and ill,
that I might from sin be free,
bled and died upon the tree.

3. Jesus died upon the tree,
Yes, He died for you and me.
On the third day He arose,
Shout it out till the whole world knows!

4. When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."

**Chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

“Let the godly ones exult in glory; Let them sing for joy on their beds”.
(Psalm 149:5, NASB)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

[Thomas O. Chisholm & William M. Runyan ©1923. Renewal 1951 by Hope Publishing Co.]

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O' God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

2. Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
Blessings all mine, and ten thousand beside!

Chorus:

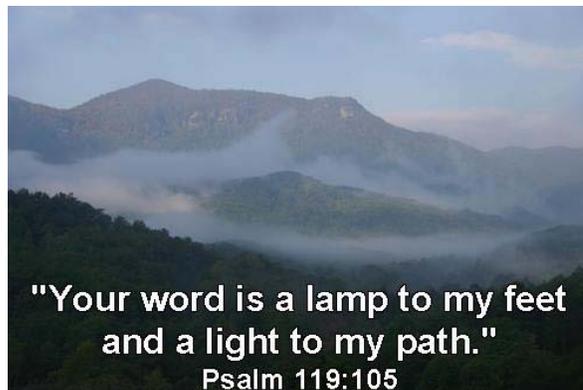
Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!



I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

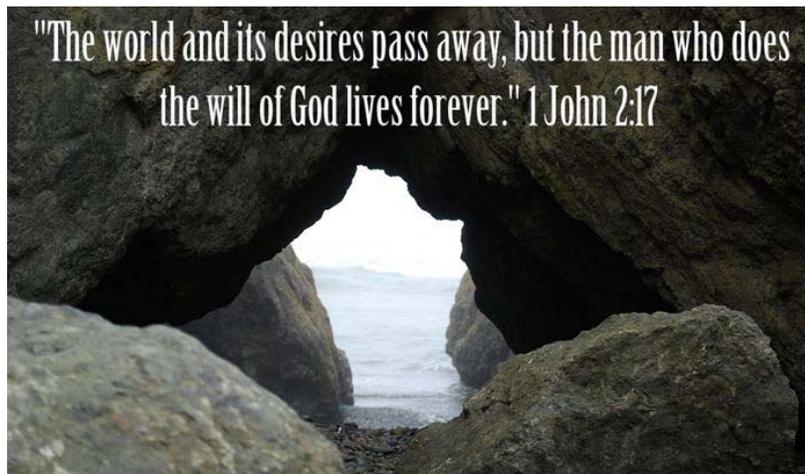
[Peterson, John W. ©1954 John W. Peterson Music Company]

**1. I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, No turning back.**

**2. Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, No turning back.**

**3. The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, No turning back.**

**4. Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, No turning back.**



How Great Thou Art

[Originally a Swedish folk melody by Carl Boberg, translated by Stuart K. Hine, 1899 (Public Domain)]

1. Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

2. When thru the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

CHORUS:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

"Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name." Selah" (Psalm 66:1-4, ESV)

"The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!"
(Psalm 18:46, NIV)

Amazing Grace

[Words by: John Newton, 1779, John Rees (stanza four); Music by: 19th Century American melody (Public Domain)]

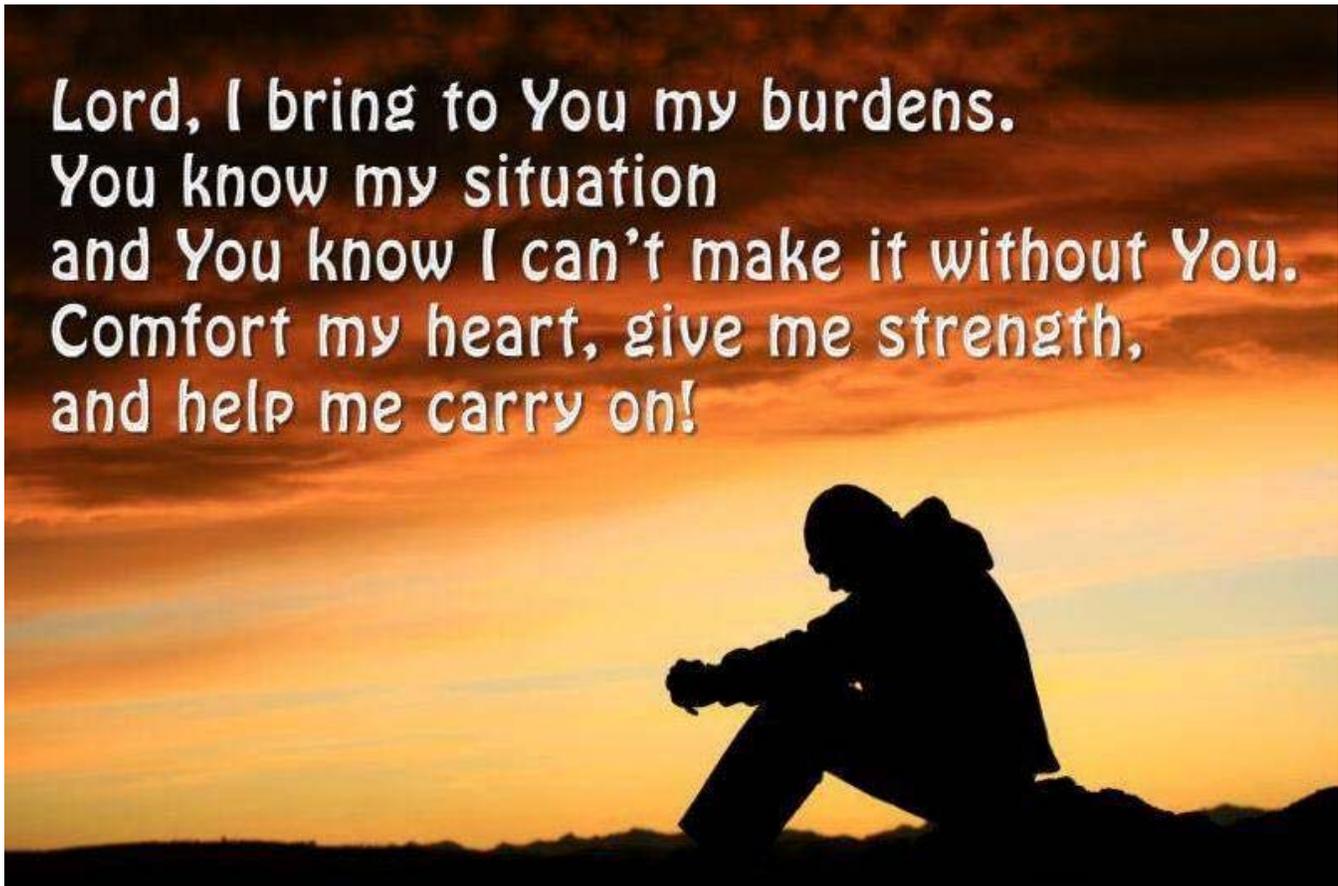
1. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,
And Grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that Grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

3. Thru many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we'd first begun.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.” (John 3:16, 17, KJV)



The Lord's Prayer

[Matthew 6:9-13, (KJV)]

- (9) Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.**
- (10) Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**
- (11) Give us this day our daily bread.**
- (12) And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**
- (13) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.**
Amen.

Psalm 103

[Words: Psalm 103:1-13 / Music: NETTLETON, John Wyeth, 1813 (Tune to "**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**") (Public Domain)]

1. Bless the Lord, my soul; my whole heart
ever bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul; forget not
all His mercies to proclaim.
Who forgives all thy transgressions,
thy diseases all who heals;
who redeems thee from destruction,
who with thee so kindly deals.

2. Who with love and mercy crowns thee,
satisfies thy mouth with good,
So that even like the eagle
thou art bless'd with youth renewed.
In His righteousness Jehovah
will deliver those distressed;
He will execute just judgment
In the cause of all oppressed.

3. He made known His ways to Moses,
and His acts to Israel's race;
Tender, loving is Jehovah,
slow to anger, rich in grace.
He will not forever chide us
nor will keep His anger still,
Has not dealt as we offended
nor requited us our ill.

4. For as high as is the heaven,
far above the earth below,
Ever great to them that fear Him
is the mercy He will show.
Far as east from west is distant
He has put away our sin;
Like the pity of a father
has Jehovah's pity been.



Carry each other's burdens, and
in this way you will fulfill the law
of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Victory In Jesus

[Bartlett, Eugene ©1967 Albert Brumley and Sons]

1. I heard an old, old story,
How a Savior came from glory.
How He gave His life on Calvary,
To save a wretch like me.
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning.
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

2. I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing p'wr revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again,
And caused the blind to see.
And then I cried "Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

3. I heard about a mansion,
He has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold,
Beyond the crystal sea.
About the angels singing,
And the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

Chorus:

**O' victory in Jesus, my Savior forever;
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood.
He loved me 'ere I knew Him, and all my love is due him.
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.**

God giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

I'll Fly Away

[Albert E. Brumley, 1929]

1. Some glad morning, when this life is o'er, I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Chorus:

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

2. When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

Chorus:

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

3. Just a few more weary days, and then, I'll fly away,
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away.

Chorus:

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

Thank You, Jesus

When I fall, He lifts me up!
When I fail, He forgives!
When I am weak, He is strong!
When I am lost, He is the way!
When I am afraid, He is my courage!
When I stumble, He steadies me!
When I am hurt, He heals me!
When I am broken, He mends me!
When I am blind, He leads me!
When I am hungry, He feeds me!
When I face trials, He is with me!
When I face persecution, He shields me!
When I face problems, He comforts me!
When I face loss, He provides for me!
When I face Death, He carries me Home!
He is everything for everybody, everywhere,
every time, and every way.
He is God, He is faithful.
I am His, and He is mine!



Choir Practice

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