

If I Should
Live
Before I Die

Oh what faith in Christ can do!
It's true, it's true, it's true, it's true!

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Rev. 3:17, 18, "Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire...and white garments so that you may clothe yourself...; and eye salve...so you may see."

I know there was a time in my life where I knew I had received the free gift of salvation from Jesus, & been born again, and I got deceived into thinking that taking my very first step of faith, was all I had to do and that it was only EVERYBODY ELSE who needed the Lord. How wrong! How very, very wrong! The Lord had to allow me to hit bottom, as it was only from there, I would truly look up! So this is a poem I wrote about me, based on the old children's story, The Emperor's New Clothes.

Never Looked Fairer

*There once was a man, convinced he was dressed,
as he listened to spinners who said, "You're so blessed!"!*

*There once was a man convinced he was clothed,
but he was buck naked from his head to his toes!*

*He'd received Christ, and yes, he was saved,
but in his own battles of faith, was not brave.
The tests given him, he was greatly failing,
No wonder why his own spirit was wailing!*

*All he could see was what OTHERS might need,
Forgetting his own call to trust and believe.
The deception of sin and neglect of his fight
Robbed his first love and distorted his sight.*

*But there once was a man who realized his error,
trusted God for himself, and never looked fairer!
For when he was humbled, and obeyed what he heard
That's when he was able to share the Lord's Word!*

BLESSED IS THE MAN

BLESSED IS THE MAN TO WHOM GOD DOES NOT IMPART
 ANY OF THE SIN WHICH HAS ABIDED IN HIS HEART!
 BLESSED IS THE MAN ON EARTH WHO DOES FULLY KNOW
 HIS CREATOR AS HIS GOD, WHO DEARLY LOVE HIM SO!!

The Me Inside

Nobody knows the me inside
 How many times that I have cried,
 (How many times I have wished I'd died!)

Before creation, God says that He knew
 Every thought and each action that I would do-
 (Does God really know all my hurt feelings too!?)

So accustomed to that pain I had grown,
 For so long, I had felt all alone.
 "Can God be good?", my spirit did moan!

But have I 'er taken God at His Word?
 Have I truly believed...have I really heard?
 The words,"Jesus loves me."... they can sound so absurd!!!

"God loves the whole world that He sent His own Son"-
 It's easy to know, but for ME? This one?!
 For this me inside,,, I know what I'VE done!!! "

God loves YOU!! God loves YOU!!"
 Oh, Preacher... Preacher,- tell me that's true!!
 Is God really willing to forgive ME too??

(...Now,,, believing that is up to YOU!)

Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, it could not shake it.. But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great.”

The Big Bad Wolf

Who's afraid of the big bad wolf, the big bad wolf, the big bad wolf?

Who's afraid of the big bad wolf? Tra-la-la-la-la

You should be if you build on sand, build on sand, build on sand.

You should be if you build on sand, for your house will fall!!

He'll huff and he'll puff and he'll blow and he'll blow,

He'll huff and he'll puff, it's not fun, I know!

He'll huff and he'll puff, with attempts to destroy!

He'll huff and he'll puff, and he'll serve to annoy!

But all that wind pressure that can grind to the floor

Is the same turbulence that makes eagles to soar!

(How's things with Jesus when with Him you talk?

He says you won't sink, if you build on the Rock!)

Well Done or Medium Rare?

For what do you seek from the Lord, a "Well done!"?

Or are you living "medium rare" for the Son?

God said He'd rather we be cold or hot,

So choose you this day, to obey Him or not!

Overqualified

You can't be overqualified when it comes to sin and sickness,
 You can't be overqualified in your need for God's forgiveness!
 So if you need God's medication that is free for application,
 Just take as you're directed and apply where you're affected!
 Beware! It brings the dead to life!
 Eases pain and calms your strife!
 Heals your hurts and sets you free-
 Make sure to use it gen'rously!

Each of our results may vary-
 We must admit the guilt we carry!
 Guaranteed when used by faith,
 Thanks to God's amazing grace!

Beware! It brings the dead to life,
 Eases pain and calms your strife!
 Heals your hurts and sets you free-
 Make sure to use it gen'rously!

Never be Quite Able

*Once you realize that God loves you exactly where you're at,
 You'll never be quite able to get enough of that!*

HUGE Success

**Each time you overcome your flesh,
 Your spirit wins a HUGE success!
 You've avoided yet another trap!
 Nothing makes God proud, like that!!!**

Free

It is the very truth of God that sets the captive free.
 It is the very truth of God that makes the blind to see.
 It is the very truth of God that breathes life unto the dead.
 Jesus is that truth of God, Who loved us as He bled!

He bled upon that cross of old to heal our lives today,
 Though the power of God's Word has seen no such decay
 as has man's thoughts and stubborn will, which struggles to survive,
 Resisting our God from above, Who came to bring us life!!

Ruthless is the foe of God, and evil is his goal,
 Tormenting hearts while bodies live to destroy their soul.
 God's truth is but so near to you- it is the only key!
 Call to Christ by prayer in faith, and He will rescue thee!!

He Helps you Win

There's nothing the fear of God, to be transformed each step you trod!
 So look for chances you can win to overcome each doubt and sin!
 When you meet Jesus, you'll be glad, for every victory you've had,
 Each inspired by God's grace in whom you have dared put your faith!

The Ultimate Pandemic

We've already had pandemics all throughout the earth
 Like when Eve and Adam gave way and to sin gave birth...
 But God's Son came to save us! (Take THAT for what it's worth!!)

There's a War Going On

There's a war going on and we have to act fast!
 There's another one down, did you see that blast?
 Call in the sergeants, colonels and troops,
 Call the armed forces and all the recruits!

The devil is having too often his way
 His destructive lies on people today!
 There is a famine of truth in the land
 The knowledge we need so that we can stand!

O- where are those experienced to yield
 The sword of the Spirit- our soul's only shield?
 Where are those who are given to pray,
 Then follow the Lord to trust and obey?

Rise up, O Daniels, Esthers and Ruths!
 Rise up O brave ones who preach the truth!
 Calling all saints to stand 'gainst the tide
 Of a culture so lost and doomed by it's pride!

O, who will come and help the others to know
 The source of all hope so that they can grow?
 In this old world, that's getting so dark,
 Will anymore raise up and leave their mark?

There's a war going on, and we have to act fast!
 There's another one down, did you see that blast?!
 Call in the sergeants, colonels and troops!
 Call the armed forces, and all the recruits!

(O- just look at the children, there's Sally and Sam...
 Will they turn out like Hitler, or the next Billy Graham?!)

Total Relinquishment

Total relinquishment, total surrender...
 Not holding back, not one little ember!
 Humble and broken while all needless burns,
 Producing a heart that for God, alone yearns!

Finding the purpose that God has for you,
 Abiding in Jesus and learning He's true!
 Being renewed and transformed in your mind,
 'Tis the richest of treasures mere humans can find!

Total relinquishment, total surrender...
 Not holding back, not one little ember.
 What is it today that would block you from Him?
 Beware, my dear friend, of the cost of your sin!

Give me my Goliaths

Oh give me my Goliaths, for You have strengthened me!
 Thank You Lord! O thank You, for the victory!!!
 The victory in You Christ, over doubt and sin...
 For this emboldened courage I find myself within!

I want to prove my faith to You, that I will believe!
 I want my life on Earth to count, before this world I leave!
 Thank You so, my Savior- for Your sacrifice for me,
 For leading me to death to self, wherein You set me free!!

The Fields

The fields are white for harvest, though laborers are few.
 In which category, is God now finding you?
 The fields are white for harvest, each soul so full of need
 to trust in Christ's compassion so that they can be freed!

There's a Time

There's a time for loss, a time for change.
Sometimes it seems that God's to blame!

In winter when you're hardest hit
God's Word... seems hard to trust in it!

But if you endure, you will know
The new life in you God will sow...

For faith untested cannot be
The kind that makes your eyes to see!

God's Treasure Chest

If God had a treasure chest, what would it hold?
Would it be full of silver and gold?
What are the things that bring joy to His heart??
His children who walk by faith as an art!

People whose trials and temptations don't sway
Them into placing their faith other ways!
Since God searches for hearts who are fully His,
His favorite treasure must simply be this!

The Stronger the Struggle

**The stronger the struggle, the stronger the blessing
When you endure and succeed through this testing!**

One of the first things Christians were called was the term, Christ-Follower. I like that name best, because it explains what a Christian is supposed to be doing, a message that seems lost upon the church today! Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

IF

IF YOU REFUSE TO OBEY AND YOU JUSTIFY SIN,
HOW CAN YOU SAY YOU REALLY LOVE HIM?
DECEIVE YOURSELF IF THAT'S WHAT YOU CHOOSE,
BUT BE SURE THAT'S A GAME THAT YOU WILL LOSE!

The Changes God's Made

*When you allow God to transform your mind,
Changing your thoughts, one thought at a time. . .
When you die to yourself and instead live for Him,
That's when true changes will really begin!*

*As you overcome obstacles, once a blockade
That now serve to prove the changes God's made,
You'll long for more chances to become fully His
As you learn to experience what faith truly is!*

Gold and Jewel

**The time is quickly dwindling to place your faith in Christ,
And learn to really follow Him, all the rest of life!
Someday you'll search your whole life, inspecting through and through
For the times you did trust God-just like gold and jewel!**

THERE WAS AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A LIE

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I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE SWALLOWED A LIE,
PERHAPS SHE'LL DIE!

SOMETHING INSIDE HER WAS WRONG, IT WAS CLEAR,
AS THAT LIE DID ITS JOB, AND THEN PRODUCED FEAR!
SHE WRESTLED WITH FEAR WHEN SHE SWALLOWED THE LIE-

I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE SWALLOWED A LIE,
PERHAPS SHE'LL DIE!

AFTER THAT HAPPENED SHE WASN'T THE SAME,
FOR THE FEAR THAT SHE HAD, THEN PRODUCED SHAME!
HER SHAME THAT SHE FELT, FROM HER FEAR IT DID COME,
WHICH CAME FROM THE LIE- BOY WAS THAT DUMB!

I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE SWALLOWED A LIE,
PERHAPS SHE'LL DIE!

THAT'S WHEN THE LADY WISED UP AND SAW
HER PROBLEMS HAD BEEN HER VERY OWN FAULT!
BECAUSE THAT OLD LADY HAD HAD QUITE ENOUGH
TURMOIL AND TRIALS THAT HAD BEEN REALLY TOUGH!

AS SHE TOLD THE LORD JESUS HER SIN AND HER SHAME,
ABOUT HER MISTAKE WHICH HAD CAUSED SO MUCH PAIN,
THAT'S WHEN THE LADY LEARNED ON TRUTH THEN TO FEED,
INSTEAD OF THOSE LIES - THAT'S WHEN SHE WAS FREED!

I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE SWALLOWED A LIE,
BUT PRAISE THE LORD, SHE'LL NEVER DIE!

When's the Last Time

When's the last time you've stopped and you've stayed
In the Lord's Presence where this world seems to fade?

When's the last time you've been filled to the brim
With the peace and the joy that alone come from Him?

It rekindles your passion, gives hope a new birth,
For time spent with Jesus is heaven on Earth!!!

The Choice

Jesus tells us clearly that we must be born again,
And that true salvation is by no efforts of us men!
For He alone came down to Earth to pay the highest price
The only pure, acceptable and holy sacrifice!

All our works and efforts are really thus in vain
if our motivation is God's love to attain!
He already proved He loves us, and now the choice is yours
So decide if you'll receive Him before He closes doors!

"I have been crucified with Christ" Gal. 2:20 Have you ever thought of death this way??

Suicide

If you ask for my opinion of what is suicide,
It's refusing your Creator, clinging to your pride!
Eternal separation from the God who loves you so,
Refusing the forgiveness that He would have you know!

Did you know that Jesus died to cleanse you of your sin?
And if you are but willing, you may enter in...
not only to a place of love, when your body dies,
But to a life of triumph over Satan's lies!

Psalm 119: 162, "I rejoice at Your Word as one who finds great treasure." And Proverbs 25: 2 tells us, "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter. When's the last time you went treasure hunting?"

BURIED TREASURE

**BURIED TREASURE, BURIED TREASURE...
WORDS OF COMFORT, WORDS THAT HEAL!
BURIED TREASURE, BEYOND MEASURE
FOR WHICH YOU MUST DIG AND KNEEL!**

**WORDS OF WARNING TO PROTECT US,
THAT CAN SAVE OUR VERY LIFE!
WORDS OF LOVE AND TRUTH TO BLESS US
THOUGH THEY CUT JUST LIKE A KNIFE!**

**CUTTING CHAINS OF SIN AND BONDAGE,
CUTTING CHORDS OF DISCONTENT,
BRINGING TRUTH SHOULD WE ACCEPT IT
EACH ONE RICHLY HEAVEN SENT!**

Promised Land

When you walk with Christ, you get somewhere,
The promised land of peace is there!

So when in the desert of unbelief,
Keep Pressing on... you'll find relief!!

The Tears We'll Cry

I wonder if the tears we will cry...
(those tears in heaven God says that He'll dry)
will be for the times that we just then discover
the chances we missed to love one another!

Opportunities passed, that we had when we lived
to humble ourselves, extend grace, and forgive.
So, if you are able to still make amends,
Redeem your time well- and prepare for the end!

The Bible

The Bible's like a garden full of truths, both bright and fair,
And anyone who seeks can find just what they need in there!

God's promises are priceless, abundant life to give,
And every time we trust Him more, we then learn how to live!

I Was Not Loving

I was not loving, yesterday, toward my enemy-
And for this, I ask You, Oh God, that You'd forgive me!
For one thing I'm sure of, as Your word from above
Makes it clear that all down here, need Your kind of love!

Dr Jeckle or Mr. Hyde?

According to how you feel inside,
Are you Dr. Jeckle or Mr. Hyde?
There's just one cure known to man-
Nothing helps like Jesus can!

Settin' Free Down Here

Lord, I really am in dire need of some settin' free down here!!
I ain't no longer too proud, Lord... I now give You my ear!

That's Why it's so Important

Each day seems but a testing ground to test what I believe
And all my circumstances can seem tailored to deceive!
My enemy, I know he wants to trip me up inside,
That's why it's so important to discern when he has lied!

Not Even You

**It depends on who you listen to,
If you will hear just what is true,
And 'cuz we know what sinners do,
Trust God alone, not even you!**

Only While I Do

When I place my hope in God, that's when I find the power
To accept His will for me each moment and each hour!
When I place my hope in God, but only WHILE I do,
Seems that I have just locked on to find my all in You!

There Still are Those

*There still are those, their burdens still are carrying,
There still are those, whoas virginsstill are marrying!
There still are those, so patiently tarrying!
Ready to meet the Lord!*

*There still are those who faithfully are praying,
There still are those who in the Word ares taying,
There still are those who are humbly obeying,
Ready to meet the Lord!*

*There still are those who repent, no judgement dreading,
There still are those who glory-bound are heading,
There still are those, prepared as a bride for wedding!
Ready to meet the Lord!*

Simple

It's that simple, it truly is-
Either you choose to trust God- or you don't.
It's that simple, it truly is-
Either you obey the Lord- or you won't!

Is This a Day?

Is this a day where the only way
that you will make it is to seek the Lord's face?

Is this a day where the only way
that you will make it is to rest in God's grace?

Forcing yourself to go through the motion
of trusting the Lord, though void of emotion?

Finding a verse upon which to hold tight
and clinging to it with all of your might?

Oh THESE are the very MOST PRECIOUS of days
To come to know Christ in the deepest of ways!
For if you hold fast, stand firm and believe,
Despite all the darkness, then you shall see
God's faithful healing, just as the sun
Breaksforth in the morning when darkness is done!

Affairs of the Heart

Life is a paradox of assorted affairs, sordid affairs of the heart-
Our soul's passionate tug of real war that threatens to tear us apart!

Our courtiers holdback no measure to have us, both seeking moments to win,
'Tis a great war of both life and love, this battle we find ourselves in!

First, we love one, then choose the other; oh what ought a poor soul to do?
For we cannot continue to live in the middle with our heart so torn right in two!

Though we're unfaithful, they're both willing to have us,
for our courtiers are evil and good!
So come search your heart and choose you this day,
Come choose just which one you would!

Matthew 13:3-8, "And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.⁷ And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, & choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold."

HOW DEEP ARE YOUR ROOTS?

**WHEN THE SUN'S TOO HOT, WHAT DO YOU DO?
DEEPEN YOUR ROOTS, GROW A NEW SHOOT?
OR DO YOU GET DRY ROT, AND WONDER WHY
WHEN YOU DON'T CHOOSE FAITH YOU START TO DIE?**

**BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GROW,
FEED ON HIS WORD AND YOUR ROOTS WILL GO
DEEPER WHEN THE SUN COMES OUT,
IF YOU FEED ON FAITH INSTEAD OF DOUBT!**

It's that Simple

*It's that Simple, it really is,
Either you trust God or you don't.
It's that simple, it really is,
Either you walk by faith or you won't!*

Next Step

**Where is God leading your next step of faith?
To obey what you already know, or to rest and wait?
To trust Him through trials, that all works for good?
To stay your heart and mind on Him as you know you should?
To seek Him each morning, and each moment of the day,
To obey and believe, in your will and your way?**

**Oh- where is God leading your next step of faith?
When you trust where He leads, you just cannot wait!!!**

James 1:2-4 “Consider it all joy, my brothers *and sisters*, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces ^[b]endurance. And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” It is SO NOT natural to praise God while facing a storm but as always, faith is a choice.

PUT ON YOUR WINGS

HOW DO YOU CARRY YOUR WEAKNESS, YOUR WOUNDS?
 WITH A SONG OF SORROW, SELF-PITY?
 HOW DO YOU CARRY YOUR WEAKNESS, YOUR WOUNDS?
 THEIR WEIGHT SEEMS TO LIFT WITH REJOICING TUNES!

EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO WAIT ON THE LORD,
 AND WAIT....
 AND WAIT....
 AND WAIT.

EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO WAIT ON THE LORD,
 AND WAIT....
 AND WAIT....
 AND WAIT.

GOD'S WORD CALLS YOU TO TRUST MORE IN HIM
 THAN THE LIES OF THE CAPTOR WHO'D LEAD YOU TO SIN.
 GOD'S WORD WOULD CALL YOU TO PRAISE THROUGH ALL THINGS..
 HOW WILLING ARE YOU TO PUT ON YOUR WINGS?

Mourning with Hope

Mourning with hope, Lord please show me today,
 For I need Your comfort in every way!
 Mourning with hope, Lord please show me how,
 As unto Your Lordship, broken I bow.

If Only

If only on You I'd believed, it would have saved me tons of fret.
If only on You I'd obeyed, it would have saved me tons of sweat!
Please have mercy on me Lord- my sins I do regret!!

My God, My God

My God, My God – what do I need
To pass this test of faith, indeed?
I'm asking You for help today,
For without You, there is no way!

Please invade my thoughts, my mind
And bring down strongholds You may find...
Please help me, Lord, to overcome
For that is how these wars are won!

HIS WORKS ALONE

CHRIST IS THE ONE WHO CAN ATONE,
BY HIS WORKS, HIS WORKS, ALONE!
IF HE IN YOU WOULD CHANGES MAKE,
OH PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE!
LET HIS SPIRIT HAVE HIS WAY
IF YOU'D BE MADE BRAND NEW TODAY!

What God's Seeking

I asked God what He's seeking
 In His lovely, lovely bride...
 He said- Willingness to trust Me,
 How'er she feels, inside.

Lips that do yet praise Me
 When she does not understand
 And a willingness to follow
 Where'er I lead her hand.

A woman who has fallen,
 But received My help to rise,
 And shares my deep compassion –
 Oh, she's precious in My eyes!

Life's Grand Discovery

Are You able? Am I willing?
 The questions posed to me,
 That each day I get to answer –
 In life's grand discovery!

Are You able? Am I willing?
 To bear this cross for Thee,
 Help me answer yes, dear Lord
 And win the victory!

Oh what faith in Christ can do!

**Oh what faith in Christ can do!
 It's true, it's true, it's true, it's true!
 From ANYTHING He can deliver you!**

Find Him Wonderful

God's still working on my 'willing'-
 Oh He's working on me so!
 For I'm not always willing,
 So I'm glad He loves me so!

God's still working on my 'willing'-
 Oh He's working on my so!
 For in the times I finally am,
 I find Him wonderful!!

Twiddling his Thumbs

What if God is sitting there just twiddling His thumbs
 If you've invited Him in, but then you play dumb
 To your commitment, when you gave Him your life,
 When by faith you received the Lord, Jesus Christ.
 But if you would come now and humble yours true,
 You'll be amazed at the things He can do!!

If There's a Test

If there's a test you failed to pass,
 It wasn't because you couldn't.
 If there's a test you failed to pass,
 It was because you wouldn't!

What promises hold not they weight
 When on them you stand?
 What times in life has God refused
 To lend a helping hand?

THE BIBLE'S FULL

THE BIBLE'S FULL OF HEALING WHEN YOU NEED ENCOURAGEMENT,
ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU DO TRUST EACH WORD IS HEAVEN SENT!

THE BIBLE'S FULL OF HEALING WHEN YOU NEED A GOOD REBUKE,
AND NEED TO DO SOME PONDERING ABOUT THE PATH YOU TOOK!

THE BIBLE'S FULL OF HEALING WHEN YOU NEED TO LEARN A LESSON,
AND BE FREED OF BURDENS WHEN YOU'VE SINS THAT NEED CONFESSIN'.

THE BIBLE'S FULL OF HEALING WHEN YOU NEED HELP TO FACE TOMORROW,
WITH A NEW SENSE OF OBEDIENCE THAT PREVENTS A LOT OF SORROW!

Oh Lord, It's Hard to Stay Humble

Oh Lord, it's hard to stay humble
When I think I know more they do...
Oh Lord, it's hard to stay humble
When I feel like I've grown, O it's true!

But I need Your help dear Jesus,
In this charade that I play!
For why do I feel so empty
When I know every verse that You say?

What's that You say, oh dear Jesus...
I forgot those verses on pride!?
Could that be my problem dear Jesus,
For why I'm not right deep inside!?

Oh Lord I feel so much better
When I put you back where you should be!
As my own God and my Savior,
The One who can help even me!!!!

Looking for Someone?

Looking for someone to be with? Someone who's faithful and true?

Looking for someone to be with? Someone who really loves you?

Looking for someone to be with? Someone who understands what you do?

Looking for someone to be with- Why not Christ who's faithful and true?!

Reap in Season

If you work to please mere men, you've had your reward- don't expect it again!

But if you work for rewards that last, You'll reap in season if steadfast!

1403

Wonder why you weren't born in 1403?

- Or even in thirty seven hundred BC?

The answer lies in Acts 17

And I'm not doing this just to be mean..

But if you want to know then you'll have to look

Because it's a good thing to be in the Book!

The Gift from God

Faith is the gift from God that truly keeps on giving,

Influencing your choices, enhancing how you're living!

Faith is the gift from God that helps to make it through

Any snare, deceit or lie the devil throws at you!

Faith is the gift of God that creates a saint from sinner,

So put your faith in Jesus now, if you want to be a winner!

A GOOD TEMPTATION

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A GOOD TEMPTATION
 TO REVEAL OUR DEGRADATION,
 TO TEST OUR FAITH SO WE CAN SEE
 IF ON GOD WE WILL BELIEVE!

Good Things

God things come to those who wait,
 Take their time, and hesitate-
 But good things just might come more speedy
 To those who pray to Christ when needy!

Prepare to Grow Fast

Is it more love for God you want?
 (That's the greatest commandment that we have got!)
 Sometimes we have not, because we don't ask
 But if you do, prepare to grow fast!

Denying Christ

Would you ever deny your Christ?
 You say, "Oh NO, not ME!"
 I would not deny my Christ,
 but maybe passively??

I would not say that He's not there,
 That He's not good and kind...
 But do I serve Him? Do I care?
 And trust Him in my mind?

My All

Dear Lord, of all that I say and of all that I do,
May even my thoughts be pleasing to You!

MIGHT BE FUN

**MY WANTER KEEPS ON WANTING, LORD- SO PLEASE RESET MY DIAL!
FOR THE THINGS YOU'D HAVE ME WANT... DOES THIS TAKE A WHILE?
AM I ASKING YOU FOR TOO MUCH, LORD? CAN THIS REALLY BE DONE?
IF MIRACLES STILL HAPPEN, LORD... THIS JUST MIGHT BE FUN!!**

Whatever's Needed

I want to run this race in life so that it's You I please-
So do whatever's needed Lord, to keep me on my knees!

Ever Want to Wonder?

Do you ever want to wonder what God would have done
Had you actually heeded the voice of His Son?
The past is behind but today is still here
So walk wisely my friend, if it's God that you fear!

REPENT! REPENT!

**REPENT! REPENT! FOR THE KINGDOM'S AT HAND!
REPENT, REPENT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
THE VERY MEANING OF THAT DEAR WORD,
IS THE PATH OF FREEDOM, HAVE THIS YE HEARD?**

**IT'S REGRETTING AND TURNING FROM SINS IN YOUR PAST,
AND TURNING TO GOD, TO HIS WAYS HOLDING FAST!
IT'S ALL UP TO YOU, WHETHER YOU BE SET FREE
AS REPENTANCE THROUGH JESUS IS THE ONLY KEY!**

Den of Thieves

For if You are not my first love, God... then I know who is.
 I hope I am grief stricken if I'm guilty and am His!
 For I know that You tell us what is wholly true,
 We cannot serve 2 masters. O help me to love YOU!

Lord, bring us a revival soon and please help heal our land,
 Starting with Your children God, guilty though we stand!
 We ask You come and cleanse Your house of the thieves again
 Prepare your bride and wake her up- Amen! Amen! Amen!

Fall Away

On whom does your faith depend?
 A spouse, a pastor or a best friend?
 If they were to all fall away,
 Would it be with God that you would stay?

Seeing Through Believing

**If by my suffering I am refined,
 May I stay faithful, lest I go blind
 To the fact, there's purpose in this-
 Help me Lord, this goal not to miss!**

Surely

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in the place
 Of those who take up the honor of seeking His face!
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in the soul
 Of those searching His ways as their only goal!**

Judge Not

Judge not, judge not, close your eyes!
Let Satan tell you all his lies,
Take two words out of context
Then you won't obey the rest!

If you're sure you disagree,
and this sounds like heresy,
Here are things for which you need
To keep your judgment up to speed!

How can you not cast pearls to swine
If a pig, you can't define?
Or choose a wise, not foolish friend,
Build your house on rock, not sand?

Avoid the wolves disguised as sheep,
Earn rewards that you can keep?
Discern a mate of equal yoke,
Or just hang out with the right folk?

Can you hate sin and love the one
For whom God did send His Son
If you are afraid to hate
All of sin, both small and great?

(But the sin with which you start
Must be what you find in YOUR heart!)

Expected a Cross?

*Have you ever expected a cross?
Or been blindsided when it comes to a loss?
When you get through this, what a gift you'll be
To others struggling, just as thee!*

*That's if you follow to the other side,
Count on your God, in Him abide!
Though it can hurt more than you knew,
God's richest blessings He wants to give you.*

*For the tougher the trial, the more you'll know
The grace of God, if it's His way you go.
And once you know this, there's no trial you'll face
That faith, hope or love,,, any pain can erase!*

Job Had No Clue

**Satan's challenge to God about Job, we did hear
But Job had no clue why such pain was so near.
Is YOUR life as well, full of such strife?
Maybe you're being tested in life!**

**Could it be that the old devil has said
He'd make YOU curse God and wish YOU were dead?
Take courage my friend and know this is true-
Satan has limits on what he can do!**

The Church and the World from an anonymous author, with variations that I made.

**The Church and the World walked far apart,
On the changing shores of time;
The World was singing a giddy song,
But the Church, a hymn sublime.**

**“Come, give me your hand,” cried the merry World,
“And walk with me this way.”
But the good Church hid her snowy white hand,
And solemnly answered, “Nay.”**

**“I will not give you my hand at all,
And I will not walk with you;
Your way is the path to death,
And your words are all untrue.”**

**“Nay, walk with me but a little space,”
Said the World with a kindly air,
“The road that I walk is a pleasant road,
And the sun shines always there!”**

**Her straight and narrow path was quite hard,
The church knew this to be true.
So, she decided instead to just take a break-
Just for a spell or two.**

**She didn’t think that just a small step
Of such willing compromise
Would render her completely unable
To decipher the truth from the lies!**

**And it didn’t take very long at all,
Of walking both hand and heart,
That even the Master who doth know all
Was unable to tell them apart!**

THE THING THAT I MUST DO

WHEN I WAS CONVICTED LORD, I KNEW THAT IT WAS TRUE
ALL THE WRONG THAT I HAD DONE WOULD KEEP ME, LORD, FROM YOU!

OH, WHAT A HOPELESS TRAP THAT I FOUND MYSELF WITHIN,
UNABLE TO CORRECT THE WRONG, CREATED BY MY SIN!

BUT BECAUSE YOU, GOD ARE FAITHFUL AND FULL OF MERCY TOO,
YOU SHOWED THIS SEEKER IN YOUR WORD, THE THING THAT I MUST DO.

T'WAS NOT TO BE RELIGIOUS, AND TRY TO EARN MY WAY-
T'WAS NOT TO THINK MY RANSOM WAS A PRICE THAT I COULD PAY!

BUT SIMPLY TO ADMIT TO YOU THE WRONG THAT I HAD DONE,
AND BY SO DOING, RECEIVE THE GIFT PAID FOR BY GOD'S SON!

It's Only Been an Hour

*I just invited Jesus in, to the deepest pain I've known,
It's only been an hour but I sense that I have grown-
...at least in my interior, that hidden place in me
Where truly only Jesus can come to set us free!*

*Another day has past now since to Christ I prayed
Makes me sore amazed, this new living by faith!
Like the man Jesus healed, who'd been paralyzed since birth-
I think I know just how he felt- Oh NOW what faith is worth!*

Oh for the Chances

**Oh for the chances to win by my faith-
Oh for the chances to trust God the more!
Oh for the chances to give Him my life,
Oh that is what the whole future is for!**

**With poverty of spirit, blessed,
Oh my soul in Christ take rest!
A sinner saved, through grace forgiven
Redeemed from death, and given heaven!**

Better Than James Bond (Witten with some help from Scott Carothers)

Need a real life hero, who is better than James Bond?
Who you can call for rescue when the devil's had you conned?
One in whom you can entrust with all your confidence,
No matter if at times, his ways just make no sense...?

Need a real life hero, who is better than James Bond?
Who you can call for rescue when the devil's had you conned?
Christ's weapons are amazing and His salvation, real-
His words are full of power that can change the way you feel!

God's timings always perfect, and on Him you can rely,
Tho' the enemy is crafty, and his schemes are truly sly!
So next time that you need someone to help and rescue you,
Remember Jesus is the best, and that is what He'll do!

Dare you to Invest

With your stock load full of options, I dare you to invest
Everything you have in God, and trust His ways are best!
With your every choice of options, I hope that you will go
All full in for Jesus! He's the Lover of your soul!

Delivered

Delivered from such evil,
 Delivered from such pride,
 Delivered from such darkness,
 Delivered from the lie!

Delivered from such evil,
 Delivered from such hurt,
 Delivered from such doubting,
 Oh how precious is God's Word!

Do You Think It's Fatal, Doc?

Do you think it's fatal, doc- this lack of faith in me?
 For I can feel that sting of death, of my unbelief!
 I'm thirsting God for something, but for what I do not know
 I've heard that it is Jesus if by faith in Him I'd go
 Onward unto glory unto places where I'm free,
 If I'd trust my Maker has that kind of love for me!
 So do you think it's fatal, doc? This lack of faith I've got?
 The just shall live by faith, You say, so I need a lot!!

My Will, Not Thine

**My will, not Thine Oh Lord- Oh God, can't You see
 How important are these plans that I have for me?
 My will, not Thine Oh Lord, please set this blind man free,
 From my selfish nature that comes so naturally!**

Your Ways

**Thank You God each time You helped me- in You Lord to trust
For NOW I see temptations truly were a must
Each time that I obeyed You helped me more to know
How much better are Your ways and that You love me so!**

From the Lost to the Found

If we do the confessing and God does the cleaning-
Vacuuming, dusting and all the deep steaming!
If we do the confessing and would turn around,
He will redeem us from the lost to the found!

Like Moses Before Pharoah

**Like Moses before Pharoah, or Joseph in the hole-
Like Esther coming to the king- risking her own soul-
Like Daniel with the lions hanging out all night-
When you face your trial, don't be filled with fright!**

Treasure

*Do you treasure the truth that convicts,
Guides you and spares you, and saves from the pit?
How much do you happen to value your life?
If you are wise, your treasure is Christ!*

Every Placement and Assignment

**Every placement and assignment were never a mistake,
All things too hard to handle can be overcome by faith.
Every placement and assignment were never a mistake,
God made you for this hour, live now for Jesus' sake!**

EMERGENCY!

**EMERGENCY! She's broken! And she's mixed up and she's sad!
God won't send His angels, but Himself when it's that bad!**

**EMERGENCY! He's torn up, for his world just broke in two!
God makes sure He's present, for that's what good dads do!**

**Bringing words of comfort, bringing words of life-
CPR to all who'd let Him, when in their deepest strife!**

Sad but True

Some people say to Jesus, "I don't want to follow You!"
Rejection is an option. It is sad but true!

Exceeded Rate

Lots of things I want to do, I'm willing but I can't!
I guess I will just be faithful in the small things where I'm at!
For if I want to grow in Christ at an exceeded rate
I'll be faithful in the small, then I'll be in the great!

Good Rebuke

If a good rebuke is what you need,
Why not ask God, and for this do plead?
Change your path from the wide to straight,
Hurry! Hurry! Before it's too late!

Come Adopt a Worry

**Come adopt a worry, get 'em while they're hot!
 Come adopt a worry, by the case or by the lot!
 Fiery darts from Satan that will get inside your head,
 Distracting you from other things that you could do instead!**

**Come adopt a worry, they're all on sale today!
 We're sure that you will like them. (at least that's what we say!)
 Free to every buyer! You can give them a new name!
 Don't they look so lovely? And there's none the same!**

**Come adopt a a worry, get 'em while they last!
 Whether 'bout your future, or about your past!
 If you really get a lot, others you'll impress
 With how much Zantac that you need, or does Pepcid work the best?**

**Come adopt a worry, they'll take up all your time!
 If you're really good at it, one lasts as long as nine!
 But the all sales are final, no exchanges or refunds,
 Tis only through the blood of Christ, that victory o'er them comes!**

**If you have one you don't want, just find the Bible verse
 Telling you to capture it, before you get much worse!
 Recognize each lie you've bought and cast it upon Christ,
 For when you trust God cares for you, that's when you'll see the light!**

Crucified With Christ?

"I've been crucified with Christ" – Oh God, is this true in life?

Is it to me that I have died? Allowed You to be my Guide?

"I've been crucified with Christ." – O God make this true in life,

Help me leave my all behind! May my only will be Thine!

Search and Rescue

Christ is on a Search and Rescue for the souls of men
to all who'd call upon Him, though guilty we have been!
Christ is on a search and rescue, so if that is you today
Know that He will answer if you call in truth and pray!
Christ is on a search and rescue, His desire is for all
So none would ever perish, if they would on Him call!

Lord, I Always Need You

Lord, I always need You to tell me what to do,
Cuz Your word says that I'm a sheep, and this I know is true!

I need Your help to guide me each step along the way,
Without You I'll mess things up each and every day!

Lord, I always need You to guide, protect and teach-
Until some day that pearly gate of Yours I reach!

Pure Adventure

**But when I've the faith and courage to trust Jesus as my Guide,
Allowing Him to teach me, and change me deep inside-
Life is pure adventure when no longer living by my pride!**

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Just a Preview

The joy of the Lord is just a preview
Of what is in store for those He makes new!

I Want a Reimbursement

I want a reimbursement, a thorough and detailed list
So I will get a credit! Be sure not one to miss!
I want a reimbursement for my everything that cost-
For every good deed I have done! Let none of them be lost!

Some say that I am selfish, but I've worked so hard and sweat
In all the ways that I have tried to pay my own sin debt!
Oh I want a reimbursement though my wages will be sin,
According to God's Word... instead of trusting Him!

Before Your Promised Land

**You must go through the desert before your promised land
God promises to lead you so be sure to take His hand!
You must get through this desert, through each trial and each test
Before you're allowed to enter that holy place of rest!**

I Wonder

**I wonder how the world would change
If God was on the throne
Of every single heart, in every single home!**

**I wonder how the world would change
If God was on the throne
And everyone obeyed the Lord, and obeyed the Lord alone!**

The Road to Righteousness

Oh, on the road to righteousness are you living in the fast lane
Or trapped in all the lures of sin?
Oh, on the road to righteousness are you living in the fast lane
by keeping your sight on only Him?

Are you meditating on God's Word
Until you know you've really heard
Everything He has to say
To keep your hope in Him today?

If not, take heart and bend thy knee
Unto His will and you will see
Exactly what you need to do
To pick up speed until you're through!

You Alone

**You came to earth and left your throne,
And took my sins as though Your own-
I'll worship You, and You alone!**

Which Thoughts to Take Captive

Which thoughts to take captive, it's like swatting at flies!
Which ones are the truth, which ones are the lies?

Which thoughts to take captive, which ones to keep?
I guess all these choices are just up to me!

Which thoughts to take captive, oh what should I do?
Dear God help me know, just which thoughts are true!

My Hope, My Hope

My hope, my hope
Where did I put it?
Where did it go?
I used to have it, I did, I know!

My hope, my hope
Where did I put it?
Oh, where did it go?
I need it right now, and truly HOW SO!

The Order of Creation

The order of creation's not just an accident...
No, the order in creation is to give us all a hint
That there are unseen powers, from which we get to choose,
Exactly what we will believe, be it win or lose.

Ask, Seek and Knock

*I know I am not perfect, God... Oh no, I am not!
Satan reminds me of that a whole lot!
But each time I ask and seek and knock,
I am on Christ- our solid Rock!*

Jury of One

For when it's all finished ...

When it's all done ...

It all boils down to a jury of one!

For when it's all finished ...

When it's all done ...

One thing will matter- your faith in God's Son.

Heaven or Bust

It seems on earth there's a lot of confusion
 About the term 'Christian' so many are usin'
 So if Jesus Christ is not who you trust-
 Why claim you're a Christian? It's heaven or bust!

To Every Man

*To every man there openeth a high way and a low,
 To every man the choice is given, which way that man will go.
 To ask and seek and knock and find, is an honor due a king,
 because that searched out matter will affect his everything.*

*To every man there openeth a high way and a low,
 Have you heard what our God says, of how He loves you so?
 Come along and hear of weapons I did find,
 that helped my heart and my soul and gave me a right mind.*

HUMPTY DUMPTY

HUMPTY DUMPTY SAT ON A WALL.
 HUMPTY DUMPTY HAD A GREAT FALL.
 ALL THE KING'S HORSES, AND ALL THE KING'S MEN
 COULDN'T PUT HUMPTY TOGETHER AGAIN!

BUT THE PRINCE OF ALL HEALING HEARD HUMPTY'S DEAR CRY
 AND THE GOD OF COMPASSION, WITH A TEAR IN HIS EYE
 FELT HUMPTY'S PAIN AND IN LOVE DREW NEAR,
 SAYING, "NEVER GIVE UP! AND PLEASE DO NOT FEAR!"

FOR IF HUMPTY WOULD TRUST AND JUST LEAN UPON HIM,
 HIS ADVENTURE OF HEALING, SOON WOULD BEGIN!
 AS HUMPTY CONSIDERED HIS ALTERNATIVES,
 HE KNEW NOTHING ELSE HAD HELPED HIM TO LIVE.

HE WISELY DECIDED TO TRUST IN THIS GOD,
 AND EACH TIME HE DID, HE FELT RATHER ODD
 AS ANY SEMBLANCE OF HOPE THAT HAD GONE AWAY,
 STARTED TO GROW AND WITH HIM DID STAY!

Come Along With Me

**I think you'd be amazed at how caring our God is,
 The perfect loving Father who wants you to be His!
 I think you'd be amazed at how gentle God can be,
 If you've never felt His touch, come along with me!**

Die Right Now

**If you really want to die right now, there is a better way.
 Why not give the Lord your life, yes, right now, here today!**

If you really want to die right now, why not join with Christ,

Who said “Your will, dear God, not Mine”, to You I give my life!

Keep in Shape

If you want to keep in shape and if you want to grow.

focus where it matters most. your mind and heart and soul!

Let the Gold Rush Start Today

In which market do you invest?
Eternal proceeds are the best!
For in God’s word, we all are told
Faith’s more precious than pure gold!

The kind of treasure we will seek
When we stand at Judgment’s seat...
The kind of faith that helps us know
that only God’s love makes us whole!

So let the gold rush start today!
God please help me, I do pray
to seek the gold- not that of fools,
But the type that I can’t lose!

I want to invest all that I’ve got
Into the right kind of stock!
So where is it I get more faith?
In God’s Word, for goodness’ sake!

Ultimate Make Over

For when we’re at our lowest, that’s the time indeed
For an ultimate make over, for God knows what we need!
So when He’s tearing walls down, don’t fear but trust in Him
For He’s the best one that there is, to build us up again!

To be Right in my MInd

Where does it come from, where can I find
The help I need to be right in my mind?

Oh, dear Lord, what's that I just heard?
The help that I need is found in Your Word?

Next Best Thing

**Sharing God's love is the next best thing that there is
To finding Jesus, and becoming His!**

**Sharing God's love is the next best thing that there is
To learning to love with your heart, not just lips!**

John 15:2

Are You pruning me Lord as in John 15:2-
Please help me hang in there 'til You are through
So hopefully I finally bear fruit!

Golden Globe

**I think I'd win a Golden Globe for faking I was kind
When I was only hiding what was truly in my mind!**

**I think I'd win a Golden Globe for such hypocrisy,
But I want to be like You, Lord! Please come set me free!**

Help Me be Honest

*I wonder how many prayers that God hears,
that I've really said out of doubt, out of fears!*

*Please help me be honest and admit when it's so
And when my faith's small, please help me grow*

Never as Bad

Won't you look up to Christ for your help?
For He wants to help you...
Every problem on earth is never as bad
As not knowing our God is true!!!

The Spiritual Dance

The hip bone's connected to the thigh bone,
But my heart is connected to my mind's throne!
The one who I worship sets my life's tone,
And that is the spiritual dance!

Pop Quiz Time

It's pop quiz time - this is a test,
so don't get shook and don't you fret!
For God know where and when is best
He works in ways we don't expect!
But all God does, is done in love,
with perfect timing, from above!

A Bit of Pride

A bit of pride can puff you up! Ask me how I know...
A little bit is quite enough Just like yeast in dough!

A little pride can blind me from every sin I have
Though obvious to everyone- And Boy, that makes me mad!

I guess I need Your help dear Lord, to show me my inside,
Though part of me would rather think I'm dignified!

A bit of pride can puff you up! Ask me how I know...
A little bit is quite enough Just like yeast in dough!

My Problem Was

It's not how well I'd been serving... nor how much I knew.
My problem was trusting God when He said I love you!

My Plans I Have for me

I know my plans, oh yes the plans, the plans I have for me,
I know my plans, I do Lord, I adore them to a T!
I spend a lot of time thinking on them and just how life will be!

OH NO! OH NO! What happened?! God, did you say NO?
I hadn't planned for this event, and I hate it so!
I'm crushed and bruised and broken, more than you can know!

I feel so very out of sorts as my life You redirect,
How is it that You're good, Lord? This I can't detect!
Such lies have taken over, my hope they do infect!

Is it up to me, Lord? To let You take control?
I'm sure you know my own plans and how I loved them so!
Help me now be willing, to trust You and let go!

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Rewards

I like rewards, I like rewards,
What kind of rewards would that be?
What kind of rewards does God promise to those
Who seek Him diligently?

Oh, if you've never sought God,
Now I know you'll be glad if you do...
For God has much more than just Heaven
that He wants to give you!

Playing Hard to Get with God

Playing hard to get with God, might not be very wise.
Playing hard to get with God might cost you your life.
God likes it when it is the truth upon which we insist
To hear and see and understand, and know why we exist.

For He's the lover of our soul, we bear His own image
His heart's purest deep desire is that we each are His!
It is up to you each of us to choose what we'll believe,
If our God is bad or good... if Jesus we'll receive.

Tested Positive

When I went into the doctor, I was frightened when he said,
 My child I must tell you, you've tested positive!
 When to your heart I listened, that was when that I could tell
 The symptoms of your unbelief, is why you don't feel well!

All those fears and doubts that are deep inside in there
 Are really very serious, and difficult to bear!
 So if you will allow me to tell you what to do,
 Take 2 verses on the hour, for the whole day through!

I think that you'll feel better, and yes, so very soon -
 If you let them do their work, even then by noon!
 If you stay up with it, and this habit do not stop,
 Then you'll soon be viewing this world from right on top!

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Run this Race

Let me run this race with endurance,
 Let me run this race to win!
 Let me run this race with Jesus,
 And overcome my sin!

Let me run this race with endurance,
 Let me run this race to win!
 And if I should ever fall down,
 Help me get up again!!

From Slave to Warrior

*The change from slave to warrior doesn't happen overnight.
But my escape to freedom proved to me God's might
It was then by faith, He taught me how to fight!*

Trading Places

Trading places, trading places from the pit to God's Refuge,
This is the greatest makeover that every soul could use!
Trading places, trading places from the pit to God's refuge,
That's when you grow in Jesus and sure faith that cannot lose!

Zeal and Haste

In your own life's journey, are you gaining some headway?
Have you grown in Jesus, by the year or by the day?
Have you let the Lord of Lord's above, have control of you?
Influencing your heart and mind and all the things you do?
If in your walk with Jesus, you ever find you're getting bored,
I would dare say that it may be you're not walking with the Lord!
Are you taking your thoughts captive, are you seeking righteousness?
Are you treating others in the ways that they will then be blessed?
Are you overcoming evil and repenting when you're wrong?
Humbly walking with Him right now, as well as all day long?
If you walk away from sermons or time spend in God's Word
Without being challenged, then I pray you will have heard
What this silly poem is saying for there's no more time to waste,
For Jesus is returning, O prepare with zeal and haste!

Do you Know Anyone?

**Do you know anyone who's sold out for Jesus?
Do you know anyone who does bear His fruit?
Think hard and think fast – do you know anyone
Send me their number! They sound like fun!**