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# The Whetstone

Montreat College's Student Voice



Howard Fisher  
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## "A Place To Rest"

By Howard Fisher

A place to rest

Finally a chance to rest

A chance for me to take

A leap of faith and be the best

Finally I can now occupy that

Wide and open space

To catch a nice clean and crisp breath

A space where I can laugh chat

And be myself

Finally a chance to rest

## Why, Lord?

Marlene Medefind Van Brocklin

We all prayed so faithfully, so furiously, so fervently, for Howard's healing. How could God not answer our prayers? Why did God allow such a kind, talented young man to have such a pernicious illness? God could easily have healed Howard. Why didn't he? These are the questions that fill our hearts and minds. How could a good, loving, powerful God allow our brother Howard to die?

There are no easy answers to this question of evil that has perplexed human beings since the tragedy of the Fall. The book of Job addresses this question and Job's friends have many

answers. Among them is the assertion that Job had done something terrible to deserve such suffering. That is not a good answer. Jesus himself addresses this when folks wanted to blame those who had died when a tower collapsed in Siloam (in Luke 13). Jesus says that they were no guiltier than anyone else in the city, but that we should seek God's mercy as best we can. Job's friends said, "Though He will slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15a). The comfort of Job's friends was that they could

situations in which we asked hard questions of the LORD. Probably the most difficult was during the years when we despaired. We are deluged with questions that we don't know how to answer. We want to have more children?" The answer that we received was that he knows what is best for us. He sees the larger picture. When we pray we are asking for God's wisdom and his best. Sometimes that isn't what we think would be best. We also sensed that going through those difficult times was training for us. The passage in the next chapter of Job says that the Christians was told to us: "Praise the LORD and Father and Son, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from all iniquity, who has purged to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:13-14). The passage in the next chapter of Job says that the Christians was told to us: "Praise the LORD and Father and Son, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from all iniquity, who has purged to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:13-14).

comfort we ourselves have received from God." We, indeed, have been able to weep with those who weep and grieve at a deeper level because we have known grief. We don't know why Howard was taken from us. We do know that it is appropriate to mourn and grieve his loss. We have a God who counts our tears (Ps. 56:8). We do know that our God is trustworthy and that there is good that can come from Howard's life and from his death. With Job we can say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him".