

LET US STAND

Lord let us stand in the thick of the fight,  
 Let us bear what we must without whining;  
 Grant us the vision to do what is right,  
 Though a thousand false beams are shining.  
 Let us be true as the steel of a blade  
 Make us bigger than skilled and clever;  
 Teach us to cling to our best, unafraid,  
 And harken to false gospels, never.  
 Let us be brave when the burden is great,  
 Faithful when wounded by sorrow;

Teach us, when troubled, with patience to wait  
 The better and brighter tomorrow.  
 Spare us from hatred and envy and shame,  
 Open our eyes to life's beauty;  
 Let not the glitter of fortune or fame  
 Blind us to what is our duty.  
 Let us be true to the right to the end  
 Let us stand to our task without whining;  
 Let us be right, as a man, as a friend,  
 Though a thousand false beams are shining.  
 —Author Unknown.



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God has a personal and individual plan for each life. God's plan for one life is different from His plan for another. So often we make the mistake of attempting to judge God's dealings with us on the basis of His dealings with somebody else, and we feel disappointed because God has not dealt with us in spiritual things just as He dealt with someone we know or with some character in the Bible. The Apostle Paul had a strange and dramatic conversion. Many men and women, as they come into a saving knowledge of Christ, have a very quiet experience. They are not for that reason any less born-again than was Paul.

It is a good thing that God does not deal with everybody in exactly the same fashion, for we all have different temperaments and different dispositions and God deals with each individual on the basis of what is best for him. God certainly does not expect us to be all alike. Why should we expect Him to deal with us all in the same fashion? Just before Elijah was taken up in the chariot of fire, he asked Elisha "Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee" (II Kings 2:9), and Elisha answered "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." That was a good prayer. He did not ask for Elijah's style of preaching. He did not ask for Elijah's disposition and temperament. He did not even ask for Elijah's power. He asked for a double portion of the Spirit. God gives to each of us the gift which we shall need in the place of service. God has for us Elisha was dominated by the Spirit of God, and that Spirit took Elijah's gifts and used them powerfully. That same Spirit took Elisha's gifts—different as they were—and used them no less powerfully. As Christians, we should seek to be rich in Divine grace and numbly obedient to God. We should not seek to imitate someone else in personality or in temperament, however goodly he may be. We should seek the guidance and the power of God's Spirit for our own lives and trust Him to deal with each of us in the way that is best for us.

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 Beautiful hills and mountains so high,  
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 Beautiful music borne from above  
 Beautiful song with voices of love;  
 Beautiful hymns, echo of grace,  
 Beautiful prayers, given a place.  
 Beautiful hands, my mother's own hands,  
 Beautiful Mother so patient and fine  
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 Let Him wash my sins away?"  
 "Oh, my son, but you're too little,  
 Wait until you older grow;  
 Bigger folk, 'tis true, do need  
 Him,  
 But little folk are safe, you know."  
 "Said the father to his laddie,  
 As a storm was coming on,  
 Are the sheep safely sheltered,  
 Safe within the fold, my son?"  
 "All the big ones are, my father,  
 But the lambs, I let them go,  
 For I didn't think it mattered,  
 Little ones are safe you know."  
 "Oh, my brother, Oh my sister,  
 Have you, too, made that mistake?"  
 Little hearts that now are yielding  
 May be hardened, then — too late.  
 "Ere the days come nigh them,  
 'Let the children come to me  
 And forbid them not,' said JESUS  
 'OF SUCH SHALL MY KINGDOM BE.'"  
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