

I'LL NOT BE SHAKEN (Psalm 62)

For God alone, I wait in silence;
My soul is still before the Lord
He is my rock and my salvation,
My fortress strong; I trust in Him.

I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,
For all my hope is in His love.
From God alone comes my salvation;
I wait and trust His steadfast love!

Put not your hope in gain of riches;
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty,
Who turn to God alone for help.

REPEAT CHORUS

Pour out your heart to God our refuge
And trust in Him to hear you cry.
No other hope will never fail you;
No other love will not run dry.

REPEAT CHORUS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in preparation for good news is about to be proclaimed. We gather in expectation for joy is about to explode in our midst. We gather in celebration for we are those people who have said yes to the manger, yes to love enfleshed, yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of God. With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He
Of the things that are, that have been
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer
First revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore!

This is He whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord
Whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word
Now He shines, the long Expected
Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN cont.

He is found in human fashion,
Death and sorrow here to know,
That the race of Adam's children
Doomed by law to endless woe,
May not henceforth die and perish
In the dreadful gulf below, Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be
Honor, glory, and dominion
And eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

JESUS WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

Jesus what a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul
Friends may fail me, foes assail me
He, my Savior, makes me whole
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving He is with me to the end

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried and often failing
He, my Strength, my vic'try wins
REPEAT CHORUS

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking.
He, my comfort, helps my soul.
REPEAT CHORUS

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine
REPEAT CHORUS

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of love, all year long we pursue power and money, yet you came in weakness, as a child. All season long we want more stuff, more for us, but you alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of our Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, correct us. Then open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels, When we allow darkness to overcome the light, forgive us, Lord. When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel, have mercy on us, Father. When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and believing in Your Son, let your grace fill us, O God.

CONFESSION OF SIN cont.

Forgive our doubt and renew our hopes in Christ alone,
that we may watch and wait and once more hear the
glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. In His
name we ask, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.

In Christ, God's salvation is at hand,
and righteousness has come.

—based on Psalm 85:9–13, NRSV—

ALL MUST BE WELL

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well

Free and changeless is His favor, all is well

Precious is the blood that healed us

Perfect is the grace that sealed us

Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us

All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well

Ours is such a full salvation, all is well

Happy still in God confiding

Fruitful if in Christ abiding

Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding

All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well

Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well

On our Father's love relying

Jesus every need supplying

Yes in living or in dying

All must be well

SERMON**COMMUNION****YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN**

Your labor is not in vain

Though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained

Your planting and reaping are never the same

Your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown

Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan

The place of your toil may not seem like a home

But Your labor is not unknown

YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN cont.

I am with you, I am with you

I am with you, I am with you

For I have called you, called you by name

Your labor is not in vain

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth
For all that is old will at last be made new

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

REPEAT CHORUS

The houses you labored to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed

And all that is broken be healed

REPEAT CHORUS