

O Love, that wilt not let me go

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O Love, that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

God is love. *1 John 4:16*

No one will snatch them out of my hand. *John 10:28*

Neither death nor life... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38-39*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and... you will find rest for your souls. *Matthew 11:28-29*

The spirit returns to God who gave it. *Ecclesiastes 12:7*

He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. *2 Corinthians 5:14-15*

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. *John 10:10*

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness." *John 8:12*

I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know... I will turn the darkness before them into light. *Isaiah 42:16*

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. *Psalms 119:105*

Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord... Behold, all you who... equip yourselves with burning torches! ...You shall lie down in torment. *Isaiah 50:10-11*

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. *2 Corinthians 3:18*

The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. *Revelation 21:23*

In your light do we see light. *Psalms 36:9*

In your presence there is fullness of joy. *Psalms 16:11*

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith... may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ...Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. *1 Peter 1:6-8*

So that Christ may dwell in your hearts. *Ephesians 3:17*

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. *Revelation 3:20*

I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. *Genesis 9:13*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. *Psalms 30:5*

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. *Revelation 21:4*

In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office. ...In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. *Genesis 40:13,19*

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." *John 12:32*

"Let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." *Luke 9:23-24*

The world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Galatians 6:14*

To dust you shall return. *Genesis 3:19*

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. *John 12:24-25*