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No!!!

Struck by dread and endless questions
in the thick of instant night,
tears and fears consume me empty,
shred my grit to stick the fight.

Hands and lips uplift me briefly
but they miss my bleeding core;
Then the sound of Comfort whispers,
“I will show you something more...”

God had one Son on earth without sin,
but never one without suffering.

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– ST. AUGUSTINE ³

He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

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ISAIAH 53:3

Lifted

I let the path of suffering
rip and tear Me to the core;
The naked shame of all the world
upon My Spirit tore.

Rejected and despised,
I let them lift Me in your place;
So in your path of pain today,
be lifted free with grace.

Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow –
it empties today of its strength.

.....

– CORRIE TEN BOOM ⁶



My peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.

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JOHN 14:27

Peacescape

Receive My peace inside your eyes;
Though rivers rage, hope never dies.

I'll see you past the end of fear
'til gifts unfold like spring fresh cheer.

I'll spread your wings across the night;
With deepest peace, I'll give you sight ...
to see beyond this purposed pause
into the light of My applause.



Travel or meditation, tranquilizers or therapy can bring a measure of relief – but why settle for a mere reprieve when God offers us real, genuine, personal peace.

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– LUIS PALAU ⁷



Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

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2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

Higher

How I long to lift you higher
through this dose of close relief,
weave new joy amidst this trial,
piece great healing through your grief.

Knowing no one steals your feelings,
let regret and blaming cease;
Feet on mine, I'll lightly lead you
to this place of quiet peace.

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not
in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

.....

– MARTIN LUTHER ¹²



Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

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JOHN 11:25

Bouquet

When fear-fierce pain saps energy
and wilts your hopeful thoughts,
from bended knee, I'll let you see

My sweet forget-me-nots.

My Word's an open flower,
fragrant, healing, blooming gift;
When I say, “I'm yours forever,”
rest in truth and take a whiff.



The perseverance of the saints consists
in ever new beginnings.

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– ALEXANDER WHYTE ¹⁹



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the
LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.”

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JEREMIAH 29:11

Artisan

Poked inside this wind-licked fire
like a piece of molten glass,
letting prods and pliers take you
in for yet another pass ...

Your smoked-color bends to beauty
‘til you’re clearly made My vase,
held together most transparent,
showing off, through you, My face.



The distinction between past, present, and future is
only an illusion, even if a stubborn one.

.....
– Albert Einstein ²⁷



But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the
Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand
years are like a day.

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2 Peter 3:8

On time

I hold you in My hourglass,
a chosen grain of sand.
Upside down or right-side up,
you move fast-forward like I planned.

Time is just a pressed-in moment,
just a narrow open door,
made to pass you into splendor
that awaits you on My shore.



Healing in the Bible is not becoming what we were,
but becoming all that God intends us to be.

.....
– RAY PRITCHARD ³⁵



Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed.

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JEREMIAH 17:14

Healing

My heart is hard as ice, Lord;
Will you melt me with Your rain?
Dream new dreams inside my dreamer
'til my fears and tears can drain ...

Upon my face, a trickling stream,
will healing waters pour?
Where ice left holes inside me,
will You fill me to the core?

The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness.

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– WILLIAM BLAKE ³⁹



If we confess our sins, he is faithful
and just and will forgive us our sins and
purify us from all unrighteousness.

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1 JOHN 1:9

Jubilation!

My dancing angels celebrate
before My glowing face,
laughing freely, you've been rescued;
I secured your resting place.

It's a lasting breeze of happiness;
You're safe and sound with Me;
Friend, you're all I've ever wanted;
I'm your lifetime Guarantee.

We can only appreciate the miracle of a sunrise if we
have waited in the darkness.

.....
– UNKNOWN ⁴³

In that day they will say,
“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

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ISAIAH 25:9



Freedom!

Your fight with pain will fall like chains
and never be remembered,
but love and joy will multiply
My perfect plan, unhampered.

Like Me, you'll fill with songs
that wrap your mind in deepest peace;
Exploring free, forgetting grief,
you'll find your soul's release.