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Hymns

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Hymn Lyrics

Hymn 174

Hymn 174

MARIA LOUISE BAUM

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CONSOLATION

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Like as a mother, God comforteth His children;
Comfort is calm, that bids all tumult cease;
Comfort is hope and courage for endeavor,
Comfort is love, whose home abides in peace.

Love is true solace and giveth joy for sorrow,—
O, in that light, all earthly loss is gain;
Joy must endure, Love's giving is forever;
Life is of God, whose radiance cannot wane.

O holy presence, that stills all our demanding,
O love of God, that needs but to be known!
Heaven is at hand, when thy pure touch persuades us,
Comfort of God, that seeks and finds His own.

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MOTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

MARY BAKER EDDY

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MORECAMBE

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EXPECTATION

ANDREAS P. BERGGREEN

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(211)

PRESENCE

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(212)

SONG 22

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O gentle presence, peace and joy and power;
 O Life divine, that owns each waiting hour,
 Thou Love that guards the nestling's faltering flight!
 Keep Thou my child on upward wing tonight.

Love is our refuge; only with mine eye
 Can I behold the snare, the pit, the fall:
 His habitation high is here, and nigh,
 His arm encircles me, and mine, and all.

O make me glad for every scalding tear,
 For hope deferred, ingratitude, disdain!
 Wait, and love more for every hate, and fear
 No ill,—since God is good, and loss is gain.

Beneath the shadow of His mighty wing;
 In that sweet secret of the narrow way,
 Seeking and finding, with the angels sing:
 "Lo, I am with you alway,"—watch and pray.

No snare, no fowler, pestilence or pain;
 No night drops down upon the troubled breast,
 When heaven's aftersmile earth's tear-drops gain,
 And mother finds her home and heav'nly rest.

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Christ comes, with succor speedy,
 To those who suffer wrong;
 To help the poor and needy,

And bid the weak be strong;
 Christ comes to break oppression,
 To set the captive free,
 To take away transgression,
 And rule in equity.

God's blessings come as showers
 Upon the thirsty earth;
 And joy and hope, like flowers,
 Spring in His path to birth.
 Before Him on the mountains
 Shall Peace, the herald, go;
 From hill to vale the fountains
 Of righteousness shall flow.

To God shall prayer unceasing,
 And daily vows, ascend;
 Love's kingdom still increasing,
 A kingdom without end.
 The tide of time shall never
 God's covenant remove;
 Her name shall stand forever:
 Her changeless name of Love.

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The Bible

1. Ps. 119:176 (to 2nd ;)

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant;

2. Jer. 50:6 (to 2nd :)

6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains:

3. Ps 66:19 verily, 20

19 verily God hath heard *me*; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

4. Gen 37:1 Jacob, 3, 4, 8 (to 2nd ?), 23-27

1 Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of *many* colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us?

- 23 ¶ And it came to pass when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, *his* coat of *many* colours that *was* on him;
- 24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit *was* empty, *there was* no water in it.
- 25 And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to Egypt.
- 26 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?
- 27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh. And his brethren were content.

5. Isa. 43:1-3 (to :)

- 1 BUT now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine.
- 2 When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.
- 3 For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:

6. Ps. 18:24 1st the, 27 (to ;)

- 24 the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
- 27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people;

7. Job 1:1 (to ;), 13-15, 17-22

- 1 THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job;
- 13 ¶ And there was a day when his sons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:
- 14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:
- 15 And the Sabeans fell *upon them*, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
- 17 While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
- 18 While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:
- 19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are

dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

8. Job 2:10 In

10 In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

9. Job 40:6, 7 (to :), 9

6 ¶ Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

7 Gird up thy loins now like a man:

9 Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

10. Job 42:1-4, 10

1 THEN Job answered the LORD, and said,

2 I know that thou canst do every *thing*, and *that* no thought can be withholden from thee.

3 Who *is* he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11. Isa. 40:4-8

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodness thereof *is* as the flower of the field:

7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass.

8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

12. Zeph 3:14-17

14 ¶ Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

- 15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy:
the king of Israel, *even* the LORD, *is* in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see
evil any more.
- 16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: *and to Zion*, Let not
thine hands be slack.
- 17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will
rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee
with singing.

13. Luke 4:14 Jesus

- 14 Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a
fame of him through all the region round about.

14. Luke 15:1, 4-10

- 1 THEN drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.
- 4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth
not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is
lost, until he find it?
- 5 And when he hath found *it*, he layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.
- 6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together *his* friends and neighbours,
saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was
lost.
- 7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that
repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no
repentance.
- 8 ¶ Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece,
doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she
find *it*?
- 9 And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours
together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had
lost.
- 10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God
over one sinner that repenteth.

15. Luke 7:11-15

- 11 ¶ And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain;
and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.
- 12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead
man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and
much people of the city was with her.
- 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her,
Weep not.
- 14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare *him* stood still. And
he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

- 15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.
16. Joel 2:25 1st I (to 1st), 26 ye (to :), 27 2nd I (to :)
- 25 I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten,
- 26 ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you:
- 27 I *am* the LORD your God, and none else:

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1. SH 265:23-24, 26

Who that has felt the loss of human peace has not gained stronger desires for spiritual joy? The loss of earthly hopes and pleasures brightens the ascending path of many a heart. The pains of sense quickly inform us that the pleasures of sense are mortal and that joy is spiritual.

2. SH 11:22-25

We know that a desire for holiness is requisite in order to gain holiness; but if we desire holiness above all else, we shall sacrifice everything for it.

Desire for
holiness

3. SH 65:11-12

To gain Christian Science and its harmony, life should be more metaphysically regarded.

4. SH 335:22-24

Only by losing the false sense of Soul can we gain the eternal unfolding of Life as immortality brought to light.

5. SH 57:24-30

The wintry blasts of earth may uproot the flowers of affection, and scatter them to the winds; but this severance of fleshly ties serves to unite thought more closely to God, for Love supports the struggling heart until it ceases to sigh over the world and begins to unfold its wings for heaven.

6. SH 215:23-24

Every quality and condition of mortality is lost, swallowed up in immortality.

7. SH 87:25 1st The (only, to 2nd .)

The true concept is never lost.

8. SH 91:17-21

The denial of

- 18 material selfhood aids the discernment of man's spiritual and eternal individuality, and destroys the erroneous knowledge gained from matter or through what are termed
21 the material senses.

9. SH 1:11-14

Desire is prayer; and no loss can occur from

- 12 trusting God with our desires, that they may be moulded and exalted before they take form in words and in deeds.

10. SH 217:1-5

The loss of man's identity through the understanding which Science confers is impossible; and

- 3 the notion of such a possibility is more absurd than to conclude that individual musical tones are lost in the origin of harmony.

11. SH 69:2-5

The scientific fact that man and the universe

- 3 are evolved from Spirit, and so are spiritual, is as fixed in divine Science as is the proof that mortals gain the sense of health only as they lose the sense of sin and disease.

12. SH 275:1 Matter (only)

- 275:1 Matter has no life to lose, and Spirit never dies.

13. SH 302:8-9

It is impossible that man should lose

- 9 aught that is real, when God is all and eternally his.

14. SH 260:28-30

If we array

thought in mortal vestures, it must lose its immortal

- 30 nature.

15. SH 261:24

Breaking away from the

mutations of time and sense, you will neither

lose the solid objects and ends of life nor your own identity.

- 27 Fixing your gaze on the realities supernal, you will rise to the spiritual consciousness of being, even as the bird which has burst from the egg and preens its wings for a
30 skyward flight.

16. SH 324:32-5

Jesus said substantially, "He that believeth in me

325:1 shall not see death.” That is, he who perceives the
 true idea of Life loses his belief in death. He who has
 3 the true idea of good loses all sense of evil,
 and by reason of this is being ushered into the
 undying realities of Spirit.

Abiding in Life

17. SH 326:12

12 We must forsake the foundation of material systems,
 however time-honored, if we would gain the Christ as
 our only Saviour. Not partially, but fully, the great
 15 healer of mortal mind is the healer of the body.

18. SH 145:32

Our Master’s first article of faith propounded
 146:1 to his students was healing, and he proved his faith by
 his works. The ancient Christians were healers. Why
 3 has this element of Christianity been lost?
 Because our systems of religion are governed
 more or less by our systems of medicine. The first idol-
 6 atry was faith in matter. The schools have rendered
 faith in drugs the fashion, rather than faith in Deity. By
 trusting matter to destroy its own discord, health and
 9 harmony have been sacrificed. Such systems are barren
 of the vitality of spiritual power, by which material sense
 is made the servant of Science and religion becomes
 12 Christlike.

How healing was
lost

19. SH 207:8

God is not the creator of an evil mind. Indeed, evil
 9 is not Mind. We must learn that evil is the awful decep-
 tion and unreality of existence. Evil is not
 supreme; good is not helpless; nor are the
 12 so-called laws of matter primary, and the law of Spirit
 secondary. Without this lesson, we lose sight of the per-
 fect Father, or the divine Principle of man.

Subordination of
evil

20. SH 264:7-10, 13-15

Mortals must look beyond fading,
 finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things.
 9 Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm
 of Mind?

As mortals gain more correct views of God and man,
 multitudinous objects of creation, which before were
 15 invisible, will become visible.

Self-
completeness

21. SH 78:23-24

21 How can the majesty and omnipotence of
 24 Spirit be lost?

22. SH 215:4-7

If Spirit, Soul, could sin or be lost, then being and im-
mortality would be lost, together with all the faculties of
6 Mind; but being cannot be lost while God ex-
ists.

Real being never
lost

23. SH 208:20-24

Let us learn
21 of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of
Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of
universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain
24 forever unseen.

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