

Devotional

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2 Peter 1:4-8

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,...



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROMISES

“Angels of His mercy – His promises exceeding great and precious – minister unto us and strengthen us” R2412 c.1 p.3

“As we fill our minds with God’s promises, the whole character, the whole life, becomes more transformed” R5739, c.1. p.1

“In proportion as the promises are before our minds, In that proportion we have strength and courage to run the narrow way.” R. 5095, c.1 p.4

“The Lord’s people should so thoroughly apply the precious promises of Divine care that their hearts would be entirely free from anxiety.” F472. p.2



Those who can and will exercise full confidence in all the Divine promises, may go from victory to victory, from blessing to blessing, from joy to joy, from one attainment to another, and have a glorious victory in the end over the world, flesh and Adversary, through the imputed merit and continued assistance of Him who loved and bought us. To this class the giants of opposition and despair lose their power, even as did Goliath before the sling stone of David.
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Read by Sr GloryBeth

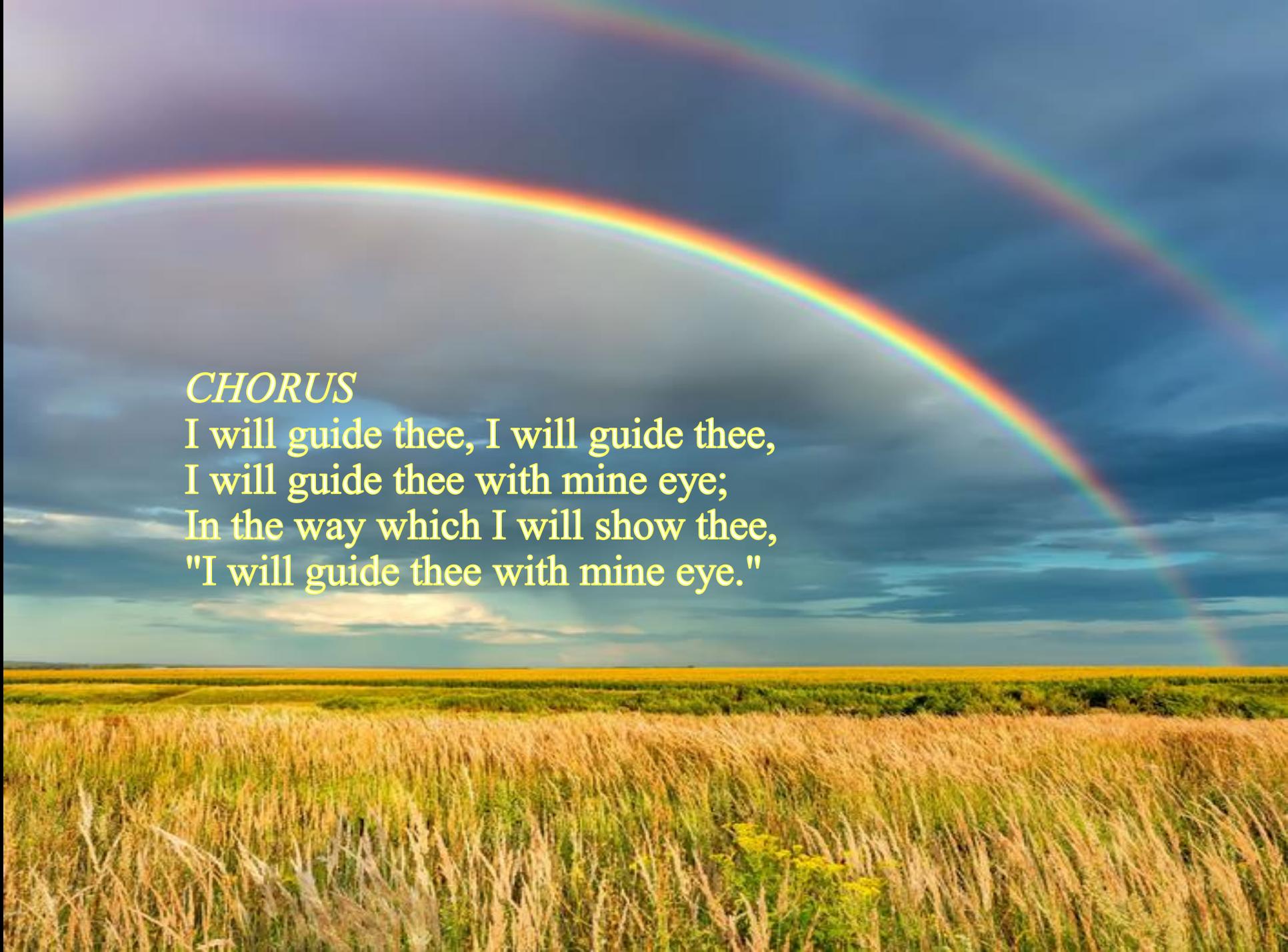




[Hymn 242]

Precious Promise

1. Precious promise God hath given
To the weary ones who try
Treasure to lay up in heaven,
"I will guide thee with mine eye."

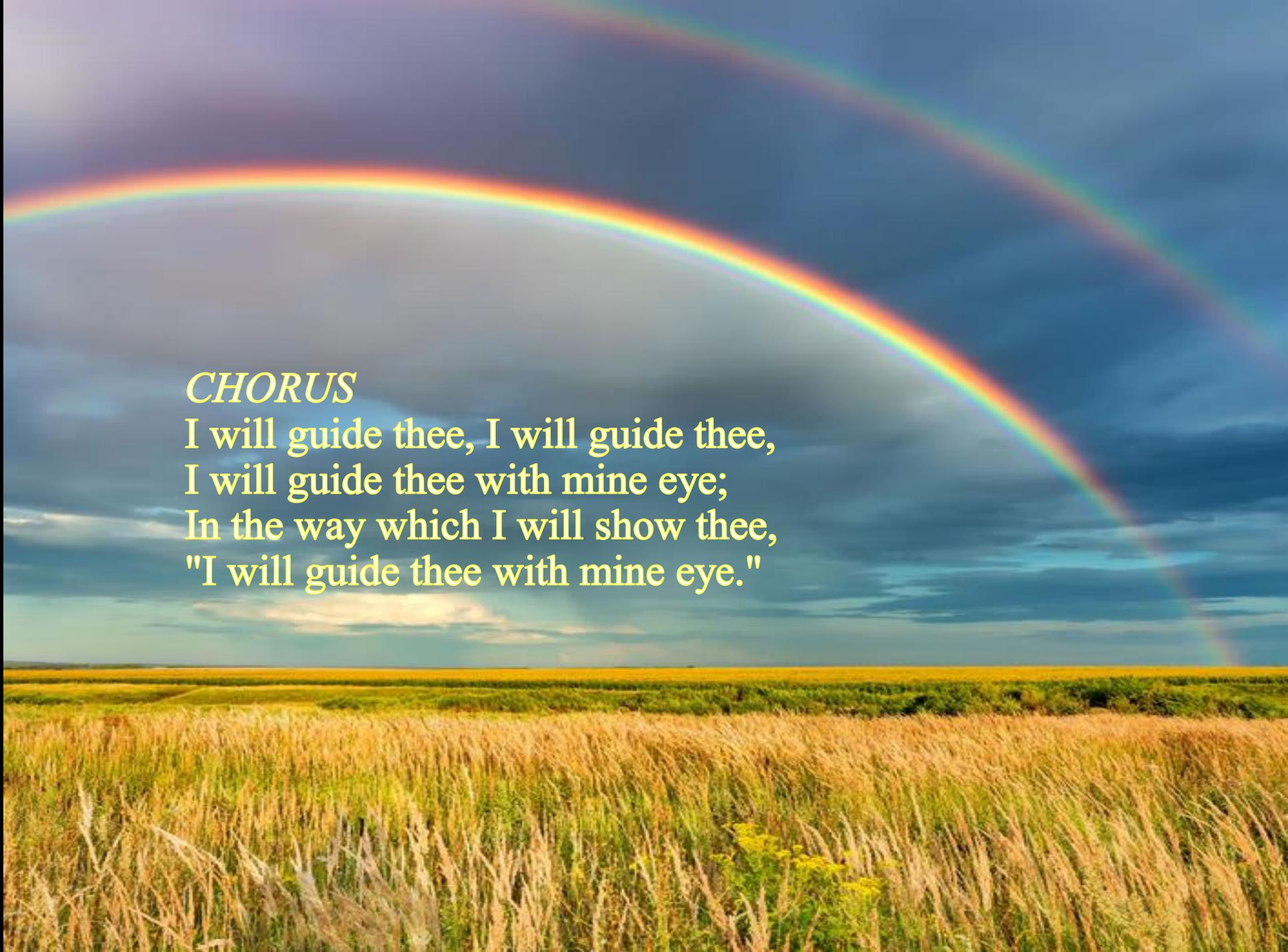
A vibrant rainbow arches across a dramatic, cloudy sky. Below the rainbow, a field of tall, golden-brown grasses stretches towards the horizon. The scene is captured in a wide-angle shot, emphasizing the vastness of the landscape.

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I will guide thee with mine eye;
In the way which I will show thee,
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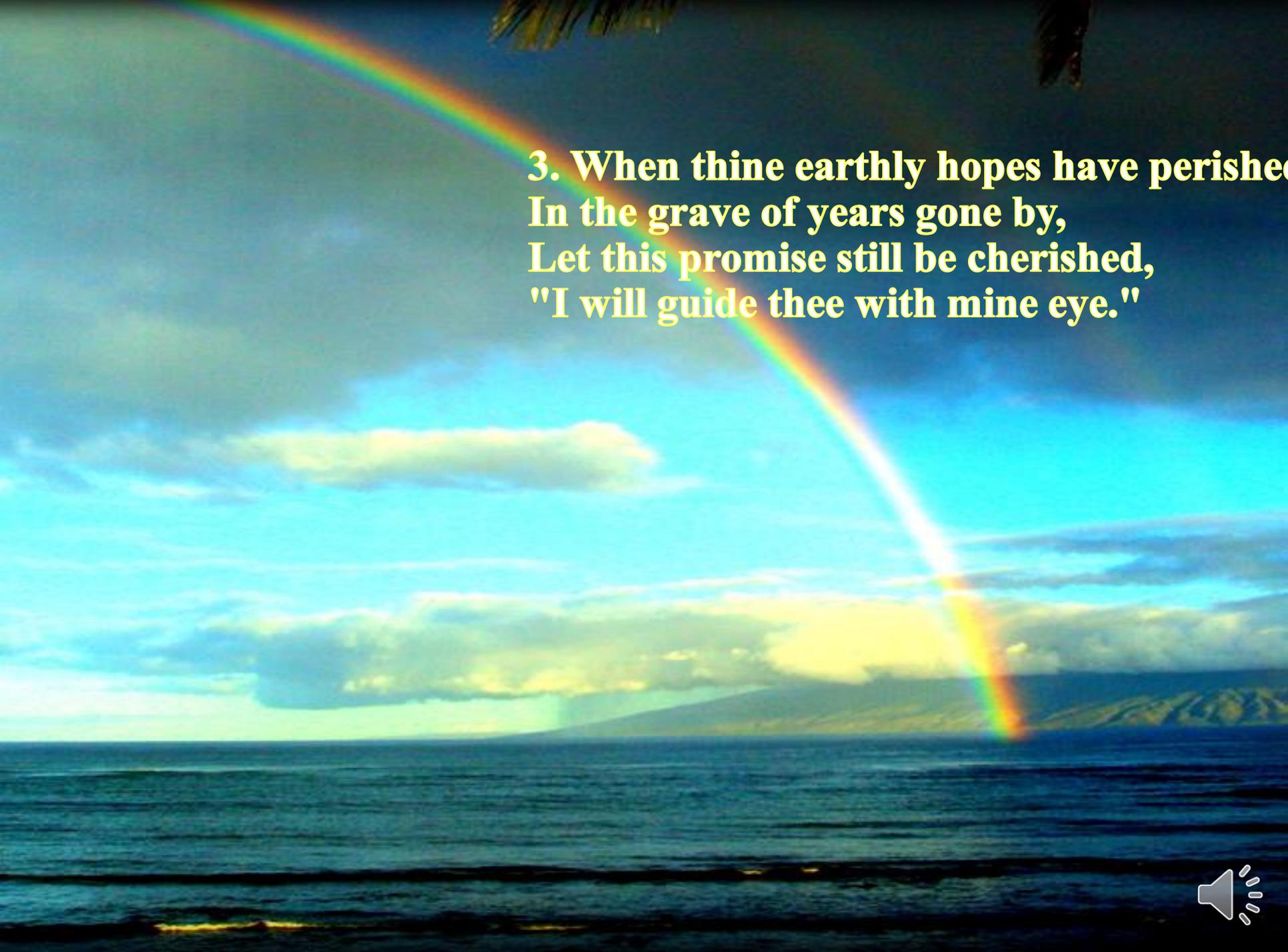
2. When temptations almost win thee,
And thy trusted watchers fly,
Let this promise ring within thee,
"I will guide thee with mine eye."



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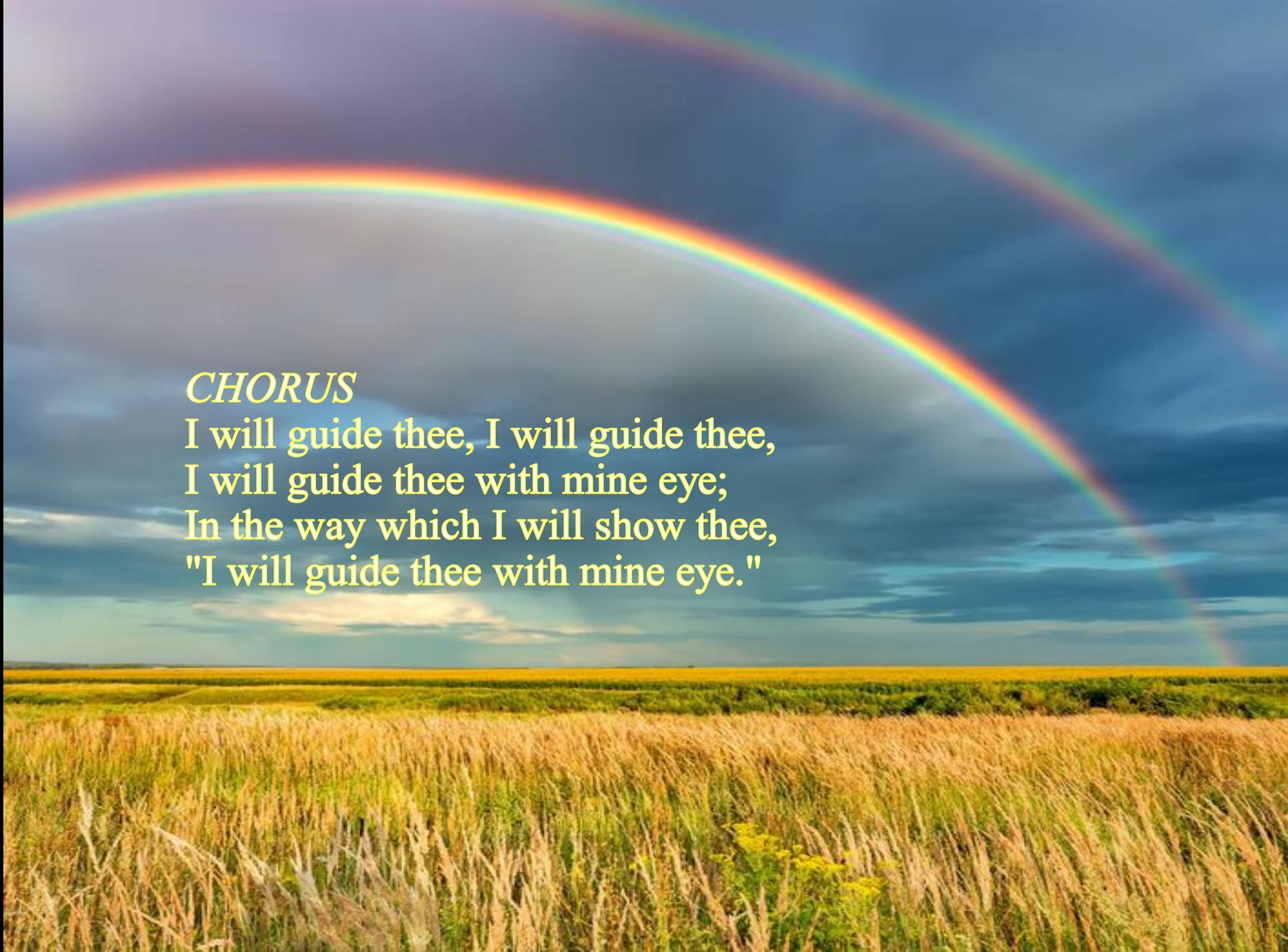
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A vibrant rainbow arches across a blue sky filled with soft, white clouds. Below the sky, a calm blue ocean stretches to the horizon. In the distance, a range of low mountains or hills is visible. The overall scene is peaceful and hopeful. The text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

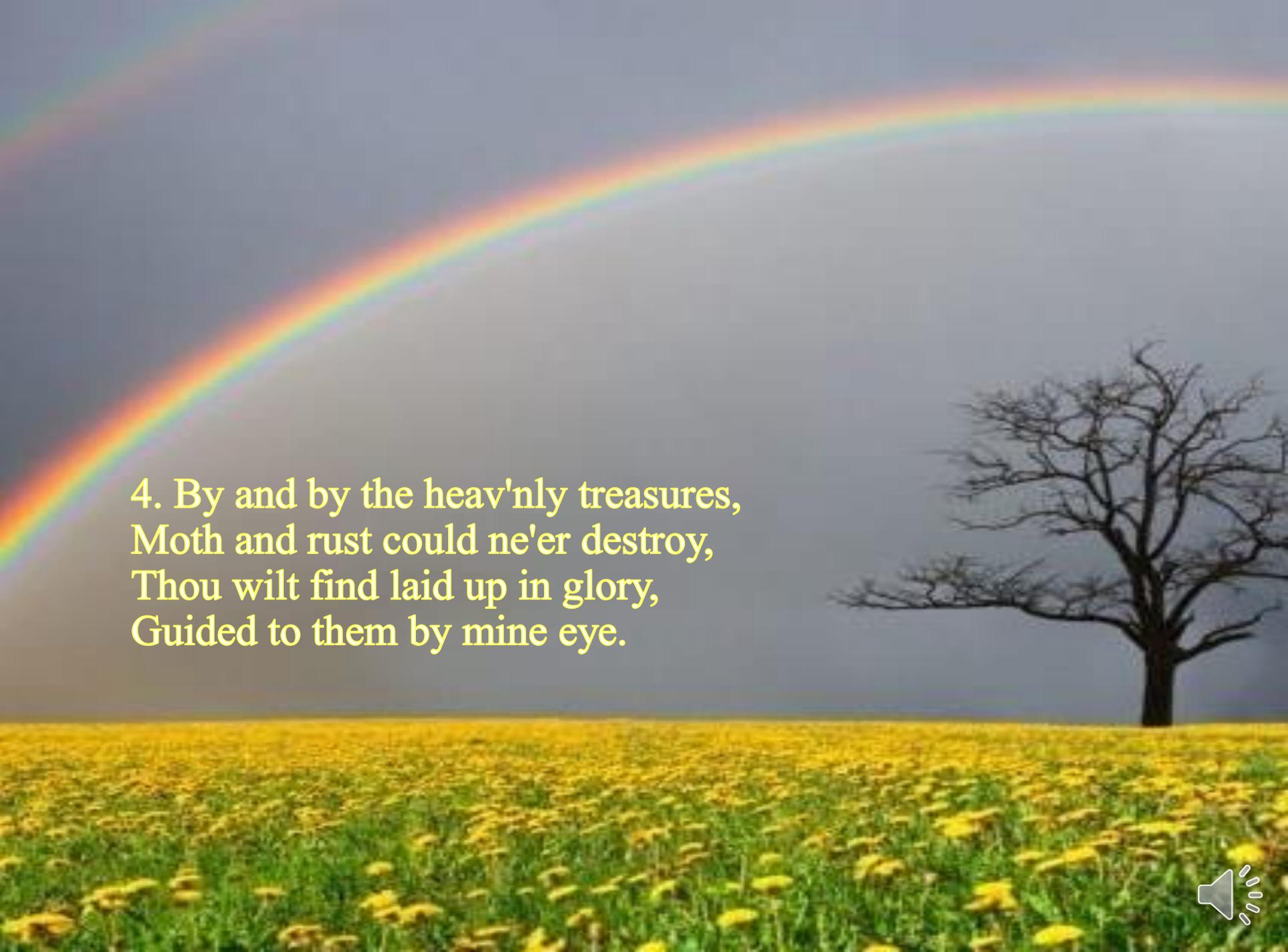
**3. When thine earthly hopes have perished
In the grave of years gone by,
Let this promise still be cherished,
"I will guide thee with mine eye."**



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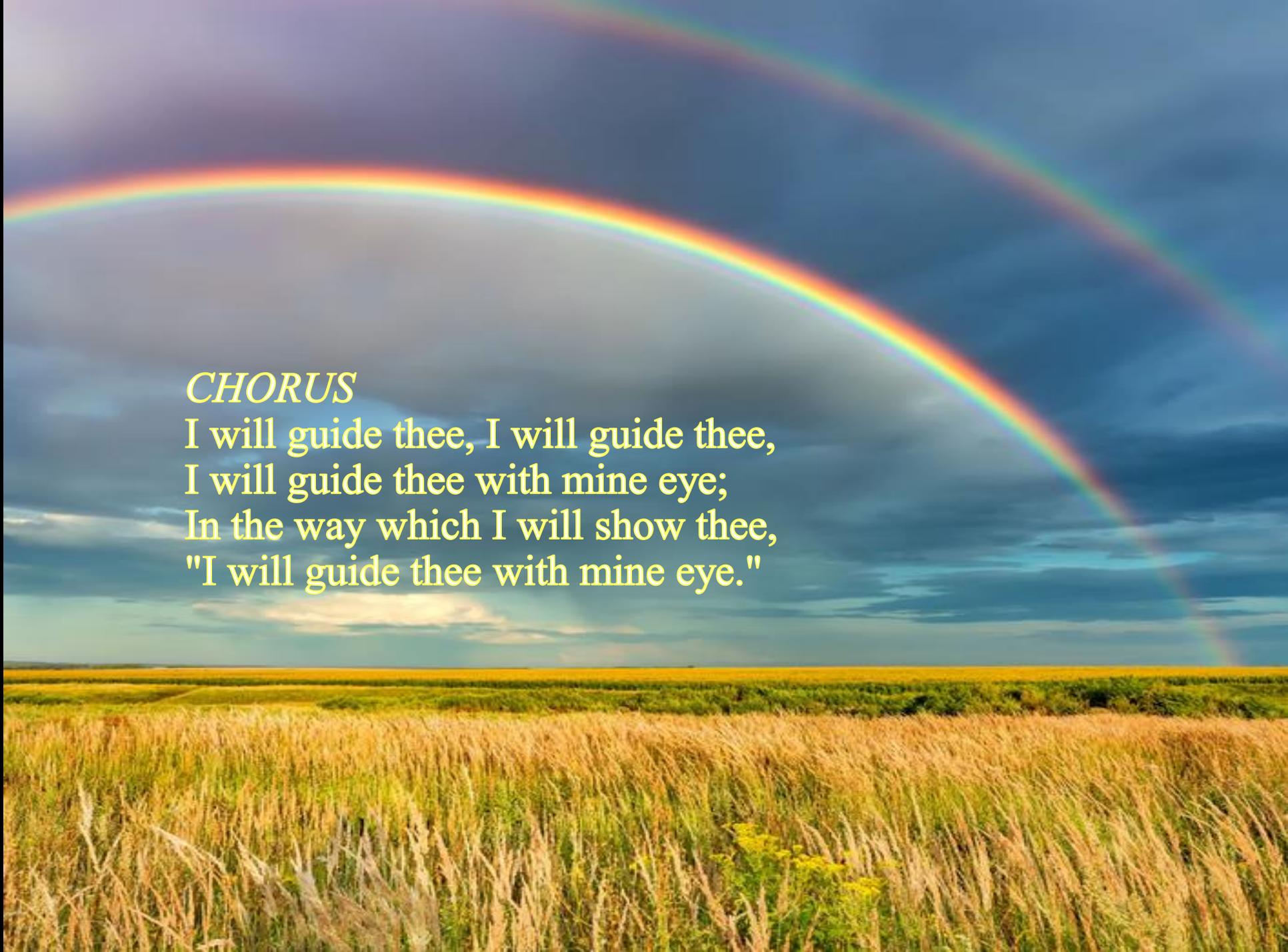
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4. By and by the heav'nly treasures,
Moth and rust could ne'er destroy,
Thou wilt find laid up in glory,
Guided to them by mine eye.



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2 Peter 1:5-8

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Charity

Kindness

Godliness

Patience

Temperance

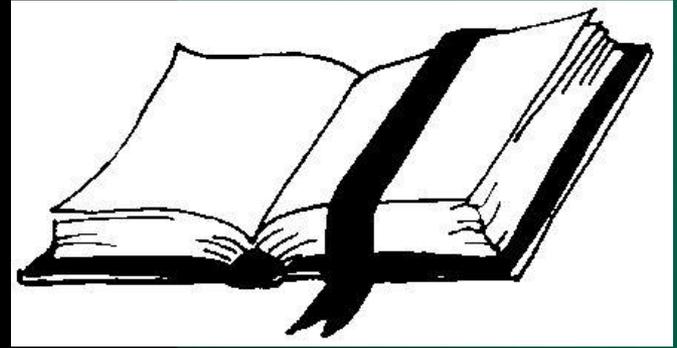
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Virtue

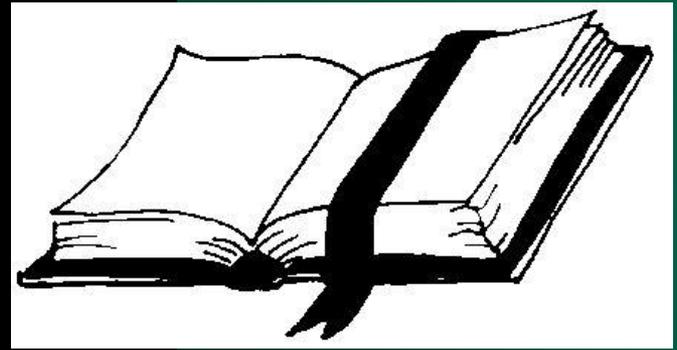
Faith

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:



Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,**19** And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, **20** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,





**giving all diligence, add
to your faith**



Faith.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.



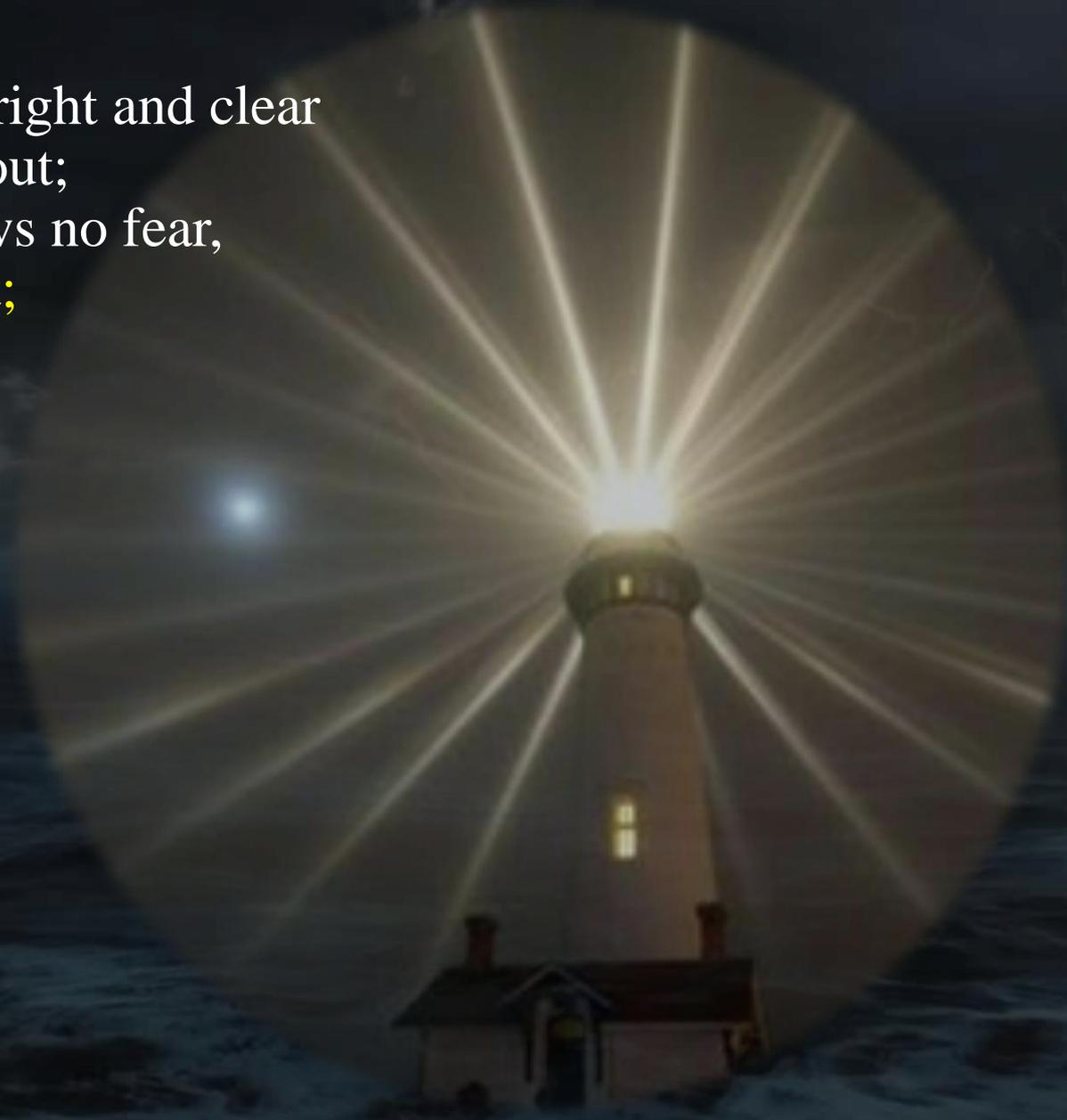
[Hymn 197] *Victorious Faith*

O for a faith that will not shrink,
Tho' pressed by ev'ry foe;
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe;



That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chast'ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain
Will lean upon its God;

A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt;



That bears unmoved the world's dread frown,
Nor heeds its scornful smile;
That seas of trouble cannot drown,
Nor Satan's arts beguile;



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- A photograph of a narrow dirt path winding through a lush forest. The path is covered in fallen leaves and surrounded by dense green ferns and other undergrowth. Tall, slender trees with dark trunks line the path, creating a canopy overhead. The lighting is soft and dappled, suggesting a misty or overcast day.
- A faith that keeps the narrow way,
Till life's last hour is fled,
And with a pure and steady ray
Illumes a dying bed.



Lord, lead me to a faith like this,
Through trial though it be;
For O! the rest of faith is bliss,
The bliss of rest in thee.

Add to your
faith virtue

Moral
Excellence
And
Fortitude





[Hymn 198]

More Likeness To Thee

O for a heart more like my God,
From imperfection free;
A heart conformed unto thy Word,
And pleasing, Lord, to thee;



A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone;



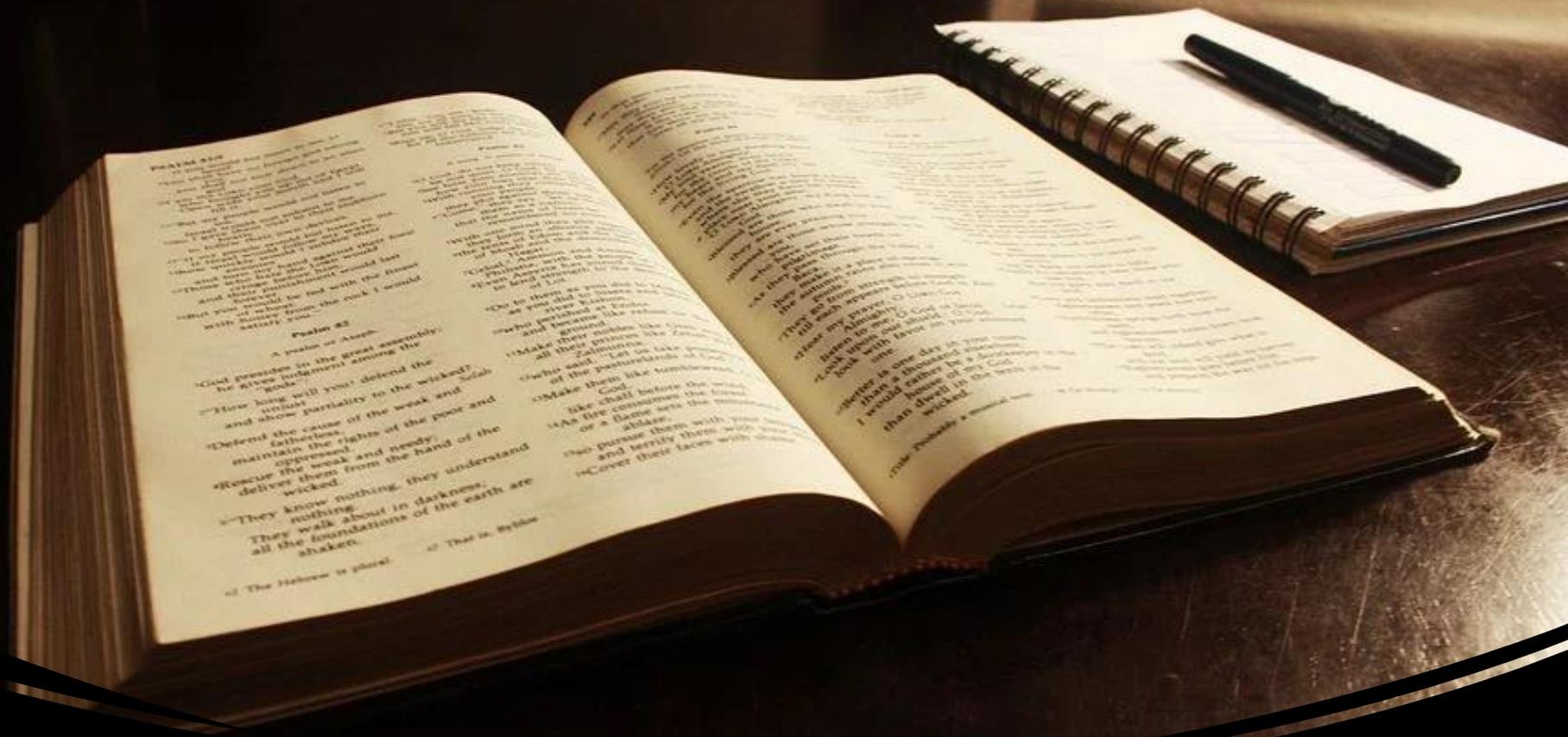
**A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From him who dwells within;**

A heart in ev'ry thought renewed,
And full of love divine,
Perfect, and right, and pure, and good
A copy, Lord, of thine.



A photograph of a sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by two large, dark trees in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow light, with some clouds visible. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

and to virtue
knowledge



PSALM 82

1 "How long will you judge unjustly,
and hate the word of the Lord?
How long will you despise his counsel,
and despise his voice,
saying, "We will not see,
nor will we understand."
2 "For you have said,
"We will not see,
nor will we understand."
Therefore you shall be as the stone,
and shall be broken in pieces,
and shall be as the rock,
and shall be broken in pieces.

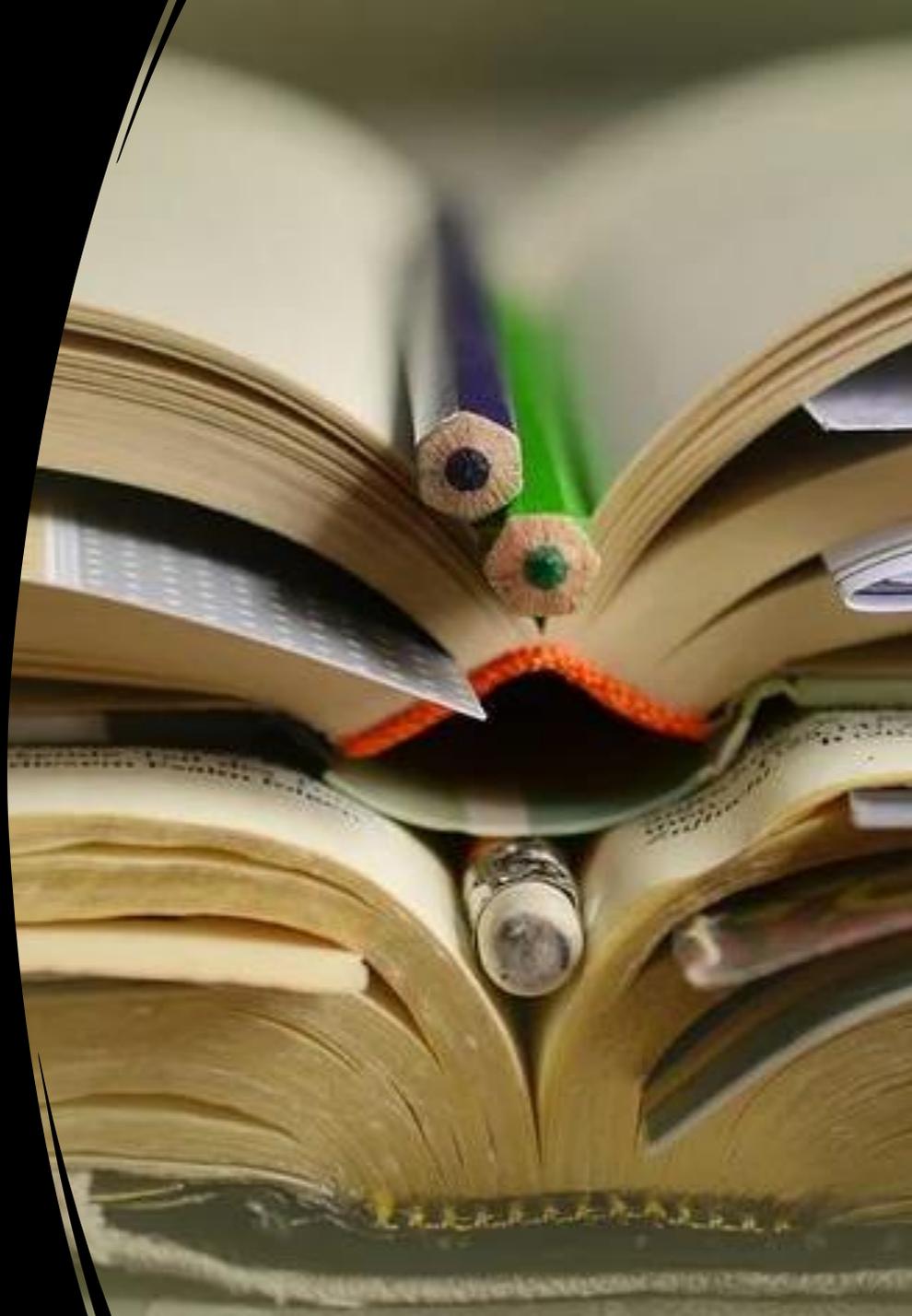
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Wisdom divine! who tells the price
Of wisdom's costly merchandise?
Wisdom to silver we prefer,
And gold is dross compared to her.

Happy the man who wisdom gains;
Thrice happy who his guest retains;
He owns, and shall forever own,
Wisdom and Christ are truly one.





add to knowledge

Temperance
(Self-control)



TEMPER by Br. Daniel J Morehouse



What?

Lost your temper did you say?
Well dear, I wouldn't mind it.
It isn't such a dreadful loss;
Pray not try to find it.

It drove the dimples all away
And wrinkled up the forehead,
And changed the pretty smiling face
To one just simply horrid.

Read by Sr Rosalie Palmgren



TEMPER by Br. Daniel J Morehouse



It put to flight the cheery words,
The laughter and the singing
The clouds upon the shiny sky
It would persist in bringing.

And it is gone!

Then do my dear,
Make it your best endeavor
To quickly find a better one
And lose it never, never.

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Add to temperance

Patience



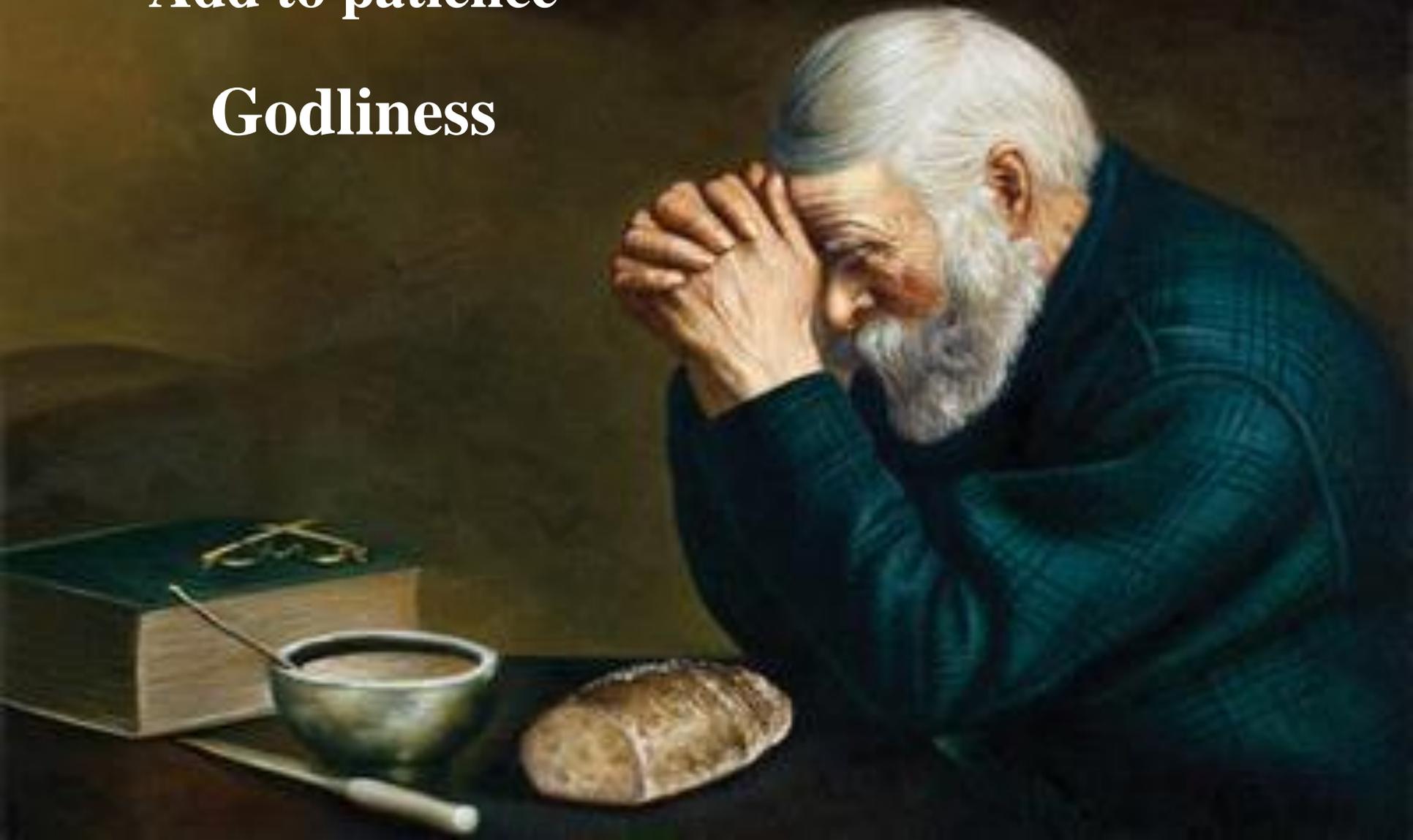
PATIENCE.

THE purple grape must be crushed
To make the sweet, red wine,
And furnace fires must fiercely burn,
The drossy gold to refine;
The wheel must cruelly grind,
Else where the jewel's light?
And the steel submit to the polishing,
Or how would the sword grow bright?
How then, my soul, wilt thou
The Spirit's fruits possess,
Except thou lovingly yield thyself
To the Hand that wounds to bless?
Then patiently let the fire
Consume all earthly dross--
Thou canst not hope to wear the Crown,
If thou refuse the Cross!



Add to patience

Godliness



2 Peter 1:3 According
as his divine power hath
given unto us all things
that *pertain* unto life
and godliness, through
the knowledge of him
that hath called us to
glory and virtue:

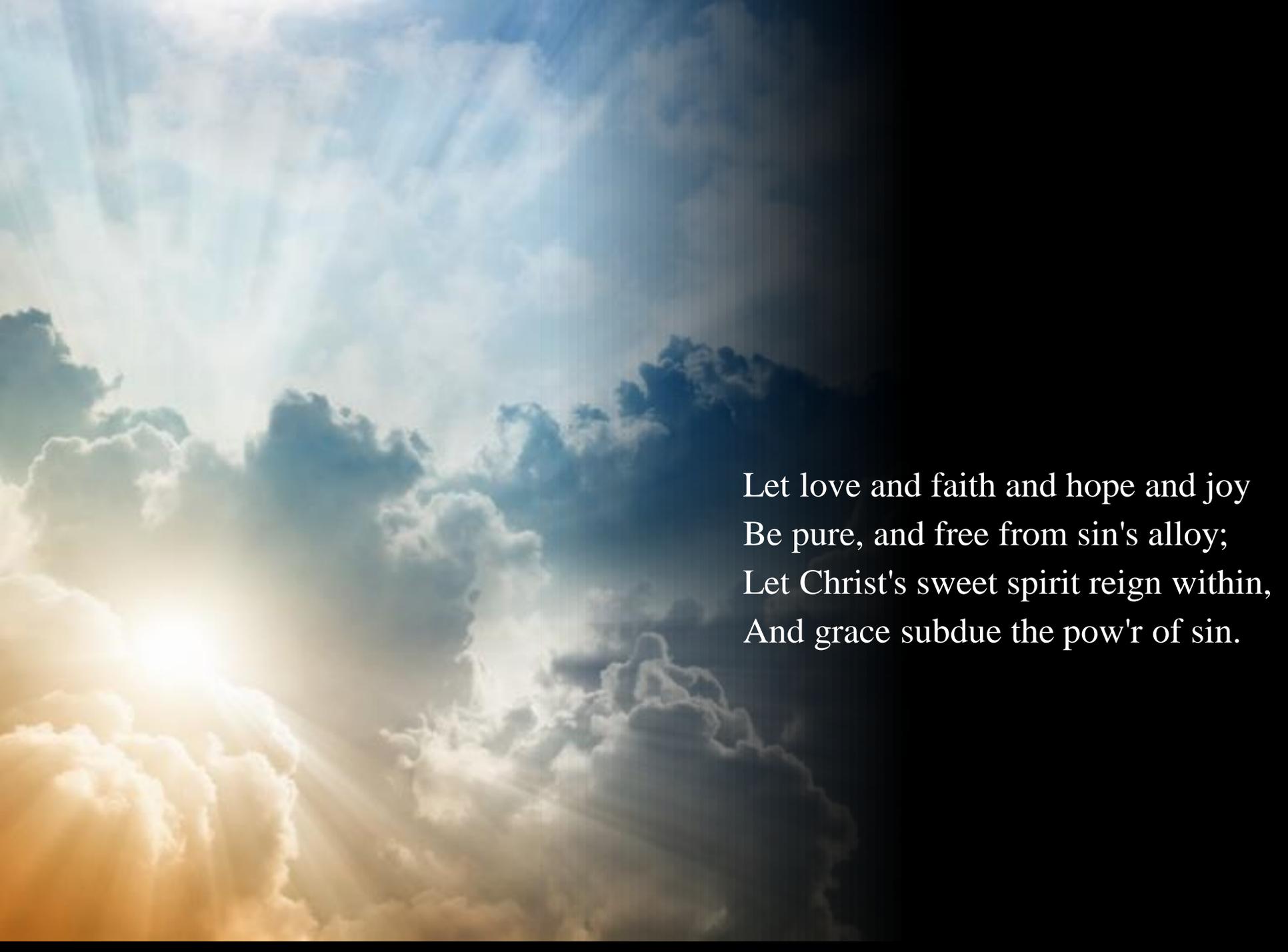




HOLINESS

[Hymn 267] The Beauty of Holiness

So let our daily lives express
The beauties of true holiness;
So let the Christian graces shine,
That all may know the pow'r divine.



Let love and faith and hope and joy
Be pure, and free from sin's alloy;
Let Christ's sweet spirit reign within,
And grace subdue the pow'r of sin.



Our Father, God, to thee we raise
Our prayer for help to tread thy ways--
For wisdom, patience, love and light,
For grace to speak and act aright.

Add to Godliness

Brotherly-Kindness



[Hymn 23]

Christian Fellowship

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.





Blest are the sons of peace,
Whose hearts and hopes are one,
Whose kind designs to serve and please
Thro' all their actions run.



Before our Father's throne,
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.





When we asunder part,
O may this mutual love
Encourage ev'ry fainting heart,
His zeal and faith to prove.





Our glorious hope revives
Our courage ev'ry day,
While each in expectation strives
To run the heav'nly way.



Add to Brotherly-Kindness

Love



Poems of Dawn CHRIST WITHIN.

A LIVING Christ, of wondrous birth,
Who trod the dreary paths of earth,
Shedding abroad His holy light
Through the deep gloom of sin's dark
night.

A dying Christ, whose precious blood
Seals the poor sinner's peace with God;
And fills the soul with fullest love,
Like to the joy prepared above.

Read by Sr Dawn Farrar



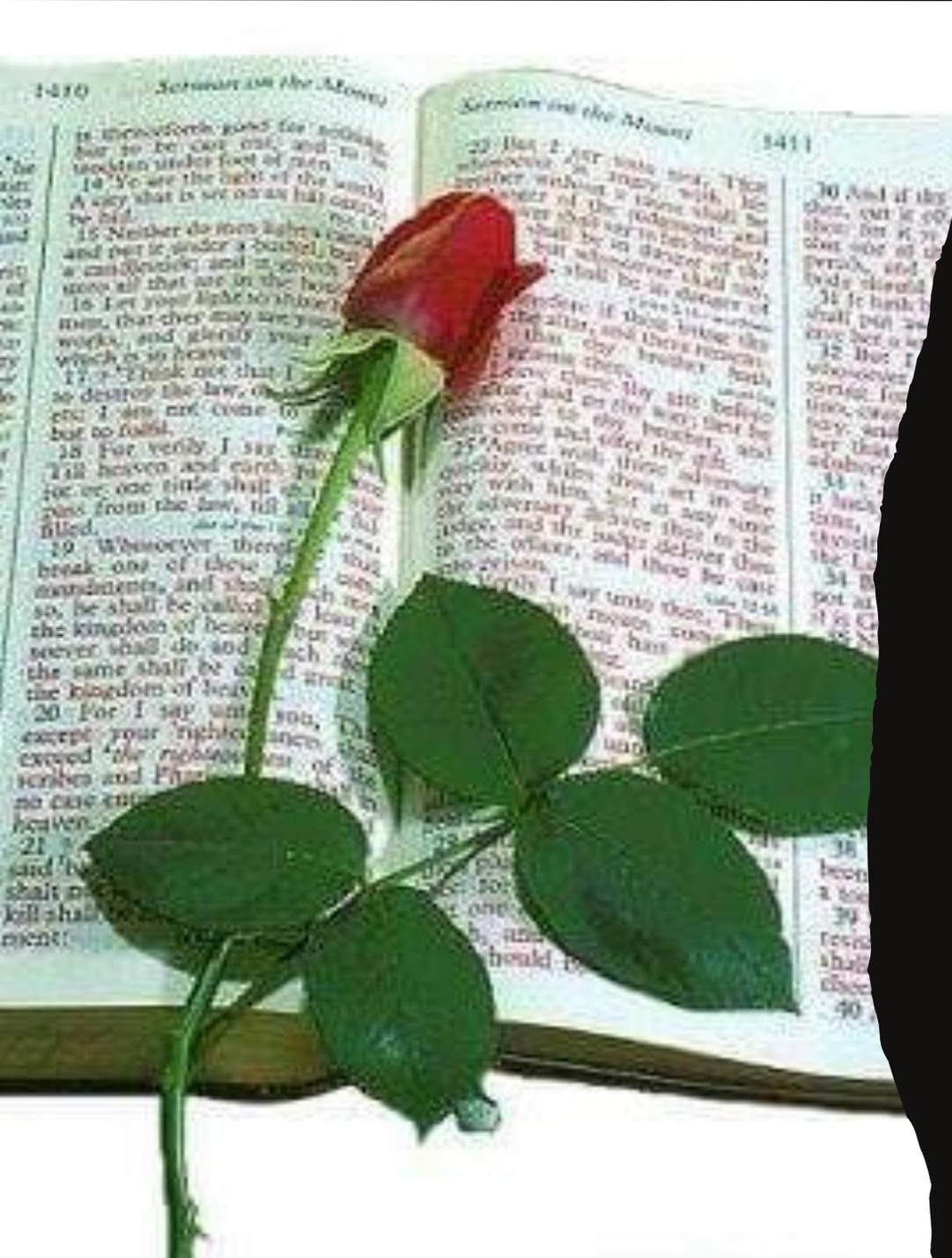
A Christ ascended—all is done,
A world redeemed, a victory won.
With angel hosts, a glorious throng,
We'll sing with joy salvation's song

A living Christ our spirits need,
A loving Christ our souls to feed;
A dying Christ, our ransom He,
A risen Christ to set us free.

This, too, our need—a Christ within,
A life with God, afar from sin,
A Christ whose love our hearts shall fill,
And quite subdue our wayward will.

Read by Sr Dawn Farrar





2 Peter 1:8-11

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hymn 172: More Love to Thee



1. More love to thee, O Christ!
More love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
On bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:



Chorus

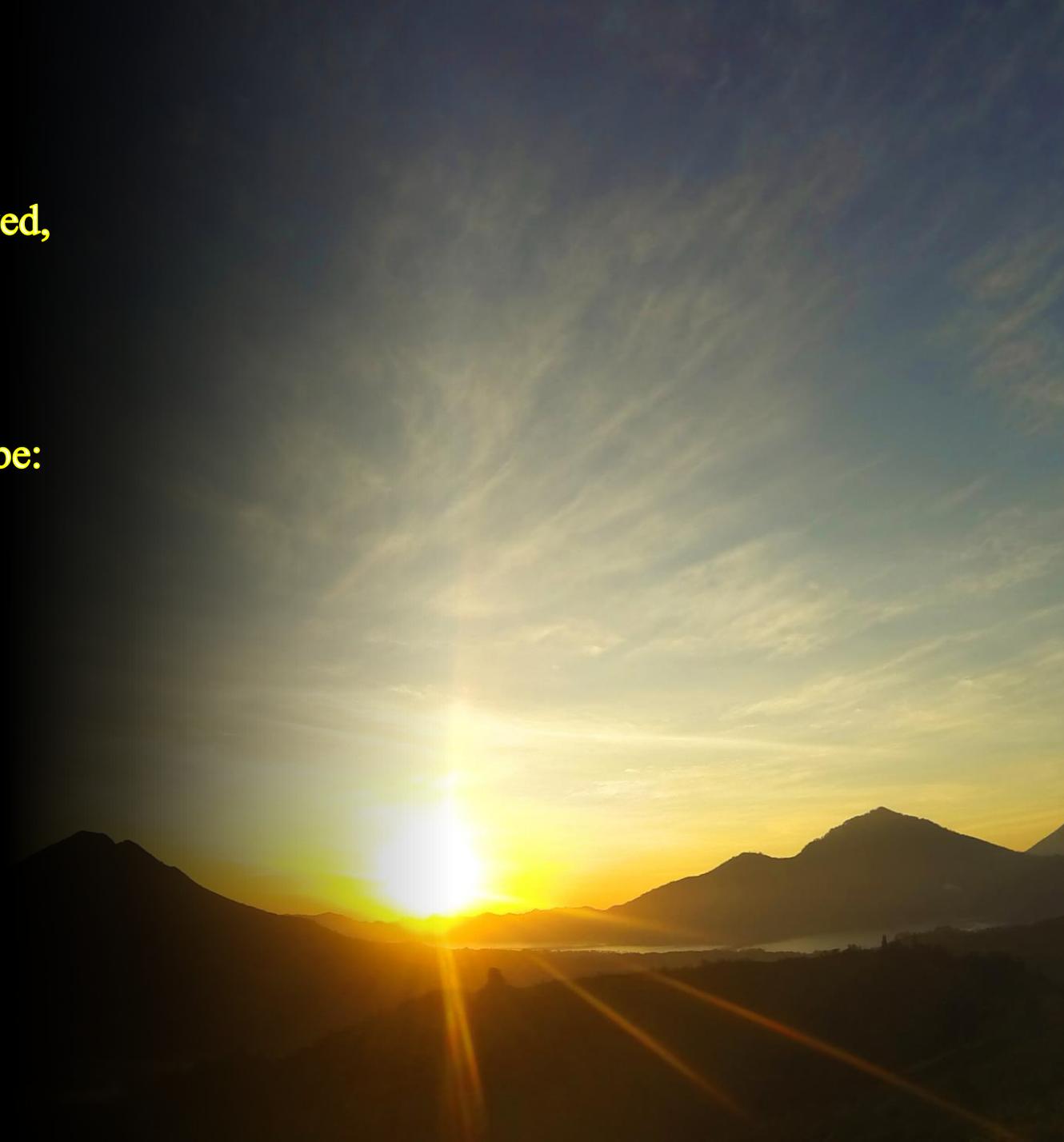
More love, O Christ, to thee!

More love to thee!

More love to thee!



2 Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek;
Give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:



Chorus

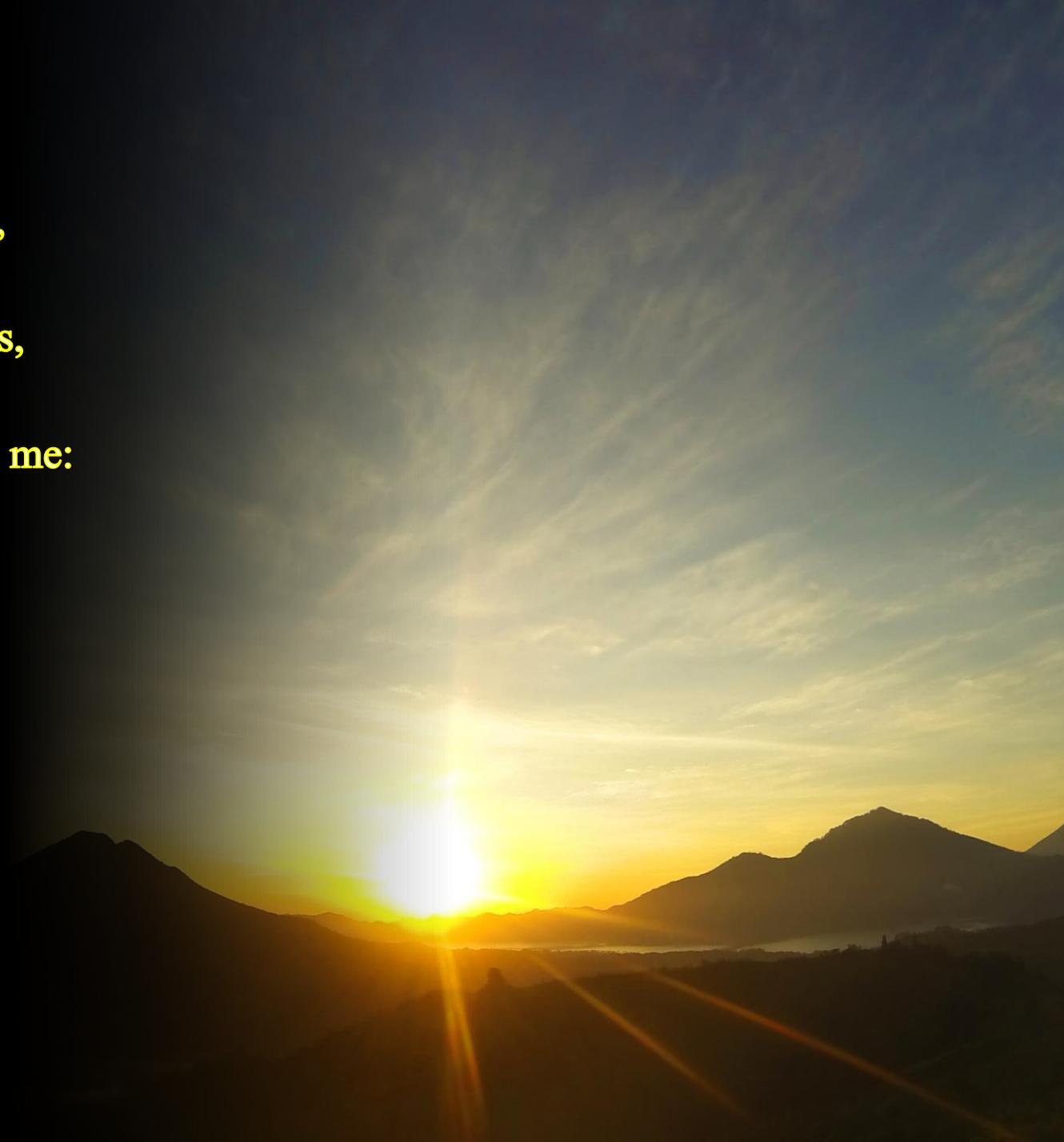
More love, O Christ, to thee!

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More love to thee!



3 Let sorrow do its work,
Send grief and pain;
Sweet are thy messengers,
Sweet their refrain,
When they can sing with me:



Chorus

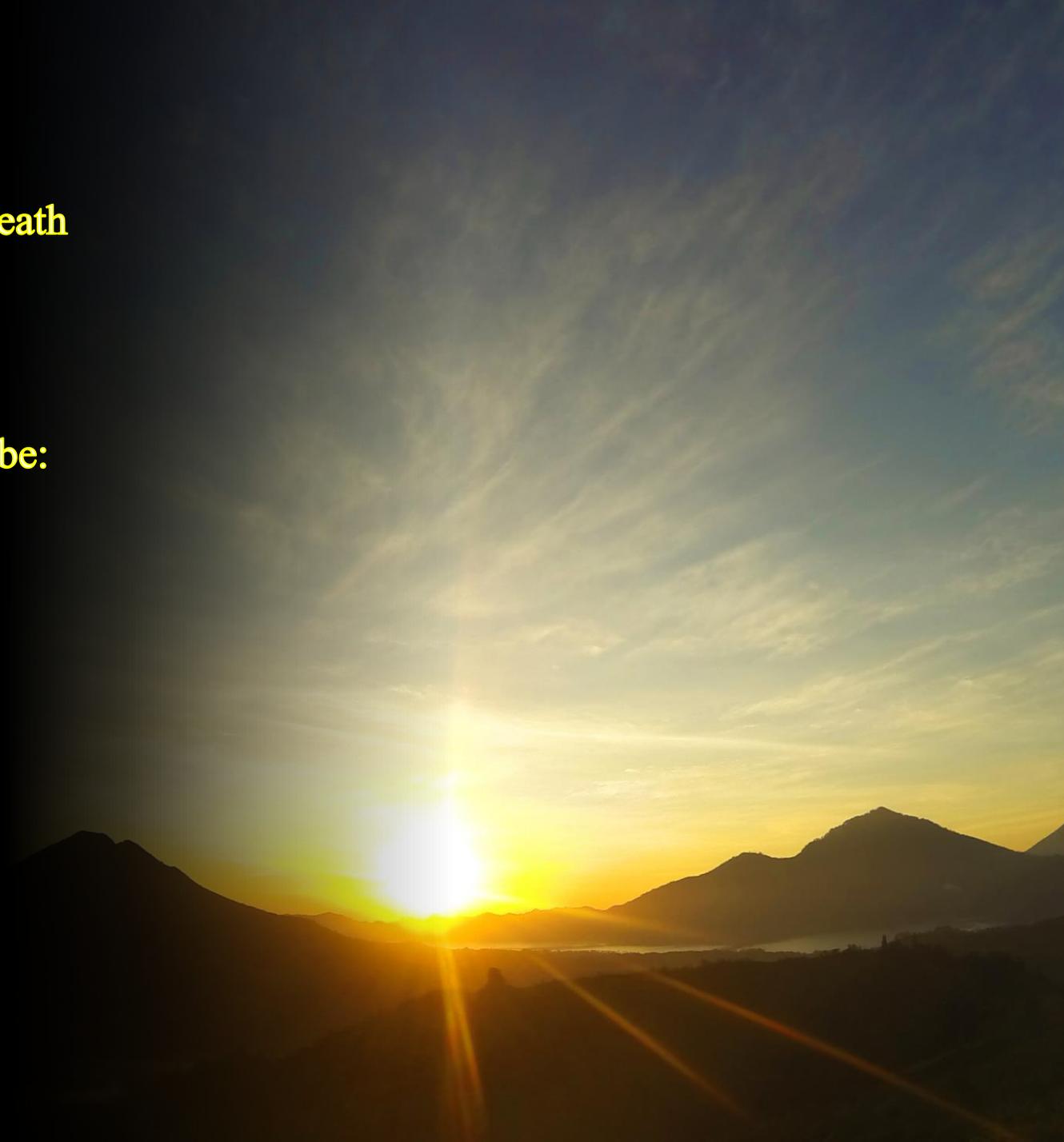
More love, O Christ, to thee!

More love to thee!

More love to thee!



4 Then shall my latest breath
Whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry
My heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be:



Chorus

More love, O Christ, to thee!

More love to thee!

More love to thee!

