

Hold on

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I'VE BEEN DOWN IN THE VALLEY OF DESPAIR
WHERE A THOUSAND TEARS ARE SHED.

WAY DOWN DEEP IN THE VALLEY OF DESPAIR,
WHERE MY FAITH WAS LIKE A THREAD.

THAT THREAD OF FAITH WAS MY ONLY HOPE
AND I HELD ON IN DESPERATION -
UNTIL I WOVE THAT THREAD INTO A ROPE,
IT WAS THE "HOPE OF MY SALVATION":

AT TIMES IT SEEMS I'VE BEEN TO HELL AND BACK,
BUT I'VE COME BACK WITH A TESTIMONY.
THE LORD WAS THERE TO PICK UP THE SLACK,
AND NEVER ONCE DID HE LEAVE ME LONELY.

THERE'S DEATH AND DOUBT, AND YES - DESPAIR,
DOWN IN THE VALLEY, AS EVERYONE KNOWS.
BUT I'VE COME BACK WITH A WORD TO SHARE,
IT'S TO THE VALLEY THAT THE RIVER FLOWS.

IN THE DARKEST PART OF THAT VALLEY,
I CAME ACROSS THE "RIVER OF LIFE":
A FOUNTAIN THAT WAS FLOWING FREELY,
AMID THAT BARRENNESS AND STRIFE.

WAY DOWN DEEP THERE IN THE VALLEY
AMID THE DARKNESS AND DESPAIR -
MY SPIRIT BEGAN TO RALLY -
WHEN I REALIZED THAT THE LORD WAS THERE

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HE WAS RIGHT THERE BESIDE ME,
THE 'SHEPHERD' THAT I'D HEARD OF -
TO COMFORT, LEAD AND GUIDE ME,
INTO THE LIGHTS OF THE FATHER'S LOVE.

SO HOLD ON IF YOU MAKE DANGEROUS JOURNEYS,
TO WHERE THE BITTER WINDS OF TEN BLOW;
WITH HIS ROD AND STAFF HE'LL COMFORT YOU,
NO MATTER WHERE YOU MAY HAVE TO GO.

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