

There's A Home 2Corinthians 5:1-10

A Little Background

Way back in my younger days (maybe even before then), my Mom's family found a song in a trunk. Words and music were both written by Lee Black, my great grandfather. I understand there are other songs, but this one was brought out to sing at a funeral, if I remember correctly. (It has been used at many funerals since then also) As far as I know, it has never been published in a song book, but can be found in the back or front of the books in congregations across the land. I think it was in one of RJ Stevens' supplement books a few years back, but I do not see it listed in the current book. Beside the obvious connection, this song touches a chord in my heart because of its focus on Heaven. I don't think we can think of Heaven too often. It is, after all, our greatest goal. As Dee Bowman says, "If we miss Heaven, we've missed all there is."

Verse 1

*There's a home above in the land of love, That I hope to reach some day,
If in Christ we trust, He is faithful, just, And will keep us all the way.*

Home is often used to designate a place where we can relax and get away from the cares and troubles of this life. If I can just get home from work/school I can find peace and rest. God's love has provided for us a place of comfort and peace. A place where we never need to be worried or troubled. He is love and therefore His place would be in the midst of love. Our hope is to reach this home of safety and peace. Through Christ this can be accomplished.

John 14:1-6,13-18; Matthew 18:20; 28:20; Acts 18:9-10; Hebrews 13:5-6

Verse 2

*There's a home of light, with its glory bright, Through the eyes of faith I view;
Soon may come the time, when that sunny clime, Shall be ours thru grace so true.*

In contrast to the darkness that surrounds us here, our 'home above' is filled with the light of God's presence. Through the Word of God we can see this home by faith. It helps us deal with this dark world to know that our time to leave for home will be soon. The Word tells us that God has provided a means by which we can reach the shores of this beautiful, sunny home.

Revelation 21:23-25; 2Corinthians 4:6; 1John 1:5-7; Hebrews 11:13-16; 1Peter 1:24; James 4:14; Acts 15:11; Ephesians 2:4-9

Verse 3

*I am going there, all its gladness share With the Savior I adore;
Oh! what joy 'twill be, when his face I see, And the loved ones gone before!*

Our trust and hope in the Lord can give us confidence that we will join Him in that home. Blessedness and joy will certainly be ours when we see our Lord face to face in that home. And what great joy to see all the saved of all the ages gathered together around the throne.

Revelation 21:3-4; John 14:3; 2Corinthians 5:8; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18

Chorus

*There's a home bright and fair, Fashioned by the hand divine;
When is passed earthly care, May an entrance there be mine.*

The home prepared by God awaits our entrance. Faith and trust in Jesus will allow us to enter that blessed home when we have finished our sojourn here on earth. Today's cares and troubles may beset us, but we know there is a place of comfort and peace, a HOME, waiting for our arrival.

2Peter 3:11-14

Work To Ensure You Will Be Able To Come Home!

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