

Songs
of the
Son



Advent in the Psalms



Psalm 2

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and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,**

**³ “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”**



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**⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.**

**⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,**

**⁶ “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”**



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⁷ I will tell of the decree:

**The Lord said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.**

**⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

**⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**



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**¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

**¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.**

**¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.



Outline

1. **The rebellion against the Son (vv. 1-5)**
2. **The reign of the Son (vv. 6-9)**
3. **Our response to the Son (vv. 10-12)**



1. The rebellion against the Son

Psalm 2:1-5



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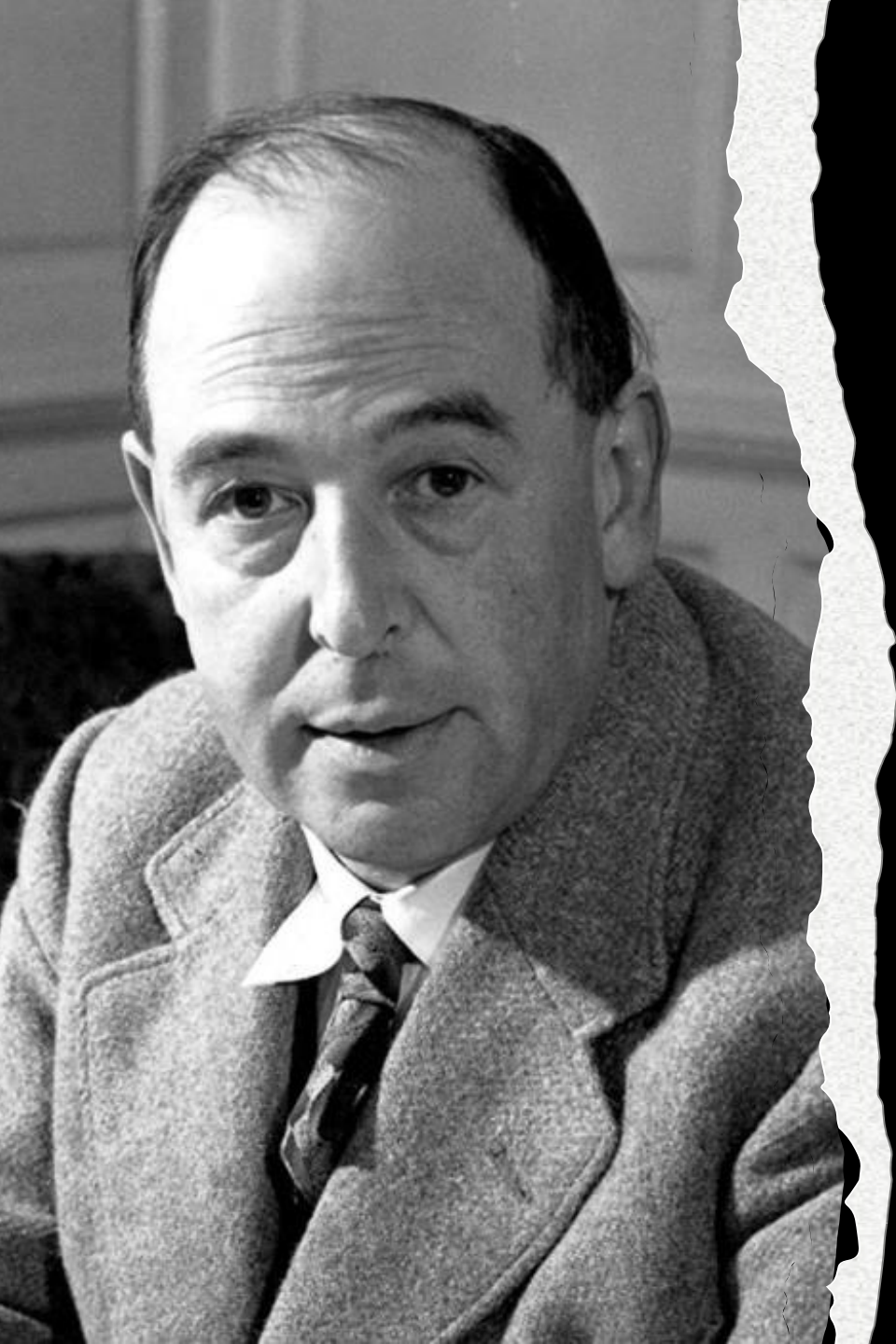
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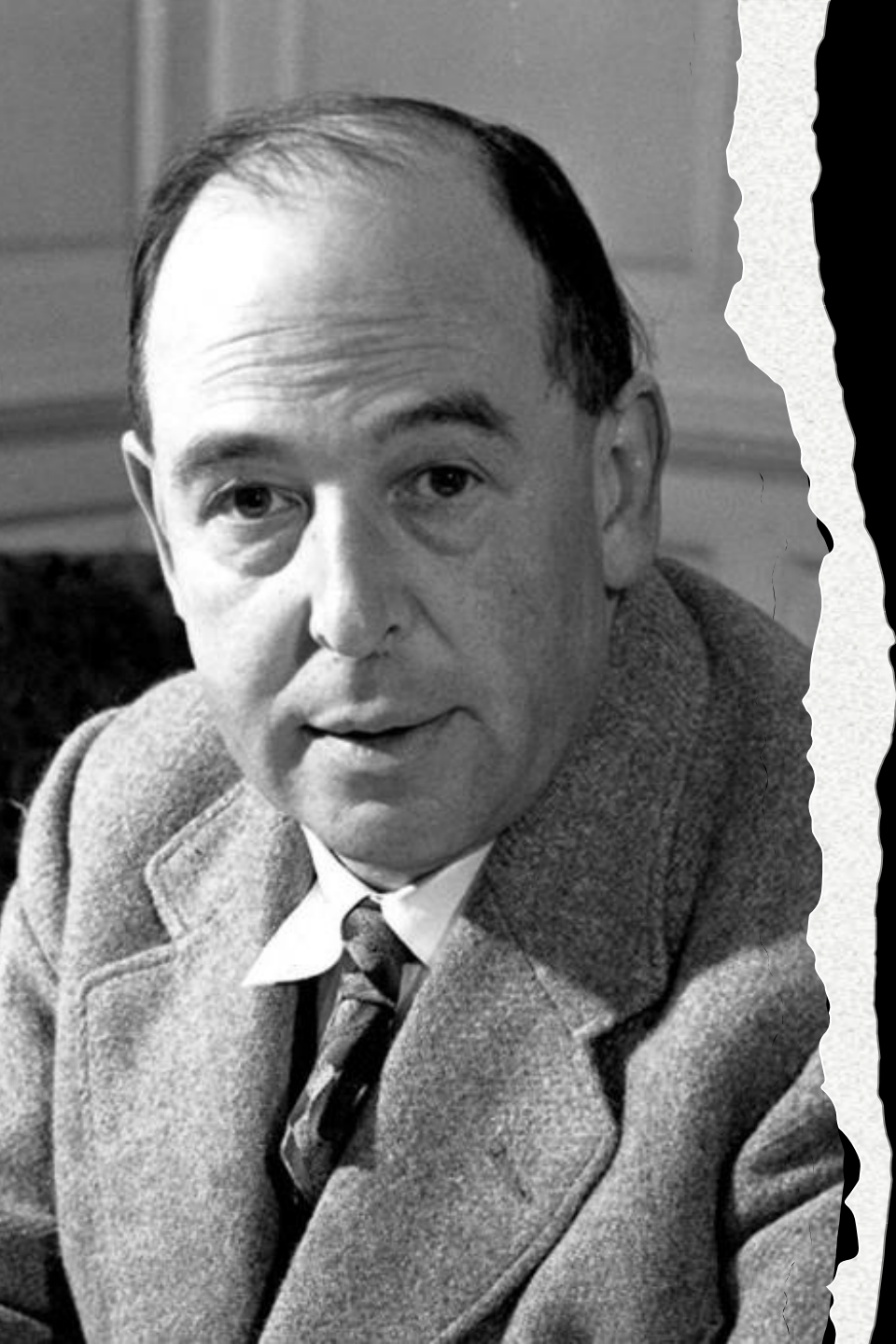
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- The heart of rebellion (vv. 1-3)





But, of course, what mattered most of all was my deep-seated hatred of authority, my monstrous individualism, my lawlessness. No word in my vocabulary expressed deeper hatred than the word Interference. But Christianity placed at the center what then seemed to me a transcendental Interferer. If its picture were true then no sort of "treaty with reality" could ever be possible.



There was no region even in the innermost depth of one's soul (nay, there least of all) which one could surround with a barbed wire fence and guard with a notice No Admittance. And that was what I wanted; some area, however small, of which I could say to all other beings, "This is my business and mine only."

—C. S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy*

1. The rebellion against the Son

- The heart of rebellion (vv. 1-3)
- The futility of rebellion (vv. 1, 4-5)



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→ *God's sovereignty is a terror to the wicked, but a comfort to the church.*



Acts 4:24-38

And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, ““Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’—



Acts 4:24-28

²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.



2. The reign of the Son

Psalm 2:6-9



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- **Coronation (vv. 6-7)**



Acts 13:32-33

And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, ³³this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you.’



Hebrews 1:3-5

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”?



2. The reign of the Son

- **Coronation (vv. 6-7)**
- **Inheritance (v. 8)**



Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.



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- **Coronation (vv. 6-7)**
- **Inheritance (v. 8)**
- **Triumph (v. 9)**



Revelation 19:11-16

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is **The Word of God.**



Revelation 19:11-16

¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.



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- **Coronation (vv. 6-7)**
- **Inheritance (v. 8)**
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→ *This reminds us that we are citizens of another kingdom.*





I cannot say that I delight in political Christians; I fear that party-strife is a serious trial to believers, and I cannot reconcile our heavenly citizenship with the schemes of the [campaigning] and the riot of the polling-booth. You must follow your own judgment here, but for my part, I am a foreigner even in England, and as such I mean to act. We are simply passing through this earth, and should bless it in our transit, but never yoke ourselves to its affairs . . .



[Christians'] politics concern their own country, they do not care much about any other; as men they love liberty, and are not willing to lose it even in the lower sense; but, spiritually, their politics are spiritual, and as citizens they look to the interest of that divine republic to which they belong...

—Charles Spurgeon

3. Our response to the Son

Psalm 2:10-12



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- Give homage to the Son (vv. 10-12a)



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This fiery picture is needed alongside that of the one who is ‘slow to anger’, just as the laughter of verse 4 balances the tears of [for example] Isaiah 16:9 or 63:9. That is, God’s patience is not placidity, any more than his fierce anger is loss of control, His laughter cruelty or His pity sentimentality.

—Derek Kidner

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- **Give homage to the Son (vv. 10-12a)**
- **Take refuge in the Son (v. 12b)**

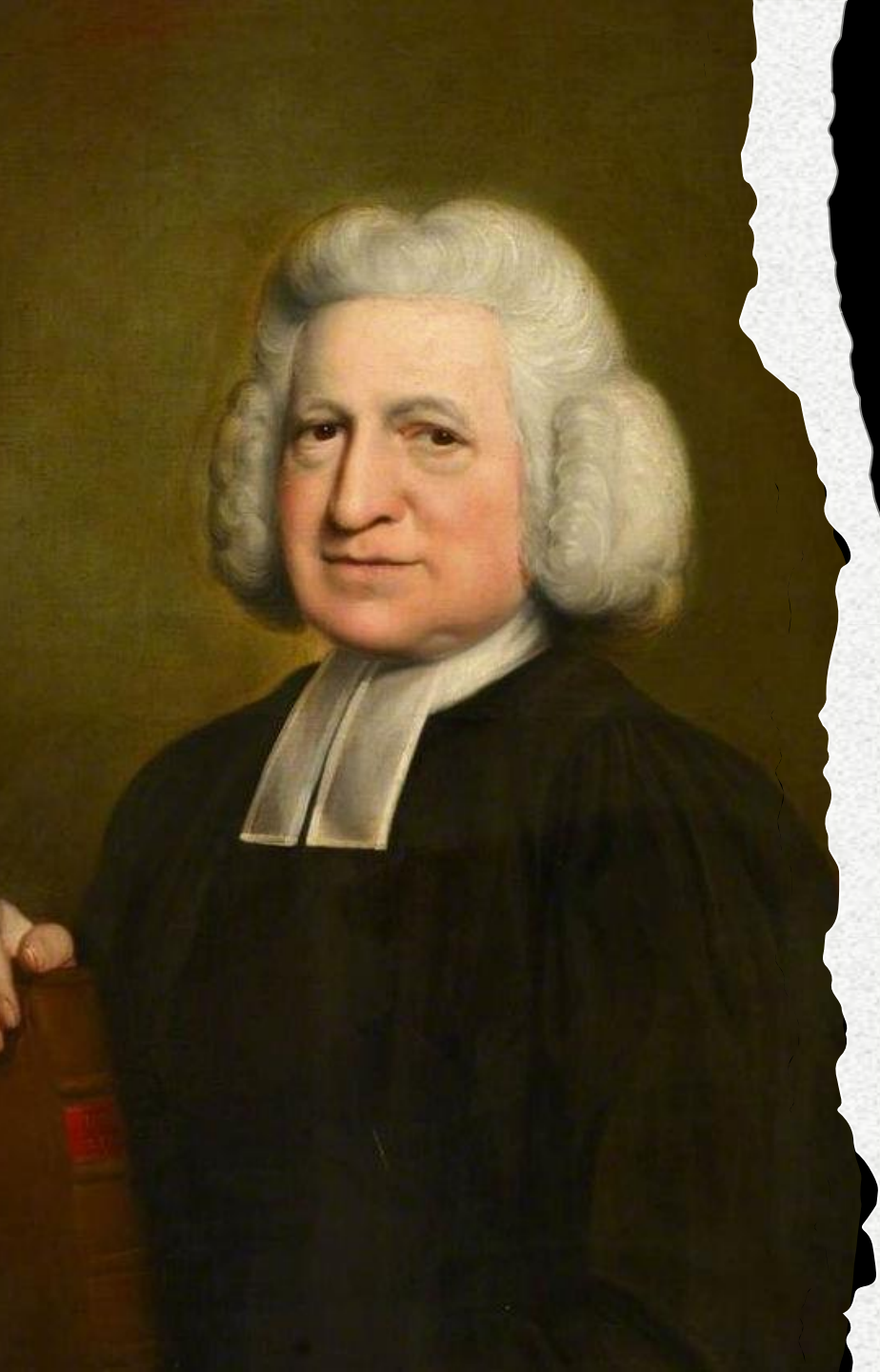


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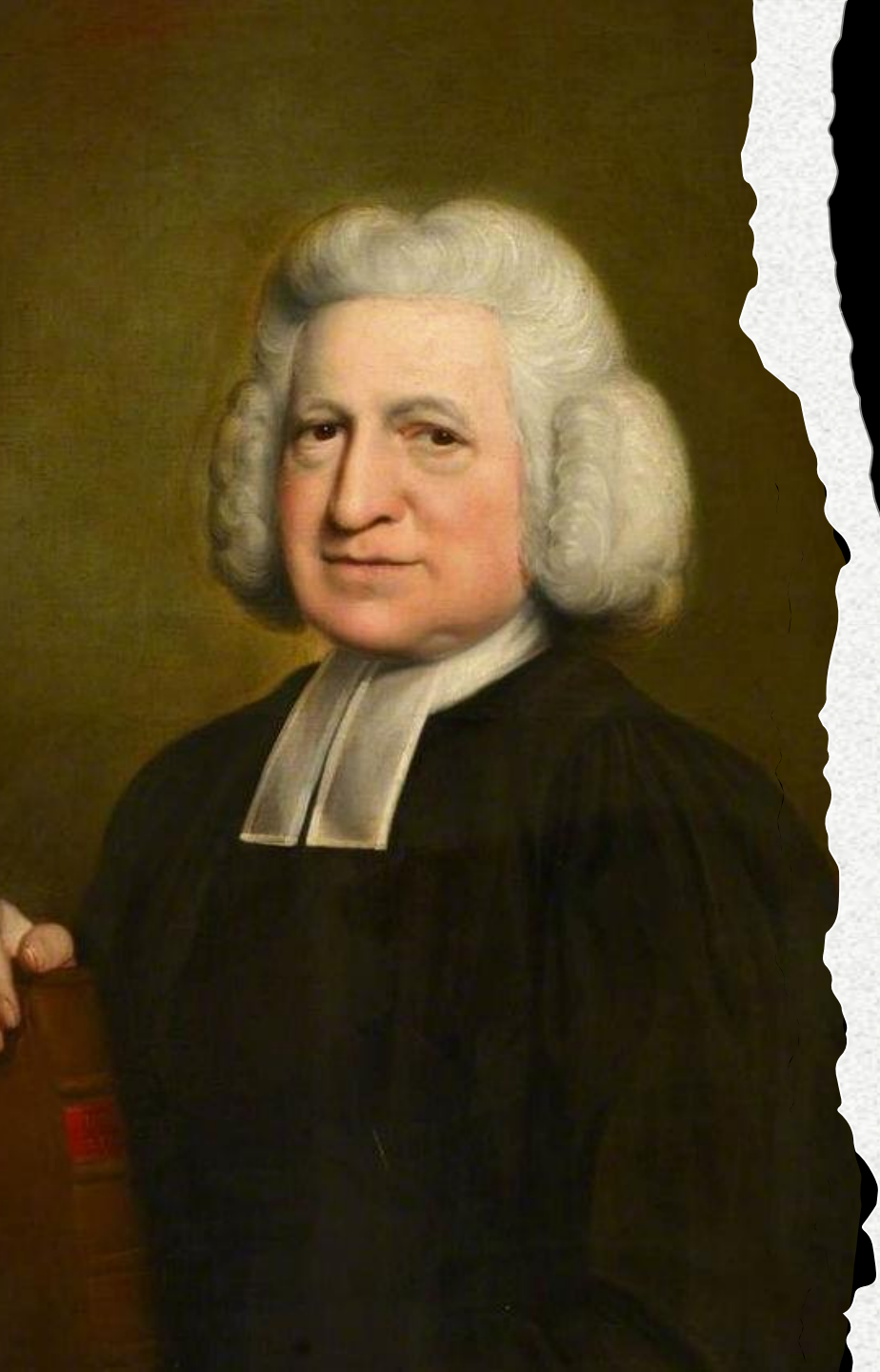
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- Take refuge in the Son (v. 12b)

→ *Have you taken refuge in Christ for salvation? Are you learning to take refuge in him through the storms of life?*





*Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high;
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!*



*Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of thy wing.*

(Charles Wesley)

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