

Adversity

*In my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body (which is the church)
in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions*

Colossians 1:24

Do you wonder why we're left on earth to suffer,
When the Lord's already paid our debt of sin;
And we're trusting in His grace for our redemption;
And we know that heaven waits to let us in?

Just remember this is where our Savior suffered;
Where He felt the pain His righteousness incurred;
It's our only chance to take our stand beside Him
In sweet fellowship with all that He endured.

We will never face adversity in heaven;
Nothing there will put our mettle to the test;
Every chance we've had to share in His rejection
Will be history when we reach our final rest.

We won't have to walk by faith when things seem hopeless;
We won't have to choose between the right and wrong;
We'll be finished with our share of His afflictions;
And we'll trade life's tears and troubles for a song.

So arise, take up the cross of His reproaches;
Never waiver or contrive to lay it down;
Those who suffer with the Lord along life's pathway
Will exchange their battle helmets for a crown.

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