



Bicycles,  
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Contemplative  
Verse #7



## Quit wandering (poem)

*In shadows deep and twilight's fade, where whispers of the past invade, A soul seeks solace in the light, to cast away the endless night.*

*In God's embrace, true peace is found, A love that lifts from all that's bound. No fear of days that yet may come, For in His grace, our hearts are won.*

*Amidst the trials, storms, and strife, Christ lights our path, He gives us life. In faith we walk, with courage bold, through valleys dark, His hand we hold.*

*Let not the fear of end times sway, For in Jesus presence, night turns day. With each step forward, hope renews, In God's great plan, we find our cues.*

*A bond unbroken, firm and true, In God's own light, we're born anew. So, rise and stand, in love profound, For in God's grace, our souls are found.*

Here's an explanation of its meaning:

**In shadows deep and twilight's fade, where whispers of the past invade, A soul seeks solace in the light, to cast away the endless night.**

- This stanza describes the soul's struggle with past memories and darkness. The soul seeks comfort and relief in the light, symbolizing divine presence and guidance, to overcome the endless night of despair.

**In God's embrace, true peace is found, A love that lifts from all that's bound. No fear of days that yet may come, For in His grace, our hearts are won.**

- In the embrace of God, the soul finds true peace and love that frees it from all burdens. This divine grace eliminates the fear of the future, as God's love secures and wins our hearts.

**Amidst the trials, storms, and strife, He lights our path,  
He gives us life. In faith we walk, with courage bold,  
through valleys dark, His hand we hold.**

- Despite facing trials and challenges, God provides guidance and life. Walking in faith, with courage, even through difficult and dark times, we hold onto God's hand for support and direction.

**Let not the fear of end times sway, For in His presence,  
night turns day. With each step forward, hope renews,  
In God's great plan, we find our cues.**

- We should not be swayed by the fear of the end times because God's presence turns darkness into light. As we move forward in life, our hope is continually renewed, and we find our purpose in God's plan.

**A bond unbroken, firm and true, In God's own light,  
we're born anew. So, rise and stand, in love profound,  
For in His grace, our souls are found.**

- The bond with God is unbreakable and steadfast. In His divine light, we are reborn and renewed. This profound love gives us the strength to rise and stand firm, and through His grace, we find our true selves.

Overall, the poem emphasizes the transformative power of a relationship with God, offering peace, guidance, and renewed hope amidst life's challenges. It reassures that God's grace and love can overcome fear and darkness, leading to a profound spiritual awakening.

The contrast between a relationship with God and the fear of the last days highlights two fundamentally different approaches to faith and spirituality.

**Relationship with God:**

- **Love and Trust:** A relationship with God is built on love, trust, and mutual communication. It's about understanding God's nature as loving, merciful, and just. This relationship provides a sense of peace, purpose, and guidance in everyday life.
- **Personal Connection:** Engaging in prayer, worship, and spiritual practices helps to deepen this personal connection. It's about experiencing God's presence and growing in faith, which brings comfort and strength.
- **Transformation and Growth:** Through this relationship, individuals seek to align their lives with God's will, embracing virtues such as compassion, forgiveness, and humility. This journey fosters spiritual growth and transformation.
- **Assurance and Hope:** A strong relationship with God offers assurance and hope, even in difficult times. The focus is on eternal life and the promises of God's kingdom, which bring joy and a sense of security.

#### **Fear of Last Days:**

- **Apocalyptic Anxiety:** Fear of the last days often involves anxiety about the end times, judgment, and the unknown. This perspective can be driven by a focus on prophecy, signs, and the potential for catastrophic events.
- **Sense of Urgency:** This fear can lead to a heightened sense of urgency and a focus on escaping judgment or punishment. It may result in an intense preoccupation with end-time scenarios.
- **Behavior Modification:** Fear of the last days can sometimes lead to behavior modification out of fear rather than genuine spiritual transformation. Actions may be driven by a desire to avoid negative outcomes rather than a love for God.

- **Paralysis and Despair:** In some cases, this fear can lead to a sense of paralysis or despair, where individuals feel overwhelmed by the prospect of the end times and struggle to find peace.

### **Balancing the Two:**

- **Healthy Perspective:** While awareness of the last days can motivate spiritual readiness and vigilance, it is essential to balance this with a strong, loving relationship with God. Understanding that God's ultimate plan is rooted in love and redemption can alleviate fear.
- **Focus on Relationship:** Prioritizing a relationship with God can provide the foundation needed to face the future with confidence. Trusting in God's sovereignty and grace helps to mitigate fear and fosters a more holistic faith experience.
- **Growth in Faith:** A relationship with God encourages continuous growth in faith, preparing individuals spiritually for any eventualities. This growth builds resilience and hope, countering fear with assurance.

In summary, focusing on a loving and trusting relationship with God provides a strong foundation that mitigates the fear associated with the last days.

## With God beside

*My God and I, we ride as one, through pouring rain, beneath  
the sun. pale and starving, yet unbowed, in God's presence,  
I am proud.*

*Though weary trails may test our might, In His embrace, we  
find our light. Together strong, in faith and grace, no storm  
can break this sacred place.*

*With every step, His love endures, through darkest nights, His  
peace assures. hand in hand, through life's rough seas,  
In His strength, my soul finds ease.*

*With whispered prayers and silent cheers, He wipes away my  
deepest fears. In joy and sorrow, highs and lows, His  
steadfast love forever flows.*

*Bound by faith, our spirits soar, in divine presence, we  
explore, the boundless depths of love divine, with God beside,  
the stars align.*



## Connecting with God (poem)

To connect with God, our minds must change, from worldly ways, our hearts estrange. Rejecting sin, embrace Christ's light, in earnest strive for what is right.

When darkness seeks our minds to sway, In Christ's sacrifice, we find our stay. Seeking mercy, pure and true, In God's grace, our spirits renew.

Outward shows of piety fail, if inward change does not prevail. As children pure, our hearts must be, to see God's kingdom, bright and free.

Our wills must die with Christ on the cross, to shed the sin from Adam's loss. Embrace His sacrifice, let sin depart, For divine vision, a pure heart.

In Christ's spirit, we must rise, Leaving behind all sinful ties. Our earthly shells must decay, to be renewed in God's own way. Thus, in His light, our souls are found, In God's kingdom, love profounde. With minds transformed and spirits clear, In His embrace, we conquer fear.

This poem conveys a profound spiritual journey toward connecting with God by transforming the mind, rejecting sin, and embracing the sacrifice of Christ.

Here's a breakdown:

### Stanza 1:

**To connect with God, our minds must change, from worldly ways, our hearts estrange. Rejecting sin, embrace Christ's light, in earnest strive for what is right.**

- *This stanza emphasizes the need to change our mindset and detach from worldly desires. We must reject sin and earnestly strive to live according to Christ's teachings.*

### Stanza 2:



**When darkness seeks our minds to sway, In Christ's sacrifice, we find our stay. Seeking mercy, pure and true, In God's grace, our spirits renew.**

- *When faced with temptations and evil influences, we find strength and stability in Christ's sacrifice. By seeking God's mercy, our spirits are renewed and cleansed.*

**Stanza 3:**

**Outward shows of piety fail, if inward change does not prevail. As children pure, our hearts must be, to see God's kingdom, bright and free.**

- *Merely outward displays of piety are insufficient without true inward transformation. To enter God's kingdom, our hearts must be as pure and innocent as those of children.*

**Stanza 4:**

**Our wills must die with Christ on the cross, to shed the sin from Adam's loss. Embrace His sacrifice, let sin depart, For divine vision, a pure heart.**

- *Our will must align with Christ's sacrifice, dying to sin inherited from Adam. By embracing His sacrifice, we let sin depart and purify our hearts, enabling us to attain divine vision.*

**Stanza 5:**

**In Christ's spirit, we must rise, Leaving behind all sinful ties. Our earthly shells must decay, to be renewed in God's own way.**

- *We must rise with Christ's spirit, leaving behind all sinful ties. Our earthly nature must decay so we can be renewed in the way God intends.*

**Stanza 6:**

**Thus, in His light, our souls are found, In God's kingdom, love profound. With minds transformed and spirits clear, In His embrace, we conquer fear.**

- *In God's light, we find our true selves. His kingdom is filled with profound love. With transformed minds and clear spirits, we conquer fear through His embrace.*

The poem reflects the spiritual transformation necessary to truly connect with God, emphasizing inner change, embracing Christ's sacrifice, and the renewal of the soul.

Jesus replied  
"Did I not tell you  
that if you believed, you would  
find the glory of God?  
- John 11:40

## Born within, (poem)

*In hypocritical guise, flattery's veil, Empty words of forgiveness  
avail. True children are not outwardly made, but born within,  
where sin's debts are paid.*

*If we claim Christ's ransom for sin, yet do not die to sin within,  
Our comfort's false, a vain pretense, Without new obedience,  
there's no defense.*

*The enemy of sin, fierce and strong, finds solace in Christ's  
suffering long. Hating sin, with all his might, In Christ's spirit, he  
seeks what's right.*

*Outward shows, mere empty claims, can't mask the soul's  
internal flames. True children shine from inner light, Reflecting  
Christ in actions bright.*

*If the soul's eye be light and clear, the body follows, shining  
near. Boasting faith while sin does burn, Shows darkness, with  
no hope in turn.*

*With sincere love, earnest and true, One's actions reveal the  
inner view. Only those reborn anew, See God's kingdom, pure  
and true.*

*For fire within brings light to all, God's divine will, our true call.  
In the mind where His fire stays, God's will be done through  
our days.*

**This poem highlights the difference between superficial faith and genuine inner transformation. Here's a line-by-line explanation to capture its essence:**

### **Stanza 1:**

In hypocritical guise, flattery's veil, Empty words of forgiveness avail. True children are not outwardly made, but born within, where sin's debts are paid.

- **Hypocrisy and flattery are useless without genuine inner change. True followers of God are not defined by outward appearances but by inner transformation, where they genuinely confront and overcome sin.**

**Stanza 2:**

*If we claim Christ's ransom for sin, yet do not die to sin within,  
Our comfort's false, a vain pretense, Without new obedience,  
there's no defense.*

- **Merely claiming Christ's sacrifice isn't enough. We must genuinely turn away from sin and live in new obedience. Otherwise, any comfort we take in Christ's sacrifice is false and meaningless.**

**Stanza 3:**

*The enemy of sin, fierce and strong, Finds solace in Christ's  
suffering long. Hating sin, with all his might, In Christ's spirit, he  
seeks what's right.*

- **Those who truly hate sin find comfort in Christ's suffering and strive to live according to Christ's teachings, showing they are His true disciples.**

**Stanza 4:**

*Outward shows, mere empty claims, can't mask the soul's  
internal flames. True children shine from inner light, Reflecting  
Christ in actions bright.*

- **Outward displays of faith cannot hide an inner life still struggling with sin. True believers shine from within, reflecting Christ through their actions.**

**Stanza 5:**

*If the soul's eye be light and clear, the body follows, shining near. Boasting faith while sin does burn, Shows darkness, with no hope in turn.*

- **If the soul is pure, this purity will be reflected in one's actions. Boasting about faith while living in sin reveals inner darkness and hopelessness.**

**Stanza 6:**

*With sincere love, earnest and true, One's actions reveal the inner view. Only those reborn anew, See God's kingdom, pure and true.*

- **Genuine love and sincere intentions are shown through actions. Only those who experience true inner rebirth can enter God's kingdom.**

**Stanza 7:**

*For fire within brings light to all, God's divine will, our true call. In the mind where His fire stays, God's will be done through our days.*

- **The divine fire within brings light to one's life, guiding actions according to God's will. When God's presence is within our minds, His will is naturally carried out in our lives.**

Overall, the poem emphasizes that true transformation and becoming a child of God require genuine inner change, sincere repentance, and living a life that reflects Christ's teachings. Outward appearances and empty claims are meaningless without real inner transformation.

## **The authors prayer for YOU: (poem)**

In each word and line, I weave, A prayer for hearts  
that will receive. May light within each soul ignite,  
dispelling shadows with its might.

May those who read find inner peace, in Christ's  
embrace, may worries cease. With every verse, may  
faith renew, and guide them on a path that's true.

Let hypocritical veils fall away, revealing truth in bright  
array. May each soul seek and truly find, God's will  
and peace within the mind.

For those who struggle, lost in night, may my words  
bring hope and light. through Christ's love, let hearts  
be healed, and God's pure grace be revealed.

In the silent whispers of each prayer, May readers feel  
God's tender care. with sincere love and faith  
profound, may they in His grace be found.

May God's divine fire burn within, cleansing hearts  
from every sin. Through each line, let His will be  
shown, and guide each soul to His throne.

This is my prayer, my humble plea, for all who read  
these words from me. May they be blessed, renewed,  
and free, In God's love, eternally.



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