



## “HE RENEWS MY SOUL!”

By Mary Mayko 1987

As I journey through this land,  
I am so thankful for His hand!

Tho’ I sometimes falter along the way,  
I know He is by my side where He will stay!

I suffer disappointments, more than a few I hold to Jesus,  
He will make me brand new!

When I feel I just can’t farther on  
He gives me rest and renews my song.

He quietly calms my doubts and fears, pours on the oil and wipes my tears!  
When my heart seems weak and overwhelming, I turn to His shelter from the stormy sea!

When the battles are raging and my soul is tossed, it really does look like all is lost!  
He comes walking to me on my troubled sea and tho I am afraid, I am so glad, my Jesus to see!

So many things happen, I just don’t understand, I must get close to Him and hold His hand!  
It seems all others fail me and I fail them, but I must look up and praise only Him!

My life is charted by my Master, *tho with His way* I sometimes disagree, for I could do it faster!  
So He provides for me a special stumbling block, *so I can’t run ahead of His divine clock!*

Sometimes I get so weary down here below, and off the Heaven I want to go!  
I cry out “*Come quickly, Dear Jesus!*” We hate to suffer and His silence does not please us!

To die to my self will is O so hard, all my selfish ways I closely guard!  
*Til He shows me what’s inside* a little at a time, then more, my heart is black to the core!

*How can He ever change me*, I feel so bad, but He is able and willing, so I am glad!  
He’s proven it! I can’t change on my own. Only He paid the price! His death will atone!

*How could I doubt and fear and fight* when He truly loves me with all His might!  
It is the greatest love story ever told, this *my Savior, who renews my soul!*

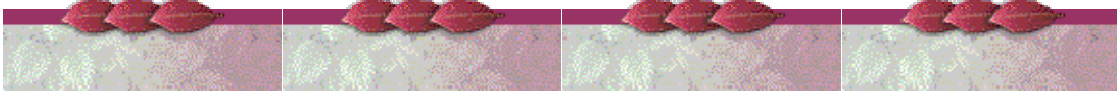
Eph 4:23 KJV “And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.”

Rom 12:2 KJV “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed buy the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

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## **“A HEART OF HOPE”**

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**To trust in God’s promises should be our daily confession,  
And a heart of hope will lift you from the pit of depression.**

**Hope brings us joy and strength as we look unto Jesus,  
For He is our Redeemer, who always seeks to cheer us!**

**Many are wounded in their soul, discouraged from within.  
They wonder if anyone really cares if they drift back into sin!**

**They surely need a word of hope to make a brand new start,  
And to know God loves them and will heal their broken heart!**

**Without a vision for the future and a promise of hope,  
Their daily struggles are so many they don’t know how to cope!**

**The Father sent His Son to bring peace of heart and mind.  
When we truly seek Him a new joy we quickly find!**

**A cheerful heart reflects God’s faithfulness for all to see,  
No matter what our troubles, trials or victories may be!**

**We mull over our weaknesses, but He is always strong!  
With His Word to guide us, He will keep us from all wrong!**

**Although our walk on Earth is filled with times of strife,  
The LORD promised His help as we go on through this life.**

**So we must never give up but look up to our King!  
We can trust His wisdom and love each day for everything!**

**Hope is like a diamond, sparkling colors of rainbow bright.  
He takes us out of darkness and fills us with His shining Light!**

**With Christ our Savior, His Spirit helps us make the right choice.  
He encourages us with a heart of hope, so we can really rejoice!**

Psalm 27:14 KJV “Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart:  
wait, I say, on the LORD.”

Psalm 31:24 KJV “Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart,  
all ye that hope in the LORD.”



## **“LIGHT OF THE LORD”**

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**Though our heartaches are often hard to understand  
There is a Light in the darkness, its' God's gentle hand!**

**Out of a misty gloom a soft glow now appears  
To encourage our heart as the presence of God nears.**

**Amid the fears and confusion and awesome grief  
The Light of the Lord will bring sweet relief.**

**When dangers swirl around and fill us with fear,  
God's Word gives peace as His Truth is made clear.**

**When the night has been weary and O so long  
The brightness of His comfort gives way to a song.**

**Whenever troubles come and our enemies suddenly assail  
His loving protection and love will never fail.**

**Whatever happens now, be it sorrow or strife,  
The Lord is my strength and the Light of my life.**

**The Light of the Lord breaks through the darkest night  
Bringing a new vision and hope! What a joyful delight!**

**When we call to our Lord, and the more about Him we learn,  
He will lift our heavy burdens and ease all our concern.**

**We know one day we will see His dear face,  
So let us celebrate now, His majesty and grace!**

**John 8:12 NIV “When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said. “I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”**

**2 Cor 4:6 NIV “For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness, made his light shine in  
our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”**