



IN THE AFTERGLOW

By Mary Mayko

When I sense Him near, my cares
 seem so small.
I have no doubt He will take them,
 one and all!
It makes me long for Heaven so
 sweet,
To gaze at His dear face and sit at
 His feet!

I feel so unworthy, yet His loving care I seek.
I sit with Him in awe, greatly humbled and meek.
Sitting in His Presence I know He loves me so!
He gently soothes my spirit with His divine flow!

I cannot move away from Him just yet!
The sweetness of His Spirit I will not forget!
I must praise Him only, no one else I know!
When He lifts His Presence, I'll bask in the afterglow!

Just a taste of glory He gives us now and then,
Tender reminders of His love and cleansing from sin.
I feel quieter as I walk away from this place I know,
My life seems a little easier in that precious afterglow.

I think of how He saved and kept me all these years,
Through the times of joy, sorrows, trials and fears.
How He has guided my life to help me grow
As I reflect on His mercy, I enjoy the grace of His Glow!

To recall His love and some of His Divine visitations
Gives me the courage I need to fight many frustrations.
This Treasure, this Greater One is in me this I know
And by faith I will win and see His face glow!

So when it seems as tho the Light is growing dim,
And His help I need, I come quietly to Him!
I say, "I love You", and let my praises flow.
He fills my soul with His peace as I rest in His afterglow!

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Psalm 16:11 LB "You have let me experience the joys of life and the exquisite pleasures
of Your own Eternal Presence."



FACING THE FACTS!

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When troubles and storm clouds arise around us,
And quick as lightning attacks with a major fuss,
It seems *someone* has caused many problems
And usually others think, *they cannot be* so full of sins!

It is time for *everyone* to take a long honest look
To *examine ourselves* just like it says in the Book!
It just *may be we have done some serious wrong*
And caused real heartaches for others for so long!

Or maybe, they have caused real harm to you!
It's been *such a problem*, you don't know what to do!
Now is the right time to face it and "fess up!
Before it turns to a root of bitterness in your cup!

It takes great courage to face it along with Godly wisdom,
For in the telling, often angers and misunderstandings come!
We must not speak too harshly but with a Godly love,
Always seeking the Lord for the help we need from above!

Because of foolish pride and words so hastily spoken,
Lives have been shattered and many hearts are broken!
If fear ties up the tongue, nothing will be resolved,
Compromise clouds issues and the problems' never solved!

Some will *never* "fess up to their wrongs and sin,
Will never confront or conquer their struggle within!
Yet the Savior quietly waits until we ask His Will,
Then as we confess, He tells us, "Peace, be still!"

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Matt.6:14-15 LB "Your Heavenly Father will forgive you if you forgive those who sin against you; but if you refuse to forgive them, He will not forgive you!"

Luke 11:4 KJV "And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil."