



***Welcome to Worship at  
Zion Lutheran Church***

***Sunday, August 31, 2025  
9:00 am***

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# Goodness of God

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**I love you, Lord.**

**Oh, your mercy never fails me.**

**All my days**

**I've been held in your hands.**

**From the moment that I wake up**

**until I lay my head,**

**I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**All my life you have been faithful.  
All my life you have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**I love your voice.  
You have led me through the fire.  
In darkest night,  
you are close like no other.  
I've known you as a father,  
I've known you as a friend.  
I have lived in the goodness of God.**

**Your goodness is running after,  
it's running after me.**

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it's running after me.**

**With my life laid down,  
I'm surrendered now;  
I give you everything.**

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# Abide

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**For my waking breath,  
for my daily bread  
I depend on you,  
I depend on you.  
For the sun to rise,  
For my sleep at night,  
I depend on you,  
I depend on you.**

**You're the way,  
the truth and the life,  
you're the well that  
never runs dry.  
I'm the branch and  
you are the vine.  
Draw me close and  
Teach me to abide.**

**Where the Spirit leads,  
as I'm following  
I depend on you,  
I depend on you.  
For the victories  
still in front of me  
I depend on you,  
I depend on you.**

**You're the way the truth, and the life,  
you're the well that never runs dry.  
I'm the branch and you are the vine.  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.  
Be my strength, my song in the night.  
Be my all, my treasure, my prize.  
I am yours, forever you're mine.  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.**

**When I pass through death,  
as I enter rest,  
I depend on you,  
I depend on you.  
For eternal life,  
to be raised with Christ,  
I depend on you,  
I depend on you.**

**You're the way the truth, and the life,  
you're the well that never runs dry.  
I'm the branch and you are the vine.  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.  
Be my strength, my song in the night.  
Be my all, my treasure, my prize.  
I am yours, forever you're mine.  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.  
Would you teach me,  
would you teach me to abide?**



# Revelation Song

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**Worthy is the lamb  
who was slain;  
holy, holy is he;  
sing a new song to him  
who sits on  
heaven's mercy seat.**



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**Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God Almighty.  
Who was and is  
and is to come;  
with all creation I sing  
praise to the king of kings;  
you are my ev'rything  
and I will adore you.**



**Clothed in rainbows  
of living color,  
flashes of lightning,  
rolls of thunder;  
blessing and honor,  
strength and glory  
and power be to you, the  
only wise king.**



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**Filled with wonder,  
awestruck wonder,  
at the mention of your name;  
Jesus, your name is power,  
breath and living water,  
such a marv'lous mystery.**



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***Welcome and Announcements***

**THIS WEDNESDAY!**

**Wednesday,  
September 3**

It's a crazy-busy  
week.

Let us make  
supper for you  
and your family.

*\*Grilled burgers, brats, hot dogs,  
salads, chips, beverages, bars*



*free*

**Outdoor Picnic\* at 5:00 pm**

**Outdoor Worship  
at 5:45 pm**

Bring a  
lawn  
chair!

# Fall Dinner and Worship series

## Schedule:

Wednesday, September 3

Wednesday, September 10

Wednesday, September 17

Wednesday, September 24

Wednesday, October 1

Wednesday, October 8

Wednesday, October 22



Volunteers are needed.  
Sign up to help in the Gathering Space.



# Parent-Student Informational Meeting for Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation

Wednesday, September 3  
6:30 pm  
(following the 5:45 pm  
worship)

The meeting will cover  
class dates and times as  
well as requirements and  
upcoming events.

Register for classes at [zlcw.org](http://zlcw.org) and follow the Quick Links tab  
to Student Registration Forms.



# BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



## September 7

All students are invited to bring their school backpacks to the 9:00 am worship service for a backpack blessing.



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WILL HAVE CLASSES  
FOR KIDS AGE 3 THROUGH GRADE 5  
ON SUNDAYS THIS FALL!**

**Join us weekly  
10:00 to 10:30 am  
(after the 9:00 am worship service)  
beginning Sept. 21**



Register here!



For questions and to volunteer, contact Amanda Bengtson at 320-292-2422 or email her at [amandabengtson611@gmail.com](mailto:amandabengtson611@gmail.com).

# *Sharing the Peace*

A close-up photograph of several ripe raspberries on a green stem with serrated leaves. The raspberries are in various stages of ripeness, from light pink to deep red. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the plant and some warm, golden light, possibly from the sun. The overall mood is fresh and natural.

# *Call to Worship*

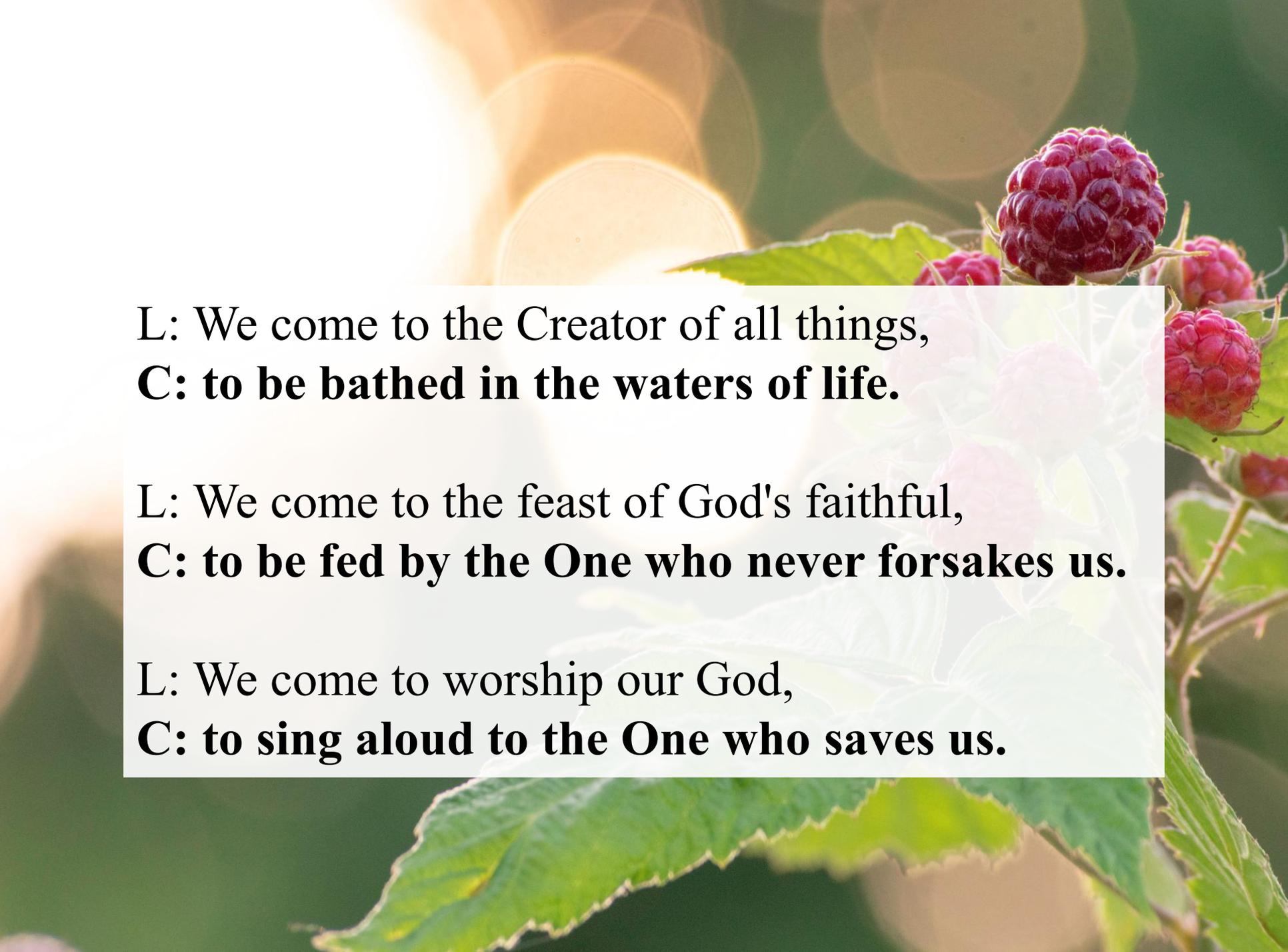
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L: We come to worship our God,

**C: to listen to the One who calls us here.**

L: We come to worship our God,

**C: to shout with joy to the God of all people.**

A close-up photograph of several ripe raspberries on a green stem with serrated leaves. The background is a soft, out-of-focus bokeh of warm, golden light, suggesting a bright sun or light source behind the scene. The raspberries are a vibrant red color, and the leaves are a fresh green.

L: We come to the Creator of all things,  
**C: to be bathed in the waters of life.**

L: We come to the feast of God's faithful,  
**C: to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.**

L: We come to worship our God,  
**C: to sing aloud to the One who saves us.**

# Hosanna

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**Praise is rising,  
eyes are turning to you,  
we turn to you.  
Hope is stirring,  
hearts are yearning for you,  
we long for you;**

**'Cause when we see you,  
we find strength to face the day;  
In your presence all our fears  
are washed away, washed away.**

**Hosanna, hosanna!**  
**You are the God who saves us,**  
**worthy of all our praises.**  
**Hosanna, hosanna,**  
**come have your way among us.**  
**We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.**

**Hear the sound of  
hearts returning to you,  
we turn to you.  
In your kingdom  
broken lives are made new.  
You make us new;**

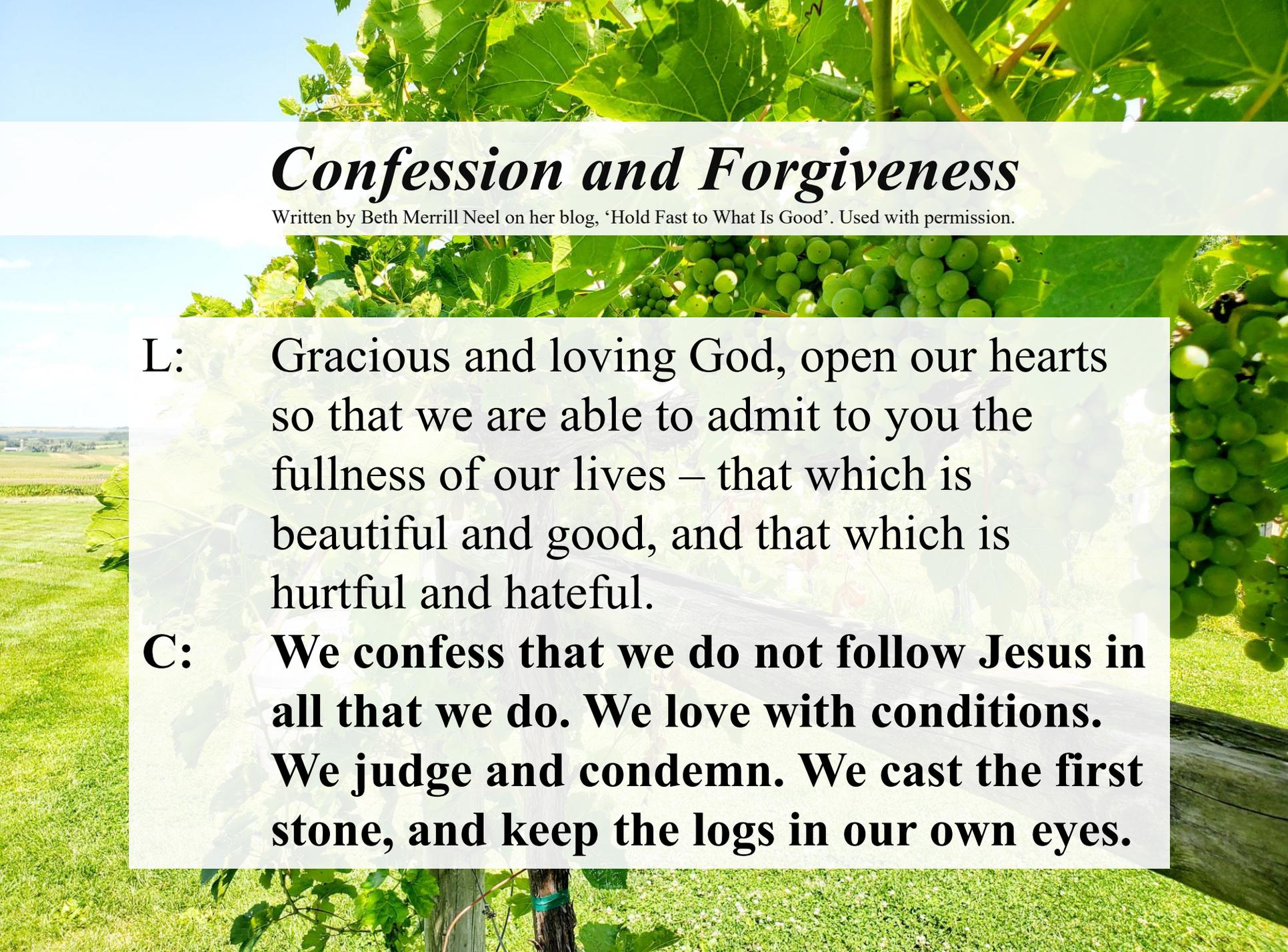
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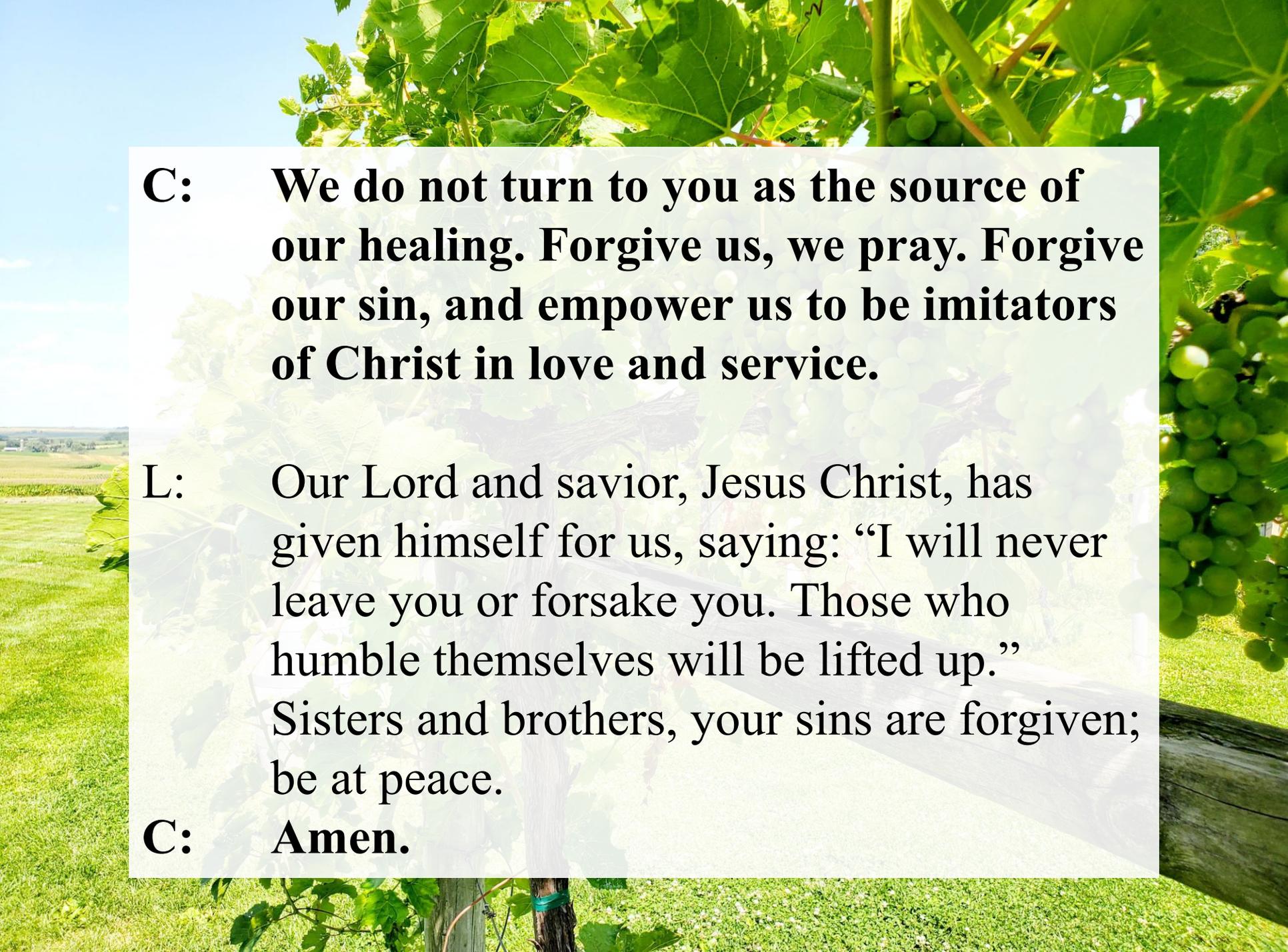
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**Hosanna, hosanna!**



# *Confession and Forgiveness*

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- L:** Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.
- C:** **We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with conditions. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.**



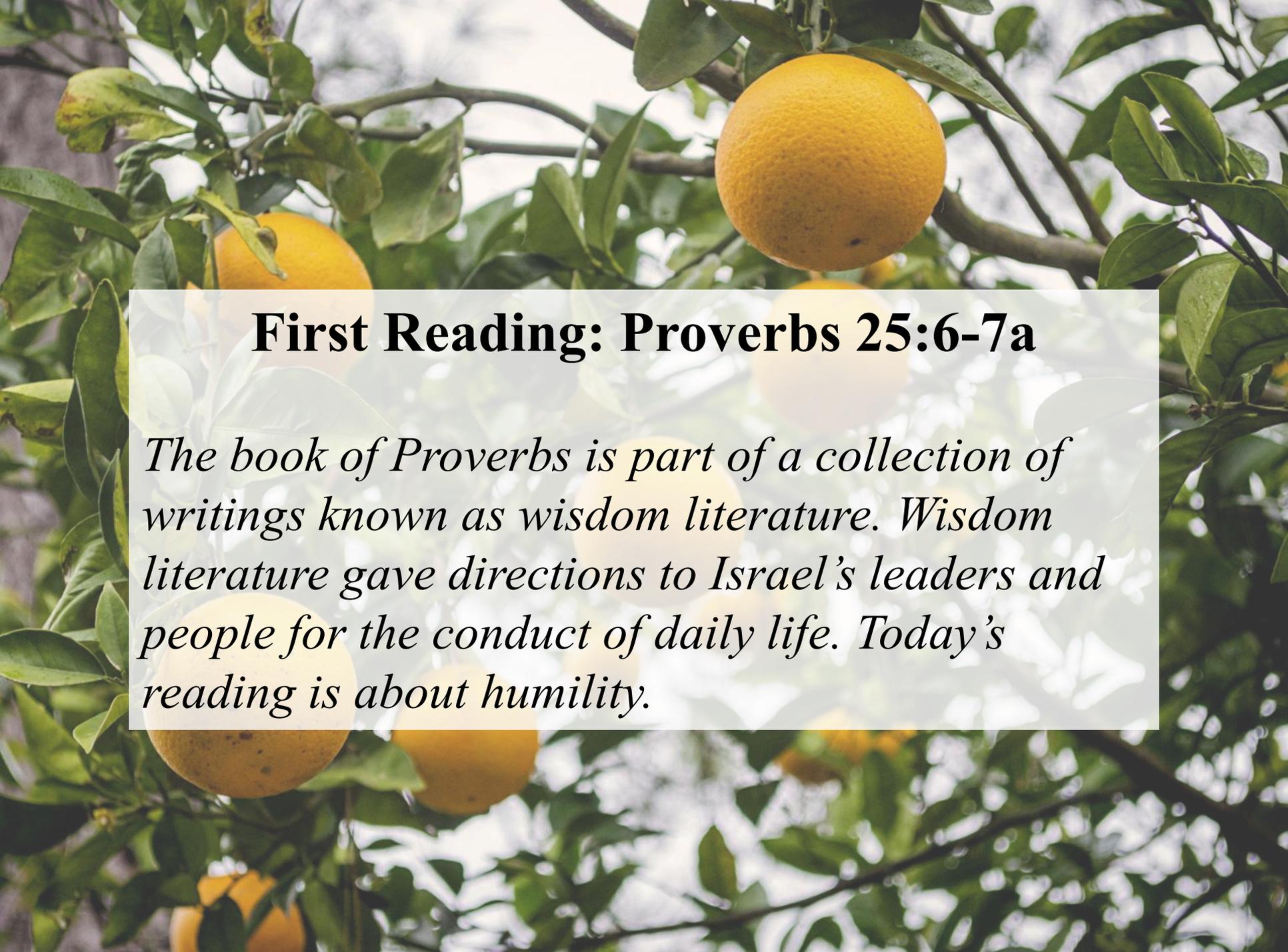
**C: We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.**

**L: Our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, has given himself for us, saying: “I will never leave you or forsake you. Those who humble themselves will be lifted up.”**  
Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven;  
be at peace.

**C: Amen.**

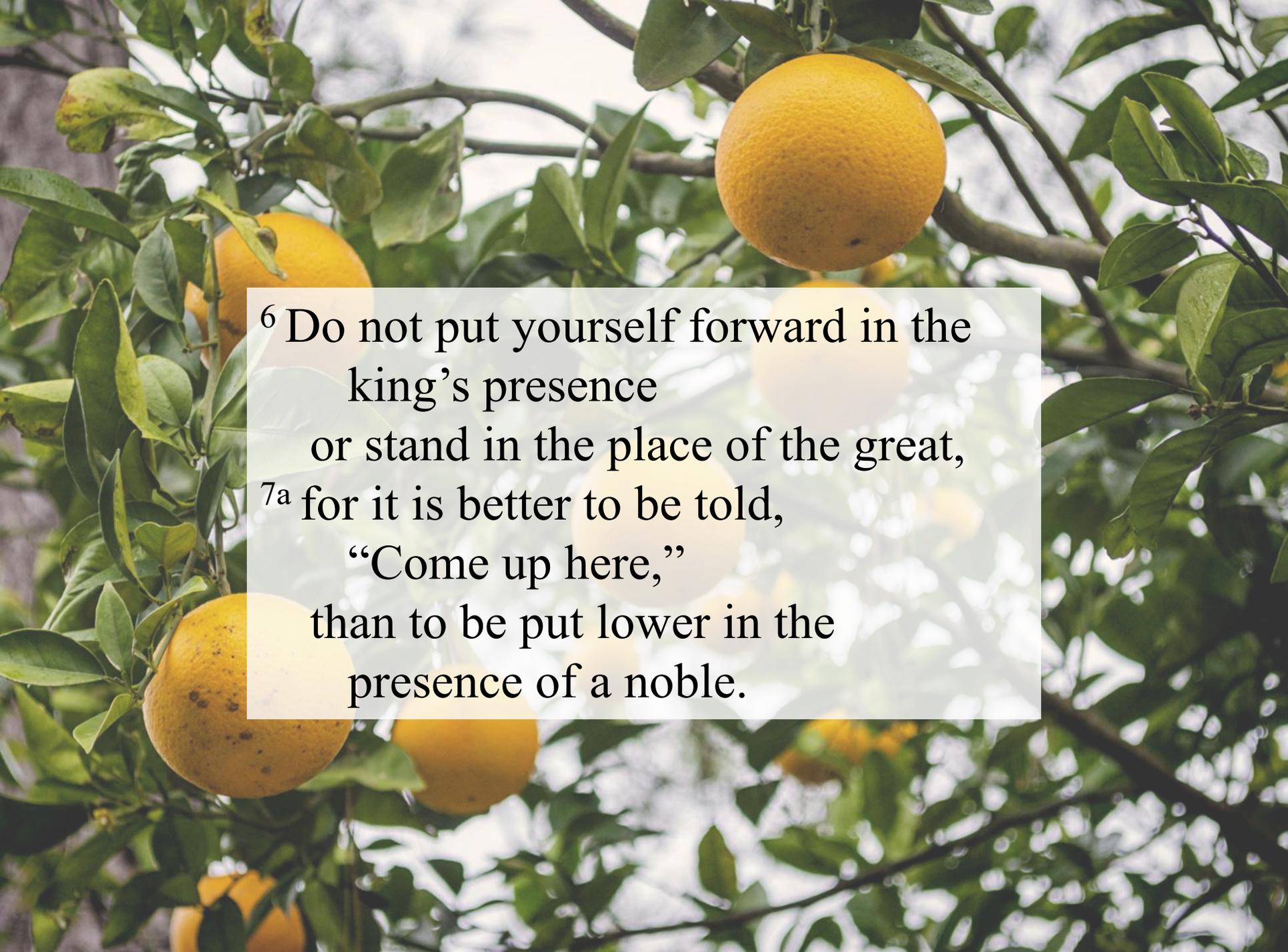
*A Message for  
All God's Children*



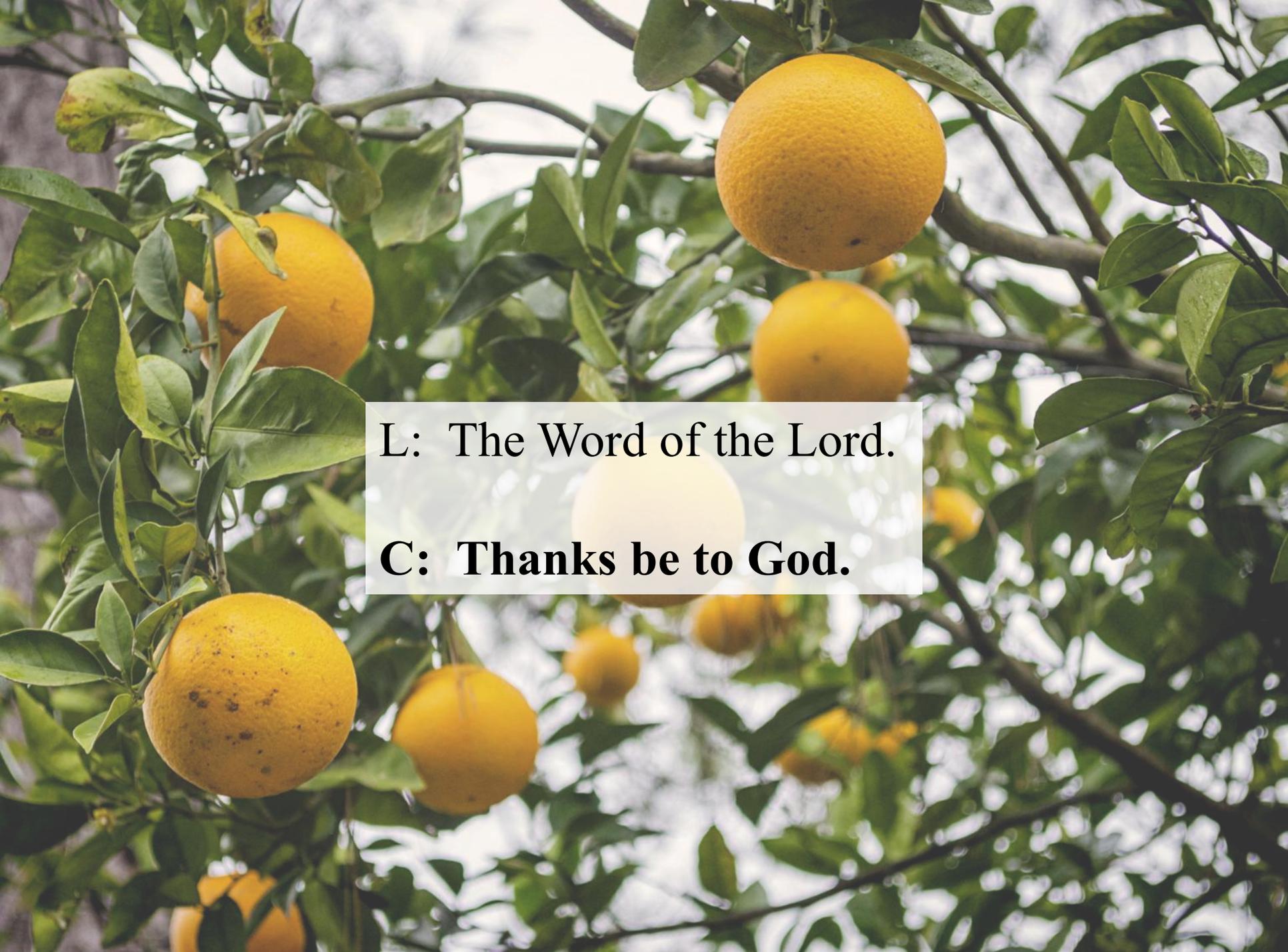
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## **First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a**

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

A photograph of several ripe, yellow-orange oranges hanging from a tree with green leaves. The oranges are in various stages of ripeness, with some showing small dark spots. The background is a soft-focus view of more leaves and branches.

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the  
king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,  
<sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told,  
“Come up here,”  
than to be put lower in the  
presence of a noble.

A photograph of an orange tree with several ripe, yellow-orange fruits hanging from the branches. The leaves are green and dense. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the tree and a hint of a sky.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

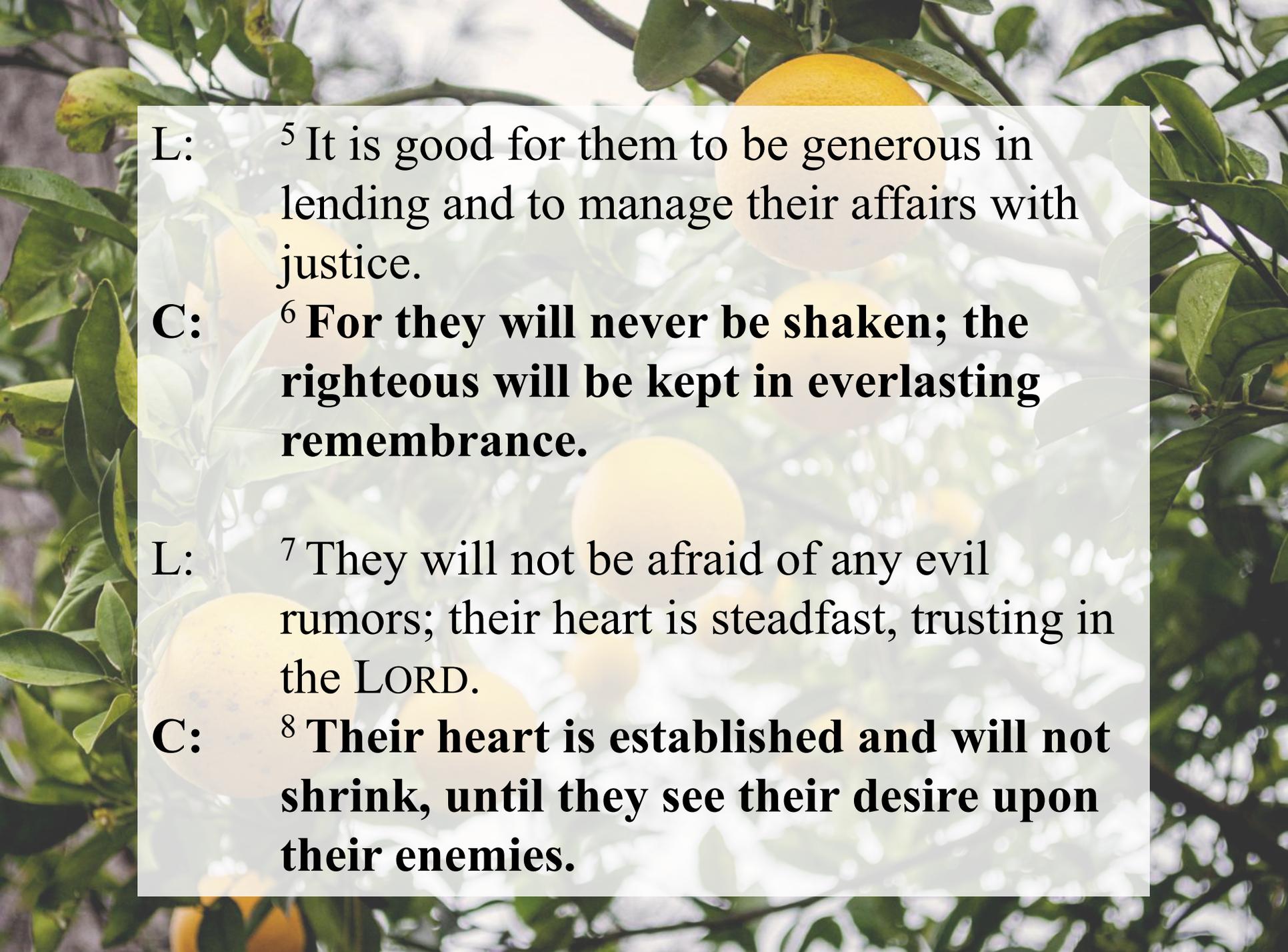
## Psalm 112

L: <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

C: <sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

C: <sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

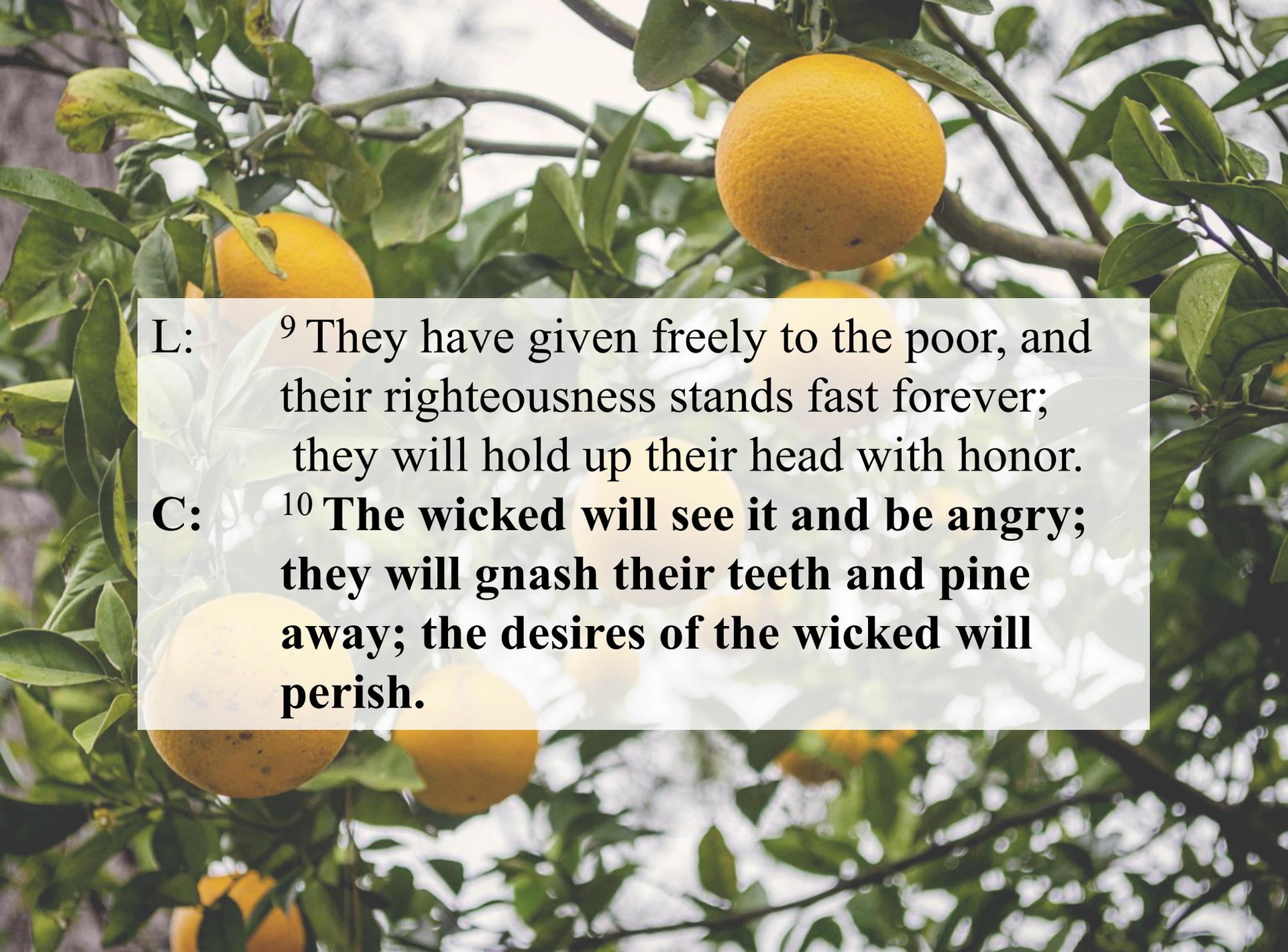


L: <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

**C: <sup>6</sup> For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

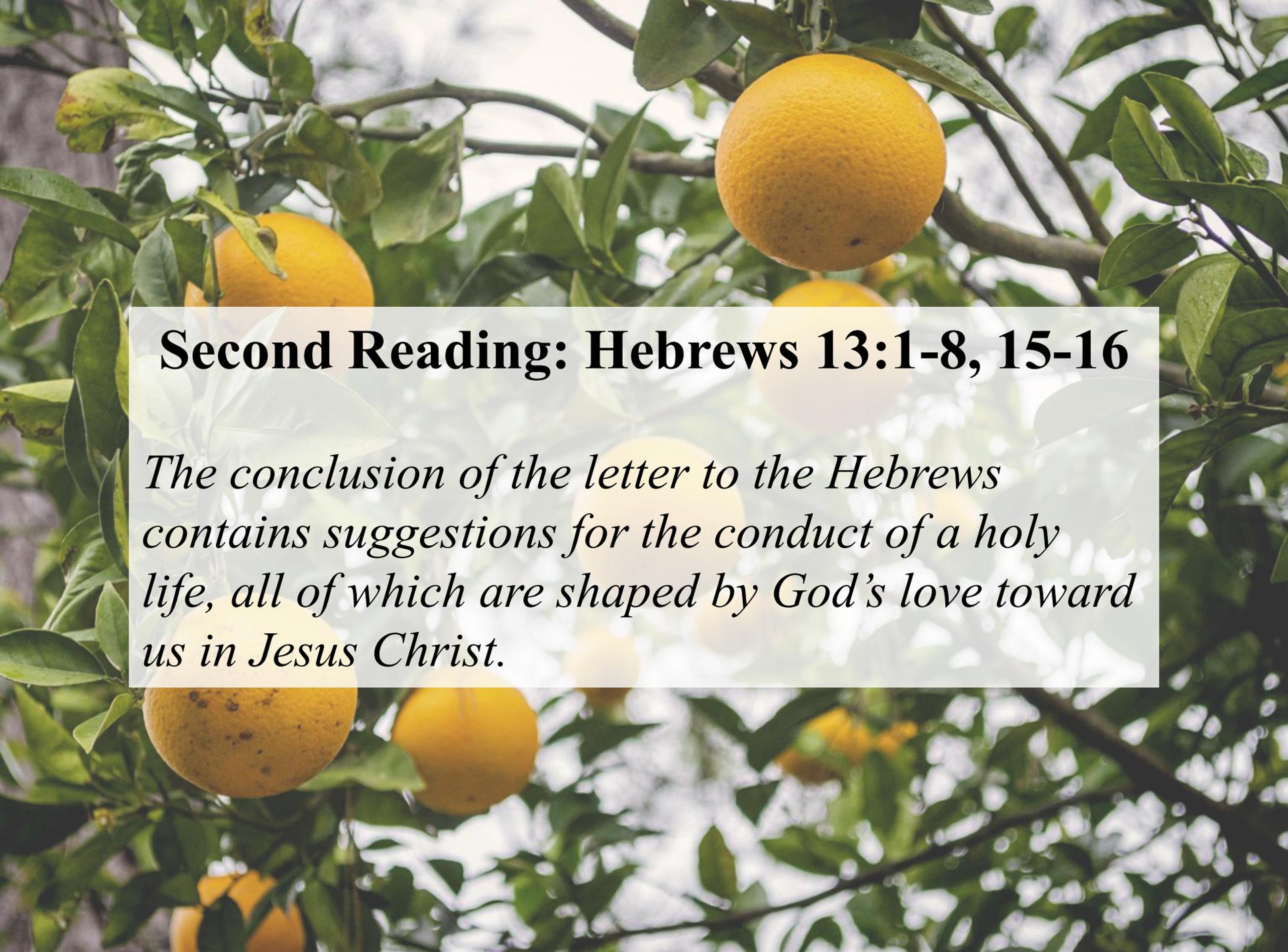
L: <sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**C: <sup>8</sup> Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

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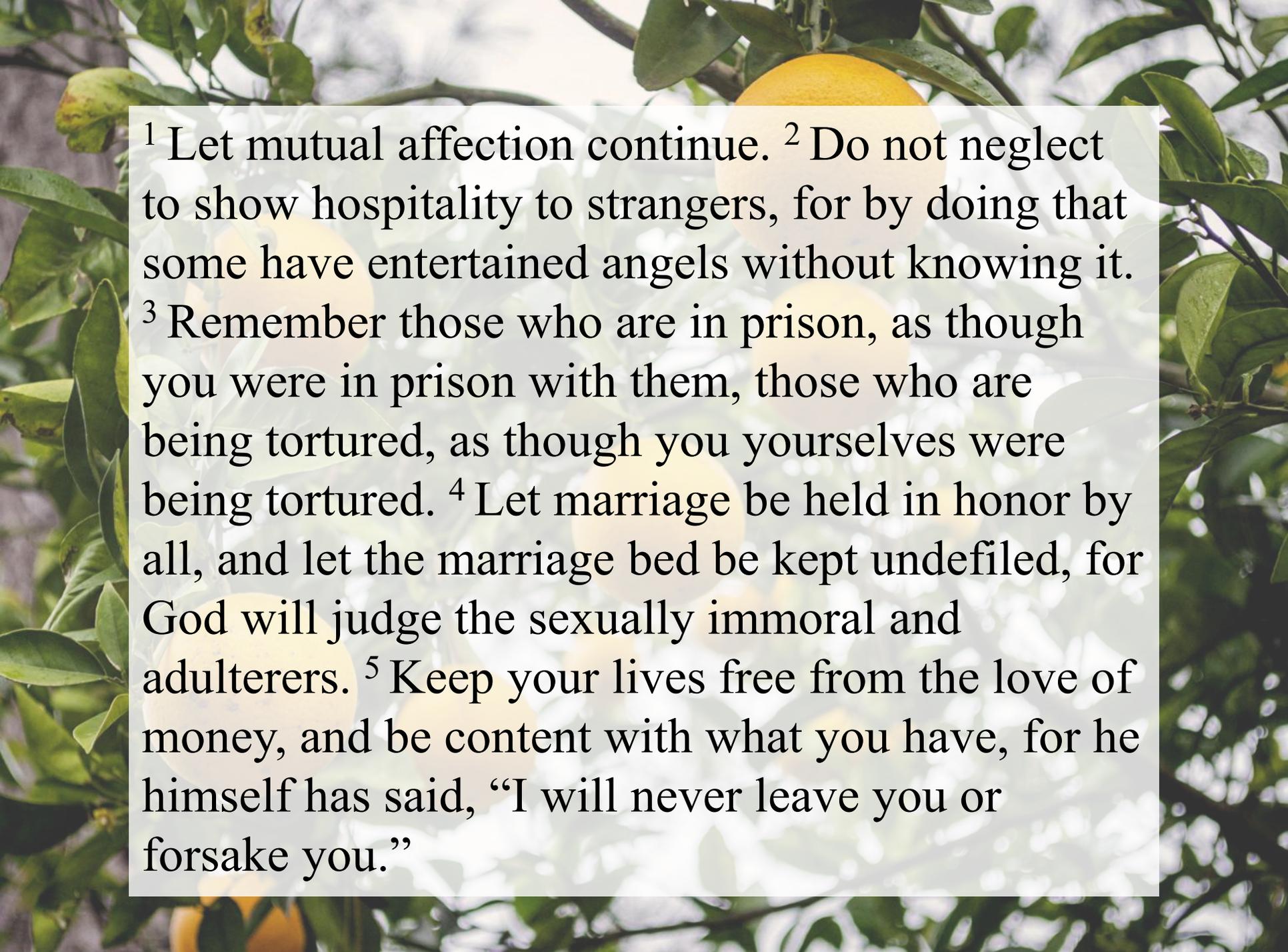
**L:** <sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**C:** <sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

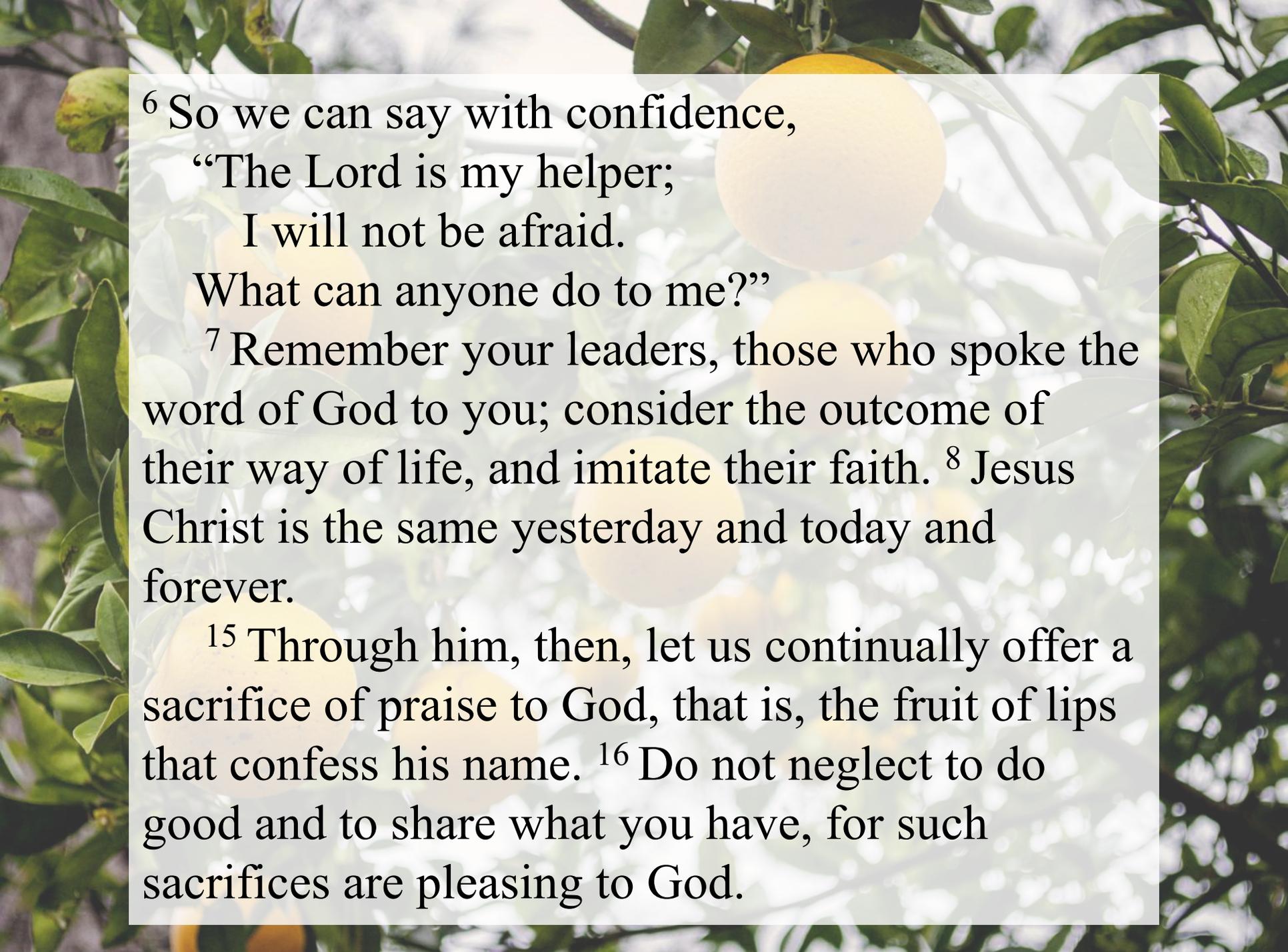
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## **Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*



<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

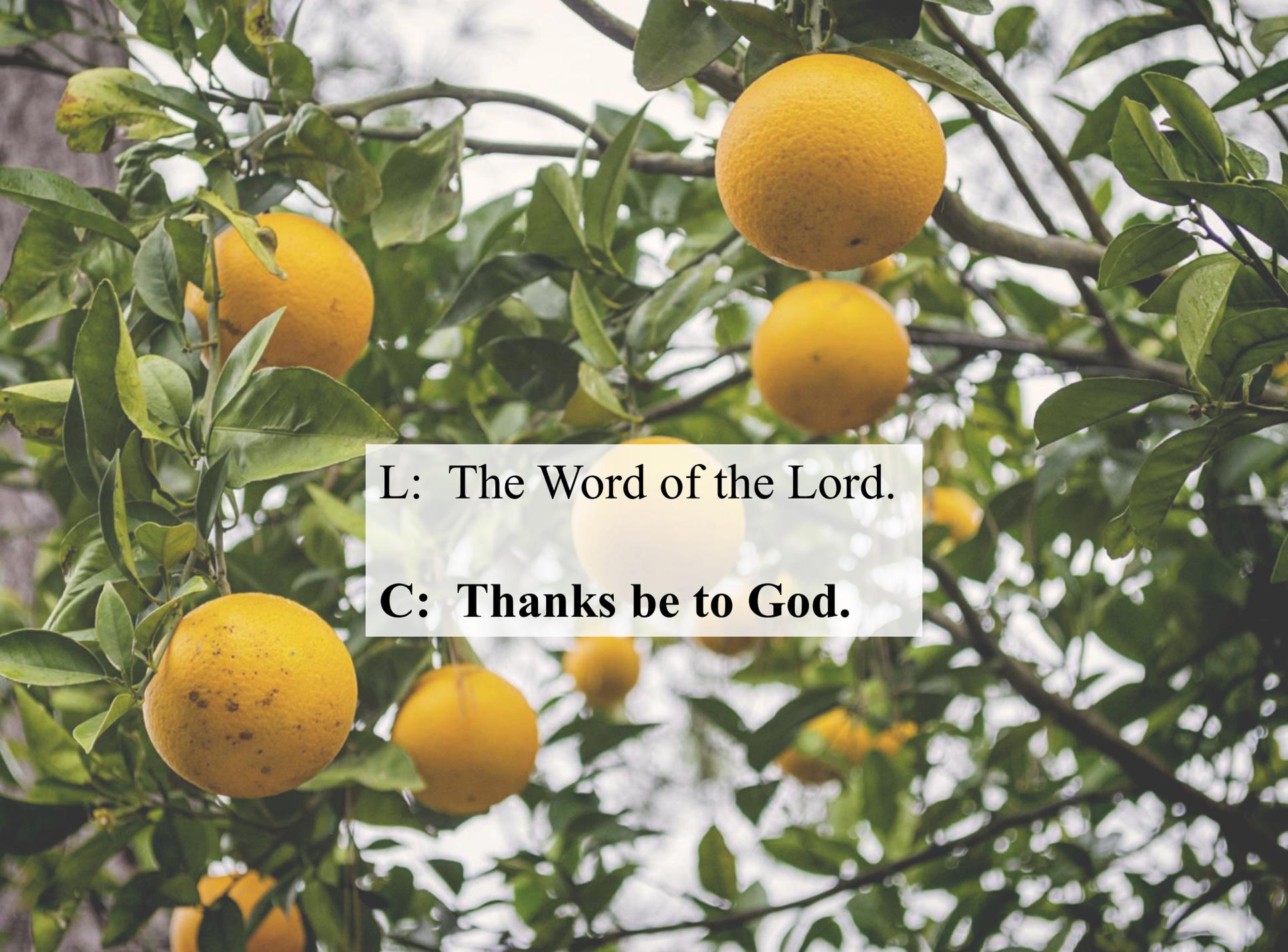


<sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,  
“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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# Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow  
and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,  
break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost,  
lead me on your way.**

**Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

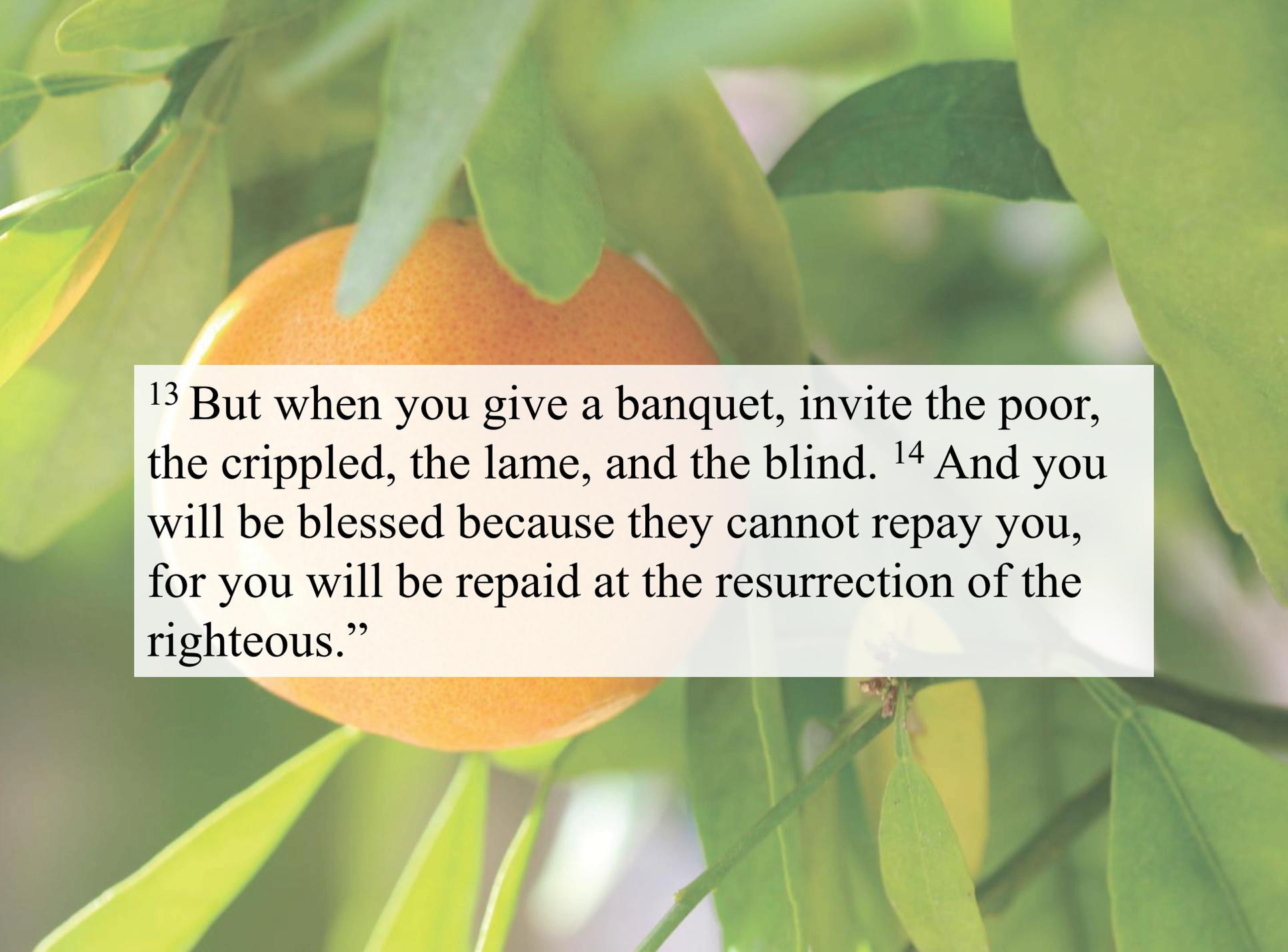
## Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

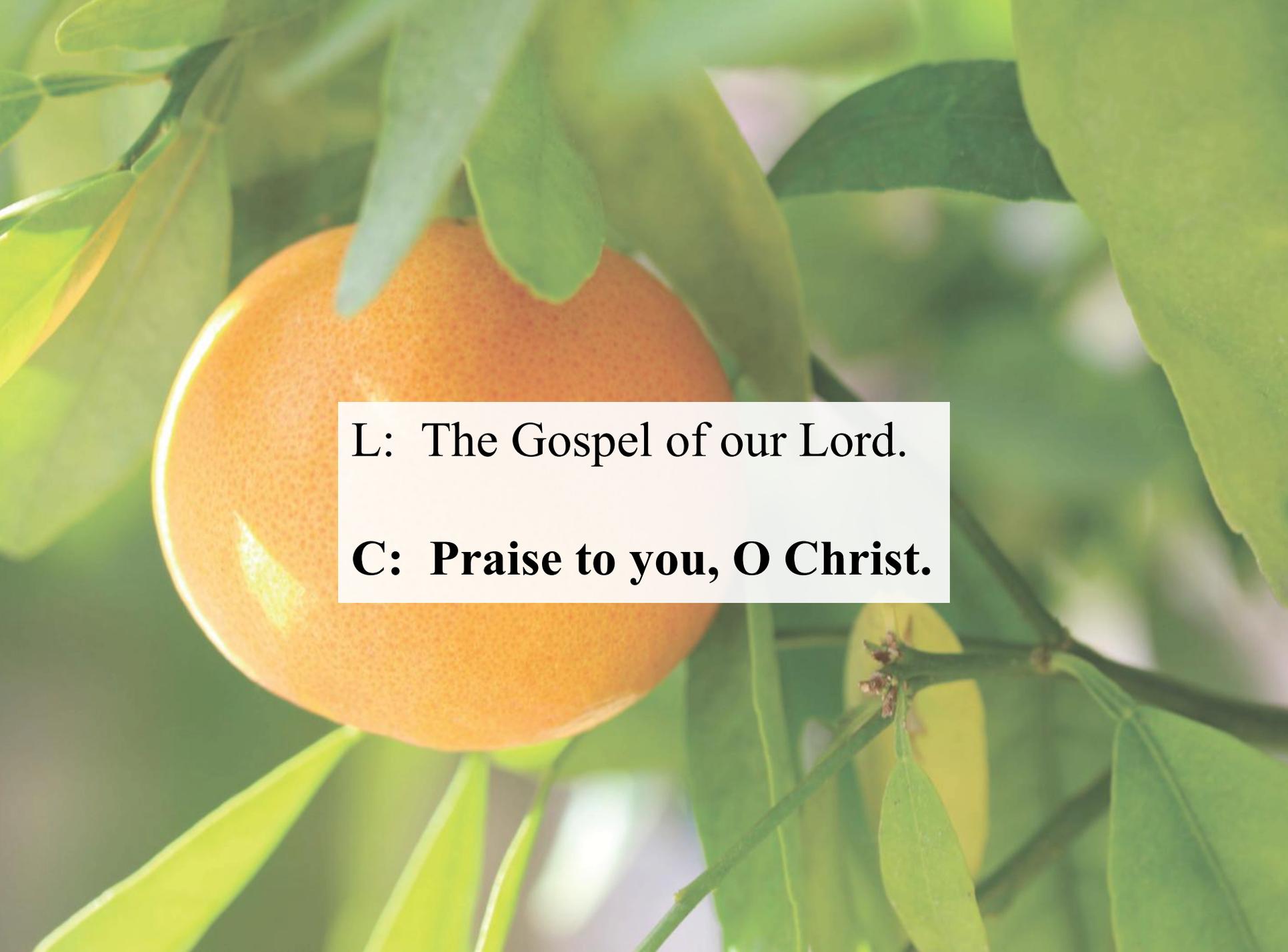
<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

<sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.



<sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”



L: The Gospel of our Lord.

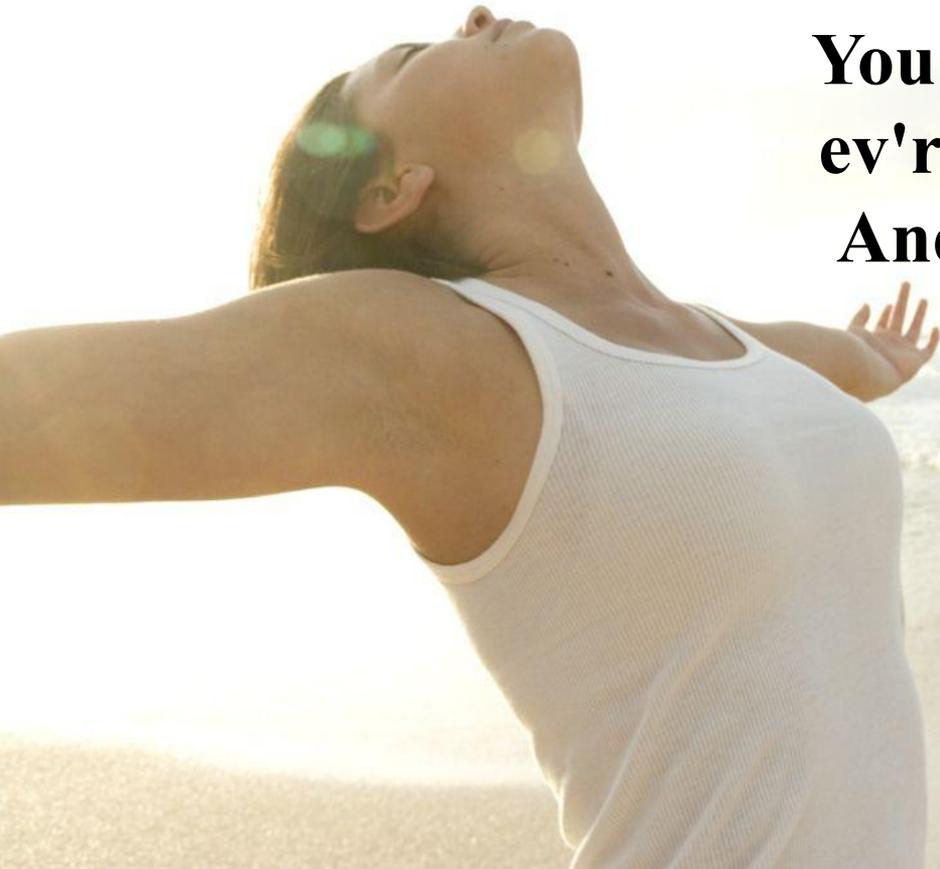
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

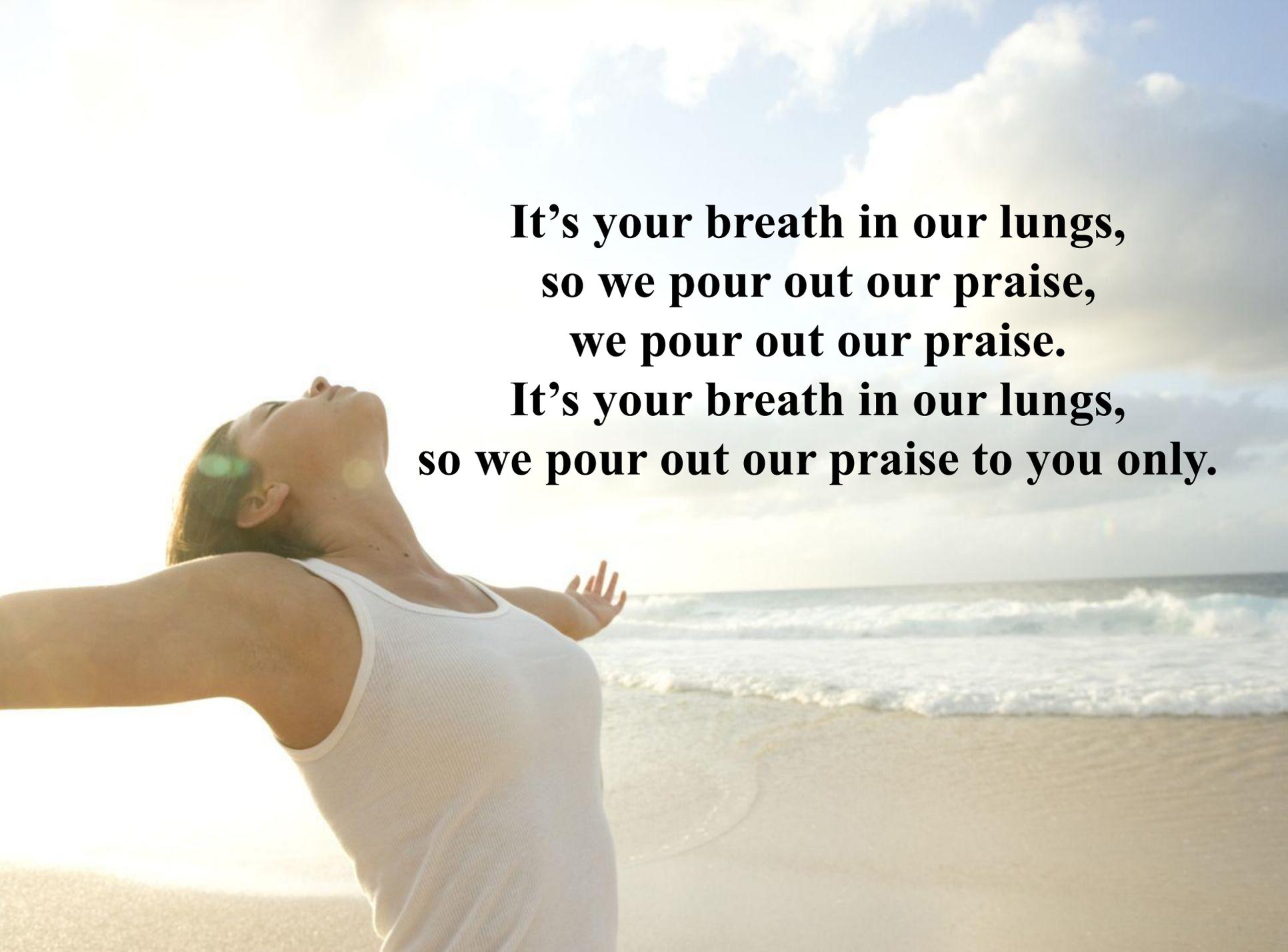
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# Great Are You Lord

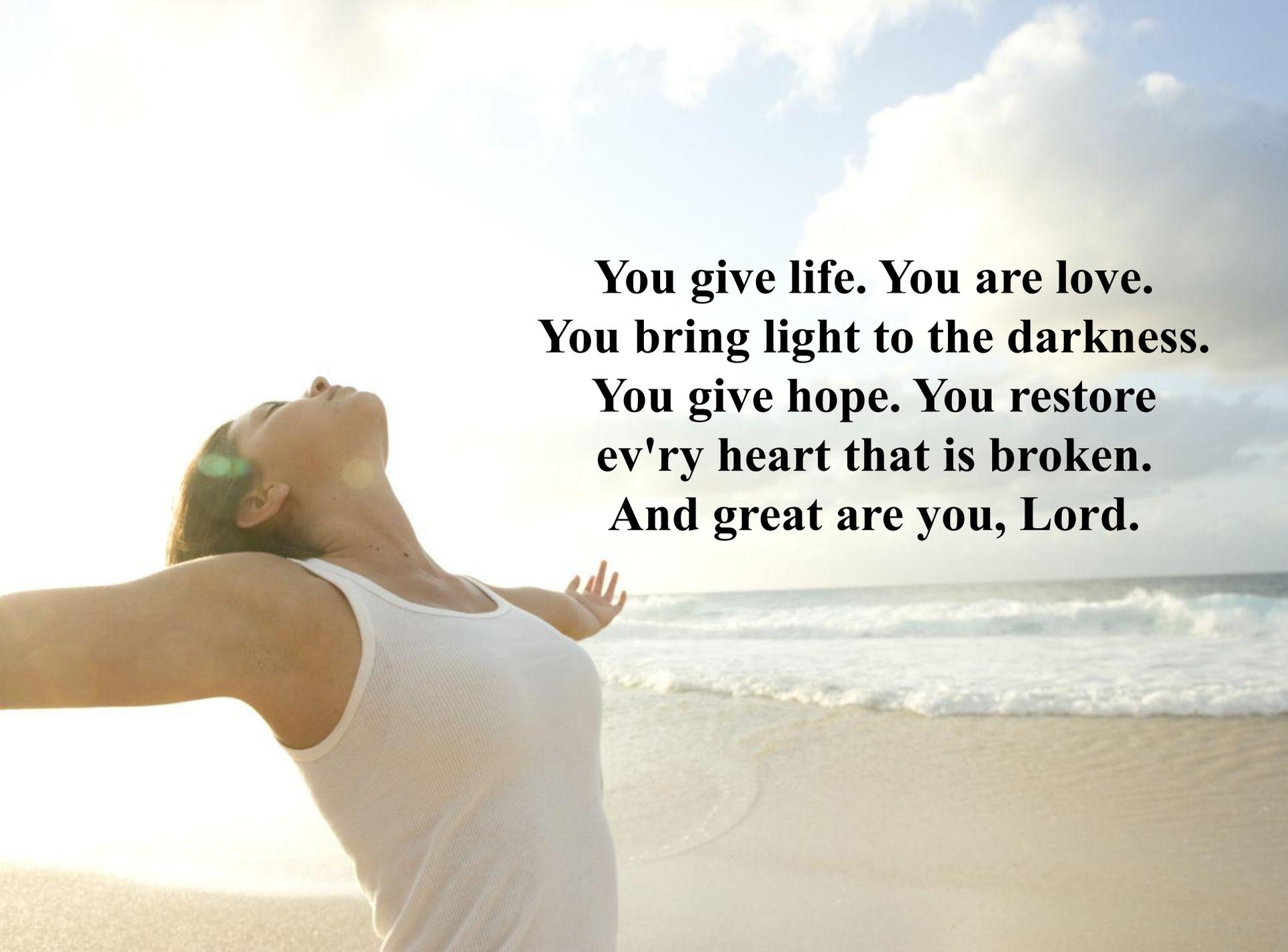
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**You give life. You are love.  
You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore  
ev'ry heart that is broken.  
And great are you, Lord.**

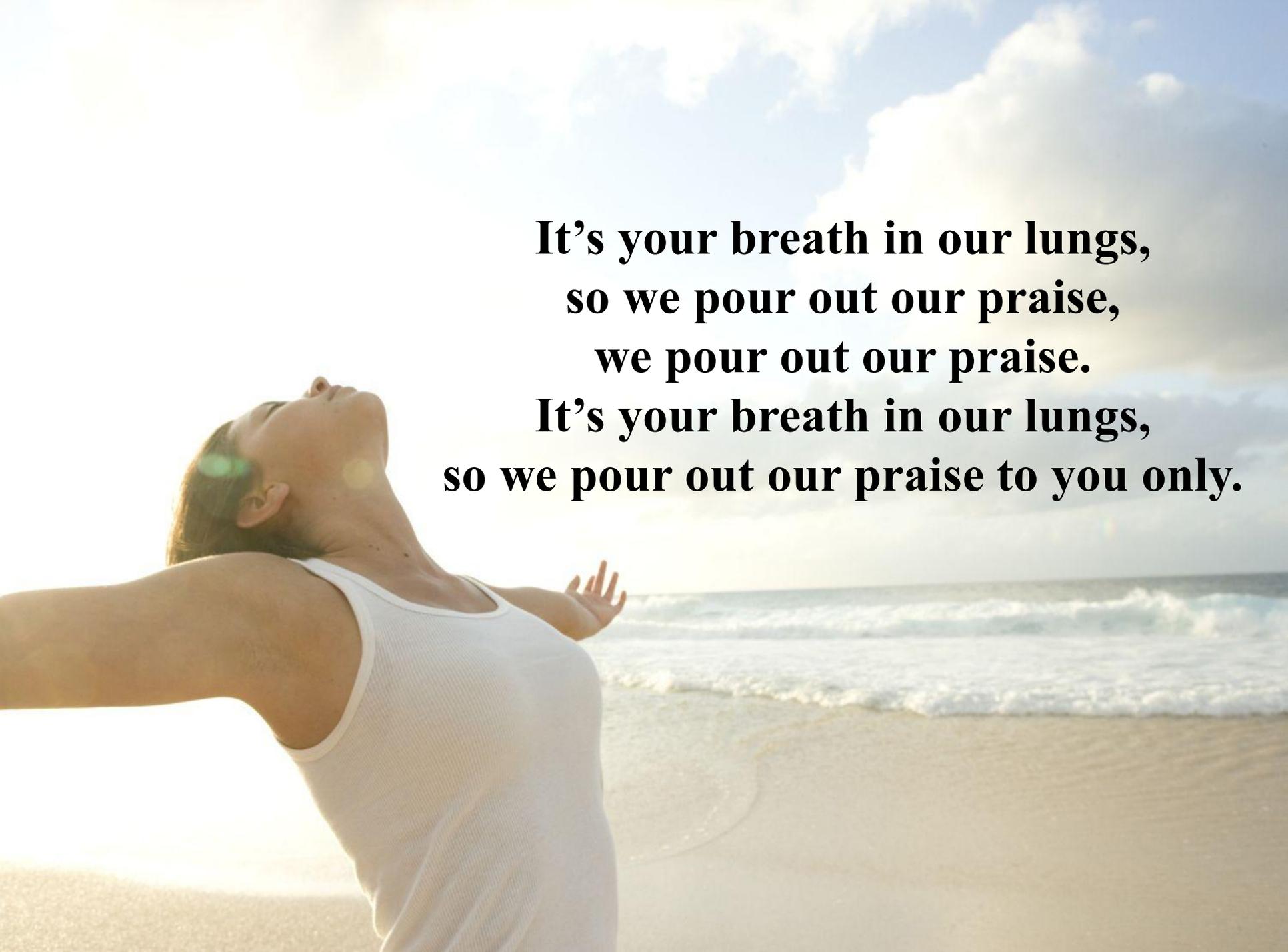


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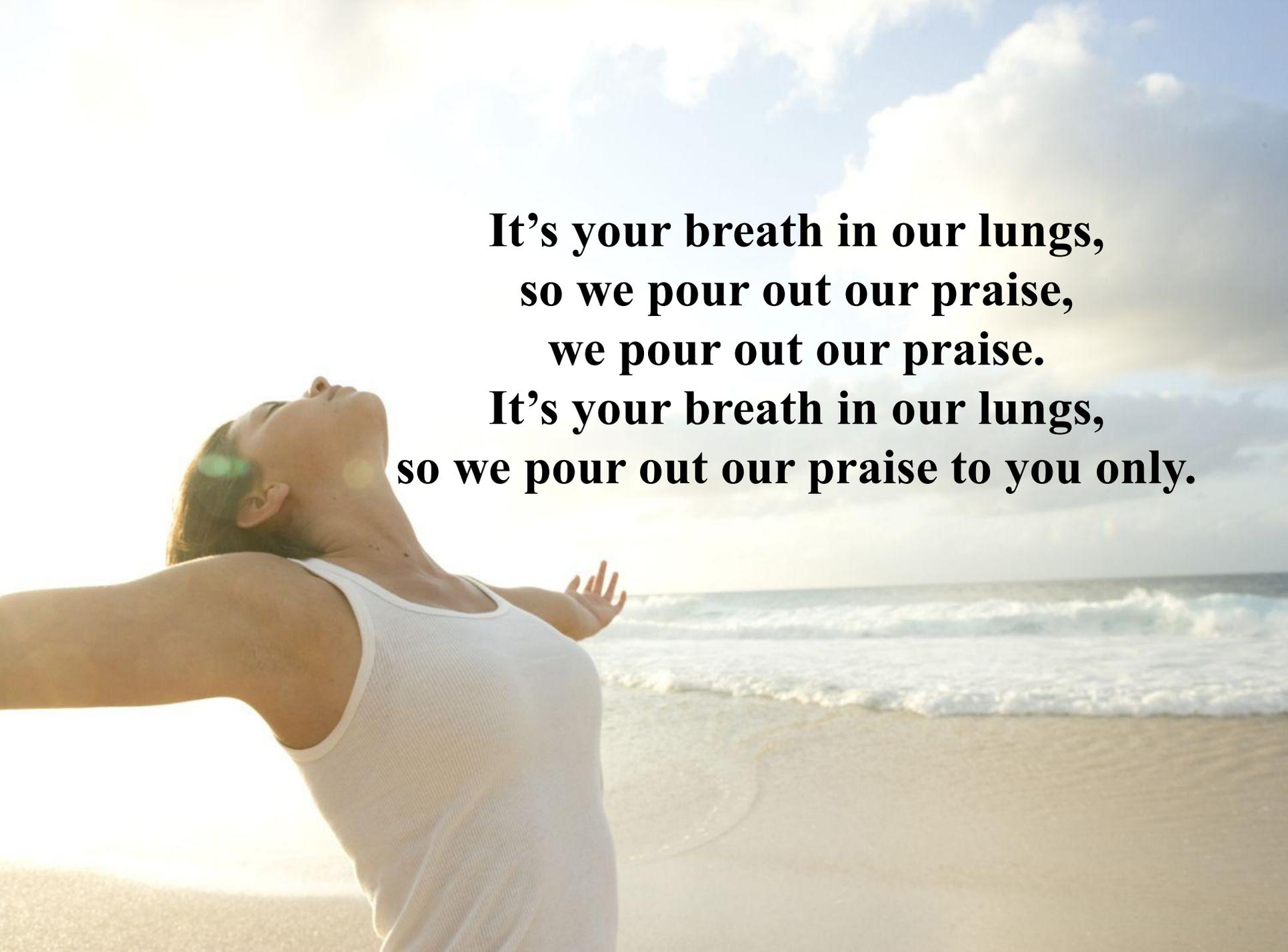
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so we pour out our praise,  
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so we pour out our praise to you only.**

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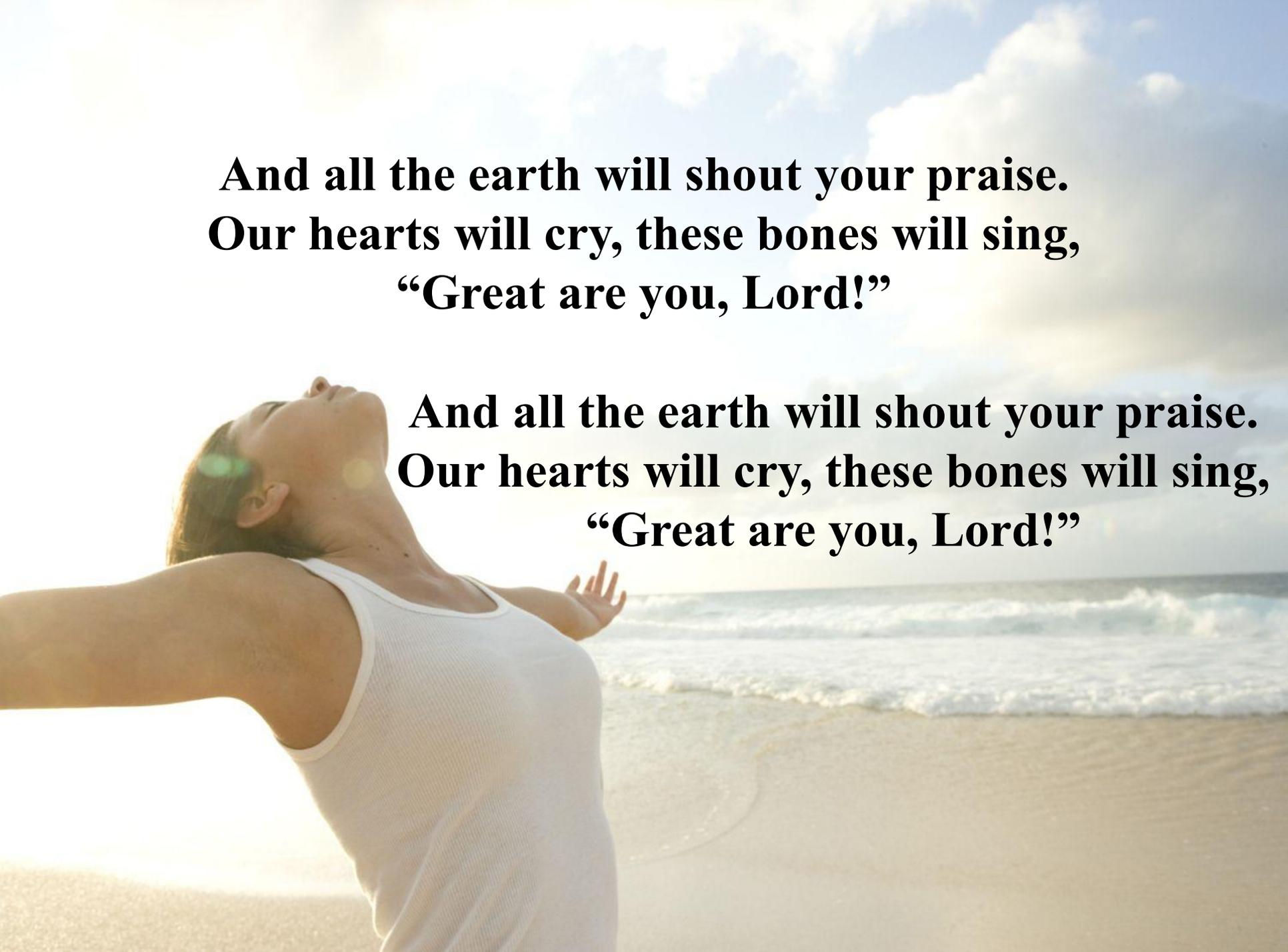
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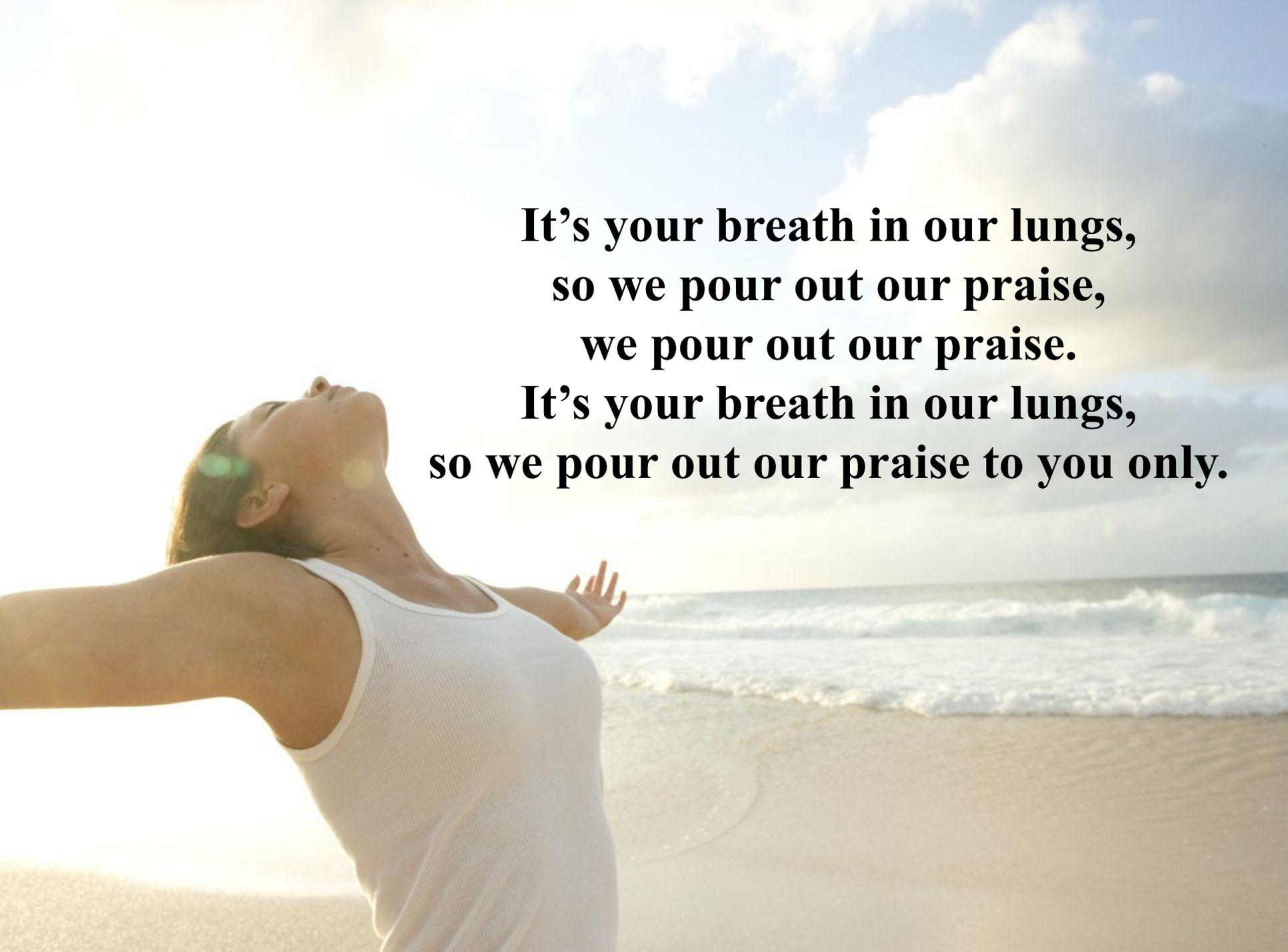
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**And all the earth will shout your praise.  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
“Great are you, Lord!”**

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## *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

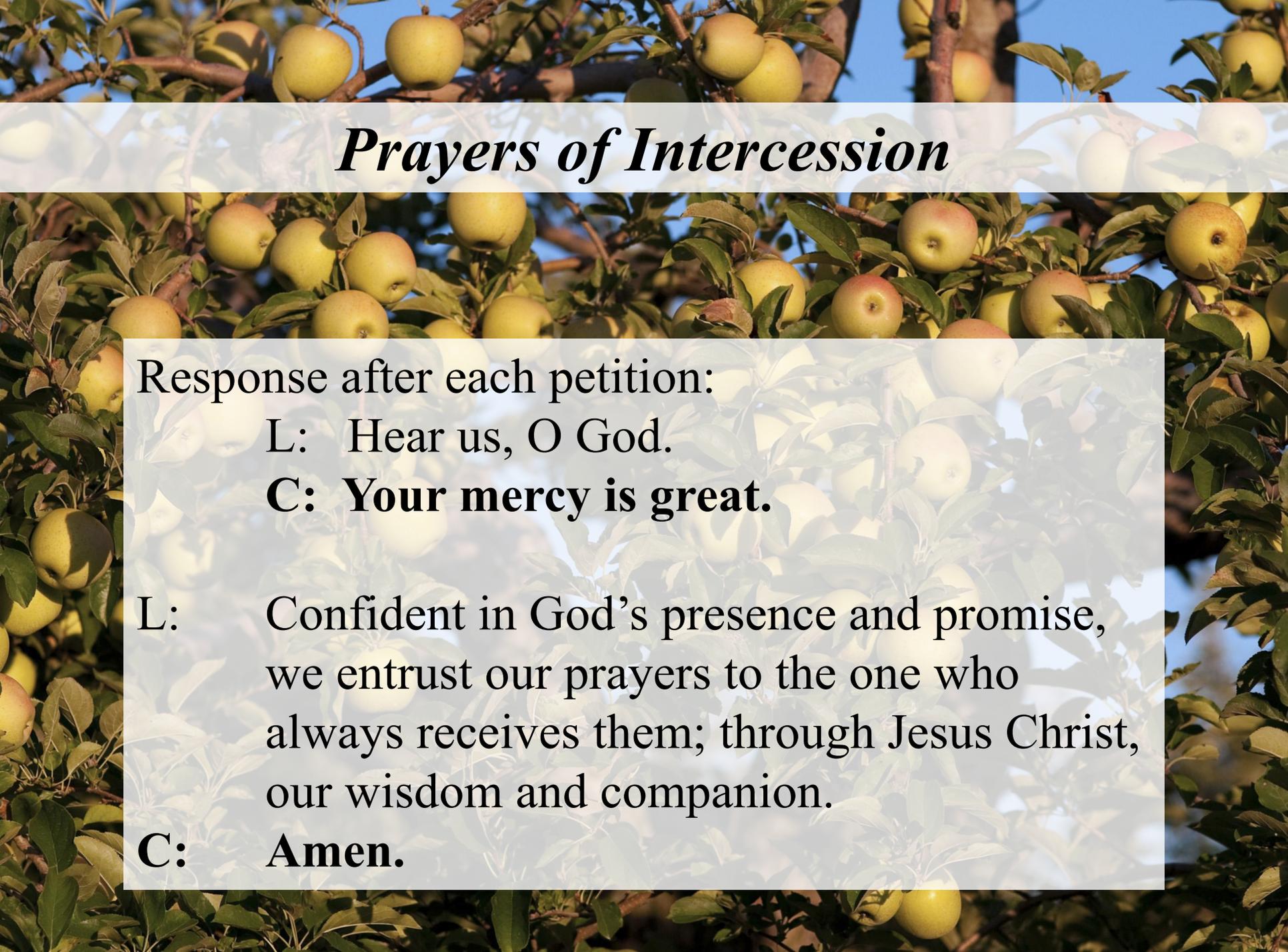


*Offering*  
with  
*Special Music*  
“Glory Glory”

# *Offering Prayer*

**L:** Heavenly Father, thank you for your abundant generosity. As we give today, open our hearts to be more generous, reflecting your love. Bless these offerings to further your kingdom, and bless us as cheerful givers.

**C:** **Amen.**



## *Prayers of Intercession*

Response after each petition:

**L:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**L:** Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**C:** **Amen.**



# **The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)**

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**Father, let your kingdom come.  
Father, let your will be done  
on earth as in heaven,  
right here in my heart.**

**Father, let your kingdom come.  
Father, let your will be done  
on earth as in heaven,  
right here in my heart.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us; forgive us  
as we forgive the ones who sinned  
against us; forgive them.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.  
Let your kingdom come.**

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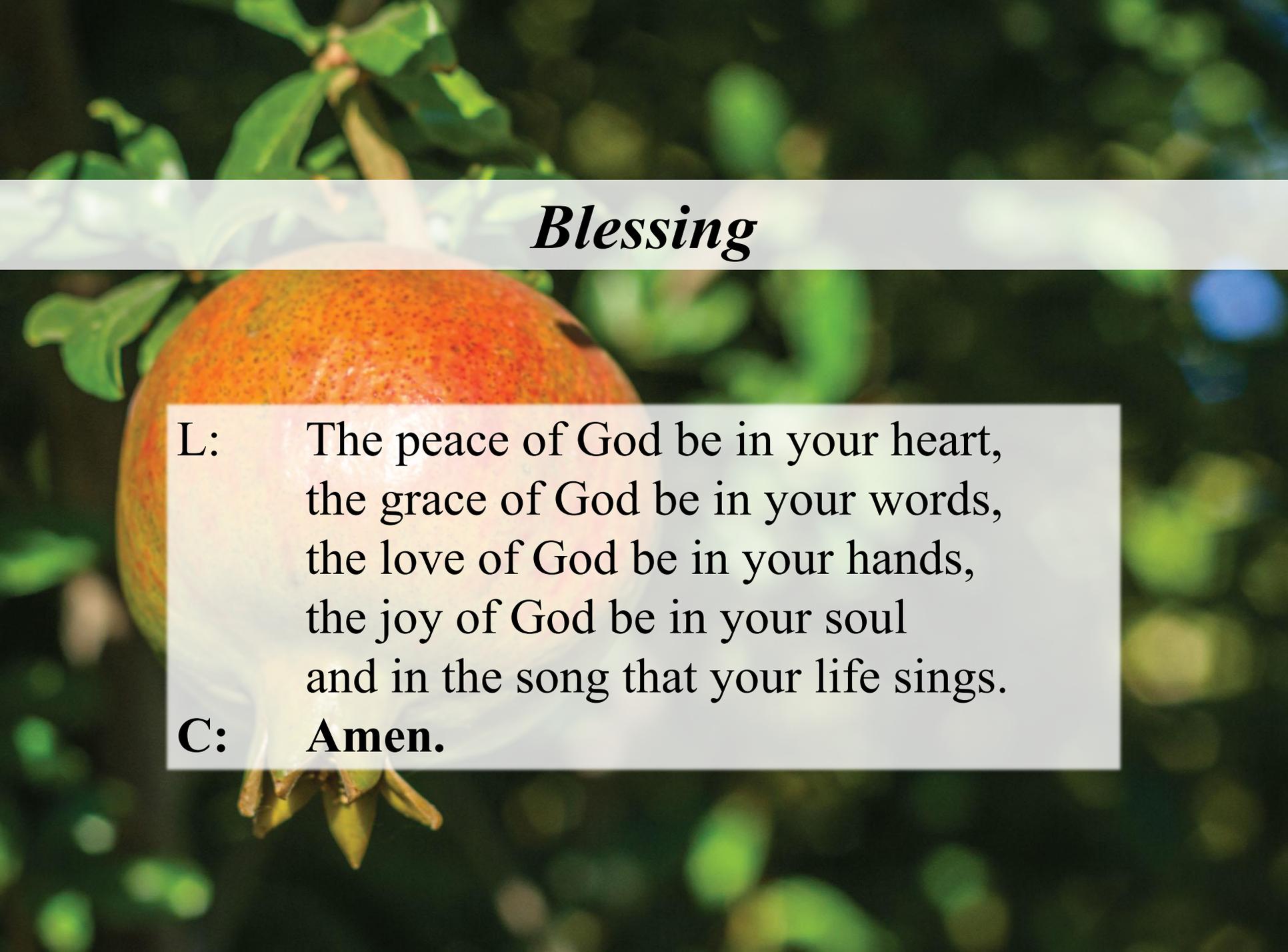
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And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.  
Let your kingdom come.**

**It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours.  
The kingdom, the power, the glory are yours.  
It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours.  
Forever and ever the kingdom is yours.**

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Father, let your will be done  
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## *Blessing*

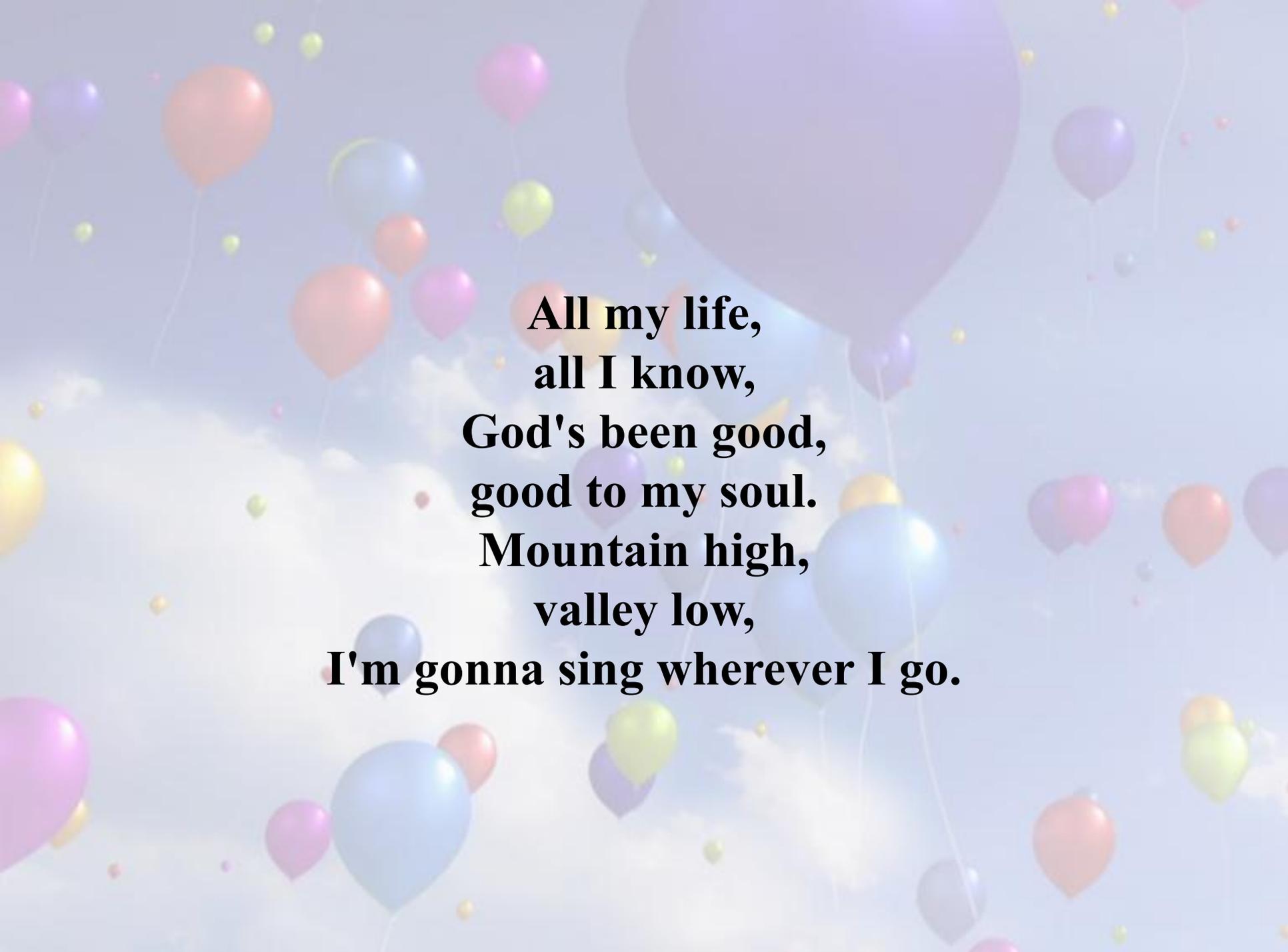
**L:** The peace of God be in your heart,  
the grace of God be in your words,  
the love of God be in your hands,  
the joy of God be in your soul  
and in the song that your life sings.

**C:** **Amen.**

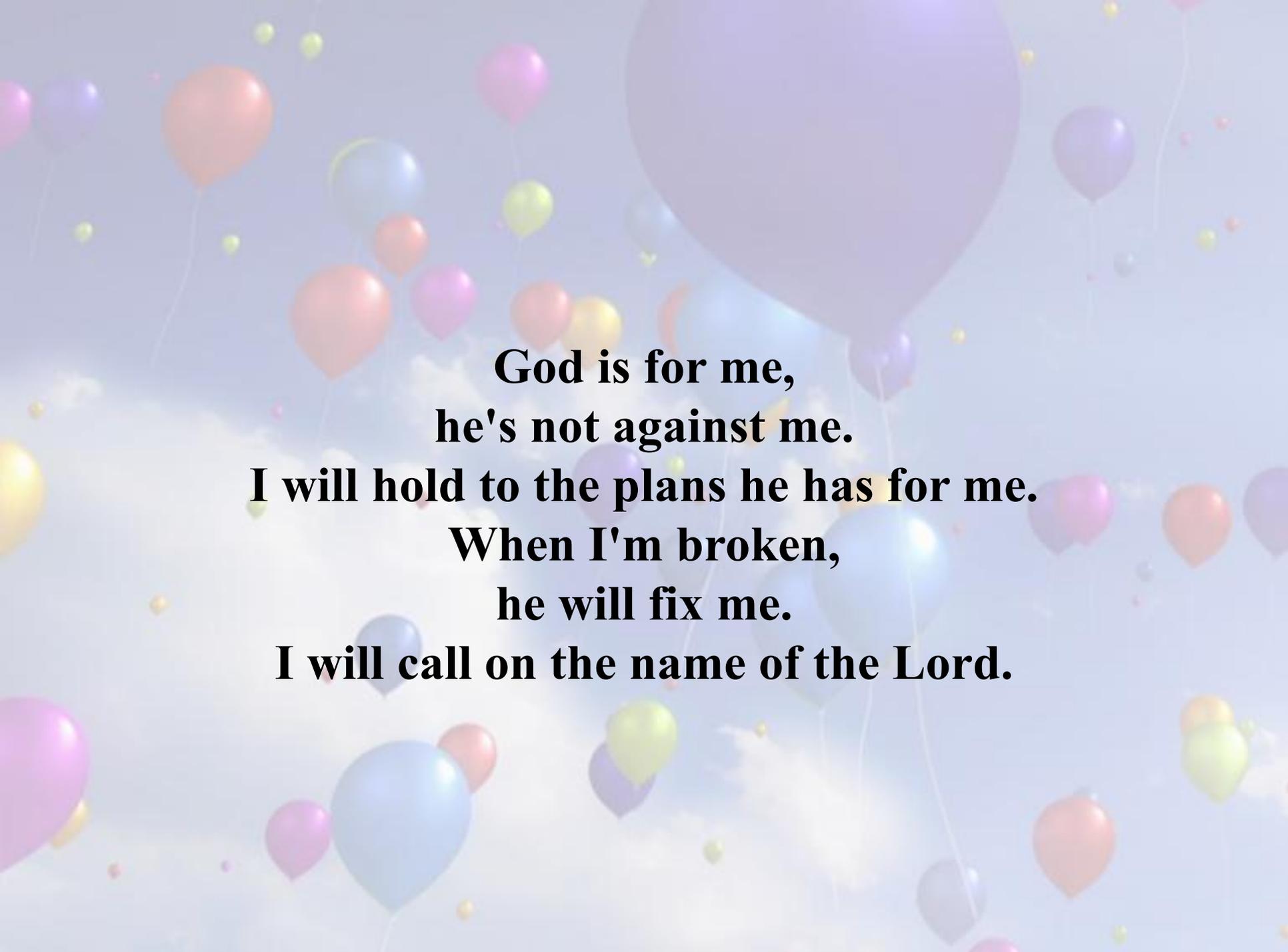
# Sing Wherever I Go

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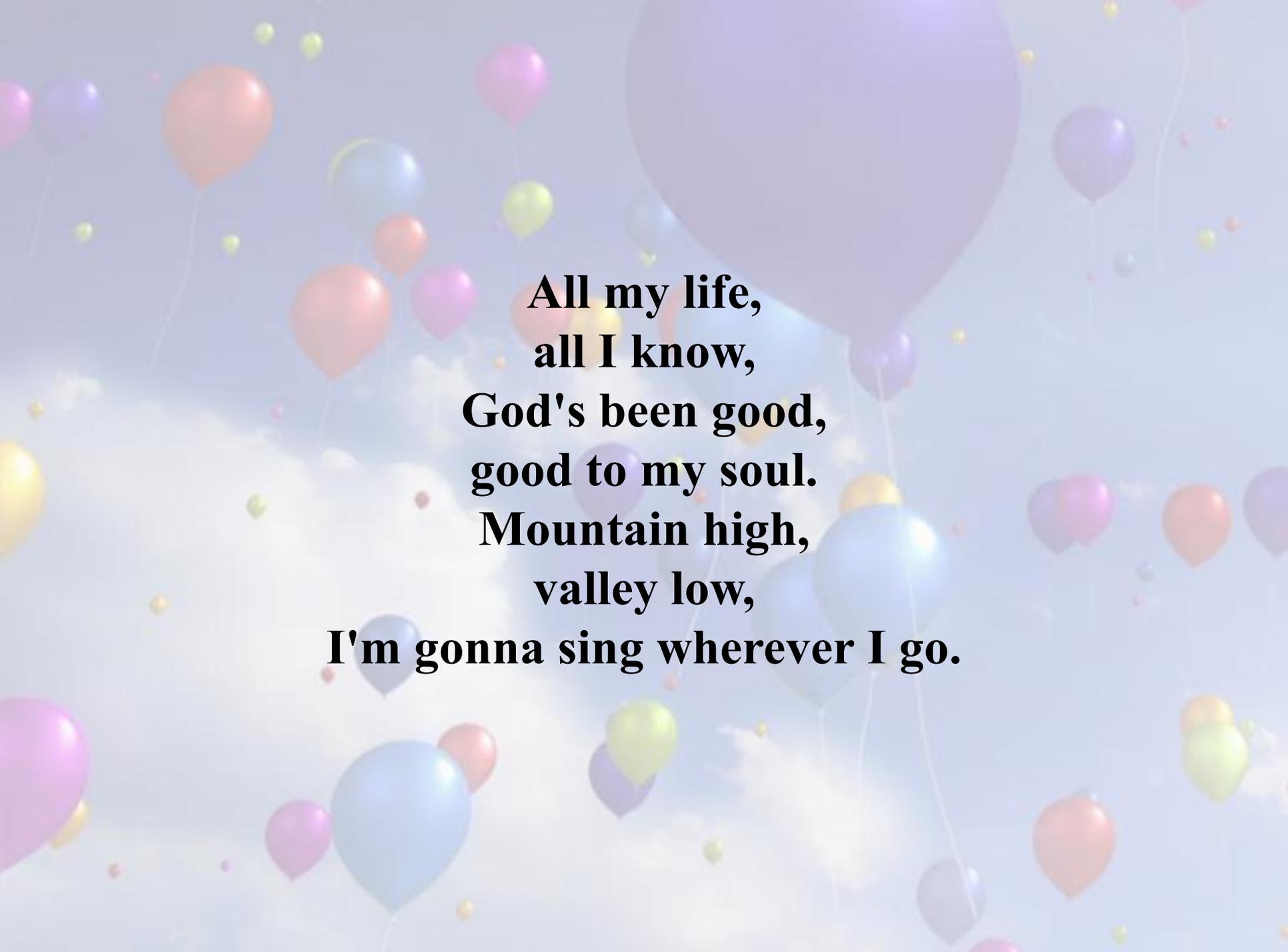
**All my life,  
all I know,  
God's been good,  
good to my soul.  
Mountain high,  
valley low,  
I'm gonna sing wherever I go.**



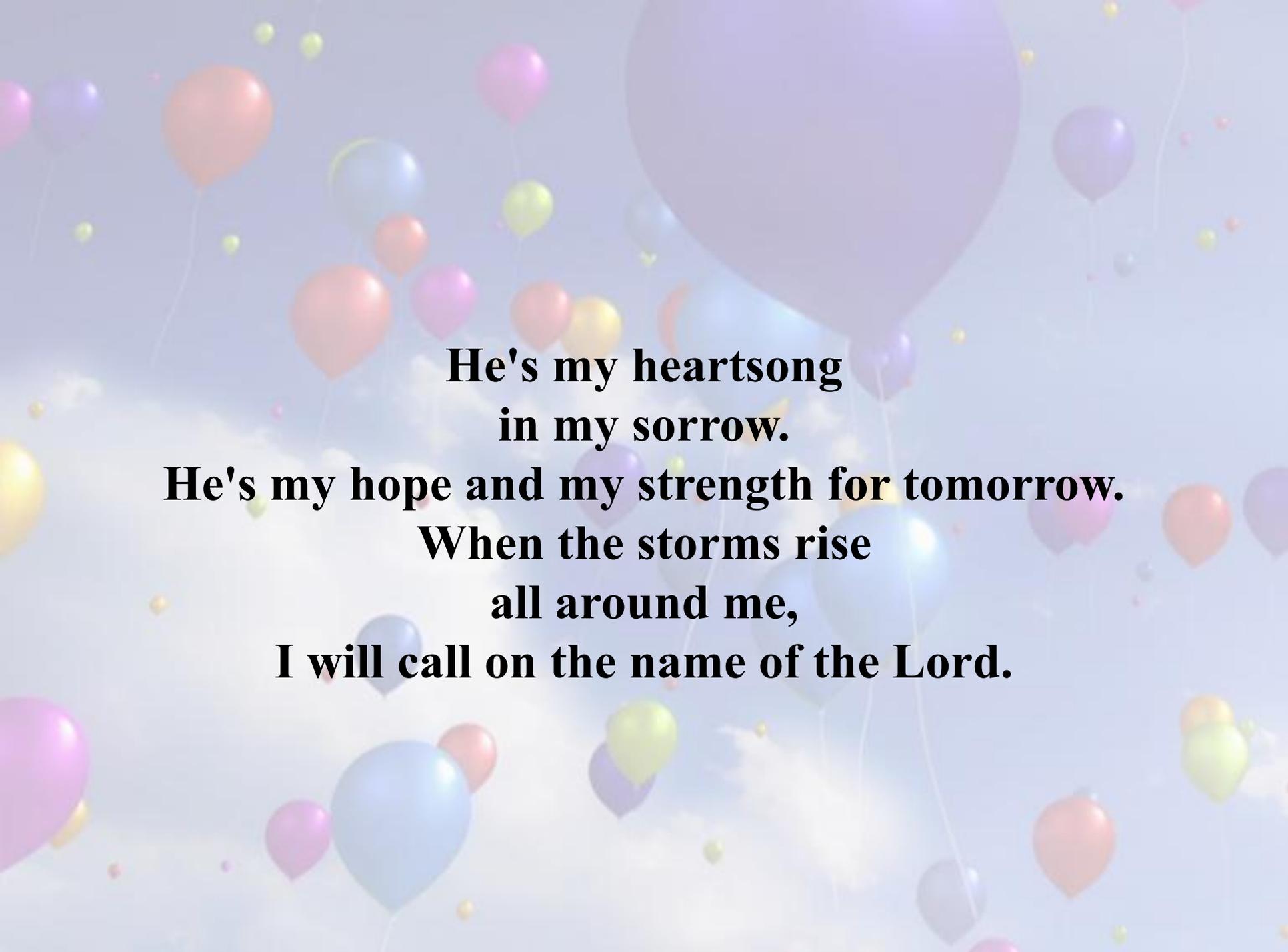
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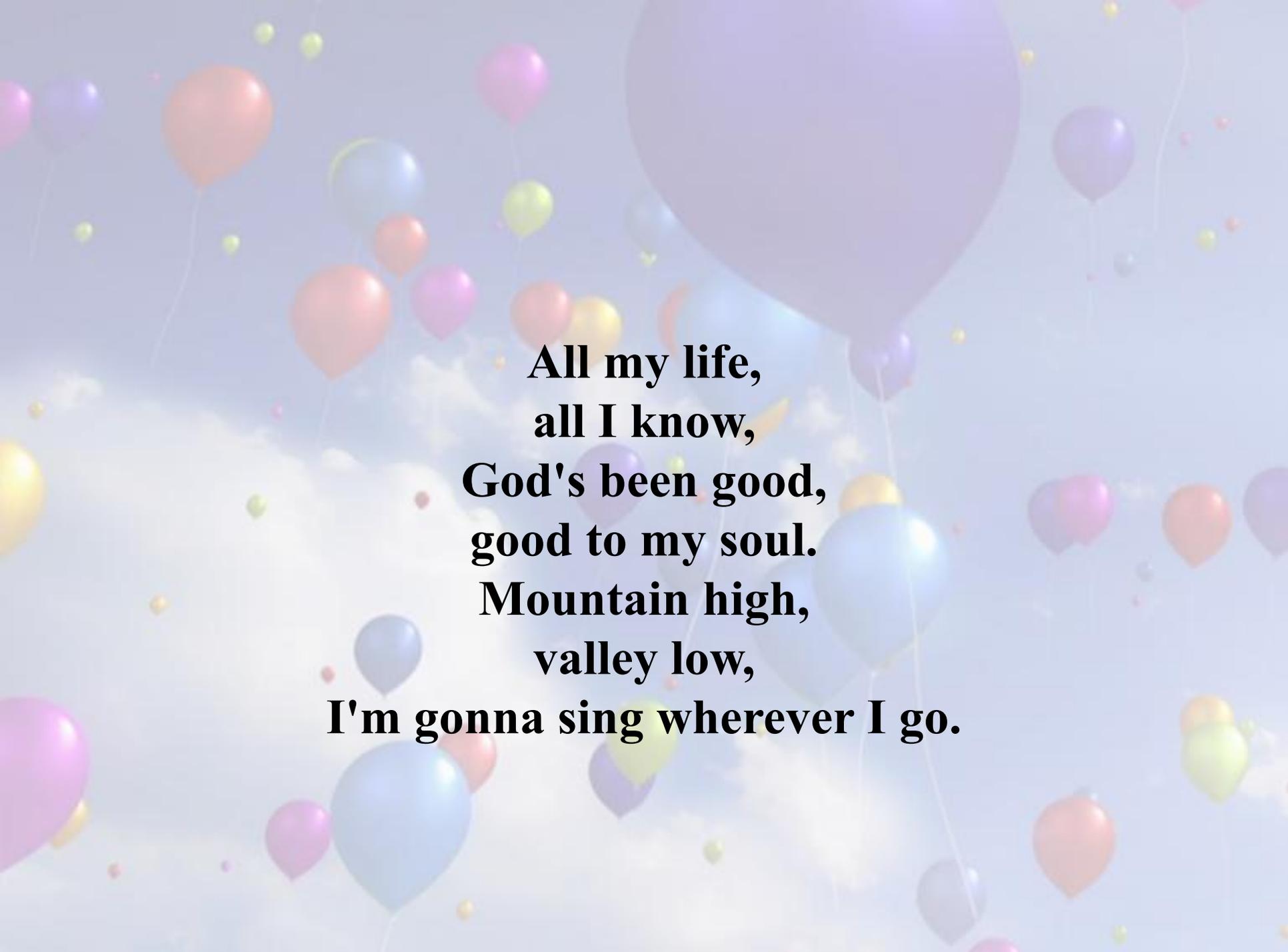
**God is for me,  
he's not against me.  
I will hold to the plans he has for me.  
When I'm broken,  
he will fix me.  
I will call on the name of the Lord.**



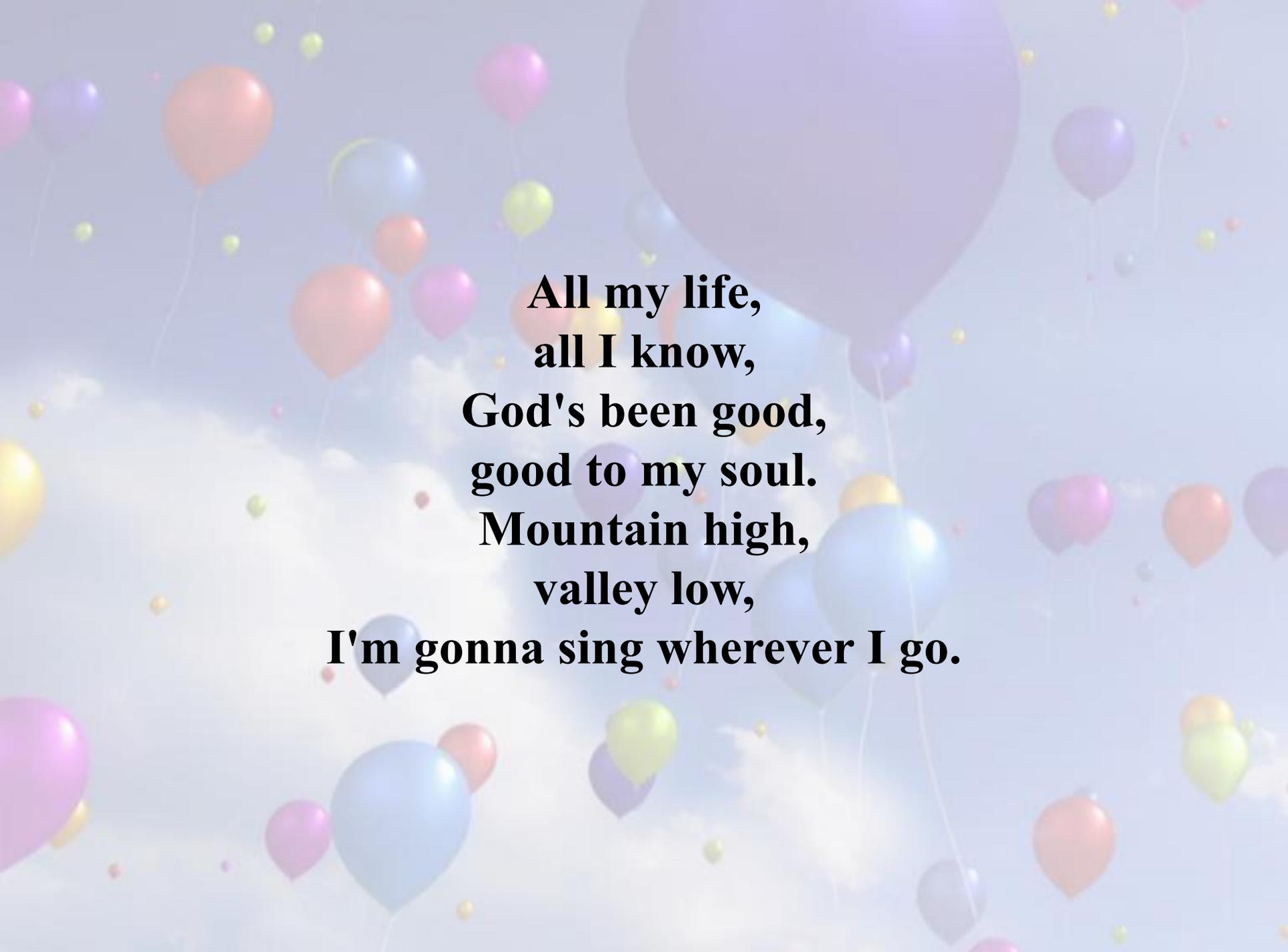
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Mountain high,  
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I'm gonna sing wherever I go.**



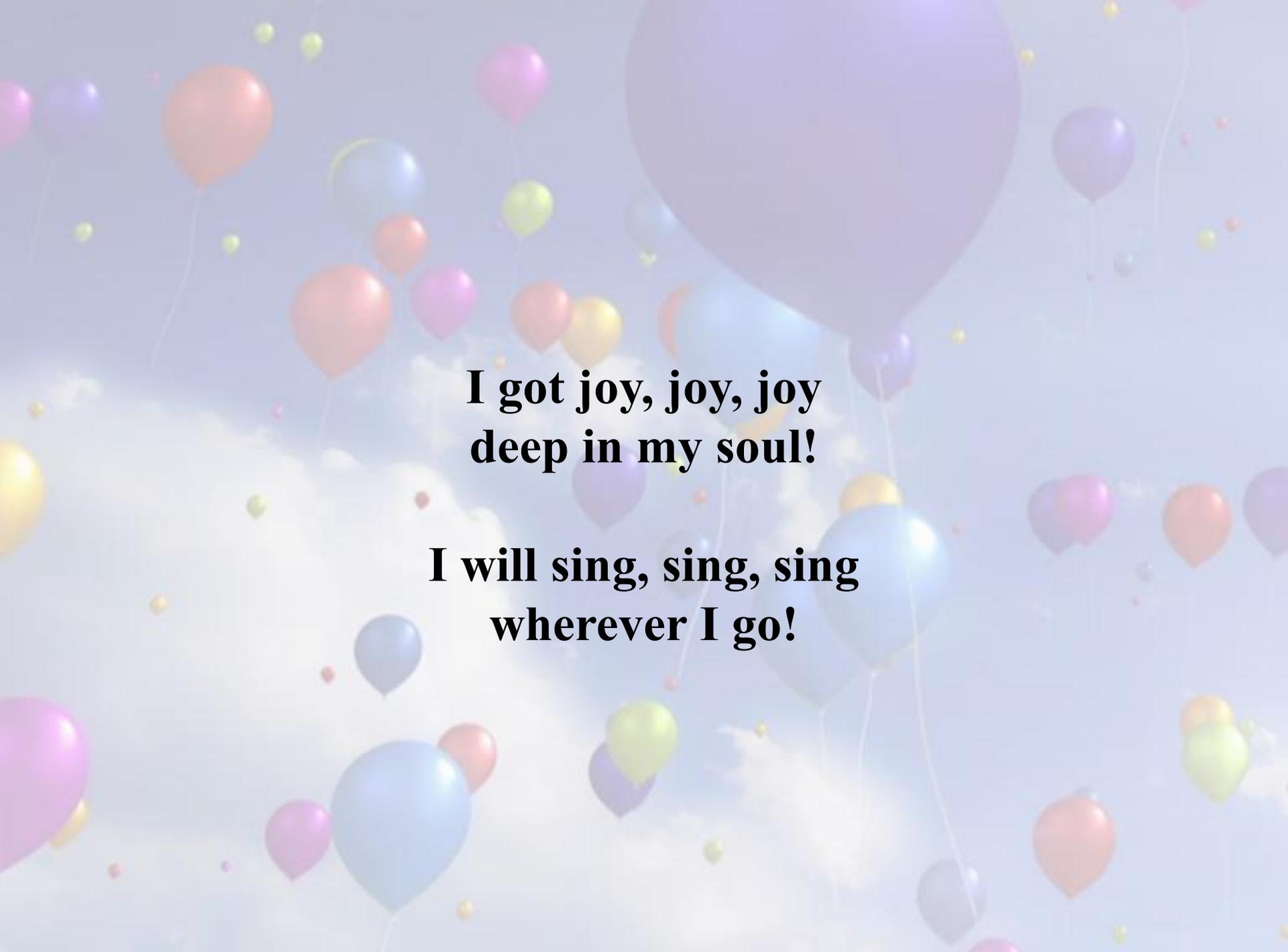
**He's my heartsong  
in my sorrow.  
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow.  
When the storms rise  
all around me,  
I will call on the name of the Lord.**



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all I know,  
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good to my soul.  
Mountain high,  
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I'm gonna sing wherever I go.**

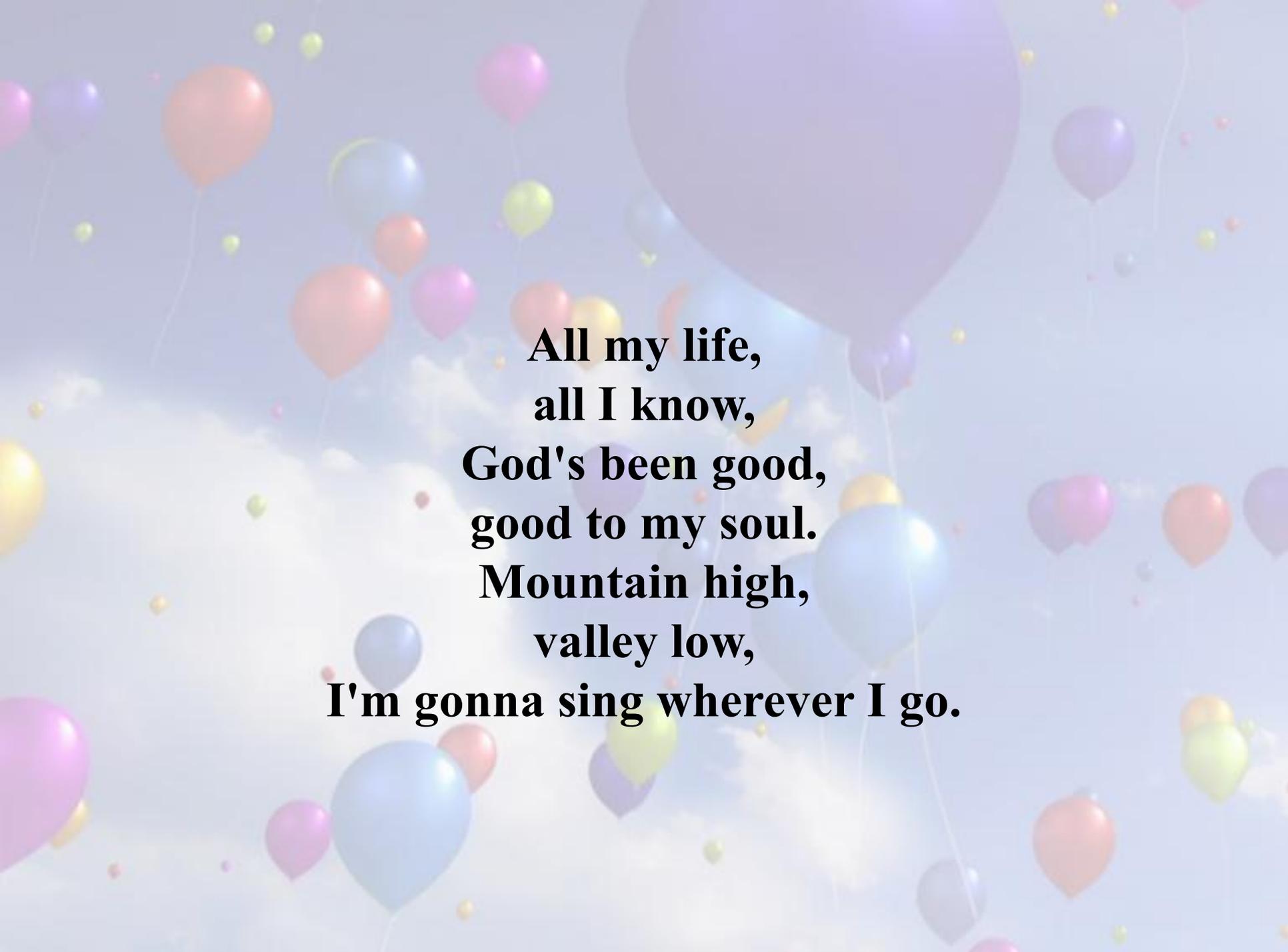


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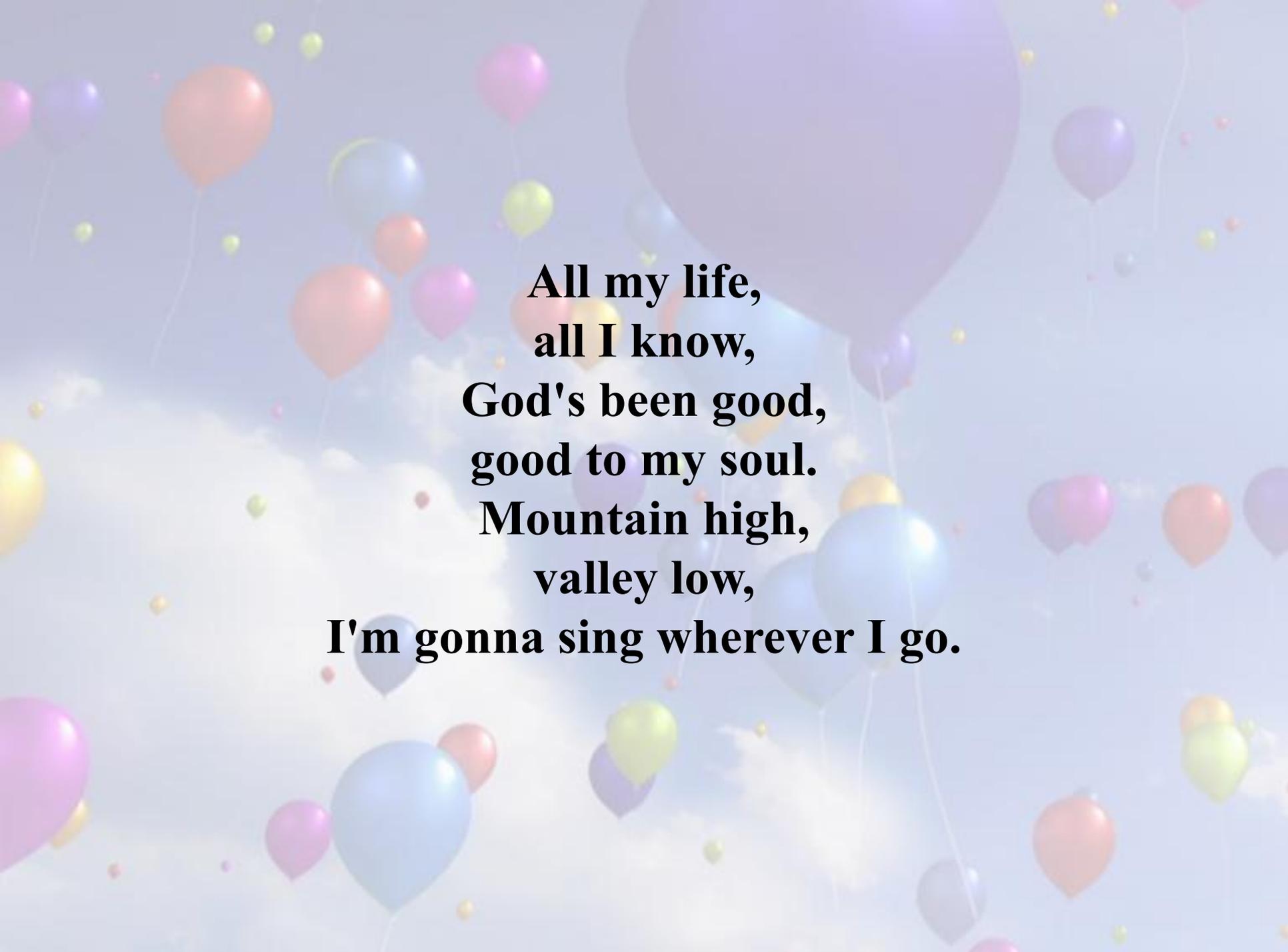


**I got joy, joy, joy  
deep in my soul!**

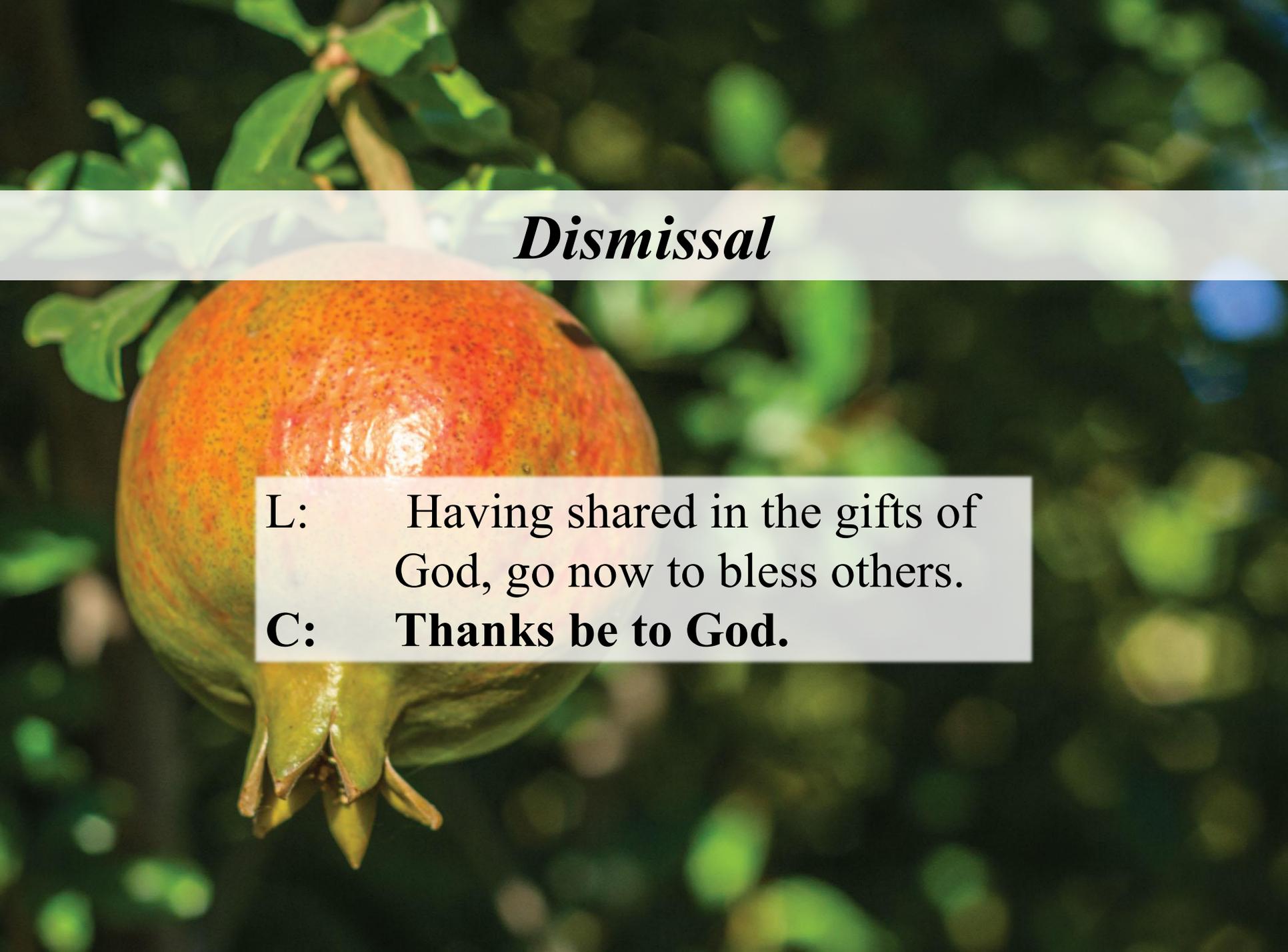
**I will sing, sing, sing  
wherever I go!**



**All my life,  
all I know,  
God's been good,  
good to my soul.  
Mountain high,  
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I'm gonna sing wherever I go.**



**All my life,  
all I know,  
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good to my soul.  
Mountain high,  
valley low,  
I'm gonna sing wherever I go.**

A close-up photograph of a ripe pomegranate fruit hanging from a tree. The fruit is round and has a mottled orange and red color. It is surrounded by green leaves, some of which are in the foreground and some are blurred in the background. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the fruit's skin.

## *Dismissal*

L: Having shared in the gifts of  
God, go now to bless others.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



*Thank you  
for worshipping  
with us!*

*God bless you!*