The background features a vibrant sunset with orange and red clouds over a dark field. In the bottom-left corner, an open Bible is visible, showing text on its pages. The main text is overlaid on the sunset background in white, sans-serif font.

BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD,
A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE BELONGING TO GOD, THAT YOU
MAY DECLARE THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU
OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT. ONCE
YOU WERE NOT A PEOPLE, BUT NOW YOU ARE THE PEOPLE
OF GOD; ONCE YOU HAD NOT RECEIVED MERCY, BUT NOW
YOU HAVE RECEIVED MERCY.

1 PETER 2:9-10

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Oriskany Falls United Methodist Church

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

**Hymn and tune by
H. Ernest Nichol**

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**We've a story to tell
to the nations,
that shall turn
their hearts to the right,**



**a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.**



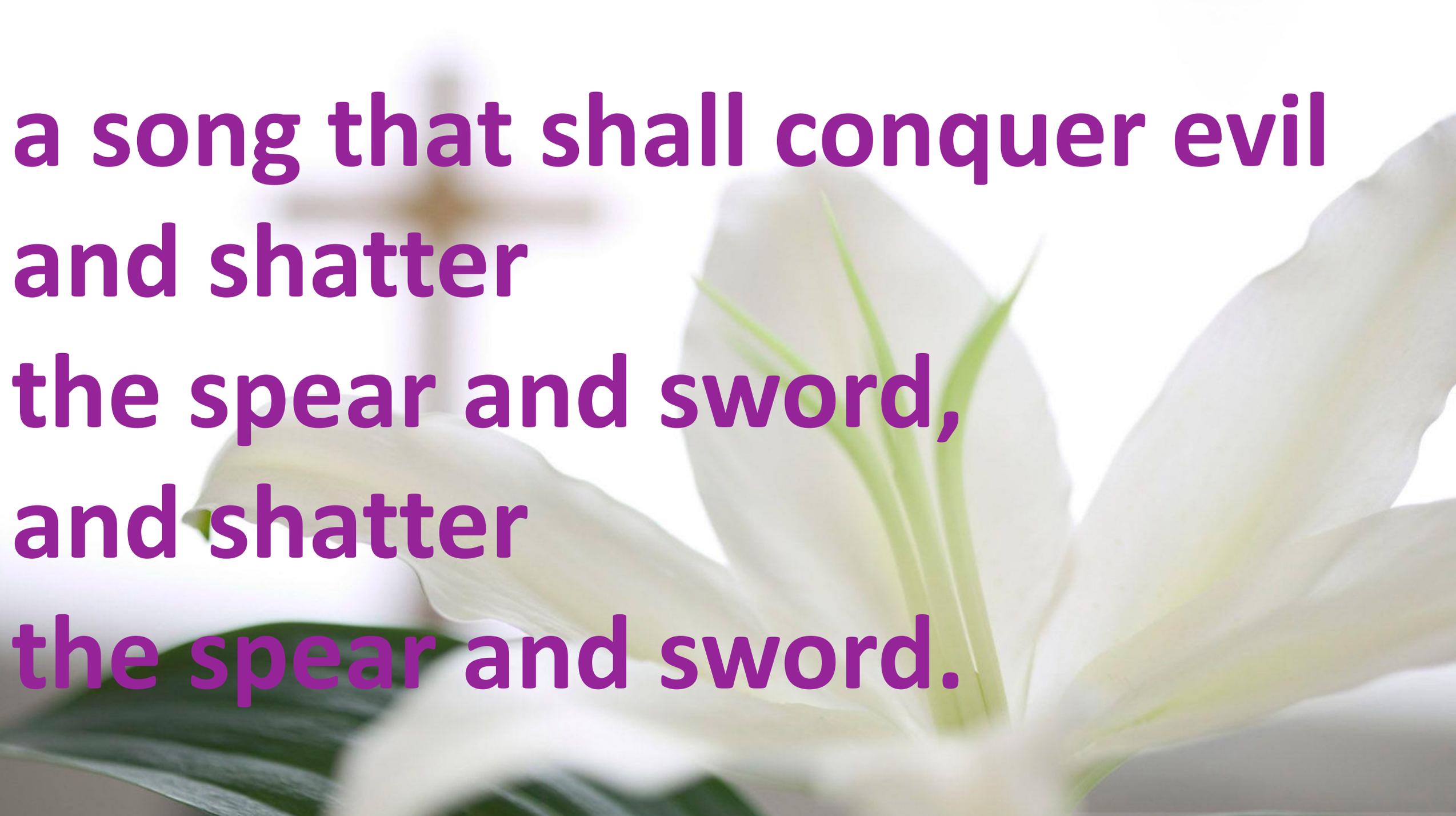
**For the darkness
shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning
to noonday bright,**



**and Christ's great kingdom
shall come on earth,
the kingdom of
love and light.**



**We've a song to be sung
to the nations,
that shall lift
their hearts to the Lord,**



**a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter
the spear and sword,
and shatter
the spear and sword.**



**For the darkness
shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning
to noonday bright,**



**and Christ's great kingdom
shall come on earth,
the kingdom of
love and light.**



**We've a message
to give to the nations,
that the Lord
who reigneth above**



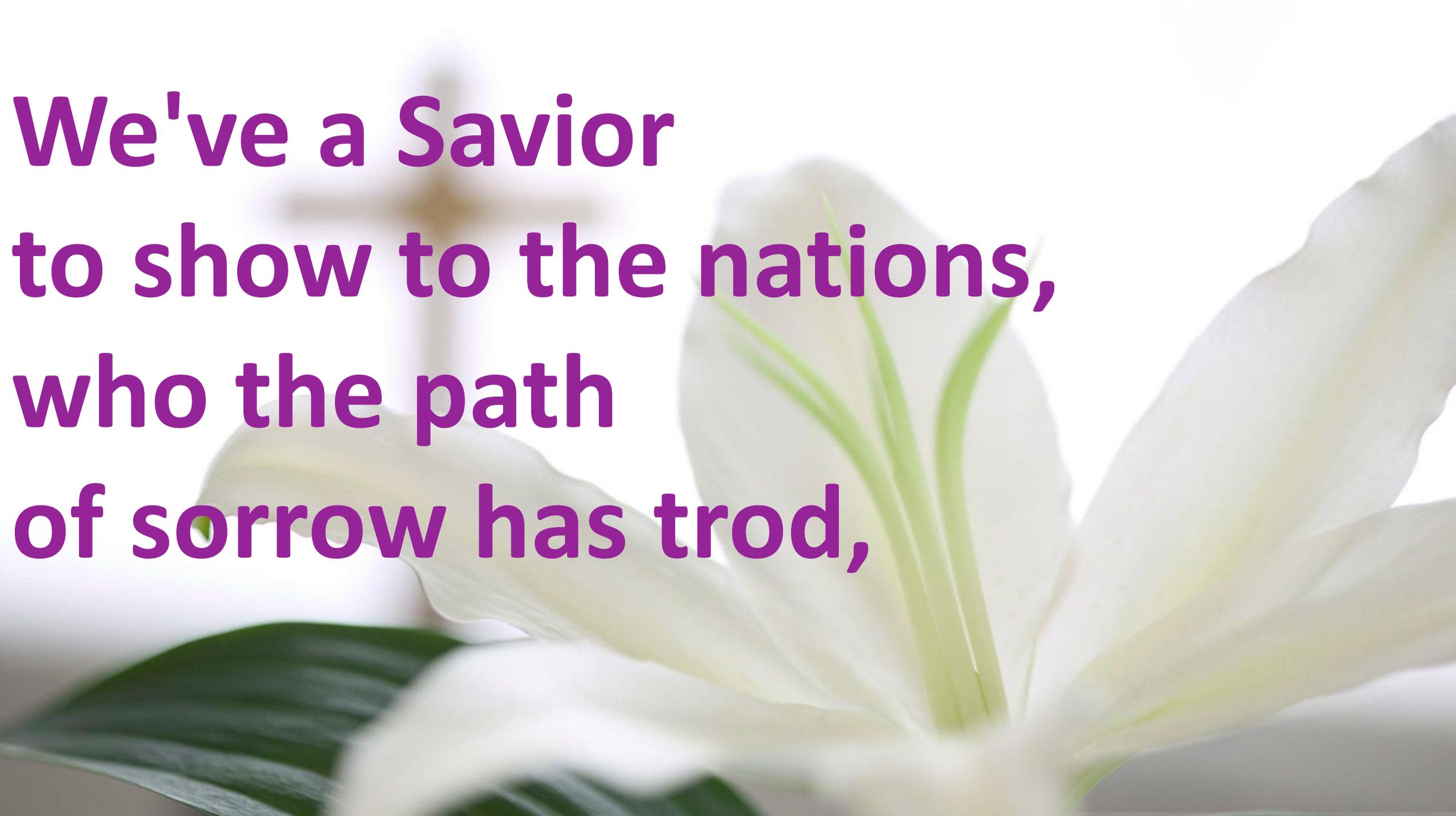
**has sent us His Son to save us,
and show us
that God is love,
and show us
that God is love.**



**For the darkness
shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning
to noonday bright,**



**and Christ's great kingdom
shall come on earth,
the kingdom of
love and light.**



**We've a Savior
to show to the nations,
who the path
of sorrow has trod,**



**that all of the world's
great peoples
may come to the truth of God,
may come to the truth of God.**



**For the darkness
shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning
to noonday bright,**



**and Christ's great kingdom
shall come on earth,
the kingdom of
love and light.**

The background of the image is a dark blue night sky. At the top center, there is a bright, multi-pointed star with a glowing crosshair effect. Below the star, the title "A CALL TO WORSHIP" is written in a large, blue, serif font with a slight shadow. At the bottom center, there are silhouettes of three figures: a man on the left, a woman on the right, and a child in the middle, all appearing to be in a state of prayer or worship. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

A CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 148:1-4

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L:Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord
from the heavens, praise the Lord,
in the heights!

P: Praise the Lord, all his angels,
praise the lord, all his hosts!

L: Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars!

P: Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens! Amen.



THIS WEEK

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

A person wearing a white, flowing robe stands waist-deep in a body of water. Their arms are raised high in a gesture of praise or joy. The water splashes around them, creating a dynamic and energetic scene. In the clear blue sky above, a white dove is visible, symbolizing peace or the Holy Spirit. The overall atmosphere is one of spiritual joy and celebration.

Joys & Concerns

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer is centered in the background. The background is a soft, warm sunset sky with a white dove flying in the center. The text is overlaid on this scene.

PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.



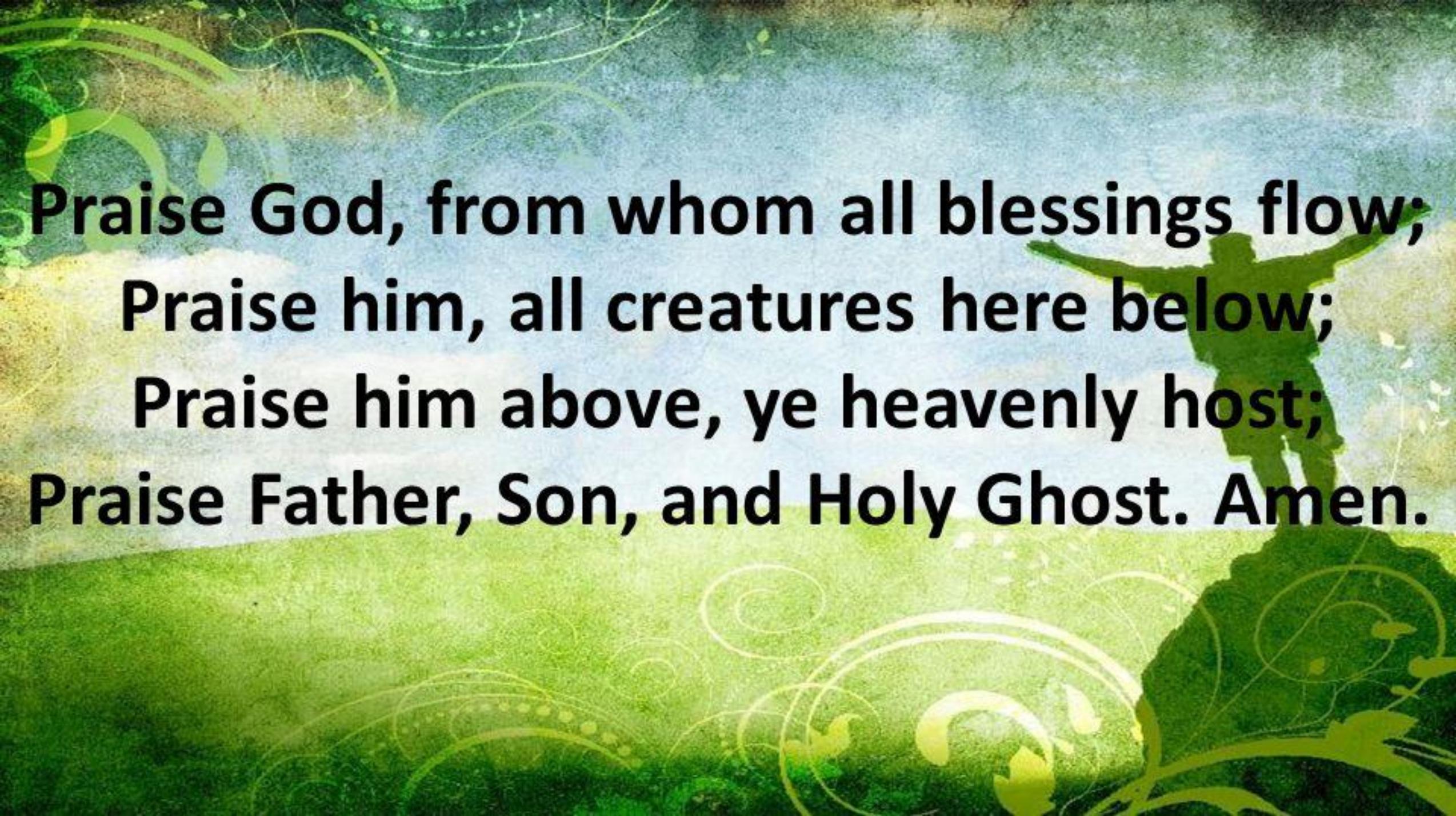


LET THE CHILDREN
COME TO ME



OFFERING

AN ACT OF WORSHIP

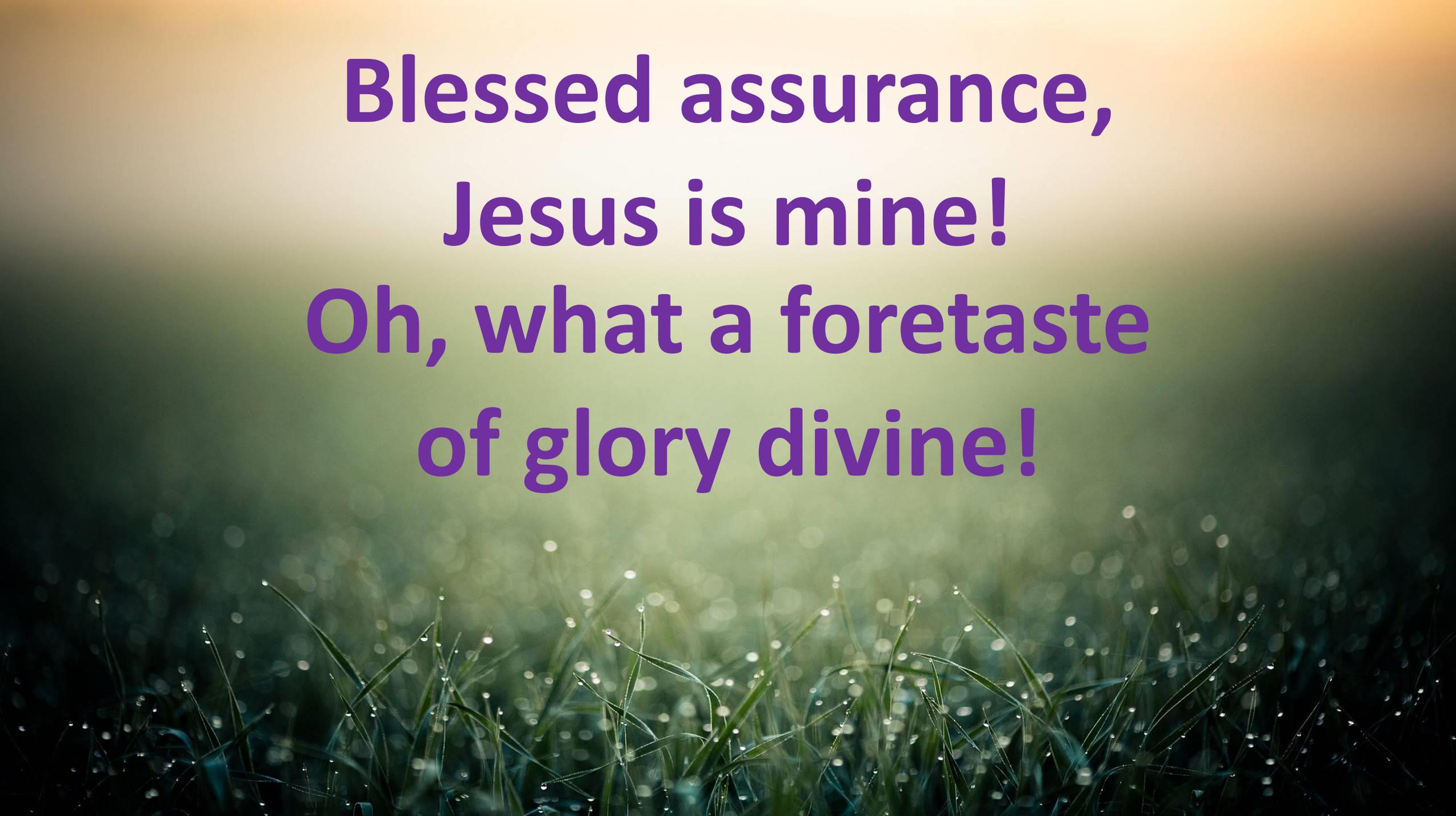


**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

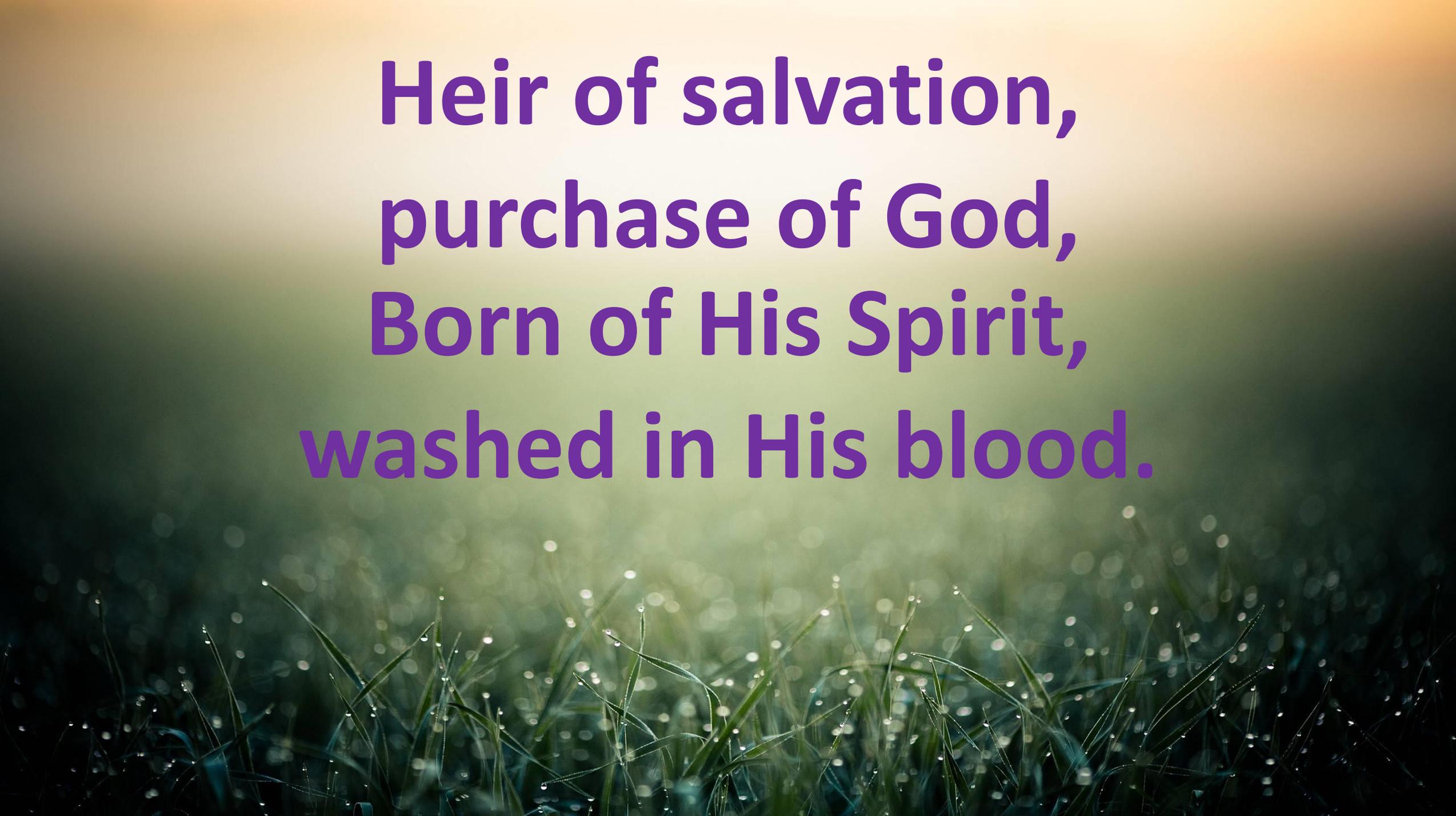


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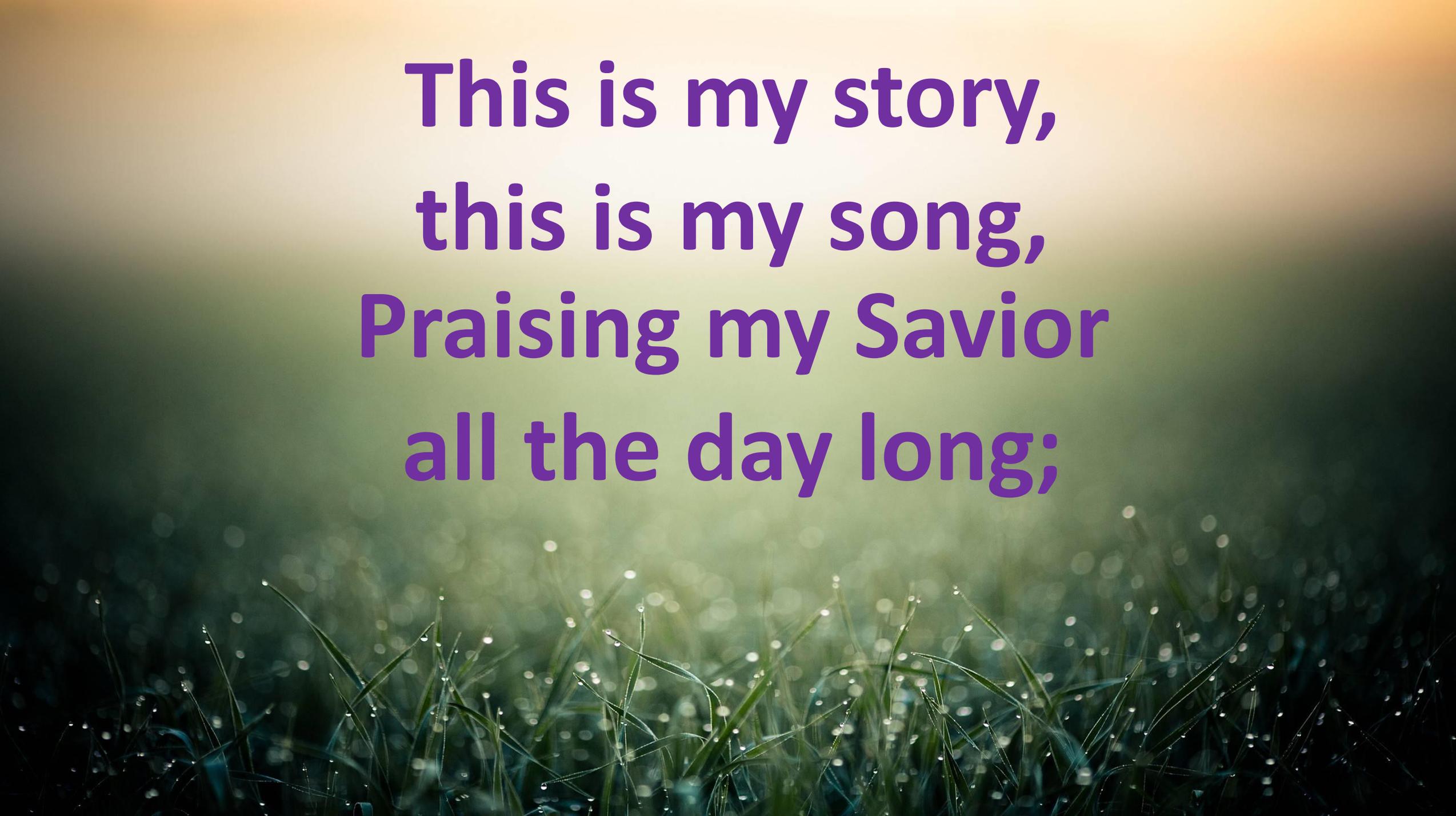
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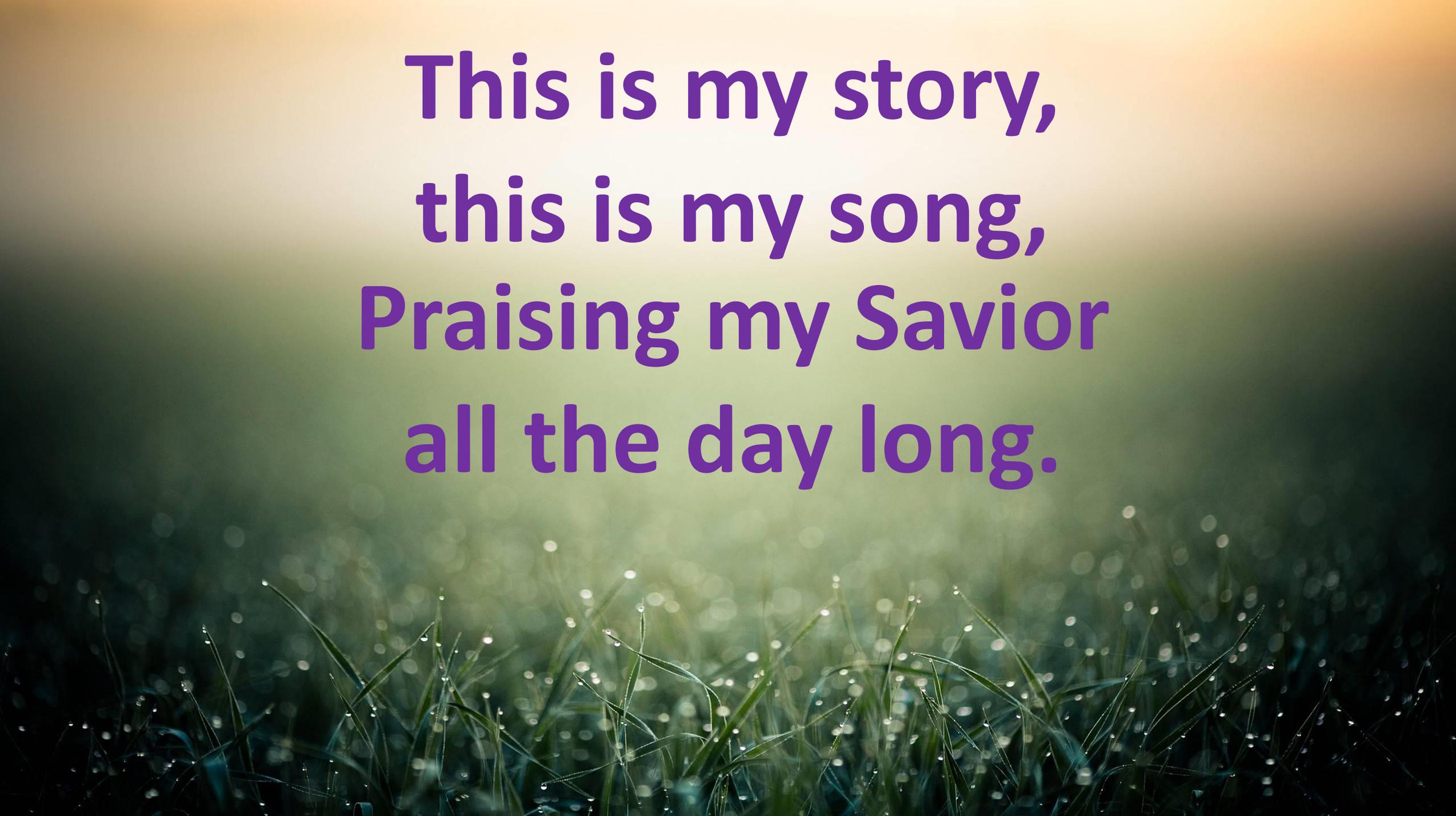
**Blessed assurance,
Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste
of glory divine!**



**Heir of salvation,
purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit,
washed in His blood.**



**This is my story,
this is my song,
Praising my Savior
all the day long;**



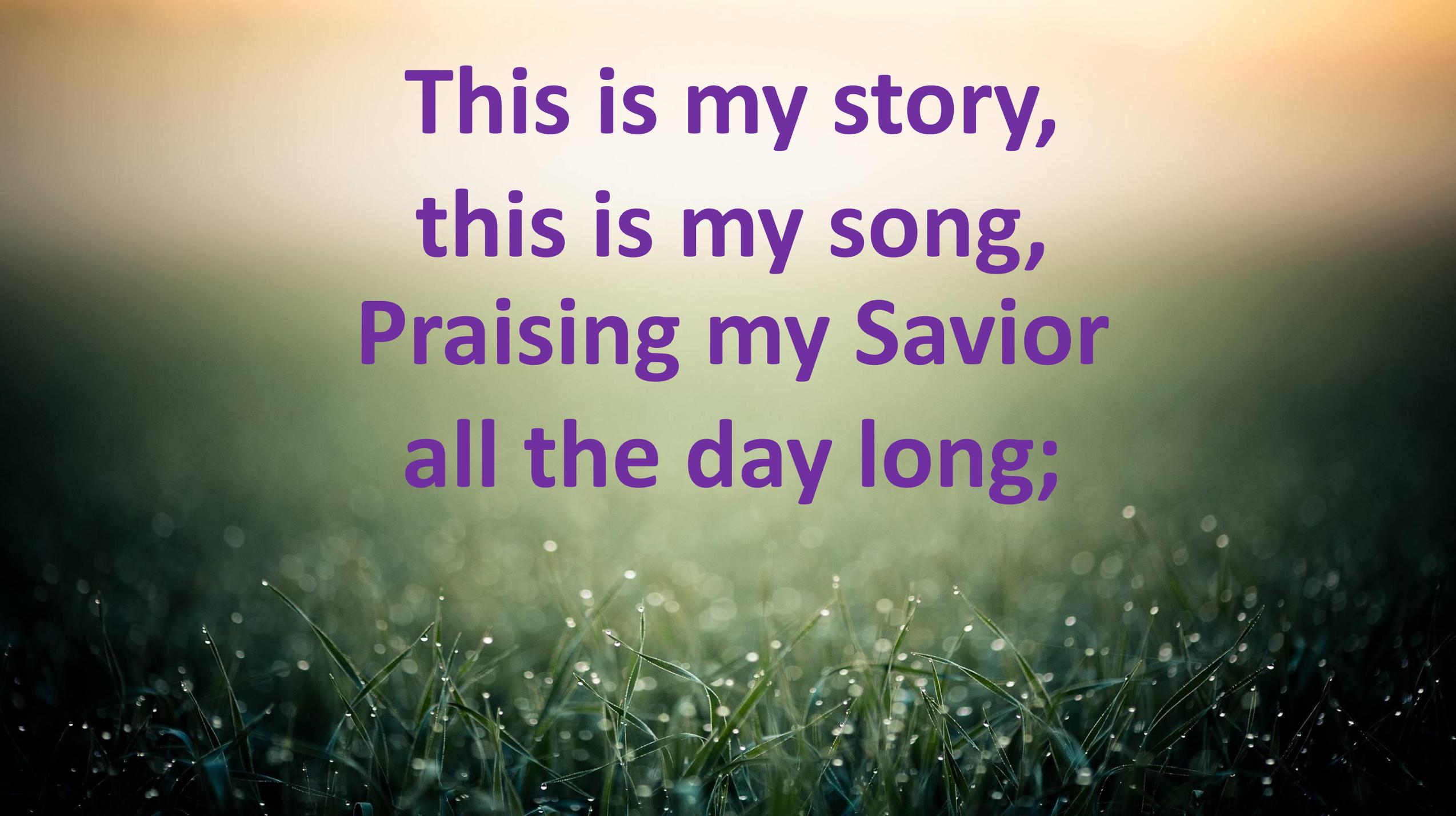
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Praising my Savior
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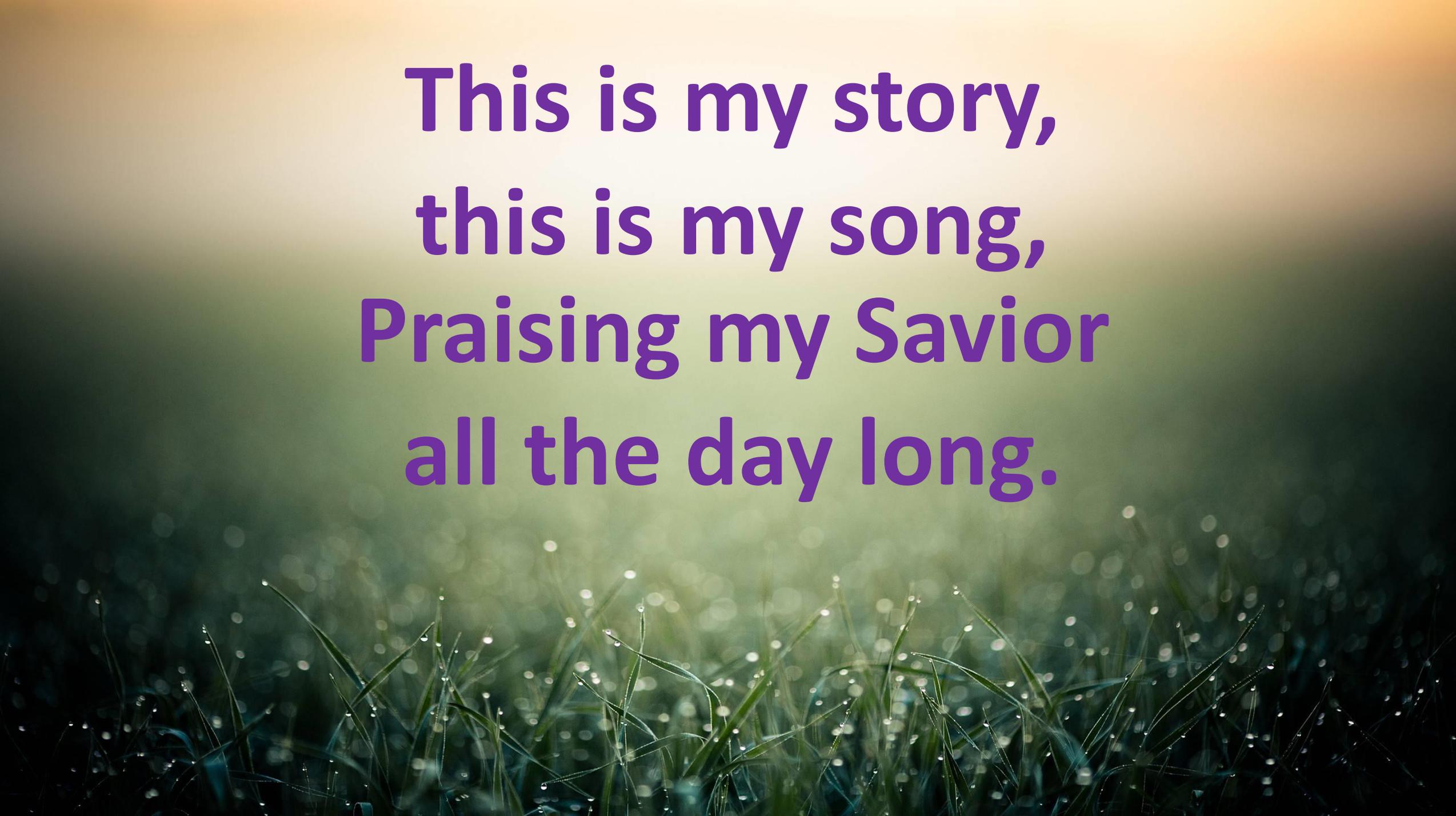
**Perfect submission,
perfect delight,
Visions of rapture
now burst on my sight;**



**Angels, descending,
bring from above
Echoes of mercy,
whispers of love.**



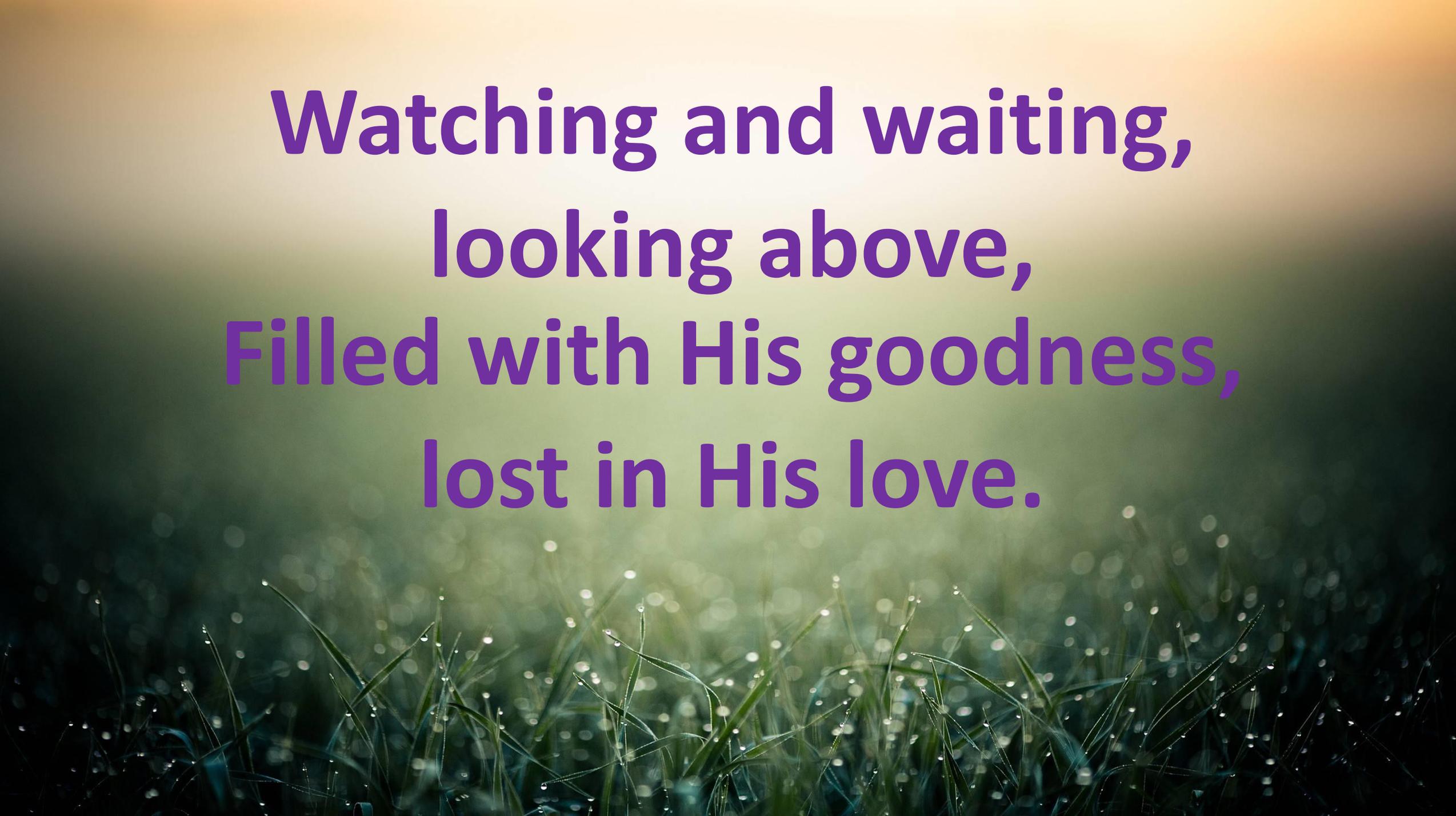
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all the day long;**



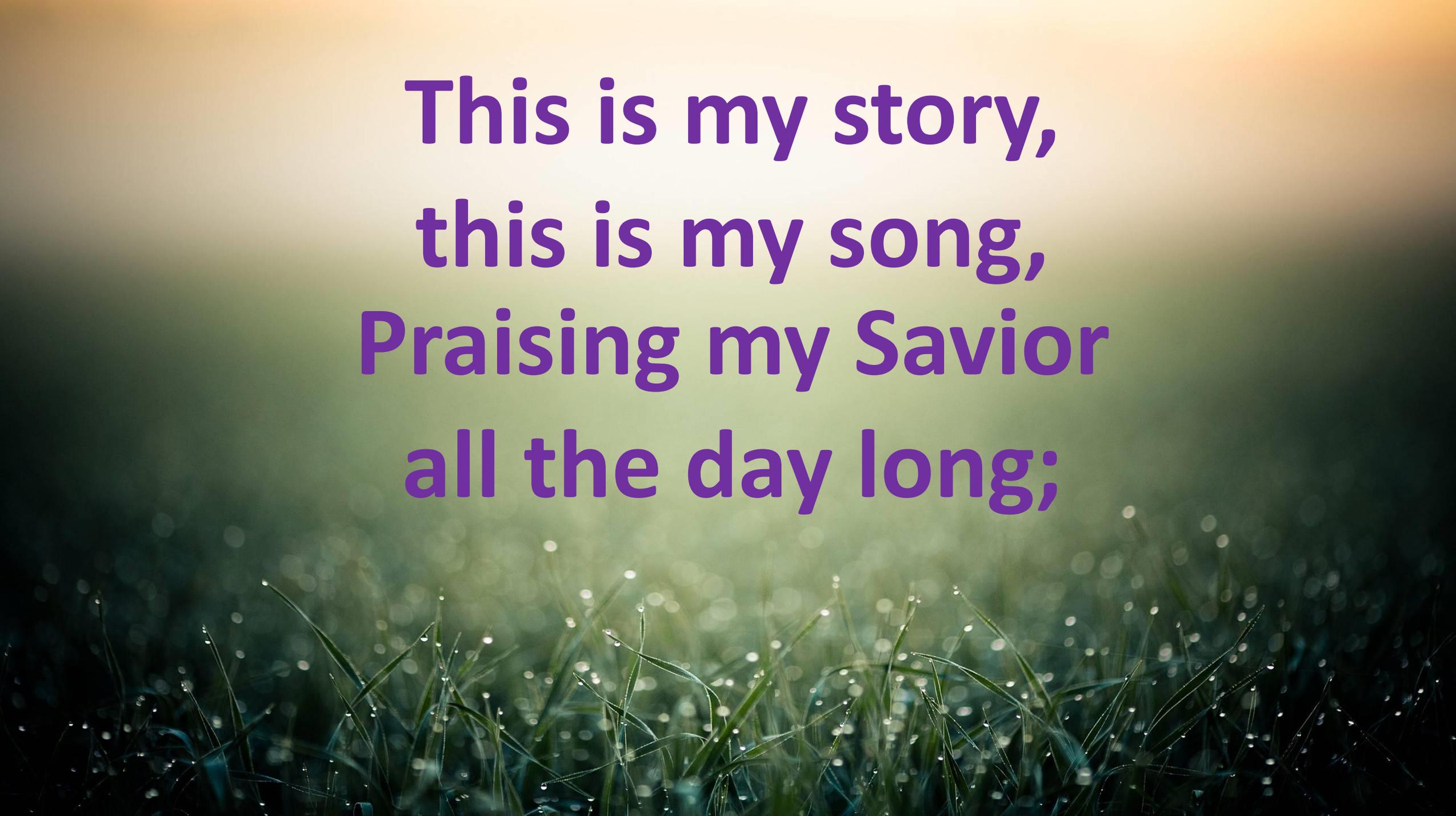
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Praising my Savior
all the day long.**



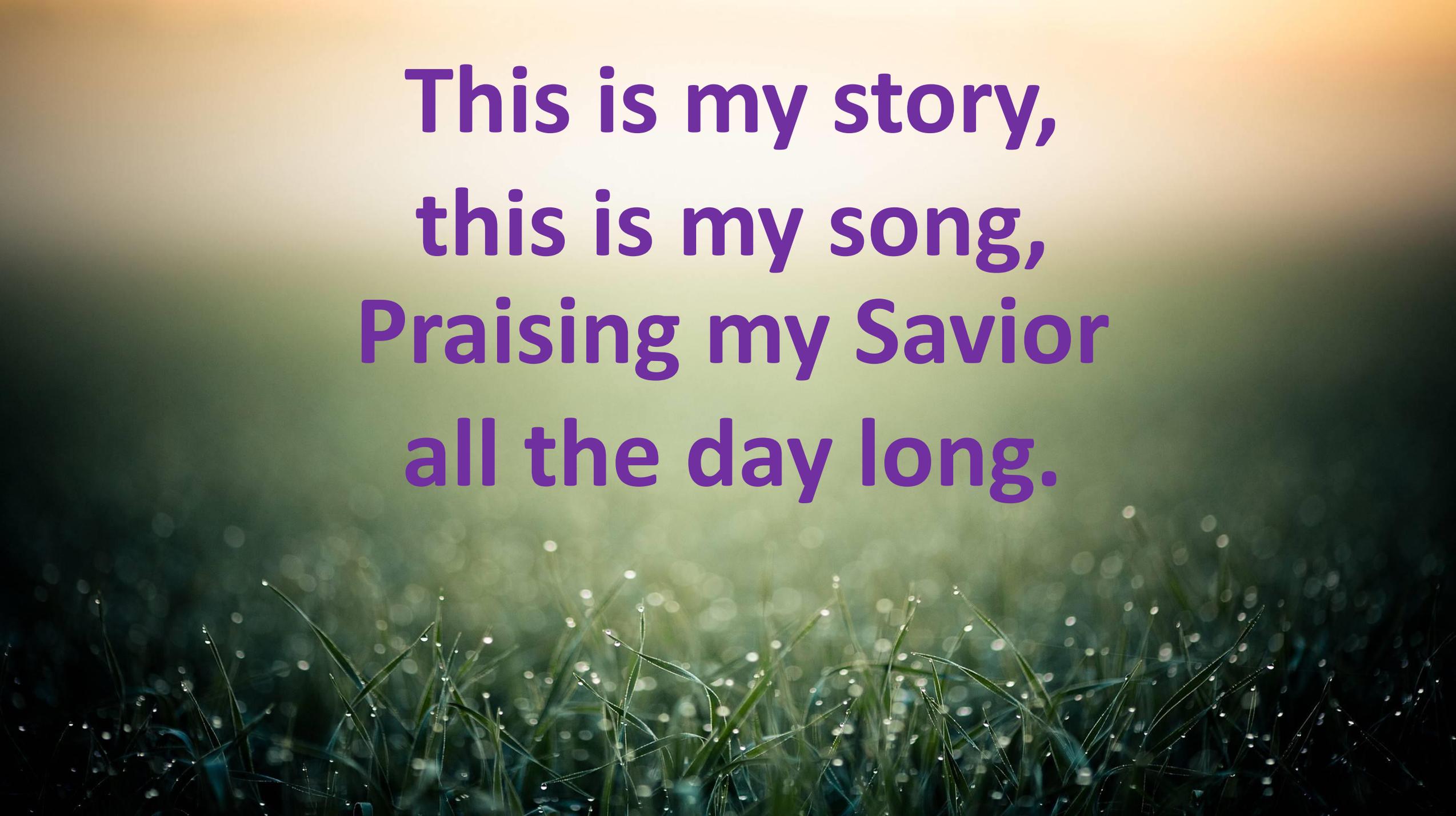
**Perfect submission,
all is at rest,
I in my Savior
am happy and blest,**



**Watching and waiting,
looking above,
Filled with His goodness,
lost in His love.**

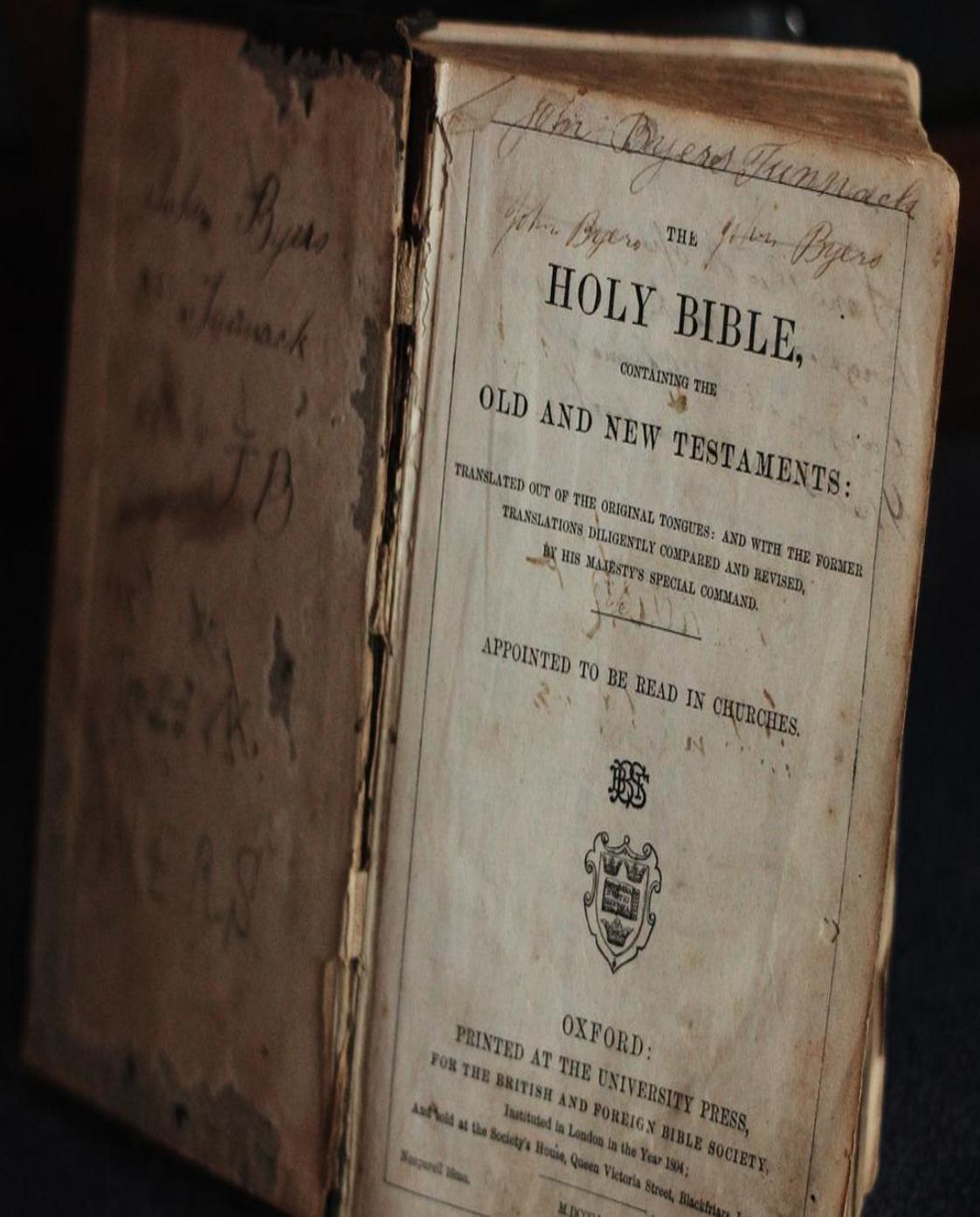


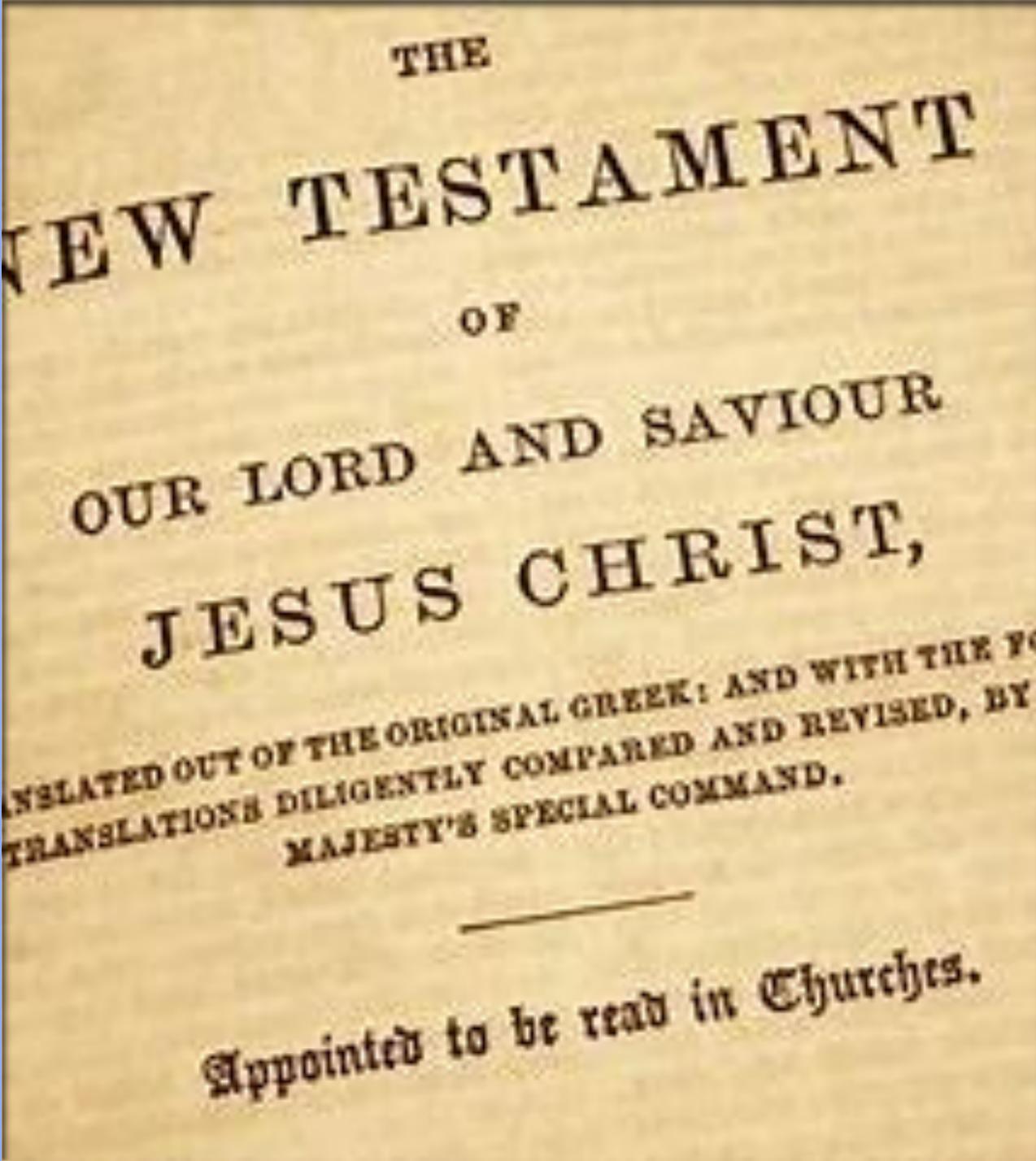
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this is my song,
Praising my Savior
all the day long;**



**This is my story,
this is my song,
Praising my Savior
all the day long.**

OLD TESTAMENT:
ISAIAH
28:16-19





NEW
TESTAMENT:
1 PETER
2:1-10

Today's Message

**MESSAGE SERIES FOR LENT:
REINFORCING OUR FOUNDATION
OF SPIRITUALITY –
BUILDING UP THE SPIRITUAL HOUSE.**

Pastor Gary Spraker



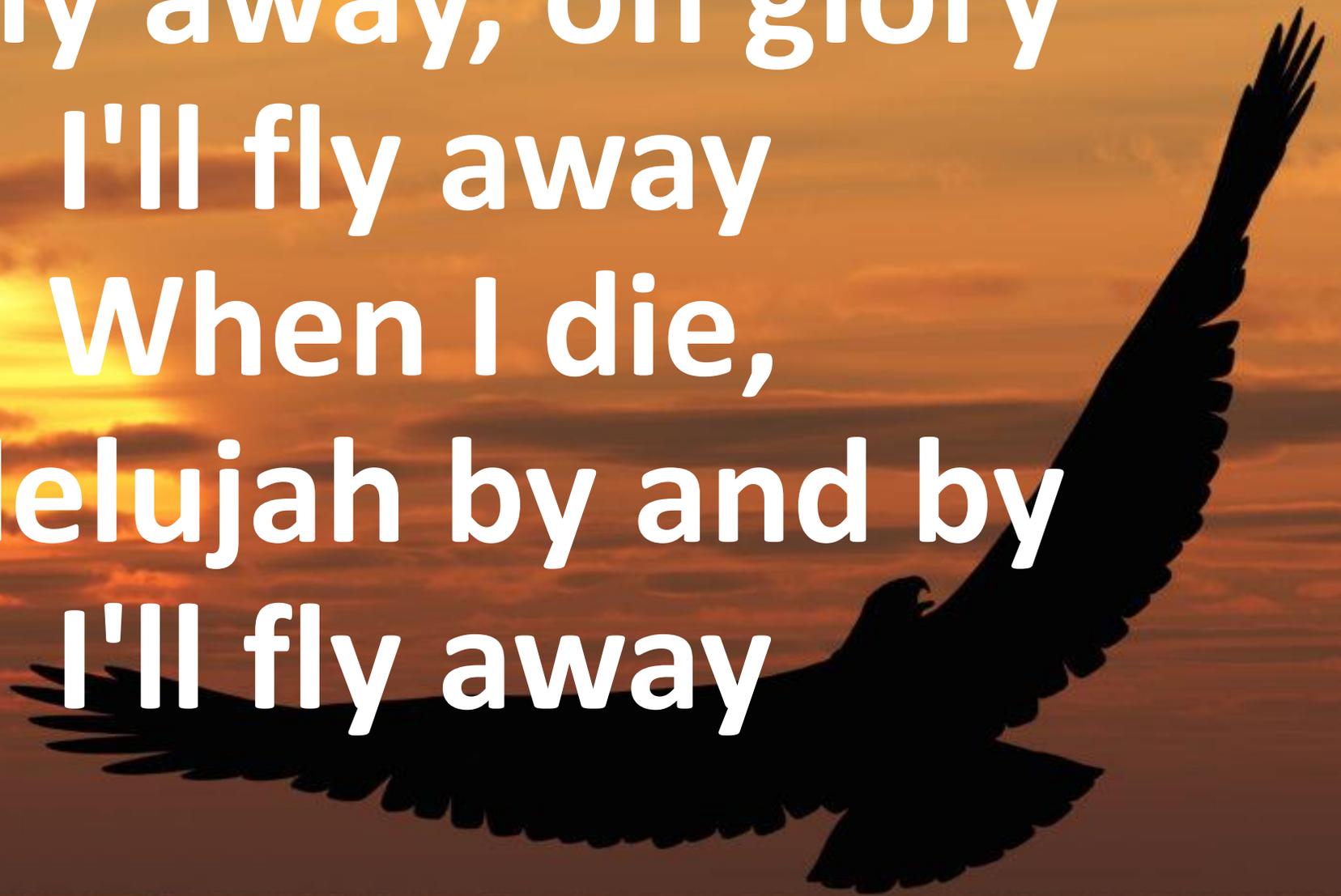
I'll Fly Away

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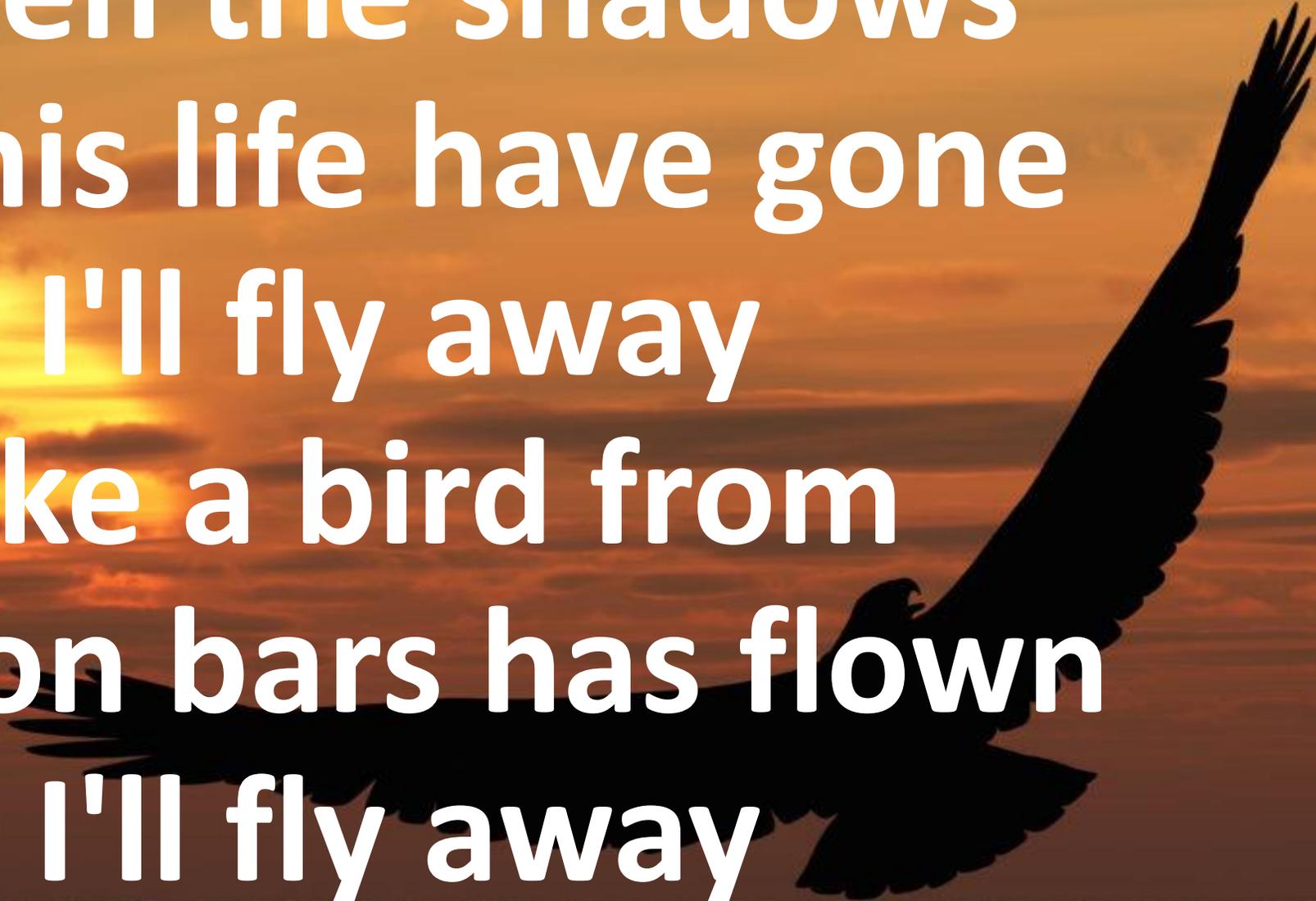
Some bright morning
when this life is over
I'll fly away
To that home on
God's celestial shore
I'll fly away.

A silhouette of a bird, possibly an eagle or hawk, is shown in flight against a sunset sky. The bird is positioned on the right side of the frame, with its wings spread wide, flying towards the left. The sky is filled with warm, golden light from the setting sun, with scattered clouds catching the light. The overall mood is one of hope and transcendence.

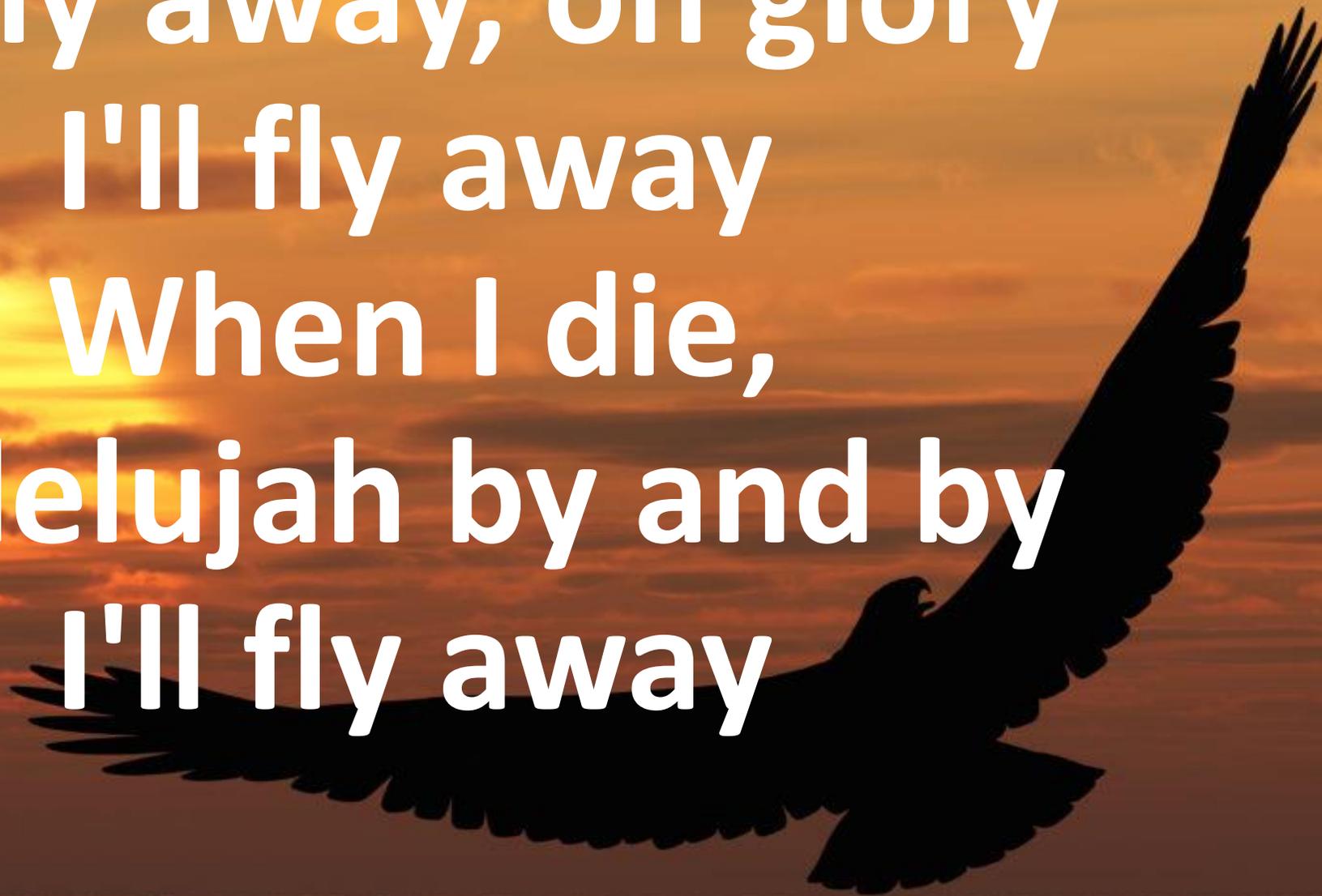
**I'll fly away, oh glory
I'll fly away
When I die,
Hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away**



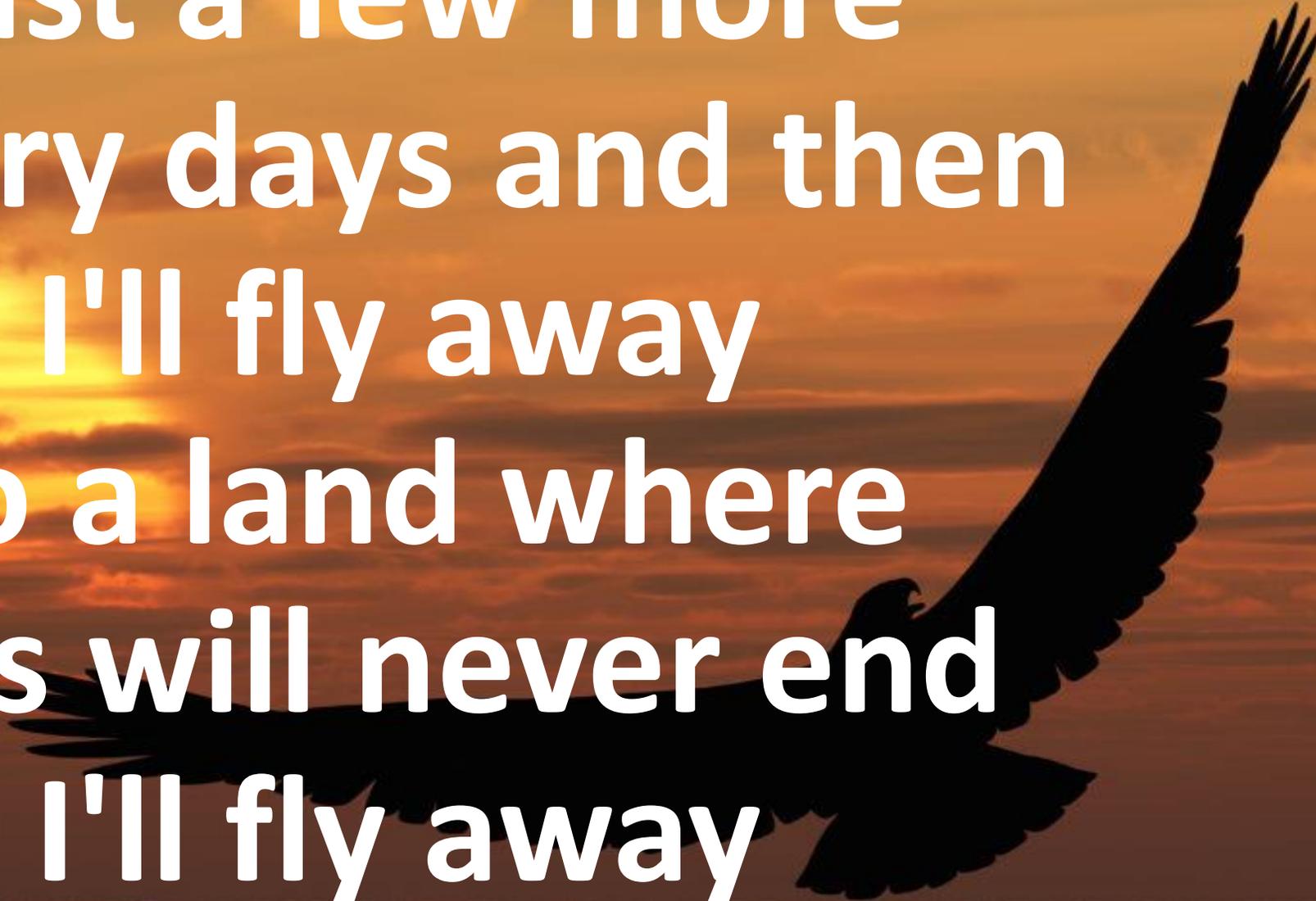
**When the shadows
of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from
prison bars has flown
I'll fly away**

A silhouette of a bird, possibly an eagle or hawk, is shown in flight against a dramatic sunset sky. The bird is positioned on the right side of the frame, with its wings spread wide, flying towards the left. The sky is filled with warm, golden-orange light from the setting sun, with scattered clouds catching the light. The overall mood is one of freedom and escape.

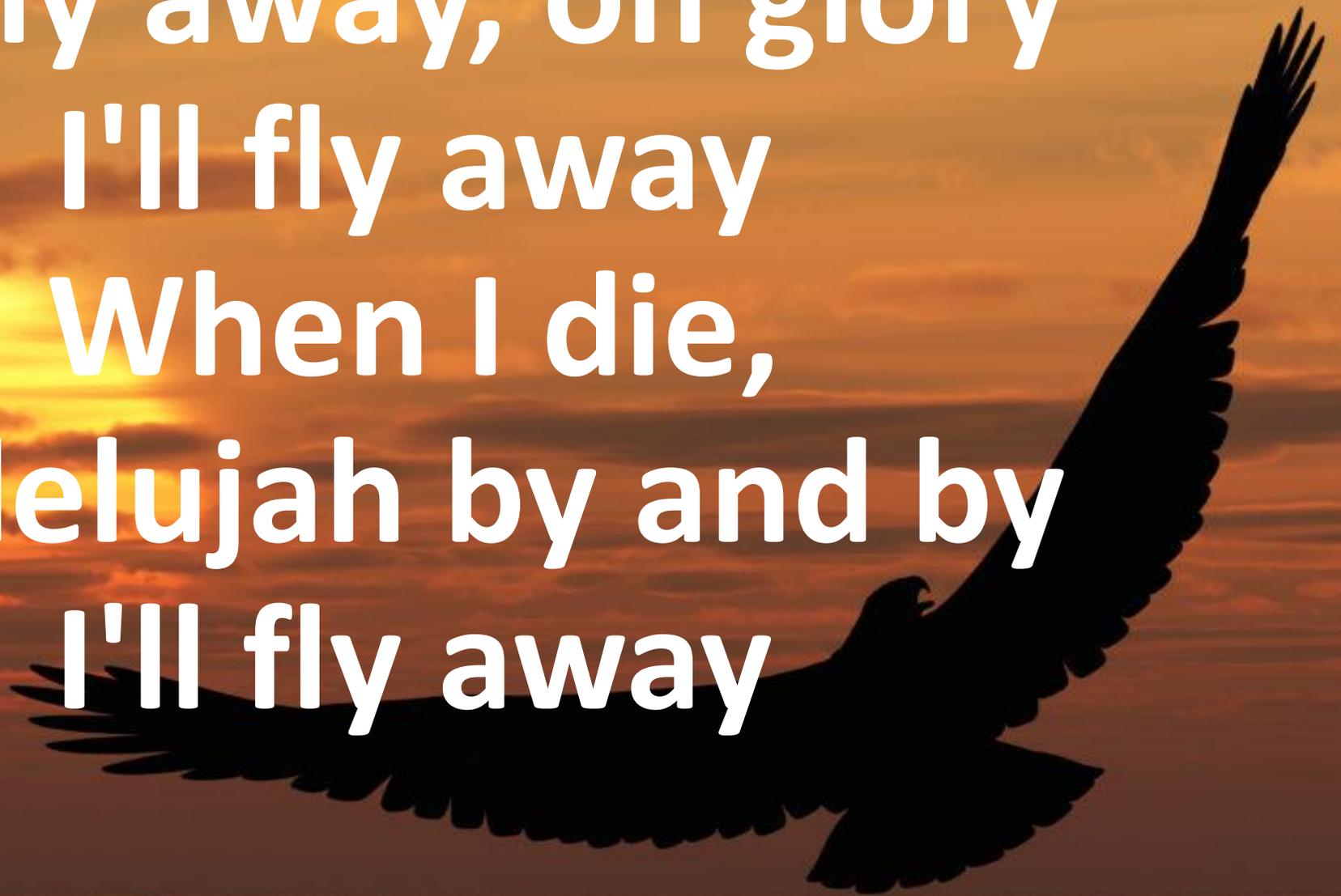
**I'll fly away, oh glory
I'll fly away
When I die,
Hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away**



Just a few more
weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where
joys will never end
I'll fly away

A silhouette of a bird, possibly an eagle or hawk, is shown in flight against a vibrant sunset sky. The bird's wings are spread wide, and it is positioned on the right side of the frame, flying towards the left. The sky is filled with warm, golden-orange and yellow hues, with scattered clouds catching the light of the setting sun. The overall mood is one of freedom and escape.

**I'll fly away, oh glory
I'll fly away
When I die,
Hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away**



The background is a blurred image of a waterfall with white water cascading down. In the top-left corner, there are overlapping purple and magenta geometric shapes. In the bottom-right corner, there are overlapping blue and teal geometric shapes.

Benediction

EXPECTING WHAT ONLY GOD CAN GIVE