

# THE WORD OF GOD

**IS ALIVE**

**HEBREWS 4:12-16**

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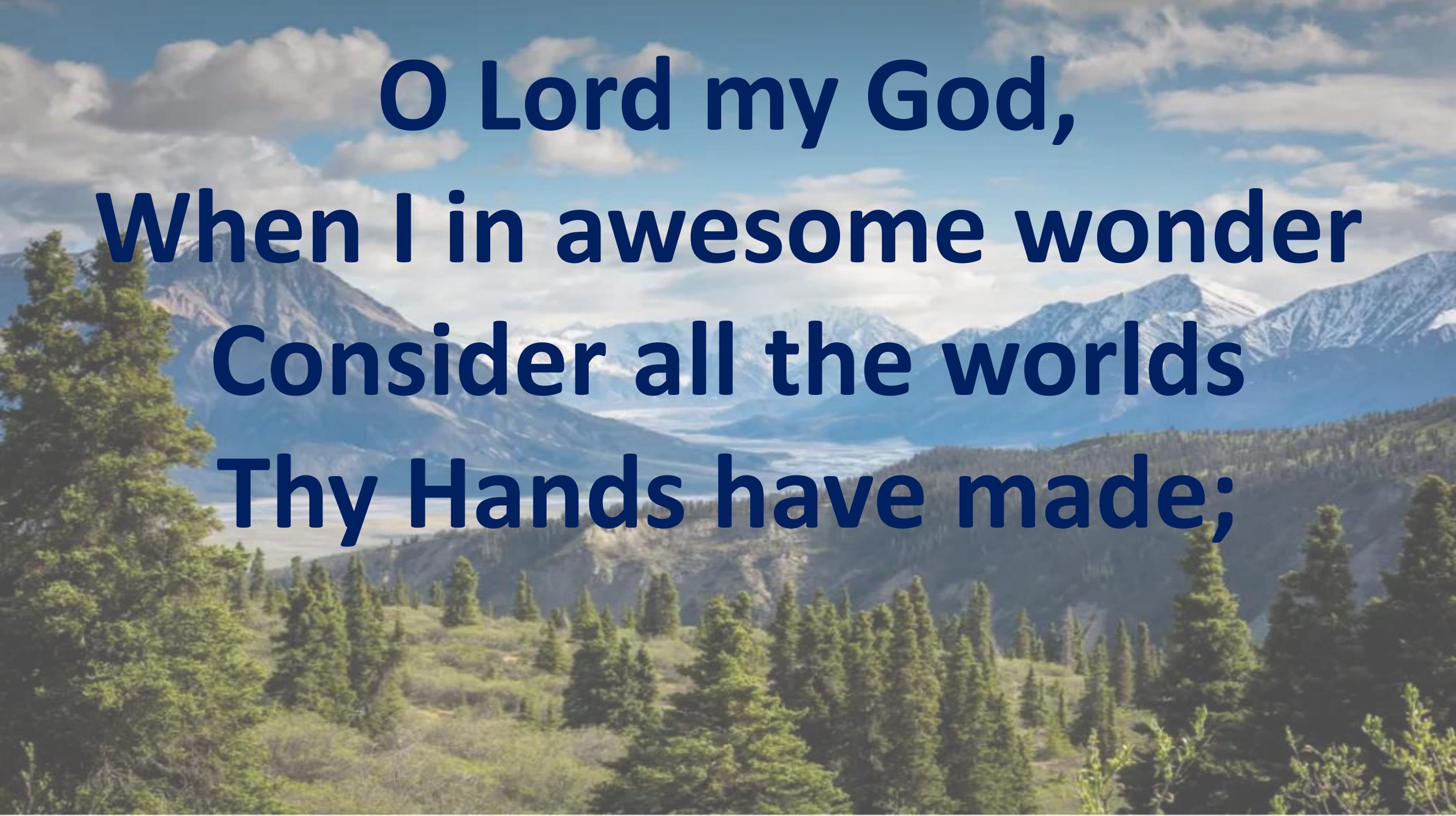
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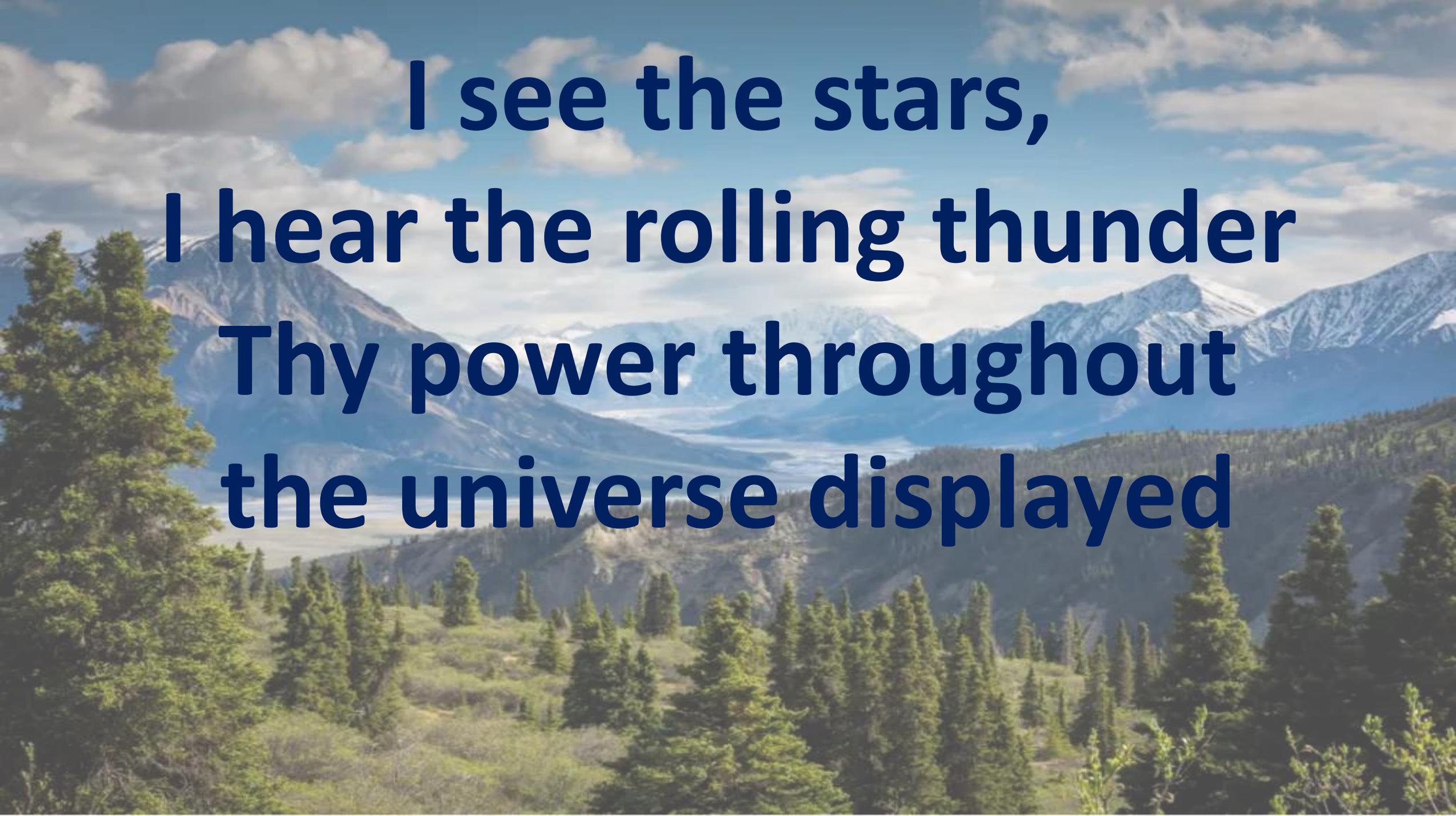


How Great  
*Thou Art*

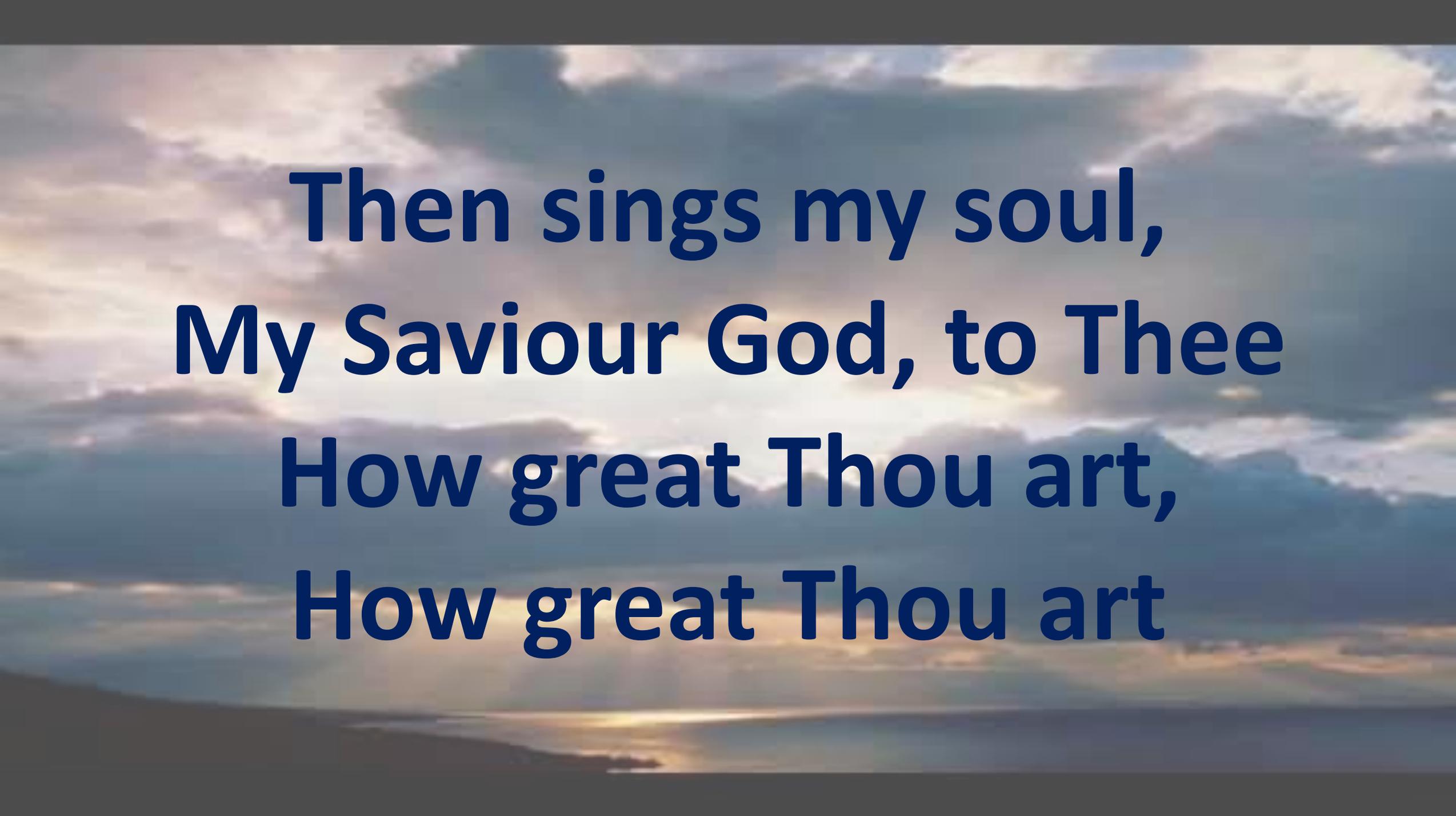
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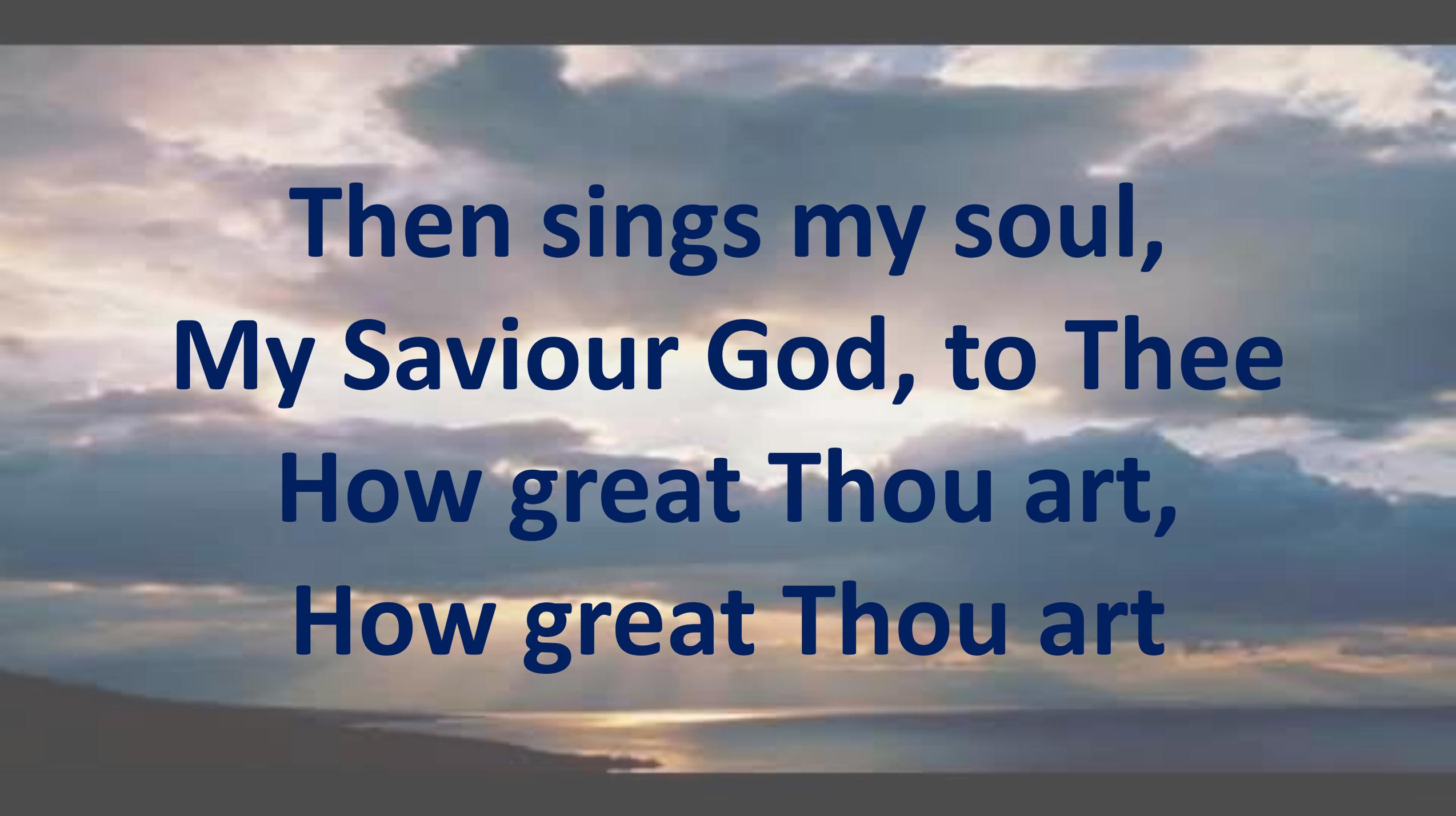
**O Lord my God,  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy Hands have made;**



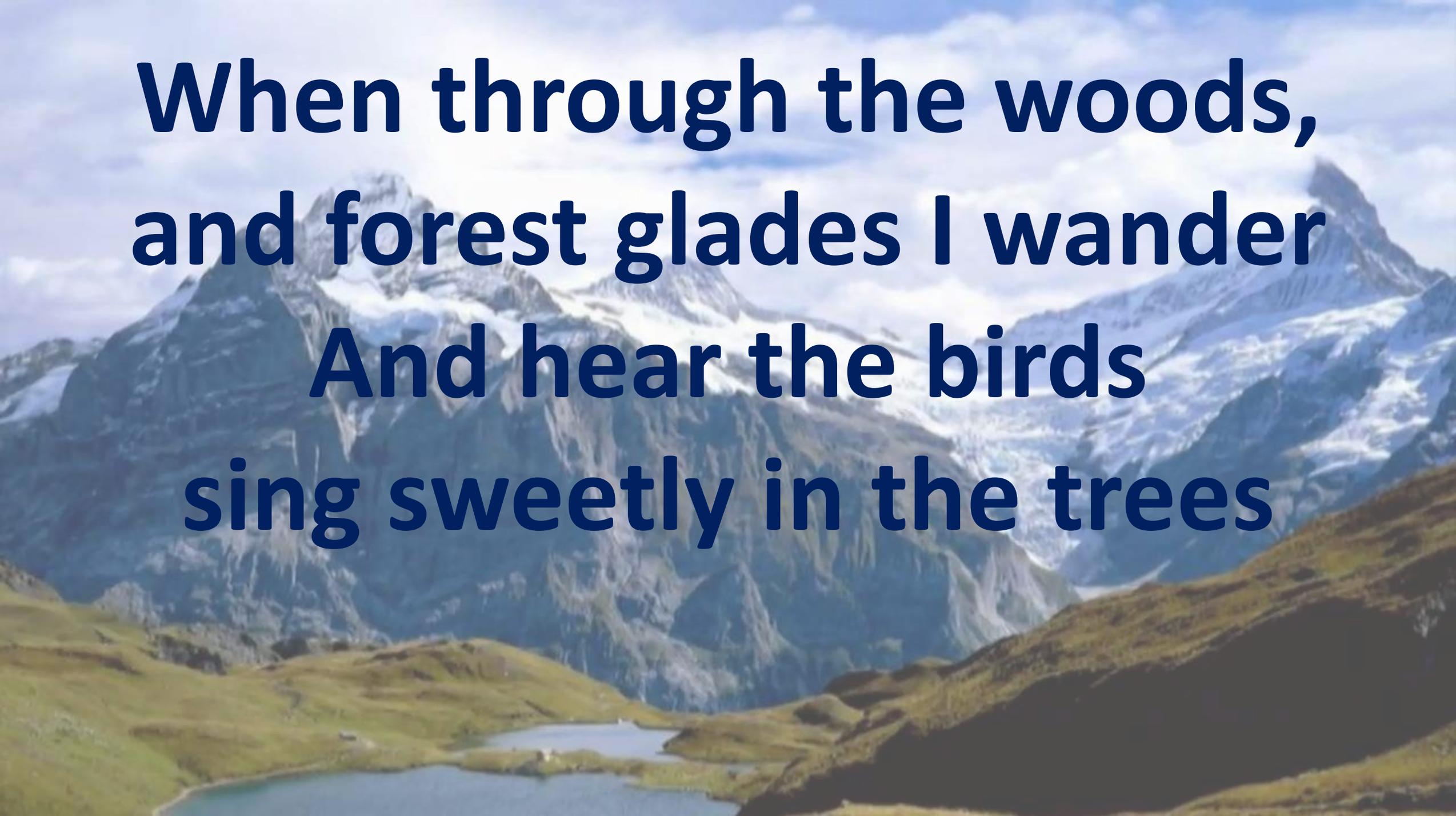
**I see the stars,  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout  
the universe displayed**



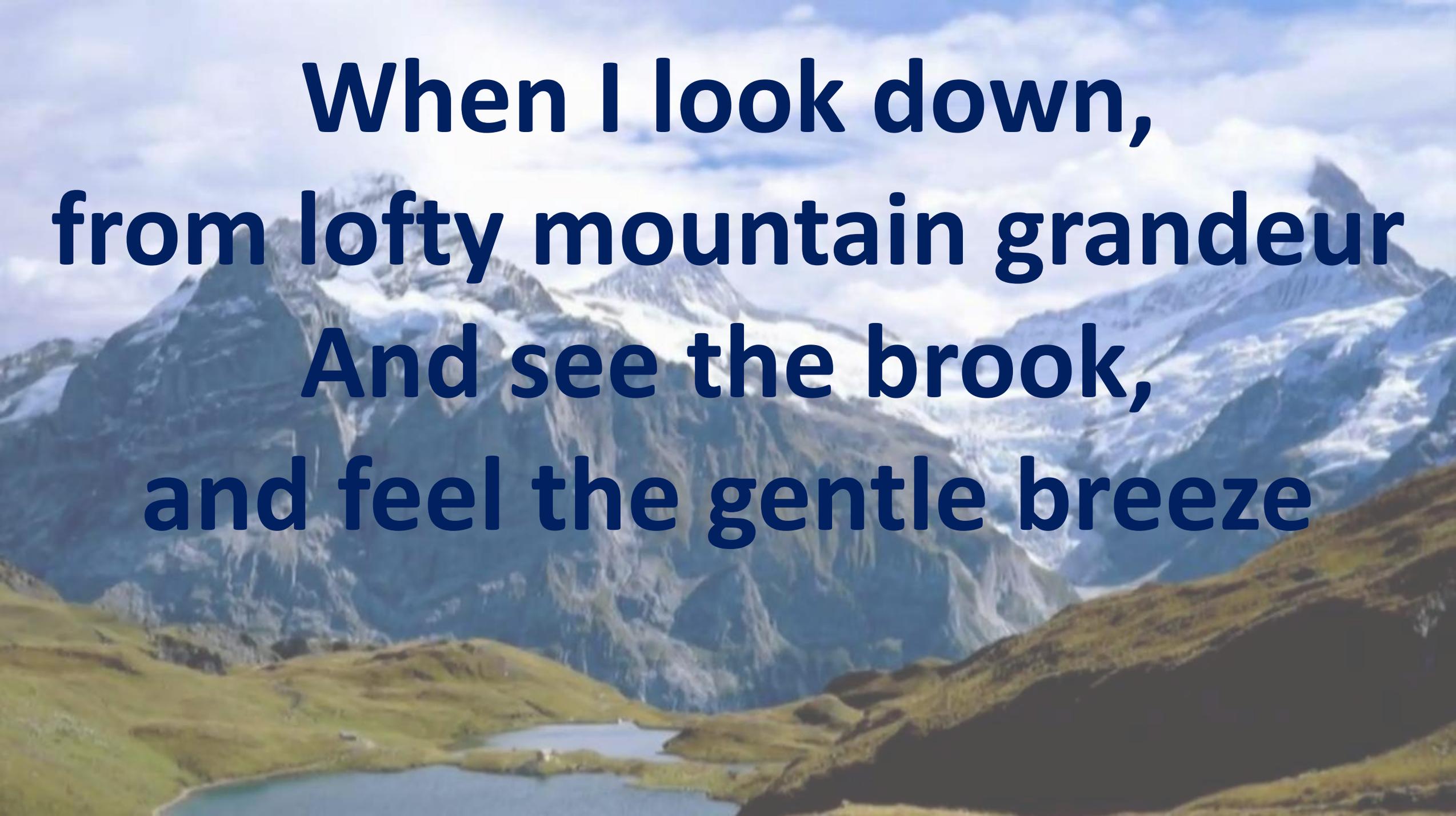
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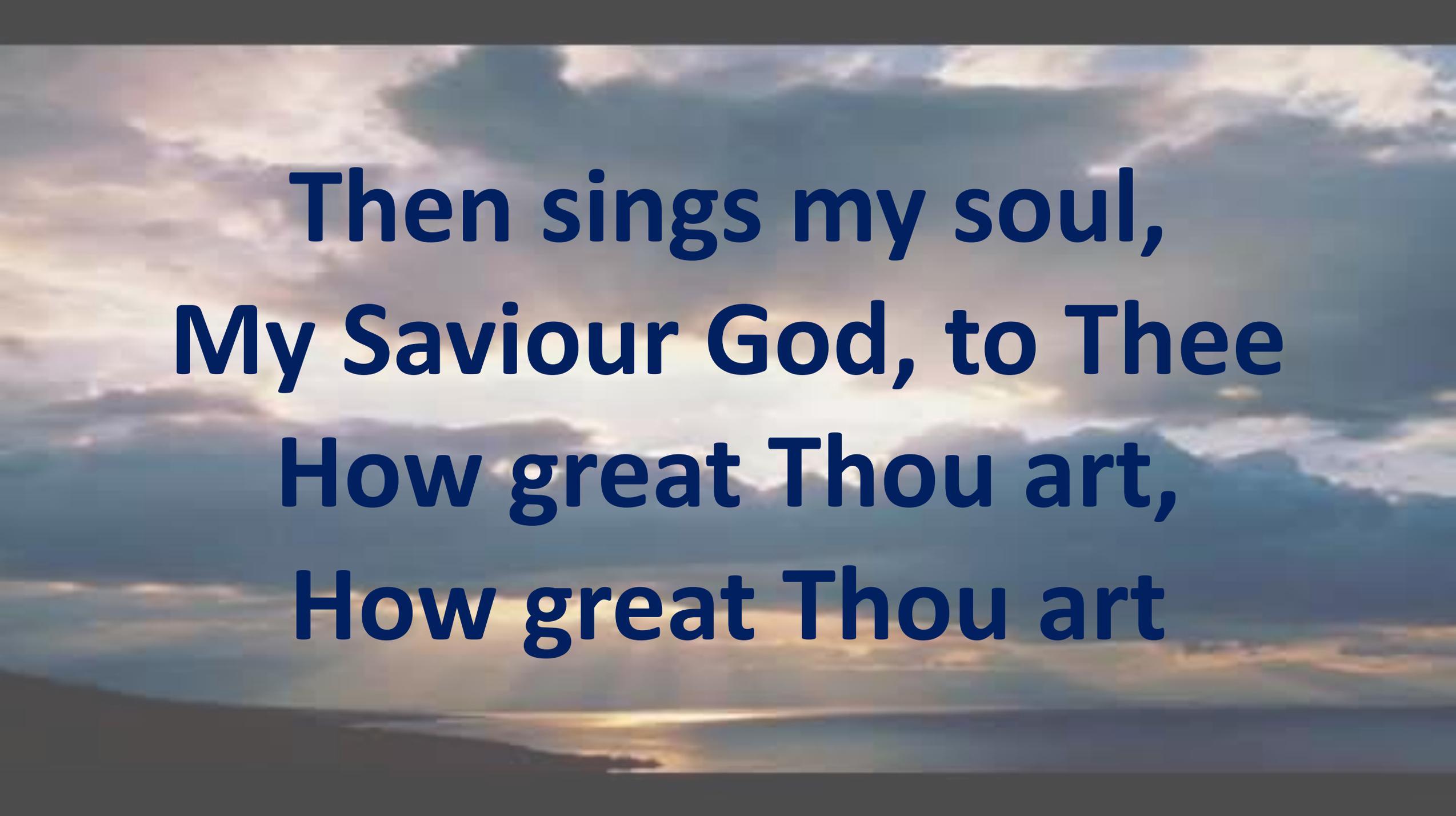
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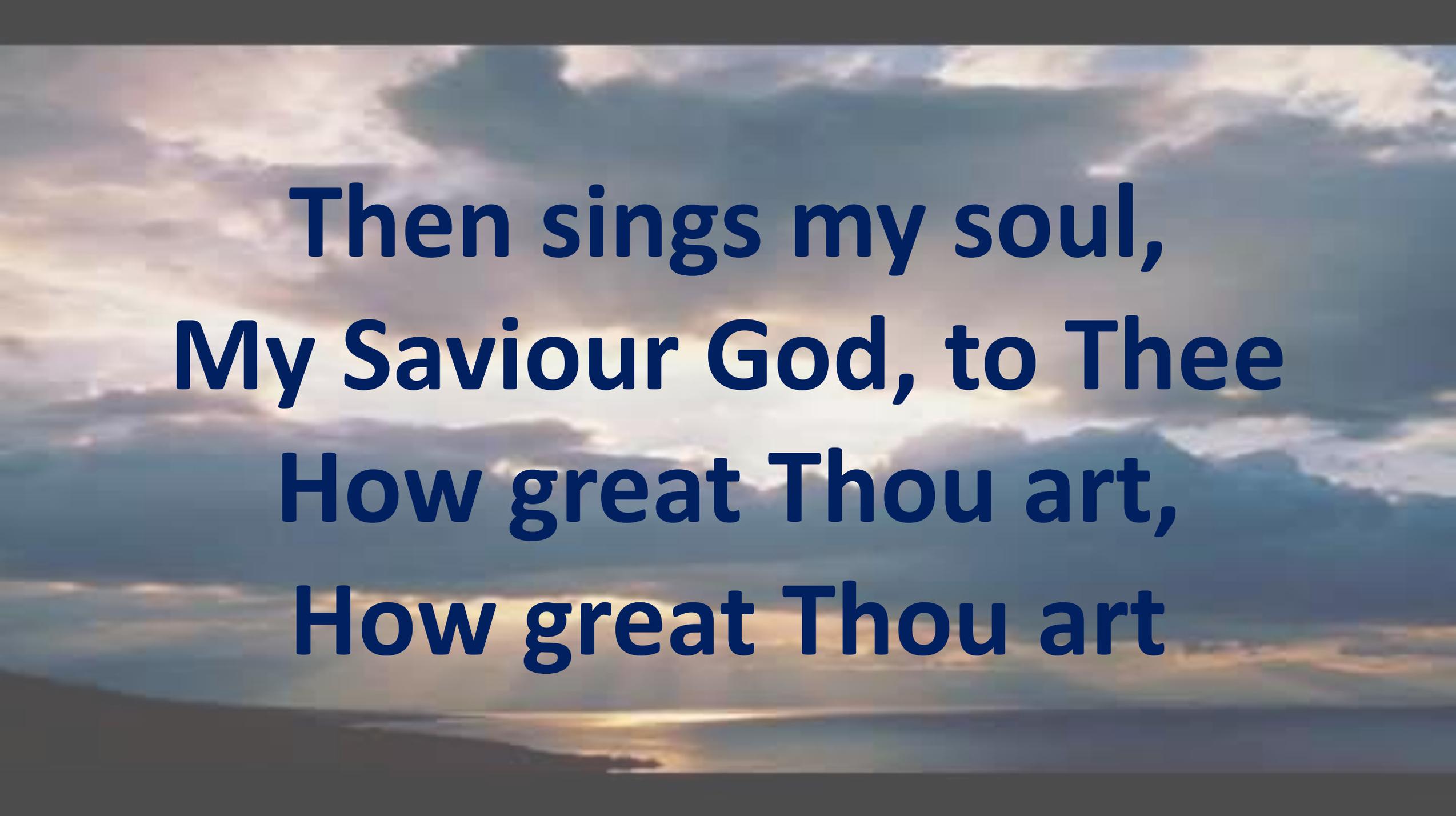
**When through the woods,  
and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds  
sing sweetly in the trees**

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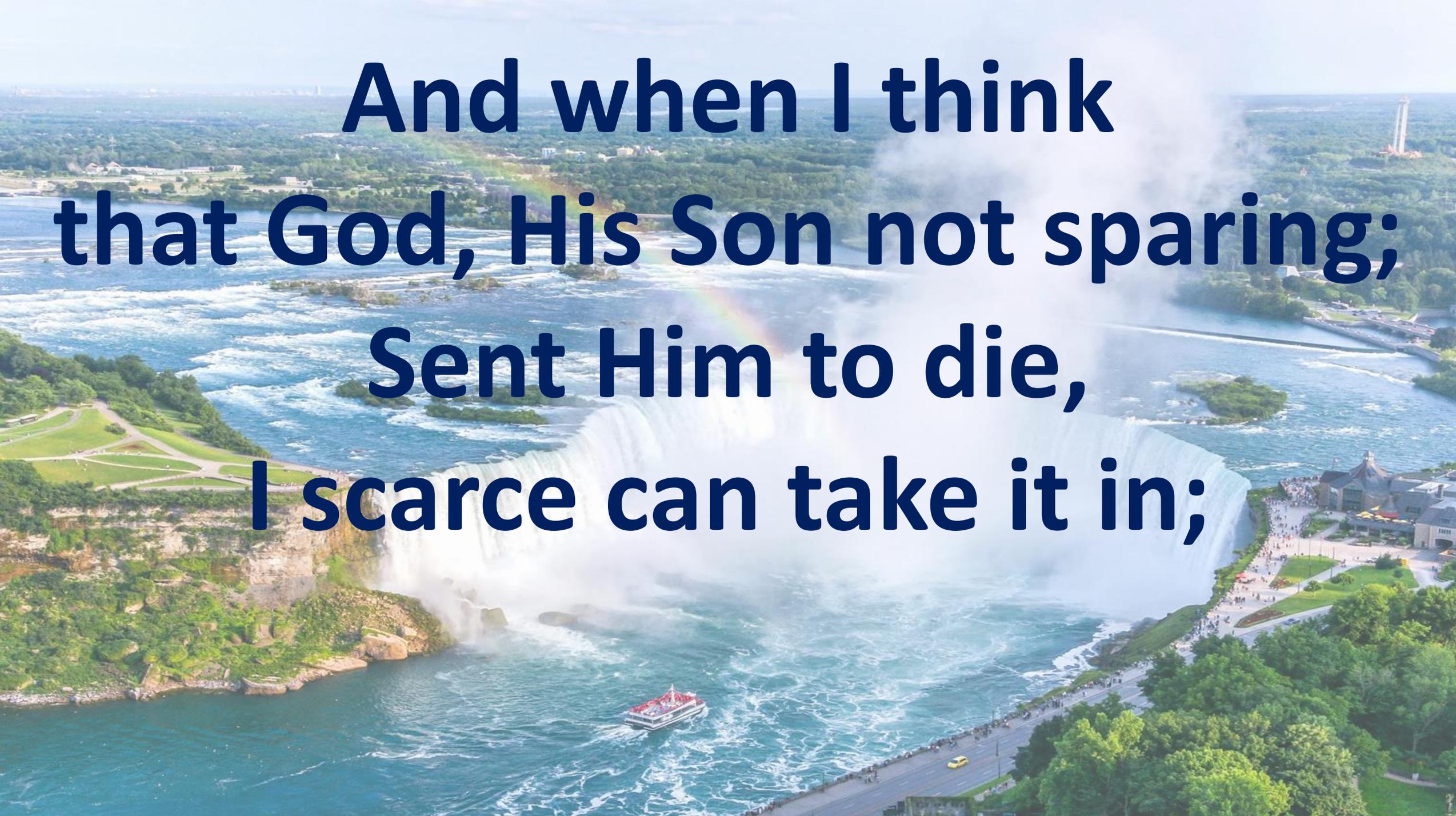
**When I look down,  
from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook,  
and feel the gentle breeze**

The background of the image is a landscape featuring a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, purple, and orange. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and reflecting on the water. In the distance, dark silhouettes of mountains or hills are visible against the horizon line.

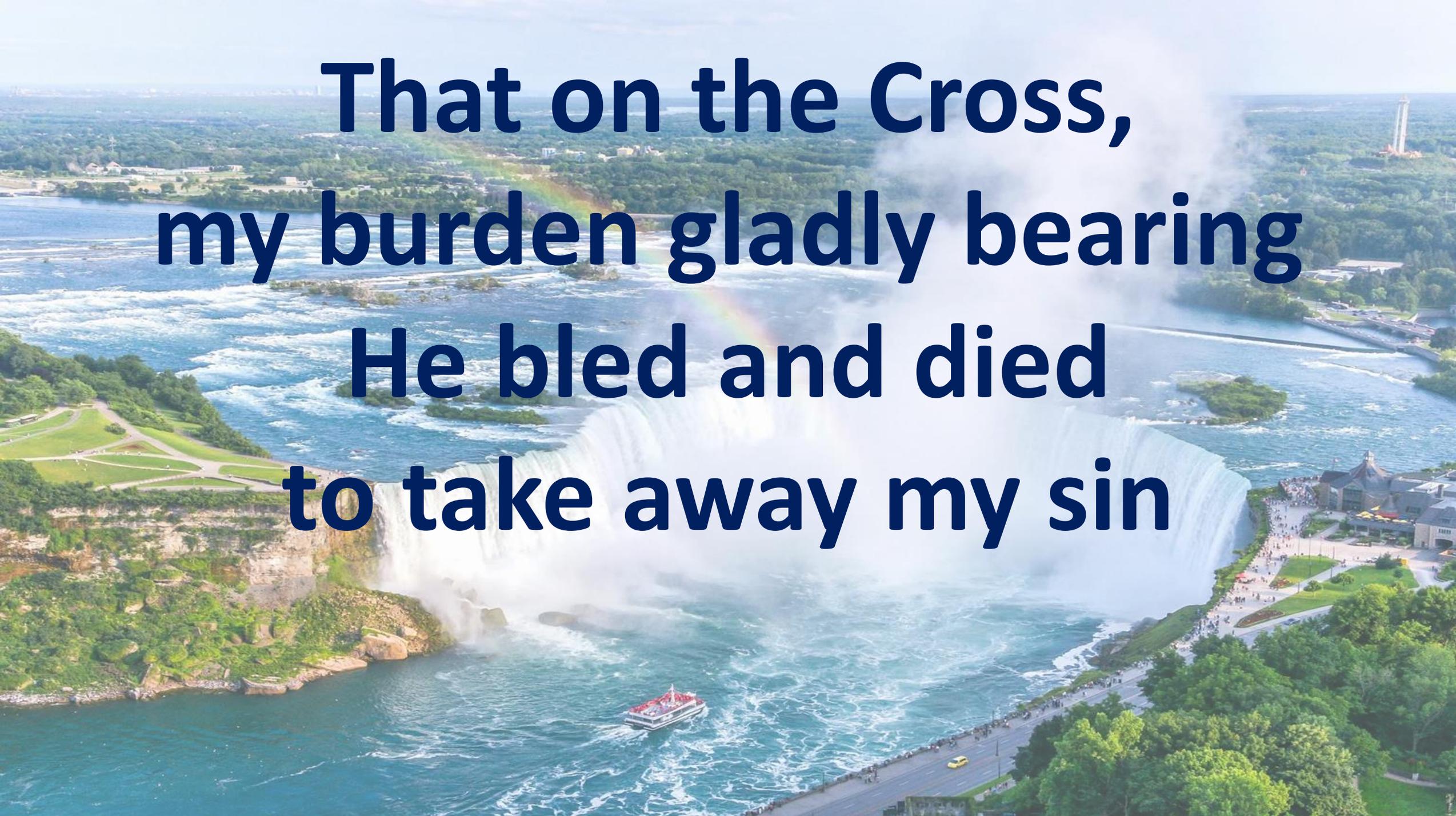
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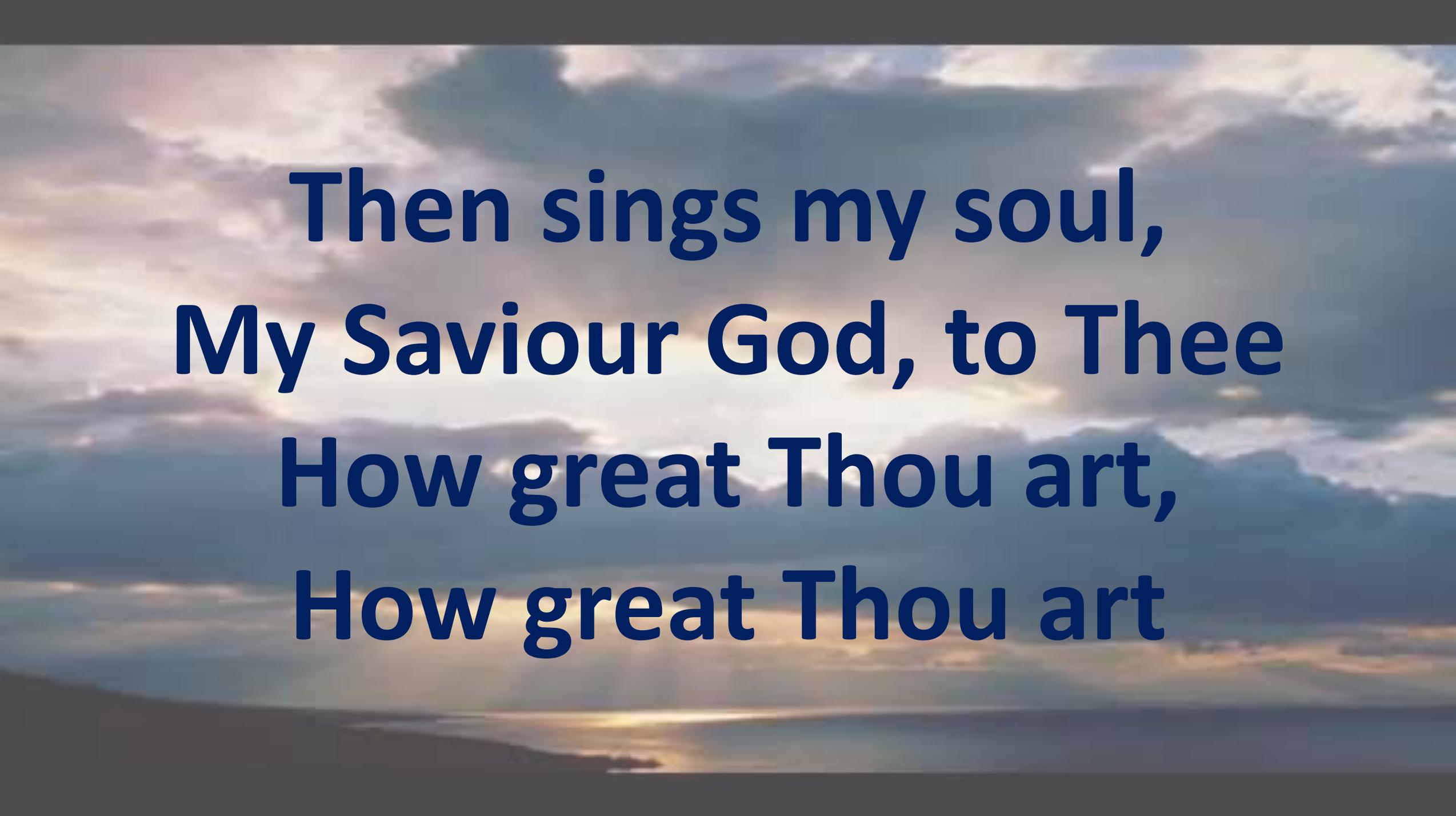
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An aerial photograph of Niagara Falls, showing the water cascading over the rocks. A vibrant rainbow is visible in the mist rising from the falls. In the foreground, a white boat with a red roof is on the water. The surrounding area includes green trees, a road with a yellow car, and some buildings on the right side. The sky is clear and blue.

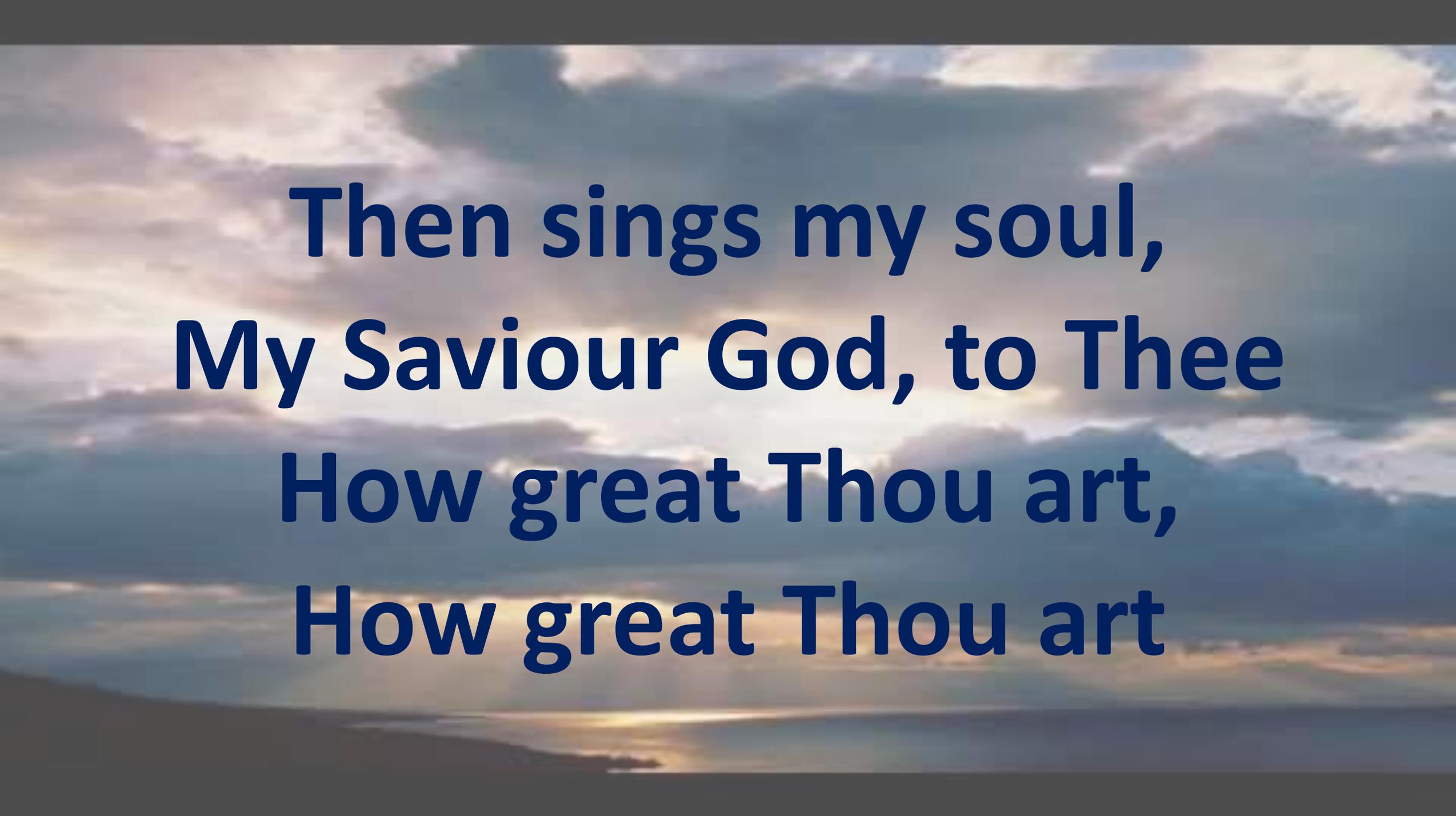
**And when I think  
that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die,  
I scarce can take it in;**

An aerial photograph of Niagara Falls, showing the massive waterfall cascading over a rocky ledge. A vibrant rainbow arches across the misty spray of the falls. In the foreground, a white boat with a red roof is navigating the turbulent waters. The surrounding landscape is lush with green trees and grass, with a road and some buildings visible on the right side. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

**That on the Cross,  
my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
to take away my sin**



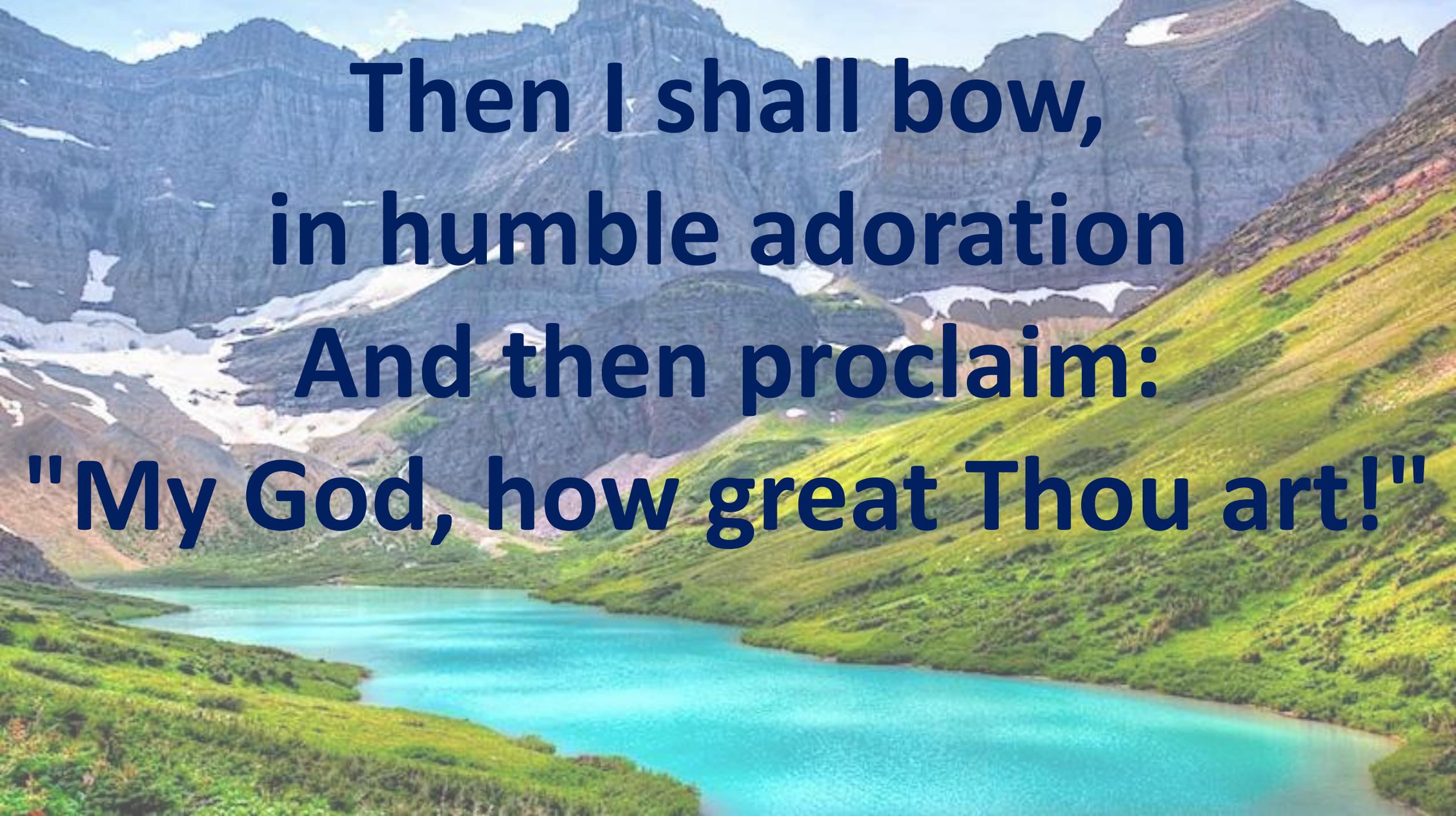
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The background of the image is a landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, white and grey clouds, with a bright glow from the sun just below the horizon. The sun's light creates a shimmering path on the water in the foreground. In the distance, there are dark, silhouetted hills or mountains. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

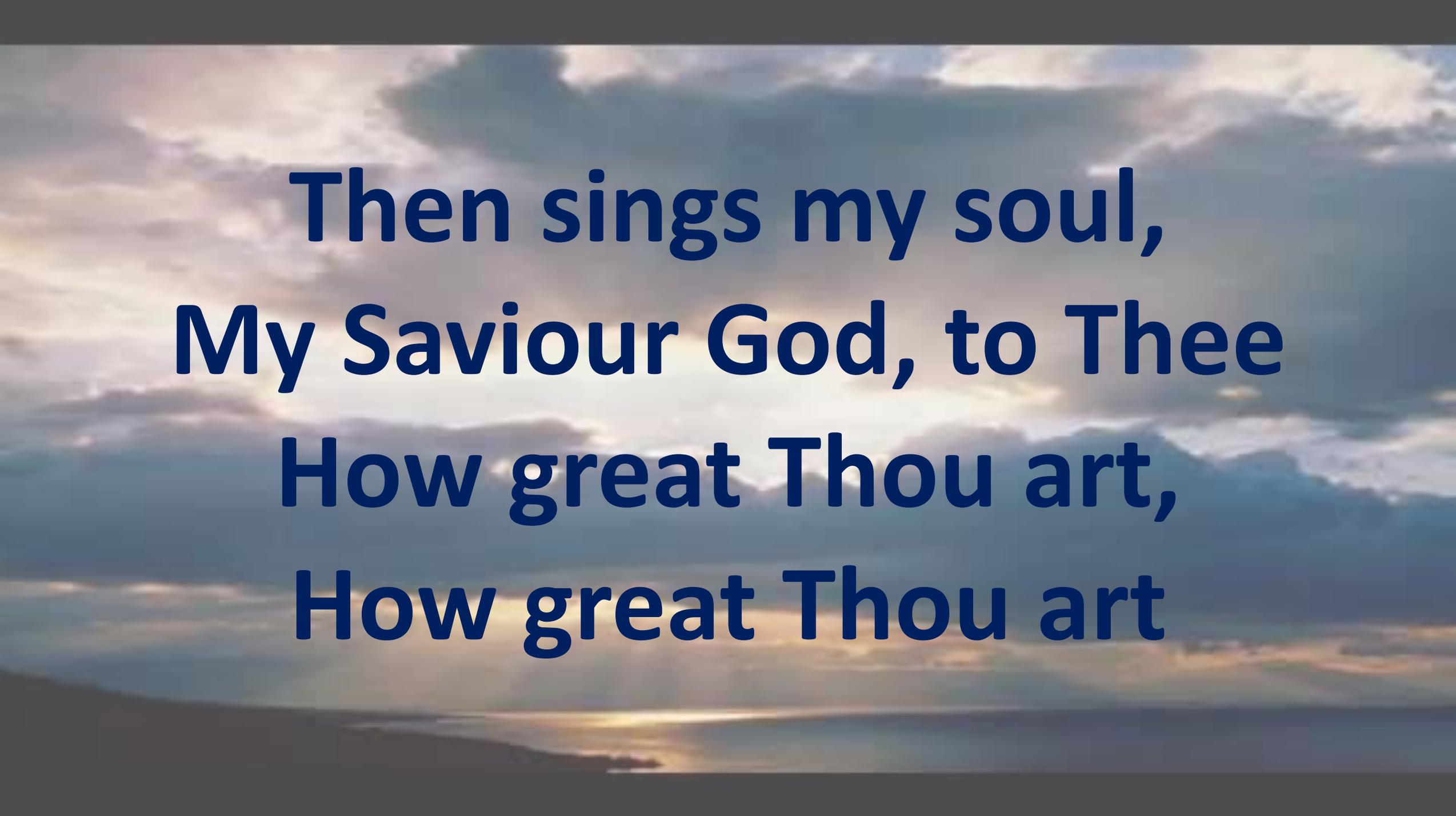
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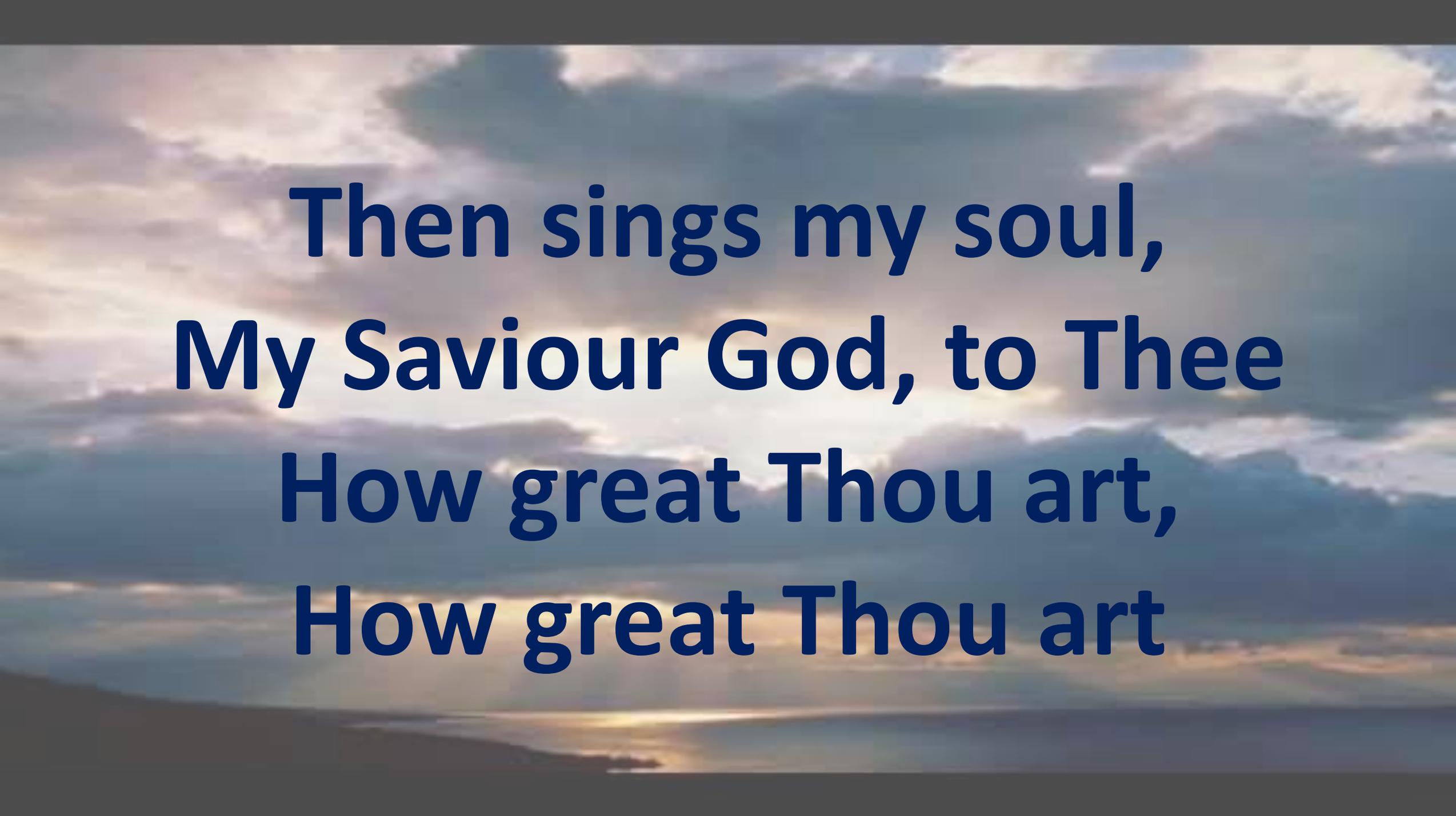
**When Christ shall come,  
with shout of acclamation  
And take me home,  
what joy shall fill my heart**

A scenic view of a turquoise lake in a mountain valley. The lake is surrounded by lush green hills and is set against a backdrop of rugged, snow-capped mountains. The sky is clear and blue.

**Then I shall bow,  
in humble adoration  
And then proclaim:  
"My God, how great Thou art!"**



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The image features a dark blue, starry night sky. A prominent, bright star with a four-pointed cross-shaped lens flare is positioned in the upper center. Below the star, the title "A CALL TO WORSHIP" is written in a bold, blue, serif font with a slight 3D effect. At the bottom of the image, there are dark silhouettes of three figures, likely representing the Holy Family, gathered around a central point, possibly the infant Jesus. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

# A CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

Shouts of joy and victory  
resound in the tents of the  
righteous; The Lord's Right  
Hand has done many things!

PEOPLE:

The Lord's right hand is  
lifted high; the Lord's right  
hand has done many things!

Leader:

I will not die but live and  
proclaim what the Lord has  
done.

PEOPLE:

Open for me the gates of  
the righteous; I will enter and  
give thanks to the Lord!

Leader:

Let us now Worship God!

All: Amen!



**THIS WEEK**

*MARK YOUR CALENDARS*

A person wearing a white, flowing robe stands waist-deep in a body of water, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. The water splashes around them, and the sky is a clear, vibrant blue. In the upper center of the frame, a white dove is visible, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The overall scene conveys a sense of spiritual freedom and joy.

# Joys & Concerns

# **Prayers of the People**



## THE LORD'S

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

## PRAYER

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. AMEN.

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**



# Offering

An Act of Worship

# Doxology

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



Living the Journey

*Spirit of God,*

DESCEND

upon

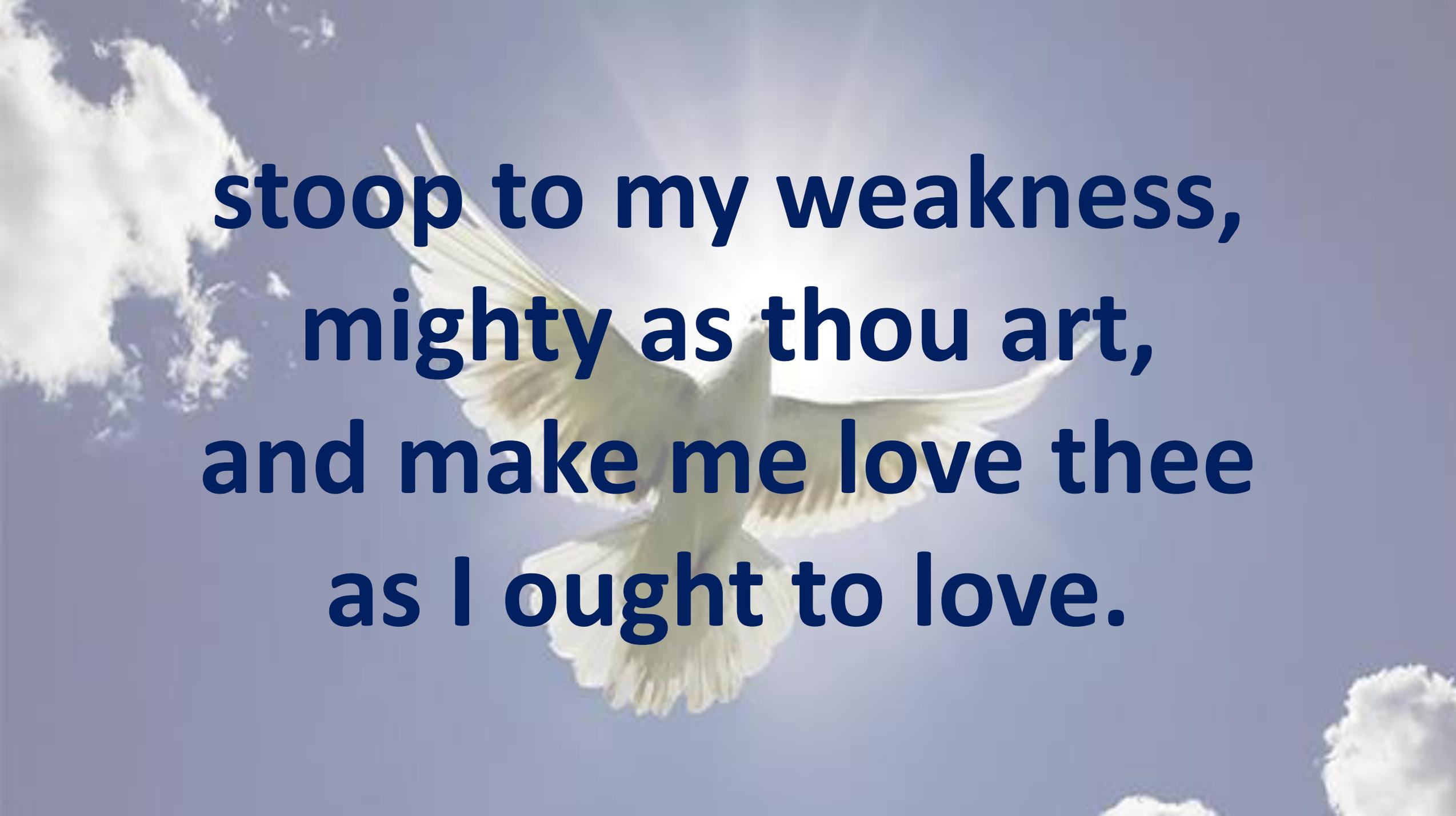
my heart.

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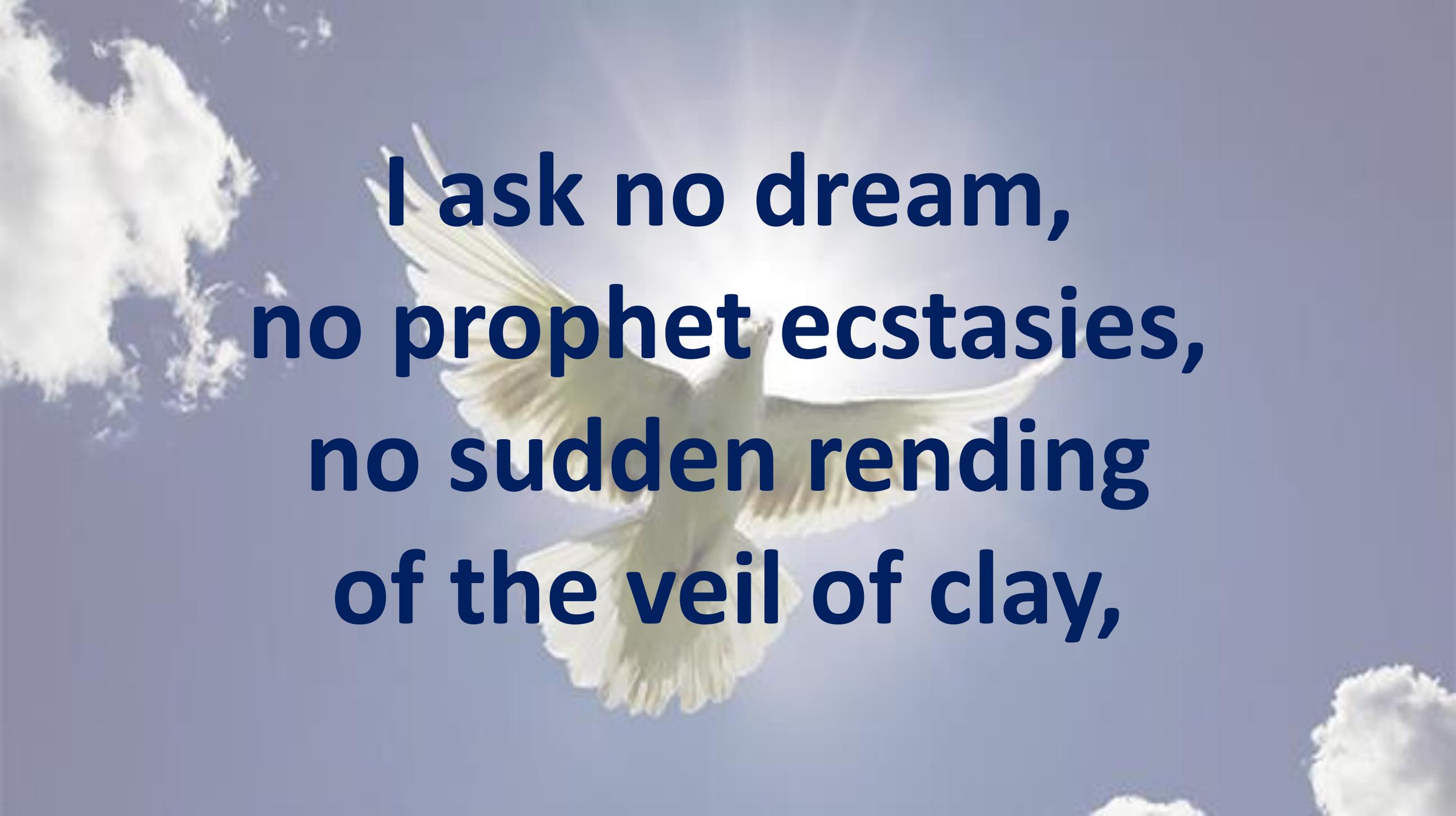
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A white dove is shown in flight, wings spread wide, against a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. The dove is positioned centrally, and its wings are the focal point of the image. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, dark blue font.

**Spirit of God,  
descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth;  
through all its pulses move;**

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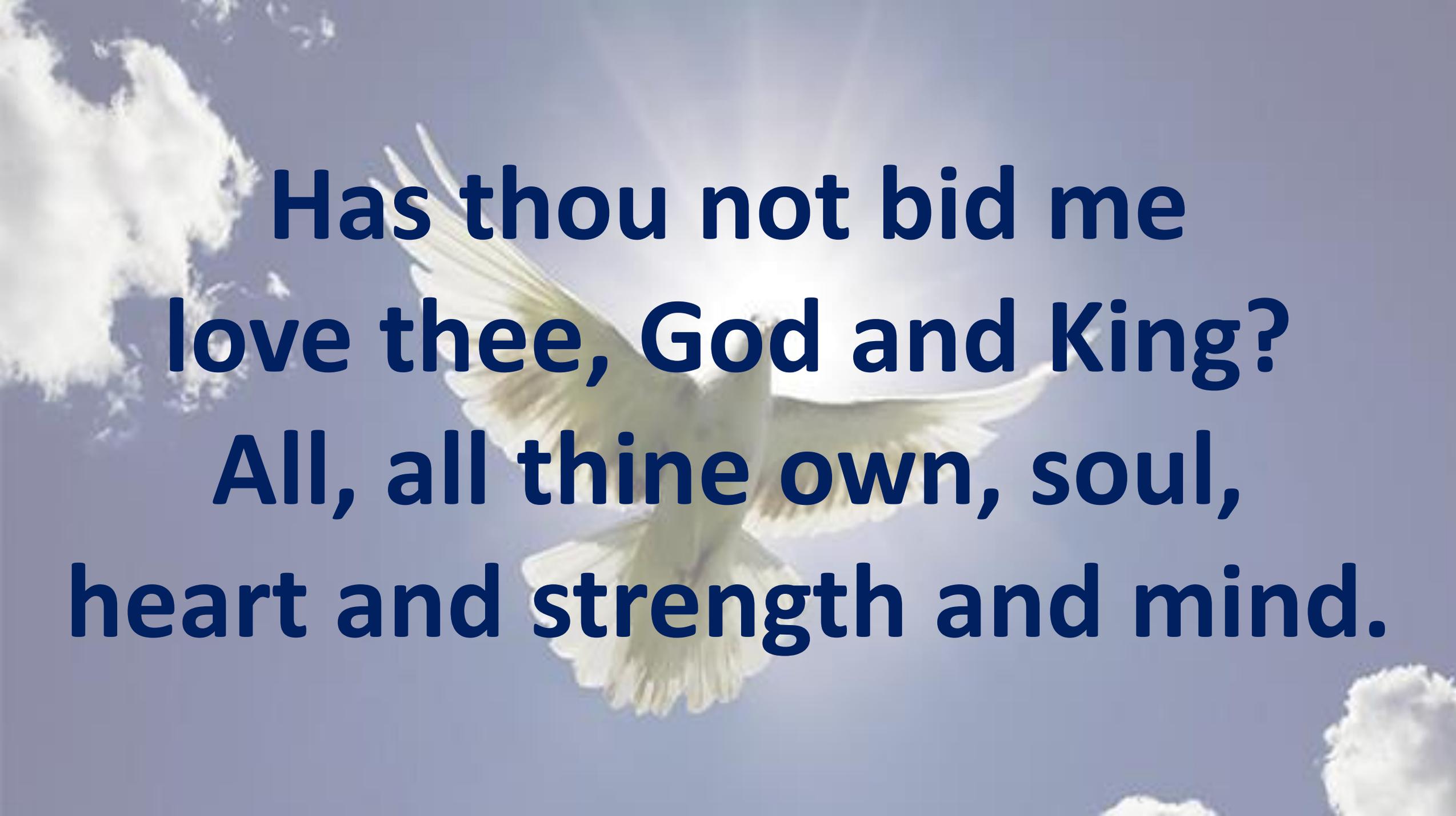
**stoop to my weakness,  
mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee  
as I ought to love.**

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**I ask no dream,  
no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending  
of the veil of clay,**

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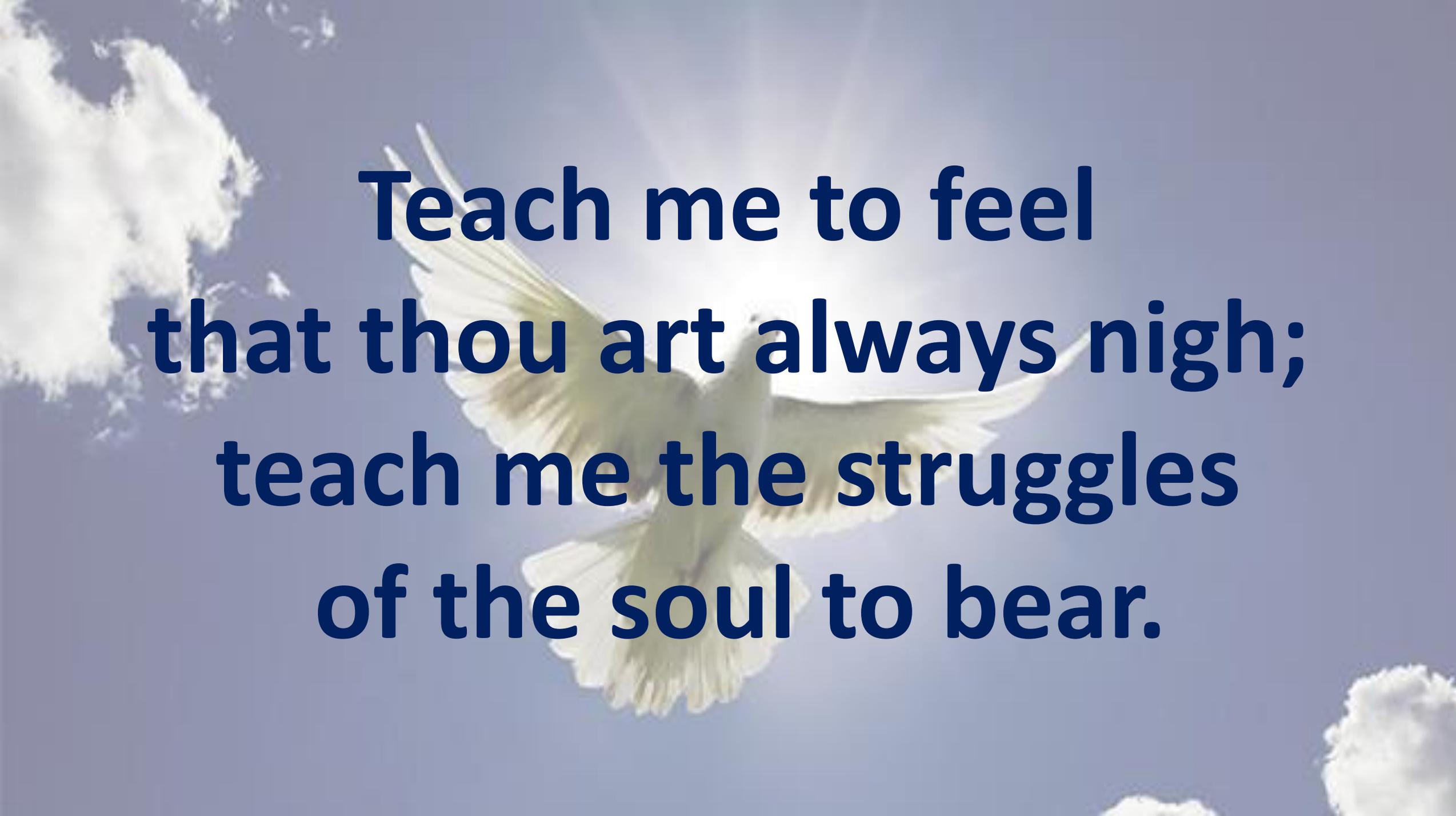
**no angel visitant,  
no opening skies;  
but take the dimness  
of my soul away.**

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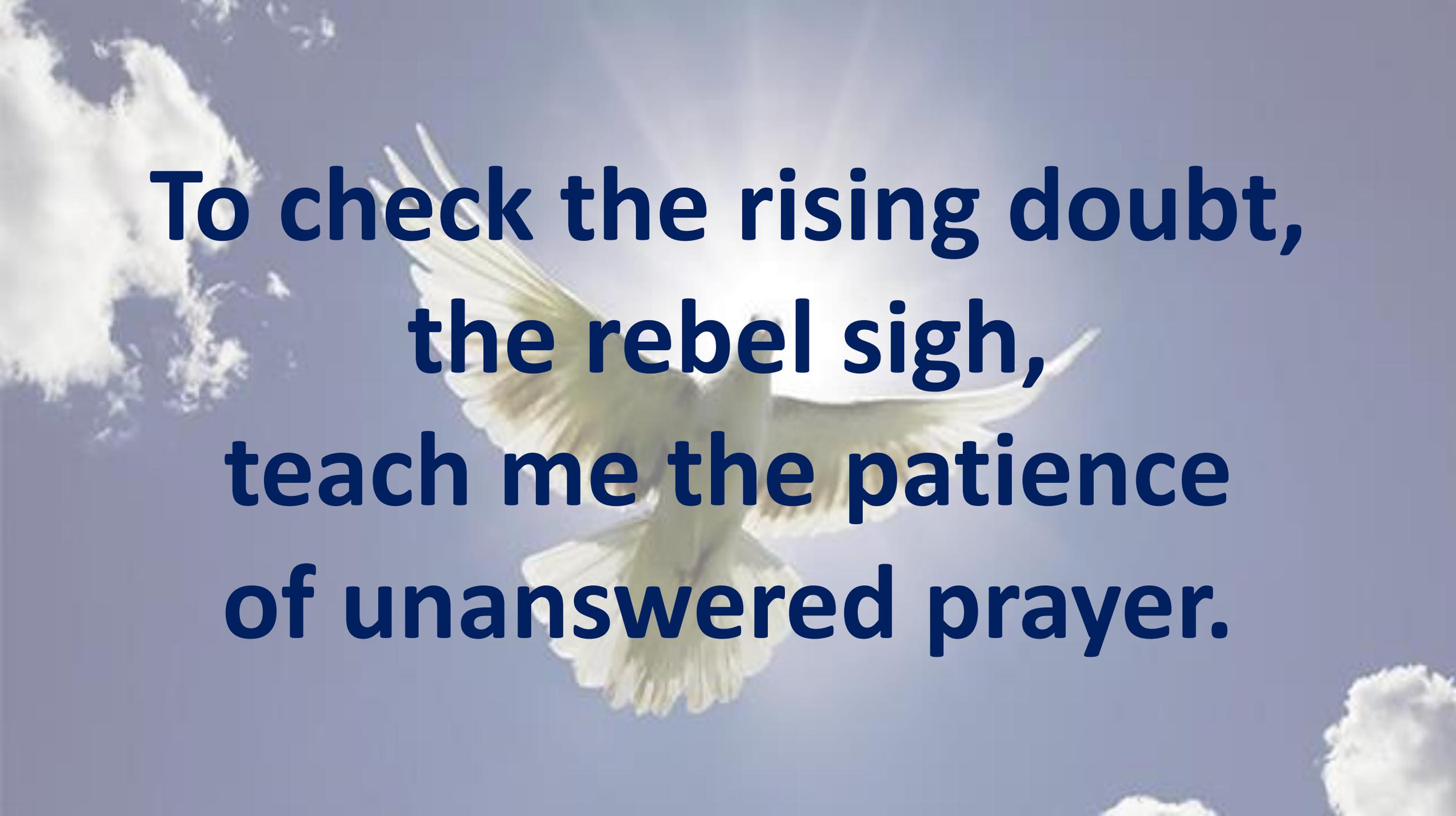
**Has thou not bid me  
love thee, God and King?  
All, all thine own, soul,  
heart and strength and mind.**

A white dove is shown in flight, wings spread wide, against a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. The dove is positioned centrally, with its wings extending towards the left and right sides of the frame. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

**I see thy cross;  
there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek thee,  
and O let me find.**

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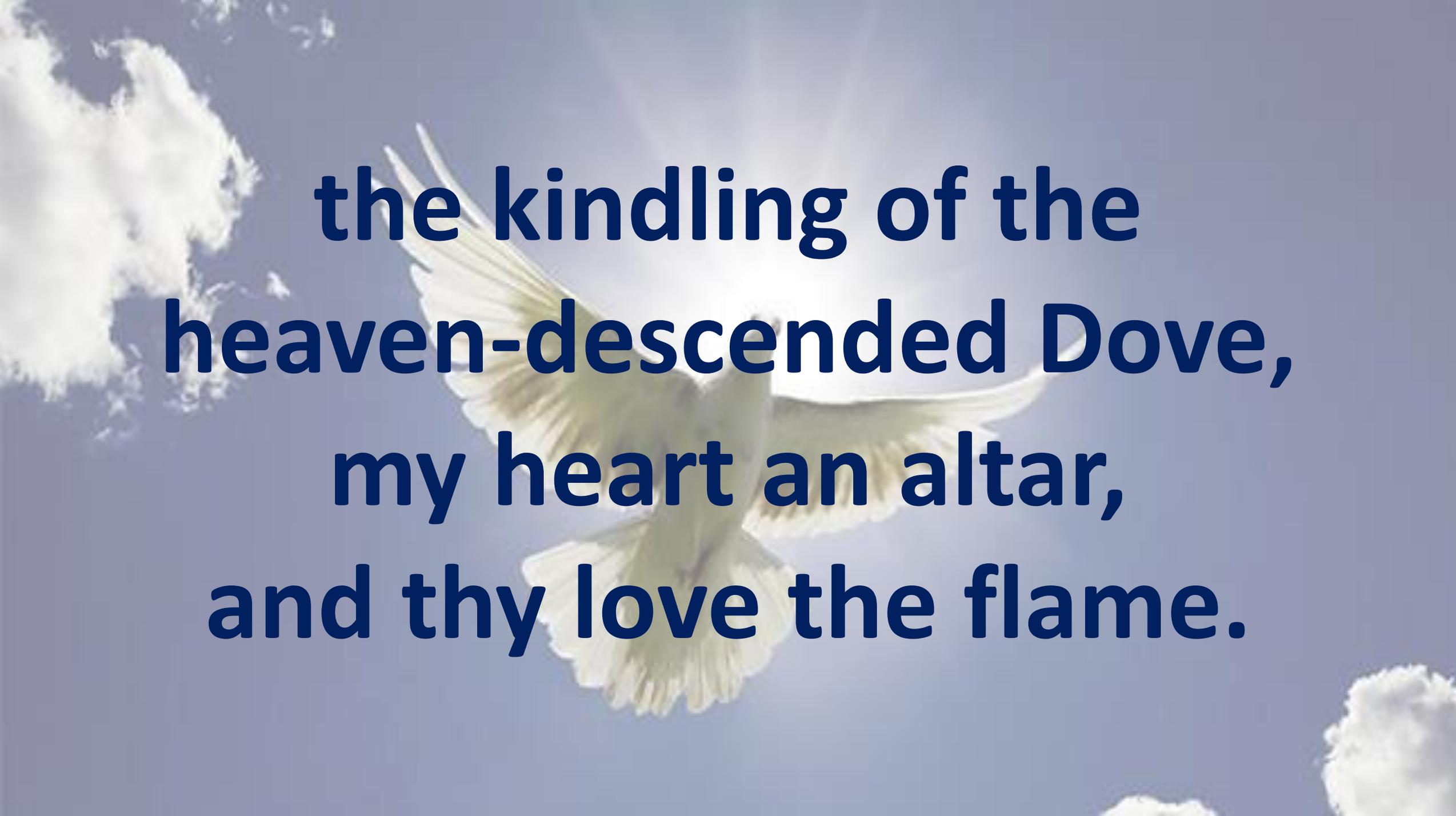
**Teach me to feel  
that thou art always nigh;  
teach me the struggles  
of the soul to bear.**

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**To check the rising doubt,  
the rebel sigh,  
teach me the patience  
of unanswered prayer.**

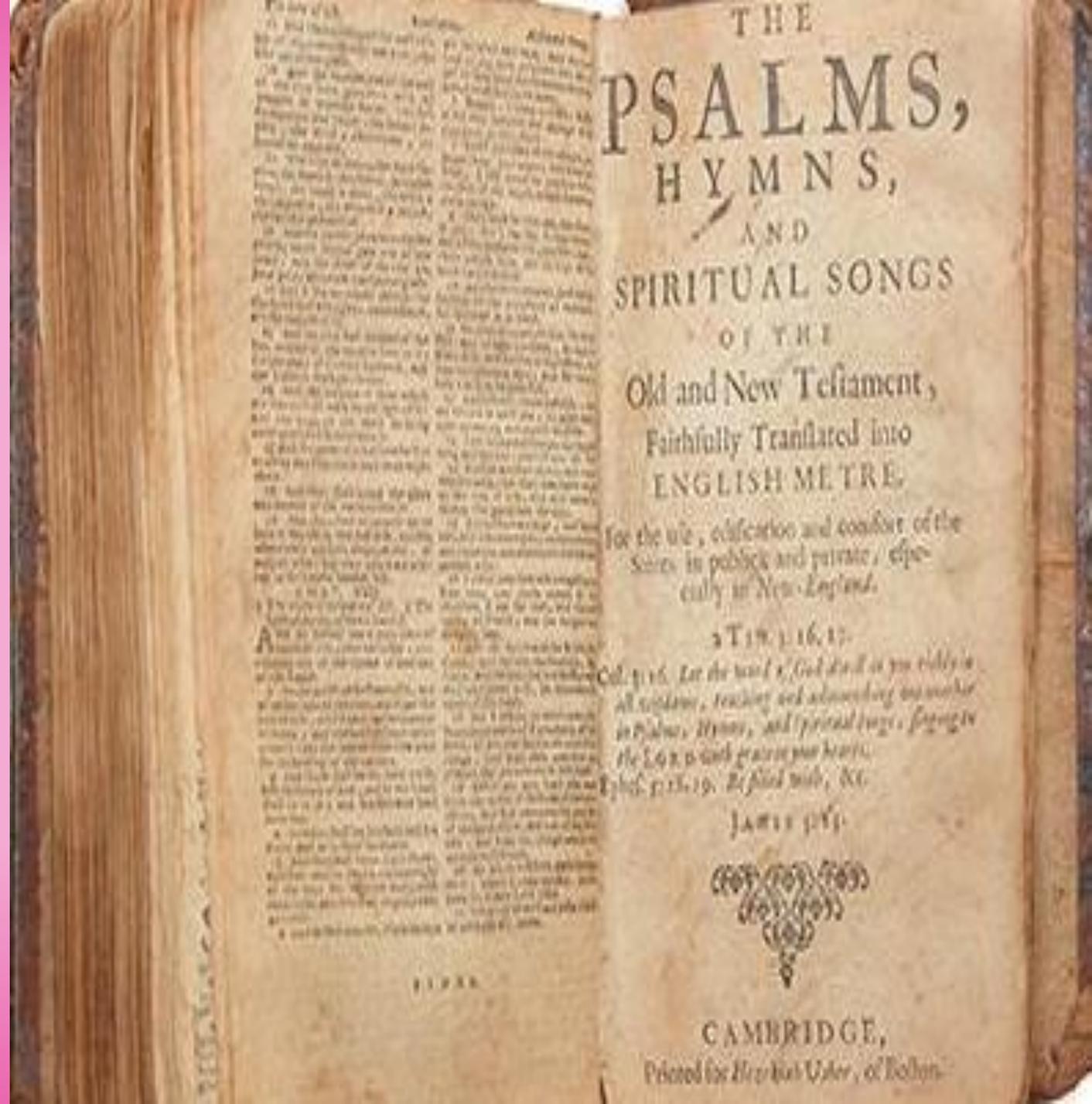
A white dove is shown in flight, wings fully extended, against a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. The dove is positioned centrally, and its wings are spread wide, creating a sense of peace and freedom. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, dark blue font.

**Teach me to love thee  
as thine angels love,  
one holy passion  
filling all my frame;**

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**the kindling of the  
heaven-descended Dove,  
my heart an altar,  
and thy love the flame.**

OLD TESTAMENT:  
PSALM  
56:1-13





THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE  
**Hebrews**

... who at sundry times and in divers  
... speak in these parts unto the  
... in these last days speaks unto us by  
... whom he hath appointed heir of all  
... by which he made the worlds;  
... being the brightness of his glory, and  
... the image of his person, and upholding  
... all things by the word of his power, when  
... himself purged our sins, sat down  
... at the right hand of the Majesty on high;  
... who hath by inheritance obtained a  
... more excellent name than they.  
... of which of the angels said he at  
... his art my Son, this day have I  
? And again, I will be to him a  
... shall be to me a Son?  
... when he brought in the first  
... the world, he saith, And let all  
... angels do him worship.  
... and his ministers a dance of  
... and his ministers a dance of  
... son by word, Thy throne, O  
... and ever: a sceptre of  
... of thy kingdom,  
... righteousness, and loved  
... God, ever thy God, hath  
... the oil of gladness above  
... at the beginning hast  
... of the earth; and the  
... of these things:  
... but they remained:  
... did as doth a garment;  
... about them told them  
... changed: but they  
... and they were  
... 5 For unto the angels hath he not put in  
... subjection the world to come, whereof we  
... speak.  
6 But one is a certain place testified, saying,  
8 What is man, that thou art mindful of him?  
9 or the son of man, that thou visitest him?  
10 Thou madest him a little lower than the  
... angels; and crownedst him with glory and  
... the hands:  
11 Thou hast put all things in subjection  
... under his feet. For in that he put all in sub-  
... jection under him, he left nothing that is not  
... put under him. For now we see not yet all  
... things put under him.  
12 But we see Jesus, who was made a little  
... lower than the angels for the suffering of  
... death, crowned with glory and honour; that  
... he by the grace of God should taste death for  
... every man.  
13 For it became him, for whom are all  
... things, and by whom are all things, in bring-  
... ing many sons unto glory, to make the cap-  
... tain of their salvation perfect through  
... sufferings.  
14 For both he that suffered and  
... they who are sanctified are all of one; for  
... which cause he is not ashamed to call them  
... brethren.  
15 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my  
... brethren, in the midst of the church will I  
... sing praise unto thee.  
16 And again, I will put my trust  
... And again, Behold I and the  
... God hath given me.  
17 Forasmuch  
... partakers

NEW  
TESTAMENT:  
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Today's Message

**TRANSFORMING REGULAR FAITH  
INTO A FAITH THAT IS A  
CONSUMING FIRE**

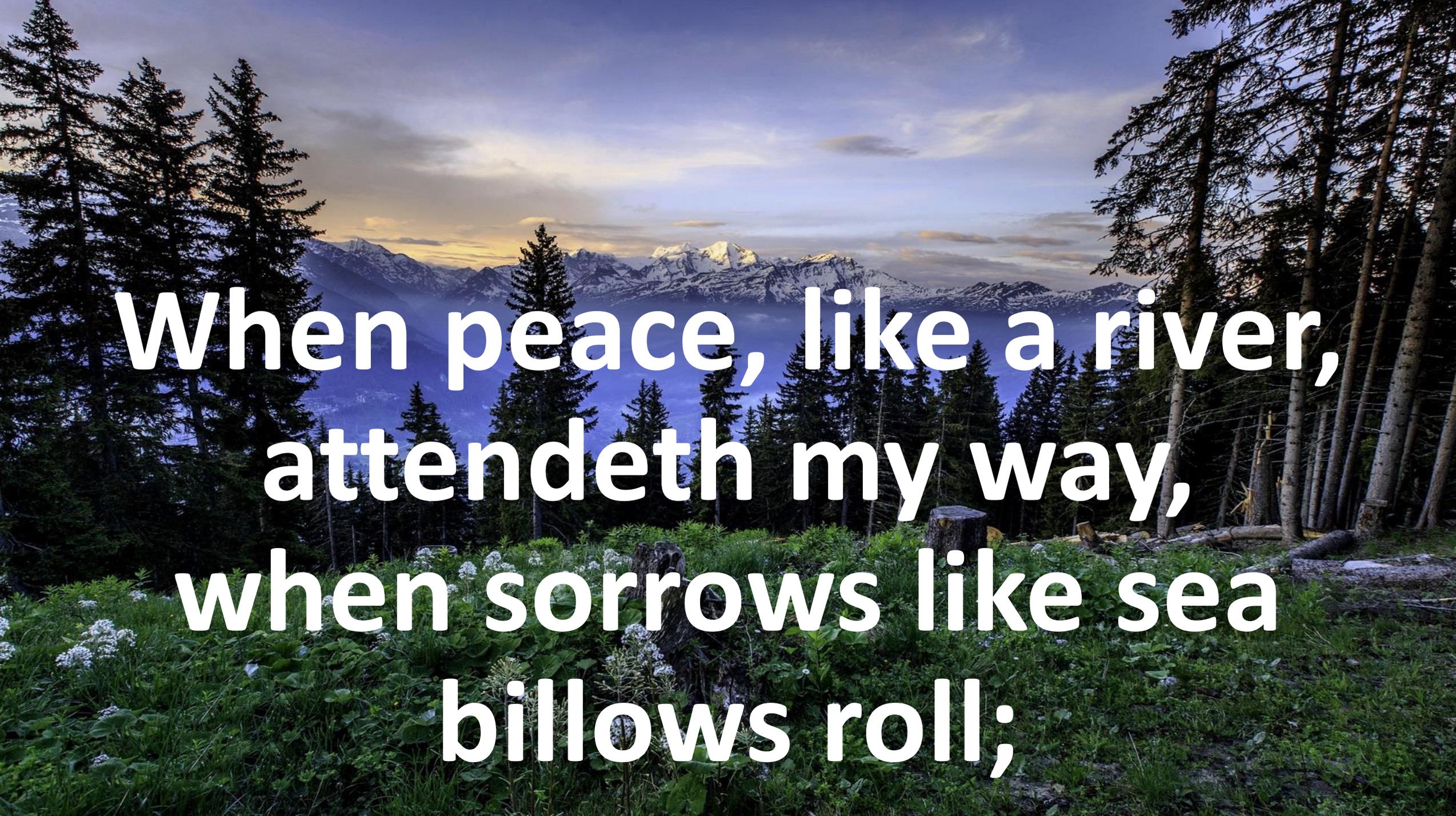
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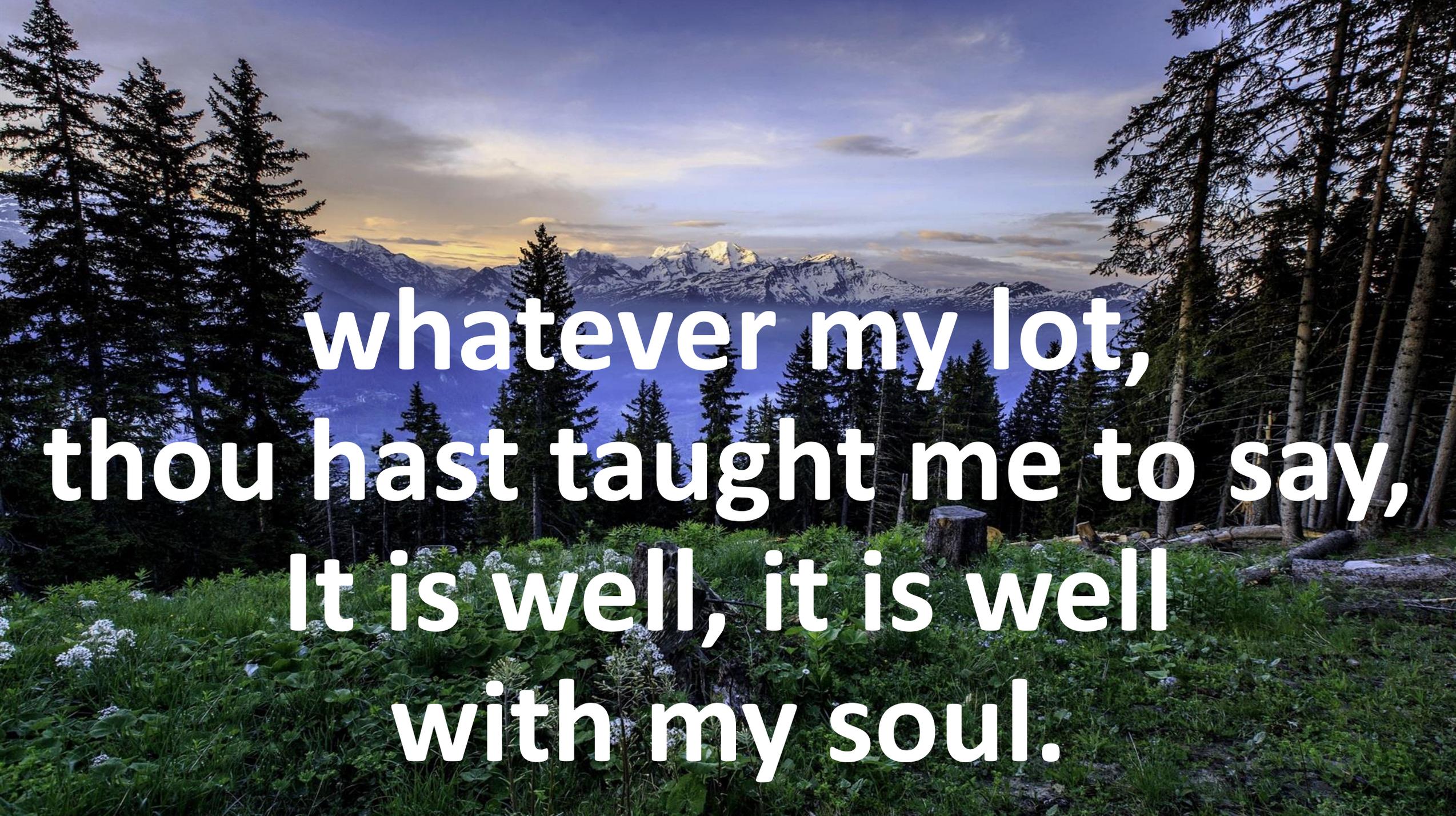


*It Is Well  
With My  
Soul*

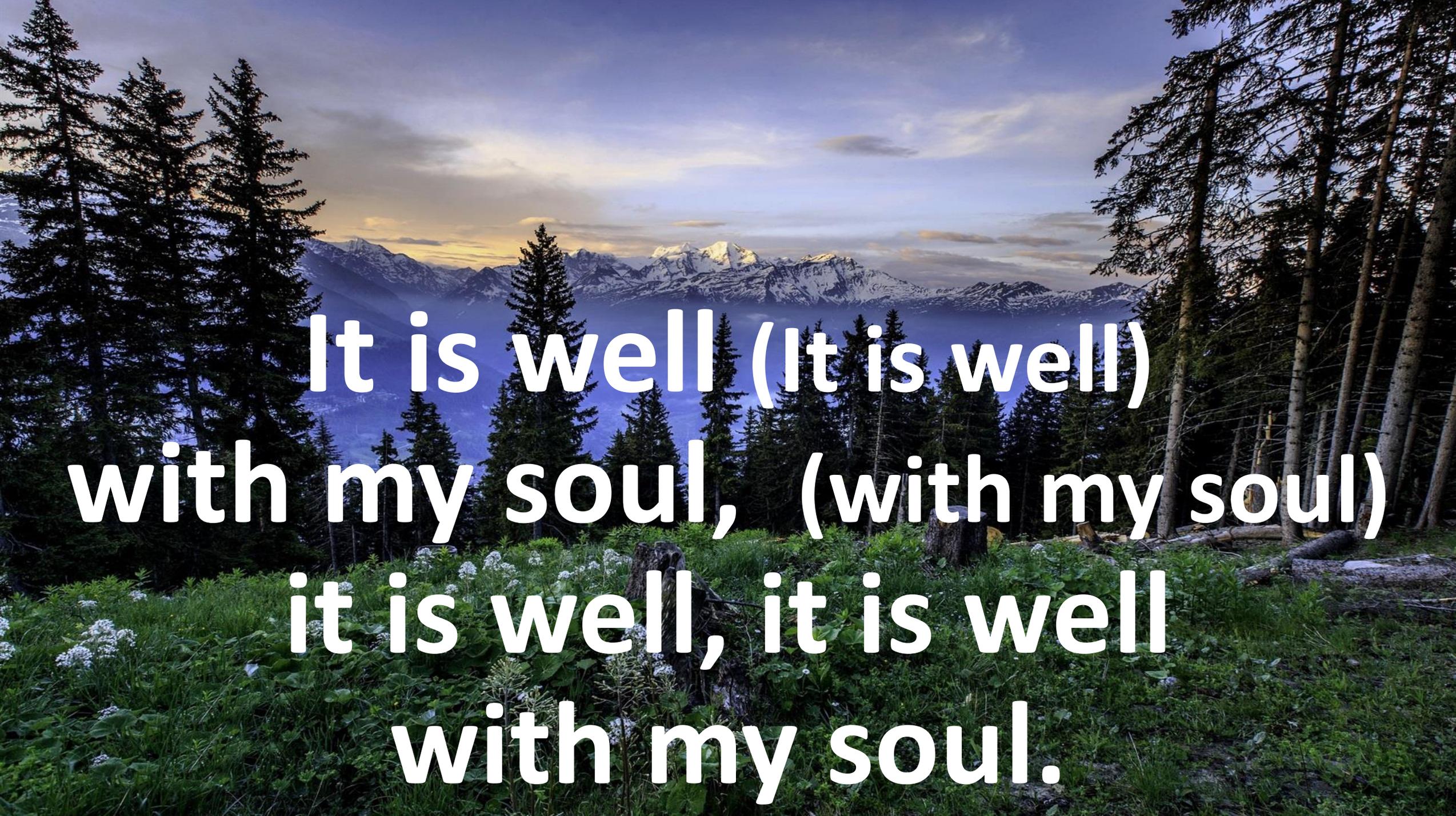
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**When peace, like a river,  
attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea  
billows roll;**



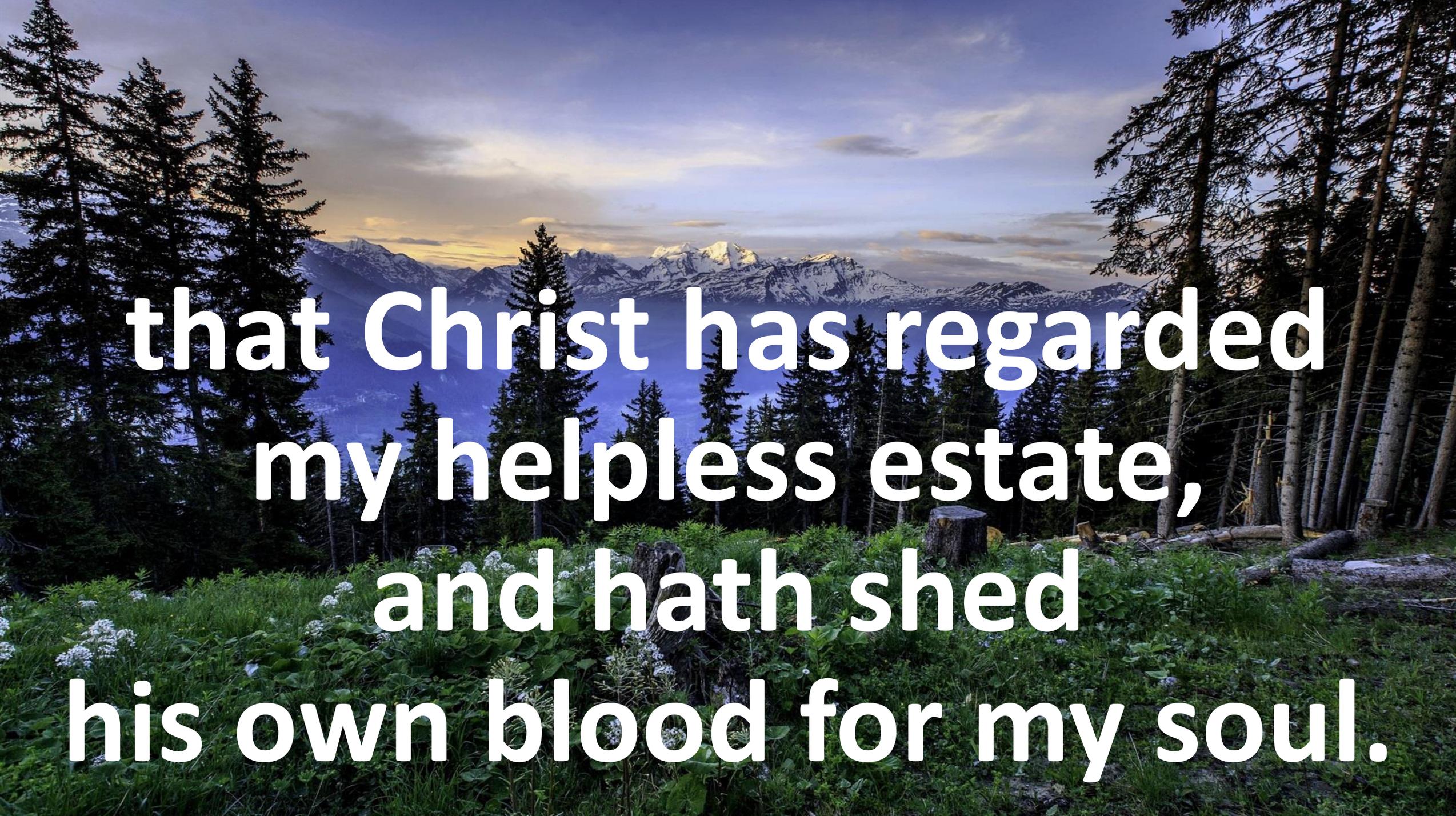
**whatever my lot,  
thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well  
with my soul.**



**It is well (It is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul)  
it is well, it is well  
with my soul.**



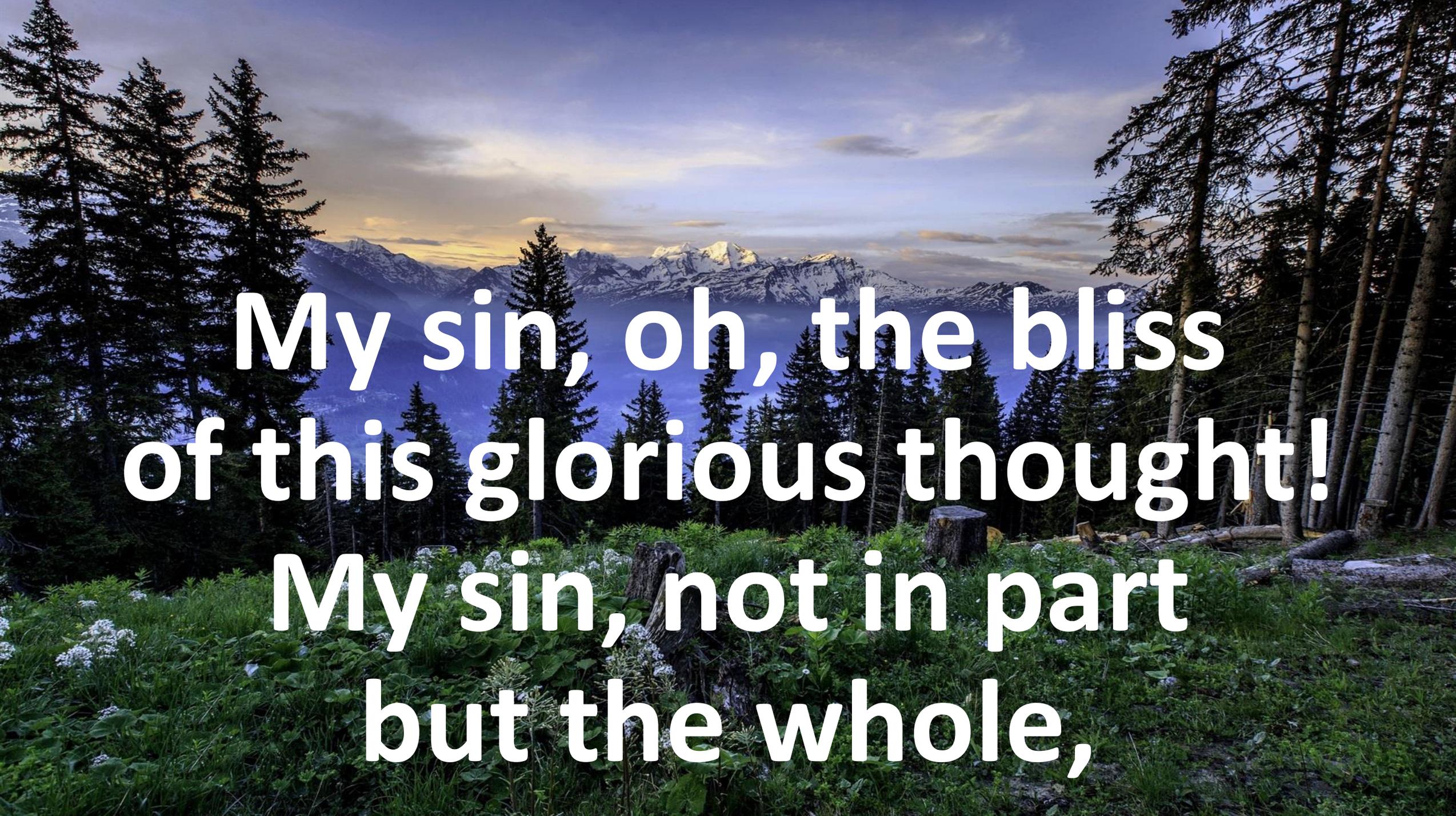
**Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
let this blest  
assurance control,**



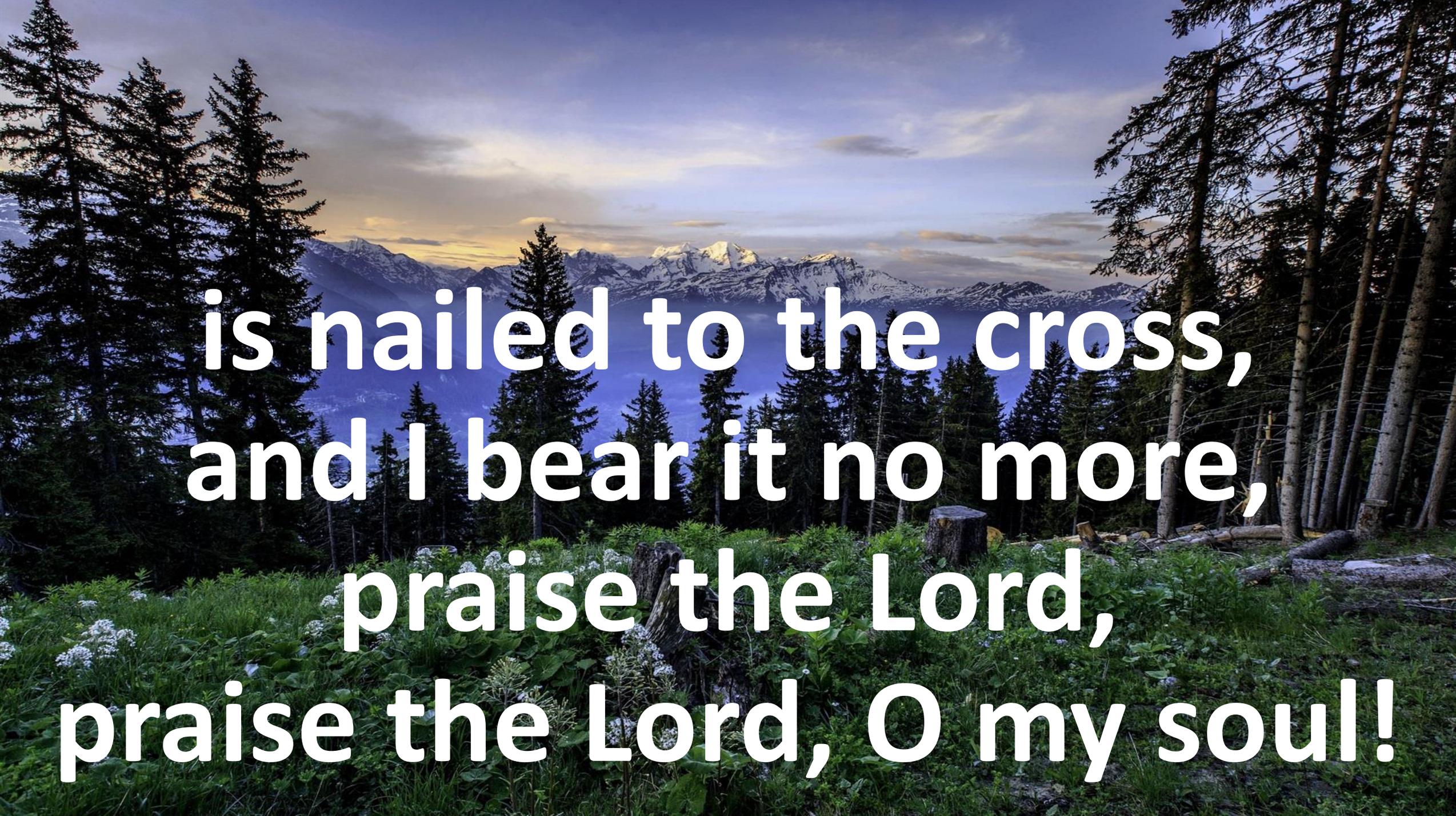
that Christ has regarded  
my helpless estate,  
and hath shed  
his own blood for my soul.



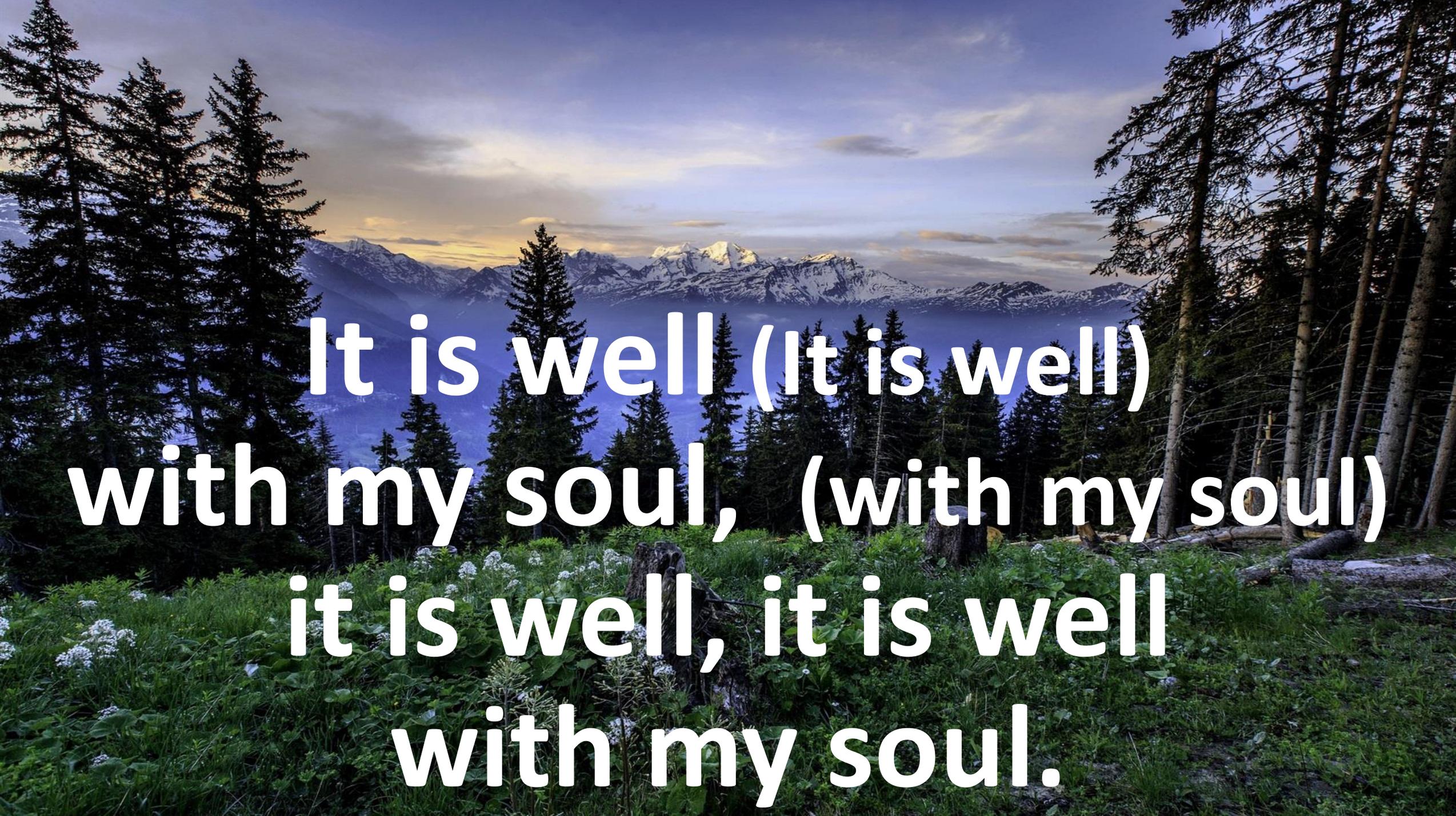
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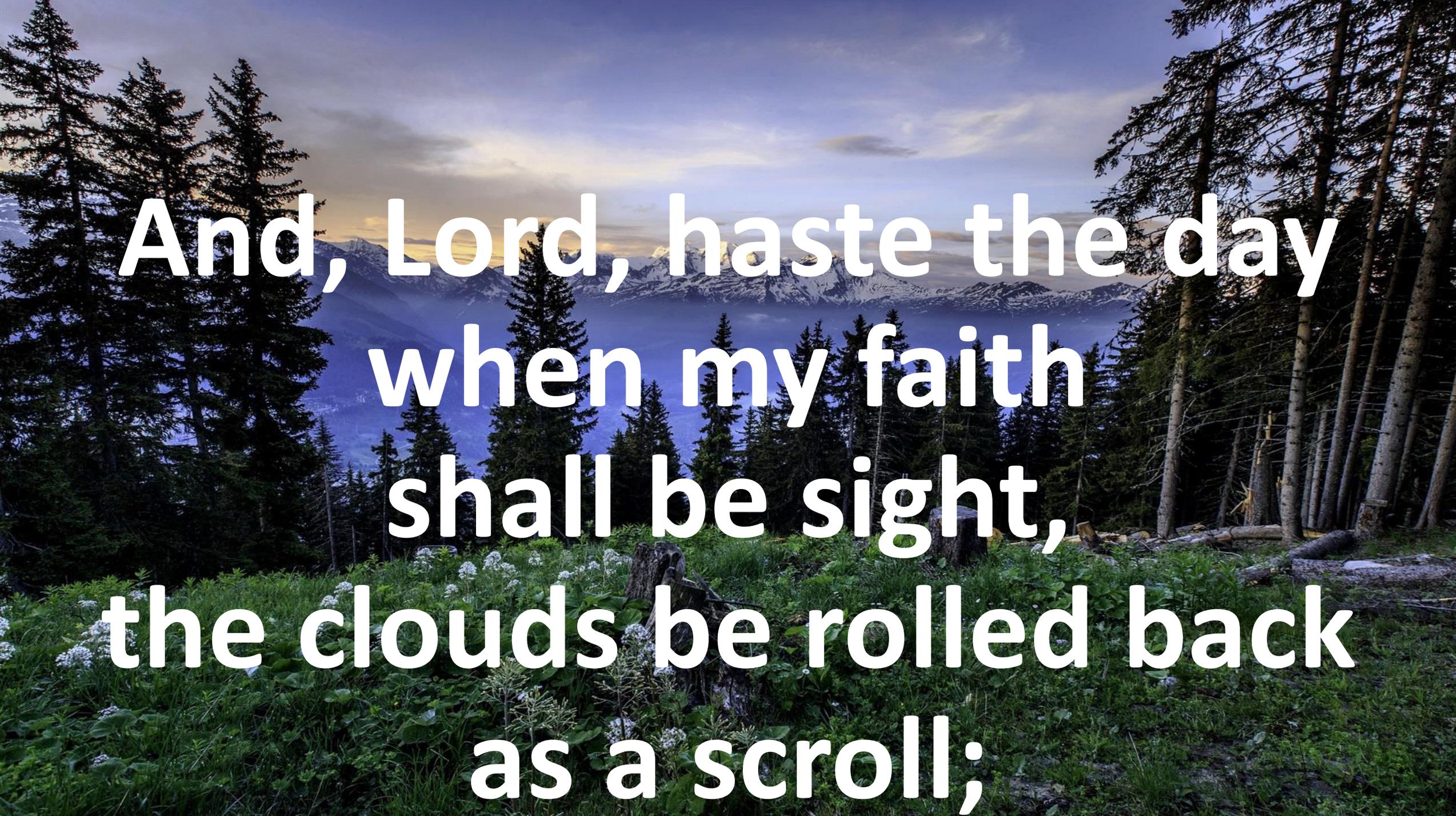
**My sin, oh, the bliss  
of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part  
but the whole,**



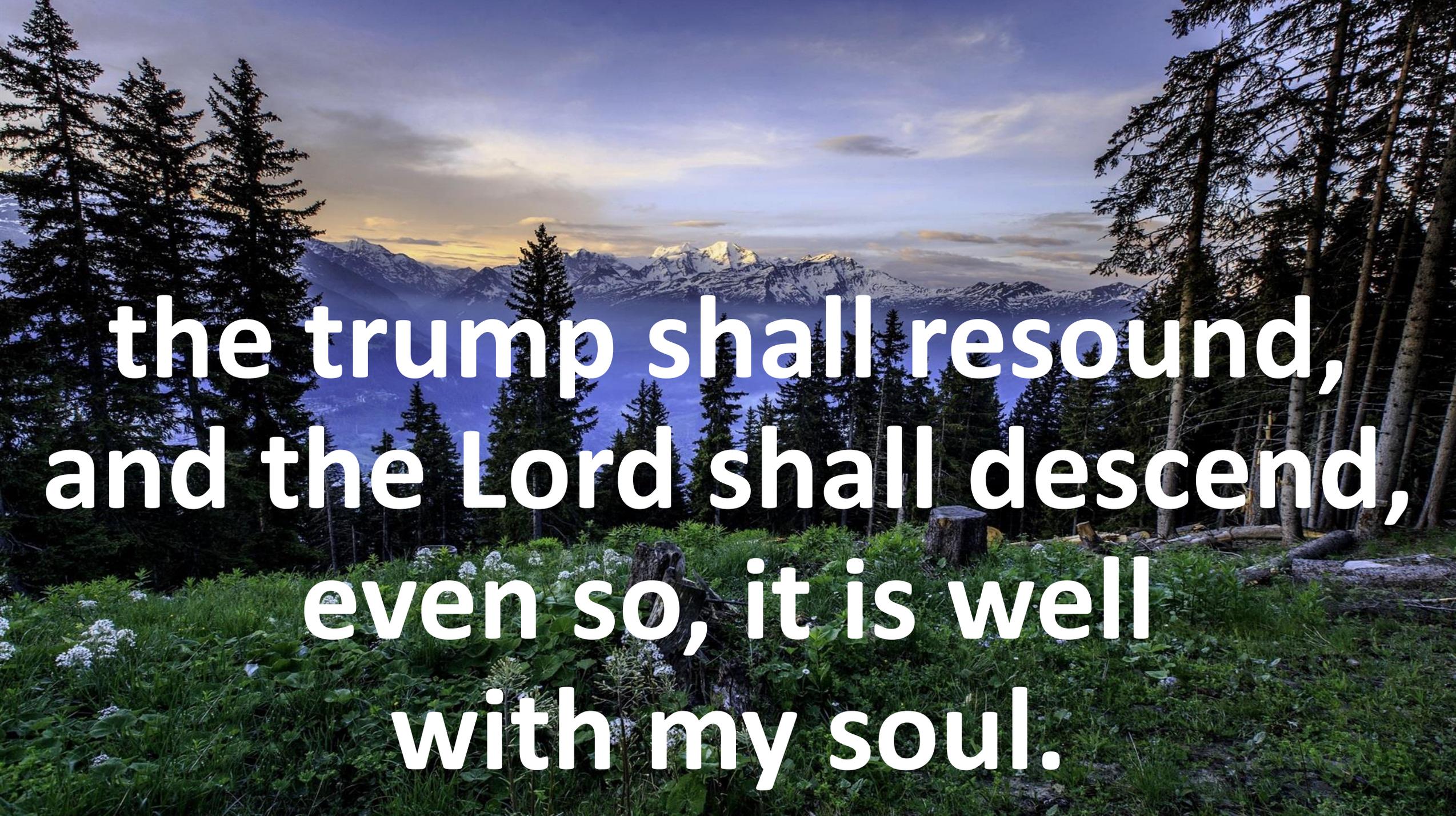
is nailed to the cross,  
and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord, O my soul!



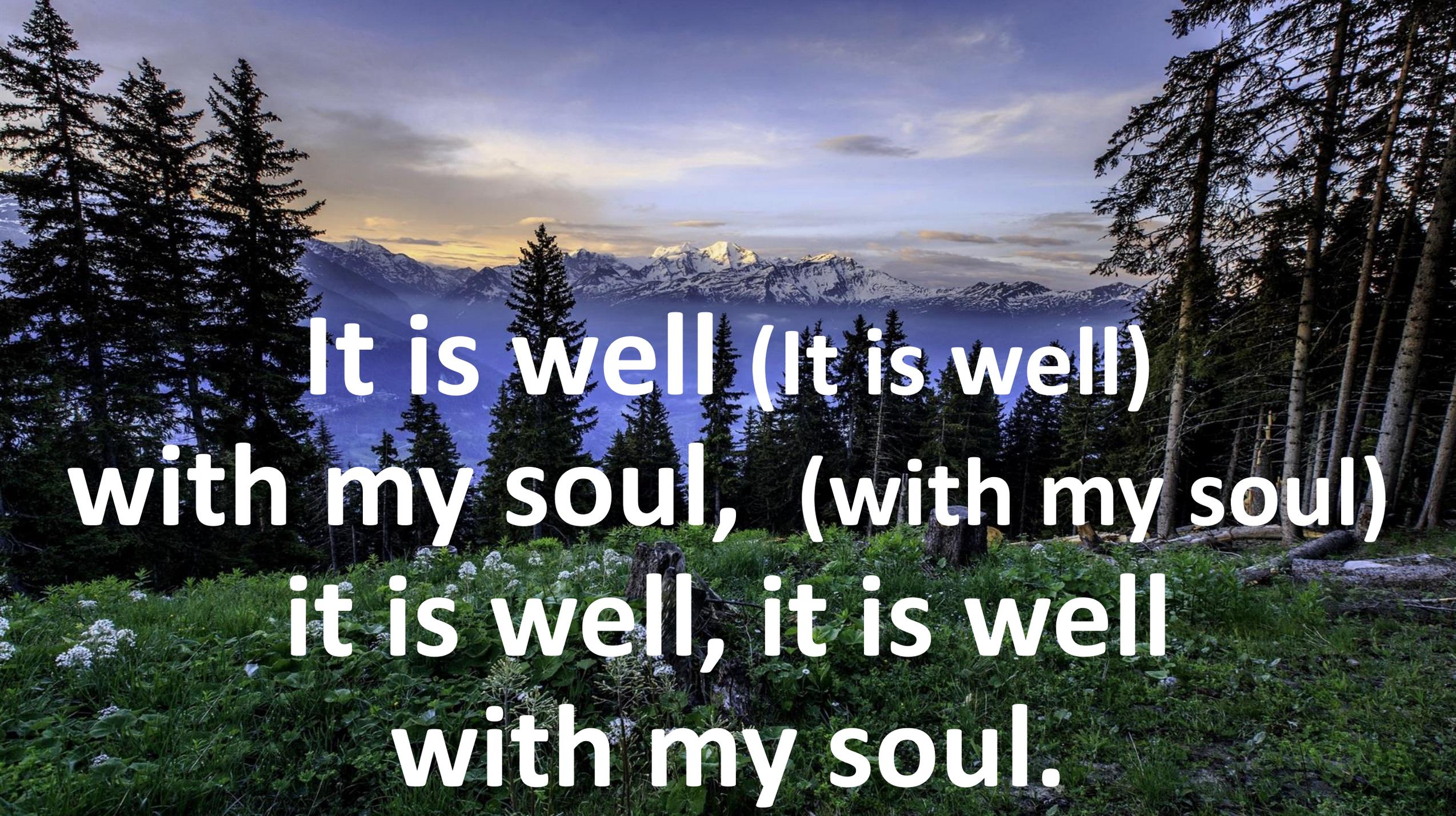
**It is well (It is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul)  
it is well, it is well  
with my soul.**



**And, Lord, haste the day  
when my faith  
shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back  
as a scroll;**



**the trump shall resound,  
and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well  
with my soul.**



**It is well (It is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul)  
it is well, it is well  
with my soul.**

# Benediction

LIVING IN THE GOOD OF GOD'S GRACE





*God bless*

*Pastor Gary*

*& Cherie*