

# Adversity

*In my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body (which is the church) in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions.  
Colossians 1:24*

Do you wonder why we're left on earth to suffer,  
    When the Lord's already paid our debt of sin;  
And we're trusting in His grace for our redemption;  
    And we know that heaven waits to let us in?

Just remember this is where our Savior suffered;  
    Where He felt the pain His righteousness incurred;  
It's our only chance to take our stand beside Him  
    In sweet fellowship with all that He endured.

We will never face adversity in heaven;  
    Nothing there will put our metal to the test;  
Every chance we've had to share in His rejection  
    Will be history when we reach our final rest.

We won't have to walk by faith when things seem hopeless;  
    We won't have to choose between the right and wrong;  
We'll be finished with our share of His afflictions;  
    And we'll trade life's tears and troubles for a song.

So arise, take up the cross of His reproaches;  
    Never waiver or contrive to lay it down;  
Those who suffer with the Lord along life's pathway  
    Will exchange their battle helmets for a crown.

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