

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

A Hymn for the Wilderness

TUNE: The Wabash Cannon Ball (alt.)
Exodus; Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Psalm 105:37-45

♩ = 60

Unison

F E A C F F Fadd⁹ A E B^b B^b B^b

1. I can't see where I'm go - ing - Just wil - der - ness a - head.
 2. Your all - en - gulf - ing pres - ence Is shade thro' - out the day.
 3. Thro' ev - 'ry dai - ly chal - lenge, With la - bors still un - done,

C C B^b Gm⁹ Gm G^m D C C^{sus} C B^b C⁹ B^b E A F C F

This place is fierce and threat-'ning - O God, where have You led?
 Your fire a - blaze a - bove me Lights all my dark - ened way.
 I fol - low in Your foot - steps And take them one by one.

C E F E A C F F Fadd⁹ A E B^b B^b B^b

But E - gypt is be - hind me With all You've bro't me through,
 Fresh wa - ter in my des - ert And bread each morn - ing new -
 Thro' - out our great ad - ven - ture I keep the Cloud in view,

Gm⁷ C Dm B^bM⁷ G^m B^b Gm C C⁹ C⁷ F E C F

And now You go be - fore me - I trust and fol - low You.
 O ten - der, faith - ful Shep - herd, I trust and fol - low You.
 As all the way to Ca - naan I trust and fol - low You.

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

WABASH CANNON BALL 2
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TOPICS: Assurance & Comfort; Faith; Folk Tunes; Guidance; Pilgrimage, Life as a

LEAD-IN: *He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord (Deuteronomy 8:3, NASB).*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Reflection on the Book of Exodus

Question: Why would God send His people out
for forty years into
a dry, barren land that
lacks provision for even the necessities of life?

Answer: He doesn't send them out.
He leads them out.
He goes with them and
before them.

Why does He lead them into such places?

He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord (Deuteronomy 8:3, NASB).

God let them feel each need,
then waited for them to turn to Him before He
graciously,
miraculously,
abundantly
met each need.

So don't be surprised when He
allows you to feel your need,
then waits for you to
wait on Him and
trust Him.

He is not being
stubborn or
unfeeling.

He is giving you what you
need most
in all the world:

the firm, personal assurance,
based on repeated, first-hand experience, that

He Himself is
all you want and
all you need.

He is proving that
He can and will be your Pillar of Cloud by day,
leading you certainly and consistently,
though you won't always understand His reasons or methods.

He can and will be your Pillar of Fire by night,
providing light for all your darkest places.

He can and will be Living Water springing up
during your driest times.

He can and will be Living Bread,
daily bread,
nourishing not only your body,
but your entire being.

He can and will be
a movable tabernacle,
His tangible presence
going with you everywhere you go.

Your loving Father is teaching you to
know Him,
trust Him, and
treasure Him
through absolutely everything that life brings.