

Behind the Hymn: In the Light of the Cross

For many years I've written a prayer of response to my daily Bible reading. On June 17, 2005, having read Galatians 6:6-18, I ended the prayer with this line: "Lord, may I live in the light of the cross."

That left me thinking. Wouldn't it be wonderful to live in full response to God? Always aware of His love, His sacrifice for us, His full provision for our every spiritual need. Always walking in His Spirit, His joy, His presence. Always giving to others the wonderful love He pours out on us.

This hymn was my attempt to say all that in a hymn. For the music, I turned to my file of folk tunes. Hymn tunes need to be simple and singable, yet fresh, varied, and interesting. Folk music is a gold mine of such tunes!

As I perused my file, this lovely Irish folk tune seemed perfect: *The Maids of Mourne Shore*.

--Ken Bible

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