Magnificent God

Devotional Tapestry

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MAGNIFICENT ONE Devotional Tapestry

The Magnificent One

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He is the Magnificent One,
      transcendent,
      high above,
      separate, and
      infinitely beyond.
He is
      pure,
      perfect,
      incomparable, and
      absolutely glorious.
He is
      Supreme,
      the Source of all being,
      the Creator,
      the Uncreated One.
Divine,
eternal,
majestic, and
exalted,
He is
      always good,
      always just, and
      complete in Himself.
He is
      the I AM.
He is
      Holy
      God.
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Worshiping Transcendent God

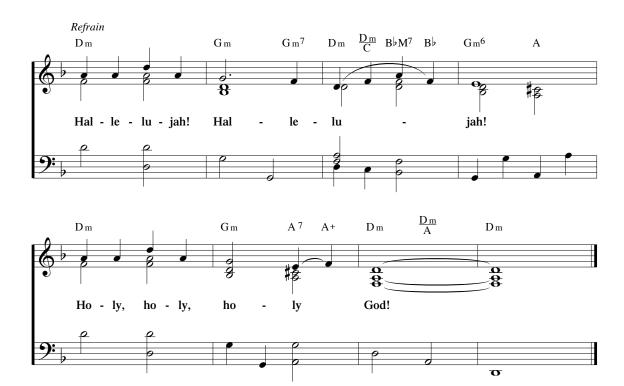
TUNE: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (PICARDY) Exodus 3:13-14; Isaiah 6:1-4; Romans 11:36; Revelation 1:8; 4:1-11



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The Fullness of God's Glory

TUNE: KINGSFOLD

Job 26:14; Psalm 19:1-4; John 1:14; Ephesians 1:13-14; Colossians 2:9-10; Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 John 3:2



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GOD OF ALL BEING Devotional Tapestry

The Transcendent God

Job 26 says:

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Death is naked before God...
      He spreads out the northern skies over empty space;
      he suspends the earth over nothing...
      The pillars of the heavens quake,
             aghast at his rebuke.
      By his power he churned up the sea.
      And these are but the outer fringe of his works;
      how faint the whisper we hear of him!
      Who then can understand
             the thunder of his power?
                                                           (Job 26:6-7, 11-12, 14, NIV)
Many insist on a god as small as they are,
      a human deity comfortably within their puny understanding.
They want a god without
      power,
      holiness, or
      transcendence,
a god without
      fire,
      anger,
      zeal, or
      sovereignty.
Many prefer a god who is no god at all.
But for the true and living Creator, even our grandest images –
      the thunder of His power,
      the oceans of His love -
are childish understatements.
His love boils over into
      universes,
      races, and
      epochs,
bounded only by His own wisdom.
His self-giving cannot be stopped any more than
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a sandcastle can hold back the ocean.

I find comfort in the immanence of God, in His
personal nearness and
constant presence with me.
He is closer and more intimate than any of us can imagine.
Knowing Him and
realizing His presence
have transformed my life.

But in the rushing stream of our daily struggle and

in the crises that inevitably come,
I desperately need to see the transcendent God.
I need to be reminded of
the God who is God indeed,
the One who is bigger than my shriveled perspective;
the God who overflows all names and all descriptions;
the God whose self-given name, "I AM," suggests that
He is being itself,
beyond all time and all categories.

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Psalm 104



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I AM Devotional Tapestry

The Immensity of God

O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is your name in all the earth! When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, The moon and the stars, which you have ordained;

What is man that you take thought of him,

And the son of man that you care for him?

(Psalm 8:1, 3-4, NASB)

Have you ever been out under the clear night sky and

looked up at the stars and

the vastness of the heavens?

Have you marveled that the Creator of all this has any interest in <u>you</u>?

Consider this:

Light travels so fast that a beam of light can circle the earth more than 7 times in a second.

The moon is a quarter of a million miles away, and

its light reaches the earth in less than a second and a half.

The sun is 93 million miles away, and

its light arrives in only 8 minutes.

Our group of stars, our galaxy, is called the Milky Way.

How long do you think it takes light to travel across this one galaxy?

100,000 years!

Light travels around the earth 7 times in a second and

93 million miles in only 8 minutes.

But our galaxy is so vast that even light takes 100,000 years to cross it.

Galaxies are vast beyond our imagination.

But ours is only one galaxy.

How many galaxies do you think there are in the universe?

One conservative estimate says there are

125 billion galaxies in the universe.

Try to imagine that:

93 million miles in only 8 minutes;

100,000 years to cross our galaxy;

125 billion galaxies.

We are so very small.

Reality dwarfs us.

It dwarfs the human race.

It dwarfs all that we can imagine.

But there's more:

This vast universe is only the smallest taste of the Living God. He overflows all physical existence.

Job 26 says that in all God's mighty creation,
we see only the fringes of His robe.
We hear only a faint whisper of Him.

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Our Lord I AM

Exodus 3:5, 13-14



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GOD OF THE UNIVERSE Devotional Tapestry

God of All

God of all reality...

God of all time and all eternity, of all that has been, all that is, and all that will be...

God of every wonder ever seen,
every truth ever known,
every mystery ever pondered,
every good ever desired
and so much that is beyond imagining...

You are the One who calls to me.
You are the One who calls me to Yourself.
You are the One who offers me
full knowing and
unbroken fellowship with You.

How can a creature like me respond to such an offer?
All I can do is bow to You
here and now,
and simply say,
"Here I am."

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God of the Universe

Isaiah 57:15-19



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ETERNAL GOD Devotional Tapestry

In Your Time

Transcendent God, You live in eternity above all time, unlimited, unhurried, untouched by its relentless flow.

You are the master of time,

not its slave.

Time means change, and

You are beyond all change.

You are unchanging fullness, unchanging perfection.

Yet we humans *need* time, Father.

We need its opportunities to

change and grow.

We are only the seeds of

who we need to be.

And You are like a gardener,

content to work,

content to wait,

content to patiently nurture us

until the time is exactly right and

we are all Your love intended us to be.

You will not rush.

What seems like delays is

only Your mercy,

Your unflinching determination to give

only Your best to Your children.

Transcendent God, we cannot think Your thoughts.

We cannot trace Your ways,

But we trust Your perfect wisdom and

Your unchanging love.

Help us to work and rest

in Your Spirit,

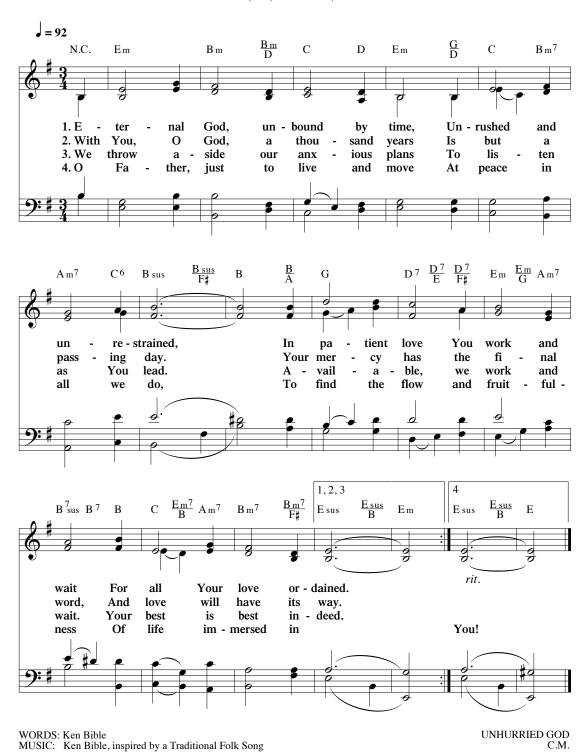
in Your time,

in Your peace.

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Eternal God, Unbound by Time

Psalm 31:15; 90; John 15:5; 2 Peter 3:3-9



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SOVEREIGN GOD Devotional Tapestry

Eternal God

Eternal God, You overflow all the vast universe and all human thought and imagination.

Though You are consistent,

You consistently stretch every comfortable understanding of You.

But what you require of us is amazingly, stunningly simple: Trust Me.

As we trust You,

we live in the comforting truth of Your greatness and our smallness.

As we trust You, we fear You and fear nothing else.

As we trust You, all the world is a lush forest, dense with Your life and mysterious beauty.

As we trust You.

our horizons are as vast as You are.
We share Your character,
Your power,
Your goodness, and
Your unlimited future.

As we trust You,

we are unmoved by threats and unconcerned about unknowns.
We look beyond today's ups and downs.
Fruitless worry disappears into peace when we see only You.

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High and Holy Sovereign God

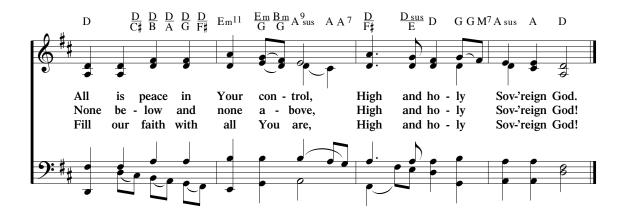
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Isaiah 6:1; Acts 17:28-29; Romans 8:28-39; 11:33-36; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:15-16



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WE NEED YOU Devotional Tapestry

Seeing a Greater God

Even after many years of following You, Father, much of my life makes no sense in light of who You are.

You are perfect power,

perfect wisdom, and

perfect love.

Yet the faith I live is so weak.

My thoughts and actions proclaim a God who is only a vague shadow of You,

a God who is limited and

unreliable.

So much of me is still unmolded by the truth of all You are.

My daily walk is clouded by ignorance,

fear, and

self-centeredness.

Almighty Father, I long to know You in a way that is all-transforming.

I want to respond to You always,

constantly,

for all You are.

I hunger to think and speak and walk

each moment

in the light of Your full greatness.

Continue to draw me to Yourself.

Through prayer,

Your Word, and

Your loving discipline, Father,

help me to

see You more clearly and trust You more simply.

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We Need You, Holy God

TUNE: Rejoice, the Lord Is King (DARWALL)

Psalm 42:1-2; 62:1-2; 63:1; 123:1-2;

John 5:19-20, 30; 14:10; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 2:5-8



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YOU CAME TO US Devotional Tapestry

The Uncrossable Gap

God is holy.

We were born into sin. It is all we have ever known.

God is pure light.

As creatures of the darkness, we instinctively run from Him.

God is love.

In our selfishness we are suspicious of Him.

God is Spirit.

To us physical creatures, He seems unreal.

God is perfect wisdom.

To our ignorance, He seems foolish.

God is all in all, and He offers Himself to us freely and completely.

In ourselves, we cannot see, cannot know, and cannot accept Him.

But now God has crossed all the barriers between Him and us.

The Transcendent One has taken flesh and blood.

Holy God is now and forever

wholly human.

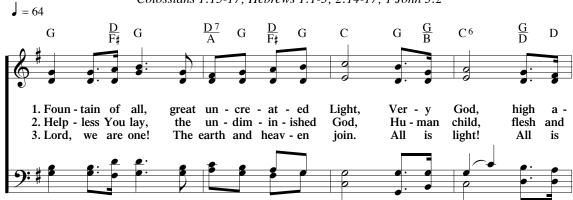
He has come all the way to us in Jesus Christ.

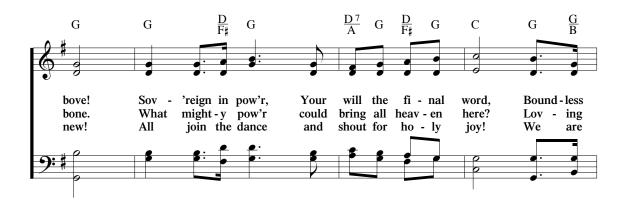
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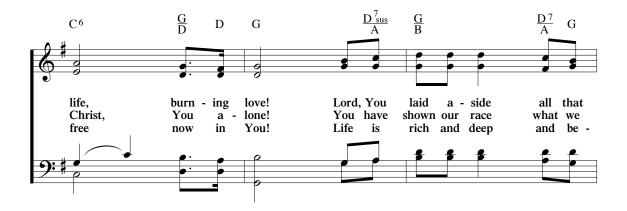
You Came to Us

TUNE: Come, Come, Ye Saints (ALL IS WELL)

John 1:14; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-3; 2:14-17; 1 John 3:2



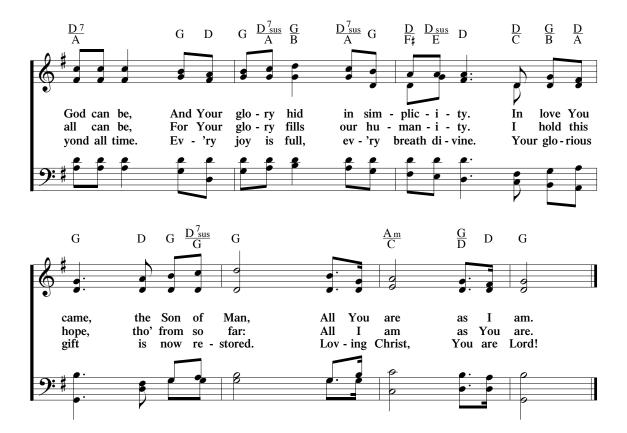




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TRANSCENDENT GOD Devotional Tapestry

The I AM

Jesus Christ is the Word become flesh.
He is the image of the invisible God.
He is all the fullness of the Deity in bodily form.
He is the radiance of the Father's glory and the exact representation of His very being.

Holy God is now human.
The Almighty shares our weakness.
Our Sovereign is a humble servant.
The Unapproachable One grants us unlimited access.
The Transcendent, the Incomprehensible, the Unimaginable has come to us, and we see Him face to face.

Mystery and intimacy, power and dependence, time and eternity are seamlessly combined in Him.

The Unknowable is knowable by childlike faith alone.
The glory of the Infinite God, of whom the vast universe is only a passing glimpse and a faint whisper, is fully revealed in this One.

He shares with us

His wisdom, His heart, His breath, and His peace.

He welcomes us with open arms, holds us gently in His hand, lovingly speaks our name, and calls Himself our Brother.

All that the Father has, all that He is, and all the gifts of His magnificent Being are ours forever in this One: Jesus Christ.

We Can Know Our God Transcendent

Exodus 3:14; 20:4; John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7-11; 11:23-26; 14:5-7; 15:1; Colossians 1:15-20; 2:9-10; Hebrews 1:1-3; 2:11



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ONE WITH GOD Devotional Tapestry

Infinite God, Personal God

You come to me in Jesus Christ. You come in skin and fragile flesh and bone. You make Yourself just like me.

You come because I came from You.

You come

to call me, to draw me,

to bless me back to Yourself.

Infinite God,

personal God,

Father God,

I bow to You and

lift my hands to You.

Make us one again in Christ!

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One with God

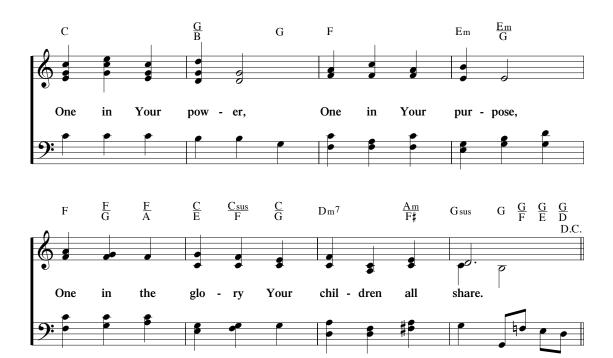
John 14:15-23; 17:20-24



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CAPTIVE Devotional Tapestry

Captive

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Father, I am held captive by You. I am Your humble prisoner.
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You are the Source of all being.
You are Creator and
Sovereign.
You are all beauty and
splendor,
all truth,
holiness,
goodness, and
love.
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You are all, magnificent Father, and I am Your prisoner.
I am held captive by Your greatness, by the flood of Your tender mercies, by the amazing possibility of knowing You and sharing in You fully and forever.

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O Father, how can I do anything else but love You and serve You in wonder and worship?
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Simply God

TUNE: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star Psalm 18:1; 73:23-28; 104:1; 116:12; Romans 12:1; Ephesians 2:8

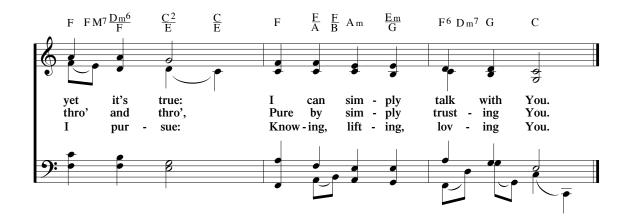


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GOD ALONE Devotional Tapestry

God of Endless Abundance

God of endless abundance,
God of glad, unbounded giving,
You have made me
Your child,
Your heir.
I am rich beyond measure
in You.

Father, help me turn my back on everything that distracts me from You.

Help me flee from all anxious grasping, all foolish desires, and all self-glory.

Instead, help me wholeheartedly embrace generosity, contentment, humility, gratitude, and joyful, self-giving love.

Father, You are the one eternal God.
Help me love You
with all my heart,
with all that I am and
all that I hold.

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God Alone

Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:25-28



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