



Hymn of the Week

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Are You Weary of Your Burden

Text: John Mason Neale, 1862; adapt. Richard Leach, 1997.

Text by John Mason Neale, 1862, inspired by Stephen the Sabaite (725–794); adapted by Richard Leach. “I found this very moving text while reading through a collection of John Mason Neale’s hymns. A few words and phrases were outdated and odd-sounding. I did this adaptation to bring it into the present and make it of use.” –Richard Leach

Music: WALES, David Ashley White, 2002.

Tune named for Suzanne and Kenneth Wales, patrons of the composer.

STEPHANOS, Henry Williams Baker, 1868. (PD)

Topics: Burdens, Comfort, Discipleship

Scripture references: Matthew 11:28, 27:29; Mark 15:17; John 20:20

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New Harmony: A Harp of Thousand Strings (Selah, 2006)

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Are You Weary of Your Burden

1 Are you wea - ry of your bur - den, are you
 2 Has he marks that I may know him, and make
 5 If I still hold close - ly to him, what has
 7 Find - ing, fol - lowing, keep - ing, strug - gling, is he

sore dis - tressed? Come to me, says Christ, and
 him my guide? In his feet and hands are
 he at last? Sor - row van - quished, la - bor
 sure to bless? Saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets,

com - ing, be at rest.
 wound - prints, and his side.
 end - ed, Jor - dan passed.
 mar - tyrs an - swer, Yes.

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3 Is there di - a - dem, as mon - arch, that his brow a -
 4 If I find him, if I fol - low, what is giv - en
 6 If I ask him to re - ceive me, will he tell me

dorns? Sure - ly, yet the crown up - on him is of thorns.
 here? Man - ya sor - row, man - ya la - bor, man - ya tear.
 no? Nev - er: not if earth and heav - en melt like snow.

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Are You Weary of Your Burden'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Are you wea - ry of your bur - den, are you sore dis - tressed?
 2 Has he marks that I may know him, and make him my guide?
 3 Is there di - a - dem, as mon - arch, that his brow a - dorns?
 4 If I find him, if I fol - low, what is giv - en here?

Come to me, says Christ, and com - ing, be at rest.
 In his feet and hands are wound - prints, and his side.
 Sure - ly, yet the crown up - on him is of thorns.
 Ma - ny a sor - row, ma - ny a la - bor, ma - ny a tear.

- 5 If I still hold closely to him,
 what has he at last?
 Sorrow vanquished, labor ended,
 Jordan passed.
- 6 If I ask him to receive me,
 will he tell me no?
 Never: not if earth and heaven
 melt like snow.
- 7 Finding, following, keeping, struggling,
 is he sure to bless?
 Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs
 answer, Yes.

Are You Weary of Your Burden

Are you weary of your burden,
are you sore distressed?
Come to me, says Christ, and coming,
be at rest.

Has he marks that I may know him,
and make him my guide?
In his feet and hands are wound-prints,
and his side.

Is there diadem, as monarch,
that his brow adorns?
Surely, yet the crown upon him
is of thorns.

If I find him, if I follow,
what is given here?
Many a sorrow, many a labor,
many a tear.

If I still hold closely to him,
what has he at last?
Sorrow vanquished, labor ended,
Jordan passed.

If I ask him to receive me,
will he tell me no?
Never: not if earth and heaven
melt like snow.

Finding, following, keeping, struggling,
is he sure to bless?
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