



When We All Get to Heaven

Hymns for Worship, #194

Background

- This particular hymn has some special consideration as the chorus is worded differently than our former Sacred Selections hymnal.
- Written by Eliza Hewitt
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- A song that encourages faithfulness as we anticipate heaven after this life

Vs. 1 - Jesus made heaven possible

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus

- We know Jesus came because of His love for us

Ephesians 5:2

1 John 3:16

Vs. 1 - Jesus made heaven possible

Sing His mercy and His grace

- Jesus is merciful and gracious

Ephesians 2:4-5

2 Corinthians 8:9

Hebrews 2:17

2 Timothy 2:1

John 1:16-17

- The grace and mercy of God cannot be separated from His Son

Vs. 1 - Jesus made heaven possible

*In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place*

- **John 14:1-3** - this is the promise we live for, knowing there is a room waiting for us in heaven.
 - Heaven is a very REAL place, though of another realm
- (cf. Hebrews 11:10, 13-16)**

Vs. 2 - When troubled, keep you eye on
heaven

While we walk the pilgrim pathway

- We are sojourners and pilgrims here

1 Peter 2:11 (1:1)

Philippians 3:20 - our citizenship
is in heaven.

Never forget this world is not our
home.

Vs. 2 - When troubled, keep you eye on
heaven

Clouds will overspread the skies

- Clouds would represent troubles and trials over various sorts
 - We are all going to have “cloudy days” spiritually
 - Perilous times will come

2 Timothy 3:1-5

1 Peter 4:12

Vs. 2 - When troubled, keep you eye on heaven

But when traveling days are over, not a shadow nor a sigh

- When we finish our earthly journey and face God, our eternal reward will be without any troubles

Revelation 21:4, 27

cf. Romans 8:18 - sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared...

2 Corinthians 4:17 - our “light affliction”

Vs.3 - Resolve to remain faithful

Let us then be true and faithful

- Considering our hope, let us live with resolve (determination)
 - Be patient and persevere
 - We cannot quit

Revelation 2:10

Hebrews 10:38, *Now the just shall live by faith, but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.*

Vs.3 - Resolve to remain faithful

Trusting, serving every day

- Serving God is not a part-time job. It is a total commitment that governs every aspect of our lives

1 Corinthians 15:58

Romans 12:1 - we present our bodies a “living sacrifice” to Him

Vs.3 - Resolve to remain faithful

*Just one glimpse of Him in glory will
the toils of life repay*

- **1 John 3:1-3** - everyone with this hope purifies himself
- **2 Corinthians 4:17**, our “light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working in us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory”

Chorus - When we all get to heaven

Some are hesitant to sing this because we realize that all will not get to heaven. But consider:

- Virtually everyone understands this (unless one believes in universalism)
- “All” can thus mean, those that WILL get to heaven (i.e. the saved)
- The song challenges us to be true and faithful - implying there are conditions associated with getting to heaven

Chorus - When we all get to heaven

Some are hesitant to sing this because we realize that all will not get to heaven. But consider:

- Be reminded that the church is the body of the saved. We gather to worship God, and when we sing we are “teaching and admonishing one another” (**Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19**)

Our primary purpose in singing is to worship God together AS THE SAVED!

We are encouraging one another to remain faithful so that we will “all get to heaven”

Chorus - When we all get to heaven

Some are hesitant to sing this because we realize that all will not get to heaven. But consider:

- What about the unsaved in the audience?

I contend that they too understand that not all will be saved. They understand it to be those who are saved.

Perhaps as this is sung, they might realize their condition and desire to obey the gospel or be reconciled to God

Chorus - When we all get to heaven

Some are hesitant to sing this because we realize that all will not get to heaven. But consider:

- Also consider, CAN we know that we are saved? Scripture says that we can: **1 John 5:13, 2:3-5**, etc. We OUGHT to be singing with confidence
- For these reasons, I have not problem singing this song.

Chorus - When we all get to heaven

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be

- Certainly, being in God's presence will be a day of great rejoicing

1 Peter 1:6-8

Psalm 16:11, *“You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy. At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”*

Chorus - When we all get to heaven

When we all see Jesus

- **1 Thessalonians 4:17**, we are caught up in the air to meet the Lord, and thus we shall always be with Him

1 John 3:2-3 , *we shall see Him as He is...*

Chorus - When we all get to heaven

We'll sing and shout the victory

- **Revelation 14:3**, a new song before the throne

1 Corinthians 15:54-57, thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

A 4th verse

There is a 4th verse to the song that reminds us what heaven will be like

- “Onward to the prize before us, soon His beauty we’ll behold; Soon the pearly gates will open; We shall tread the streets of gold.”

The background of the image is a cosmic scene. On the left side, there is a large, colorful nebula with shades of red, orange, and yellow, appearing as a soft, glowing cloud. The right side of the image is a dark, deep space filled with numerous small, bright stars of varying colors, including white, yellow, and red. The overall atmosphere is ethereal and celestial.

What about you?
Can you sing this song with a
hope of heaven?



Let us pray!