Oldie Goldies!

MY TRUST

Lord, Thou hast given to me a trust,
A high and holy dispensation,
To tell the world, and tell I must,
The story of Thy great salvation;
Thou might'st have sent from heaven above
Angelic hosts to tell the story,
But in Thy condescending love,
On men Thou hast conferred the glory.

Thou hast commanded us to go,
O never let our hearts betray Thee;
And Thou hast left an awful woe,
On all who lightly disobey Thee;
O let us feel and fear that woe,
As we would guard our own salvation,
And let us answer to that "go",
As witnesses in every nation.

We all are debtors to our race;
God holds us bound to one another;
The gifts and blessings of His grace
Were given thee to give thy brother;
We owe to every child of sin
One chance, at least, for hope of heaven,
O by the love that brought us in,
Let help and hope to them be given.

Let me be faithful to my trust,
Telling the world the story,
Press on my heart the woe;
Put in my feet the go;
Let me be faithful to my trust,
And use me for Thy glory.

(From Grandfather's collection)  — A. B. Simpson

JESUS IS COMING

"Be Thou Watchful"

Rev. 3: 12

"WATCH ye therefore and pray"  Luke 21:36
"WATCH for ye know not on what day the Lord cometh"  Matt. 24:42
"WATCH and PRAY that ye enter not into temptation"  Matt. 26:41
"Let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us WATCH and be sober"  1 Thess. 5:6
"Continue steadfastly in PRAYER, WATCHING therein with thanksgiving"  Col. 4:2
"Blessed are those servants, whom, when the Lord cometh he shall find WATCHING"  Luke 12:37
"WATCH ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong"  1 Cor. 16:13
"What I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH"  Mark 13:37

(MO's Dad & Mom) (1925)

MEDITATION MOMENT

Father, teach me to listen when I pray.
Thank You for listening, and for others also, who are willing to listen.

No matter how confusing and frustrating this life and these times may become, let me never abandon the search for wisdom and understanding. Through the babble and the blinding lights, let me see and hear and understand.

Make me realize that wisdom and understanding are not necessarily found in "the deep or in the sea" or in space, and by no means can they be purchased.

Help me to accept the meanings of Job 28:28, whether I like these admonitions or not, and remind me that those around me gain more wisdom and understanding from my own foolishness than from any infinitesimal wisdom of my own. (8 Oct. '78, regular newspaper column by Dad's brother.)  — Hjalmer

NO STONES  (First time published)

Beside a clear and crystal pool
I quickly stooped one day
To grasp a stone I’d throw at one
Who’d "fallen by the way".
But, as I stooped, I saw myself
Reflected clearly there,
My inner self, my naked heart,
My very soul laid bare.
Quickly I dropped the stone
I’d throw and hurried fast away.
And that’s the reason why I have
NO STONES TO THROW TODAY.

—Grandmother.