What Wondrous Love Is This

This is not a question. It is solemn statement, made in humble amazement. If this thought does not precede our thoughts about the resurrection, we are rushing to a personal payoff. Oh my soul, O my soul.

Let the very depths of my being be awakened to ponder the path to salvation. Let me feel the sting of tears in open wounds. The One who had never experienced sin and guilt felt all of humanity's sin and guilt all at once, in one deadly dose. Oh my soul. Oh my soul.

The sting of all torn relationships, the sting of all rejection; oh my soul, oh my soul; is there a more fearful brushstroke, a more deadly pigment than those that paint this picture? What wondrous love is this love. The words sting our tongue and lips, yet our hearts are warmed, so we sing on, we sing on. To God and to the Lamb, now and through eternity, we sing on.

Millions join the singing, but that does not diminish the personal impact of the scene. Oh my soul, O my soul. Death has lost its sting, but the cost of this love has not. Oh my soul, Oh my soul. The depth of his love matches the depth of my sin; oh my soul.

How shall we respond? We sing on. Through our sin and its sorrow, through God's forgiveness and our joy, we sing on. Through our time on earth and timeless heaven, we sing on. The tears of our joy sting to remind us of the tears of His sacrifice and we sing on in full but tempered sorrow and in full but tempered joy.

Lent: know the word, know the season free-church, protestant congregations. Know the sting in your tears of joy. Hear how much alike are the cries of pain and the shouts of triumph. Remember that to exit the tomb, Jesus first had to enter it. Oh my soul, Oh my soul.

It is not a good thing to re-write history. It certainly is not a good thing to re-write the history of God's salvation. In the context of the "eternal now," the whole story of salvation is present in our lives. Let us, likewise, live present in the whole story. Oh my soul, what wondrous love is this.

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