

## SO WILL I (A 100 Billion X)- Hillside United

God of Creation, there at the start before the beginning of time  
With no point of reference You spoke to the dark and fleshed out the wonder of light  
And as you speak a hundred billion galaxies are born  
In the vapor of your breath the planets form  
If the stars were made to worship SO WILL I  
I can see your heart in everything You've made  
Every burning star a signal fire of grace  
If creation sings Your praises SO WILL I

God of Your promise You don't speak in vain, no syllable empty or void  
For once You have spoken All nature and science follow the sound of Your voice  
And as You speak a hundred billion creatures catch your breath  
Evolving in pursuit of what You said  
If it all reveals Your nature SO WILL I  
I can see Your heart in everything you say  
Every painted sky a canvas of Your grace  
If creation still obeys You SO WILL I

If the stars are made to worship SO WILL I  
If the mountains bow in reverence SO WILL I  
If the oceans roar Your greatness SO WILL I  
For if everything exists to lift You high SO WILL I  
If the wind goes where you send it SO WILL I  
If the rocks cry out in silence SO WILL I  
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy  
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times  
God of salvation you chased down my heart through all of my failure and pride  
On a hill You created the Light of the world abandoned in darkness to die

And as You speak, a hundred billion failures disappear  
Where you lost Your life so I could find it here  
If You left the grave behind You SO WILL I  
I can see Your heart in everything You've done  
Every part designed in a work of art called love  
If You gladly chose surrender SO WILL I

I can see Your heart eight billion different ways  
Every precious one a child you died to save  
If you gave your life to love them SO WILL I  
Like You would again a hundred billion times  
But what measures could amount to Your desire  
You're the One who never leaves the one behind

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Grandma's in heaven.

## MANY BIG BANGS

“Too often new beginnings  
are disguised  
by terrible endings.”

Tso



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

**Be still and know that I am God!**

In that silence we listen for a new word.

God is present in all our lives.

God cares for us, and  
our life experiences are a source  
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence  
we share from our hearts.

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## To Ponder: Eckhart Tolle, *The Power of Now*

“I can be conscious of my unhappy feelings,” says the student.

The teacher replies: “Would you choose unhappiness? If you did not choose it, how did it arise? What is its purpose? Who is keeping it alive? You say that you are conscious of your unhappy feelings, but the truth is that you are identified with them and keep the process alive through compulsive thinking. All that is unconscious. If you were conscious, that is to say, totally present in the Now, all negativity would dissolve almost instantly. It could not survive in your presence. It can only survive in your absence. Even the pain-body cannot survive for long in your presence. You keep your unhappiness alive by giving it time. That is its lifeblood. Remove time through intense present-moment awareness and it dies. But do you want it to die? Have you truly had enough? Who would you be without it?”

## Reading: Frank Charles Laubach, “Prayer, The Mightiest Force In The World”

God forgives us instantly and eagerly.  
Let’s forgive ourselves!  
To “repent” does not mean to “repine”  
but to “right about face  
and start moving in the right direction.

God’s joy is in helping us make new beginnings.  
God finds no pleasure in condemning.  
God delights only in helping us rise higher.

No matter what the last hour may have been,  
it is past, and we live in this moment  
to make it as fine as we can in thought and deed.  
Never let the sins or errors of the last hour poison this!

“Snap out of it” instantly,  
and, lo, a new fresh page is turned.

One who adopts the **philosophy  
of instantaneous new beginnings  
has the secret of peace.**

Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...