

## How Can I Keep from Singing Quaker Hymn

My life flows on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

*No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear the music ringing;  
It sounds and echoes in my soul;  
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,  
And hear their death knell ringing;  
When friends rejoice both far and near,  
How can I keep from singing?

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## Praying the News



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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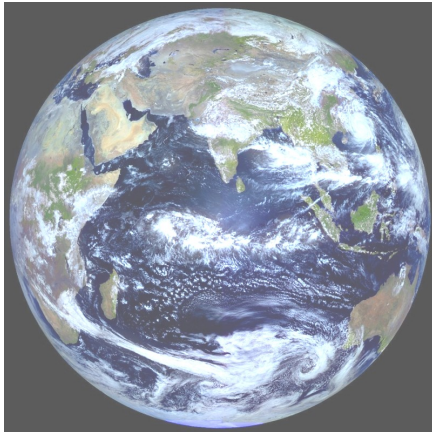
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**To Ponder:** Teilhard de Chardin  
*The Hymn of the Universe*

Ah, you know it yourself, Lord  
through having borne the anguish of it as a man:

On certain days the world seems a terrifying thing:  
huge, blind and brutal.  
It buffets us about, drags us along,  
and kills us with complete indifference...

That I may not succumb to the temptation  
to curse the universe and the One who made it,  
teach me to adore it by seeing  
You concealed within it.



**Reading:** Prayer for Peace  
St. John Paul II  
(World Day for Peace 1991)

O God, Creator of the Universe, harmony, truth and  
beauty, to You I pray.  
Hear my voice, for it is the voice of victims  
of all wars and violence  
among individuals and nations.  
Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer  
when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice, when I beg you to instill in the hearts  
of all human beings the wisdom of peace,  
the strength of justice and the joy of community.

Hear my voice when I speak of the multitudes of  
people everywhere on earth  
who long to walk the road of peace.

Hear my voice:  
May we always respond to hatred with love,  
injustice with compassion and work together  
to build a world of peace. Amen.

**Sharing...**  
**a word...**  
**a phrase...**  
**a reflection...**