

BE BORN IN ME - Francesca Battistelli

Everything inside me cries for order
Everything inside me wants to hide
Is this shadow an angel or a warrior?
If God is pleased with me, why am I so terrified?
Someone tell me I am only dreaming
Somehow help me see with heaven's eyes
And before my head agrees,
My heart is on its knees
Holy is He, Blessed am I

*Be born in me,
Be born in me trembling heart,
Somehow I believe that You chose me.
I'll hold you in the beginning
You will hold me in the end
Every moment in the middle,
Make my heart Your Bethlehem
Be born in me.*

All this time we've waited
for the promise
All this time You've waited for my arms
Did You wrap yourself inside the unexpected
So that we might know that Love would go that far?
I am not brave, I'll never be
The only thing my heart can offer is a vacancy
I'm just a child nothing more
But I am willing, I am Yours
Be born in me
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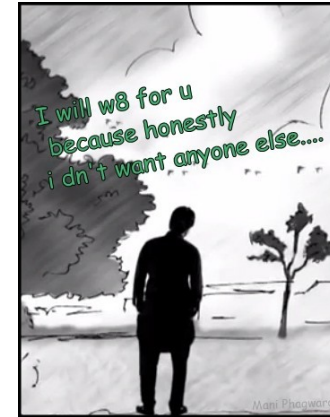
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Waiting



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: - Bishop Robert Barron

Waiting is very hard for most of us. I suppose we human beings have always been in a hurry, but modern people especially seem to want what they want when they want it....So when I am told that waiting seems to belong to the heart of the spiritual life, I am not pleased, for here, too, I want answers, direction, clarity – and I want them pronto.

So what sense can we make of the counter cultural and counter-intuitive spirituality of vigilance? The first thing we have to realize is that we and God are, quite simply, on different timetables. “To you, O Lord, a thousand years are like a day” (2Peter 3:8). What is a long time to us is an instant for God.

Also it is possible that we are made to wait because the track we are on is not the one God wants for us. G.K. Chesterton said that if you are on the wrong road, the very worst thing you can do is to move quickly.

Maybe we’re forced to wait because God wants us seriously to reconsider the course we have charted.... Or perhaps we are made to wait because we are not yet adequately prepared to receive what God wants to give us. Saint Augustine argued that the purpose of unanswered prayer is to force an expansion of the heart. And even if we desire with sufficient intensity what God wants to give, we still might not be ready to integrate a particular grace into our lives or to handle the implications of it.

So may we embrace the spirituality of Advent and may we spend these holy days together waiting—in prayer, penance and hope—for the appearance of Christ our Savior.

Reading: - The Listening Hermit

It is the eternal feminine that brings the truly redemptive process for humankind to birth. Whether you speak of economics, politics or ecology, it is the nurturing energy of the feminine spirit of God that is at work in what is holding and healing our lives on the planet.

..We do recognize the need for testosterone. However, we are most likely to build something whole and lasting when we “enwomb” rather than “impale”...

The leap of John the Baptizer in his mother’s womb may have been a response to the gentle arrival of feminine spirit when Mary came to visit.

Would that I might find enough feminine spirit moving in my life that something may leap in me when I realize that today I am a dwelling place.



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