

## How can I keep from Singing *by Libera*

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  
It sounds an echo in my soul  
How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me roars  
I know the truth, it liveth  
What though the darkness round me close  
Songs in the night it giveth

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?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin  
I see the blue above it  
And day by day this pathway smoothes  
Since first I learned to love it

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart  
A fountain ever springing  
All things are mine since I am his  
How can I keep from singing, singing, singing?

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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***

### **Love and Tolerance**

*by M. Fethullah Gulen*

Previous generations witnessed a bitter struggle that should never have taken place: science vs. religion. Science cannot contradict religion, for its purpose is to understand nature and humanity, which are each a composition of the manifestations of God's attributes of will and power. Religion has its source in the Divine Attribute of Speech, which was manifested in the course of human history as Divine Scriptures, such as the Qur'an, the Gospels, the Torah.

Thanks to the efforts of both Christian and Muslim theologians and scientists, it seems that the religion-science conflict that has lasted for a few centuries will come to an end, or at least its absurdity will finally be acknowledged.

The end of this conflict and a new style of education that fuses religious and scientific knowledge with morality and spirituality will produce genuinely enlightened people with hearts illuminated by religious sciences and spirituality, characterized by all kinds of humane merits and moral values, and cognizant of the socioeconomic and political conditions of their time.

Our old world will experience an amazing springtime before its demise. This springtime will see the gap between rich and poor narrow; the world's riches will be distributed more justly; there will be no discrimination based on race, color, language or worldview; and basic human rights and freedoms will be protected. Individuals will come to the fore and, learning how to realize their potential, will ascend on the way to becoming the most elevated human on the wings of love, knowledge and belief.

Yes, this springtime will rise on the foundations of love, compassion, mercy, dialogue, acceptance of others, mutual respect, justice and rights. It will be a time in which humanity will discover its real essence. Goodness and kindness, righteousness and virtue will form the basic essence of the world. No matter what happens, the world will come to this path sooner or later. Nobody can prevent this.

## ***Reading***

### **There Was a Time I would Reject Those**

*by Muhyiddin Ibn Al-'Arabi*

There was a time I would reject those  
Who were not of my faith.

Bu now, my heart has grown capable  
Of taking on all forms

It is a pasture for gazelles,  
An abbey for monks.  
A table for the Torah.  
Kaaba for the pilgrim.

My religion is love.  
Whichever the route love's caravan shall take,  
That shall be the path of my faith.

## **Sharing...**

**a word...**

**a phrase...**

**a reflection...**