

“PEARL OF GREAT PRICE”



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MATTHEW 13: 45-46

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”



THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

My soul goes questing through the snowy woods---far from the haunts of man
Reverently strolling in the cold wintry silence---searching for the Master's plan
Ice covered branches glistening above --- are symbolic of a parable profound.
Adorned by necklaces of perfect pearls--- as if by God they were crowned.

Like the merchant in Scripture, seeking fine pearls--- the One of most value he knew
Atonement to him meant full possession--- forever setting the course he'd pursue
Convinced of its worth; all goods were sold---that he might acquire the fine stone
Satisfaction his goal; minus feelings of regret---his decision he did not bemoan.

The soul never rests; short of God---always longing for the Jewel of great price
Tis Jesus of Nazareth; Christ the Pearl---the hearts only tonic that will suffice
Salvation is the Pearl that came at great cost---procured for the children of men
Its full acquisition calls for trust and love---and a total repentance of our sin.

Christ's entire person is but as one gem---gracious and all-gloriously whole
Nothing on earth except for His love---can satisfy the longing in mans soul
Depending on one's self, brings only misery--- in spite of seeking others advice
Look no further; your deliverance awaits---found today in the Pearl of great price.