



***"ABANDONED"***

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***DEUTERONOMY 4: 31***

***For the LORD your GOD is a merciful GOD; He will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your forefathers, which he confirmed to them by oath.***



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My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me---words we sometimes cry  
When enveloped in clouds of darkness---under a thick black ebony sky  
Once basking in rays of sunshine---now distressed, and utterly alone  
Rigid hands now wildly groping --- wearing a heart as cold as stone.

The brightness of the Father's smile---now eclipsed by a curtain of fear  
Abandoned in shadows of grief---without hope the Lord will appear  
Poor distressed frightened child—miserably suffering from unbelief  
God promised He'd never leave thee---so fully trust and find relief.

When we feel a slight withdrawal---of our Heavenly Father's love  
Harkin back to the woes of the Savior---as it appeared from up above  
How deep the agony of Jesus---as God, from His Son, turned away  
He entered the abyss of cruel suffering---its depth impossible to say.

The departure of His Father's presence---prompted our Lord to cry in pain  
Utterly deserted, forsaken and abandoned--- from His feelings He did not refrain  
All connection to His Abba now severed---into the midnight of horror He fell  
'Twas for you He endured the cross---so with Him you could choose to dwell.