



“TREADING WATER”

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ROMANS 12: 12

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.



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**Treading life's dangerous currents ---daily filled with grief and pain
Swilling the acrid dark water---as others pass by with disdain
Wading from affliction to affliction---lacking strength to carry on
Feeling banished forever by God---gulping for courage completely gone?**

**Why must believers suffer---an unanswered and troubling thought
Is God not their protector--- as the prophets in the Bible have taught
Yet, no one's exempt from trouble---of its wrath all lives are full
Knee deep in the midst of sorrow---facing the flow of depression's pull.**

**Since our eternal home is heaven---we walk daily on foreign soil
Until we are present with God---as strangers we must work and toil
Fighting off the power of darkness---this world is not our friend
But no matter our tribulations ---God is present until the end.**

**In the red hot furnace of affliction---we are purified and made strong
Worldly foes will be defeated--- as we're separated from the throng
Show patience during tribulation---seeking wisdom from God in prayer
Rejoicing in faith and hope--- though your soul feels empty and bare.**