

Standing On God's Laws

Robin was a very cheerful boy. He loved to play pretend. He would pretend that he was a cowboy, an Indian chief, a postman, a spaceman, a policeman, or a soldier. One thing that he really liked to do was to sing hymns from the Christian Science hymnal. While he was playing with his toys he would sing parts of the ones that he knew. When he didn't know all the words, he would hum the music to himself.



Robin was especially happy one day when his parents told him that they would be going on a vacation trip to Canada. As soon as school was out in the spring, they would go. It would be Robin's first trip far away from his home.

A week before the trip was to begin, Robin woke up one morning and found that he could not stand on his legs. He was not worried, because he knew that God's Love would make this trouble go away. His mother called a Christian Science practitioner who told Robin that there was only one law, the law of God, good. The practitioner also told Robin that he could show how happy he was to be God's perfect child by singing the hymns that he loved.

So as mother continued working about the house packing for the trip, she would join in singing the hymns with Robin. Then Robin would rest from singing for a while. But when error seemed to send pain, Robin would call out to mother that they needed to begin singing the hymns again. Robin's favorite hymn was the Shepherd song by Mary Baker Eddy. He knew all the words by heart. The first verse is:

“Shepherd, show me how to go O'er the hillside steep,
How to gather, how to sow, How to feed thy sheep;
I will listen for Thy voice, Lest my footsteps stray;
I will follow and rejoice All the rugged way.

At the end of three days, Robin could stand on his legs again. By the end of the week, he could run and walk without a trace of a limp. The family went ahead on their vacation trip to Canada, and Robin was able to enjoy all the new sights there. He saw glaciers, elk, mountain sheep, and deer. He saw a herd of buffalo, a moose and a zoo with many wild animals from Africa. He even saw some dinosaur tracks!

During the entire happy trip, Robin was the one with the most energy. He ran, he jumped up and down, and walked for many miles in a day. He also sang with all his heart to a loving God that he trusted to always care for him.

S&H 16: “Thy kingdom come.”

“Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.”