

# Sometimes a light surprises

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1. Some - times a light sur - pris - es the Chris-tian while he sings;  
2. In ho - ly con-tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue  
3. It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through:  
4. Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their wont - ed fruit should bear,

it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings:  
the theme of God's sal - va - tion, and find it ev - er new;  
who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too:  
though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there;

when com-forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain  
set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,  
be - neath the spread-ing hea - vens no crea - ture but is fed;  
yet, God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;

a sea - son of clear shin - ing, to cheer it af - ter rain.  
let the un-known to - mor - row bring with it what it may.  
and he who feeds the rav - ens will give his chil - dren bread.  
for, while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.