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#### I Am Resolved

Palmer Hartsough

I am resolved no longer to linger Charmed by the world's delight Things that are higher, things that are nobler These have allured my sight

Refrain: I will hasten to Him Hasten so glad and free Jesus, greatest, highest I will come to Thee

I am resolved to go to the Saviour Leaving my sin and strife He is the true one He is the just one He hath the words of life [Refrain]

I am resolved to count all as losses So that I may gain Christ Share in His suffering Share in His raising Granted a brand new life [Refrain]

## What a friend we have in Jesus

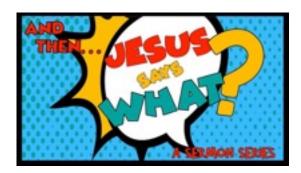
Joseph M. Scriven

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Saviour, still our refuge--Take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms He'll take and shield you; Thou will find a solace there.



### John 12 (NRSV)

1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and

Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

• "The poor you will always have with you"
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Background
• Bethany
• Nard
<ul> <li>Nardini: (Greek) a small amount of nard (not really!)</li> <li>Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 7</li> </ul>
• Jesus
Does not contradict Himself
• Is quoting scripture (Deut. 15:7-11)
• Judas
<ul> <li>Speaks from the perspective of scarcity, even though</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>he is in the presence of the One who brings abundance</li> <li>Hides his greed behind a concern for others</li> </ul>
• Mary
Gives extravagantly     Isn't concerned with what Judas thinks
Jesus is with us, and two of the many ways we can respon to his presence are like Judas, or like Mary

#### Be still my soul

Kathrina von Schlegel

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev'ry change He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, And all is darkened in the vale of tears, Then shall you better know His love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord, When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## **Doxology**

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost