

The GARDEN of JOY

In his presence is fullness of Joy. (Psalm 16)

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”...

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life...and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 21.1-4, 22.1-2



The springs source of the River Jordan

One Glorious Day

One day,
one glorious day,
all
and all
and all will be well.

That which was lost - restored.
That which was broken - made new.

Love
that holds the cosmos
in its hand
will wipe away every tear.

Love
that called Lazarus to life
from the cold, cold tomb
will lead us to life eternal.

Beauty of Eden, ours once more.
Heaven with Earth restored.

The gate has been flung wide.
The King of Glory stands
to beckon us in.

We do not know, we cannot tell, what awaits us through the open gateway of our death – yet we are assured of joy beyond all measure within the Garden of Eden restored.

Lord,
whatever our story,
wherever we find ourselves today,
help us remember your story.

Your Son,
sent for love of us.
Your Son,
given for the rescue of all.

Help us remember
that this life leads to the next,
true and eternal,
a home with you.
Eden restored,
the earth redeemed,
and we are truly at home,
with you.



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