

38. COMFORT IN DISTRESS

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1. Breth - ren be ye not af - fright - ed; God is yet a -
2. Though the waves of life's great o - cean Har - ass us from
3. Rocks and moun - tains may be scat - tered Though so firm - ly
4. Though the tears and sor - rows oft - en Be thy food and

mong you here; You are still with Him u - nit - ed,
far and near; Would hu - man - i - ty's com - mo - tion
they may stand; If the whole earth should be shat - tered
dai - ly drink; And thy sighs and lam - en - ta - tions

And His grace is ev - er near. His cor - rec - tions prove His
Plunge us in - to sore des - pair; Though the Sav - iour holds His
And be - come as sink - ing sand, Still His pre - cious Word re -
With thy songs and prais - es link; Grief and en - vy press thy

love, Show - ered on us from a - bove. Let this be your
peace, Seems to sleep and rest at ease, Naught shall move your
mains, Us in life and death sus - tains, That in no wise
heart, And thy earth - ly goods de - part; Zi - on, do not

con - so - la - tion! Why de - spair in trib - u - la - tion?
 faith in Je - sus; Soon the storm and flood de - creas - es.
 we should wan - der From the path that leads up yon - der.
 fear nor wav - er! Thou shalt see God's help and fav - or.

5. If with anguish thou art shaken,
 If men bind and torture thee,
 Thou wilt never be forsaken --
 Think upon eternity!
 Stand in faith and do not fear,
 For thy Lord is ever near.
 Zion, let His hand direct thee;
 He will strengthen and protect thee!

6. Then rejoice! The end is coming
 And the evening draweth nigh;
 Yield to God in true submission;
 He will free you from on high.
 For your sorrow, grief, and strife,
 He'll bestow the crown of life;
 God, thy shield, will watch and cherish;
 But the world in shame will perish.

7. Hallelujah! Bliss and rapture
 Now with glorious might appear!
 For the sun of grace and splendor,
 Jesus Christ, the King, draws near,
 Greets thee with thy soul's release
 And bestows the kiss of peace;
 Zion, all thy tears and sadness
 Vanish now in joy and gladness.