

No Night There

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Most Bible scholars feel that we are living in the last days as taught in scripture. I agree. The pages of the book of Revelation read as if they were today's newspapers. Near the end of this great book is a very interesting verse, Revelation 21:25, which states that in the New Jerusalem "there shall be no night there." Long lost from our hymnals, there is a song that puts this Bible truth into poetic form. John Clements is the author and tells us in his own words how it was written.

It was in the late 1890's that I had the privilege of traveling to California. As the train headed westward, each mile was a new revelation to me of the wonderful country in which we live and the creator who made it all. The spacious skies, the amber waves of grain, the mountain majesties—all united in a praise hymn to the great God of wonders. But of all the marvels I experienced, one stands out above them all. It was a sunset witnessed at California's Golden Gate, a scene I will never forget! The sky, a riot with every hue in the spectrum of color. So majestic that I was afraid to move for fear of it disappearing—it actually took my breath away! And then came the thought—darkness will soon follow this great spectacle; but someday, I'll be in a land where there is no night, but eternal day, and with it, no pain, no death nor fears. Just one great glorious day that will never end in a place that Jesus has gone to prepare for us.

I was so overwhelmed that I could not dismiss the glory from my mind and that evening I wrote *No Night There*.

An Irish immigrant, successful in business and born again at a D. L. Moody meeting in Binghamton, New York, John Clements has challenged the hearts of Christians for over 100 years by way of a song—a song that opens the soul to what's ahead for those who are trusting in Christ. What a glorious day it will be when there is *No Night There*.

In the land of fadeless day Lies the "city four square" It shall never pass away, And there Is "no night there."

All the gates of pearl are made, In the "city four square" All the streets with gold are laid, And there is "no night there."

Chorus

God shall "wipe away all tears;" There's no death, no pain, nor fears; And they count not Time by years, by years, For there is "no night there."

Behold, I come quickly; blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. Revelation 22:7