

The Mountaintop

[T]he disciples ... fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came ..., saying, "Get up and do not be afraid. Matthew 17:6-7

We spend so many troubled days
In valleys of despair.
We travel on such thorny ways
And bulky burdens bear.
In struggling to cross life's hard ground
We fail to look ahead;
We stumble and may yet fall down,
When we could thrive instead.

The mountaintop awaits for us;
The Savior dear is there.
No fear or doubt, but only trust
If we will only dare.
Transcendent, pure, Emmanuel,
Our God to earth came down.
With us true Love came here to dwell;
For us gave up his crown.

If we saw Jesus in his splendor,
Just how might we respond?
Will we be willing to surrender
Like Peter, James, and John?
Not only Jesus was transformed,
So were those faithful three,
They'd seen their Master calm the storm,
Now saw Divinity.

Let us be changed, with faith renewed,
Committed to the Lord.
We are with hope and love imbued;
Our purpose is restored.
We are empowered by the Christ,
We will not fail or stop:
Look up, believe, let faith suffice
And see the mountaintop. Patti Miller