

Sometimes a light surprises

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1. Some - times a light sur - pri - ses the Chris-tian while he sings;
2. In ho - ly con-tem-pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
3. It can bring with it no - thing but he will bear us through:
4. Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their won - ted fruit should bear,

it is the Lord who ri - ses with heal - ing in his wings:
the theme of God's sal - va - tion, and find it ev - er new;
who gives the li - lies clo - thing will clothe his peo - ple, too:
though all the fields should wi - ther, nor flocks nor herds be there;

when com - forts are de - cli - ning, he grants the soul a - gain
set free from pre - sent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
be - neath the spread - ing hea - vens no crea - ture but is fed;
yet, God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;

a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.
let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may.
and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.
for, while in him con - fi - ding, I can - not but re - joice.