

THEN I WILL PRAISE YOU

(also in 'Let's Sing it again' CD & Book)

1990. Though I've often received encouragement and positive feedback for songs I've written, two letters I received in 1995 were extra-special. The one shared with me the healing impact that one of my songs had had on that one person's life. The other, from a friend of many years, detailed the powerful role that several songs had played at crucial times. 'Then I will praise you' was one of those songs: '... you were the hand of God holding me back from the rim of the Abyss with your song.' The words of the psalms, whether literal or paraphrased, have had that effect on many people over the centuries, and naturally I'm enormously encouraged that a simple tune combined with the deep thoughts of the psalmist can provide such support.

1. When I feel miserable, down and depressed,
worthless, I feel that I've never been blessed,
you hold me gently with your unseen hands;
later I'll see you, my friend.

Then I will praise you, God, I will praise you.
Then I will praise you, my Saviour, again.

2. You seem so far away, you, and your light;
darkness has covered me, thick as the night;
I've lost direction, I can't find my way.
God, bring this night to an end.

3. Send out your light and truth, they'll be my guide.
Where there's your light and truth,
troubles subside.
Fill me with wonder, surprise me with joy.
Only on you I depend.

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