

## This Little Light of Mine

by Addison Road

There's a little flame inside us all  
Some shine bright , some shine small  
The rains will come and the waters rise  
But don't you ever lose your light  
In this life you will know  
Love and pain, joy and sorrow  
So when it hurts, when times get hard  
Don't forget whose child you are

Refrain:

This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine, gonna let it shine

May you live each day with no regret  
Make the most of every chance you get  
Let your eyes get wide when you look at the stars  
With the same sense of wonder as a child's heart  
With the ones you love treasure the time  
and for those who are gone keep their memories alive  
Hold onto your dreams don't ever let go  
There's a fire inside you burning with hope

Refrain:

There will be days when you want to give up  
When the clouds settle in  
But after the rain comes the sun  
Don't you ever forget  
One day there will be no more pain  
And we will finally see Jesus' face  
So until then I'm goin to try  
To brave the dark and let my little light shine

Refrain:

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Prayer by: Mary Timko 5/30/2017

*“God wants to fill you with grace and  
courage so that you can go out into the  
world and let your light shine.”*



Our prayer is characterized  
by silence

*Be still and know that I am God!*

In that silence we listen for a new word.  
God is present in all our lives.  
God cares for us, and  
our life experiences are a source  
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence  
we share from our hearts.

## To Ponder:

Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelley

Jesus said, “Let your light shine.” He didn’t say, “Those of you who got a light, you should let it shine. Those of you who don’t have a light, well you just don’t have a light.” He said, “Let your light shine.” He assumed that we all have a light to shine. He assumed we know when that light within us is really bright and really strong, and when that light is dim and weak. And what makes it dim, and what makes it strong? And how are we letting it shine?”

I think the idea of talents is a fascinating conversation, especially amongst people who are spiritual. When you ask them, “OK, what are your talents? What are you really good at?” It’s amazing to me how often people will say, “Well I don’t really have any talents. I mean, I’m sort of good at this, and I’m OK at that.” The truth is, we all have talents and abilities.” Sometimes we get caught up in saying, “OK, well I’m not the best cello player in the world.” And I think in a culture of things that are spectacular, we can think, “Well, my talents are not spectacular.” The question wasn’t, “What spectacular talents do you have?” The question is, “What talents do you have?”

Here is the clarifying truth when it comes to the conversation about talents: You have the perfect set of talents that you need to fulfill the mission that God has called you to. It doesn’t matter what talents you don’t have. It doesn’t matter what talents someone else has. It’s time to start asking ourselves, “OK. What talent does God want me to focus on at this time in my life?” Because he wants us to let our light shine. He wants that light to be strong. He wants our lives to intrigue people. When our lives intrigue people, they get curious about how our light got so strong. And when they get curious about how our light got so strong and bright, we have an opportunity to draw them one step closer to God.

And that’s Christianity. That’s how Christianity has spread across the entire globe for two thousand years. When our lights are strong and bright we intrigue people, and they get curious. And then we have the incredible privilege, I mean the deep, deep honor, of helping them step a little closer to God.

## The Word Gospel of Matthew 12: 13-16

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.



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