

## Surely the Presence of the Lord Lanny Wolfe

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If you'd like to hear the song: <https://youtu.be/tP1kYuOLYqg>

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can feel the brush of angel wings, I see glory on each face;  
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2 Corinthians 3: 16-18 *“Whenever, though, they turn to face God as Moses did, God removes the veil and there they are – face-to-face! They suddenly recognize that God is a living, personal presence, not a piece of chiseled stone. And when God is personally present, a living Spirit, that old constricting legislation is recognized as obsolete. We’re free of it! All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of His face. And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like Him.”* The Message<sup>1</sup>

Ephesians 1:13-14 *“And because of what Christ did, all you others too, who heard the Good News about how to be saved, and trusted Christ, were marked as belonging to Christ by the Holy Spirit, who long ago had been promised to all us Christians. His presence within us is God’s guarantee that He really will give us all that He promised; and the Spirit’s seal upon us means that God has already purchased us and that He guarantees to bring us to Himself. This is just one reason to praise our glorious God.”* The Living Bible<sup>2</sup>

1 John 1:7 *“But if we are living in the light of God’s presence, just as Christ does, then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.”* The Living Bible<sup>2</sup>

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Slowly and meditatively read through the song four times – or if you can, listen to the recording of the song twice. Note any words or feelings process brings out.

Sit quietly with the words/feelings...

As often as you can this week, take a few minutes to open yourself to the “presence of the Lord.” Listen for “the brush of angel wings”. Look for the “brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like Him.” Note how this makes you feel.

And don't forget to take the time to thank God for the gift of Jesus, and to thank Jesus for the gift – undeserved and unearned - of His sacrifice for you.

“This is God’s command - to believe in His personally named Son, Jesus Christ. He told us to love each other in line with the original command. As we keep His commands, we love deeply and surely in Him, and He lives in us. And this is how we experience His deep and abiding presence in us: by the Spirit He gave us.”

1 John 3:23-24 The Message<sup>1</sup>

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