

Grace Notes: growing our faith through music by Coni Ferland

Into My Heart Harry D. Clark first verse, second verse anonymous

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Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;  
shine out today, shine out alway; shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.

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2 Peter 1:19 *“So we have seen and proved that what the prophets said came true. You will do well to pay close attention to everything they have written, for, like lights shining into dark corners, their words help us to understand many things that otherwise would be dark and difficult. But when you consider the wonderful truth of the prophet’s words, then the light will dawn in your souls and Christ the Morning Star will shine in your hearts.”* The Living Bible<sup>1</sup>

Who has been a ‘prophet’ to you – shining the light of Christ out of their hearts into your “dark corners”? How have they helped you understand “dark and difficult” things? Have you felt “Christ the Morning Star” shine in your heart? If you have, describe what that is like for you. How has that light in your heart effected the way you live your life? If you haven’t felt that light, what might be interfering with that experience? Are you willing to ask Christ to come into your heart, to “come in today, come in to stay”? If this is difficult for you, offer your fears, your hesitations to God; ask for help in opening your heart to the light of the love Christ has for you.

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Isaiah 60:1-3 *“Arise my people! Let your light shine for all the nations to see! For the glory of the Lord is streaming from you. Darkness as black as night shall cover all the peoples of the earth, but the glory of the Lord will shine from you. All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see the glory of the Lord upon you.”* The Living Bible<sup>1</sup>

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Matthew 5:14-16 *“Here’s another way to put it: you’re here to be the light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand – shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to be open to God, this generous Father in heaven.”* The Message<sup>2</sup>

In the verses from Matthew, Jesus echoes God’s call through Isaiah saying “you’re here to be the light, bringing out the God-colors in the world... Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand – shine!” What “God-colors”, what gifts, do you see shining from you? What ways do you let that Christ light shine through you, “bringing out the God-colors in the world”, in other words, the God-colors in other people? Is this something you find easy to do? Why do you feel that way? What impact can it have on others, on the world, when we allow Christ to “shine out today, shine out alway”?

Where do you see evidence of Christ’s light shining in the world at large – not just in those you have a connection with? How can you support the work they are doing, even indirectly?

*“My friends, I am telling you to love one another. When I write this to you, I am not giving you a new rule. It is an old rule you’ve had for a long time. We gave it to you when you began to obey Christ. It is the same message you have already heard. But there is something new about it. This rule has become the way Christ lived. Now it has become true in your lives. God’s true message has brought light to shine in your lives.”*

1 John 2:7-8a Easy English Bible<sup>3</sup>

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