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Oh, let the Son of God enfold you, with His Spirit and His love,  
let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain:

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.  
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Oh , come and sing the song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

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“Oh, let the Son of God enfold you, with His Spirit and His love”

Romans 5:5 “*Hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*” New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised<sup>1</sup>

Imagine how it would feel to be held in Jesus’ arms. Describe the feeling. Sit with this feeling for a while. Rest in it. This is a gift from the Holy Spirit. Treasure this feeling and come back to it any time you need Jesus’ love and comfort.

“Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.”

Psalm 63:2-3 “*So here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in Your strength and glory. In Your generous love I am really living at last!*” The Message<sup>2</sup>

Is it easy to let Jesus be all you need to be satisfied? Why? Have you ever relied on Jesus to fill you? How does that feel? If you haven’t, are you willing to begin? Can you invite Jesus in to your soul? Consider the following verse as you think about it:

*My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father, who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask Him to strengthen you – not with a brute strength but a glorious inner strength – that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite Him in. And I ask Him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you’ll be able to take in with all the followers of Jesus, the extravagant dimensions of Christ’s love. Reach out and experience the*

*breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:14-19 The Message*

“Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.”

Matthew 11:28 *“All you who work hard! All you who carry heavy loads! Come to Me! I will give you rest.”* Worldwide English (New Testament)<sup>3</sup>

Galatians 5:4-6 *“I suspect you would never intend this, but this is what happens. When you attempt to live by your own religious plans and projects, you are cut off from Christ, you fall out of grace. Meanwhile we expectantly wait for a satisfying relationship with the Spirit. For in Christ, neither our most conscientious religion nor disregard for religion amounts to anything. What matters is something far more interior: faith expressed in love.”* The Message<sup>2</sup>

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 *“Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope. May He encourage your hearts and give you strength in every good thing you do or say.”* Common English Bible<sup>4</sup>

What “heavy loads” are you carrying? What things “hold you”? Are you trying to handle everything on your own? Paul reminded the Galatians – and us – that relying on ourselves cuts us off from Christ, even if that’s not our intention. But in 2 Thessalonians Paul reminds us that because of love and grace, we are given the strength we need to release those burdens. Then we are able to have a “satisfying relationship with the Spirit” so that we can develop “faith expressed in love”. Can you open your hands and release those “things that hold you”? Those “heavy loads”? Jesus has asked you to do just that and gives you the strength. Will you accept His offer? Will you allow the Spirit to “make you whole”?

“Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.”

John 4:5-14 *“Jesus arrived at the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son, Joseph, long ago. Wearing by his long journey, he sat on the edge of Jacob’s well. He sent his disciples into the village to buy food, for it was already afternoon. Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink of water. Surprised, she said, “Why would a Jewish man ask a Samaritan woman for a drink of water?” Jesus replied, “If you only knew who I am and the gift that God wants to give you—you’d ask me for a drink, and I would give to you living water.” The woman replied, “But sir, you don’t even have a bucket and this well is very deep. So where do you find this ‘living water’? Do you really think that you are greater than our ancestor Jacob who dug this well and drank from it himself, along with his children and livestock?” Jesus answered, “If you drink from Jacob’s well you’ll be thirsty again and again, but if anyone drinks the living water I give them, they will never thirst again and will be forever satisfied! For when you drink the water I give you it becomes a gushing fountain of the Holy Spirit, springing up and flooding you with endless life!”*

What would you ask Jesus to fill you with? Why?

Jesus says “but if anyone drinks the living water I give them, they will never thirst again and will be forever satisfied.” What does the term “living water” mean to you? Why? How can it keep you “forever satisfied”?

Jesus goes on to say “for if you drink the water I give you it becomes a gushing fountain of the Holy Spirit.” Why would Jesus want the Holy Spirit to become a “gushing fountain” within you? How could that affect the way you live your life? Your relationship with those around you? Your relationship with Jesus?

“Oh, come and sing the song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.”

James 5:13b “Those who have reason to be thankful should continually be singing praises to God.”  
The Living Bible<sup>6</sup>

Ephesians 5:18b-20 “Drink the Spirit of God. Huge draughts of Him. Sing hymns instead of drinking songs! Sing songs from your heart to Christ. Sing praises over everything, any excuse for a song to God the Father in the name of our Master, Jesus Christ.”  
The Message<sup>2</sup>

What words would you use to “sing the song with gladness”? Why did you choose those words?

What do the words “Sing praises over everything” mean to you? Why?

“Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain,  
And you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name”

John 6:47 “Jesus said I’m telling you the most solemn and sober truth now: whoever believes in Me has real life, eternal life.”  
The Message<sup>2</sup>

John 10:9-10 “Jesus said I am the Gateway. To enter through Me is to experience life, freedom, and satisfaction. A thief has only one thing in mind – he wants to steal slaughter and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect – life in its fullness until you overflow.”  
The Passion Translation<sup>5</sup>

Have you given Jesus “all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain”? How did that feel? Have you tried to hold some of those memories back, or tried to take them back? If you have, describe how that felt.

If you haven't given Jesus “all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain”, why not? Could you release those memories to Jesus now?

Releasing our past makes room for the present and the future that Jesus longs to give us – a “*real life*”, “*life in its fullness until you overflow*”. Are you willing to release your past to allow room for this gift? What would a future like that mean to you? Spend some time with that idea, and if you're ready take that step...

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs!

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