

We Thank Thee Lord For Weary Days

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— When des - ert springs were dry, — And first we

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knew what depth of need Thy Love could sat - is - fy.

2. We thank Thee for that rest in Him
The weary only know—
The perfect, wondrous sympathy
We needs must learn below.
3. We know Him as we could not know
Through Heaven's golden years;
We there shall see His glorious face,
But Mary saw His tears.
4. The touch that heals the broken heart
Is never felt above;
His angels know His blessedness;
His way-worn saints, His love.
5. When in the glory and the rest
We joyfully adore,
Remembering the desert way
We yet shall praise Him more.

One day this tune flowed out from my heart early in the morning, while I was praying and talking to the Lord Jesus. This hymn helped me come near to the Lord and bring me into a deeper relationship with Him. - Esther Chu

Companionship

By Emma Frances Bevan

John 11:35

1. We thank Thee, Lord, for weary
days
When desert springs were dry,
And first we knew what depth
of need
Thy love could satisfy.
2. Days when beneath the desert
sun,
Along the toilsome road,
O'er roughest ways we walked
with One,
That One the Son of God.
3. We thank Thee for that rest
in Him
The weary only know—
The perfect, wondrous sympathy
We needs must learn below:
4. The sweet companionship
of One
Who once the desert trod;
The glorious fellowship with
One
Upon the throne of God;
5. The joy no desolations here
Can reach, or cloud, or dim—
The present Lord, the living
God,
And we alone with Him.
6. We know Him as we could not
know
Through Heaven's golden years;
We there shall see His glorious
Face,
But Mary saw His tears.
7. The touch that heals the broken
heart
Is never felt above;
His Angels know His
blessedness,
His way-worn saints His love.
8. When in the glory and the rest
We joyfully adore,
Remembering the desert way
We yet shall praise Him more.
9. Remembering how, amidst
our toil,
Our conflict, and our sin,
He brought the water for our
thirst
It cost His blood to win.
10. And now in perfect peace we go
Along the way He trod,
Still learning from all need
below
Depths of the heart of God.

“We Thank Thee Lord For Weary Days” is a direct inspiration for Watchman Nee’s hymn, “His Angels His Countenance Always Behold” (#306 SHL). We see the spark of Nee’s thought in the reference to Mary in verse 3 and to the angels in verse 4. “Companionship” is the original from which the previous is taken. Bevan’s title gives us insight into the sort of encouragement she wished to communicate through this poem.