

# Make Me a Lantern



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With LOVE



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*For Tracy and the legions of angels whose mission is to shine*

O God, make me a lantern; may I be a light that shines  
with wisdom and compassion through the night.



Give me a song that I might sing your praise above the crowd~  
so clear, so loud, so joyously  
the mountains sing it to the valleys and the rivers to the sea.



O God, fill me this very day with merriment and laughter,  
and may everywhere I go be better for my having been there.



Let fear and sadness rise like morning mist that, stricken  
by the sunrise, sighs and drifts away upon the wind.



Father-Mother, send your angels here to keep my lantern  
clear and clean. The fuel is pure ~ it is your sacred energy.



The flame is bright, but, God, the night is long,  
and in the lonely hour before the first and bravest ray of dawn...



I fear that morning will forget to come, the sun will fail to rise...  
or, if it does, when people venture forth and go about their lives,  
they will not notice me ~ so small am I ~ as they rush by.





Then may your angels carry me upon their  
wings to where the steeples, tall and proud,  
point to the endless sky

and keep me strong and unafraid  
to hold my lantern high.



O God, I pray that all your children know what flame they carry,



be it hidden deep within or fearlessly in open sight,  
its steady shining bright with promise, love, and life,  
uniting all in one great congregation gathered at your feet.



Can it be possible, Almighty God? Can this phenomenon  
by any name, whatever we may call it ~ harmony or  
peace on earth ~ be at so great a distance or so well concealed  
that even your omnipotence, all-power, is unequal to it?



Yet we pray not just for daily bread but for the coming of your kingdom.  
In our hearts, we know it can be done. Show us our part.



Creator, you have made us in your image, placing in our spirits  
endless longing for your presence to be radiant among us...  
sustain our faith in it.



Your generosity is limitless;  
abundance falls like manna from the sky.



We cannot fail to shine;  
our lantern light is infinite.



To eyes that open, it illuminates  
the path to reconciliation, where compassion waits  
and justice is victorious, relationships are healed,  
disease deprived of energy and violence made obsolete.



Guide us to a holy place where we can say,  
“Thy will be done,” in perfect faith...



a convocation of the saints made new by grace... where all  
are safe because love reigns, and in us burn the flames  
that carry it as you enable us.



God, make me a lantern and a song, with eagerness to share  
the light of heaven and the music of the stratosphere.



Strain from each pulse impurity of motive; uncontaminated  
may my purpose be, O God, and bless it with such clarity



that everywhere I go is better for my having been there.

Amen.



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