



Anthem: "The Storm Is Passing Over"

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Traveling in the dark can be unsettling. Landmarks, turns, and signage become obscure. Storms are another traveling hazard that make roadways treacherous, limit visibility, and overpower the work of the windshield wipers. Nights away from home can result in feelings of discomfort, and sleep might be restless.

There are times Christians travel in darkness on their earthly journeys. Evil and injustice are unsettling and can challenge one's faith. Whirlwind storms of difficulties and events beyond one's control make life's road hard to navigate and make choosing the right path important. The Christian travels this earth toward a home that is in God's presence. This home promises peace from the earthly strife that is outside of God's original plan and desire for humankind. It is good to know the security of a heavenly home.

Thanks be to God for the morning light! God is that light that overcomes the darkness. His presence gives courage and shows the pathway leading to that home which has been prepared for believers by Jesus Christ.

Prayer: All powerful God, thank you for the light of your presence that illuminates the paths of our lives especially when we are surrounded by darkness. Thank you for the promise of being in your perpetual light when we reach our heavenly home. Amen.

### **Supporting Scriptures:**

"Have courage my soul" – I Corinthians 16:13

"Let us journey on" – Psalm 16:11

"The night is dark" – I Peter 2:9; 1 John 1:5

"I am far from home" – 2 Corinthians 5:1-9  
Philippians 3:20a

"Thanks be to God" – Psalm 28:1; Psalm 92:1

"The morning light appears" – I Peter 2:9

Storms (trials) – John 16:33

Matthew 6:34

Passing over (Hope & peace) – Romans 8:38

Psalm 46

### **Anthem Text**

Have courage my soul  
and let us journey on.

Though the night is dark  
and I am far from home.

Thanks be to God  
the morning light appears.

### **Chorus**

The storm is passing over.

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The storm is passing over. Hallelu.

Halleluia, Halleluia, Halleluia.