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when the pathway is lonely,
That wonderful promise
of Jesus my Lord
That message of mercy,
of love and compassion,
I read on the page
of His own blessed Word:**

**"Fear not! I am with thee,"
Thy Strength and Redeemer,
The Rock where in safety
My own shall abide;
I'll never forsake thee
My Word hath declared it;
I'll never forsake thee,
whatever betide.**

**When chilled by the waves
that are surging around me,
And clouds of affliction
like billows may roll,
I'll cling to His Word,
which can never be broken,
And joy in the comfort
it brings to my soul.**

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**Though tried in the furnace,
my faith shall not falter,
But, trusting in Jesus,
the cross I will bear;
And hoping, enduring,
believing, obeying,
I'll cling to His promise,
and rest in His care.**

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