

# Hymns...HELP, HOPE AND HEALING

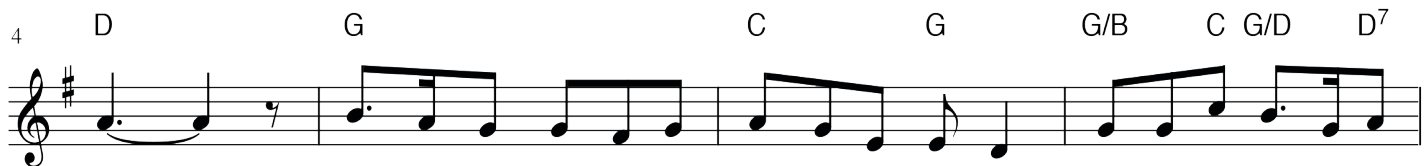
## Softly And Tenderly

Words and Music by  
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♩ = 120 VERSE



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for you and for  
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for you and for  
3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, pass - ing from you and from  
4. O for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised, prom - ised for you and for



me; \_\_\_\_ See, on the por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for  
me? \_\_\_\_ Why should we ling - er and heed not His mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for  
me; \_\_\_\_ Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death - beds are com - ing, com - ing for you and for  
me; \_\_\_\_ Tho' we have sinned He has mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for

### CHORUS



me. \_\_\_\_ Come home, \_ come home, \_\_\_\_ Ye who are wea - ry, come home; \_\_\_\_  
me? \_\_\_\_  
me. \_\_\_\_  
me. \_\_\_\_



Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing— Call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"



February 23, 2020  
Pastor Scott George  
**Softly and Tenderly**  
Hosea 2:14



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## The Good Shepherd speaks softly and tenderly to His children in a world that is rough and loud.

**Hosea 2:14**, *Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.*

**Matthew 3:16 - Matthew 4:1**, *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*

*Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

### Psalms 23

Green Pastures – \_\_\_\_\_

Still Waters – \_\_\_\_\_

Valley – \_\_\_\_\_

Table – \_\_\_\_\_

## God Speaks Softly and Tenderly To Us....

1. When we need \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 30:21**, *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."*

2. When we need \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 23:4**, *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

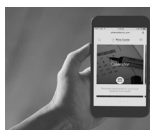
3. When we need \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Thessalonians 2:16**, *May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope.*

4. When we need \_\_\_\_\_

**Colossians 1:11**, *Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience.*

**In case you missed them...Answers:** 1. Summer 2. Fall 3. Winter 4. Spring  
5. Direction 6. Comfort 7. Encouragement 8. Strength



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[ Story Behind The Hymn ]

## READ BETWEEN THE LINES

Softly and Tenderly

Will Thompson was called the bard of Ohio. From his home in East Liverpool, Ohio, he went to New York City to sell some of the secular songs he had written. Music dealers picked them up, and soon people across the country were singing "My Home on the Old Ohio" and "Gathering Shells from the Seashore." He made so much money from his compositions that newspapers called him "the millionaire songwriter."

But Thompson, a Christian, soon began concentrating on hymn writing and set up his own firm for publishing hymnals. Two million copies of his gospel quartet books were sold. Sometime around 1880, when Thompson was thirty-three years old, he wrote this invitation hymn, "Softly and Tenderly."

### SOURCE

*The One Year Book of Hymns: 365 Devotions Based on Popular Hymns*  
Brown, Robert; Norton, Mark, 2017, page 189

[ Weekly Devotion Questions ]

## HMMM...

1. Describe a time when God led you into a wilderness experience.

2. Why does God speak softly and tenderly to his children?

3. Read Psalms 23 and review the 4 seasons of life.

4. Describe a time in your life when the good shepherd spoke direction, comfort, encouragement and strength to you.