

06/29/09 - Day By Day

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This is a Scandinavian hymn written by Karolina W. Sandell-Berg who was the daughter of Jonas Sandell, pastor of the village's Lutheran church. She had a frail body but a strong spirit.

She face tragedy at the age of 26 when her father was drowned during a boat trip on the east coast of Sweden near Gothenburg. "Day by Day" is one of her best known hymns.

Lyrics: Karolina Sandell-Berg

Music: Oskar Ahnfelt

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me,
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow'r.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation,
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,

One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till with Christ the Lord I stand.

This hymn was a beautiful flowing melody.

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