

Hymn: His Eye Is On the Sparrow

The hymn, "His Eye Is On the Sparrow," was written in 1905 by Civilla D. Martin. The lyrics are based on:

- **Psalm 32:8**, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."
- **Matthew 6:28**, "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"
- **Matthew 10:29-31**, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."

Mrs. Martin was inspired to write the hymn after meeting the Doolittles of Elmira, New York. She wrote:

"Early in the spring of 1905, my husband and I were sojourning in Elmira, New York. We developed a deep friendship for a couple by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle — true saints of God. Mrs. Doolittle had been bedridden for nigh 20 years. Her husband was an incurable cripple who had to propel himself to and from his business in a wheelchair."

Civilla continued, "Despite their afflictions, they lived happy Christian lives, bringing inspiration and comfort to all who knew them. One day, while we were visiting with the Doolittles, my husband commented on their bright hopefulness and asked them for the secret of it. Mrs. Doolittle's reply was simple: 'His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.' The beauty of this simple expression of boundless faith gripped the hearts and fired the imagination of Dr. Martin and me. The song 'His Eye Is on the Sparrow' was the outcome of that experience."

She wrote it as a poem, then the next day she mailed the poem to Charles Gabriel, who composed the music so it could be sung as a hymn.

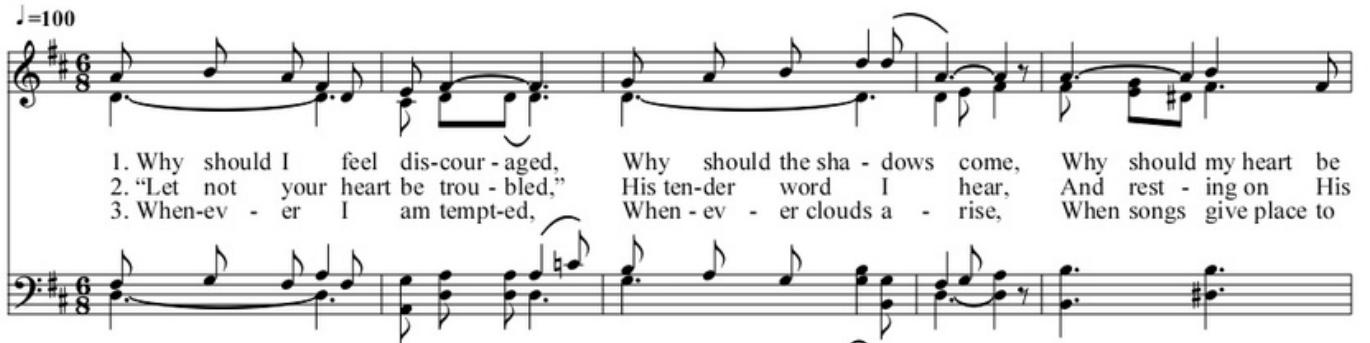
Whether we are facing trials or enjoying life's blessings, we can take comfort in knowing that our Father will take good care of us!

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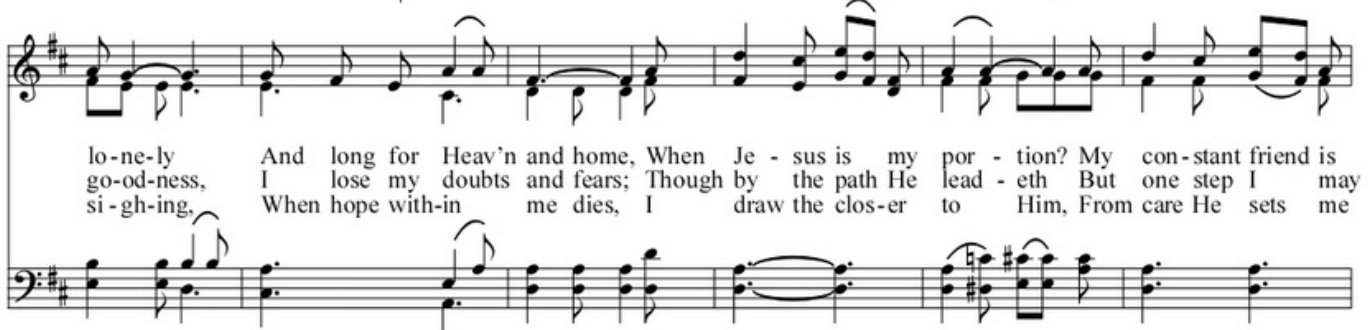
Civilla Durfee Martin, 1905

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

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1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, Why should the sha-dows come, Why should my heart be
2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled;" His ten-der word I hear, And rest-ing on His
3. When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, When-ev-er clouds a-rise, When songs give place to



lo-ne-ly And long for Heav'n and home, When Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is
go-od-ness, I lose my doubts and fears; Though by the path He lead-eth But one step I may
si-gh-ing, When hope with-in me dies, I draw the clos-er to Him, From care He sets me

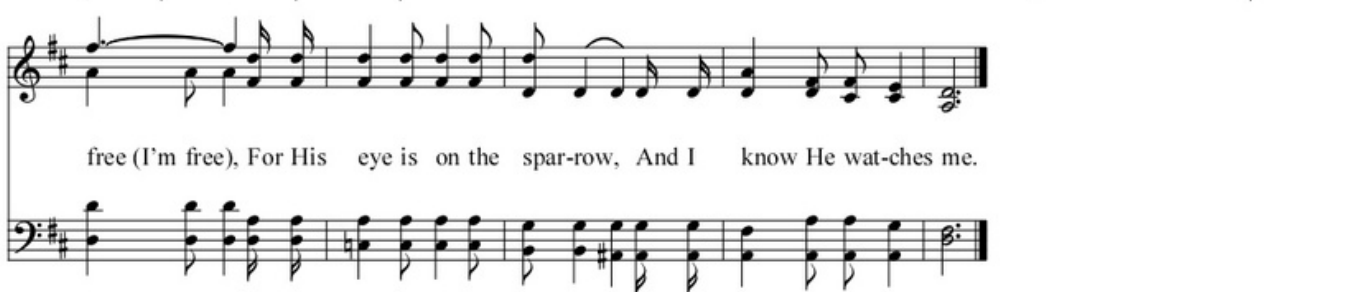


He: His eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me; His eye is on the
see; His eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me; His eye is on the
free; His eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me; His eye is on the

Refrain



sparrow, And I know He watch-es me;
sparrow, And I know He watch-es me; I sing be-cause I'm ha-ppy (I'm hap-py), I sing be-cause I'm
sparrow, And I know He watch-es me;



free (I'm free), For His eye is on the spar-row, And I know He wat-ches me.