

## Beatitudes

*Matthew 5.3-12: Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

I bless you, who have spelt your blessings out,  
And set this lovely lantern on a hill  
Lightening darkness and dispelling doubt  
By lifting for a little while the veil.  
For longing is the veil of satisfaction,  
And grief the veil of future happiness.  
I glimpse beneath the veil of persecution  
The coming kingdom's overflowing bliss.

Oh, make me pure of heart and help me see,  
Amongst the shadows and amidst the mourning,  
The promised Comforter, alive and free,  
The kingdom coming and the Son returning,  
That even in this pre-dawn dark I might  
At once reveal and revel in your light.