

Trust and Obey

John H. Sammis · 1887 · Tune: Trust and Obey (Daniel B. Towner)
Meter: 6.6.9.D with refrain

Verse 1

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Verse 2

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Verse 3

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

Verse 4

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Verse 5

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

History

Daniel Towner, song leader at a D. L. Moody meeting in Brockton, Massachusetts in 1886, heard a young convert testify, 'I am not quite sure — but I am going to trust, and I am going to obey.' He wrote the line down, sent it to John Sammis, and the resulting hymn was published in 1887.

Scripture References (KJV)

1 Samuel 15:22

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the

voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

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