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*It's Better
Up Ahead*



Better Up Ahead

We're not on earth forever, folks,
we're only here a while;
Each day we're nearer Home, you know,
and that should make us smile.
Especially on those tougher days
when things go wrong a lot
We kinda' have to grit our teeth
and give it all we've got.

And though we're tired of problems
that would try to do us wrong
We have a God who loves us
and can help restore our song.
If we set our dial on Heaven
and listen for awhile
There are some things that we will hear
that bring to us a smile.

Sometimes I like to reminisce
and think on Heaven a bit
And kinda' let my mind run free
as in my chair I sit.
Here's stuff that I've come up with
and it gives my point of view
And whether you agree with me
is really up to you.



No one will stop you on the street
and murmur and complain
How they could hardly sleep last night
because of so much pain.
They won't gripe about the weather
and how they shoveled snow
And now their back is killing them
because it hurts 'em so.

There won't be sirens in the night
to wake a fella' up,
Folks won't complain about the food
when they sit down to sup.
We won't be mowing lawn up there
or trimming hedge out back,
And we won't have to save receipts
in case we might lose track.

Depression there will be unknown,
we won't have income tax,
We won't have news of wars and crime.
We'll live life to the max.
I know some folks who think of death
are filled with fear and dread
But for the folks who know the Lord
IT'S BETTER UP AHEAD.

*And God himself
will be with them and
be their God. He
will wipe every tear
from their eyes.
Revelation 21:3, 4*



The Best is Yet to Come

Don't let your heart be troubled, friends,
for God is on His Throne,
No one can hide away from Him,
we're never left alone.

Sometimes the future may look bleak
and we're distressed and blue
But God is watching from above
and cares for me and you.

So when you think the world is bad
with no one in control,
God has His finger on the clock
and watches every soul.

And some day Jesus will return--
don't let your heart be numb,
For every heart that knows the Lord
the best is yet to come.



*But in keeping with his
promise we are looking
forward to a new heaven
and a new earth, the
home of righteousness.
2 Peter 3:13*

My Future



When I get to Heaven and enter that Gate
Some things will be different I'm proud to relate.
No more will my hands shake when I try to eat--
Just having 'em steady will sure be a treat.

I won't get a shot every morning and night
For my diabetes will be out of sight.
My ear that is noisy and blocks out the sound
Will not be a hassle when folks are around.

My teeth will be perfect, no cavities there,
And I'll have no problem eating heavenly fare.
My back will not ache when I go for a walk,
My voice won't be shaky when I try to talk.

I think that again I'll be able to sing
And will sign up for choir where Jesus is King.
I won't need my glasses to help me to see
For up There my vision will be good as can be.

Up there I won't fall and break some of my bones
For I won't trip over some sticks or some stones.
I won't have to watch every step that I take
For living up there I won't make that mistake.

My thinking up there will be clear as a bell,
I hope there'll be time to write poems, as well.

"Hallelujah" Revelations 19:1

Things I'll Leave

When Jesus calls my name some day
I'll take my flight and will not stay.

But there are things I'll leave behind
And let me tell you, I don't mind.

Things I've collected here below
Is stuff that I won't take, ya' know,

But really it's okay with me
Because some other things, you see,

I'll be so glad to leave down here
Like things that cause a falling tear.

I'll leave behind all stress and strain
And all the things that cause me pain.

And so till angels give their nod
I'll live by faith and trust in God.



*And again they shouted
"Hallelujah"
Revelation 19:3*

The Millennium

You've heard of the millennium
when Christ will rule and reign
And things will be quite different then
when He comes back again.
One nice thing that will happen
is that animals and such
Won't hassle one another
and won't be afraid to touch.
The king of beasts won't eat the lambs
but will together play,
And if a child plays with a snake
it's really quite okay.
The little creatures on the earth
won't run from eagle's claws,
And chickens scattered here and there
won't fear the fox's jaws.
And zoos will be so different, too,
with animals not wild
A group can be in one big place
accompanied by a child.
We'll have to change our thinking
and to put our fears away
For when Christ comes to rule the earth
'twill be a better day.



*The wolf will live with
the lamb, the leopard will
lie down with the goat . . .
and a little child shall
lead them.*

Isaiah 11:6

Running For The Gold

For hundreds of years folks have run for the gold
To win a fine medal to wear and to hold.

They practice and practice day in and day out.
There isn't much else they are thinking about.

Committed, determined, they go on their way
Just hoping and praying they'll make it some day.

It's much like the Christian who runs in life's race:
Committed, determined, to see that great Place

Where not just a medal of bronze or of gold
Is handed the winner, but this I've been told:

Rewards will be given to all who arrive
So send up your treasures while you're still alive.



*I have finished the
race, I have kept
the faith. Now
there is stored up for
me the crown of
righteousness.*

1 Timothy 4:7, 8



*Moving . . .
But No Packing?*

When I go to Heaven I won't have to pack
and wonder, "What things shall I take?"
'Twill be a relief not to handle those bags
and not have decisions to make.
'Twould be very hard to select certain clothes,
for what are they wearing up there?
Now, would I need shoes, if so, just what kind?
and what should I take for my hair?

Would I need my watch, or does time just stand still?
and what about bracelets and rings?
With all of the gold and the jewels up there
I'd really need none of those things.
I'm very much happy I won't have to pack
and carry my bags to the Gate,
For things that I love and I cherish down here
up there would be quite out of date.

I think the Lord wants us to come as we are
when He says it's time to depart.
He'd not be impressed by the stuff that we'd bring,
but surely He'll look at the heart.

Dreading to Leave

When we get to heaven I bet we will say,
“Why did we put off this most wonderful day?”

We dreaded so long to leave old planet earth
And tried to enjoy it for all we were worth.

We did all the things the Doc said we must do
To keep trim and fit, and took medicine, too.

We cherished our friends, and we sought their advice,
And tried to think thoughts that were healthy and nice.

And when we had pain and felt full of despair
We probably wondered if life was quite fair

But still we held out for an extra long life,
No matter the pain, or the problems, or strife.

But once we're in Heaven and see Jesus' face
And feel the excitement and joy of that Place,

We'll wonder why death filled our hearts with dismay
Before angels came and stole us away.



Hang In There

Your body may grow old, ya' know
and slow down quite a bit,
And there are days you sometimes think
you'd really like to quit.
But other times you feel quite good
and really want to stay
And think you'd like to live a while
so keep on day by day.
But even though your body's bent
and life's at slower speed
Your spirit grows each passing day
and gives the strength you need.
Its nice that God planned things that way
so as we older grow
That place that we call Heaven, folks,
means more to us, you know.
Don't fret and stew when aging comes--
God has a better place--
So hang in there the best you can;
someday you'll see His Face.

*I consider that our present sufferings
are not worth comparing with the glory
that will be revealed in us. Romans 8:18*



Things We'll Miss

Sometimes we get discouraged
and we like to reminisce
On what will be hereafter
and things that we will miss.
Our hearts will not be troubled,
there will be no stress or strain
For in that heavenly Place up There
we'll feel no guilt or pain.
No backaches, toothaches, headaches,
no arthritis, and no gout,
And fractures, shingles, cataracts,
are things we'll do without.

We'll not dread that day in April
when Income Tax comes due;
The daily news will be passe
that could upset us, too.
We'll not make up a shopping list
or fill the car with gas,
And we won't have the monthly bills
that seem to come en masse.

We won't have programs on T.V.
that rankle us a lot,
And junk mail won't be coming through
with bargains that are not.
And credit cards that rob the poor
but make for ready cash
Won't be in evidence up there
but left on earth as trash.



No politics will be in Heav'n
for God's the CEO.
His rules are in the Bible
that was written long ago.
Police cars or an ambulance
with sirens screaming loud
Won't rush to pick a person up
if injured in a crowd
For there will be no accidents,
no fighting and no crime
For former things have passed away
like when we lived in Time.

We'll miss the problems that we have
down here where humans dwell
And we'll be glad to leave behind
some other stuff as well.
We'll not look for a hole down here
the day we're called to die
But rather we will look and find
a hole up in the sky.

*a faith and knowledge resting in the hope
of eternal life, which God, who does not lie,
promised before the beginning of time.*

Titus 1:2

The Common Folks

When Jesus lived down on this earth
two thousand years ago
He healed a lot of hurting folks
and tried to let them know
How they should live, what they should do,
to gain eternal life
And if they'd do the things He said
they need not live in strife.

The Pharisees and Sadducees,
the scribes and elders, too,
Felt threatened by the things He said
for they'd a different view.
They were religious leaders
and they thought they were quite smart
And they did not want Jesus
to upset their apple cart.

So there were folks who hated Him
and tried to do Him in
Because their hearts were full of pride,
hypocrisy, and sin.



But there were other folks around
who loved the Lord a lot
And they would follow Him for miles
and listened as He taught.
But these were common people,
not the CEO's and such,
Who had great faith and confidence
and loved Him very much.

Today is not much different
than in days of long ago,
Some big shots in the world down here
have their own gods, you know.
They think they have things figured out
and feel they are quite smart
But if they want to go to Heav'n
Christ must be in their heart.

Christ in you, the hope of glory
Colossians 1:27



*Forgetting
Our
Problems*



I really like the old-time hymns
that we have sung for years,
They tell us of a better place
where we will shed no tears.
I doubt when we arrive up There
we'll ask the reason why
We've has so many speed bumps
that made us want to sigh.

When I take time to think on this,
I wonder could it be
That we'll forget our problems
when Jesus face we see?
We won't ask for explanations
why we suffered lots of pain
For we will be distracted
by the things we're going to gain.

To hear the angels singing
and to walk on streets of gold,
And it will finally dawn on us
we never will grow old,
So when you feel down in the dumps
and life is filled with dread
Remember Jesus told us
that it's better up ahead.

Dear God,

Sometimes we get discouraged
And we feel that life is tough;
At times we have to ask you, Lord,
To give us grace enough
To handle pain and struggles
That just seem to come our way
And ask You if tomorrow
Could be better than today.

And Lord, You seem so far away
If we don't keep in touch,
We find that other things in life
Do not amount to much.
So take our hands again, dear Lord,
And overflow our cup,
We'll thank you for the strength You give
To keep us looking up.
We'll do our best to smile a bit
And even sing and hum;
We know full well You told us
That the BEST is yet to come.

Amen



Change

A lot of folks who've lived for years
have seen a lot of change
And most of it is really nice
but some is kinda' strange.
The horse and buggy days are gone,
so now we drive a car
To get us where we wanna' go
though it is near or far.

The clothes we wear don't look the same,
a lot are wash and wear;
Some folks take medicines galore
to help with wear and tear.
Of course fast foods are popular
so folks don't have to cook,
They'd rather watch a movie
or curl up with a good book.

Computers make folks change a lot,
now we don't need a stamp
For e-mails are so fast to write
we don't get writer's cramp.
Our air conditioned rooms are great,
our frozen foods are nice,
When we microwave leftover food
we eat for half the price.



Oh, there are lots of changes
that will come our way each year
And though sometimes we shift our gears,
one thing is very clear
We serve a God who changes not,
His Word's the same today--
We know the Ten Commandments
are forever here to stay.

So don't be fooled by trifling stuff
that wants to make you mod,
It's better far to keep your faith
till you're at Home with God.

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday
and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8*



*A
New
Body*



We know that when we go to Heav'n
our bodies will be changed,
We realize with sickness gone
things will be rearranged.
No one will wear a hearing aid
or walk with cane or crutch
Trifocals will be out of date,
no sleeping pills we'll clutch.

Folks will not tell how bad they feel,
how lonely or depressed,
For all things will be different there
with living at its best.
So oft we wonder how we'll look
when we're on that fair shore;
The Bible gives us just a hint,
but really not much more.

It talks about a grain of wheat
when planted in the ground
Must die before it comes to life
with changes quite profound.
And what about the acorn
that will some day be a tree?
Until it dies it can't become
what it was meant to be.

And so I wonder, friend of mine,
 when Jesus calls our name
And we'll be raised in different form
 and won't look quite the same,
But like the acorn makes a tree
 or grain of corn a stalk
Our bodies will be glorified
 as well our walk and talk.
We really don't know more than this,
 we'll have to wait and see
But God has something great in mind
 for His big family tree.

*And just as we have borne the likeness
of the earthly man, so shall we bear the
likeness of the man from heaven.*

Hebrews 15:49

