

I Can Only Imagine

Verse 1

I can only imagine
 What it will be like
 When I walk by Your side
 I can only imagine
 What my eyes will see
 When Your face is before me
 I can only imagine,
 I can only imagine.

CHORUS:

Surrounded by Your glory,
 What will my heart feel?
 Will I dance for You, Jesus,
 Or in awe of You be still?
 Will I stand in Your presence,
 Or to my knees will I fall?
 Will I sing hallelujah?
 Will I be able to speak at all?
 I can only imagine

Verse 2

I can only imagine
 When that day comes
 And I find myself standing in the Son
 I can only imagine
 When all I will do
 Is forever, forever worship You
 I can only imagine,
 I can only imagine.

CHORUS (sing twice)

Surrounded by Your glory,
 What will my heart feel?
 Will I dance for You, Jesus,
 Or in awe of You be still?
 Will I stand in Your presence,
 Or to my knees will I fall?
 Will I sing hallelujah?
 Will I be able to speak at all?
 I can only imagine,
 I can only imagine.

Tag

I can only imagine,
 I can only imagine.

Ending

I can only imagine when all I will do
 Is forever, forever worship You.
 I can only imagine.

God of Our Life

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1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a-bide.
 3 God of the com- ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a-lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn-ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark-ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai-ly bread,

we own thy mer-cies, Lord, which nev-er fail.
 and faith's fair vi-sion chang-es in-to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

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1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.