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

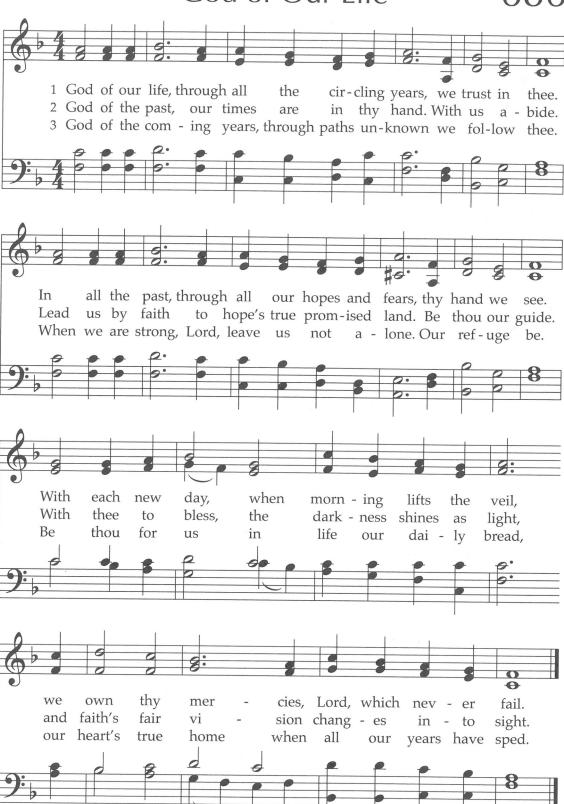
I can only imagine when all I will do

Is forever, forever worship You.

I can only imagine.

God of Our Life

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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."



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).

