35  Song of Faith that Sings Forever

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up in o-pen air, song in chap-el and ca-
fear and suf-fer-ing: all who’ve loved and trust-ed
Dedicated to my life-long friend, Faith Christine Williamson. I wrote this to give myself courage, a reminder in times when the Church seems to stagger along, of the people who have never stopped singing. This text gave me the title for this collection.

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Song of faith that sings forever
through God’s people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who’ve loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descent to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.

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