

MISSING

Midst life's trying moments, have you ever paused to pray,
Beseeching our Heavenly Father that He might take away
Things that pain and distress, from the meagre and small,
To the life-changing traumas that at times touch us all?

Yet the Bible assures us God is preparing a place Jn 14:2-3
Where all that mars and breaks lives we'll never again face –
The former things passed away, where, united with Christ, Rev 21:4b; Phil 1:23b
Faith at last becomes sight, in heav'n's unsurpassed paradise. 2 Cor 5:6-8; Lk 23:43

Lies will be **missing**, with all deception and 'spin', Rev 21:27
With no crime, crooks and con-men the trusting soul to take in;
No prisons blot the landscape, no security checks seal,
With locks also redundant, where none break through and steal. Matt 6:20

Hunger will be **missing**, all inequality
Will be forever consigned to history;
And wars will be **missing**, we'll rejoice in the bliss
Of a happy kingdom where hatred can't exist.

Fear will be **missing** – there'll be naught there to dread, 1 Jn 4:17-18
No worries in His presence, a bright future ahead; Ps 16:11
And mysteries will be **missing**, no nagging doubts remain,
As all unanswered questions will there be made plain. Jn 13:7

Hospitals will be **missing**, no illnesses to confound,
Where bodies can't take sick, wear out or break down –
No pain and no ageing, neither sorrow nor sighs, Rev 21:4; Is 35:10
With tears also **missing**, wiped by God from our eyes.

Bereavement will be **missing**, partings sadden no more 1 Cor 15:54-55; Rev 21:1
Where death ne'er can enter, on the eternal, golden shore –
No gravediggers, coffins, wreaths, cemeteries,
Funeral parlours, death certificates or obituaries.

No mishaps, no burnouts, no disability;
No envy or betrayal; no depression or worry;
No failures and no fallouts; no broken hearts, out of fight;
No weakness or weariness; no weeds, mourning, night.

All that scars and spoils life on Planet Earth below
Will be things which, in heaven, we'll never again know;
Everything will be **missing** that makes hearts sad and blue,
Yet one thing we don't want to find **missing** is YOU.

Everlasting joy, and pleasures for evermore Is 35:10; Ps 16:11
God has promised to all who will enter by the Door, Jn 10:9
Seeing their need as sinners, as Jesus' call they obey Acts 3:19; Matt 11:28
Trusting the only Saviour, God's one appointed way. Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12

Have you trusted Christ for the salvation of your soul? Jn 3:16
Or is your name still **missing** from heaven's royal roll? Rev 21:12 & 15
Ponder all you'll **miss and lose** if it's nowhere to be found,
If, in the Lamb's Book of Life, your name's not written down. Phil 4:3; Rev 21:27

Heaven's gain will amply, abundantly compensate Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 4:17
For any earthly losses, however costly or great;
But **missing** out on heaven's an incalculable tragedy, Mk 8:36-37; Heb 2:3
Facing Christ as Judge, hearing: 'Depart from me.' Matt 7:22-23

Oh grasp that nail-scarred hand that bids you enter in, Jn 20:24-28
And have His precious blood wash you clean from all sin; 1 Pet 1:18-19; 1 Jn 1:7
Then each day you can face with confident certainty, 2 Cor 5:6
Knowing heaven's glories await you – for all eternity. 1 Cor 2:9; Eph 2:7