

# Poems by Phil Brennán

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### Untitled Psalm #1

I will rejoice in the Lord  
Exalt in my Deliverer  
For He is the one who makes me stand  
Like the deer upon the heights

Why do nations arise  
And people plot vain things?  
Kings take their stand against You  
And princes scheme together  
Surely You will mock them  
Hold them in Your scorn  
With one hand You'll sweep them away  
And show us Your salvation

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### The Long Dark Night of the Soul

Darkness falls like a flood in early spring  
And I'm left groping around like a new born  
child  
Playing with hopes and fears in the waiting  
game  
Allowing my darkest thoughts to run wild

Shadows leap across abandoned spaces  
Churning havoc within my imagination  
Claws of onyx and eyes of blood peer at me  
Measuring my soul in scales of time and  
circumstance

I toss and turn bereft of slumber  
Strangled by sheets in an anaconda's embrace  
Sweating hot and running cold as my fears take  
hold  
Depriving me of strength in this long dark night  
of the soul

Then You come to me on wings of the dawn  
In the sparrow song You whisper my name  
Comforting my fractured spirit with words  
etched on paper  
Illuminated as the day

You remind me of the marks upon Your hand  
And the marks You have carved upon my heart  
Then as suddenly as night came it leaves  
Leaving no shadow of mist or fear

I wash the night away as I arise  
From the long dark night of the soul

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### Redemption Song [Female Cannon]

Redemption's in these words I'm singing  
Redemption's in these words I'm singing  
Redemption's in this life You're bringing  
Redemption's in this life You're bringing

Rising up from deep within  
This endless stream that cleanses sin  
Through love poured out  
On Calvary's Tree

Freedom's in these words I'm singing...

Peace is in these words I'm singing...

Hope is in these words I'm singing...

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