

In our home this evening (22 Sept 85) were, among others, two women who are Disciples of Christ clergy--one who'd been a concert soloist, the other just back from Israel. The latter hummed this hymn, saying "I'm thinking of an old Swedish hymn I love but can't find in any hymnal." The other recognized it immediately. Loree was startled: "I have it! When I was at my college for the 40th of our dorm, we sang it in the college church and I photocopied it after the service! Here it is!" So we sang it, as I hope you will....Lugubrious? But it accurately represents the scripture it exposit. But see the whole Psalm, including what's said about the oppressed....STANZA 1: While the Creator rules nature, special intimacy is granted his worshippers--and the full protection of his special love. STANZA 2: Providence and protection for the worshipping community. STANZA 3: Sorrow & death can't sever our bond with the grace-ful Father. STANZA 4: Praise the ever-watchful Protector and Defender. STANZA 5: Whatever our circumstances, He successfully purposes to preserve us "pure and holy," never forsaking us.

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Children of the Heavenly Father
As a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth — Psalm 103:13

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
 Swedish Folk Melody

1 Chil - dren of the heav - en - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your Pro - tect - or nev - er slum - bers.
 5 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil - dren nev - er for - sak - eth;

1 Nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 2 From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
 3 Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 4 As the will of your De - fend - er Ev - ery foe - man must sur - ren - der.
 5 His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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