

354 Oh That I Were An Angel v2

HRN After 353 New Wood Floors see Psalm 130 for version 1 which quotes verses 1-5

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Alma 29:1-17 Alma desires to cry repentance with angelic zeal--The Lord grants teachers for all nations--Alma glories in the Lord's work and in the success of Ammon and his brethren. About 76 B.C.

1 G C
O that I were an angel
 G C
And could have the wish of mine heart
G C D G
That I might go forth
 F B^b
And speak with the trump of God
 F B^b
With a voice to shake the earth
 F B^b C F
And cry repentance unto every people!

2 G C
Yea, I would declare unto every soul
 G C
as with the voice of thunder
G C D G
repentance and the plan of redemption
 F B^b
that they should repent and come unto our God
 F B^b
that there might not be more sorrow
F B^b C F
upon all the face of the earth

3 G C
But behold, I am a man
 G C
and do sin in my wish
G C D G
for I ought to be content
F B^b
with the things
F B^b
which the Lord
F B^b C F
hath allotted unto me

4 G C
I ought not to harrow up
 G C
In my desires
G C D G
The firm decree of a just God
 F B^b
For I know that he granteth unto men

F B^b
 According to their desire
 F B^b C F
 Whether it be unto death or unto life

G C
 Yea, I know that he allotteth unto men
 G C
 Yea, decreeth unto them decrees
 G C D G
 Which are unalterable
 F B^b
 According to their wills
 F B^b F B^b
 Whether they be unto salvation
 C F
 Or unto destruction

5 G C G C
 Yea, and I know that good and evil have come before all men
 G C
 He that knoweth not good from evil is blameless
 D G
 But he that knoweth good and evil
 F B^b
 To him it is given according to his desires
 F B^b
 Whether he desireth good or evil
 F B^b C F
 Life or death, joy or remorse of conscience

6 G C
 Now, seeing that I know these things
 G C
 Why should I desire more than to perform
 G C D G
 The work to which I have been called?
 F B^b

7 F B^b
 Why should I desire that I were an angel
 F B^b
 That I could speak
 F B^b C F
 Unto all the ends of the earth?

8 G C
 For behold, the Lord doth grant unto all nations
 G C
 Of their own nation and tongue
 G C D G
 To teach his word, yea, in wisdom
 F B^b
 All that he seeth fit that they should have
 F B^b
 Therefore we see that the Lord doth counsel in wisdom
 F B^b C F
 According to that which is just and true

- 9
 G C
 I know that which the Lord hath commanded me
 G C
 And I glory in it. I do not glory of myself
 G C D G
 But I glory in that which the Lord hath commanded me
 F B^b
 Yea, and this is my glory, that perhaps
 F B^b
 I may be an instrument in the hands of God
 F B^b C F
 To bring some soul to repentance; and this is my joy
- 10
 G C
 And behold, when I see many of my brethren truly penitent
 G C
 And coming to the Lord their God
 G C D G
 Then is my soul filled with joy
 F B^b
 Then do I remember what the Lord has done for me
 F B^b
 Yea, even that he hath heard my prayer
 F B^b C F
 Yea, then do I remember his merciful arm which he extended towards me
- 11
 G C
 Yea, and I also remember the captivity of my fathers
 G C
 For I surely do know that the Lord
 G C D G
 Did deliver them out of bondage
 F B^b
 And by this did establish his church
 F B^b
 Yea, the Lord God, the God of Abraham
 F B^b C F
 The God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob
- 12
 G C
 Did deliver them out of bondage
 G C
 Yea, I have always remembered
 G C D G
 The captivity of my fathers
 F B^b
 And that same God who delivered them
 F B^b
 Out of the hands of the Egyptians
 F B^b C F
 Did deliver them out of bondage

- 13 G C
 Yea, and that same God
 G C
 Did establish his church among them
 G C D G
 Yea, and that same God hath called me by a holy calling
 F B^b
 To preach the word unto this people
 F B^b
 And hath given me much success
 F B^b C F
 In the which my joy is full
- 14 G C
 But I do not joy in my own success alone
 G C
 But my joy is more full because of the success of my brethren
 G C D G
 Who have been up to the land of Nephi
 F B^b
- 15 F B^b
 Behold, they have labored exceedingly
 F B^b
 And have brought forth much fruit
 F B^b C F
 And how great shall be their reward!
- 16 G C
 Now, when I think of the success of these my brethren
 G C
 My soul is carried away
 G C D G
 Even to the separation of it from the body
 F B^b
 As it were, so great is my joy
- 17 F B^b
 And now may God grant unto these, my brethren
 F B^b C F
 That they may sit down in the kingdom of God
- G C
 Yea, and also all those who are the fruit of their labors
 G C
 That they may go no more out
 G C D G
 But that they may praise him forever
 F B^b
 And may God grant that it may be done
 F B^b
 According to my words
 F B^b C F
 Even as I have spoken. Amen

(Alma 29:1-17)