

Commit thou all that grieves thee      Hymnal 1982 no. 669

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Commit thou all that grieves thee  
and fills thy heart with care  
to him whose faithful mercy  
the skies above declare,  
who gives the winds their courses,  
who points the clouds their way;  
'tis he will guide thy footsteps  
and be thy staff and stay.

O trust the Lord then wholly,  
if thou wouldst be secure;  
his work must thou consider  
for thy work to endure.  
What profit doth it bring thee  
to pine in grief and care?  
God ever sends his blessing  
in answer to thy prayer.

Thy lasting truth and mercy,  
O Father, see aright  
the needs of all thy children,  
their anguish or delight:  
what loving wisdom chooseth,  
redeeming might will do,  
and bring to sure fulfillment  
thy counsel good and true.

Hope on, then, broken spirit;  
hope on, be not afraid:  
fear not the griefs that plague thee  
and keep thy heart dismayed:  
thy God, in his great mercy,  
will save thee, hold thee fast,  
and in his own time grant thee  
the sun of joy at last.

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