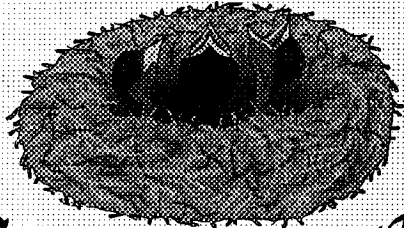
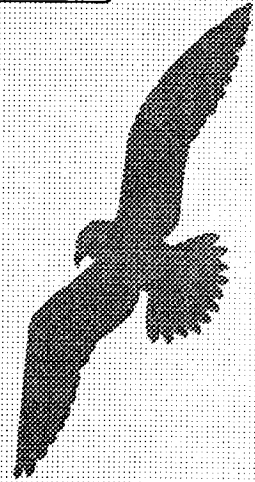


*"They shall  
mount up...*

# ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings  
as eagles."  
Isaiah 40:31*



## AERY NUGGETS

Dear Friends,

With the advent of a new-year's beginning we customarily wish one another, "Happy New Year", and so I do unto you. But as the 365 days stretch before you, what will make them happy days for you so that as 2006 draws to a close it will have been a Happy New Year?

Perhaps freedom from fears, disappointing circumstances, sorrows or, on the other hand, unexpected blessings might contribute to our happiness; but what if as the saying goes, "Into each life some rain must fall," will you still be able to keep happy?

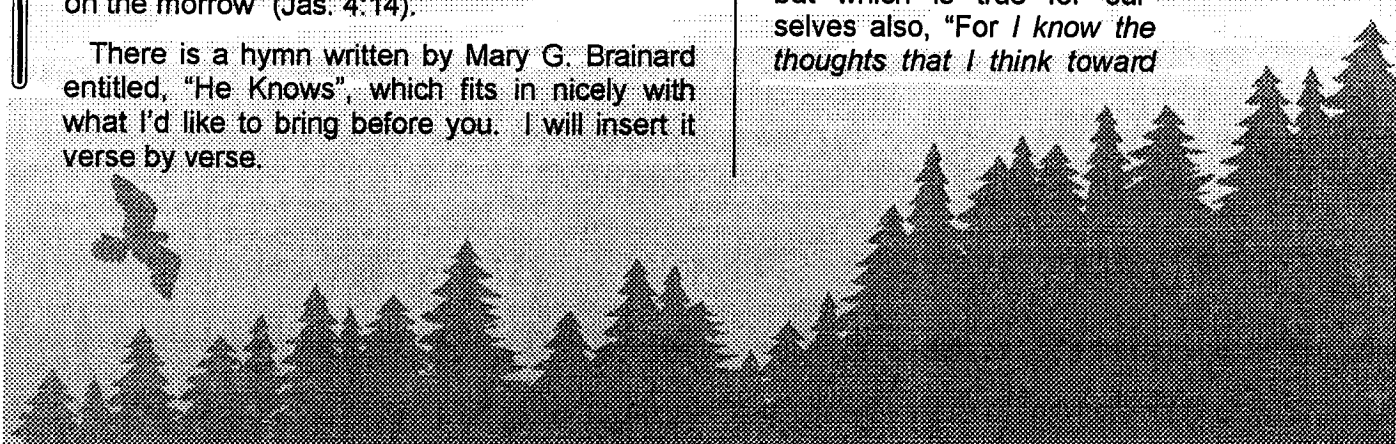
Scripture informs us of a truth which each of us probably have experienced many times, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov.27:1). And again, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow" (Jas. 4:14).

There is a hymn written by Mary G. Brainard entitled, "He Knows", which fits in nicely with what I'd like to bring before you. I will insert it verse by verse.

"I know not what awaits me,  
God kindly veils mine eyes,  
And o'er each step of my onward way  
He makes new scenes to rise;  
And every joy He sends me, comes  
A sweet and glad surprise."

Our lives are full of uncertainties from childhood until we leave this scene, with wonderment over what the future holds regarding our schooling, nature of employment, marriage partner and so many other things. For those of us who know the Lord Jesus as our *personal* Saviour we have a Friend, Who has plans for us, if we will but leave our life's pathway in His hands. Though we may not hear a voice answering our questions, He is with us. Job could say, "Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: on the left hand, where *he* doth work but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: but *he knoweth* the way I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:8-10).

May we also lay hold of a promise God made to Israel, but which is true for ourselves also, "For *I know the thoughts that I think toward*



you, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" (Jer. 23:11).

One step I see before me,  
Tis all I need to see,  
The light of Heav'n more brightly shines,  
When earth's illusions flee;  
And sweetly through the silence, came  
His loving "Follow Me.

The development of our lives, whether physical or spiritual, is made up of steps--- some perhaps showing more progress than others. The well known rust preventative WD-40 required '40' steps to *finalize its development*. How many steps will we require?

Often times our aspirations may not co-inside with God's plans for us, and so we read, "A mans heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps" (Prov. 16:9). Though the way before us might seem dark and uncertain, yet the Word is there for our illumination, with assurance from one who had tried it, that, "Thy word is a light unto my feet" (Ps 119:105). While we may not find an explicit answer to our many questions by searching the Word, yet by dependence upon the Lord, He can lead us in the way.

Oh, blissful lack of wisdom  
'Tis blessed not to know;  
He holds me with His own right hand,  
And will not let me go,  
And lulls my troubled soul to rest  
In Him Who loves me so.

In God's great wisdom He does not let us know far in advance those things He will either bring into our lives or allow us to pass through. Perhaps some on-going physical infirmity, sorrow, blighted hope, or exaltation may have taken place. How encouraging are the Lord's words, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). Another precious promise assures us that, "**They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles**" (Isa. 40:31).

So on I go not knowing,  
I would not if I might;  
I'd rather walk in the dark with God  
Than go alone in the light;  
I'd rather walk in faith with Him  
than go alone by sight.

How good to live our lives one day at a time, following the admonition to, "Be careful (or anxious) about nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made to God." But that's not all. "And the peace of God, which surpasses every understanding, shall guard your hearts and thoughts through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6 & 7 JND).

#### Refrain:

Where He may lead me I'll follow,  
My trust in Him repose,  
And every hour in perfect peace  
I'll sing, He knows, He knows;  
And every hour in perfect peace  
I'll sing, He knows, He knows.

How our loving Father delights in seeing our submission to His working in our lives, "For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men" (Lam. 3:33), or try us, but only for our blessing, and His honor and glory. The Apostle Paul in the midst of his trials could write, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us. For the earnest expectation of the creature (creation) waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God" (Rom. 8: 18 & 19).

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2)

**So, what a plan is being worked out in and for us!**

Yours in that blessed hope,

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**"Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work"** (John 5:17).

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