

SHAVUOS - PENTECOST / LAW - GRACE - *Fourth Session*

Text

Notes

The familiar children's night-time prayer is expanded beyond the opening verse, encouraging us to seek the grace of the Holy Spirit.

THE CART

Prayer

now I lay me down to sleep
I pray the Spirit my soul to keep
and if I die before I wake
I pray the Spirit my soul to take

but if I wake for one more day
I pray the Spirit to show the way
and if I walk this earth for years
I pray the Spirit let wash my tears

and if I lend a helping hand
I pray the Spirit to let it stand
and if I fail to do what's right
I pray the Spirit let shine the light

and if I find a path that's straight
I pray the Spirit it's not too late
and if I die still halfway there
I pray the Spirit my soul to care

Song

the strap that holds the cart in rein
has been let loose by wearing thin
by wearing thin by biting through
the shift in power leans to you

I've wept with joy for the things I've done
and I've wept as hard for what I've left undone
for what I left undone for what I couldn't deem mine
for what I thought was yours and so I drew the line

I heard someone fall I saw another one flail
I saw an arm dig deep where there was no rail
well there is no rail and there's no "because"
though the body be strong the spirit is law.

if we are lives and souls to keep

if we are love I hope we do not sleep
I hope we do not sleep I hope we stay our ground
hold fast to the mother as she turns us 'round
and the cart is on a wheel
and the wheel is on a hill
and the hill is sifting sand
and inside these laws we stand

Mantra

hold fast to the mother, hold fast

by Ferron, Nemesis Publishing *Prayer* by Rebecca Campbell Three Sheets to the Wind:
Grace Under Pressure

See: <http://user.fundy.net/msg/WEBLentenStudySongsTheCart.html>

Our *expectations* regarding the Spirit in our lives...

What is our *struggle*?

What is our *hope*?

What is our *prayer*?

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Try and be specific in your recollection of your struggle...

Sleepiness

Fear of death

The opportunity of another day

The need for endurance

Opportunity to help others

Failure

Discovery of a road without obstacles

Incompletion

How has *hope* been realized in your life?

What has your *prayer* been?

What is your prayer *now*?