

—Moments with the Master—



God's Gifts

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**A series of 50 topics for refreshing
and reflecting in quiet moments.**

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—Topic 09—

**Each topic includes writings such as true stories, reflections, poems,
words from Jesus, scriptures, praises and prayers, along with lovely
contributed illustrations and photos to add colour and artistic beauty.**

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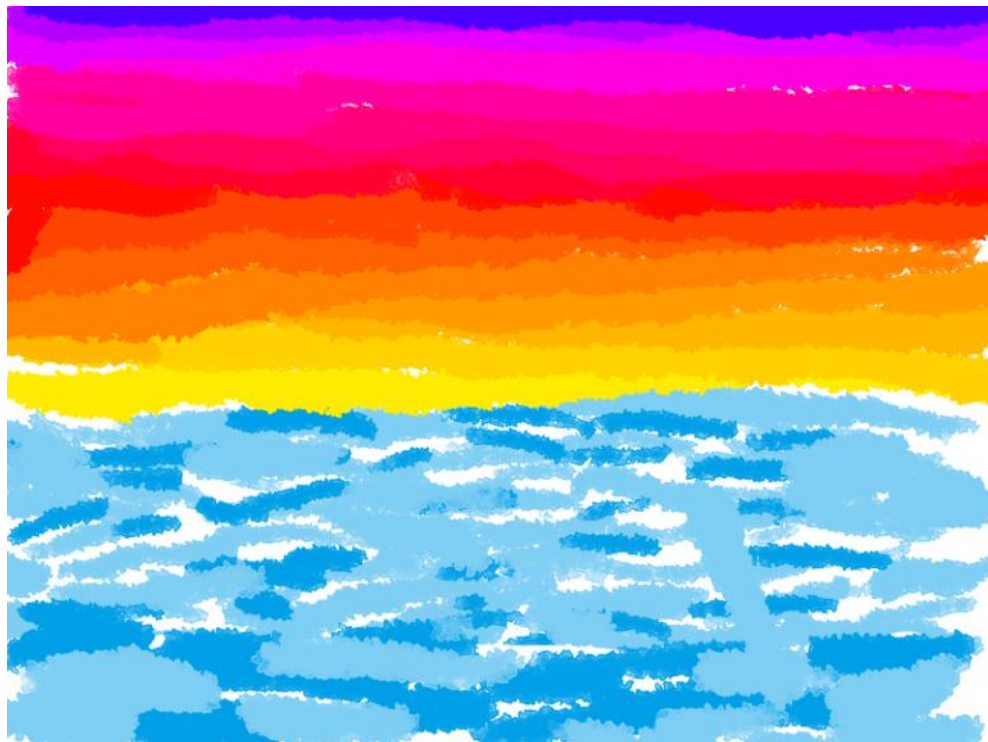
Jesus, when I look at some people who have showy gifts, like performing or singing, I feel so small and useless. I start to wonder if my gifts are any good at all. But then I remember Your great love and how much You love me. I know You know what's best for me. Even if I feel tucked away out of sight and hidden, I know You have a plan for my life. You have special gifts for me, too. I just have to trust You that You know what's best.



Spiritual Inventory

I'm taking inventory,
of my spiritual progress
going to be weighing
my increase, my decrease.

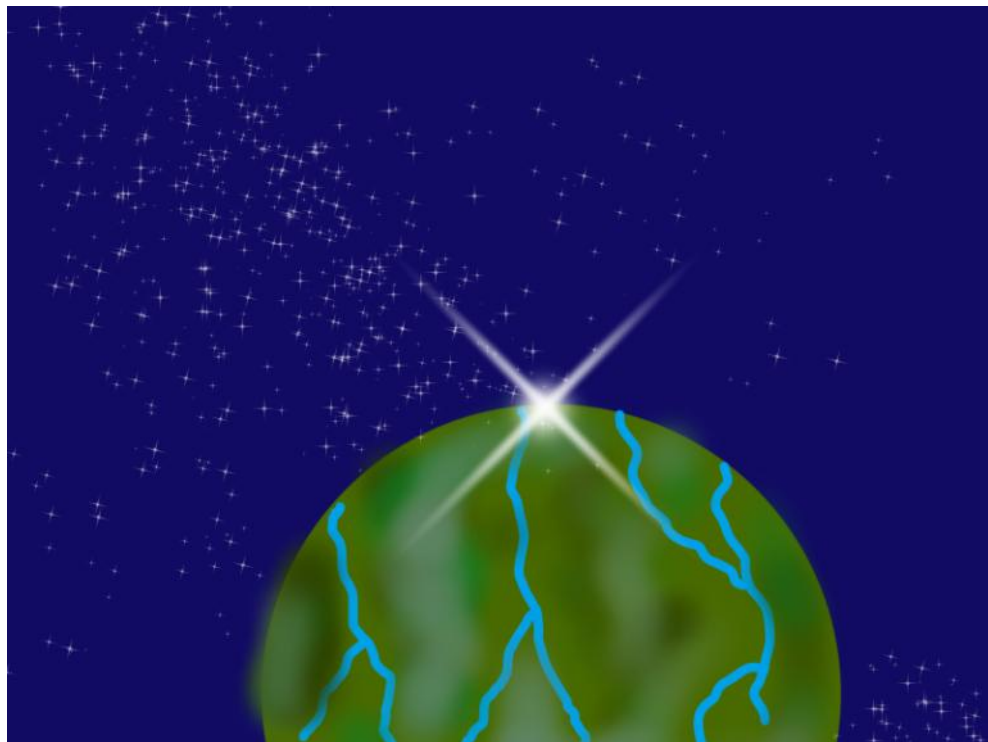
Going to take stock,
to see if I've grown
going to be looking for
the gifts I've blown.



I'm going to catalogue,
how much fruit I've got
going to see if its usable
or if it's starting to rot.

I'm taking inventory,
doing some stock taking
because one day to God . . .
I'll be accounting!

By Deborah Ann



(Jesus says:) Receive this gift that I would pour out to you! Reach out and receive! Desire it and want it! How do you receive it? Just as you would receive a gift from your parents. You ask, you believe and you receive. How do you act on it? -One step at a time in one deed of love followed by another.

Don't be afraid that My gifts have run out for you., Just open up and say, "Yes! I want it!" Open up and receive My gifts for you. These gifts will bring fruit in your life, and in the lives of those around you.

One day a rich man was staying in a hotel. He heard a little child playing the piano downstairs. She was making a terrible noise: "Plink...plonk...plink." ---It was driving him crazy!

All of a sudden, he heard the most beautiful music coming from the same piano. When he bent over the staircase to see what had happened, he saw that a man had sat down beside the little girl.

The man was filling in the gaps in the music, and the result was the most beautiful music! He later found out that the man was her father and he was a famous composer.

God is our Father and He wants to "make music" with us in our relationship with Him. He wants to come and work alongside of us in all that we do. God can take our "plink...plonk...plink..." and make something beautiful out of them!



Neglect not the gift that is in thee,
which was given thee by prophecy...
Meditate upon these things; give thyself
wholly to them; that thy profiting may
appear to all.

(1 Timothy 4:14-15)

As every man hath received the gift,
even so minister the same one to another,
as good stewards of the manifold grace
of God...that God in all things may be
glorified through Jesus Christ.

(1 Peter 4:10-11)