

Long have I suffered

Music: to the tune of RESCUE (11.10.11.10. with refrain) by W H Doane

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1. Long have I suffered this anguish of my guilt,
many's the tear I've remorsefully spilt –
over and o'er again, my spiral leads down
endlessly trying to clutch at the crown.

*Love of my precious Lord!
Those in Christ Jesus:
None can condemn them,
They're loved by the Lord!*

2. I cannot carry my burdens on my own
yet when I've shared them I have been undone
fellow believers have cast me to one side
when I have shown them my dark, shadow side.
3. I need a people who pant for your dear Word
A people with heart who have listened and heard.
People of grace and love, weak just as am I,
Though they may fail they will not fail to try.
4. We are His treasure, His pearl beyond all price –
Angels nor demons, no – not death nor life –
No power anywhere – in depth nor above
can separate us from our God's holy love.

Based on Revised Common Lectionary (A) for 17th Sunday in ordinary time:

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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