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Benediction

"He had a face like a benediction."

Miquel de Cervantes, *Don Quixote*

Reflecting yesterday on measuring the nature of God, I went back to two hymns I've written. The first of these, "I would find you", is set to the Welsh melody, *Blaenwern*. Can the face of God be a benediction for us today?

I would find you, I would know you
when I walk your precious earth.
I would worship and adore you
when I know creation's worth.
I would praise you and acclaim you,
wondrous God, my soul's delight.
Source of life, the great Creator,
you're my Love, my Truth, my Light.

I would see you, I would know you
if I'd walked the roads you walked.
I would hear you; I would listen
if I'd been there when you talked.
I would follow; I would join you
as you spread your love abroad.
You're the living, mortal Jesus,
Christ, the human face of God.

I would feel you, I would know you
when your coming warms my heart.
I would sense you, understand you,
learn the peace that you impart.
Yet, I never could define you
or explain when you're around.
You're the Spirit of God's presence.
You're the Comforter I've found.

I would seek you, I would know you
when to me you're close and real.
Human Christ or prompting Spirit,
awesome Presence now revealed.
You're the Trinity of wonder,
three in one and one in three.
Mine, the glory of the Godhead;
yours, the face of God for me.

A prayer for today

To gaze on the face of God? To see a smile of acceptance? I say "Amen" to that!