

Bad Times Ahead

RUSTY: (**Rusty** and **Crystal** enter) Crystal, I've been hearin' a lot about bad things happenin' around us and it makes me scared!

CRYSTAL: I know, Rusty, and I feel bad about bad things happening to other people, too!

RUSTY: It looks to me like things are getting worse than ever before. Years ago, there wasn't much news about hurricanes, earthquakes, tidal waves, and many people getting sick with things like cancer. Also, I've been hearin' a lot about people hatin' each other and wars that may be happenin' soon!

CRYSTAL: You seem to be very aware of things going on around you!

RUSTY: It's not hard when you watch the news on T.V. and the internet!

CRYSTAL: Rusty, did you know that Jesus told us that these things would happen?

RUSTY: Really? Where in the Bible does it talk about it?

CRYSTAL: There are several verses in the Bible, but I think that the ones preachers use most are found in Matthew 24, verses 6 and 7. Verse 6 says, "And ye will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

RUSTY: So, Jesus tells us not to worry about all these bad things, because the end is not yet. What does "the end is not yet" mean?

CRYSTAL: That's a good question, Rusty! I think that it means that all the bad things will not be over yet.

RUSTY: You mean, it's gonna get worse?

CRYSTAL: I'm afraid so, Rusty, but the Bible talks about the Rapture taking place before it gets really bad.

RUSTY: Oh, yes! I heard about the Rapture where all the Christians will be taken up to heaven someday!

CRYSTAL: That's right, Rusty! Until that day comes, we need to pray every day for God to watch over us and keep us safe and protect us.

RUSTY: What verse talks about all the bad things that will happen?

CRYSTAL: Verse 7 tells us what will be happening, so that we can know what we need to pray about. "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines [or no food] pestilences [or sickness] and earthquakes in various places."

RUSTY: O.K., I understand, we need to pray about things instead of just worryin' about them, right?

CRYSTAL: Yes, Rusty, and we need to pray every day, don't we?

RUSTY: With so many bad things goin' on, we really should!

CRYSTAL: You know, when we get to heaven, we won't have anything to worry about and we will be with Jesus and His love forever! I have a song I'd like to sing called "Nothing can Compare to Eternity."
(**CRYSTAL** sings the song.)

RUSTY: Thank you for helpin' me not to worry about the bad things and that all I need to do is pray. That was some good singin', too!

CRYSTAL: You're welcome! It's O.K., Rusty and I'm glad I could help you understand those things.

RUSTY: So, in heaven, there won't be any bullies in school...in fact, there won't be any school anymore either! YAHOO!!! (**RUSTY** dances around with excitement) See ya later Crystal!

CRYSTAL: Bye, Rusty! (**BOTH** exit)

NOTHING CAN COMPARE TO ETERNITY

Gospel

♩ = 104

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1. I know that what - ev - er hap - pens to me _____
 2. He'll get me _____ through my pains _____ and aches _____
 3. I know that what - ev - er hap - pens to me _____
 4. He'll get me _____ through the smoke _____ and haze _____

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1. Noth - ing can com - pare to e - ter - ni - ty _____
 2. And see me _____ through _____ my heart - aches _____
 3. Noth - ing can com - pare to e - ter - ni - ty _____
 4. And see me _____ through _____ peri - lous days _____

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1. E - ven though the storms may come my way _____
 2. As I'm on _____ life _____ jour - ney's way _____
 3. Even though we have earth - quakes loot - ings _____
 4. As I'm on _____ life _____ jour - ney's way _____

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1. My Je - sus will be with me day by day _____
 2. I'll live with _____ Je - sus _____ some _____ day _____
 3. No jobs _____ much sick - ness and shoot - ings _____
 4. I'll live with _____ Je - sus _____ some _____ day _____

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A F#7/A# Bm

21 I'll live with Him for all e - ter - ni - ty _____ And

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of music, measures 21 to 23. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4 (A), A4 (F#7/A#), B4 (Bm), C5 (Bm), B4 (Bm), A4 (Bm), G4 (Bm), and F#4 (Bm). The lyrics are "I'll live with Him for all e - ter - ni - ty" with a long horizontal line under "ty" and the word "And" following. Chord symbols A, F#7/A#, and Bm are placed above the staff.

A F#7/A# Bm G

1.2.3.

25 I'll live with Him for all e - ter - ni - ty

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of music, measures 24 and 25. The melody continues with quarter notes: G4 (A), A4 (F#7/A#), B4 (F#7/A#), C5 (Bm), B4 (Bm), A4 (Bm), G4 (Bm), and F#4 (G). The lyrics are "I'll live with Him for all e - ter - ni - ty". Chord symbols A, F#7/A#, Bm, and G are placed above the staff. A bracket labeled "1.2.3." spans measures 24 and 25, indicating a first ending.

4. Bm G *D.S. and fade*

29 all e - ter - ni - ty

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of music, measure 29. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4 (Bm), A4 (Bm), B4 (Bm), C5 (Bm), B4 (Bm), and A4 (G). The lyrics are "all e - ter - ni - ty". Chord symbols Bm and G are placed above the staff. The instruction "D.S. and fade" is written to the right of the staff.