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# INTRODUCTION

The Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary (PCGA), upon learning of the death of a fellow Auxiliarist, must immediately notify the Director Auxiliary Squadron (DAS) to which the deceased member belongs. The DAS should visit and call (in person) on the immediate family to offer condolences and assistance. This may be the best time to inform the family that a PCGA memorial service is available for all PCGA members.

PCGA's participation in funeral services depends entirely on the wishes of the immediate family of the deceased Auxiliarist. It is important that Auxiliarists should not put undue pressure to the family for a PCGA memorial service. A great deal of hurt can be done by overzealous friends of the deceased.

Once the family agrees to hold a PCGA memorial service, details are immediately worked out. The deceased's Auxiliary Squadron will be the main organizer / host of the service. The family of the deceased should inform the funeral chapel and the priest or pastor on the planned memorial service.

Most Auxiliarists have a wide circle of friends and associates and Auxiliary involvement should not be restricted to members of the deceased's squadron alone. Auxiliarists in other squadrons / districts should be made aware of the situation and the recognition planned so they may participate. PCGA's participation in an Auxiliarist's funeral, depending on the request of the family, may range from the Auxiliarists arriving as a group to pay their respects, an auxiliary vigil (with no rifles) posted at the viewing in conjunction with a brief memorial service or participation in the funeral itself.

Whatever the level of Auxiliary activity, great care must be taken to maintain the dignity of the occasion. Firing of guns and playing of taps are military traditions not allowed for auxiliary funeral services except for those who have served the military service and performed by the military, coast guard or police.

#### **Auxiliary Memorial Service**

The PCGA memorial service shall be organized by the deceased's Auxiliary Squadron and should come before or after the church service. This may be held at the funeral chapel usually in the evening or a chosen church arranged by the host squadron.

It is appropriate that the priest, minister or rabbi close to the family will officiate the interment. If the family's pastor or priest is not available, they may request the PCGA for assistance.

Participating Auxiliary officers and members should wear the appropriate Service Dress Blue uniform (Alpha) while community Auxiliarists may use the field uniform if Service Dress Blue uniform is not available.

A sample of a PCGA Memorial Service program is presented in Annex A. This will include memorial poem readings, an AVP on the deceased PCGA member, messages and personal thoughts from friends and family. Reception follows to be arranged by either the PCGA or the family.

Annexes B to C are samples of suggested order of a funeral ceremony appropriate for the deceased Auxiliarist with either Catholic and Protestant faith.

## **INITIAL SET-UP**

The deceased PCGA member must be preferably in full Service Dress Blue (Alpha) with earned ribbons and insignia attached. However, in case this is not possible, a portrait of the deceased in Service Blue Alpha uniform maybe placed on a table adjacent to the casket.

If the deceased's family concurs, the casket shall be draped with the national flag, provided by the squadron placed horizontally with the white triangle at the head of the casket.

When the flag is draped on the casket, it shall be placed so the triangle is at the head of the casket with the red color over the left shoulder of the deceased. (Annex D).

Nothing shall rest on top of the flag. After the memorial service, the flag will be solemnly folded and. handed over to the family representative who is normally the spouse, son/daughter, or parent.

The national ensign and PCGA or Squadron flag should also be placed on the left and right sides of the casket, respectively.

Auxiliarists should not wear hats inside the chapel or church. Only the Auxiliary Honorary Guard is required to wear the proper headgear (oversea cap for Auxiliarist), with white gloves while standing the watch or when ready to be relieved.

# WATCHSTANDERS

Upon request of the bereaved family, Auxiliarists may serve as watchstanders during vigils.

Members of a watchstander team should both be either female or male. The maximum limit of each watch is 15 minutes in which male and female teams alternate. When entering the funeral chapel, watchstanders shall march towards the casket, salute the colors, turn toward each other and execute parade rest.

## **RELIEF WATCH**

During relief of watch, the next watchstander team shall march towards the casket and follow the same route to the casket. The team to be relieved will step backwards to allow the next team on duty to salute the colors, face each other and execute parade rest. The relieved team will come at attention, turn and march out following the same route.

# **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

When all have gathered and the appointed time has come, the PCGA officer assigned as emcee shall proceed to the lectern and begin the service.

The family may request the deceased's favorite music be played or favorite solo be sung before the actual readings begin and there may be several methods used in seating the Auxiliarists. The Honorary Auxiliary pallbearers usually occupy the pews (seats) to the left front of the chapel.

Religious service including suggested music should be appropriate to the deceased faith.

# **FINAL SALUTE**

After the memorial service, the Director Auxiliary Squadron or his designated officer-in-charge, shall request all PCGA officers and Auxiliarists in attendance to stand for the final salute.

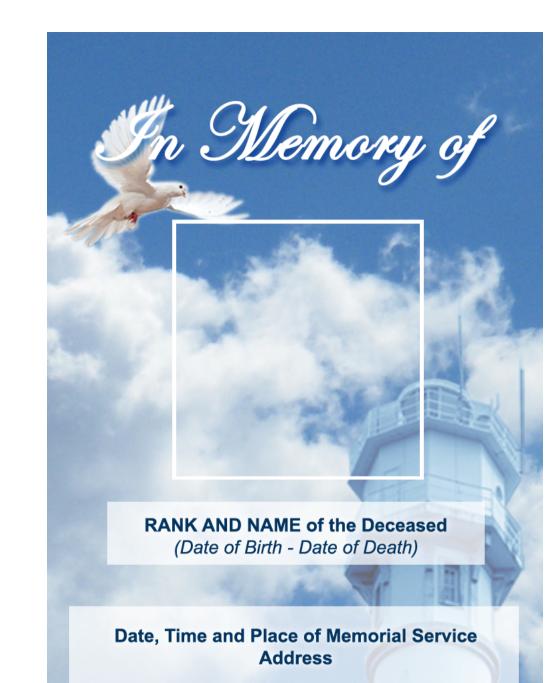
At his command "**Pugay Kamay na**" all shall execute a snappy salute and the lower at his command "**Baba na**".

The memorial service is terminated and PCGA officers and Auxiliarist may personally express their condolence to the members of the deceased's family.

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ANNEX A - Sample of a PCGA Memorial Service Program



Attire: Service Blue Alpha

# CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me, And may there be no moaning of the bar, When I put out to sea. But such a tide as moving seems asleep, Too full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, When I embark; For tho' out our bourne of time and place The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crossed the bar.

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

#### Part I

- Holy Mass
- Memorial Service
- Part II
- Welcome Remarks
- AVP on the Deceased
- Reading of Poem
- Eulogy
- Personal Thoughts
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- Response from Family
- Closing Remarks
- Reception

# The Dash by Linda Ellis copyright 1996

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real and always try to understand the way other people feel. And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

f we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash... would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent YOUR dash?

# ANNEX B - Suggested Order of a Funeral Ceremony for Catholics CATHOLIC SERVICE

Traditional Catholic choices would include the Vigil, which is held at a funeral home, a Funeral Mass at the church, and the Rite of Committal in a cemetery. In some cases, mass is not celebrated. When this occurs, the priest may lead a service at the funeral home or graveside.

Visitation is frequently held during evening hours at the funeral home and the Auxiliary Memorial Service should be conducted at that time.

Suggested music to be played before, after or as a solo during the Memorial Service:

- Eternal Father (Navy Hymn)
- Ave Maria
- How Great Thou Art
- God Be With You
- Till We Meet Again
- Amazing Grace

Where it states a hymn might begin the service, the Auxiliary leader should get the name of the deceased's favorite hymn from the family and arrange to have it played or sung at the beginning of the service.

#### **GREETING:**

We are gathered here today to pay our respects and honor the memory of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (deceased's name) and his/her family. (Deceased's name) \_\_\_\_\_\_ was a valued member of Flotilla \_\_\_\_\_\_, Division \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Give the number of years he/she was a member of the Auxiliary and any appointed and elected offices he/she held). In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## SERVICE:

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself. and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

#### **BIBLICAL READINGS:**

#### **PSALM 129:**

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If Thou, O Lord, wilt make iniquities; Lord, who shall stand it? For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness; and by reason of Thy law, have I waited for Thee, O Lord. My soul hath relied on his word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord. From the morning watch even until night let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy; and with Him plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

## (OR)

#### **JOHN 11:**

At that time, Martha said to Jesus: Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died; but now also I know that whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give thee. Jesus saith to her:

"Thy brother shall rise again." Martha saith to him: "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection of the last day." Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, although he be dead, shall live; and every one that liveth and believeth in me, shall not die forever. Believest thou this?" She said to him: "Yea, Lord, I have believed that Thou art Christ the Son of the living God, who art come into this world."

## THE PRAYER:

Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord; for in Thy sight shall no man be justified unless through Thee he find pardon for all his sins. Let not, therefore, we beseech Thee, the hand of Thy justice be heavy upon him, whom the earnest prayer of Christian faith commendeth unto Thee, but by the help of Thy grace, may he escape the judgment of vengeance who whilst he was living, was marked with the sign of the Holy Trinity; Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

(OR)

## PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light, and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love; For it is in giving that we receive – It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. The following should always be read:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. May he/she rest in peace. Amen.

#### Please note:

- 1. After the church service, the Honorary Pallbearers, under the direction of the funeral director, move the casket to the hearse. When the casket has been placed in the hearse, the pallbearers enter their vehicles.
- 2. At the cemetery: (a) The officer in charge or a designated individual commands the pre-positioned firing party and bugler to Detail, ATTENTION and Present, ARMS as soon as the casket is moved from the hearse. The command Order, ARMS is given when the casket reaches the grave. (b) The Honorary Pallbearers carry the casket, feet first and level, to the grave.

On reaching the grave, the casket is placed on the lowering device. The pallbearers shall raise the flag from the casket and hold it in a horizontal position, waist high, until the conclusion of "Taps." (c) Uniformed Auxiliarists will salute during "Taps" and Auxiliarists in civilian clothes will place their right hand over their heart.

3. The remainder of the ceremony is conducted as prescribed in the Protestant and Catholic Services.

#### THE COMMITTAL:

To Thee, O Lord, we commend the soul of Thy servant(s), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(first name(s) only), that having departed from this world (he/she/they) may live with Thee; and whatever sins (he/she has) (they have) committed through the frailty of human nature, do Thou, in Thy most tender mercy, forgive and wash away. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

#### **Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## **Glory Be**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### THE BENEDICTION:

Eternal rest grant unto (him/her/them), O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon (him/her/them), and may (his/her soul) (their souls) and all the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

# ANNEX C. Suggested order of a funeral ceremony for Protestants

## **PROTESTANT SERVICE**

Protestant denominations include Methodist, Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Episcopalian and Presbyterian. Protestant funeral ceremonies are typified diversity and flexibility, with importance placed on meeting the family's wishes. They may be held at a church, a funeral home, or graveside. Most Protestant services include prayers and eulogy, a sermon and Biblical scripture readings. They celebrate the life of the deceased and often emphasize the Christian belief in everlasting life.

## PRELUDE

Suggested music to be played before, after, or as a solo during the Memorial Service:

- Eternal Father (Navy hymn)
- Amazing Grace
- Abide With Me Ave
- Maria O Lord
- To Whom The Spirits Live
- Now The Laborer's Task Is
- Rock of Ages
- How Great Thou Art
- Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

## **OPENING HYMN**

Where it states a hymn might begin the service, the Auxiliary leader should get the name of the deceased's favorite hymn from the family and arrange to have it played or sung at the beginning of the service.

# CALL TO WORSHIP

# INVOCATION: "LORD'S PRAYER":

Many Protestant churches include the "Lord's Prayer" in all services (as follows): Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## (OR)

God of all grace, we give you thanks because of his death our Savior, Jesus Christ, destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **REFLECTIONS:**

The tides of life have ebbed for a shipmate, and we, his/her fellow members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, gather here to honor his/her memory. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_was a member of Flotilla\_\_\_\_\_, Division\_\_\_\_\_, Eighth Western Rivers Region. He/She has served the Auxiliary well in the past as (mention the number of years he/she served in the Auxiliary and offices held, if desired).

#### SERVICE:

Our Lord has called our shipmate to sail with Him in eternally calm waters forever free from the storms and tempests of mortal life. We honor and cherish the memory of our shipmate, but we do not mourn for him/her for he/she has found refuge in the great harbor of eternal peace. Rather, it is for ourselves that we mourn; for a good friend has slipped his/her moorings in the night and is no longer among us. We will miss his/her hand on the helm. We will miss his/her shoulder next to ours. We will miss his/her encouragement and counsel as we meet the storm and strife of life. We of the Coast Guard Auxiliary mourn our loss, but we are consoled by the abiding faith that when the final watch changes for us and we too cross the bar our shipmate will be waiting to lead us into safe anchorage.

When our sailing nears its ending When our course is all but run. When the scenes of past endeavor Crown upon us one by one, When we see in true perspective -Knowing wrong and knowing right, May we say, like Saul of Tarsus I have fought a noble fight. May we find our life-long courses Have not been steered in vain Lest the bearings we have plotted Must be reckoned out again. When we leave our earthly bodies Buried deep in sea or sod, May our endeavors be our glory When we go to meet our God.

We bid you "Hail and Farewell", shipmate, until we drop anchor beside you at the last great Rendezvous.

Mourn not for our departed shipmate who has sailed to the Port of No Return. He/She has at last dropped anchor in the harbor eternally secure from gales and raging seas of life. Let us find consolation for ourselves in the knowledge that when God so wills, we too will join him/her there, and with him/her enjoy eternal tranquility. The Soul departed in the Lord does not die, it returns to God, who is the Giver of Life. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

## PSALM 23:

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the House of the Lord for ever.

(OR)

# **PSALM 121:**

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; from whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and He that keepeth thee

will not sleep. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

# PRAYER:

Remember Thy servant, O Lord, according to the favour which Thou bearest unto Thy people, and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of Thee, he/she may go with strength in the life of perfect service, in Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

(OR)

Remember our brother/sister\_\_\_\_\_\_, whose baptism is now complete in death. Bring him/her into your eternal joy and light, together with all who have died in the peace of Christ; through whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **OPTIONAL SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

JOHN 5: 24-27 JOHN 11: 21-27 JOHN: 14: 1 - 6 ROMANS 8: 14-19; 31-35; 37-39

#### **OPTIONAL READING:**

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

#### PRAYER:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead: We give thee thanks for all thy servants who have given service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Grant to them thy mercy and the light of thy presence; and give us such a lively sense of thy righteous will, that the work which thou hast begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION:**

The service may then be closed with one of the following benedictions: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing to his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(OR)

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance of life eternal where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### POSTLUDE:

#### THE COMMITTAL:

\_, our companion in faith, we entrust you to God.

Go forth from this world in the love of God who created you, in the mercy of Jesus who died for you, in the power of the Holy Spirit who receives and protects you. May you rest in peace and rise in glory, where pain and grief are banished, and life and joy are yours forever. Amen. (A portion of the Protestant service is from the Lord of Love Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska contributed by Mrs. E. Kay Reed) ANNEX D - Proper Method of Displaying the National Ensign with the Casket

When positioning the National ensign, the white triangle must be at the head of casket, while the blue field must cover the right side. To prevent the flag from falling off, a black band may be wrapped along the side of the casket.



Before lowering the casket, the flag must be folded into a triangle and handed to the heirs of the deceased. The national flag must not be lowered into the grave or be allowed to touch the ground.

#### **CROSSING THE BAR**

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me, And may there be no moaning of the bar, When I put out to sea. But such a tide as moving seems asleep, Too full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, When I embark; For tho' out our bourne of time and place The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crossed the bar. ANNEX F - The Dash (Poem)

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I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

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For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

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And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash... would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent YOUR dash?

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease. I shall possess, within the veil, A life of joy and peace. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine: But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

#### ANNEX H - Rock of Ages (Lyrics)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, Save me from its guilt and power.

Not the labor of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All could never sin erase, Thou must save, and save by grace.

Nothing in my hands I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress, Helpless, look to Thee for grace: Foul, I to the fountain fly, Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyes shall close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

#### **ANNEX I** - How Great Thou Art (Lyrics)

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

#### Refrain:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

#### Refrain:

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeurAnd see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

#### Refrain:

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

#### Refrain:

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea; Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal; Chart and compass come from Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild; Boist'rous waves obey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still." Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

Though death's valley I may pass, Still Thy grace will fear surpass; In Thy presence I will rest, And, while leaning on Thy breast, I will hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee." Come back to me with all your heart Don't let fear Keep us apart. Trees do bend Through straight and tall So must we to others call

(Refrain) Long have I waited for Your coming home to me and living, deeply our new life. The wilderness will lead you To your heart where I will speak Integrity and Justice With tenderness you shall know (Repeat Refrain)

You shall sleep Secure with Peace faithfulness will be your joy. (Repeat Refrain)