

And the Light Shines in the Darkness

Holiday Songs, part 6

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For unto us a child is born. Unto us a Son is
given. *Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)*

I have come as a light to shine in this dark
world, so that all who put their trust in me will no
longer remain in the dark.

John 12:46 (NLT)

For the choir director: A psalm of the descendants
of Korah. A song to be sung to the tune 'The
Suffering of Affliction.' A psalm of Heman the
Ezrahite.

Psalms

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What we *can* learn through dark times

1. The dark place can last a long time

O Lord, I cry out to you. I will keep on pleading
day by day. O Lord, why do you reject me? Why do you
turn your face from me? I have been sick and close
to death since my youth. I stand helpless and
desperate before your terrors.

Psalms

88:13-15 (NLT)

You have taken away my companions and loved ones.
Darkness is my closest friend.

Psalms 88:18 (NLT)

Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not
greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me,
naturally they will persecute you. *John 15:20 (NLT)*

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any
kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for
great joy.

James 1:2 (NLT)

2. The dark place can be where we learn about the grace of God

Are your wonderful deeds of any use to the dead?
Do the dead rise up and praise you?
Can those in the grave declare your unfailing love?
Can they proclaim your faithfulness in the place of
destruction?
Can the darkness speak of your wonderful deeds?
Can anyone in the land of forgetfulness talk about
your righteousness?

Psalms 88:10-12

(NLT)

3. The dark place is where true faith is revealed

O Lord, God of my salvation, I cry out to you by
day. *Psalms 88:1 (NLT)*