

# NOT EASILY PROVOKED



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Because of thee, I am no longer ashamed.

When my mind is overtaken, I am strong;  
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When things do **not go my way**, and I am beaten by the heat,  
I am **not easily provoked**.

When my enemies **speak against me**, their knives to my throat,  
I **stay silent as thy Son did**.

Held up by thy Word, when someone **offends me**,  
**Your love in me brings peace**.

O Lord, **thou has perfected me** as thou art perfect:  
That your kingdom may be forever.

Thou, O God, art pure and holy, granting me **Everlasting Life**:  
**Thy Charity is my rod and comfort**.

Praise be to thee, **my King and Savior**  
Your love and mercy hath made me to **endure** rough waters.

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A DUCK has three layers of feathers that stack on top of each other with barbs that connect together to close all gaps.

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**Knowledge:** An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered. Pro 21:9  
Then shall thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. Pro 2:5

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**The Barbs that Lock Together**  
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He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace. Pro 21:12

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. Jam 3:17



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**Trust in the LORD** with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Pro 3:5

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In the way of righteousness is life: and in the pathway thereof there is no death. Pro 12:28



## The Prince of Peace

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: forasmuch as ye know that ye shall receive the kingdom of heaven. Mat 5:10-12

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Peace I leave with you, my peace; I give unto you not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Joh 14:27

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## A TIME FOR Peace

Two years later  
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Near to me  
And we together prayed  
Father, please,  
Let our child  
Know your loving peace  
It's so wonderful new  
These kids are running  
Chasing ducks and butterflies,  
Through the pond  
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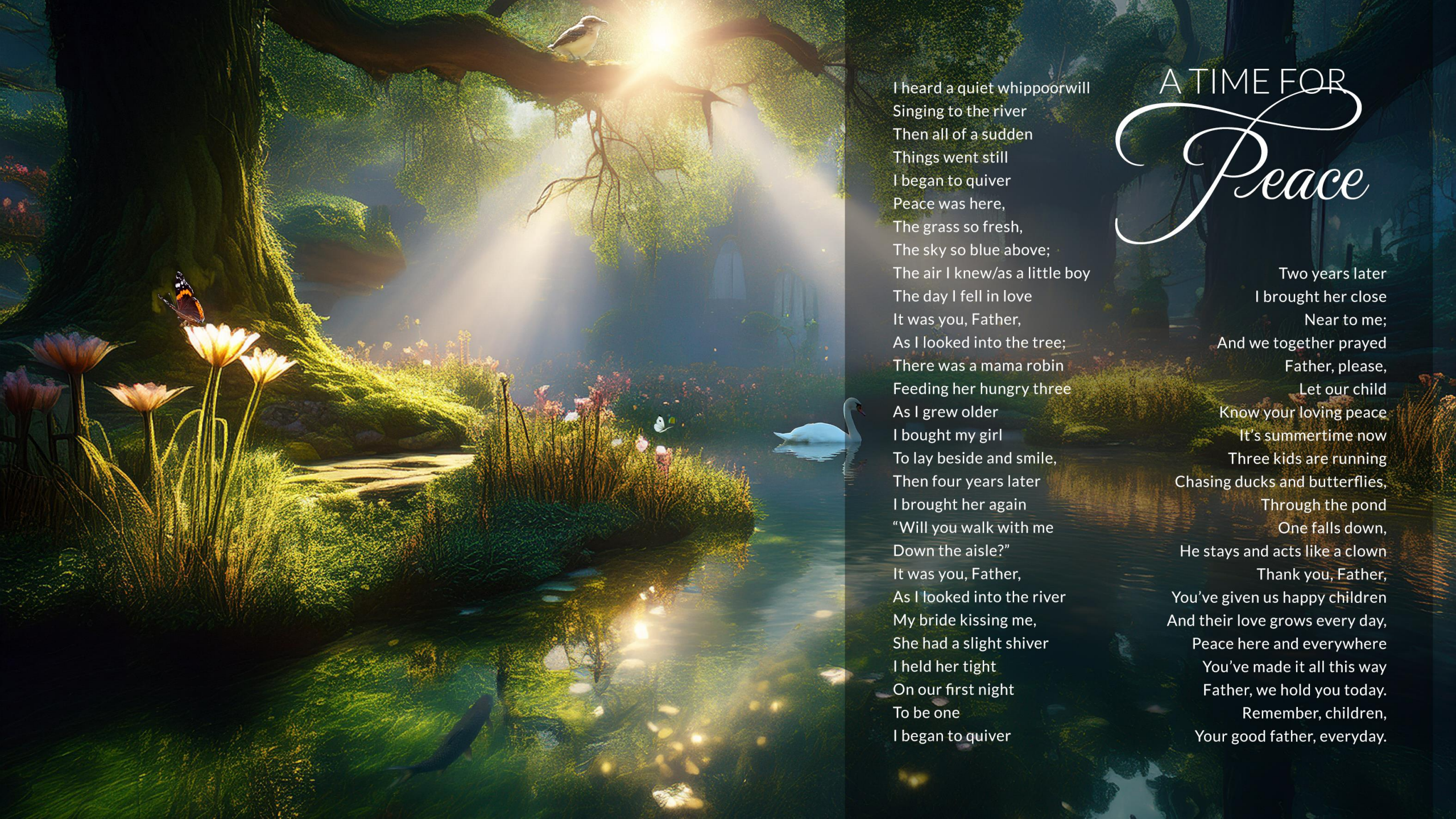
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