

Seeds of Hope #12 – Twinkle, Twinkle

Today's story seed begins with a mother wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano. She took her boy to a concert of the great Polish pianist, and composer, Ignacy Jan Paderewski.

After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend of hers and walked over to say hello. Grasping this opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the boy wandered away from his mother until he eventually found a door marked, "NO ADMITTANCE."

When the house lights dimmed indicating the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and was aghast to find that her little son was missing. Suddenly the curtains parted and the spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on the stage.

In disbelief, the mother saw her little boy seated at the piano, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

At that very moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear. "Don't Stop. Keep playing."

Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and started filling in the bass part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side of the child and he added a running obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience.

The audience was so mesmerized that they were unable to recall what else the master played that night. Only the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" was remembered. And that's the way it is with God.

What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We might try our best, but the results aren't exactly flowing music. But with the hand of the Master, our life's work can truly be beautiful.

So the next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You will be able hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear. "Don't quit. Keep playing. Keep praying."

Feel His loving arms around you. Know that His strong hands are there helping to turn your feeble attempts into great masterpieces. He is always there to love and guide us onto great things.

For life is hard as a solo. But with God, it can be a Divine duet. Amen? Amen!

For Further Reflection:

- 1. Think of a time in your life when you tried to do something on your own and the results were less than desirable.***
- 2. Can you recall a time when you felt as if God were whispering in your ear to not quit...Keep going?***

"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." John 15:5