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One Verse. One Song.

In my boyhood, the wonders of my grandparents' Pennsylvania farm knew no bounds. As soon as chores were done, I'd roam the woods down by the creek. The only absolute family rule I had to obey was to always come running when Gram rang her antique bell—a relic from a one-room schoolhouse—announcing dinner was ready. I learned that obedience brought its own delicious reward!

The memory of the love poured out to me by dear Pop and Gram makes me smile. And that brass bell, now in my office, serves as a reminder that my universe as a youth was happy because I felt God's love so tangibly—reflected in my grandparents' care for me. Even when the bell wasn't calling me, I was being beckoned by my divine Parent in many ways—and I did my best to obey Her gentle commands.

Recently, a friend pointed out that *universe* means *one* verse. This one verse expresses God's law of unity and harmony. You could say that God, the composer of our spiritually perfect, all-harmonious universe, sings Her *one* verse joyfully to Her family—us. And we sing our love back with humble, grateful hearts.

Gratitude to God is the watchword of our *Journal*-listed Christian Science Nurse, Susie Petersen. As she meets each client compassionately, she actually *sings*—either silently or aloud. Yes, Susie sings praises to our divine Parent for His ever-presence, power, goodness, and ongoing healing activity. And so do her clients! Every day, they witness the beneficial effect of their *one-verse* songs: "Christian Science silences human will, quiets fear with Truth and Love, and illustrates the unlabored motion of the divine energy in healing the sick" (*Science and Health*, 445:19–21).



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God's universe is ever-expanding, always new. So, too, are the Christian Science nursing (and related) services offered to those who need assistance. We are happy to share one such recently launched program. It is offered by The Principle Foundation (TPF) and is called *Caring for Christian Scientists*. "This new avenue for care, which consists of a website, www.RiperYears.org, and a call center, brings together a central directory of care resources for Christian Scientists," writes TPF. "These resources include information on housing, personal assistance, Christian Science nursing and care facilities, insurance, legal issues related to health care, and more."



Currently, the call center's hours are between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time, seven days a week. Call toll-free at (800) 930-3797.

The Christian Science Nurse

By David L. Horn

From the January 1968 issue of *The Christian Science Journal*

Daughter of patience, compassion and care,
 Mary and Martha united in Love,
 Yours a persuasion of unceasing prayer—
 Yours a profession ordained from above.
 Hearts who would vanquish mortality's claim
 Find in your gentleness heavenly rest.
 Trusting the wisdom you use in His name,
 Fearless we turn to the Christ and are blest.

We lift our hearts in gratitude to God, joyfully heeding His bell-beckoning call. "For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast"
 (Psalms 33:9).

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Christian Science Hymn 324