

It Is Well With My Soul

Lyrics by Horatio Spafford, music by Phillip Bliss

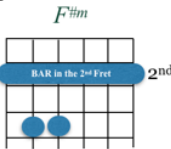
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E A E D E A
When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
F#m B E

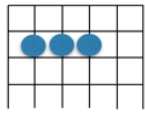
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
A D B E

What ever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
E A D E A
It is well; it is well with my soul. } Intro



CHORUS

E A
It is well, *It is well*, with my soul, *with my soul*
A D Esus4 E A Esus4
It is well, it is well with my soul.



E A E D E A
Though Satan should buffet, the trials should come,
F#m B E
Let this blest assurance control,
A D B E
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
A D E A
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

CHORUS

E A E D E A
My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought:
F#m B E
My sin not in part, but the whole
A D B E
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
A D E A
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

CHORUS

E A E D E A
And, Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight
F#m B E
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
A D B E
The trump' shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
A D E A
"Even so," it is well with my soul.

CHORUS

Scripture and History

Psalm 46:2-4 God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Thus we do not fear, though earth be shaken and mountains quake to the depths of the sea, though its waters rage and foam and mountains totter at its surging.

“**It Is Well with My Soul**” was written after several traumatic events in Horatio Spafford’s life. The first was the death of his only son in 1871 at the age of four, shortly followed by the Great Chicago Fire in October of 1871, which ruined him financially (he had been a successful lawyer). Then in 1873, while he was delayed on business concerning zoning problems following the Great Chicago Fire, he sent the family ahead to Europe on the SS Ville du Havre on a family vacation. While crossing the Atlantic, the ship sank rapidly after a collision with a sailing ship, and all four of Spafford's daughters died. His wife Anna survived and sent him the now famous telegram, "Saved alone." Shortly afterwards, as Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife, he was inspired to write these words as his ship passed near where his daughters had died.



Horatio Spafford
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The Spaffords later had three more children, one of whom (a son) died in infancy. In 1881 the Spaffords moved to Jerusalem and helped found a group called the American Colony; its mission was to serve the poor. The colony later became the subject of the Nobel prize winning *Jerusalem*, by

Swedish novelist Selma Lagerlof.

Although the original manuscript reads "know" at the end of the third line, almost all recordings and written reproductions read "say".

Philip Paul Bliss (9 July 1838 – 29 December 1876) was an American composer, conductor, writer of hymns and a bass-baritone Gospel Singer. He wrote many well-known hymns, including *Almost Persuaded*, *Hallelujah*, *What a Saviour!*, *Let the Lower Lights Be Burning*, *Wonderful Words of Life*, and the tune for *It is Well with My Soul*. Bliss called his tune *Ville du Havre*, from the name of the stricken vessel.

The Georgia Southern University marching band Southern Pride plays the song at the end of each win.

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