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## JUNE 1989

### COMING EVENTS

|          |  |                | DISTRICT       |
|----------|--|----------------|----------------|
| June 2&3 | Oregon State OTF Contest, H.S. Auditorium  | Lebanon        | OOTFA          |
| 3        | Gay Nineties, Community Center   | Coquille       | 5              |
| 3        | Jam, Community Hall  | Chiloquin      | 1              |
| 4        | Jam, Enterprise Grange   | Wimer          | 4              |
| 9-11     | State Qtrly. Mtg. & Jam, Timbuctu<br>(Shorty & Charlotte Dow's)                                  | Bandon         | OOTFA          |
| 10       | Isom & Faye Patterson's 50th Wed. Ann.<br>Merrill Rec. Hall                                      | Merrill        | 1              |
| 11       | Jam, Bend Senior Center  | Bend           | 3              |
| 16&17    | High Desert Fiddle Contest   | Burns          | Chamb. of Com. |
| 18       | Brownsville Pioneer Picnic-in-the-Park   | Brownsville    | 6              |
| 19-24    | Nat'l OTF Contest (H.S. Auditorium)  | Weiser, ID     | Chamb. of Com. |
| 26-30    | Haystack Program, Fiddle Workshop  | Cannon Beach   | PSU            |
| July . 1 | White Cedar Days   | Powers         | 5              |
| 2        | Jam, Talent Community Center   | Talent         | 4              |
| 4        | Port Orford Parade   | Port Orford    | 5              |
| 8        | Meeting & Jam, Greenacres Grange   | Greenacres     | 5              |
| 9        | Jam, Chiloquin Community Center  | Chiloquin      | 1              |
| 22       | Hillsboro Fiddle Contest   | Hillsboro      | Chamb. of Com. |
| 23       | Winchester Bay Oceanfest-Jam at Grange   | Winchester Bay | 5              |
| 19-23    | Haystack Program, Flatpick Guitar  | Cannon Beach   | PSU            |
| 19-23    | Vernonia Campout   | Vernonia       | OOTFA          |
| Aug. 6   | Elks Picnic  | Florence       | 5              |
| 6        | Annie & Mary Day OTF Contest   | Blue Lake, CA  |                |
| 7-11     | Fiddle Workshop/Campout (Carol Ann Wheeler)<br>Camping at Mike Booher's/Workshop at grade school | Yoncalla       | OOTFA          |
| 13       | Jam, American Legion Hall  | Port Orford    | 5              |
| 26       | Canyonville Fiddle Contest   | Canyonville    |                |
| 27       | Smith River Grange/Country Fair  | Smith River    | 5              |
| 27       | Warwick's Campout  | Williams       |                |
| Sept. 30 | Cranberry Festival Parade  | Bandon         | 5              |
| Oct. 1   | Jam, Ocean Crest Gymnasium   | Bandon         | 5              |

### MARK CARMICKLE ELECTED NEW STATE PRESIDENT AT CONVENTION

At the state convention in Roseburg Mark Carmickle from Eugene was elected to be the president of the OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION for 1989 - 1990. Mark will take over on July 1. He is currently chairman of district 6. Also elected as vice-president was Zelma Foote from Central Point. She is currently chairman of district 4. Lee Jones from Sheridan was re-elected as secretary-chairman for the state organization. Our congratulations to the new slate of officers.



Lew Sez: Just a while back I was handed a note which said: *We had a great time at the Lincoln City jam in April -- from playing fiddle and piano in the contest to dancing all afternoon and into the night. It was wonderful to see the crowds of local enthusiasts that came to enjoy the music. Everyone was so friendly and we felt right at home with them. Our thanks to the Elks Lodge for all they did to make our organization feel welcome. And a big thanks to all who put in many hours of time or donated items to make it a big success. I hope it will be an annual doings.* Signed: Jo Barnes and Paul Lakey. I wanted to share their note with you because it represents how so many of us felt about the week end, too. It is this kind of feed back that makes this organization so wonderful to work for and to be a part of. About the time you receive this issue, a group of us will have played for the governor when he declares the first week in June as Old Time Fiddlers' week in Oregon. We will also play for the public in the Galleria in the state capitol building. This is an exciting time for old time fiddling in Oregon. I am, also, excited about the contest and have my fingers crossed as we go into a new experience with the Strawberry Festival Association. I have met often with our sponsors: the American Legion, the Moose Lodge, and the Strawberry Association. It has been a very positive experience. They are a great bunch of people to work with. We will have had our final meeting on May 17th in Lebanon. We have met almost monthly this winter and spring so everything is ready for the blast off. It will be a great contest. If you need more information, please check last month's Hoedowner. Another reminder about the quarterly meeting and camp out the week end of July 9th, 10th, and 11th near Bandon. I was asked recently if "associate members" could end. You bet - you are all invited to this year's District 5 campout at Shorty and Charlotte Dow's *Timbuctu*. Please note tht it is between mile post 258 and 259 just a mile or so north of the Bullards Bridge north of Bandon on Hwy 101. There will be signs directing you. District 5 members have been asked to bring a pound of bacon so we can have one District 5's famous breakfast. We are asking our "company" (that's you) to bring a dozen eggs and then with the hotcakes, syrup, coffee, etc., that we have, it will be "hog heaven at Timbuctu." Friday night we will jam, sit around the camp fire, and meet our friends. Saturday will be more of the same. (See last month's Hoedowner for the specifics.) Sunday morning we will have a state meeting at 10:00 and then enjoy music and friends for the rest of the day. Many of you are suspicious of the coast. "It always rains on the coast," I have heard. Just in case, we have reserved the Greenacres Grange Hall for our state meeting on Sunday - just in case it really does rain. From Timbuctu it will be on to Burns for the next week-end and then on to Weiser where Oregon will be the host state. These are busy and exciting times but I can see light at the end of the tunnel.

Happy fiddling,

Lew Holt, President  
Oregon Old Time Fiddlers' Association



#### DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Lois Tucker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Harold North; SEC/TREAS-Irene Ruddock  
June 10th at 2 p.m. is Isom and Faye Patterson's 50th anniversary. Everyone is invited. It will be held at the Merrill Recreation Hall.

July 9th-jam at the Chiloquin Community Center 2 p.m.--everyone is welcome.

Thanks to the musicians who played for the Alzheimers Benefit and the Moore House Art Gallery's membership drive.

Don't forget the Clairmont House (June 18th) and the nursing homes.

"Who is rich? He that is content."

Naomi Voss, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Ches Fullerton; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bob Kitchens; SEC/TREAS-Betty O'Neal

News is rather quiet in Central Oregon this month.

We enjoyed nice weather for our May 14th jam. Mother's Day kept a few of our regular visitors elsewhere. We had 46 in attendance including 8 musicians. We had visitors from Albany, Springfield and Harrisburg, OR, and Stockton, CA and S. Dakota. Lots of good food, music and dancing.

No anniversaries. Birthdays being celebrated in May are Don Hanna, Betty O'Neal and Bob Hawes. Lots more to you all.

We hope our music will join with yours in the coming months. By the looks of our calendar it will.

Our next jam is June 11.

Billie Kitchens, reporter



DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Zelma Foote; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jim Winslow; SEC/TREAS-Doris Barkley  
Sutherland Senior Center was an ideal place to have our May 7th jam. We had 100 for the noon potluck and 35 specials entertain a capacity crowd of viewers and dancers until after 5 p.m. State President Lew Holt and wife Alice, and President Elect Mark Carmickle and Ila Mae Wever were our guests, as well as many friends from Dist. 5 and Dist. 6 and local people. Jack Walker, with an assist from Vic Flood, did his usual excellent emceeing. Many THANKS to one and all for giving your time and talent to make this such a fun day!

We have had a busy month. We played for the Chili Cook-off at Expo, the 2nd anniversary of the Rogue River museum and the Rogue Comm. College, as well as five nursing homes and three senior centers.

WELCOME to a new musical family of Grants Pass. The Bulla family includes Brad & Carol and their 3 children. Luke, 9, is the 1988 Nat'l Small Fry Fiddle Champ, and Jenny Ann, 8, placed 3rd in the same division at Weiser.

We have had many members either traveling or recovering from surgery. Among those who have had a recent hospital experience are Fern Samples, Walter Foote, Tex Looper, Hank Modrell and Eudella Blair.

Forrest and Vivian Samples will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 1st at the Central Point Senior Center, on 2nd St., from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Congratulations to Forrest and Vivian!! Everyone is invited. A money tree is planned.

Next jam will be June 4th, at Enterprise Grange in Wimer, 8 miles from Rogue River on E. Evans Creek Rd. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. for early jamming, potluck at noon, doors open the the public at 1:00 p.m..

July 2nd jam will be at Talent Community Center.

July 4th we are invited to take part in the afternoon Centennial Celebration in Central Point City Park. Y'all come!!

Pauline Winslow, reporter

DISTRICT 5:

ACTING CHAIRMAN-Russ Hall; SEC/TREAS-Dorothy Settle

Dist. 5 monthly meeting & jam was a huge success! Eighty people in attendance--good food-good music and fun. Thanks to all the visiting members of other districts for joining us.

Special recognition was given to Elwood and Helen Serfass for their donation of \$300.00 to the float fund by the Southwestern Chapter Oregon Council OF the Blind, and to Alice McDowell for her \$50.00 donation to the float fund, also. Thanks, guys!

May 6th was another float work day. Seventeen people put in a good work day--enjoyed potluck BBQ and music later. Next work day, Sat., May 20th, 10:00 a.m. should see the float nearer completion, and ready to parade!

Dist. 5 will HOST the State Quarterly Jam & Meeting at Timbuctu--June 9, 10 & 11. Meeting will be Sunday at 11:00 a.m. All Dist. 5 members are urged to "pitch in" and "make a hand."

Dates to remember:

June 3: Gay Nineties--Coquille Community Center--1:00-5:00 p.m.

9-10-11-Timbuctu-State Quarterly Mtg. & Jam

July 1-White Cedar Days-Powers-1:00 p.m.

4-Port Orford Parade-(Our float could debut)

8-Greenacres monthly mtg. & jam-11:00 a.m.

22-Reedsport Ocean Festival Parade

23-Winchester Bay Ocean Festival-Jam at Grange Hall

Aug. 6-Elks Picnic-Florence

13-Jam at Port Orford-American Legion Hall

27-Smith River Grange Country Fair

Sept. 30-Cranberry Festival Parade-Bandon-10:00 a.m.

Lions BBQ at park after parade

Oct. 1-Bandon-Jam at Ocean Crest Gym-1:00 p.m.

These dates plus nursing homes, care centers, etc., will keep Dist. 5 MOVING & FIDDLING!

Elnora Jorren for Linda Carver, reporter



DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Mark Carmickle; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jim Lockard; SEC/TREAS-Ila Mae Weber  
News had to be in early this month, so by the time you read this we will have had our jam at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. And it was a dandy, I think!

Most of our musicians have been quite busy, as usual, playing at the area nursing and retirement homes and other places. A group played at Valley River Center for the Nursing Home Week: some played for the Green Hill Humane Society's 45th Anniversary Party, and some played for the R.S.V.P. annual plant sale.

Several of our members reported a great time visiting the Dist. 4 jam at Sutherlin.

Some plan to help play for the winery at Rickreall late in the month with Dist. 8. Frances Orr is home now after surgery in late April. Helen Trace also had her second surgery in April and is getting along great.

Anniversary congratulations to John & Wanda Davis (43 yrs.), Curly & Allison Roberts (3 years), and Jack & Hazel Walker (33 years).

Don't forget our fun jam at Brownsville in the park on June 18th. We will play from 3:30-5:30 p.m.. There will be plenty of concession stands to buy food there, so we will not have a potluck or lunch. Hope to see many of you there.

Don't forget: it takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile!  
Thelma Shephard, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

CHAIRMAN-Penny Walter; CO-CHAIRMAN-Carroll Finley; SEC/TREAS-Myrtle Arnold  
We had a very nice jam at the Senior Center in Beaverton--a good program and a very appreciative audience that stayed 'til the end.

Our program consisted of 17 fiddlers--namely, Fran Niesen, Red Arnold, George Washington, Eileen Witle, Carol Ann Wheeler, Barney Alexander, Marilee Thompson, Glenn Echo and Buss Boyk, Gladys Braskett, Jack Smith, Penny Walter, Bunky McFee, Russ Phillips, Bill Heard and Bill Yohey played fiddle and also helped as accompanists. Also helping out on guitar were Jean Braskett, Jean Braskett, Cactus Finley, Don & Ruth Loring, Bob Huffman, Chuck & Pat Gates. We want to thank Cactus, Russ and Roy Olson for emceeing. Also, thanks to Red for taking care of the PA system. We had guests from Dist. 8 & 6--Bill & Edna Yohey, Bunky & Tillie McFee and Don & Ruth Loring.

I just talked to Mrs. Alex Steinmetz whose husband took ill at Lincoln City and was rushed to the hospital. She said he didn't suffer a heart attack, but had a rythmatic problem and couldn't pump enough blood to the brain. He spent four hours in the hospital there and 10 days in St. Vincent. He came home May 3rd and is slowly improving. They want to thank everyone for all the help, prayers, cards and calls that they have received.

Because of both the state contest and the Weiser contest being held in June, also the Bandon State Quarterly Meeting & Jam, we will not have a district jam this month.

Dulcie Fast, reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Les Johnson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lee Jones; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs  
Dist. 8 will not have a jam this month because of coming events (check front page of Hoedowner.).

OREGON--we are the HOST as Weiser this year--come on and let's do it up big!!

Our sympathy goes out to Bud Beck and family at the passing of his sister Leonard Maahs and his Mavericks played for the Plaza at McMinnville and they will play for the FFA Banquet at Yamhill Carlton.

Bob & Joyce Crump--we are glad you are back from your vacation--we missed you.

Our next jam will be at the Smelt Fry at Yachats, July 8th. Also a jam and program for the public at the senior center in Waldport at 7:30 p.m.. The donations will go to the senior citizens center at Waldport. We can camp there at Waldport like we have always done.

Jeanette Robinson, reporter



FINANCIAL REPORT  
OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSN.

For Mar 31, 1989 to April 30, 1989

|  |                  |                          |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|
| CASH ON HAND AS OF <u>March 31, 1989</u> | \$6154.72        |                          |
| FUNDS RECEIVED                           |                  |                          |
| 20% from Districts                       | 26.76            |                          |
| Elks Contest & Show                      | 1500.00          | Cash on hand plus        |
| Rosters                                  | 10.00            | total rec'd \$8011.48    |
| Membership Dues                          | 320.00           |                          |
| TOTAL RECIEVED                           | <u>\$1856.76</u> |                          |
| FUNDS DISBURSED                          |                  |                          |
| Weiser Chamber of Commerce               | 500.00           |                          |
| Elks Contest                             | 576.32           |                          |
| Telephone                                | 34.84            |                          |
| Printing & Postage                       | 25.00            |                          |
| Mileage                                  | 72.00            |                          |
| Convention Expenses                      | 406.57           |                          |
| Hoedowner (postage)                      | 299.25           | Cash on hand plus        |
| Hoedowner (Printing)                     | 353.46           | total expenses \$8011.48 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES                           | <u>\$2267.44</u> |                          |
| CASH ON HAND April 30, 1989              | \$5744.04        |                          |

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CANYONVILLE CONTEST TROPHIES REQUESTED:

It won't be long until August and the Canyonville Fiddle Contest. Last year, many of you supported the contest by purchasing trophies which serve as memorials. You honored departed relatives and friends and helped the contest to survive at the same time. I have received a few already for the 1989 contest. I will welcome more up to July 25th. when I have to get my trophy order in. Contributions for each trophy are \$20.00. I don't need the money right now, just a commitment. Let me know who you wish to honor and if you have any special inscription you want engraved. Also, what category of the contest you want it awarded - Junior-Junior, Junior, Senior, Intermediate, or Open.

Thank you so much for your participation. We'll see you in Canyonville on August 26th!

You don't have to be old to be an old time fiddler.

Thanks,

Gynn Deaton



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DIST. #9 (Almost too late to publish!)

Chairman- Walt Cooper; Co Chairman- Darlene Austin; Sec/Treas.-Margaret Teague

The group played at the Nursing Home the first of the month. Every one had a good time.

District #9 is very busy working on all the last minute details for the 7th Annual Fiddle Contest. The response has been great so it looks like another good Contest June 17 & 18th. We will be looking forward to see all of you here in Burns. If you haven't been to the Contest before you don't know what you're missing.

Remember! Burns is right on your way to Weiser.

Margaret Teague, Reporter



# HIGH DESERT FIDDLER'S CONTEST

BURNS, OREGON JUNE 16 & 17TH

\$2220 CASH PRIZES



DON'T FORGET OUR NATIONAL FIDDLE

CONTEST TO BE

HELD IN THE WEI-

SER HIGH SCHOOL

AUDITORIUM JUNE

19-24--OREGON IS

HOST STATE, SO

LETS HAVE A GOOD

REPRESENTATION.

THEY HAVE AIR-

CONDITIONING THIS

YEAR, SO IT SHOULD

BE GOOD!!

## Contest Schedule

REGISTRATION 5-8 pm THURSDAY JUNE 15

JUNE 16

JUNE 17

|      |   |      |   |
|------|---|------|---|
| 8 am | Registration  | 8 am | Registration  |
| 9 am | JR. JR. round 1<br>JUNIOR round 1<br>ACCOMPANIST round 1  | 9 am | INTERMEDIATE round 1<br>CHAMPION OLDTIME round 1<br>CHAMPION PROGR. round 1   |
| 1 pm | PEE WEE round 1<br>JR. JR. round 2<br>JUNIOR round 2<br>SENIOR round 1  | 1 pm | INTERMEDIATE round 2<br>SENIOR round 2<br>CHAMPION OLDTIME round 2<br>CHAMPION PROGR. round 2                                   |
| 7 pm | JUDGES SHOW<br>PEE WEE FINAL<br>JR. JR. FINAL<br>ACCOMPANIST FINAL<br>JUNIOR FINAL<br>ENTERTAINMENT<br>AWARDS | 7 pm | JUDGES SHOW<br>INTERMEDIATE FINAL<br>SENIOR FINAL<br>CHAMPION OLDTIME FINAL<br>CHAMPION PROGR. FINAL<br>ENTERTAINMENT<br>AWARDS |

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS



## Annie and Mary Day

AUGUST 6, 1989

## Schedule of Events

BLUE LAKE, CA

(Annie and Mary Day gets its name from the historical A & M railroad line and depot in Blue Lake. The depot is now the home of the Blue Lake Historical Museum.)

\$1,000 in CASH PRIZES

Our celebration is jam packed with events, and admission is free to the public.

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 7:30-10:00 a.m. | Pancake Breakfast at the VFW Hall  |
| 8:30-9:00 a.m.  | Two Mile Run and 10K Run   |
| 10:00 a.m.      | Main Street Parade, Theme: "Fiddling Around in Blue Lake"  |
| 11:30-5:00 p.m. | OLD TIME FIDDLING CONTEST  |
| Noon            | Junior Allstars Baseball Game  |
|                 | The Blue Lake Museum Society invites you to visit the Blue Lake Museum in the A & M Railroad Station |
|                 | Arts and Crafts Booths in the park   |
|                 | Food and Desserts Booths in the park   |
|                 | Pony Rides for the kids  |
|                 | Barbeque Beef Dinners & Sandwiches   |
| Noon-6:00 p.m.  | Gymkhana at the Rodeo Grounds  |
| 12:30-3:00 p.m. | BINGO sponsored by The Mad River Grange  |
| 2:00 p.m.       | Old Timers Baseball Game   |

*There will be an open house and jam session for fiddlers at the Blue Lake Grange Hall from 7:00-10:00, Saturday night. Refreshments will be served.*

The following motels are in the Valley West Shopping Center about 3 miles west of Blue Lake. They are offering special rates to Fiddlers: Super 8 Motel: 707-822-8888 North Coast Inn: 707-822-4861  
There is also a Motel 6: 707-822-7061

For Further Information Contact:

Sherman at (707) 668-5728 or Artie at (707) 668-5066

To pre-register, send form to:

You may also register Saturday night at the Grange Hall or at the park Sunday morning 10:00-11:00.

Fiddle Contest

Box 191

Blue Lake, CA. 95525



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I feel the Friday night fiddle program (during the convention) is just too long for a lot of people. Many elderly people who enjoy listening to the music cannot sit through that many hours. (Those chairs get pretty hard). Also, there are families with young children who become tired after a long time. I think you are going to lose audiences instead of gain them. I know it must be hard to select the performers for the evening. Perhaps names could be submitted as always and then during convention names could be drawn for those who would be on stage. That way no one could say there was any favoritism.

I thought the jam session was too drawn out and the program should get off with a big start of good performers. There should be no extras thrown in, but stick to the program as it is lined up. Then announcing each accompanist is nice, but gets rather boring after several times.

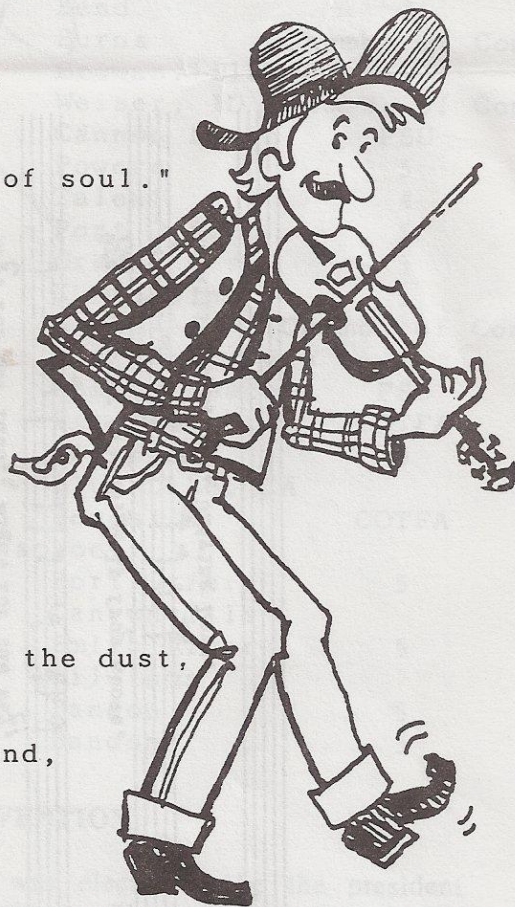
I noticed the performers stood around in little groups talking, which got quite noisy as the evening progressed. This was very annoying to many spectators.

And lastly, I am wondering why the Saturday night dance was for OOTFA members only. It seems they could create a lot of good will and even get new members by inviting the public to dance and enjoy the evening of music.

Sincerely,  
A Devoted Fiddle Enthusiast

FIDDLE MUSIC FOR ME by Harold Householder, Dist. 5

As I walked down life's merry road,  
Feeling as low as a small rodent who had been thrown  
Into the lion's path--  
Someone said, "Try music--it will lift the weariest of soul."  
So home I went with hopes renewed.  
Music I tried both loud and hard, low and soft,  
But to no avail would my spirits rise.  
Then it hit me like a light--  
Why had my ancestors been so gay as they danced  
Around the candlelight?  
So to the attic I went, and through treasures I dug.  
At last I found it on a way back shelf--  
The old family fiddle!  
As I lifted it from its resting place and wiped away the dust,  
My spirits seemed to rise even before I put the bow  
To the strings. I could feel the sweet soothing sound,  
Making my heart happy and young.  
And now as I walk down life's path  
I lighten most every one I meet.





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God hath not promised, Skies always blue,  
Flower-stream pathways, All our lives through.

God hath not promised, Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, Peace without pain.

But God hath promised Strength for the day,  
Rest for our labor, Light for the way,

Grace for our trials, Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, Undying love.