

Lord I Will Always Hope in You

Lord I will always hope in You,
Your grace is what I'll hold fast to,
Because you gave Your only Son,
My faith in You can't be undone.

If heav'nly angel should appear
And try to make me melt with fear,
That You, my God, rejected me;
Your face I would still hope to see

If You, O God, should ev'n proclaim,
"Do not call on my holy name;
You are forever damned to hell."
I'd still hope, Lord, that all was well.

O Lord, forgive me, if I say,
I'd never stop to hope and pray;
Your words of judgement I'd not heed,
The blood of Jesus I'd still plead.

If You should rob me of my breath
And swallow up my soul in death,
And cast me down to hell's pure fire;
My hope in You would not expire

For Jesus makes my faith secure,
No matter what I must endure;
I will not cease to e'er cry out,
My hope shall triumph over doubt!

Kurt Reinhardt

Quote from Cardinal Bona that Pastor Reinhardt read that led to this hymn text:

Seigneur, j'ai mis mon espérance en vous, que ne se soit jamais confus. Quand un ange descendu du ciel m'assurerait que vous m'avez rejeté de devant vous, je ne le croirais pas. Et quand vous même, Dieu Souverain, me diriez: Je t'ai damné pour jamais, je ne veux plus écouter tes prières; pardonnez-moi, Seigneur, si je le dis, je ne croirais pas vous même en cela. Bien plus, quand vous me tueriez & me précipiterais en enfer, j'espèrerai toujours en vous. - Cardinal Bona