

SERIES – THE POWER OF A SONG V
The Soft, Tender Call of Jesus, 8/30/26
Matthew 11:28-30
Softly and Tenderly by Will L. Thompson

Verse 1

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for
you and for me.*

Chorus

*Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come
home!*

Verse 2

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you
and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for
you and for me?*

Verse 3

*Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from
you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you
and for me.*

Verse 4

*O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you
and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for
you and for me.*

I. Lessons From the Hymn

- Jesus issues a loving, gentle invitation to everyone
- Jesus longs for us to move closer to him every day

- Coming to Christ is like coming home
- It's foolish not to respond to his call because what waits for us is his mercy and love
- We only have so much time in life, so why not spend it enjoying his presence
- He promises us rest, pardon, and ease from our burdens

It delights the Lord when we come near to him.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

POEM - "The Invitation of Love"

A tender voice is calling clear,
He gently whispers, "*Come, draw near.*"
He does not watch from far away,
But seeks your presence day by day.

To lean into His warm embrace,
To sit in silence with His grace,
Is where your soul is truly blessed,
And where the heavy heart finds rest.

This daily walk, this constant bond,
Of which the savior is so fond,
Delights the One who holds your hand,
And heals your soul to firmly stand.

So live with Him in every breath,
Through paths of joy or shades of death.
For in His love, the yoke is light,
And sweet communion guides the night.