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Last but Not the Least Through Thrones and Thistles

“In His time, in His time, Lord makes all things beautiful, in His time.” With a message of patience, this devotional song reminds us of the Lord’s plan in our life. As we look around the present world filled with so much of violence and hatred, the song gives its listener a hope for a better future. The quality of the wine increases with time and is best when it is tasted at the right time.

“Lord please show me everyday, As your’s teaching me Your way, And I’ll do just what You say, in His time.” The song also reminds its listener to work hard during the patient wait- work according to the Lord’s teaching. “Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds” (Jn 12:24). Likewise, our struggles and turmoil’s are the process that refines and helps us glorify the achievements in our life. But it all happens in His time.

The song also makes one wonder about His perfect will and permissive will. The Lord will grant you your wishes as He is a loving Father. But the Lord is asking His children to wait patiently as He has a granted was the perfect will to make everything beautiful. Through thrones and thistles we walk in life, and we often question His perfect will. “It is in the quite crucible of your personal private sufferings that your noblest dreams are born and God’s greatest gifts are given, in compensation for what you have been through” said Wintley Phipps.

As narrow and difficult is the path to heaven, the road less travelled does have thrones and thistles that come in the form of daily life-hassles, insecurity and intolerance, doubts and worldly sins. A light of hope shines through it gloom, the weight being lifted off of one’s shoulders as one sings the song that in His time, He would make life beautiful.

The message we put across can be “S/He is going through a horrible time in life and they are not cribbing about anything but doing the tasks with utmost sincerity”. It will ultimately be a reflection for others too, to live a happy life instead of being morose in difficult times. It is better to be a good lesson for others. Moreover, if we take negative things in a positive way and be proactive than being rebellious, the *karma* will answer. Good things take its way!