# We Will Meet

Song



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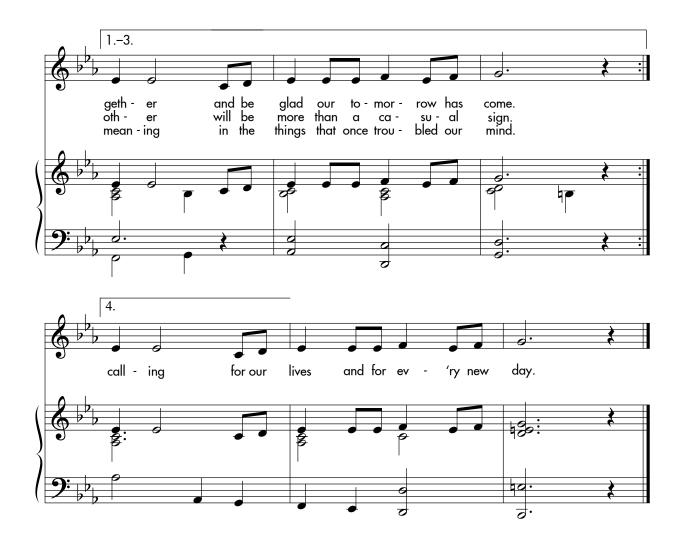
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Words: Original Norwegian text and English translation by Hans-Olav Moerk, translation adapted by John L. Bell Music: John L. Bell Tune: WE WILL MEET





- 1. We will meet
  when the danger is over,
  we will meet
  when the sad days are done;
  we will meet
  sitting closely together
  and be glad
  our tomorrow has come.
- 2. We will join to give thanks and sing gladly, we will join to break bread and share wine; and the peace that we pass to each other will be more than a casual sign.
- 3. So, let's make
  with each other a promise
  that when all
  we've come through is behind,
  we will share
  what we missed and find meaning
  in the things
  that once troubled our mind.
- Until then
  may we always discover
  faith and love
  to determine our way.
  That's our hope
  and God's will and our calling
  for our lives
  and for every new day.

The origin of this song is a text by Norwegian author Hans-Olav Moerk. He wrote it some years ago, on hearing of the terrible loss of life when a passenger ship plying Scandinavian waters went down in a storm. When the COVID-19 pandemic became a major issue, he revisited the text and on March 14, 2020 posted a song entitled "Vi skal møtes når dette er over." This subsequently went viral, and he wrote to me asking if I might make comments on an English translation, which I was glad to do.

Sometime later, I decided to write a new text, which draws on Hans-Olav's original, and set it to a new tune. It was subsequently broadcast on national radio in the UK and seems to have represented the sentiments and hopes of people who have engaged with the text.

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