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Song



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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  
2. We will  
3. So, let's  
4. Un - til

meet when the dan - ger is o - ver, we will meet when the  
join to give thanks and sing glad - ly, we will join to break  
make with each oth - er a prom - ise that, when all we've come  
then may we al - ways dis - cov - er faith and love to de -

sad days are done; we will meet sit - ting close - ly to -  
bread and share wine; and the peace that we pass to each  
through is be - hind, we will share what we missed and find  
ter - mine our way. That's our hope and God's will and our

1.-3.

geth - er and be glad our to - mor - row has come.  
oth - er will be more than a ca - su - al sign.  
mean - ing in the things that once trou - bled our mind.

4.

call - ing for our lives and for ev - 'ry new day.

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.
4. 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.

*John L. Bell*

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