Exodus 6:6-7
Therefore say to the children of Israel: ‘I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. 7 I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Rom. 9:25-26
As He says also in Hosea:

“I will call them My people, who were not My people, and her beloved, who was not beloved.”
26 “And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ There they shall be called sons of the living God.”

Stuart Hamblen
Date of Birth: 10/20/1908
Place of Birth: Kellyville, TX
Date of Death: 3/8/1989
Place of Death: Santa Monica, CA

- Stuart Hamblen was a dance-band leader, hunter, race horse owner, gambler, and heavy drinker.
- His wife prayed for fifteen years for him to come to Christ.
- He was the son of a Methodist minister but was a prodigal.
- Hamblen’s belief was that Billy was a fake and the Gospel foolishness, but the Spirit of God wore him down.
- He was won to the Lord by thirty-year-old Billy Graham in 1949.
- It was a drunken and angry Stuart that showed up at Billy’s door at 2:00 in the morning and they had quite a go of it.
- He was fired from his radio job of $1000 a week because he would not advertise beer.
Thirty days after being delivered from alcohol, John Wayne asked him if he still wanted one and he replied, “It is no secret what God can do”. Wayne told him to make a song with that title. The rest is history.

"I try to write music with a spiritual uplift instead of a moral downbeat."

- Stuart Hamblen

"Having written a song like 'It Is No Secret' and some of those other serious things means a lot more to me than anything else I have done...I would rather have written that song than be President of the United States."

- Stuart Hamblen

The chimes of time ring out the news
   Another day is through
   Someone slipped and fell
   Was that someone you

You may have longed for added strength
   Your courage to renew
   Do not be disheartened
   I have news for you

   CHORUS:
   It is no secret what God can do
   What He's done for others He'll do for you
   With arms wide open He'll pardon you
   It is no secret what God can do

   There is no night, for in His light, you'll never walk alone
   You'll always feel at home, wherever you may roam
   There is no pow'r can conquer you while God is on your side
   Take Him at His promise, don't run away and hide
1. **The Chimes of time**

**Psalms 90:12**
So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

**Galatians 4:4**
But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Some things you can do with time:

- We can kill time... ballgames, computer games, jigsaw puzzles, etc.
- We can lose time...stuck in traffic, the waiting room of a doctor’s office, etc.
- We can pass time... At a time when kings went forth to battle, David tarried...

**How should we spend our time?**

A. Invest in people...

B. Invest in prayer...

**Illustration of David Livingston’s life:**
But at last there came the day when he could not walk, stand, or even be moved. A hut was hastily prepared for him in a little village in the midst of Africa. It was pouring rain. Livingstone went to sleep on his cot. One of his African boys, Chumah, lay across the doorway to keep out wild beasts. In the middle of the night Chumah was awakened by a sound. Livingstone, with great agony, had moved himself and rolled off of his cot onto his knees, as was his custom and folded his hands in prayer. At length, Chumah became disturbed and he went to the door of the hut and said, "Bwana. " No response. He crept closer and said, " Bwana . " No response. Then he reached out his hand and touched an icy cheek. David Livingstone was dead.

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David Livingston was found dead on his knees. He was so often on his knees that hours went by before anyone realized he was no longer alive.

C. Time isn’t saved... It’s spent!!

*time...*

I have only just a minute
Only sixty seconds in it
Forced upon me, can't refuse it
didn't seek it, didn't choose it
But it's up to me to use it
I must suffer if I lose it
Give account for it if I abuse it
But Eternity is in it

*Author unknown*

**Failure to tell time**

**Luke 19:44**
They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you

We are always complaining that our days are few, and acting as though there would be no end.

- Seneca

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is a gift. That’s why it’s called the present!

-Alice Morse Earle

We master our minutes, or we become slaves to them; we use time, or time uses us.

-William A. Ward
Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for it is the stuff life is made of.

- Benjamin Franklin

2. Another day is through

Psalm 90:12
So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Psalm 74:16 (Living)
Day and night alike belong to you; you made the starlight and the sun.

Zephaniah 1:14-15
The great day of the LORD is near;
It is near and hastens quickly.
The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter;
There the mighty men shall cry out.
15 That day is a day of wrath,
A day of trouble and distress,
A day of devastation and desolation,
A day of darkness and gloominess,
A day of clouds and thick darkness,

2 Timothy 1:12
For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

“There Is Coming a Day”
Jim Hill

There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come
No more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye.
All is peace forevermore on that happy golden shore,
What a day, glorious day that will be.

Chorus
What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see,
And I look upon His face,
The One who saved me by His grace;
When He takes me by the hand
And leads me through the Promised Land,
What a day, glorious day that will be.

There'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear,
No more sickness, no pain, no more parting over there;
And forever I will be with the One who died for me,
What a day, glorious day that will be.

3. Someone slipped and fell

Anything worth doing is worth doing poorly until you learn to do it well.

- Zig Ziglar

Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom.

- General George Patton

The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything.

- Theodore Roosevelt

"The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything."
late 19th century.

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
Mark 2:5
When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

Losing is automatic in life, but winning is a choice and a journey.

a. If you do not show up, you lose.
b. If you do not try, you lose.
c. If you do not risk, you do not gain.
d. If you do not sow, you do not reap.

Elmer Towns

4. Do not be disheartened

Numbers 21:4
Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way.

Nehemiah 4:10
Then Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall.”

Psalm 73:2-3
But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped.  
3 For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Tempted and tried we're oft made to wonder why could it be thus all the day long  
When there are others living about us never molested though in the wrong  
Farther along we'll know all about it farther along we'll understand why  
Cheer up my brother live in the sunshine we'll understand it all by and by  

When death has come and taken our loved ones it leaving our home so lonely and drear
Then do we wonder why others prosper living so wicked year after year
Farther along we’ll know all about it...
Written by W.B. Stevens and J.R. Baxter
Recorded by Hank Snow

**Proverbs 13:12**
Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

**A Mighty God**

I refuse to be discouraged, to be sad, or to cry;
I refuse to be down-hearted, and here’s the reason why:
I have a God who’s mighty—who’s sovereign and supreme;
I have a God who loves me, and I am on His team.

He is all-wise and powerful—Jehovah is His name;
Though everything is changeable, my God remains the same.

My God knows all that’s happening—beginning to the end;
His presence is my comfort; He is my dearest Friend.

When sickness comes to weaken me—to bring my head down low;
I call upon my mighty God; into His arms I go.

When circumstances threaten to rob me of my peace,
He draws me close unto His breast where all my strivings cease.

When my heart melts within me, and weakness takes control,
He gathers me into His arms—He soothes my heart and soul.

The great “I AM” is with me—my life is in His hand;
The “God of Jacob” is my hope; it’s in His strength I stand.

I refuse to be defeated—my eyes are on my God;
He has promised to be with me as through this life I trod.
I’m looking past all circumstance to Heaven’s throne above;
My prayers have reached the heart of God—I’m resting in His love.
I give God thanks in everything—my eyes are on His face; The battle’s His, the vict’ry mine; He’ll help me win the race.

Lita Kurtzer, Zion’s Fire, March-April, 1992

5. What He has done for others

The record — Hebrews 12 — what a great cloud of witnesses

2 Chronicles 30:12
Also the hand of God was on Judah to give them singleness of heart to obey the command of the king and the leaders, at the word of the L ORD.

Ezra 7:9
On the first day of the first month he began his journey from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

Nehemiah 2:18
And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king’s words that he had spoken to me.

So they said, “Let us rise up and build.” Then they set their hands to this good work.

Psalm 37:24-25
Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the L ORD upholds him with His hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

John 10:28
And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

6. Arms wide open

- Can you see the prodigal embraced by the father?
• Can you see Peter listening to Jesus on the shore of Galilee?

• Can you see David’s face as Nathan tells him he is forgiven?

• Can you see Paul’s face when he writes, “bring Mark he is profitable”. *2 Tim 4:11*

**Deuteronomy 7:8**

but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

His full name was Carl Stuart Hamblen, but he used the stage name Stuart Hamblen. He and a friend were mountain lion hunting up in the Sierra Nevada Mountains when they ran across an old prospector’s cabin. A lot of the windows were broken out of the cabin and the snow was blowing inside. When they went in to the cabin, they found the old prospector dead. Hamblen wrote the song "This Ole House" from that experience in twenty minutes.

This ole house once knew my children
   This ole house once knew my wife
This ole house was home and comfort
   as we fought the storms of life

This ole house once rang with laughter
   This ole house heard many shouts
Now she trembles in the darkness
   When the lightnin' walks about

Ain't a-gonna need this house no longer
Ain't a-gonna need this house no more
Ain't got time to fix the shingles
   Ain't got time to fix the floor

Ain't got time to oil the hinges
Nor to mend the window pane
Ain't a-gonna need this house no longer
I'm a-gettin' ready to meet the saints

This ole house is a-gettin' shaky
This ole house is a-gettin' old
This ole house lets in the rain
This ole house lets in the cold
On my knees I'm gettin' chilly
But I feel no fear nor pain
'Cause I see an angel peekin'
Through a broken window pane

This ole house is afraid of thunder
This ole house is afraid of storms
This ole house just groans and trembles
When the night wind flings its arms
This old house is gettin' feeble
This ole house is needin' paint
Just like me its tuckered out
But I'm a-gettin' ready to meet the saints

4. This ole house dog lies a-sleepin'
   He don't know I'm gonna leave
   Else he'd wake up by the fireplace
   And he'd sit there and howl and grieve
   But my huntin' days are over
   Ain't gonna hunt the coon no more
   Gabriel done brought in my chariot
   When the wind blew down the door

This Old House words and music by Stuart Hamblen also recorded by Rosemary Clooney

"Because I am not perfect and have not attained, I am going to let this one standard guide me. I am willing to forget the things of the past. I am willing to give everything to reach the things of the future, and I am willing to give all my energy to win the goal for which God has called me in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14 ELT).
Let The Sun Shine In

Author Unknown  1953

Mommy told me something
A little kid should know
It's all about the devil
And I've learned to hate him so
She said he causes trouble
When you let him in the room,
He will never ever leave you
If your heart is filled with gloom

So let the sun shine in
Face it with a grin
Smilers never lose
And frowners never win
So let the sun shine in
Face it with a grin
Open up your heart
And let the sun shine in

When you are unhappy
The devil wears a grin
But oh, he starts to running
When the light comes pouring in
I know he'll be unhappy
'Cause I'll never wear a frown
Maybe if we keep on smiling
He'll get tired of hanging 'round.

If I forget to say my prayers
The devil jumps with glee
But he feels so awful awful
When he sees me on my knees
So if you're full of trouble
And you never seem to win
Just open up your heart
And let the sun shine in
So let the sun shine in
Face it with a grin
Smilers never lose
And frowners never win
So let the sun shine in
Face it with a grin
Open up your heart
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