

Calligraphy Class 2

Hymn.

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word
What more can he say than to you he hath said
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?
In every condition, — in sickness, in health,
In poverty's vale or abounding in wealth
At home and abroad, on the land on the sea
As thy days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.
Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismay'd
I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
When thro' the deep waters I call thee to go
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow
For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
When thro' fiery trials thy pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.
E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
The soul that on Jesus hath lean'd for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes
That soul tho' all hell should endeavour to shake
I'll never, no never no never forsake.

This hymn was "repeated by a person above 90 years of age, to a lady above 80 years of age".

This handwriting has more flourishes and some letters are very similar though it is still quite clear to read.

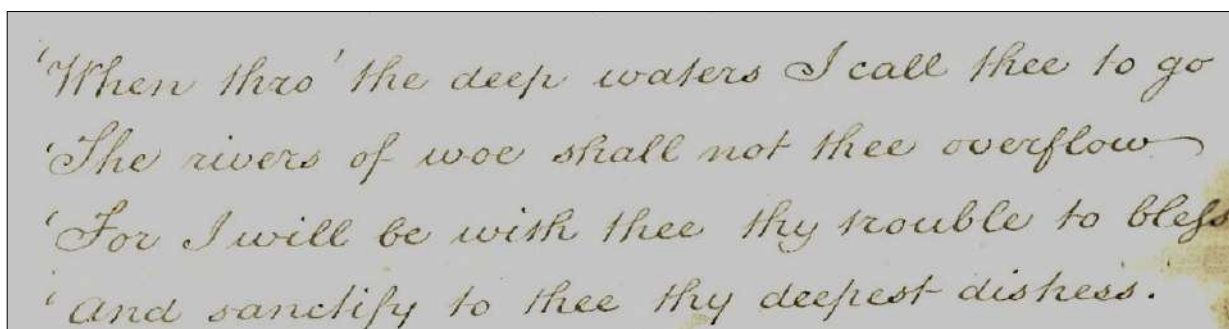
Calligraphy Exercise

Could you read any of the writing?

Remember the first class's calligraphy practice and write down below any words or letters you could pick out.

Sometimes, documents themselves can make it more difficult to read them due to the way they're laid out or because of what they are. As this is a hymn, it uses some odd abbreviations and old language, this can make it harder to figure out what the words are.

Using the verse below we will pick out some of the more flourished or difficult letters to practice with.



Calligraphy Practice

'When thro' the deep waters I call thee to go
'The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow
'For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless
'and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

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J J J J

Yp Yp Yp Yp

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Calligraphy Practice

Now, we will try practicing some words taken from the following two verses.

'Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismay'd
'I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid
'I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
'Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

'When thro' the deep waters I call thee to go
'The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow
'For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless
'and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

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or or or

Fear Fear Fear

Calligraphy Practice

Finally, we will look at some of the more unusual or abbreviated words, that may have some odd letters.

For example, this word *blefs* is actually the word "bless" but the first 's' is written a little differently.



This next word is an abbreviation of a word you don't see often, can you guess what it is? If you're struggling, look at the words around it to see if that helps, then try the others.













Calligraphy Review

Were there any words or letters you struggled with? Sometimes, looking through the whole document for the same or similar-looking letters can help you find out what a letter is.

Have a look through the rest of the Hymn and see if you can pick out any other unusual words or letters in it. You can practice them below.
