Aboard the Ship of Jesus Christ

Every day I find that I must pray

and meditate upon God's Word For often I am tempted to jump overboard in pursuit of the illusory island of paradise And I forget that God is the One Who navigates to lead me into His perfect will And then as I try to swim I am tossed about by waves of confusion and fear and soon I am feeling myself being pulled under But finally I hear my Savior call to me to grab ahold of His promises And He pulls me back aboard and wraps me safely in His arms drying me off and lovingly chiding me for relying on my own understanding For He is the One Who is taking me to where He wants me to be for His glory And then He instructs me to take off my old, self-glorifying clothes and shows me what to put on instead

And as I study His face, I cry because I forgot how much I love Him
For He first chose to love me and bought me with His precious blood
And I joyfully received His gift of salvation
through repentance and surrender to His Lordship
so that I am no longer a slave to sin and fear
But I am free to love Him with all that I am!

And then a celebration and singing begins aboard His ship with all the sal

that reflects His true, humble, holy nature

And then a celebration and singing begins aboard His ship with all the saints

For God is safely leading us to the great, grand end in full victory

All for His praise and glory!

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(See: Proverbs 3, John 17; Romans 5:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-5:21; Colossians 3:1-17; James 1; 1 John 1-5)