

It's Not an Easy Road

Good morning, teachers and students. Today, I'd like to share with you a Christian hymn called "It's not an easy road", which is often considered a signature hymn of Christianity.

The lyrics or words of the hymn "It's not an easy road" are as follows:

It's not an easy road
We are traveling to heaven,
For many are the thorns on the way;
It's not an easy road,
But the Savior is with us,
His presence gives us joy every day.

No, no, it's not an easy road,
No, no, it's not an easy road;
But Jesus walks beside me
And brightens the journey,
And lightens every heavy load.

It's not an easy road
There are trials and troubles
And many are the dangers we meet;
But Jesus guards and keeps
So that nothing can harm us,
And smooths the rugged path for our feet.

No, no, it's not an easy road,
No, no, it's not an easy road;
But Jesus walks beside me
And brightens the journey,
And lightens every heavy load.

Though I am often footsore
And weary from travel,
Though I am often bowed down with care,
Well a better day is coming

When home in the glory
We'll rest in perfect peace over there.

No, no, it's not an easy road,
No, no, it's not an easy road;
But Jesus walks beside me
And brightens the journey,
And lightens every heavy load.

Boys and girls, I like this song very much, and I have two points to share with you. **Firstly, this song is full of contrasts.** On the one hand, there are a lot of negative things (such as thorns, trials, troubles, dangers, harm, rugged path, footsore, weary and heavy load), but on the other hand, there are a number of positive things (such as joy, better day, glory, perfect peace, brighten and lighten). Actually, life is similar. Just like the two sides of a coin, on one side, there are negative things, but on the other side, there are a lot of positive things. Boys and girls, try to remember that life is in fact full of good and positive things. There are joy, better day, glory, perfect peace, journey brightened and heavy load lightened. They are waiting for you.

Secondly, positive things come from Jesus. According to the hymn, Jesus is present with you. Jesus is beside you. He is not absent or stays away from you. Jesus will also guard you. He will protect you from attack and danger. Jesus will also keep you, support and protect you so that nothing can harm you. According to the Bible, Gospel of John Chapter 16 Verse 32, Jesus says, "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me." (看哪，時候將到，且是已經到了，你們要分散，各歸自己的地方去，留下我獨自一人；其實我不是獨自一人，因為有父與我同在。) Sometimes in our life, it seems that we are facing our problems alone. It seems that no one cares for us. It seems that there is no solution for the problem. But actually, we are not alone, because Jesus is with us. Our heavenly Father is with us.

In conclusion, even though we will definitely face a lot of trouble and problems, be positive and optimistic, because life is full of good things and Jesus is beside us. Let's choose not to look back but focus our

attention on the positive things.