

661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

1 Why should I feel dis - cour - aged? Why should the shad - ows come?

2 "Let not your heart be trou - bled," his ten - der word I hear,

3 When - ev - er I am tempt-ed, when - ev - er clouds a - rise,

Why should my heart be lone - ly and long for heaven and home,
and rest - ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
when song gives place to sigh - ing, when hope with - in me dies,

when Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is he:
though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:
I draw the clos - er to him; from care he sets me free:

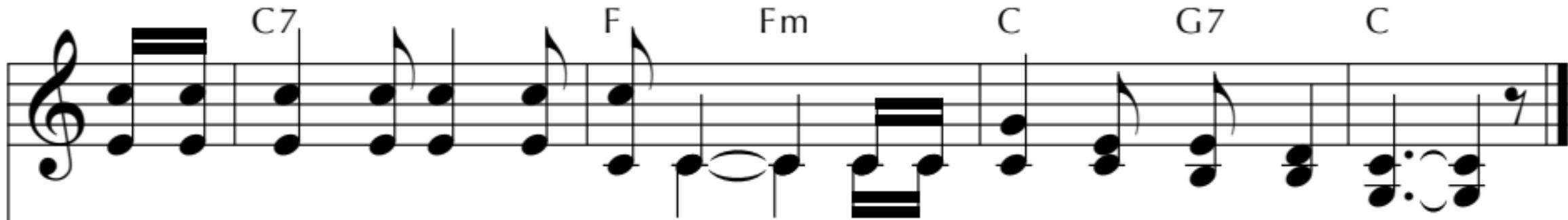
his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;

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I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)

This hymn based on Jesus' saying about God's care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29-30 / Luke 12:6-7) began with the refrain's last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.

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