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“THE ‘SON’ SHINE OF MY LIFE” *(THE RADIANCY OF JESUS)*

Mist and cloud and darkness
Often dim thy day
But a Christmas glory
Shines upon thy way.



Mist and cloud and darkness
Veil the wintry hour,
But the sun dispels them
With His rising power.



May the Lord of Christmas
Counselor and Friend,
Light thy desert pathway
Even to the end.

*- Francis Ridley Havergal,
“Christmas Sunshine”; Gutenberg Foundation*

*“Nevertheless, there will be **no more gloom for those who were in distress**. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan --The people walking in darkness **have seen a great light**; on those living in the land of the shadow of death **a light has dawned.**”
- Isaiah 9:1-2*

➤ **The “Son” shine *Dissolves our Distress* – no more *gloom***

“. . . to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”
- Isaiah 42:7

¹⁸ *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”*
- Luke 4:18-19

➤ **The “Son” shine *Dispels our Darkness* – no more *night***

“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”
- Luke 2:30-32

➤ **The “Son” shine *Displays His Daylight* – no more *shadows***

“. . . because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”
- Luke 1:78-79

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
- John 8:12

“Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.”
- Isaiah 50:10