

John of the Cross: Love

‘At the evening of life, you will be examined in love.’

(John of the Cross Sayings of light and love 57)

- He is speaking of our love for God which ‘does not disdain or exclude anything human’(Dark Night II.II.4).

‘The more you remember your friend, the more you remember the love of God and the greater your desire to love him (Dark Night I.4.7).

- Therese copied the preceding words and kept them in her missal.

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‘However confident you may be that you find, experience, and understand God, you must, because God is inaccessible and concealed, always regard Him as hidden and serve Him who is hidden in a secret way. Do not be like those foolish people whose understanding of God is so poor that they think that God is absent just because they do not understand, taste or experience Him’(Spiritual Canticle 1.12).

‘God does not place His grace and love in the soul except according to her desire and love’

(Spiritual Canticle 13.12).

‘The soul relates the favour God granted by recollecting her in the intimacy of his love, which is the union with him, or transformation in him, through love’
(Spiritual Canticle 26.2).

‘Like the bee that sucks honey from all the wild-flowers and will not use them for anything else, the soul easily extracts the sweetness of love from all things that happen to her, that is, she loves God in them.

Thus everything leads her to love’(Spiritual Canticle 27.8).

‘When the soul reaches the state of union of love, a little of this pure love is more precious to God and to the soul and more beneficial to the Church, even though it seems that one is doing nothing, than all other works put together’(Spiritual Canticle 29.2).

‘In this communication of love, he exercises in some way that very service that he says in the Gospel that he will render to his elect in heaven; that is, girding himself and passing from one to another, he will minister to them (Luke 12:37). He is occupied in favouring and caressing the soul like a mother who ministers to her child and nurses it at her breasts. The soul thereby comes to know the truth of Isaiah's words: you shall be carried at the breast of God and upon his knees you will be caressed (Isaiah 66:12)’(Spiritual Canticle 27.1).

‘God will show the soul how to love Him
as perfectly as she desires ...

Transforming the soul into his love,
God gives her his own strength
by which she can love Him.

As if he were to put an instrument in her hands
and show her how it works

by operating it jointly with her,

He shows her how to love

and gives her the ability to do so.’(Spiritual Canticle 38.4)

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‘Since the soul cannot in this life enjoy God essentially, all the sweetness and delight it tastes, however sublime, cannot be God ... If, in any way, the will can comprehend God and be united to Him, it is through love, and not through any gratification of the appetite. And since the delight, sweetness, and satisfaction that can come to the will is not love, no delightful feeling can be an adequate means for the union of the will with God. It is the operation of the will which is the proportionate means for this union.

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The will's operation is quite distinct from the will's feeling.

By its operation, which is love,

the will is united with God

and terminates in Him,

and not by the feeling

and gratification of its appetite,

which remains in the soul

and goes no further.

The feelings serve only as stimulants to love.'

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‘The soul arrives at the true fulfilment of the first commandment which, neither disdainning anything human nor excluding it from this love, states: You shall love you God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength.’(Dark Night II.II.4).

‘Think nothing else but that God ordains all, and where there is no love put love, and you will draw out love’(6th July 1591).

There is a place



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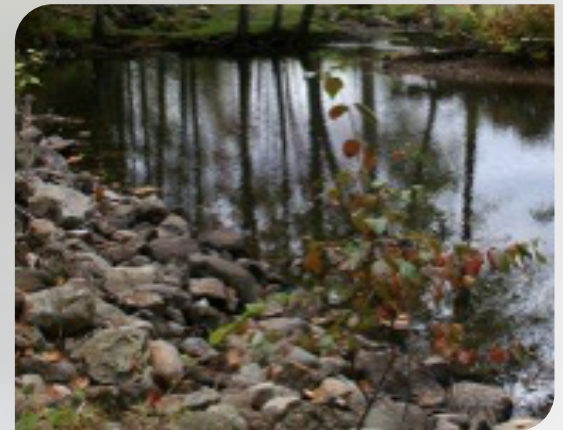
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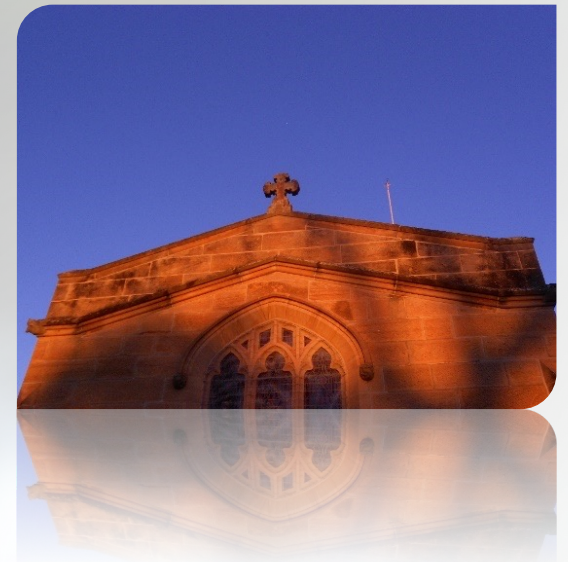
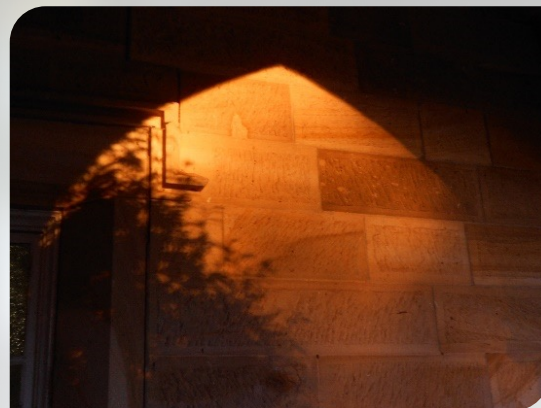
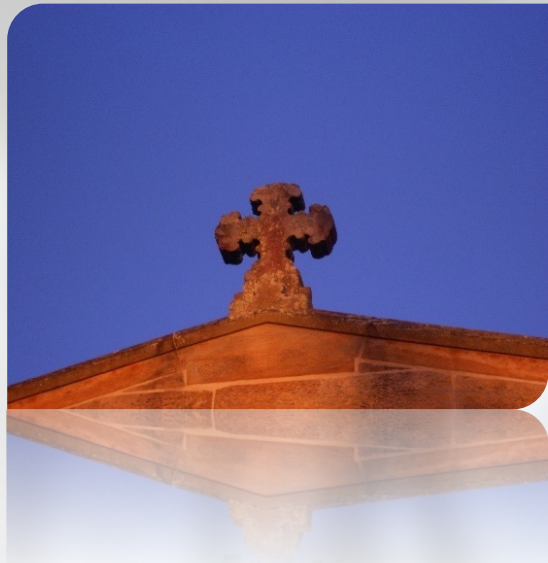




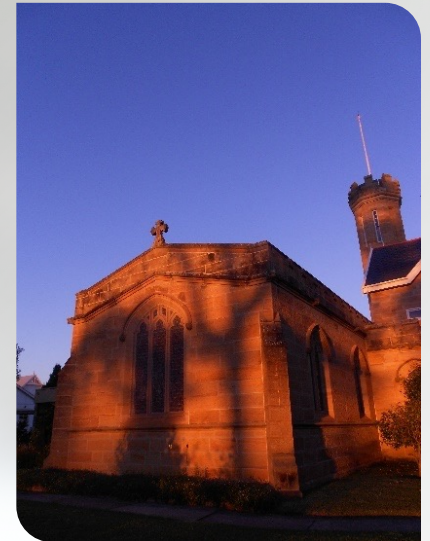
There is a place where you can always go,
come with me.
Where it's alright to let your feelings show,
come with me.



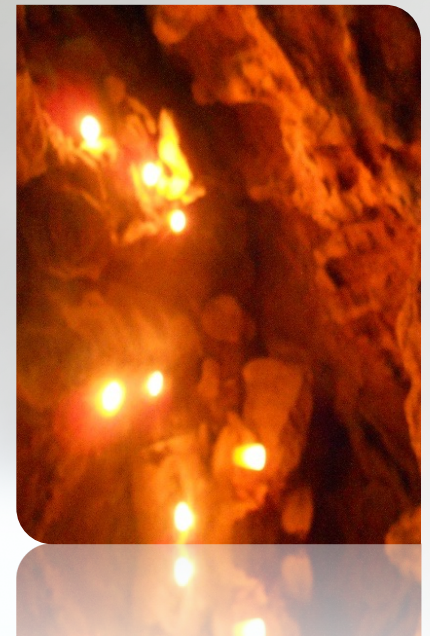
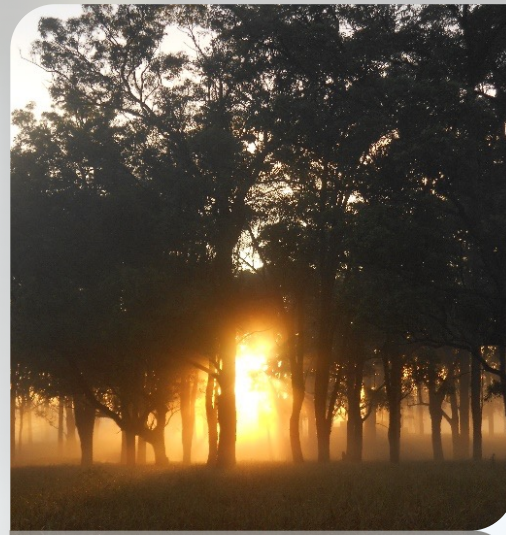
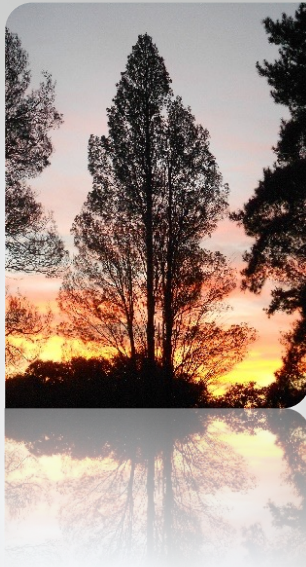
What a pleasant journey, isn't very far.
We can go together, stay right where you are.
And now it's time to start, its right here in
your heart.



There is a place where you can be yourself -
come with me -
And it's a place where you can free yourself -
come with me -



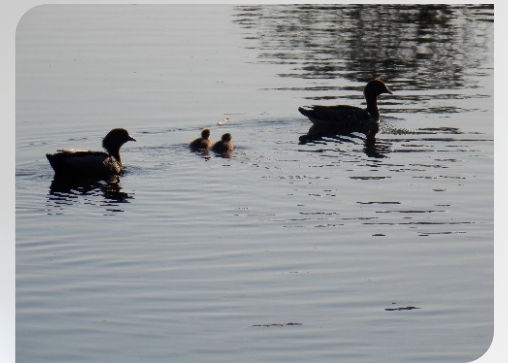
And you know its waiting not so far away.
Need no reservations we can go today.
Now it's time to start, its right here
in your heart.



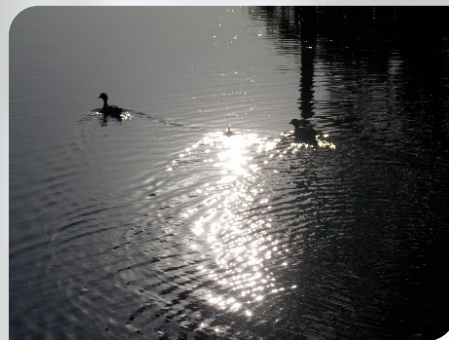
And the light shines through each window,
and the door is open wide,
and each question has an answer
If you'll only look inside.



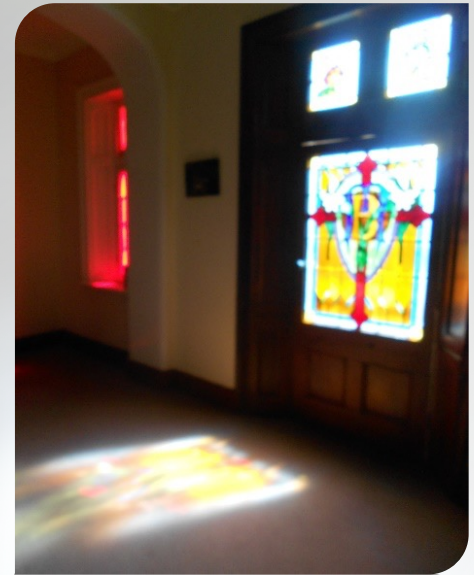
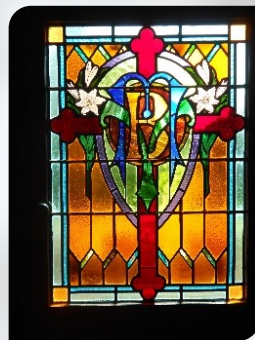
There is a place where every sorrow ends.
Come with me.
Where every hope and every truth begins.
Come with me.



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There is a place

