

# It Is Well With My Soul

A Closer Look

What are you feeling:

Your Pre-School child dies in an accident

Your business gets wiped out in a hurricane

You decide to go to Disney World

You send your wife and daughters ahead

The plane crashes you get a text from your wife that says "Saved Alone"

# Victor W. Spafford

Horatio Spafford's 4 year old son dies in 1871

Practice destroyed in the Great Chicago Fire

Family takes a trip to Europe in 1873

He stays behind because of a zoning issue

The ship sinks, 4 daughters drown, his wife

sends a telegram "Saved Alone"

# A closer look at Lyrics

When peace like a river,  
attendeth my way,  
When sorrow like sea billows roll

The first line, life is good, life is going well.  
second line is born out of the pain of his personal  
tragedy. Billow is an old word for wave.

# A closer look at Lyrics

Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul

My lot", it is the hand you have been dealt, your  
circumstances. Thou- fancy way of saying you  
ce he isn't naturally like this, he has been taught  
say, "It is well with my soul"

# A CLOSER LOOK at Lyrics

Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come

Buffet- to lash or batter repeatedly  
especially with wind or waves

This is the bad stuff happening over and over

# A closer look at Lyrics

Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate

Blest- fancy way of saying blessed.  
The lyric is saying no matter how bad it gets  
the assurance that Christ knows all this,  
He knows all the garbage that is happening...

# A closer LOOK at Lyrics

And hath shed His own blood for my soul

Hath- fancy way of saying has.

st shed his blood for YOU personally, not just  
humanity but for you.

# A closer look at Lyrics

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin, not in part but the whole.

The rhythm of the lyric almost cuts off the excitement  
of this line. He can't contain himself, not just  
of his (your) sin but ALL OF IT

# A CLOSER LOOK at Lyrics

Is nailed to the Cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord Oh my soul!

of your sin is on the cross, through Christ you  
nger carry it, you are no longer accountable for  
(eternally). PRAISE GOD!

# A CLOSER LOOK at Lyrics

And Lord haste the day,  
when my faith shall be sight.

longing for the day when the things believe in  
e in plain sight. When we see God in His glory  
Heaven.

# A closer look at Lyrics

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll

believe this to be a metaphor to represent the  
ation between our world and heaven. He is lo  
for the second coming.

# A closer look at Lyrics

The trumpet shall resound,  
and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so it is well with my soul.

second coming, the new heaven and the new  
to see his kids again, but I think more impo  
acknowledges the joy of being with God in per  
relationship with Him.

# The rest of the story

Spaffords would have three more children

One died in infancy

Spaffords moved to Israel in 1881

Started a mission called "American Colony"