

**Message:** "Take Me Back Week 2 – I'll Fly Away"

**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

Some glad morning, when this life is over, I'll fly away,  
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.  
When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away,  
like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

### 1. THE RETURN: CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN.

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me ..."* John 14:1-3

*"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first."* 1 Thessalonians 4:16

### 2. THE RAPTURE: LIVING CHRISTIANS ARE TAKEN AWAY.

*"After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."* 1 Thessalonians 4:17

I'll fly away oh glory, I'll fly away,  
in the morning, when I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

*"That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left... So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."* Matthew 24:39-41, 44

### 3. THE REUNION: CHRISTIANS WILL BE WITH GOD FOREVER.

*"After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words."* 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away  
to a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.

*"But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever... So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless."* 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 58 (NLT)

### BECAUSE TIME IS SHORT, I WON'T LEAVE

- WORDS UNSAID.
- DEEDS UNDONE.
- HOPE UNSHARED.