



Meet Lina Sandell Berg (1832-1903)

Sweden's most celebrated writer of hymns

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1. Lina's childhood

2. Lina's tragedy

3. Lina's hymn (*Day by Day*)

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here:

Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.

He, who's heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best-

Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.



The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge which on Himself He laid;



Help me then, in every tribulation,
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,

A. Note the words/phrases in Lina's hymn that offer comfort.

B. Knowing Lina's tragedy, consider how these promises might have helped her.

Romans 16:27

Psalm 16:11

Job 42:2

4. Lina's impact

5. Our trials (big and small)

6. Our reactions (in the midst of trials)

A. Think about how we, as fallen humans, respond to trials.

B. Trials impact our relationship with God!

7. Peter's perspective (on trials)

1 Peter 1:6 NLT



⁶ So be truly glad!

There is wonderful joy ahead, even though it is necessary
for you to endure many trials for a [NKJ little] while.

A. What words are hard to accept?

B. But note the words that offer hope!



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8. The benefits (of trials)

A. Note the benefits of trials.

Romans 5:3-4a NLT

³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials,
for we know that they are good for us –
they help us learn to endure.

^{4a} and endurance develops strength of character in us,...



James 1:3-4 NLT

³ For when your faith is tested,
your endurance has a chance to grow.

⁴ So let it grow,
for when your endurance is fully developed,
you will be strong in character [^{NIV} mature]...

B. What would we be like without trials?

9. The decision (in the midst of trials)

10. Lina's focus (in the midst of her trials)

Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,

One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.



Lina Sandell Berg
from Day by Day



A. Lina's focus was on _____ (God the Father)

Whatever you've gone through has first passed through the Father's hand.

And as Charles Spurgeon and others have put it:

- 1) A Father who's too loving to be _____.
- 2) A Father who's too good to do us _____.
- 3) A Father who's too wise to _____.
- 4) A Father who's too powerful to be _____.

B. Lina's focus was on _____ (the Promised Land / i.e. heaven)

1. What phrase in Lina's hymn *Day by Day* stands out to you? Why? 2. What comforts you in this lesson? 3. Think of some of the trials you've gone through. How have you benefited from them? 4. Think of a current hard thing you are facing. How would focusing on God the *Father* help?