

Saved in the Fog

William Cowper, the famed 18th century poet and hymn writer, had an occasion when he had sunk to the depths of despair. One foggy night, he called for a horse-drawn carriage and asked to be taken to the London Bridge on the Thames River. He was so overcome by depression that he intended to jump, committing suicide.

After two hours of driving through the mist, Cowper's coachman reluctantly confessed that he was lost. Disgusted by the delay, Cowper left the carriage and decided to find the London Bridge on foot. After walking a short distance, he discovered that he was at his own doorstep. The carriage had been going in circles.

Recognizing the restraining hand of God and convicted by the Holy Spirit, Cowper realized that the way out of his troubles was to look to God, not to jump into the river.

With gratitude, he sat down and wrote these reassuring words: "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm." Those words have brought healing of spirit and comfort to the soul of millions of people down through the years since Cowper penned them.

As you go about your work today in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, be confident that God's eye is always on His children, and our needs are His concern. And that is blessed assurance, indeed.

--Beecher Hunter