

He Restoreth My Soul

A painting by Kendra Burton

The healing warmth of God's light and love will give us strength and renew our lives.

In each of our lives we experience many events that bring us joy as well as sadness. There are also special times when all seems well, if even for a moment. They are beautiful times of light, peace and hope.

When one of our twin daughters was born medically fragile, we experienced a whirlwind of emotions and responsibilities. At six months old, our sick twin was cared for at a respite facility for five days so that others in the family could have some time away to rest. Those few days became the "calm in the middle of the storm" for us.

While on this vacation, our two older daughters wore long white dresses and wide brimmed hats. They strolled along the lakeside and then walked near the trees and wild flowers some distance from the shore. I wanted to capture the hope of those healing moments in a painting, to glean from them in future times. For that moment, all was right with the world.

This was the first painting I was able to do since the twins were born. It reminds me of the gift and promise found in Psalms 23, "He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul..." The light and peace renewed our strength and ability to go on.

Memories of those wonderful bright moments in our lives bring solace to our minds. My hope is that each will seek for the light around us in the beauty of His creations, that our hearts will be renewed, and that we will find peace and comfort in His love.

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