

FROM “IMPRESSIONS ON PLATES OF GOLD”

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**MOTHER:**

WHEN MY SON WAS YOUNG, A LITTLE CHILD  
HE TRUSTED ME WITH PERFECT FAITH.  
HE HELD MY HAND, TRUSTING AND MILD  
CROSSING A STREAM.

HE KNEW THAT I WOULD KEEP HIM SAFE  
HE KNEW I KNEW WHAT THINGS COULD HARM.  
HE KNEW, WITH ME, HE COULD BE BRAVE  
DREAMING A DREAM.

DO NOT DOUBT, MY SON.  
HAVE FAITH IN THE LORD YOUR GOD  
TRUST IN HIM, GOD’S HOLY ONE  
LOOK TO THE LORD AND YOU WILL HAVE YOUR REWARD  
AND HE WILL SOON DELIVER YOU.

**(DIALOG too long to underscore)**

**MOTHER:**

WHEN WE MOVED, WE FOUND NEW HOMES  
WITH THOSE WHO LIVED WITH ONLY HATE.  
MY SON, HE KNEW THOSE DISTANT DRUMS  
ECHOED WITH FRIENDS

DO NOT DOUBT, MY SON.  
HAVE FAITH IN THE LORD YOUR GOD  
TRUST IN HIM, GOD’S HOLY ONE  
LOOK NOT ON FEAR, FOR FEAR IS NOT IN YOUR GOD  
FOR HE WILL SOON DELIVER YOU.

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**MOTHER:**

NOW, MY SON, IT’S TIME FOR YOU TO FIGHT  
IN A COLD AND BRUTAL WAR.  
OWN EVERY DAY, CHERISH EACH NIGHT  
LIVING ON PRAYER.

KNOW, MY SON, THAT GOD CAN KEEP YOU WHOLE  
AND KNOW HE KNOWS JUST WHO YOU ARE!  
BE STRONG, MY SON, MAKE STRENGTH YOUR GOAL  
NEVER DESPAIR!

DO NOT DOUBT, MY SON.

HAVE FAITH IN THE LORD YOUR GOD  
TRUST IN HIM, GOD'S HOLY ONE.  
NEVER GIVE IN, YOU KNOW WITH GOD YOU CAN WIN,  
AND HE WILL SOON DELIVER YOU.