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Dear Friends,

Recently I was asked to write for a Christmas project. It seemed to be something that JJ would really enjoy working on and so I asked her to join me in co-writing a song. We kicked around a couple of ideas, but the one that came to life is the one we present to you today. It has long been a delight of mine to reintroduce well-loved passages of scripture to our times. JJ quickly resonated with the lyrics, then added her beautiful melody and voice to help give birth to this song, a modern day hymn adapted from Mary's Canticle (otherwise known as The Magnificat, found in Luke 1:45-55).

It is a victorious passage that has become for all generations a climatic and tenacious exultation of trust at the point where mercy and judgment kissed. Heaven embraced earth from the inside out in the form of an embryo growing in the belly of a simple girl. Set against the prophetic backdrop of Isaiah, The Light of the World fully dawned from the womb of this little virgin bride at one of the darkest times in history and broke the 400-year silence of God's wrath. Rivers of Living Water flowed from Mary to satisfy the thirst of the whole earth in mercy's ultimate answer to death, when Jesus, in newborn flesh, entered the world. In His humanity He occupied one locale in one time, died in it, rose again triumphant over the grave, and ascended back into heaven's throne room. Glorified, through His Holy Spirit He now indwells His Bride, those of us who believe, and through Her, He enters the earth (John 7:37) for all locales and for all times; an ever-flowing River of God into our parched generation and earth for such a time as this.

It is our hope that as the Bride sings our hymn adaptation of The Magnificat entitled "My Savior's Love Endures" that She sing in the confidence that He comes through Her to make all things right and all things new. He alone is the answer our needy, broken world has longed for.

Blessings to you, in the matchless name of Jesus,

Jennie

My Savior's Love Endures (Magnificat)

An adaptation of Mary's Canticle found in Luke 1: 46-55

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(verse 1)

 C F C
My soul does magnify
 Am G F
the greatness of the Lord
 F G C
On me His favor lights
 Am F C
In my Savior I rejoice

(verse 2)

He has done mighty things
Holy is His name
All creatures under heav'n
Fear Him whose mercy reigns

(chorus)

 F C
He has proven His might
 G C
His arm outstretched with strength
 F C
He has scattered the proud
 G Dm
and brought down all vain conceit
 F C
He has lifted the lowly
 G Am
brings goodness to the poor
 F C G C
My Savior's love endures

My Savior's love endures

(verse 3)

Oh Israel find your help
solely in the Lord
His mercy's without end
His promise He'll uphold

(Bridge)

F C G C F C G C
Glory be to the Father and Son - Glory be to the Spirit three in One
F C G Am
Glory be in the beginning and the end
F C G
Glory forever, Amen