

Drifting Along

Introduction:

1. This song was written by Christine S. Beveridge, about whom no information was available.
2. The music was composed by Vernie O. Fossett (1904 – 1964), a native of DeKalb County, Alabama.
3. When he was 40, Fossett began working for the Stamps-Baxter Music Publishing Company.
4. He composed or arranged the music for hundreds of songs and hymns.
5. This song, published in 1937, illustrates the message of Hebrews 2:1-4.
6. The danger of drifting is real and serious...

Soul you are drifting along on the tide,
 Out on life's ocean so boundless and wide;
 Drifting away in the morning so bright,
 Where will you be when you anchor at night?

Drifting along with a smile and a song,
 Never once thinking that you might be wrong;
 Morning has changed to the noon-tide's red glare,
 Still you are drifting, but answer me where?

Why are you drifting along as before,
 Thoughtlessly down to eternity's shore?
 Noon-day has passed, comes the set of life's sun,
 Where are you now, when your drifting is done?

Drifting along with a smile and a song,
 Drifting at night, and in morn's golden light;
 Drifting away where the breakers now roar,
 Drifting today from the beautiful golden (peaceful) shore.

- I. Facts about Drifting
 - A. It requires no effort to drift (Hebrews 2:1).
 - B. It requires no thought to drift.
 - C. It is impossible to drift upstream (2 Peter 1:5; 3:18).
 - D. It is dangerous to others (Ephesians 4:14; 6:4; James 3:1-2).
 - E. It is an accelerating process – the longer one drifts the faster the speed.
 - F. It ends in shipwreck (Hebrews 2:1-3; 1 Timothy 1:19).

II. Signs of Drifting

- A. Lack of desire to study (Acts 8:31; 1 Peter 1:12; 2:2)
- B. Lack of desire to pray (Luke 11:1; 18:1)
- C. Lack of desire to worship (Luke 22:15; Psalm 122:1)
- D. Lack of desire to fellowship (Romans 15:23; 1 Thessalonians 2:17; 3:10)
- E. Lack of desire to evangelize (Romans 10:1; Galatians 6:9)
- F. Lack of desire to endure (Ephesians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
- G. Lack of desire for Heaven (Philippians 1:23; Hebrews 11:16)
- H. Increased desire for worldly things (Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 Peter 4:1-5)

III. Remedy for Drifting

- A. Keep rowing (2 Peter 1:5-10; Philippians 3:12-14).
- B. Beware of undercurrents (1 Peter 2:11; Galatians 5:16-18).
- C. Go against the flow (Matthew 7:13-14).
- D. Possess a secure anchor.
 - 1. Grounded in Jesus (Colossians 2:6-7)
 - 2. Settled in Truth (Colossians 1:23; Ephesians 4:14-15)
 - 3. Rooted in Love (Ephesians 3:14-19)
 - 4. Anchored in Hope (Hebrews 6:17-20)

Conclusion:

- 1. Are you drifting?
- 2. Where will drifting leave you?