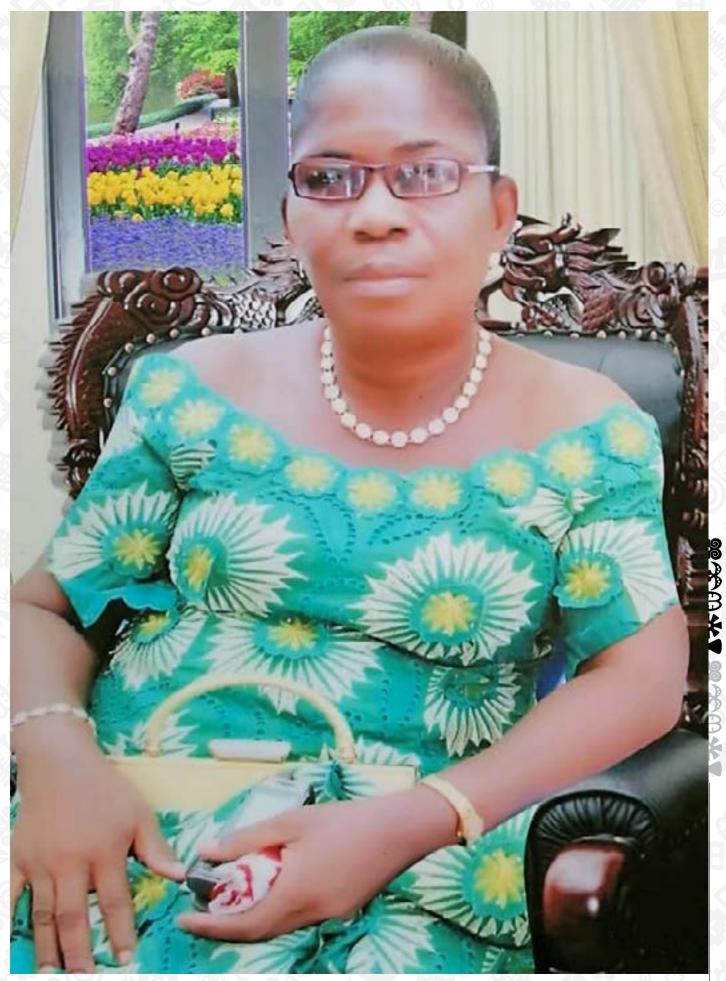
Deaconess Cecilia EFUA AKYERE AMPONSAH

(NEE CANN)



1953 - 2020







BURIAL & FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE



Deaconess Cecilia

EFUA AKYERE AMPONSAH

(NEE CANN)



9:30AM - 11:00AM | 15TH MAY 2020 TRANSITION, HAATSO, ACCRA

Prder Of Service

PART ONE

1.	Opening Prayer	Elder Gilbert D. Baah
2.	Choruses	Dn Seth Owusu Ansah
3.	Keyboardist	Dn Emmanuel Boakye
4.	Introduction of Dignitaries	Conductor
5.	Scripture Reading	Dcns. Matilda Oye Offei (1 Thess 4:13-18)
6.	Biography/Tributes	
	Family	
	Children	
	Church (AEWC)	
7.	Sermon/ Exhortation	Pastor Eric Asare
8.	Prayer of Thanksgiving	Elder Agyemang-Prempeh Koranteng
9.	Interlude/ Song	Congregation
10.	Offering	Conductor
11.	Song by bereaved Family	
12.	Prayer For the Family	Elder Bernard Sackey
13.	Vote of thanks	Family Representative
14.	Closing prayer	

PART TWO - GRAVE SIDE

1.	Prayer	Pastor Eric Asare
2.	Interlude/Song	Congregation
3.	Committals	Pastor Eric Asare
4.	Prayer	
5.	Benediction	Pastor Eric Asare

CONDUCTOR: Elder Bernard Sackey







DEACONESS CECILIA EFUA AKYERE A M P O N S A H



SUNRISE

Mrs Cecilia Amponsah, affectionately called Auntie Ceci, was born on the 6th of March 1953 in Tarkwa in the Western Region. She was the first daughter of Mr Joseph Kwaku Cann, a native of Ekumfi Atiboadu, and Madam Mary Esi Kwegyiriba from Ekumfi Srafa, both in the Central Region of Ghana. Being the first girl after four boys, she was named Akyere – thus Cecilia Efua Akyere Cann was her full name.

Cecilia moved with her family to Tamale when her father, a welder with Government Transport Company (now State Transport Corporation - STC), proceeded on a job transfer.

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND EDUCATION

Cecilia started her formal education at the United Primary and Middle School, Tamale. She continued to the Tamale Business Secondary School, where she attained the Ordinary Level Certificate (O' Level). She later proceeded to obtain the RSA Stages I & II Certificates.

WORK LIFE

Mrs. Cecilia Amponsah began her work life in Takoradi with the erstwhile Post & Telecommunication(now Vodafone Ghana) through hardwork, commitment and dedication, she excelled and was among the first few ladies to be trained to use the computer. Through the encouragement of her husband, she ventured into business, In the last 25 years of her life, she began trading in fresh eggs, by dint of her faithfulness, farmers from different parts of the country sought to do business with her. She continued in the fresh eggs business until her demise.

MARRIAGE LIFE AND FAMILY LIFE

Cecilia met her late husband, Elder George K. Amponsah at one of the Scripture Union (SU) meetings in Tamale, where George was a teacher. The two become acquainted, and through some divine arrangement the two later met again in Takoradi, when Cecilia had completed school and was working, and George had also come to Takoradi to further his studies. They tied the knot on March 27, 1977. Their marriage of 42years was blessed with six children - a son and five daughters (Akwasi, Yaa Antwiwaa, Akua Kyei, Naana Durowaa, Ama Kwagyiriba and Omega Dansoa).

WALK WITH GOD

Cecilia loved the Lord - for if there was a place she would rather be, it was the house of God. She dedicated her life to the service of the Lord and to the Church of Pentecost. She was not one who was seen in the limelight but in her quietness, she would intercede for women and the church. She was meticulous and trustworthy – it is not surprising that she served as Treasurer and Financial Secretary for the Church's Women's Movement. She developed her own personal relationship with Christ, and did not hesitate to share her faith, and her testimonies, when the opportunity arose.



Like her late husband, she was passionate about souls and mission work. She would support missions and evangelism, even with her last dime. What an example, she is, to our generation!

SUNSET - FINAL DAYS

'The steps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord' (Ps 37:23), even to their last days. About three years ago, Auntie Ceci fell sick and almost lost her life, but to the glory of the Lord, her recovery had been steady and indeed, a miraculous one.

On the eve of her demise, Mama Amponsah, full of life met with her children and grandchildren who were in town. After dinner, she prayed for everyone and sang the following song, while her grandchildren teased Grandma for "burning" the song... "wonko n'anuonyam s3 wo, wonko n'anuonyam fata wo, Jesus w'anuanyam hyr3n, 3hyr3n sen owia!(2x)"

After such a joyous event, Mama Amponsah only to complain of feeling uneasy in about an hour's time. In the abundance of caution, she was taken to a nearby hospital for a checkup, and in the next couple of hours, she transited quietly to be with the Lord. We believe, without a doubt, that Mama Amponsah is standing face to face with Jesus Christ and looking upon His glory; a glory which indeed shines brighter than the sun!

We will miss you Auntie Ceci! We will treasure your memories forever in our hearts. Da yie Efua Akyere, da yie Antie Ceci, Mama Amponsah da yie, till we meet again.

Fare thy well, ye Saint...Amen!











DEACONESS CECILIA AMPONSAH

TRIBUTE BY CHILDREN

If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect. - Matthew 5:47 - 48.

his scripture best describes what you stood for Mama. You were a peaceful person and wanted to be perfect in all you do before man and God but that usually came at a cost to you and us. You made me feel special being your only son and I am forever grateful for the unfailing love you showed me when I was sick as a child and naughty as a young man. I will never forget the pieces of advice you gave me for all facets of life especially ministry. I will miss you but we shall surely meet again. Akwasi.

unty Ceci as I affectionately call you when I want us to have our chat times...this have become our ritual on a daily basis before I step out of the house and the last before you retire to bed... Little did I know, that 29th April was going to be the last of our such times..

We reminisced on the good and the bad of recent times...you never relented to urge me to be steadfast in prayers concerning every challenge I encountered.... assuring me that, it was a phase in life which will surely pass....

To me you were my go to when ever I needed help...your gentle personae was soothing to calm every troubled soul....You told me from an early age that, life lessons are not thought by parent alone and to be open to learn any good thing I chance on out there in the world and avoid like a plaque any negative influence...This I remember always sharing with my friends with pride...

Aunty Ceci you've been a great support for me and the boys...they are always looking forward to coming home to their grandma who will give them all the goodies they want.. Anigye says he will miss all the extra attention you gave him...

Animnyam says he feels empty...How do we fill this vacuum..we take solace in the Lord...knowing that He is our strength and comfort in this trying moment...

You had become both mum and dad for us in these past few months...and watching you play the role so well made us all proud and strong as women...I miss you teaching me all the lovely Pentecost hymns..

I miss you telling me about the Church when you are watching Pent TV....

I miss coming home to our chats...and telling you all about the good and bad...

I miss hearing you telling me, Yaa it's well... this too shall pass...

Aunty Ceci...our mama...we miss you...we will forever miss you...Rest well...Rest well in the bosom of your Maker..

Maame Yaa

It was 29th April 2020, that you called to wish me a happy birthday and teased me saying "Akua", you are growing old!" Later that day, you were telling me about my childhood and how Nana Yaa Akyere (my second child) was a replica of the little girl I was....you teased me, we laughed and were merry...little did I know it will be our very last moments together.

I cant forget our trips to Ekumfi Srafa and the joy it gave you... as I watch our pictures being barefooted on the beach, I can still hear your voice telling me about Dankrom and all the beautiful memories... My history teacher, I enjoyed your class because you always made it fun... I have already started telling the children... the tradition goes on...and we will keep it going just the way you wanted it.

Sweet spirit, you brought a certain warmth to the Amponsah home...you poured yourself empty for us without ever complaining. I will miss your meals and that Auntie Ceci smile...

Rest well Mama, rest well Kyeiwaa Maame, you have lived your life to the fullest.

Akua

How hard it is to find a capable woman! She is worth more than jewels (Prov 31:10 GNB).

If you knew Mama, you would know she was a jewel. Soft spoken yet elegant not easily angered but firm, best cook, accountant extra ordinaire, walking bank (IMF) confidant, peace maker and many more.

Mama made a big deal of every little present. She epitomized a grateful heart.

Like in prov 31:17-25, "She was generous to the poor and needy, she was strong and respected and not afraid of the future. Mama loved the lord, she was full of wise counsel.

We had gotten so close over the last month because of the lockdown. Little did we know these were going to be your last days.

You embraced your role as a mother and we have come to believe that was part of Gods purpose for you on earth. You were the epitome of what a mother should be, you lived to serve your family and so selflessly provided for all six of us even before thinking

of yourself.

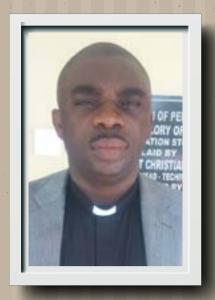
Your constant words of encouragement kept us going anytime things were tough and you always had the right words to comfort and cheer either of us whenever we were down and it is going to be very hard to forget you in this lifetime.

We've pondered and asked God, why now? why so sudden?

We ask God all these questions everyday since you passed but HE has his own reasons. We pray God keeps you safe and We know you're happy in Heaven, smiling down at us.

Today we sing of your great deeds Mama, we will miss your wise nugget, your meticulousness. We will miss our head chef, who turned every ingredient into a feast. You have not eaten until you eat our mother`s Sunday fufu, special jollof and banku and okro stew.

Rest well mama and thank You for loving us unconditionally.

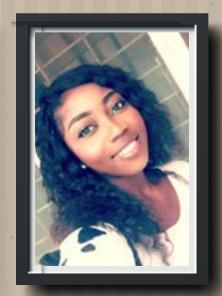












TRIBUTE BY GRANDCHILDREN

Grandma was more than a grandma to us the grandchildren - she was like a mother to us. She took good care of us when our parents were not around. For every vacation, we spent the time with her and Grandpa.

Grandma really loved her family and made us feel special. Grandma always hugged us when she met us. Grandma also taught us that we should not afraid of death, "For when the last trumpet sounds, the dead will be raised, never to die again" (1 Cor. 15:52 GNB).

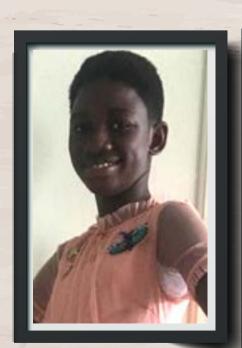
Grandma made our lives the happiest ones on the planet. Grandma`s smile shines brighter than the suns brightness. Grandma`s laughter was a source of joy to us. We will always remember the love, kindness and compassion we felt around Grandma. Grandma was a God-fearing woman. We all know we will meet Grandma again because she taught us that

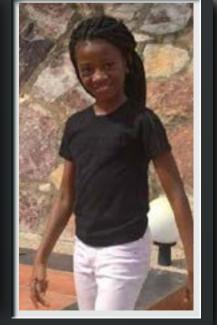
our "victory over death is complete and death is destroyed."

(1 Corinthians 15:57)

Grandma we will never forget your delicious banku and okro stew. We want to say we love you; rest in peace with Jesus.

With love from - Nhyira, Anionyam, Anigye, Ayeyi, Ohenewaa, Abena, Nana Yaa, Nana Adwoa, Nimde3, Akosua, Nkunim, Zoe and Percy Gabriel.

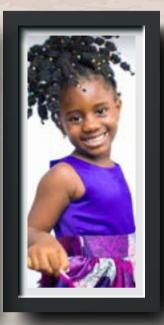






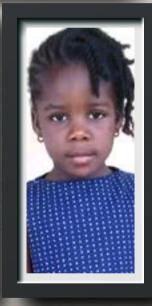




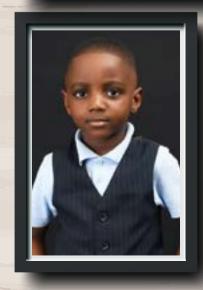
















TRIBUTE BY INLAWS

"In Heavenly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear,
And safe in such confiding,
For nothing changes here,
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismay?"
By Anna L Waring (1823 - 1910)

oday, we pay tribute to a beautiful woman who gave us (her in-laws) nothing but love and uttermost respect! Indeed, she was not our mother-in-law, but rightfully our Mother-In-Love! In love, were we welcomed into her presence and family, and not for a moment did her love fail us – not once! For too many times, she went out of her way to ensure we were comfortable and that every need was met, sometimes to her own detriment. What manner of love is this? We are truly grateful and privileged to have met such a virtuous woman with a heart of gold. We only pray that we'll be able to extend her legacy by imparting these virtues on her grandchildren and children yet unborn.

Auntie Ceci, as we fondly called her, had a quiet spirit. Through her quietness came Strength and Wisdom beyond measure! Auntie Ceci taught us, by her example, that our actions will always speaker louder than our words, and their impressions lasts a lifetime. We still stand amazed at the numerous situations where her character averted trouble and resolved many raging issues. In wisdom, she counselled all of us through our married life, and never sought praise or credit for the support she offered. She was, and still is, our unsung hero.

Mama Amponsah's life also represents a life of sacrifice for her family. She loved her family to a fault. She readily stopped working in the corporate world to ensure her 6 kids were brought up aright with God and society. We, the in-laws, owe Mama Amponsah our depth of gratitude for this sacrifice because we have profited the most - we have godly, loving and wonderful partners for life! Mama's sacrifice of love continued into our homes after our marriage and whether it was Takoradi, Akosombo, Kofiase, Kintampo or anywhere else – we were assured that she would be with us in our time of need. Her grandchildren enjoyed the most out of every visit because she always brought a token of love for each one of them, something which initiated jubilations on her entry into our homes. What a way to be a blessing to our households! Grandma, we and our grandchildren will truly miss your visits.

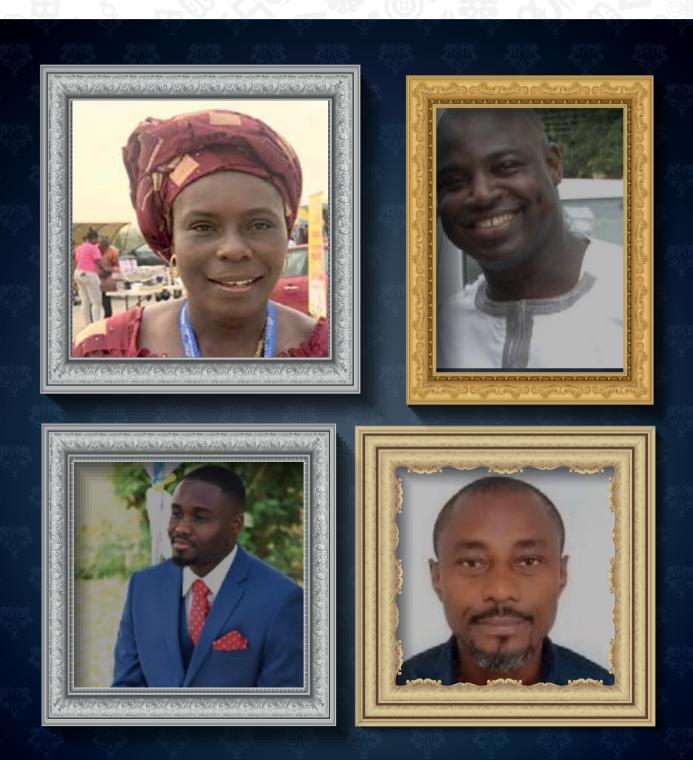
Auntie Ceci's diligence in the things of God and her discipline in business were exceptional. She managed her trading business with hard work, meticulous attention to detail and in truth. She was content with her gains – maintaining that 'godliness with contentment is a great gain' (I Tim 6:6). Mama Amponsah completely relied on God for everything and was quick to attribute



all her success to Jesus Christ, her personal savior. She used her life's testimonies and songs to inculcate the same faith in us and her grandchildren, and for this, we're eternally grateful.

In moments like this, we may shed a tear – for humans we are, but we are not for a moment confused nor in despair. For we are certain of one thing, that we will one day meet Mama Amponsah again in Hallelujah Square and what a great rejoicing that will be!

Till then, Auntie Ceci, our Friend, Counselor, Family Support, Intercessor and Mother-In-Love, sleep gently in Emmanuel's rest!



TRIBUTE BY FAMILY

Mrs Cecilia Amponsah was a woman of virtue. Mama Ceci was our pride. As the Akans say "Ahwene pa nkasa" Precious jewels make no noise.

She was a mother who was cherished by all children [sweet mother, she invited every child into her home and welcomes as her own -irrespective of the child`s background .

She was a sister and a mentor. She encourages every one who comes into contact with her. Just like a good and a responsible meticulous elderly sister always does for her sibling. Sister, as we affectionately call her will forever be missed dearly by the entire family.

Aunty Ceci, had a great sense of fashion and humour. She always dressed in style, especially, whenever she goes to the house of God. She will always say - one should look good and presentable for Jesus. She was a friend who will sacrifice her time, energy, prayer, and resources to see a friend smile again.

As the Psalm says I was glad when they said onto me, let us go to the house of LORD, Aunty Ceci never cease to be in his heavenly father's house. She always worshiped her maker with a delightful heart.

2Tim 4:7, "I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness". We know and believe that God Almighty will reward you with the crown glory and say to you "well down".

Sister, Auntie Ceci, Maa, your memories will always be in our hearts.





TRIBUTE BY THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST ADENTA ESTATE WORSHIP CENTRE ADENTA, AKAN ASSEMBLY

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labours; and their work do follow them." Rev 14:13 KJVLite

ama Amponsah showed a very strong spirit and faith in the Lord to the consolation and admiration of all after the sudden demise of her husband, the Late Elder George Kwasi Amposah few months ago. She looked very cheerful and fully recovered from the misfortune that had befallen her and the entire Church of Pentecost. It therefore came as a big surprise when on the morning of Thursday, April 30, 2020, the news of her sudden passing hit the Church.

We however, fervently believe this assurance of the risen Lord that, those who die in Him are blessed, has been fulfilled in the life of Dns. Cecilia Efua Akyere Amponsah.

Dns. Amponsah was indeed, a virtuous woman full of kindness and love, confidence, inspiration, wisdom, ideas and patience. She proofed to be a wonderful blessing to her family as she and her husband nurtured their six children in the fear of the lord. Her diligent spiritual guidance helped to produce a PASTOR out of his only son for the church of God.

Deaconess Cecilia Amponsah whom we all referred to as Mama Amponsah joined the then Adenta Estate Assembly after she transferred from Lateibiokoshie to settle with her family in Adenta in 1990. Throughout her Christian life with the Adenta Estate Worship Centre, she demonstrated unfailing commitment and passionate love for the kingdom business of God.

Her role in the growth and development of the Adenta Estate Worship Centre is phenomenal. She exhibited strong faith in the lord and worked tirelessly to support the progress of the Church which was then in its fledgling state. She contributed immensely in the construction of the auditorium of the present day Adenta Estate Worship Centre and displayed an exceptional interest and love for the women's fellowship with a passion that was remarkable and worth of emulation.

Mama Cecilia Amponsah put her knowledge and competences at the disposal of the church. She worked diligently and discharged all her responsibilities excellently. She was consequently, appointed the District Womens Financial Secretary in 1997 and subsequently became the Assistant Local Leader from 2000 to 2002.

Having attracted the admiration of the church leadership through her faithfulness and diligence, Mama Amponsah was again appointed to the position of Assistant District Leader in 2003. This occurred during the administration of Pastor Bernard Baiden as the District Pastor of the





then Adenta District. Mama Amponsah continued to hold the position successfully until the AEWC was curved out of the Adenta District in 2007.

She will forever be remembered by her distinguishable contribution to the Akan Assembly marriage Committee during the period from 2015 to 2018. She was very punctual and unfailing to Committee meetings where she brought her rich experience to bear on deliberations of the Committee.

Deaconess Cecilia Amponsah showed indiscriminate kindness and respectfulness to all, irrespective of age, gender or status. Her support to the needy in particular was exemplary and admirable. She opened her doors to be used for cell meetings and was an ardent and inspirational member of her cell group.

As believers in the faith, we are persuaded that her mission on earth has been accomplished, served her maker and fulfilled her call. Mama Amponsah, we are comforted in the knowledge that you are at home with your maker and consoled that you died as a gallant soldier of the Cross, and that God, the Commander in Chief will keep you in His bosom till we meet again.

Adom Nyame mfa wokra nsie yiye, Amen.











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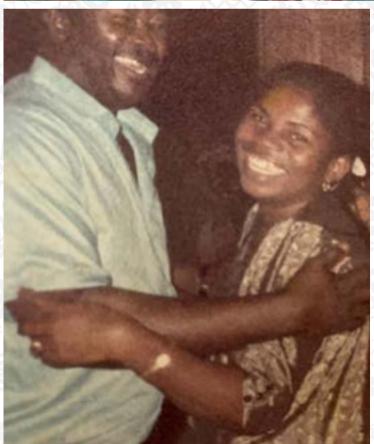
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WE SHALL MEET OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR

We shall meet our Lord and Saviour in a better land where Love and Joy abound We shall meet our Lord and Saviour in a better land where Love and Joy abound There we'll our Lord in glory
Our rewards and crowns we shall we receive We shall meet our Lord and Saviour in a better land where Love and Joy abound There we'll our Lord in glory
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WHAT SINGING THERE WILL BE UP THERE,

What singing there will be up there, When face to face with Jesus we shall stand, And join the heavenly choir in the better land, What singing there will be up there, What glory for the saints to share, Oh glory, glory, glory,

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 There's a land that is fairer than day And by faith we can see it afar; For the Father waits over the way, To prepare us a dwelling place there

Chorus
In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore
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We shall meet on that beautiful shore

- We shall sing on that beautiful shore
 The melodious songs of the blest,
 And our spirits shall sorrow no more,
 Not a sigh for the Blessing of rest
 Chorus
- To our bountiful Father above
 We will offer our tribute of praise,
 For the glorious gift of His love,
 And the blessing that hallow our days
 Chorus

4. I am travelling to heaven
Heaven is my home
There are storms on the way
But with Jesus in my heart
I have my salvation
I am working my way through
I shall be in heaven
Heaven is my home
Chorus

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There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus No , not one! No, not one! None else could heal my soul diseases. No, not one! No, not one!

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- Dew a onnyi ewiei,
 Ahomgye a onnyi ewiei,
 Na medze bema h)n a
 W)y3 M'adwuma nokware
 M' si ase
- 2. Akatua a)som bo, Tenabea papa bi Na medze b)ma h)n a w)y3 M'adwuma nokware mi si ase

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Jesus resiesie tenabea w) sor'
)de sika be jaspa abo
)beba bere a ani nna
Na wabefa n'ahotewfo nyinaa ak)
Ana yebek) h), Alleluia
Ema mek) h), Alleluia
Wo nso wobek) h) Alleluia
Alleluia, yen nyinaa beko h).





