

Without You, Life Is Desert

by Bruce Prewer

God, how we need your help!

Without you, life is like the stony desert;

With you, life is like the channel country

After abundant rains.

If we have become bare and unfruitful,

Like a neglected paddock,

Be to us as a plough in hard ground.

If we have wandered in waste places,

Becoming lost and blinded in sandstorms,

Lead us to some quiet, verdant gully,

Where there is living water to refresh us,

Soft ferns to caress our tiredness away,

And sweet rest on the mossy bank

Of your grace, mercy, and peace.

God, how we need your help!

If we are to live fruitfully,

And love others with a love like yours,

We need you every hour!

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