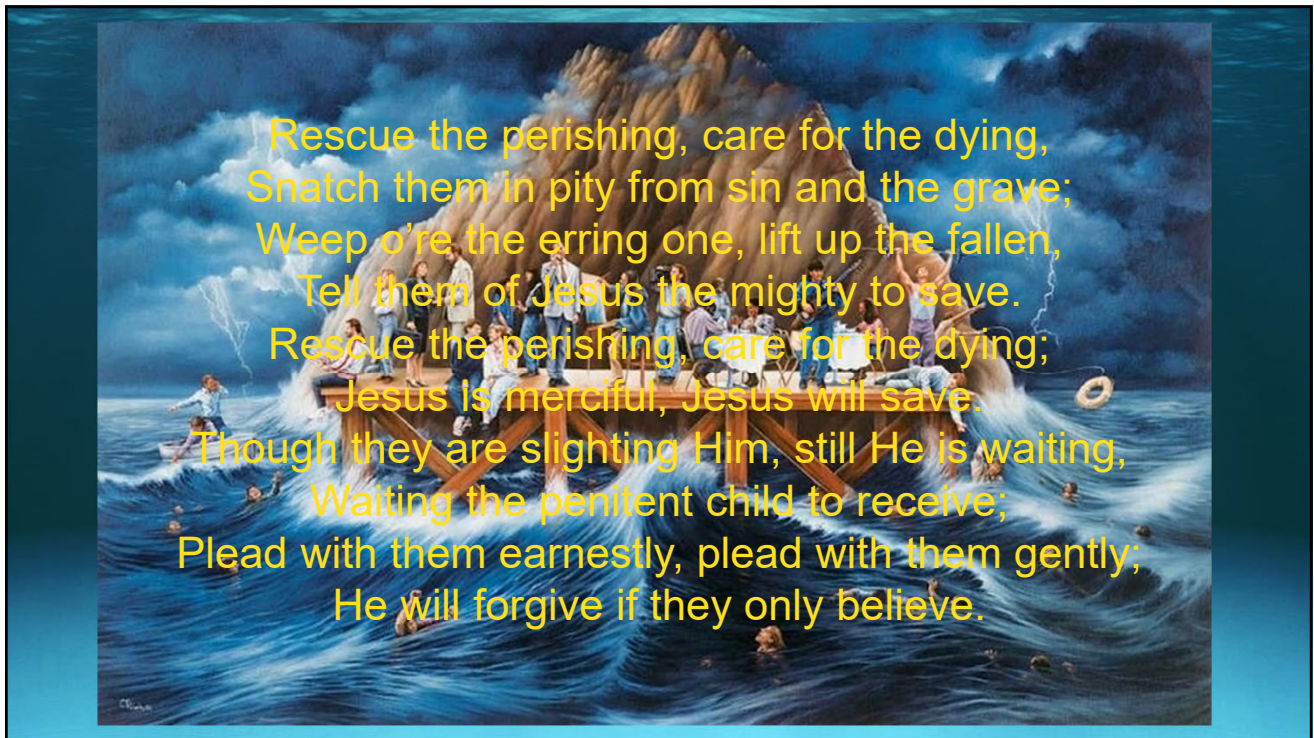




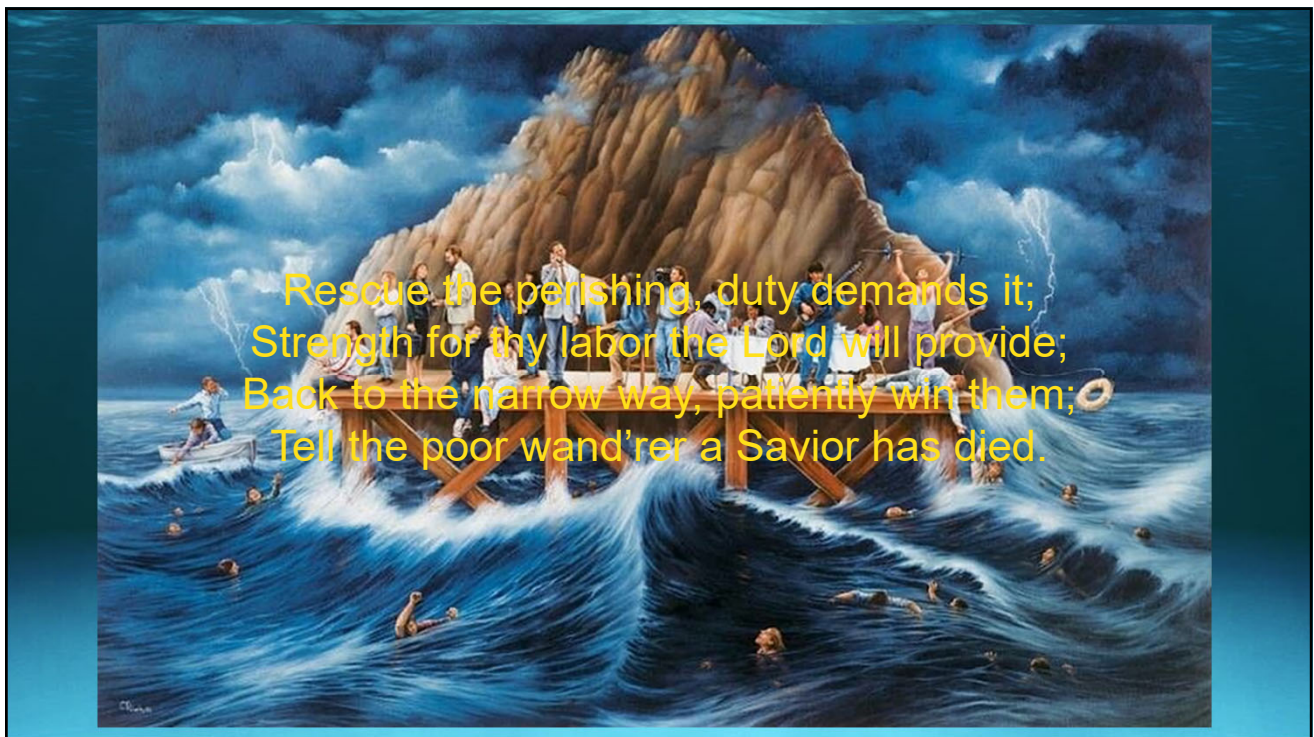
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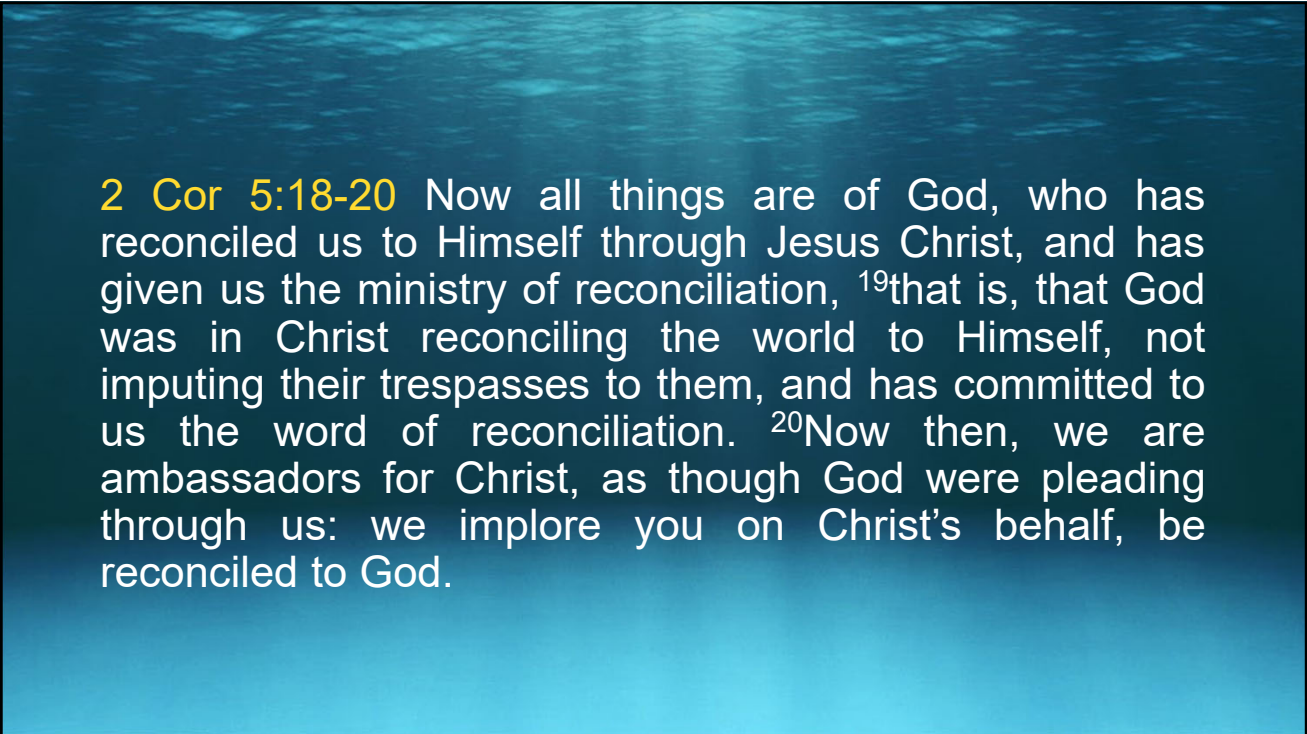
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2 Cor 5:18-20 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

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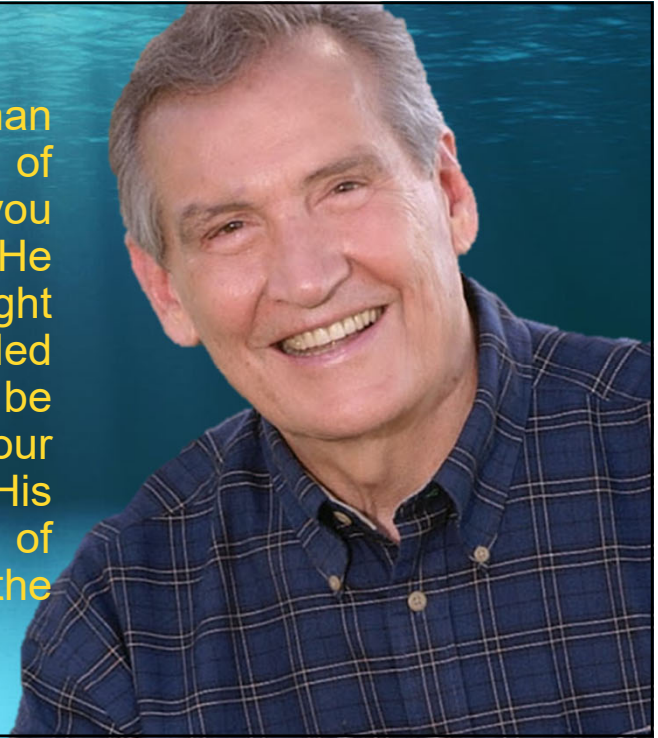
1. We are Embraced

2 Cor 5:18 ... who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, ...

Rev 1:5 ... To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

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“Jesus became the Son of man that you might become a son of God. He took your sins that you might take His innocence. He became guilty that you might become acquitted. He was filled with despair that you might be filled with joy. He took your shame that you might take His glory. He suffered the pains of hell, that you might know the joys of heaven.” Adrian Rogers



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2. We are Enlisted

2 Cor 5:18 ... and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

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3. We are Equipped

2 Cor 5:19 ... and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

1 Cor 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

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4. We are Exalted

2 Cor 5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."

Rev 1:6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father,

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1 Pet 2:5,9 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a **holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ...
9 But you are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

In Israel, the priests were the mediators between God and the people. (Ex 19 – Moses on Mt. Sinai)

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priest = **pontifex**

Pontifex = **pons** (bridge) + **facere** (to build)

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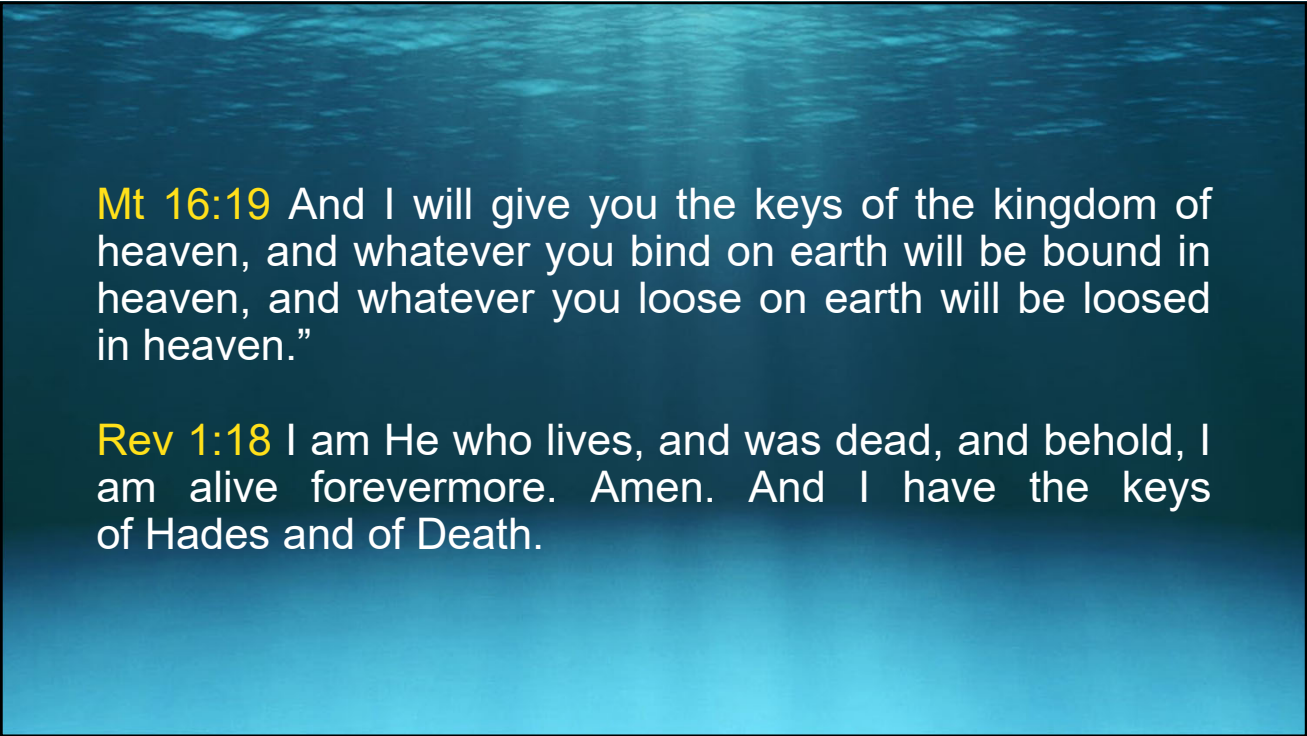
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Mt 16:19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Rev 1:18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

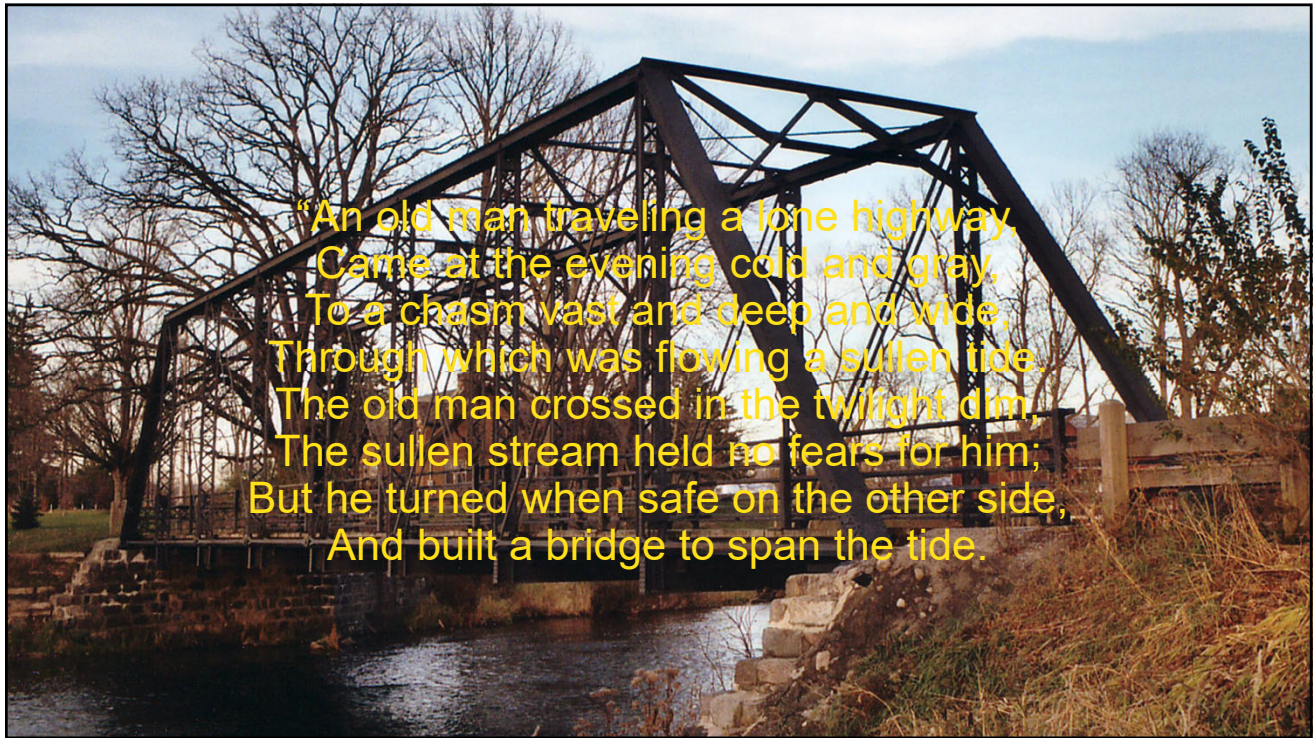
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5. We are Essential

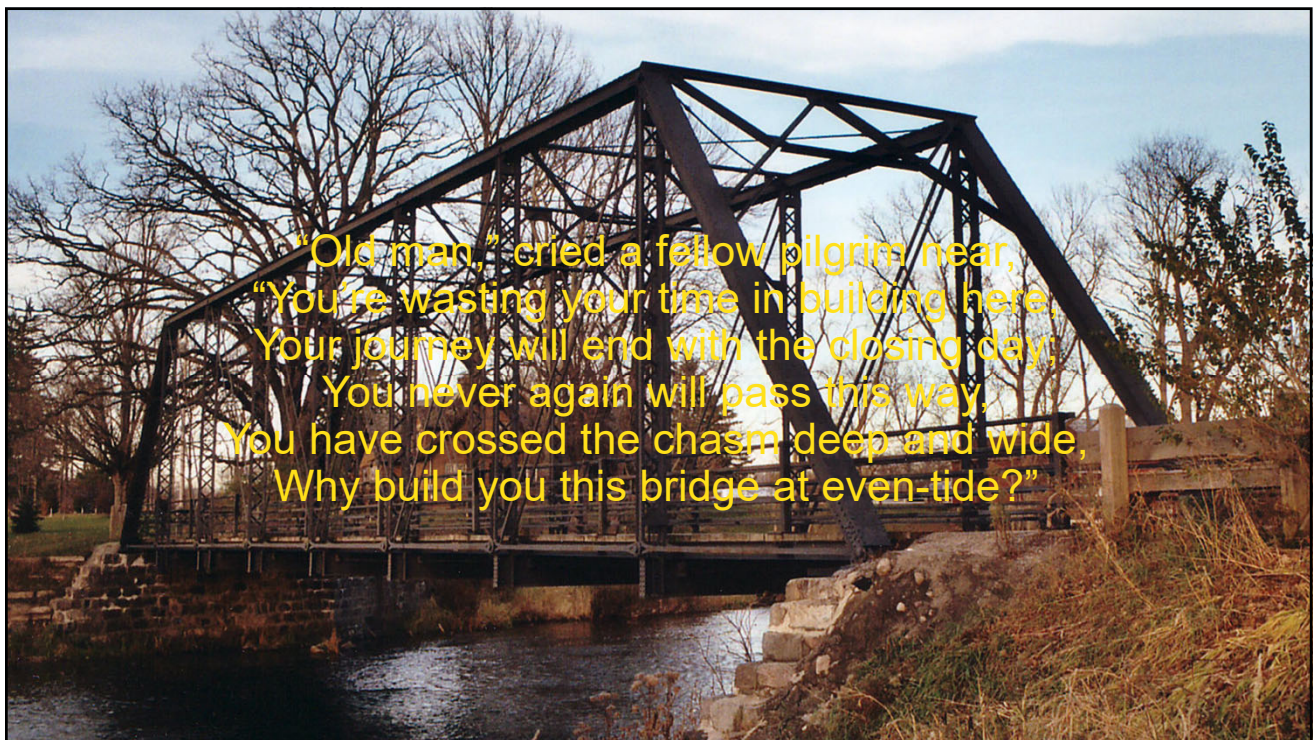
1 Jn 4:17 ... because as He is, so are we in this world.

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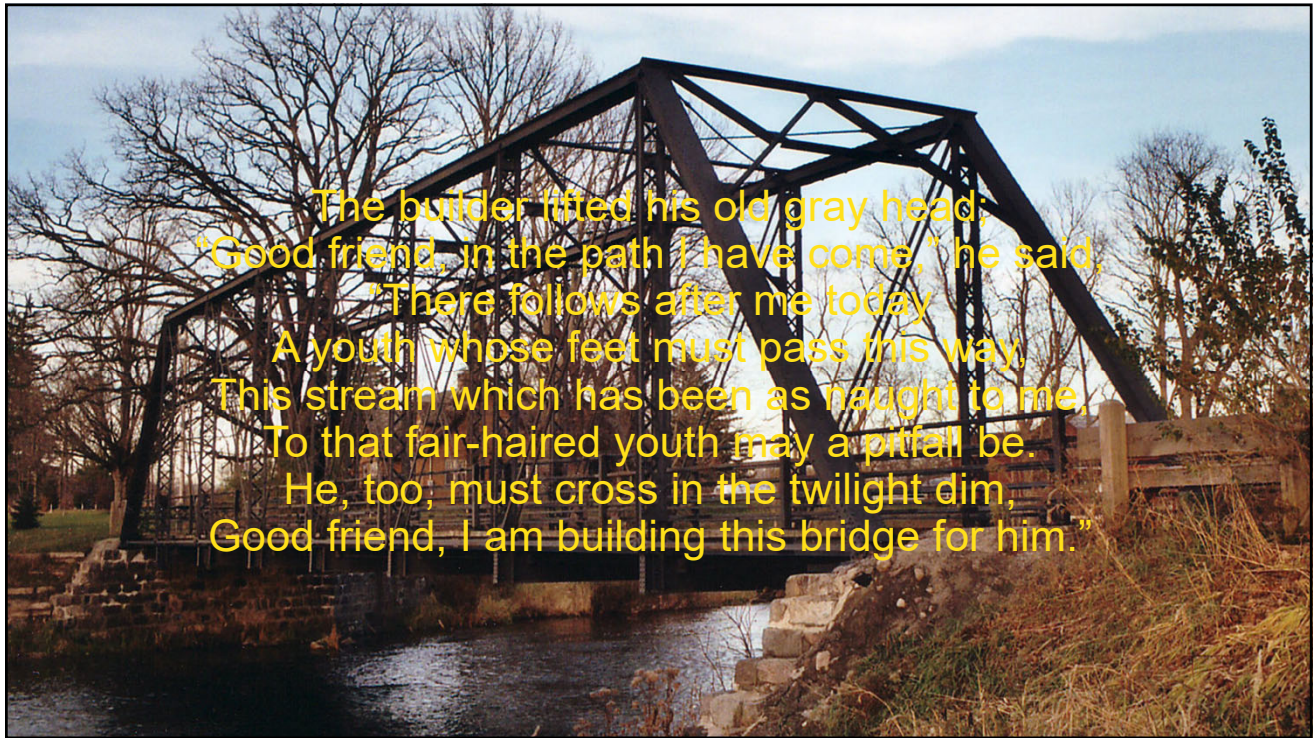
"An old man traveling a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream held no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

19



"Old man," cried a fellow pilgrim near,
"You're wasting your time in building here,
Your journey will end with the closing day;
You never again will pass this way,
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at even-tide?"

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