

## Spiritual Acuity 2

The young Scotsman George Matheson won honors while studying classics, logic and philosophy at the University of Glasgow. But at age 20 he went blind. Adding sorrow to sorrow, the woman he was engaged to marry rejected him, saying she could not go through life married to a blind man.

Matheson remained single all his life and his sister took care of him. When he was 40, his sister got married, reminding him again of his loss. On her wedding night, Matheson composed a hymn that has been much loved in the English-speaking church, "O Love That Wilt [Will] Not Let Me Go." Seeming to come from outside him, he composed it in only five minutes.

O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

{Music and all verses at <http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/o/l/oltwnlmg.htm> }



*Coffee/tea thought:* Imagine you are with Matheson as he sits alone that night. Can you identify with his experiences of deepest loss, as well as God's blaze of spiritual light?

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## 属灵的敏锐2

年轻的苏格兰人马得胜在格拉斯哥大学学习古典文学，逻辑学和哲学，成绩优异。但他20岁的时候双目失明。更使他伤痛的是，与他订婚的女孩离他而去，因为不愿与一个盲人共渡一生。

马得胜终身未娶，由他的姐姐照顾他。他40岁的时候，妹妹结婚了，使他想起自己所失去的。在她婚礼当晚，马得胜写下一首深受讲英文的教会喜爱的诗歌，“哦，那不肯放我之爱”。好像并非出于自己的手，他在五分钟之内就完成了该作品。

哦，那不肯放我之爱，我将疲魂安息于你；  
我把所欠余生归来，好使它在你这深海，  
得更丰满洋溢。

哦，那照耀我路之光，我将残灯带来交你；  
我心因得你光复亮，它的日子藉你太阳，  
得更光明美丽。

随想：想象一下那晚你坐在马得胜的身旁。你能了解他所经历的伤痛，和神的光照吗？

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