



Leaving Troubles Far Behind....

Who doesn't want to leave their troubles far behind?

As a very young girl, one of my favorites movies was *The Wizard of Oz*. The song "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" really spoke to my bruised, yet hopeful, little heart. A childhood wrought with abuse I longed for safety (escape)...to find a refuge. At such an early age, I yearned for a peaceful (safe) environment where the unexpected danger didn't lurk around every corner, where drama and trauma didn't reign.

No wonder these words spoke to me:

"troubles *melt*"

"dreams *really do* come true"

"someday"

"somewhere"

"*happy* little bluebirds *fly*"

"*why, oh why can't I?*"

I gained enough childhood memories to last a lifetime, and they do. For years, robbing me of joy, happiness and a normal life. Until I found the other side of the rainbow. Comfort won't melt away like lemon drops, but His peace can make them less difficult. Trouble will come, life happens, but His comfort can bring peace and hope.

My refuge: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1-2 NIV

My hope: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NIV

The song, even the music without words, still brings me great joy and hope. But my true hope and joy are found in something more substantial and eternal: the loving arms of my Heavenly Father.

Dreams really do come true!
What do you dream?
Where do you find hope?
What/who/where is your refuge?
What direction will you take?

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