

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICE

IN TIMES OF DESPAIR **PSALM 42**

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THE BOOK OF PSALMS



Martin Nystrom

“As the deer,” written in 1981, is one of the most popular songs in the contemporary Christian musical (CCM) genre written in the latter twentieth century. Martin J. Nystrom (b. 1956) is a native of Seattle, Washington. After graduating from Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma (BME, 1979), he served as musical evangelist with Christ for the Nations, Dallas, Texas and produced five praise and worship albums for Hosanna! Music, Mobile, Alabama.

Lindsay Terry, in his book *The Sacrifice of Praise: The Stories Behind the Greatest Praise and Worship Songs of All Time* (2002), describes the circumstances surrounding the creation of this song:

“Marty was a schoolteacher in Seattle, and since he had the summer off, he decided to go to the summer term of Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas.

He had been involved in many things at the school, not the least of which was the television ministry of ORU. All of his studies combined with many other activities had caused stress to take its toll on Marty’s spiritual life. . . .

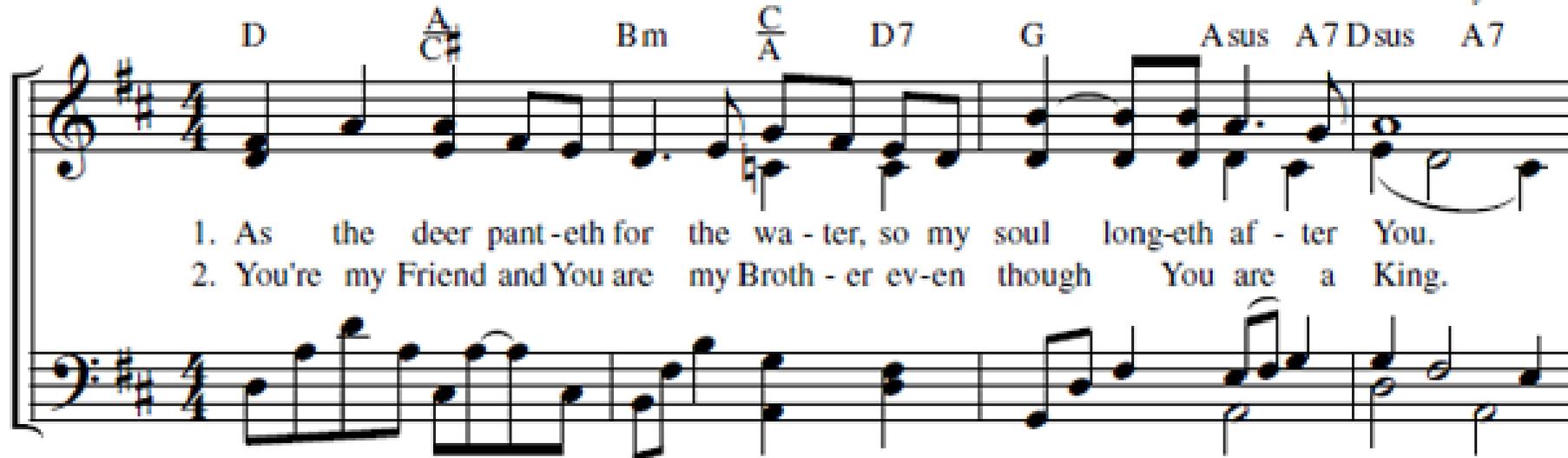
Marty’s roommate at CFNI was a vibrant Christian who challenged Marty to go on a fast, thinking it would help him recover his joy. Marty took up the challenge, and on the nineteenth day of the fast, he found himself sitting at the piano in a room of the school, trying to write a song. He was simply playing chord progressions when he noticed a Bible on the music stand of the piano, open to Psalm 42. His eyes fell on the first verse of that chapter. After reading the verse he began to sing its message, right off the page. He wrote the first verse and the chorus of a song, practically straight through. The entire song was completed in a matter of minutes.”

As the Deer

Martin Nystrom
Based on Psalm 42:1

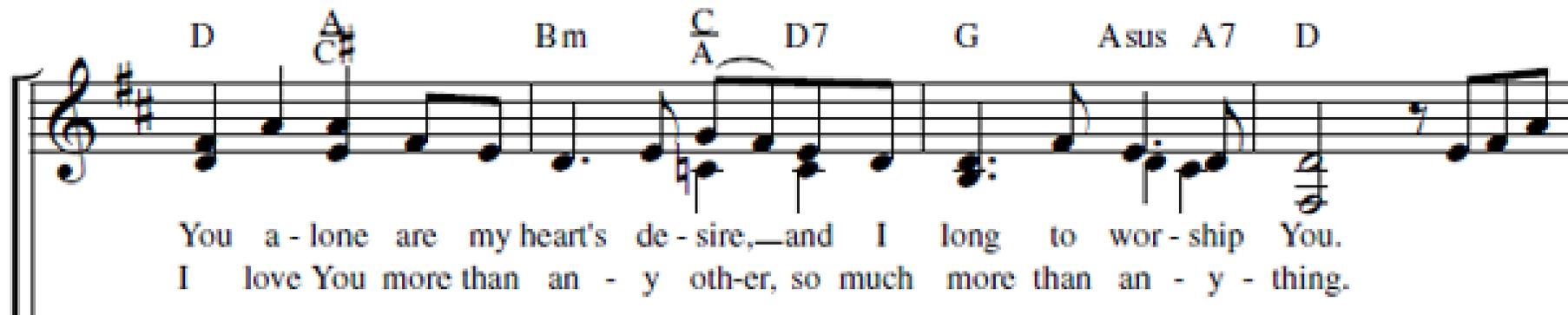
Martin Nystrom

D A C# Bm C A D7 G Asus A7 Dsus A7



1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my soul long-eth af-ter You.
2. You're my Friend and You are my Broth-er ev-en though You are a King.

D A C# Bm C A D7 G Asus A7 D



You a-lone are my heart's de-sire,—and I long to wor-ship You.
I love You more than an-y oth-er, so much more than an-y-thing.

PSALM 42

- Written by King David when he fled from Jerusalem during the rebellion of his son Absalom.
- Absalom conspired to take the kingdom away from his father (2 Samuel 15-18).
- Absalom proclaimed himself to be king.
- David was grieved over his son's rebellion and over friends who have turned against him.

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PSALM 42

1. Thirst for God

1 As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. 2 I **thirst for God**, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?

.... but those who drink the water
I give will never be thirsty again.

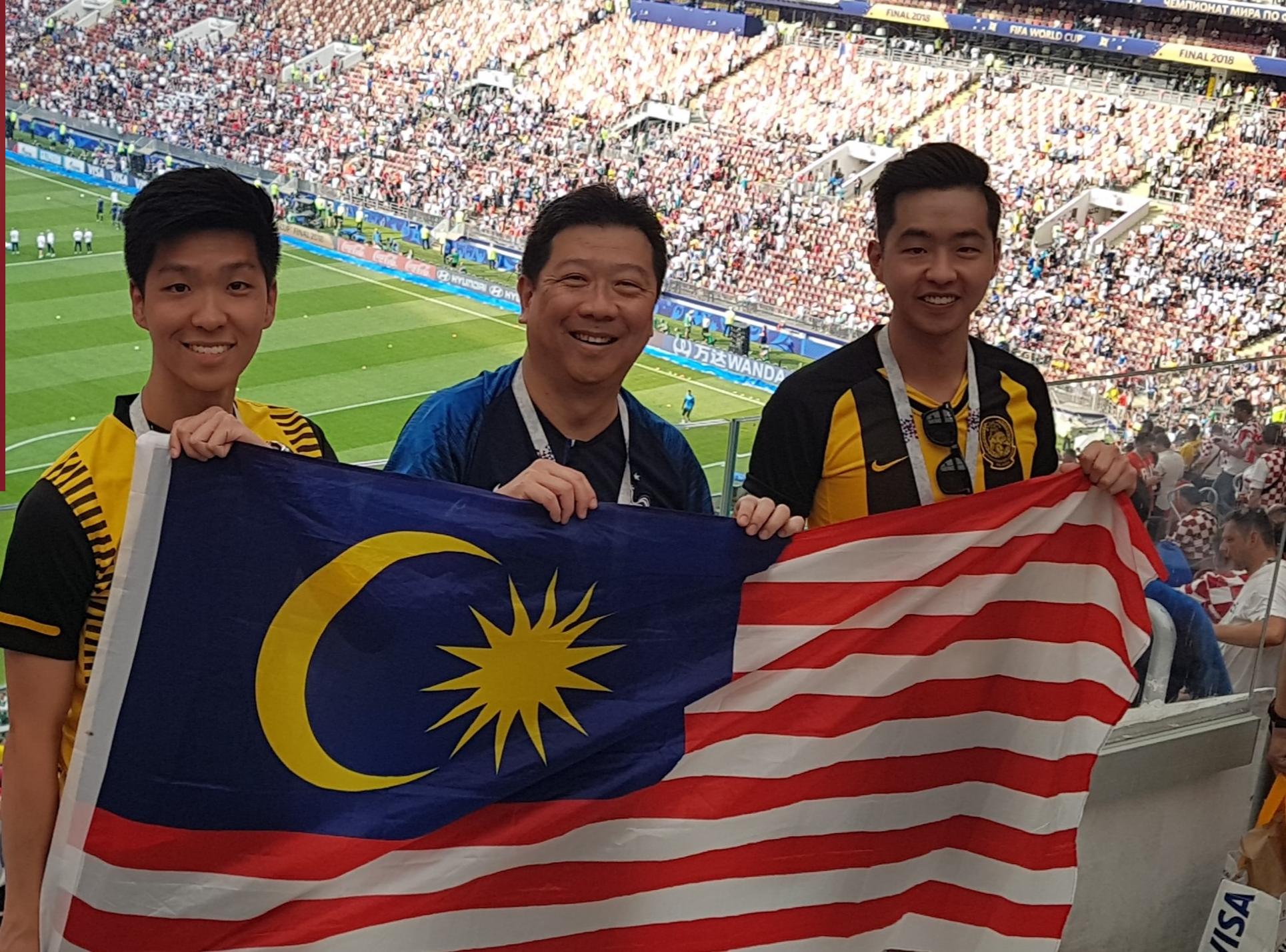
John 4:14 (NLT)

Thirst for God





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1. Thirst for God

2. Remember God moments

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PSALM 42

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4 My heart is breaking as I **remember** how it used to be: I walked among the crowds of worshipers, leading a great procession to the house of God, singing for joy and giving thanks amid the sound of a great celebration!

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PSALM 42

2. Remember God moments

6...Now I am deeply discouraged, but I will **remember** you. 8 ... each day the Lord pours his unfailing love upon me, and through each night I sing his songs, praying to God who gives me life.

A yellow sticky note is pinned to the top center with a red pushpin. The note has a folded bottom-left corner and contains the text "Remember God moments" in a black, handwritten-style font.

Remember
God
moments

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PSALM 42

1. Thirst for God

2. Remember God moments

3. Preach to your soul

IN TIMES OF DESPAIR

PSALM 42

3. Preach to your soul

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again - my Saviour and my God!

42:5; 42:11; 43:5

Pastor Rick Warren's Son Matthew Commits Suicide After Lifelong Battle With Mental Illness

By ALYSSA NEWCOMB April 6, 2013

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July 27, 2013 at 11:00 pm

Los Angeles ▾

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“

It is because of what we know

”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z0EdMPPVq2w>

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“Something was
missing in me”

*Anthony Bourdain,
travel TV host*
[1956 - 2018]



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