

WHAT CAN I TAKE TO HEAVEN?

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**We cram our lives with collectables
Like a train with containers in tow,
Our assets, possessions, and materials,
Define us wherever we go**

**We categorise our attainments,
Or make lists of goals we've perceived,
We examine our own assessments
And consider what we've achieved**

**Who we are, in our way of thinking,
Consists of many fulfilments,
In acquiring and accomplishing
Investments, projects, experiments**

**We carry them with us as portables,
We clothe ourselves with their finery,
In a way we make ourselves marketable
As price tags on our history**

**But who I am just as I am
Without this paraphernalia,
Is the really real and not a sham,
Stripped of all regalia**

**What I am internally
Is character and nature,
It is this that defines me, actually,
And not the outside picture**

**For what is seen is momentary,
The Scriptures make quite clear*,
God's plan is for eternity,
This world's fame a mere veneer**

**All human fame will soon be past
The greatest achievements superseded,
Only Christ's work in me will last
His transformation in me conceded**

**This alone I can take into Heaven
The extraordinary riches of his grace,
As a new creation, sins forgiven,
To see him and serve him face to face**

* 2 Corinthians 4:18