

WHEN GOD CALLS

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God's call will mean the death of you
All that you have been or known,
Brought under his scrutiny and review
To be exclusively his own

Peter, in his pre-Jesus time
Did whatever he wanted¹,
When confronted by this call sublime
He renounced self-rule and yielded

Culture says, 'Fulfil your full potential',
But to die to one's ambition
Is the very heart of Jesus' Gospel
And participation in his mission

The indwelling fullness of Christ in you
Means a rendezvous with dying;
Death to who you are or want to do
Is God's road to biblical living

Jesus' demand comes with the cost
Of self-abandonment,
Therefore, drop dead, get lost!
He brings his very own management

God's call means life through death
The Calvary code is the key,
To follow, serve and receive the breath
Of the Holy Spirit's energy

Not my will; into your hands,
Was the life Jesus lived with the Father,
And that is the way that Jesus plans
For those who would go with him further

When God calls a man he bids him come and die²
Is the essence of Jesus' demands,
Submitting to this we identify
And from there we fulfil his commands

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¹ John 21:18

² Dietrich Bonhoeffer