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 fulfilsments,
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The greatest achievements superseded,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

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