# THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. ETERNITY

I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU THE STORY, THE ONE OF MR. ETERNITY.

HIS REAL NAME WAS ARTHUR STACE.

THIS TROPHY OF GOD'S GRACE, JOINED THE HUMAN RACE,
BACK AT THE LAST CENTURY, IN THE BALMAIN SLUMS OF SYDNEY.

HOME WAS HELL FOR THIS YOUNG LAD, WITH A DESPERATE MUM AND A DRUNKARD DAD.
THE FIRST HALF OF HIS WRETCHED LIFE, WAS TORN BY SIN AND LEFT IN STRIFE.

HE SPENT MORE TIME IN JAIL THAN SCHOOL, FOR BREAKING THE LAW AND BEING A FOOL,
AND ALMOST FOLLOWED HIS FAMILY, INTO A CHRISTLESS ETERNITY

### **CHORUS**

ETERNITY, ETERNITY, THE LIFETIME OF THE ALMIGHTY.
YOU'VE GOT TO MEET ETERNITY, WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?

AT THE AGE OF 45, UTTTERLY LOST AND BARELY ALIVE,
HE WENT INTO ST. BARNABAS TO SEE,
WHAT ELSE HE COULD GET FOR FREE, BESIDES A ROCK CAKE AND A CUP OF TEA.
HE FOUND GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST ON CALVARY.
CONVICTED HE WENT OUT IN THE DARK, AND WALKED ACROSS TO THE PARK,
AND UNDER A MORETON BAY FIG TREE, HE CRIED "LORD BE MERCIFUL TO ME".
HE TRUSTED CHRIST AND BELIEVED, AND ETERNAL LIFE HE RECEIVED,
AND FROM SIN AND SHAME HE WAS SET FREE. AND WAS SAVED FOR ETERNITY.

## **CHORUS**

IN NOVEMBER '42, GOD WAS WORKING IN AND THROUGH,

THE EVANGELIST JOHN G. RIDLEY.

HE PREACHED SO ELOQUENTLY "THE ECHOES OF ETERNITY",

AND WISHED THAT ALL OF SYDNEY, WOULD HEAR THAT WORD ETERNITY.

WITH CONVICTION FROM ON HIGH, ARTHUR STACE BEGAN TO CRY,

AS HE LEFT AND WENT FOR A WALK, HE HAD WITH HIM A PIECE OF CHALK,

OUTSIDE THE CHURCH IN BURTON STREET, AND RIGHT THERE BY HIS SMALL FEET,

BEGAN A LIFE LONG MINISTRY, THE WRITING OF "ETERNITY".

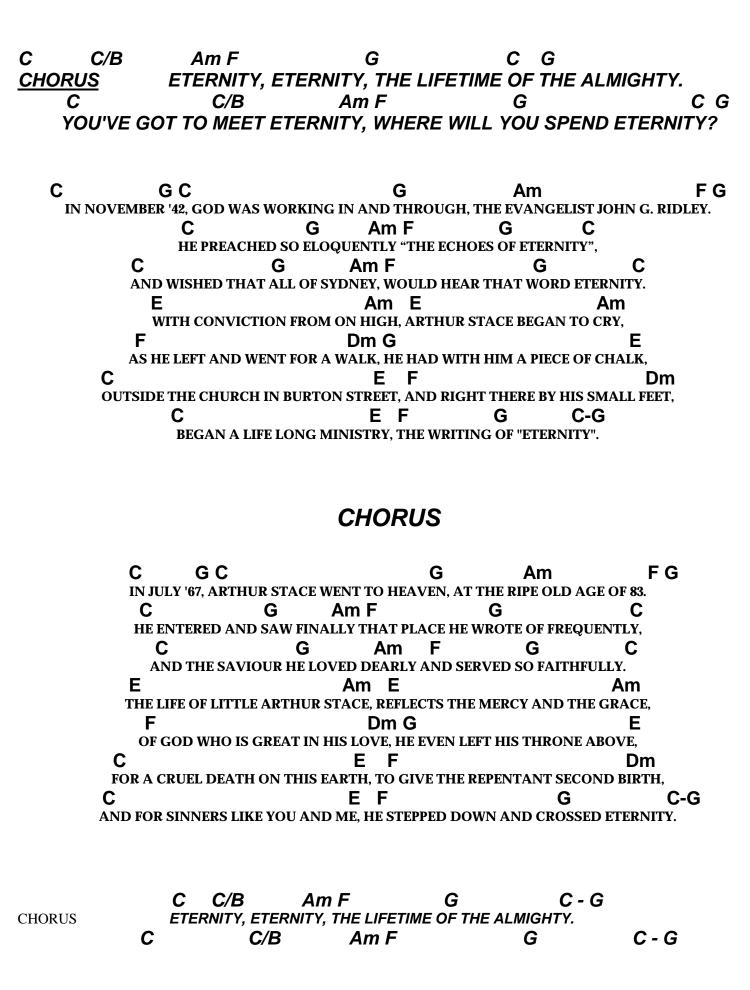
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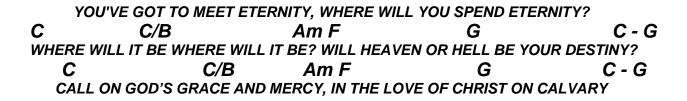
IN JULY '67, ARTHUR STACE WENT TO HEAVEN,
AT THE RIPE OLD AGE OF 83.
HE ENTERED AND SAW FINALLY THAT PLACE HE WROTE OF FREQUENTLY,
AND THE SAVIOUR HE LOVED DEARLY AND SERVED SO FAITHFULLY.
THE LIFE OF LITTLE ARTHUR STACE, REFLECTS THE MERCY AND THE GRACE,
OF GOD WHO IS GREAT IN HIS LOVE, HE EVEN LEFT HIS THRONE ABOVE,
FOR A CRUEL DEATH ON THIS EARTH, TO GIVE THE REPENTANT SECOND BIRTH,
AND FOR SINNERS LIKE YOU AND ME, HE STEPPED DOWN AND CROSSED ETERNITY.

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ETERNITY, ETERNITY, THE LIFETIME OF THE ALMIGHTY.
YOU'VE GOT TO MEET ETERNITY, WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?
WHERE WILL IT BE WHERE WILL IT BE? WILL HEAVEN OR HELL BE YOUR DESTINY?
CALL ON GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY, IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST ON CALVARY

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