SING WITH THE UNDERSTANDING
From Abba to Zephyrs
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Introduction: What do you think about when you are singing hymns? We should study the hymns that we are singing and know meaning of the terms we are using to praise God. **I Corinthians 14:15-16** tells us that we should sing with the spirit and with the understanding. When we sing we should not be confused or frustrated. Nothing should hinder our worship from being done in spirit and in truth (**John 4:24**). Therefore, today we are going to consider some hymns and their terminology together. . . . .

Discussion:

Abba = FATHER
> *From "Night With Ebon Pinion"*
> **Matthew 11:25-26, Romans 8:15,
> Galatians 4:6**

Ebon Pinion = BLACK BIRD'S WING
> *From "Night With Ebon Pinion"*
> **Luke 22:39-45**

Ebenezer = STONE OF HELP
> *From "O Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"*
> **I Samuel 7:10-12**

Fetter = CHAIN
> *From "O Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*
> **Judges 16:21**

Germ = SEED
> *From "Our God, He Is Alive"*

Gilding = OVERLAID WITH GOLD
> *From "Give Me The Bible"*
> **Psalm 116:15, Revelation 14:13**

Guerdon = REWARD
> *From "Beautiful Isle Of Somewhere"*

Holy Lays = PSALM
> *From "In Vain In High And Holy Lays"*

**Olive's Brow = MOUNT OF OLIVES,
GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE**
> *From "Tis Midnight, And On Olive's Brow"*
> **John 18:1, Matthew 26:36**

Ether Plains = UPPER REGIONS
> *From "Tis Midnight, And On Olive's Brow"*

Panoply = COVERING OF PROTECTION
> *From "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"*

Sabaoth = LORD OF HOSTS
> *From "A Mighty Fortress"*
> **Romans 8:37-39**

Rapture = PASSION or EXCITEMENT
> *From "Blessed Assurance," "On Jordan's Stormy
> Banks," and "God's Unchanging Hand"*

Zephyrs = GENTLE BREEZE
> *From "Beulah Land" and "God Holds The Future In
> His Hands"*

Conclusion: Think about the words of the great hymn and the story behind it. Do you have that same assurance that Horatio G. Spafford had? Do you know that Christ's blood has cleansed your soul? Is your faith great enough to believe that Jesus is coming back for you? Whatever your lot can you say it is well, with your soul?

WORD OF THE DAY = "SING"