

What is it like to learn to see when you have been blind?

Here is a poem written by Helen Keller about Emanuel Swedenborg. Helen Keller was an American woman who lost her sight and hearing at the age of a year and a half, but was able to learn to interact with the world, to read and to tell her thoughts even though she could not see or hear. When she learned the truths about the Spiritual World through the Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, she felt her blindness and deafness lifted, and her interior sight and hearing were allowed to soar.

Read her poem about this inspiration, and then maybe you can write your own poem about what you can see and hear on a different level than the natural.

Swedenborg

by Helen Keller

O light-bringer of my blindness,
O spirit never far removed!
Ever when the hour of travail deepens,
Thou are near;
Set in my soul like jewels bright
Thy words of holy meaning,
Till death with gentle hand shall lead me
to the Presence I have loved—
My torch in darkness here,
My joy eternal there.

(From *Light in My Darkness* by Helen Keller, published by the Swedenborg Foundation in 1994.
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