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*But with their patience worn out by the journey,
the people complained against God and asked .*

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Why?

did this happen in the first place
isn't it over by now
is it getting worse instead of better
another month of distancing
do we have to put up with only sad news
so much suffering
so much death
no answer to it all
no miracle vaccine
not enough of what is needed
such little protection
so many conflicting reports
no access to the real truth
should people have to die alone
so many at risk
is it all moving so slowly

so much fear
so much helplessness
so little assurances
so little hope
and on and on and on . . .
Why?

Whoever looks at it will live.

Look at all who are . . .
praying for you
reaching out to you
tending to your needs
phoning you
texting you
meeting you on zoom
sending smiles
still laughing with you
singing with you
reporting to you
providing music for you
opening nature's beauty to you
walking with you
and on and on and on . . .
Look and you will live!

*God looked down from his holy height,
from heaven he beheld the earth,
to hear the groaning of the prisoners,
to release those doomed to die.*

And God said I'm . . .
with you
aware
listening
answering
responding
revealing
tending
caring
feeling
loving
and on and on and on . . .

*You belong to what is below,
I belong to what is above.*

So look . . .
above
up

in
within
around
everywhere

I AM . . .

hearing your prayer
letting your cry come to me
lifting you up
holding you close to my heart
breathing life into you
nourishing you with love
raising you to new heights
promising that you will live
and on and on and on . . .

I AM . . .