

## **His Eye is On the Sparrow**

*By Civilla D. Martin*

***Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings (pennies),  
and not one of them is forgotten before God. --Luke 12:6***

Why should I feel discouraged,  
Why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely  
And long for Heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion?

My constant friend is He:  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,”  
His tender word I hear,  
And resting on His goodness,  
I lose my doubts and fears;  
Tho' by the path He leadeth  
But one step I may see:

His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted,  
Whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing,  
When hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him,  
From care He sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me.

Mrs. Martin's inspiration for “the sparrow song” came while she was visiting a bedridden friend in Elmira, New York. In an attempt to cheer the friend, Civilla read the Bible, prayed and talked openly with the lady. In the end, Civilla was the one uplifted. When she asked the friend if she ever got discouraged with her circumstances, the lady replied, “Mrs. Martin, how can I be discouraged when my Heavenly Father watches over each little sparrow and I know He loves and cares for me?” It only took a few minutes for Civilla to turn that thought into the words of the well-known hymn, “His Eye Is On The Sparrow.” Later her husband sent it to his friend in England to compose the music.

After it was sung in the revival meetings of 1905, the song gained popularity and has blessed and encouraged the hearts of millions of people around the world.\*



This is one of my favourite gospel songs, and there was a moment when I visited Kenya that I was feeling a little homesick and I looked across at the roof next to where I was staying and a little sparrow flew and sat on a post.. Straight away these words came to me “His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;” I was comforted immediately. As you read the words and read the story behind them, may you be comforted in whatever you are going through with the knowledge that God is always watching over you.

[His Eye is On The Sparrow - YouTube](#)

This photo shows a Laundry on top of a building in Kayole, Kenya. I've circled the little sparrow.



*Matthew 10:31 NLT*

*So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.*

Praying God's blessing on you and your loved ones.

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