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LEAN ON GOD.

Do like a child, and lean and rest
 Upon thy Father's arm;
 Pour out thy troubles on His breast,
 And thou shalt know no harm;
 Then shalt thou by His hand be brought,
 By ways which now thou knowest not,
 Up through a well-fought fight,
 To heavenly peace and light.

—Paul Gerhardt.