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True Evangelical Faith *by Larry Nickel*



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True Evangelical Faith

Menno Simons 1496 -1561

Larry Nickel

♩ = 90

True e - van - gel - i - cal faith can - not lie sleep - ing; _____ it clothes the
 True e - van - gel - i - cal faith can - not lie sleep - ing; _____ for it clothes the
 na - ked, _____ it com - forts the sor - row it gives _____ to the hun - gry
 na - ked, _____ it com - forts _____ row - ful, _____ it gives _____ to the hun - gry
 food, _____ and it shel - ters the des - ti - tute. _____ It
 A -
 for _____ and it shel - ters the des - ti - tute. _____

Fine

In 1980 Larry was asked to sing at an M.C.C. fund-raiser. (The Mennonite Central Committee has long been involved with world relief.) Brother Gordon said, "Lar, there's a plaque hanging in thier office with a quote by Menno Simons. I think it's dying to be set to music." Larry sang True Evangelical Faith while strumming a guitar and set the a cappella harmonies 8 years later. The anthem has been translated into 12 different languages including Russian, Indonesian and Mandarin.

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cares for the blind and the lame _____ the wi-dow and or - phan child that's
 bun-dant - ly we have re - ceived _____ and grate-ful - ly we will re - spond with

It cares for the blind and the lame _____ the vi - dow and or - phan
 A - bun-dant - ly we have re - ceived _____ and grate-ful - ly we will re -

True e - van - gel - i - cal faith _____

true e - van - gel - i - cal faith. _____ It
 true e - van - gel - i - cal faith. _____ So

child
 spond

True e - van - gel - i - cal faith _____

true e - van - gel - i - cal

binds up the wound - ed man _____ it of - fers a gen - tle hand.
 o - ver - come e - vil with good _____ re - turn someone's ha - tred with love.

faith _____ binds up the wound - ed man _____ it of - fers a gen - tle
 o - ver - come e - vil with good _____ re - turn some-one's ha - tred with

D.C.

...st be - come ev - ery thing _____ to all men.* _____

hand, love be - come ev - ery - thing _____ to all men.* _____

*Menno Simons is referring to all of humankind.