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***Application***

*Jesus’ cry of abandonment teaches us that lament is a godly response to suffering!*

***Final question: What if I never get the answer to my ‘why God’ question?***

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I cannot choose the colors. He weaveth steadily.
Oft’ times He weaveth sorrow; And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper And I the underside.
Not ’til the loom is silent And the shuttles cease to fly
Will God unroll the canvas And reveal the reason* ***why****.
The dark threads are as needful In the weaver’s skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver In the pattern He has planned
He knows, He loves, He cares; Nothing this truth can dim.
He gives the very best to those Who leave the choice to Him.”*