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we need minor keys too

"giving thanks always for all things unto God." eph
5:20

no matter what the source of the evil, if you are in God and surrounded by Him as by an atmosphere, all evil has to pass through Him before it comes to you. therefore you can thank God for everything that comes, not for the sin of it, but for what God will bring out of it and through it. may God make our lives thanksgiving and perpetual praise, then He will make everything a blessing.

we once saw a man draw some black dots. we looked and could make nothing of them but an irregular assemblage of black dots. then he drew a few lines, put in a few rests, then a clef at the beginning, and we saw these black dots were musical notes. o sounding them we were singing -

praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise Him all creatures here below.

there are many black dots and black spots in our lives, and we cannot understand why they are there or why God permitted them to come. but if we let God come into our lives, and adjust the dots in the proper way, and draw the lines He wants, and separate this from that, and put in the rests at the proper places; out of the black dots and spots in our lives He will make a glorious harmony. let us not hinder Him in this

glorious work! – c.h.p.

would we know that the major chords were sweet,
if there were no minor key?
would the painter's work be fair to our eyes,
without shade on land or sea?

would we know the meaning of happiness,
would we feel that the day was bright,
if we'd never known what it was to grieve,
nor gazed on the dark of night?

many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their
tremendous difficulties. – c.h. spurgeon

when the musician presses the black keys on the great
organ, the music is as sweet as when he touches the
white ones, but to get the capacity of the instrument
he must touch them all.

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we are all instruments in God's hands and He is the
conductor of our lives. only when we all respond to
our cue, to His conducting, will a symphony ensue. we
may think the note we play is insignificant and will be
drowned out among the instruments that bellow forth
their sound, but nay - it is not so. only the
conductor knows how the symphony must be played from
beginning to the end.

none of us are insignificant in God's plan. He planned everything out before He ever began to "write" the music. He saw how each of us would fit uniquely into the orchestra, His masterpiece work. certainly we all may strike a wrong note from time to time, but with practice and His guidance, we will flow effortlessly into the music.

it is the music of life. He know us; knows us well. He would not give us an instrument to play if we were not able. "no temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." 1 cor 10:13 the only escape we seek is out of the devil's plan into the perfect will of God.