ETERNAL NOW, FOR ALWAYS: TIMELESS LOVE

John 6:16-21, Revelation 10:6

The sea had risen strongly with the wind.
Waves reaching high, landmarks lurching and vanishing.
Sails down, passage slow: laboured rowing all that was possible.
Heavy perspiration now uniting our efforts,
Fighting the elements, fighting latent fear with age-old fisherman courage.
Rowing together, rising and falling together,
Safety some way distant.
Sweat is blinked from the eyes.
There's someone on the sea!
Head shakes, checks again. There!
Gone. Did you see? There! Look!
Hallucination shared by all? It's Jesus! It can't be!
What's he standing on?
He's walking towards us!
Our oars crash together in our disbelief and fear. Ever nearer!
What's happening?!
"It is I: be not afraid."
Somehow he is suddenly by the side of the boat, and we urge him to get on board.
I am first to reach out my hand.
He takes it firmly, - no spirit then, - and he is on board! He didn't need to climb up.
Perplexed, I keep holding, feeling new strength,
Powerfully pleading with all my thoughts for understanding,
Searching his eyes,
Finding the embrace of Love for each one of us.
His knowledge of unquestioned infinite power
Mocking all material law.
And in that millisecond of communication,
In that recognition of his utter dominion,
Time became irrelevant. It was simply no more.

"and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went".

Scarce-believing, we looked at each other, the boat safe on the shore. How did we get here? How did Jesus get to us? Why weren't we tired from hours of rowing? What happened to the storm?
So many questions, but we were safe; safe the instant he stood on board.
And in that immediacy of timelessness, no further footsteps taken,
I found his hand still holding mine,
His eyes still reaching into mine, such a sense of oneness, completeness,
Giving me the thrill of this knowing:
Material laws cannot interpose between God and man. They must be nothing, for God's laws are everywhere.
The awesome realisation that there can be no exceptions: no exceptions!
His Christ power was God's All-power expressed in every aspect of life.
Health, supply, weather, gravity, and now time itself! What else was there!
But was this for real? We were still holding hands, but his thought held me even more securely, reading mine:
"Peter, there are no exceptions. God is the great I AM. Follow me and you will see."
I glanced round at my fellow fishermen, the sudden stillness of the Galilean Sea, the beauty of all about us.
Breath-taking recognition of what Jesus meant!
Eternity is the forever now of Life. God is the law of our being, and we are all under God's eternal laws.
Jesus knew this and was proving this truth to us, for all of us, to follow.
I felt his timeless love.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free…." Christ Jesus. John 8:32
"there should be time no longer." Revelation 10:9 there

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