

A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

By William M. Golden; Old-Time Gospel Quartet **DATE:** 1918 **CATEGORY:** American Hymn **RECORDED BY:** Bill Monroe; Country Gentlemen; Jimmy Martin; Wade Mainer and the Sons of the Mountaineers; Stanley Brothers; Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver. **OTHER NAMES:** Beautiful Life **NOTES:** The bass takes the lead for the first half of the chorus.

Each day I do a golden deed by help-ing those who are in need
 My life on Earth is but a span and so I'll do the best I can
 (Bass solo)
 Lifes even-ing sun is sink-ing low A few more days and I must go
 (All voices)
 to meet the deeds that I have done where there will be no set-ting sun.

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G C G
 Each day I do a golden deed
D G
 By helping those who are in need
C G
 My life on earth is but a span
D G
 And so I'll do the best I can

C
Chorus: Life's evening sun is sinking low
D
 A few more days and I must go
G C G
 To meet the deeds that I have done
D G
 Where there will be no setting sun

To be a child of God each day
 My light must shine along the way
 I'll sing His praise while ages roll
 And strive to help some troubled soul

While going down life's weary road
 I'll try to lift some traveler's load
 I'll try to turn the night to day
 Make flowers bloom along the way

The only life that will endure
 Is one that's kind and good and pure
 And so for God I'll take my stand
 Each day I'll lend a helping hand