

# A Doubter's Affirmation

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*This paraphrase of Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 reflects the love and care of the Almighty.*

Like an infant isolate by its incubator, I wail.  
But no one responds.  
Like a worker laid off after 30 years of loyal service,  
I roam the streets restlessly.  
But no one responds.  
Still, I will not give up hope;  
Even if you are not around, I remember you.

You did not give up when we let you down.  
You opened the mysteries of nature to provide for our needs.  
When we needed metal, you taught us to mine.  
When we needed irrigation, you supplied lakes and rivers.  
When we needed energy, you led us to oil.  
We took the credit;  
we told ourselves it was all our own doing.  
And we fouled your world with our wastes.  
But your winds still wipe the grime from our skies;  
your rains still renew our fields;  
your seas still sustain our climate.  
How then can I doubt you?

*(James Taylor from "Everyday Psalms")*