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Facing the Final Curtain – Genesis 47

Ecclesiastes 7:2 Better to spend your time at funerals than at parties. After all, everyone dies - so the living should take this to heart.

³ Sorrow is better than laughter, for sadness has a refining influence on us. (NLT)

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created (life) ...,
50:26 Joseph was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

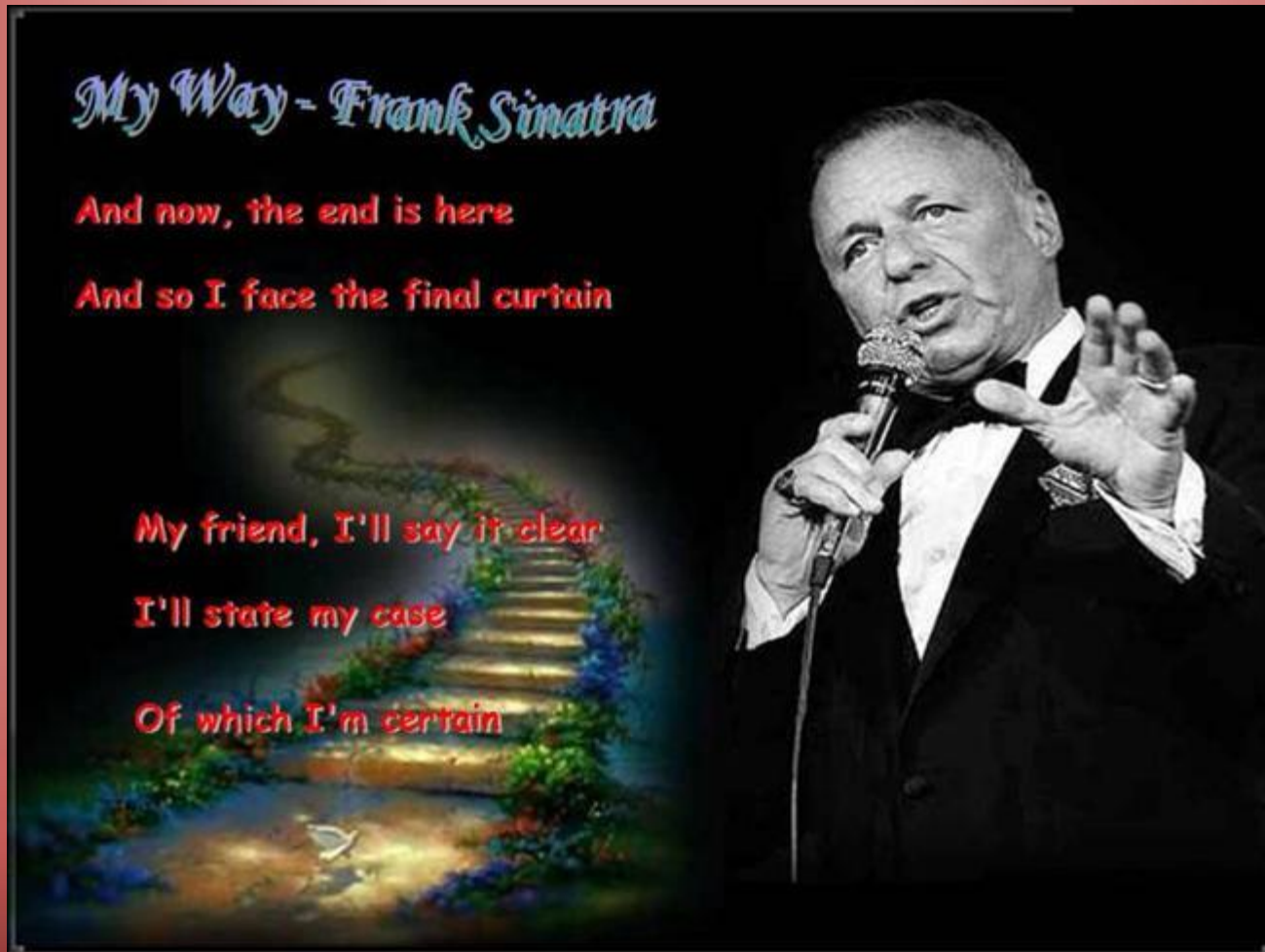
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Genesis 47:28 Jacob lived in Egypt seventeen years, and the years of his life were a hundred and forty-seven.²⁹ When the time drew near for Israel to die, he called for his son Joseph and said to him, “If I have found favor in your eyes, put your hand under my thigh and promise that you will show me kindness and faithfulness. Do not bury me in Egypt,³⁰ but when I rest with my fathers, carry me out of Egypt and bury me where they are buried.”

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“Tradition teaches us who we are and what God expects of us.”



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49:33 When Jacob had finished giving instructions to his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed, breathed his last and was gathered to his people.

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"If any righteous man among the Christians passes from this world, they rejoice and offer thanks to God, and they escort the body with songs and thanksgiving as if he were setting out from one place to another nearby." - Aristides, 125 A.D.

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"When a dear one dies, the unbeliever sees a cadaver, but the Christian sees a body asleep. The unbeliever says that the dead person has 'gone'. We agree, but we remember where he has gone. He has gone where the apostle Paul is, where Peter is, where the whole company of the saints are. We remember that he will rise, not with tears of dismay, but with splendor and glory." - John Chrysostom

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When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, And
time will be no more, And the morning breaks,
eternal, bright and fair;

When the saved of earth shall gather Over on
the other shore, And the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there!

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On that bright and cloudless morning
when the dead in Christ shall rise
and the glory of his resurrection share;
when his chosen ones shall gather to their
home beyond the skies
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

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Revelation 20:15 Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.