

SERENDIPITOUS JOURNEY

*Hymns  
of the  
Calling*

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*We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.  
(Romans 8:28)*



# THANKS

*Give Thanks to the LORD  
for Your salvation and love.*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

# PREAMBLE

**God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.**

**(James 4:6)** Pride blinds us to Jesus's humble and gentle heart, prevents us from learning the humility and meekness of Christ. The righteous and humble are a joy in the sight of the LORD.

***Serendipitous Journey*** is a graphic book series that seeks to identify the emotions and challenges of an individual's journey to self-discovery and redemption. *Serendipitous Journey* is an English and Chinese digital book series.

***Hymns of the Calling*** is the second book of the ***Serendipitous Journey series***. The end of man is often the beginning of God. Can the protagonist break through the darkness and find renewal through the call of the Shepherd's love?

# ABOUT

Pasha Chen is a Christian artist and author. After personally experiencing God's grace, she used stories with illustrations to testify to God's beauty and grace. During the past 20 years of her professional career, Pasha has worked as an educational animation designer; an illustrator of books and teaching materials; a graphic, advertisement and web designer; a learning course designer; and a multimedia/motion graphic designer. She used to focus on artistry and creativity in her work, but under the harsh reality of a worldly career, she began compromising her ideals. The mindless rapid productivity became a bottomless abyss that consumed her creativity. Thank the Lord that the end of man is often the beginning of God. After Pasha personally experienced God's unforgettable love, her self-awakening and repentance allowed her to grasp what true '**Glory**' is. She realized that Love is the mobilizing force giving her joy of the Lord in her creative process.

*"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness." (Genesis 1:3-4).* Jesus Christ is this light, and He will lead everyone who believes in Him into the eternal kingdom of God. Blessings be with you and may the peace of the Lord rest upon you.

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Do you submit to Him?

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Do you fear Him?

Do you love Him?

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CALLING

Like a lost sheep in a dream, aimlessly wandering, seeking Him...I will recognize His calling. He called out:

*“I am the good shepherd;  
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...  
I am the good shepherd;  
I know my sheep and my sheep know me.”  
(John 10:14)*



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Do not forget this on thing...

*“With the Lord a day is like a thousand years,  
and a thousand years are like a day.”*

*(2 Peter 3:8)*

My ears have heard of Him... but now I desire to live in His  
unfailing love forever.

*“...who is, and who was, and who is to come, the  
Almighty.”*

*(Revelation 1:8)*



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# THE SHEPHERD

I met the Shepherd in my dream again last night. That chanced meeting hauntingly draws me back to that timeless place, where our conversation seemed abstract yet soothing and provided my heart with peace and warmth.

His benign face seems so close... yet the memories of him is fading like prints in the sand... slowly eroded by the tides; seeing yet unable to retain, mysterious in nature. But, his hymns will forever resonate within my soul.



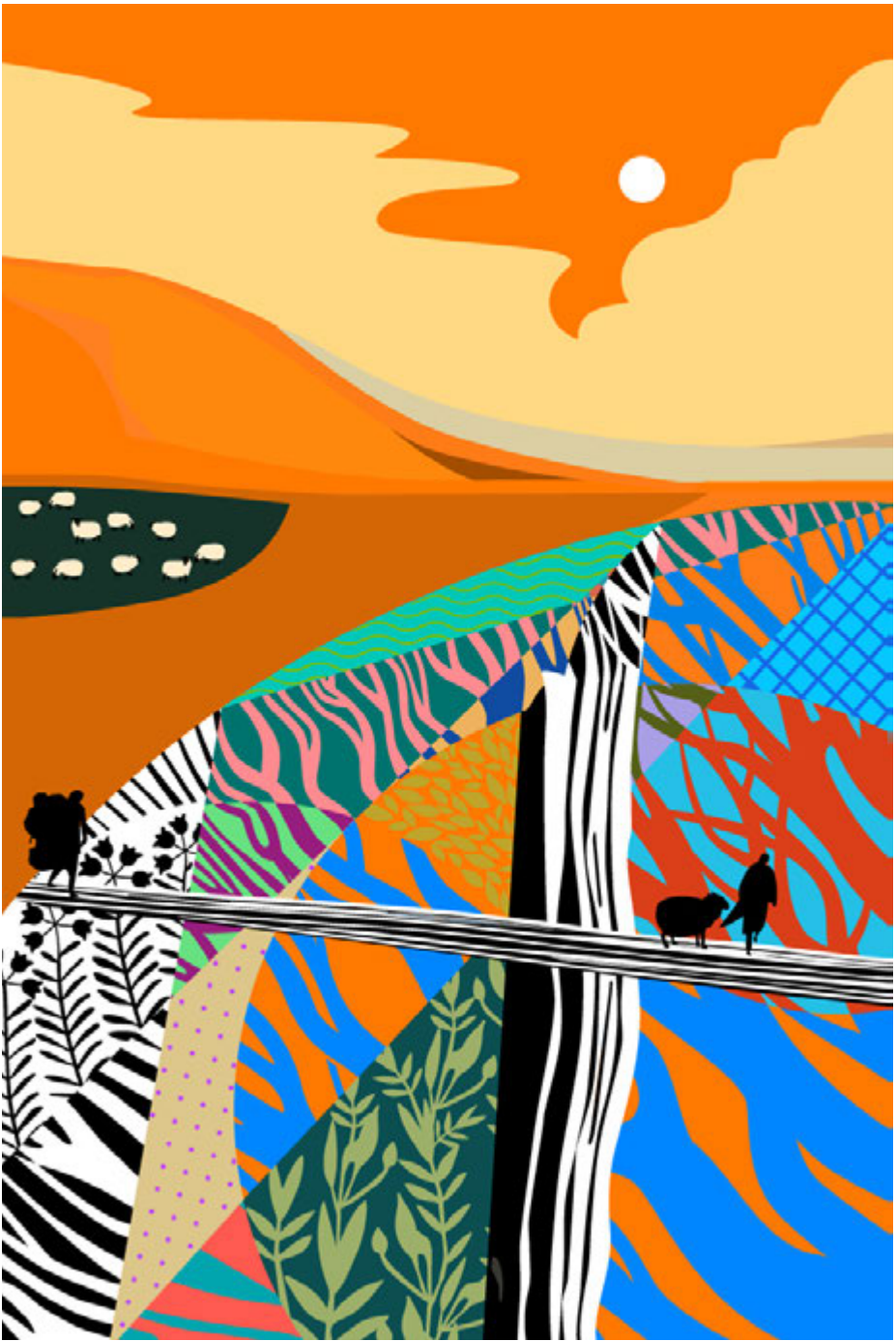
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## LOST SHEEP

I still remember how lost and hungry I was in my search for the Elusive Cup. I was at the end of my rope and could not save myself, let alone the lost sheep I found. If not for the Shepherd, we would have perished. I recall the lost little sheep excitedly jumping into the Shepherd's embrace as we saw him.

The Shepherd's kind and caring smile evaporated all my despair in an instant. It was like seeing an old friend when I needed comfort; or the feeling of elation as I clung to a lifesaving driftwood in the vast ocean; or grasping onto the offered rope in the darkness.

The Shepherd led us towards the mountain top. I recall his nods of encouragement as I followed him and his herd to their sanctuary. Exhausted, I decided to leave behind my excessive baggage so I can keep up with him as he led me steadfastly towards the peak. I figured I could always come back for my belongings later.





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# SELF- AWARENESS

As I slowly regained self-awareness, I found myself lying on a patch of green grass. I was surrounded by a sense of peacefulness; sheep grazing contently around me, the salivating aroma from an open fire, and music... hauntingly beautiful hymns sang by the Shepherd next to me.

He smiled at me and said, “You are finally awake.” He nodded towards the loaves of bread and fishes cooking on the pit. In sheepish gratefulness I partook the meal and ate until I could eat no more.



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# THE HYMNS

Having recovered my strength, I raised my head and noticed the darkness in the sky pierced by sparkling stars. As night fell, I was finally able to hear the words of the hymns. I moved closer to him so I may better grasp the stories within. This is what was sung...



# See

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*Do you see Him?*

*When you see the laver half full,*

*Your life is no longer of in consequence.*

*Rid your past and welcome the rainbow,*

*For new hope and life are readily promised.*



# *Hear*

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*Do you hear Him?*

*Hear the praises of the psalms;*

*His miracles and wonders extolled.*

*Renew your soul through the Holy Spirit;*

*For pure and sincere words He will know.*





# *Feel*

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*Do you feel Him?*

*He is near even when you're not seeking;*

*He lends you strength to persevere.*

*Spread your wings and soar like an eagle;*

*Sprint like a deer with unmatched regal.*



# *Smell*

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*Do you smell Him?*

*In the east His garden stand;*

*Flora scents permeates;*

*Sweet knowledge emanates;*

*Blessed are you from His scent.*



# *Taste*

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*Do you taste Him?*

*Have you sampled the sweetness of honey and dew?*

*Do you savour the Holy Spirit's fruit?*

*May your tongue be filled with heavenly wisdom,*

*From which the river of healing flows.*



# *Remember*

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*Do you remember Him?*

*He is the light that illuminates;*

*Heavens and stars He decorates.*

*His love and compassion knows no bounds;*

*All hail the Lord when He is found.*





# *Trust*

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*Do you trust Him?*

*Never fear darkness and shadows;*

*Dodge all evil piercing arrows;*

*Seek His wisdom to give you strength,*

*Direct your path narrow and straight.*



# *Dependence*

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*Do you depend on Him?*

*When heavens shakes and stars fall;*

*Keep your faith and your resolve;*

*Refuge you'll find under His wings;*

*Victory you'll gain under His lead.*



# *Surrender*

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*Do you submit to Him?*

*Some lean on their own understanding,*

*Some declare Him the King of kings.*

*Foolish are those who seek His throne,*

*Wise are those who embrace His yoke.*



# *Follow*

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*Will you follow Him?*

*See that wild and prideful stallion;*

*Aimlessly racing towards everywhere and nowhere.*

*Patience as a virtue are required of you;*

*Steadfast faith leads to salvation.*





# *Fear*

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*Do you fear Him?*

*See that dove with the olive leaf,*

*Symbols of His covenant of peace.*

*Worry not the ways of the wicked,*

*Tis His judgment you aught to fear.*



# *Love*

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*Do you love Him?*

*By His breath we are vessels;*

*By His hands we are composed;*

*By His blood we have new life;*

*By His holy name we extol salvation.*



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# THE RIVER OF FORGIVENESS

I was curious about the ‘Him’ the shepherd had mentioned in his hymns. I wanted to know ‘Him’, and desired to be with ‘Him’. The Shepherd wanted me to remember these hymns, and surprisingly they became an indispensable part of my journey, providing peace and happiness.

The sheep and I were lay quietly amidst the serene sounds of the Shepherd’s music. Looking at the stars in the sky the Shepherd said, “Even though my sheep are numerous, I can always identify each and everyone of them, and they also recognize my voice. The name of the lost little lamb you found is called “LETTING GO”.

A few days later, the Shepherd gave me a sheep’s keychain as a souvenir. Upon opening it, he showed me some seeds hidden within and asked me to plant them when I think the time is right.



# ILLUMINATION

After a while, I came to the realization that our serendipitous encounter was not happenstance but fortuitous for I did not find the lost little sheep by chance, but rather it had found me. For the lost was found and a covenant was made with warmth and love. I felt fortunate to be able to lean on him when I was lost. I never looked back nor retrieved my baggage, instead I followed the Shepherd's advice and decided not to pursue the Elusive Cup anymore.

Perhaps this is life, making tough choices in the face of reality, and often embarking on the path of no return chasing after the Elusive Cup in order to satisfy our desires.

I often muse about the Shepherd's seeds and how I should plant them? What they would look like when grown? Strong and healthy? Providing shelter for those in need from the wind and rain? Could the fruits nourish and comfort the exhausted soul and body? Although it is only my hopes and expectations, my heart is filled with confidence and joy. I am thankful that the Shepherd allowed me to know 'Him'. This bolstered my determination to move towards a life with 'Him' in my heart.







*Glory and surrender to the LORD.*

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.*

*Keep your Faith, Hope and Love in your heart and you  
will bear much fruit.*

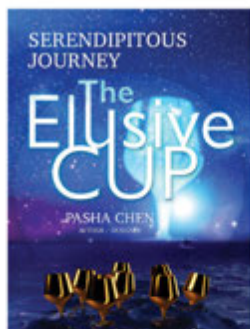
*Trust the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your  
own understanding, He will direct your path straight.*

*Remember His Great Commission, to spread His Words to  
the end of the earth.*

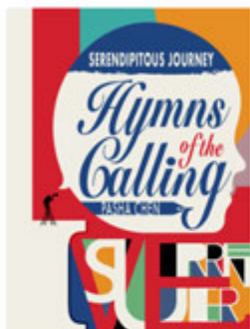
*Guard your heart with your whole strength, for everything  
you do flows from it.*

*Praise the LORD forever.*

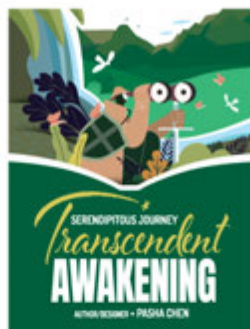
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*The traveler sent his best regards  
to everyone he met through  
the heavenly clouds.*



For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14)

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