



*In love is our rest*

Ruth 2-3

*strong female lead:  
led by God*

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Paul McCartney with "Wings"



You'd think that people  
would have had enough of  
silly love songs

I look around me and I see  
it isn't so. . . .

“Silly love songs,” (1976)





Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

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... and *she happened* to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.

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“Naomi urging Ruth to depart,”  
engraving by Jules Gabriel Levasseur,  
after a painting by Ary Scheffer (1795-1856)







Landscape with Ruth and Boaz,  
Joseph Anton Koch, (c. 1823)

Why have I found favor  
in your eyes, that you  
should take notice of  
me, since I am a  
foreigner?

2:10



Landscape with Ruth and Boaz,  
Joseph Anton Koch, (c. 1823)

The LORD repay you  
for what you have  
done, and a full reward  
be given you by the  
LORD, the God of  
Israel, *under whose  
wings you have come to  
take refuge!*

2:12





May he be blessed by the LORD,  
whose kindness has not forsaken the  
living or the dead!” Naomi also said  
to her, “The man is a close relative of  
ours, one of our redeemers.”

2:14

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My daughter, should I not seek rest  
for you, that it may be well with you?

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I am Ruth, your servant. *Spread your wings* over your servant, for you are a redeemer.”

3:9

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David Foster Wallace (d. 2008)

[Kindness is when] you've treated people with extraordinary decency and love, and pure uninterested concern, just because they were valuable as human beings. . . the way we would treat a really good, precious friend. . . .The ability to do that with ourselves. . . I think part of the job we're here for is to learn how to do it.





Eleanor Roosevelt

Up to a point it is good for us to know that there are people in the world who will give us love and unquestioned loyalty. I doubt, however, if it is good for us to feel assured of this devotion without the accompanying obligation of having to justify this devotion by our behavior.

