

Start in Genesis

The Story of the Bible Told Through Great Hymns

This is My Father's World – text Maltbie Davenport Babcock, pastor from Syracuse, NY – music (TERRA BEATA) Franklin Sheppard from Philadelphia

stanza 1 – Psalm 19, stanza 2 – Psalm 50-10-11, stanza 3 – 2 Peter 3:13

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – text Walter C. Smith – ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional tune

stanza 1 – 1Timothy 1:17, stanza 2- Psalm 57:10, stanza 3 – Genesis 1:26-28, stanza 4 -Psalm 1:3, stanza 5 – Psalm 57:10

Go Down Moses – American spiritual

all stanzas, Exodus 7 – stanzas 3 and 4, Exodus 14, stanza 5, Exodus 15:2 (song of Moses), Psalm 136:10-16

There is a Balm in Gilead – American Spiritual

all stanzas refer to Jeremiah 8:22, Jeremiah 46:11, Lamentations 5:21, John 10:11, Psalm 55:22

O God, Our Help in Ages Past – text Isaac Watts, music (ST. ANNE) possibly William Croft

The entire text is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, “a prayer of Moses, the man of God”

Come Thou, Almighty King – text and tune (ITALIAN HYMN) are anonymous

stanza 1- God the Father, stanza 2 – God the Son, stanza 3, God the Holy Spirit, stanza 4, the Trinity, Psalm 19:1-2

Come Thou Fount – text Robert Robinson (most likely) – music NETTLETON, anonymous

stanza 1 John 7:37-39, stanza 2 Matthew 18:12, stanza 3 Romans 8:12-14 and Psalm 119:10

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel) – text and tune from a 16th c. requiem mass

"Emmanuel" (Isaiah 7:14, Mt 1:23), "Adonai" (Exodus 19:16) is a name for God, the giver of the law (wisdom), "Branch of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1) refers to Jesus' lineage, "Key of David" (Isaiah 22:22) again refers to Jesus' lineage, "Oriens" (Malachi 4:2, Luke 1:78-79) is the morning star or daystar, also Psalm 74

Silent Night – text Joseph Mohr – music Franz Gruber

based on Luke 2:1-20, Psalm 46:10

Jesus Loves Me – text Anna Bartlett Warner – tune William Bradbury

stanza 1 – Ephesian 5:2 and Jeremiah 31:3, stanza 2 - Galatians 2:20, stanza 3 Matthew 18:2, Luke 18:15-17 and Mark 10:15

O Sacred Head – text Bernard of Clairvaux, translator James W. Alexander – music Leo Hassler

stanza 1 – Matthew 27:29, John 19:2-3, Isaiah 53:2-5, stanza 2 – Romans 5:6-11, stanza 3 – 1 Timothy 1:15

Christ the Lord is Risen Today – text Charles Wesley, tune EASTER HYMN (anonymous)

stanza 1 – Matthew 28:1-10, stanza 2 – Acts 2:24, stanza 3 – Hosea 13:14, stanza 4 – Philippians 3:10-11, stanza 5 – Philippians 2:10, also Psalm 8:1, Psalm 22:31, Psalm 118:24, Psalm 150

I Know Whom I Have Believed – text D.W. Whittle – music EL NATHAN, Mc Granaham

2 Timothy 1:12 (chorus), 1 Timothy 1, Jude 1:24

Promises - Barbara Ann Fackler

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

paraphrase of Psalm 90

text: Isaac Watts 1708

The hymn was originally part of The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament, published by Watts in 1719. In this book he paraphrased in Christian [verse](#) the entire [psalter](#) with the exception of twelve Psalms which he felt were unsuited for Christian usage.

Tune: William Croft 1708

PSALM 90

A prayer of Moses, the man of God.

- 1 Lord, through all the generations
you have been our home!
 - 2 Before the mountains were born,
before you gave birth to the earth and the world,
from beginning to end, you are God.
 - 3 You turn people back to dust, saying,
“Return to dust, you mortals!”
 - 4 For you, a thousand years are as a passing day,
as brief as a few night hours.
 - 5 You sweep people away like dreams that disappear.
They are like grass that springs up in the morning.
 - 6 In the morning it blooms and flourishes,
but by evening it is dry and withered.
 - 7 We wither beneath your anger;
we are overwhelmed by your fury.
 - 8 You spread out our sins before you—
our secret sins—and you see them all.
 - 9 We live our lives beneath your wrath,
ending our years with a groan.
- Seventy years are given to us!
Some even live to eighty.
But even the best years are filled with pain and
trouble;
soon they disappear, and we fly away.
- 11 Who can comprehend the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as awesome as the fear you deserve.
 - 12 Teach us to realize the brevity of life,
so that we may grow in wisdom.

13 O Lord, come back to us!

How long will you delay?

Take pity on your servants!

14 Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love,
so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives.

15 Give us gladness in proportion to our former
misery!

Replace the evil years with good.

16 Let us, your servants, see you work again;
let our children see your glory.

17 And may the Lord our God show us his approval
and make our efforts successful.

Yes, make our efforts successful!

WATTS' TEXT

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;
- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.