

Well-known Hymns

Christian Hymnals are packed with hymns that contain stanzas in which God's creation gives praise to God, or points to the creative power of God, inspires the worshipper with awe, or brings analogy to bear upon the work of God with humanity.

We welcome contributions to this page as a resource to emphasize the importance of God's creation. How can one sing with gusto "How Great Thou Art" or "Fairest Lord Jesus" while beholding the ruins that is a Mountain Top Removal site? How can we pollute the air and sully the streams then sing the refrain "and heaven and nature sing" in the Christmas song "Joy to the World"?

Below are a few hymn stanzas to start off with. There are at least hundreds of hymns that incorporate creation in its worship to God:

How Great Thou Art (Stuart K. Hine)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder

Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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Second Stanza

When through the woods and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,

And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Music from Beethoven's 9th Symphony, Text by Henry van Dyke)

Second Stanza

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect
Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing
sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.*

The Doxology (Music from *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; Text by Thomas Ken)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Music by William Runyon; Text
Thomas Chisholm)

Second Stanza

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

This Is My Father's World (Music by Franklin Sheppard; Text by
Malthie Babcock)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears

All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise,

The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair;

In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God (Isaac Watts)

I sing the mighty power of God, That made the mountains rise;

That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;

The moon shines full at His command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;

He formed the creatures with His word, And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Wherever I turn my eye;

If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, But makes Thy glories known;

And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from the throne.

While all that borrows life from Thee Is ever in Thy care,

And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Morning Has Broken (Traditional Gaelic melody, Text by Eleanor Farjeon)

(Note that all other verses have the theme of creation as aide to praise)

Morning has broken Like the first morning,

Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them springing Fresh from the Word!

All Creatures Of Our God And King (Francis of Assisi)

(Note that all five verses have specific reference to creation as aide to praise)

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Fairest Lord Jesus (Ancient hymn)

Second Stanza

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Third Stanza

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,

And all the twinkling starry host;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Joy To The World (Music by G. Handel; Text Isaac Watts)

Second Stanza

Joy to the Earth! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Holy, Holy, Holy! (Music by J. Dykes, Text by R. Heber)

Fourth Stanza

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

For The Beauty Of The Earth (Music by C. Kocher; Text by F. Pierpoint)

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies;

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.