

# **Magnificent Love**

**Readings, prayers, and hymns**

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***Lord, You Are Love***

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# Magnificent Love

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*I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
Therefore I have drawn you out with kindness.* (Jeremiah 31:3, NASB)

*Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.* (Psalm 63:3, NIV)

~

Thank You, Father, for  
the joy of living in  
the largeness of  
all You are!  
I breathe in the  
wide-open spaces of  
Your greatness and  
love!

## God's Burning Love

*God is love* (1 John 4:8).

He is deep,  
complete,  
changeless love.

All He does,  
all He says,  
all He is  
is love.

His love –  
deeply desiring the very best for all He has made –  
His power –  
creating, supporting, and ruling all He has made – and  
His wisdom –  
completely knowing all He has made –  
are infinite and  
inseparable.

His love reaches everywhere  
His power and His knowing go.

He completely knows and  
completely loves  
all He has made.

His infinite power,  
infinite wisdom, and  
infinite love  
are simply different aspects of  
His all-ness.

There is no indifference in His love –  
never,  
to not even the slightest degree.

No coolness.  
No distance.  
No half-heartedness.  
No distraction.  
No unthinking routine.

His love is a fire  
that blazes eternally,  
white-hot.

But His love never forces itself on any of us.

He whispers.  
He woos.  
And yes, He sometimes shouts.  
But then He always waits.  
He never enters without an invitation.  
He watches for even the smallest, weakest response, then  
patiently,  
unhurriedly,  
tenderly,  
wisely  
fans it into flame,  
as His creature allows.

Father, I love You!  
Help me to love You and  
know You  
more and  
more.

~

Do you regret some chapters in  
the story of your life?  
Realize that the ending is not yet written.  
The ending could change  
a tragedy about you to  
a love story about Him.  
Remember,  
you are not the lead character.  
He is.

~

Hymn recording: [Your Ceaseless, Unexhausted Love](#)

# Your Ceaseless, Unexhausted Love

TUNE: Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone? (MAITLAND)

G G sus G Am C

1. Your cease - less, un - ex -haust - ed love, Un -  
 2. Right now Your good - ness waits to bless. You  
 3. Your mer - cy is a might - y sea, A  
 4. Come, bound - less God, and bathe our hearts, Our

G/B D G/B G D G D<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> G

mer - it - ed and free, De - lights to heal our  
 long and love and seek To pour Your - self un -  
 broad and bound - less store, E - nough for all, e -  
 ear - ly love re - new Till all we see and

Am C G/B G G/D D<sup>7</sup> G

sin - ful hearts And help our mis - er - y.  
 meas - ured down On us, the poor and weak.  
 nough for each, E - nough for ev - er - more.  
 all we seek Be ev - er, on - ly You.

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## Creator

*You created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
your works are wonderful.  
(Psalm 139:13-14, NIV)*

Creator,  
Father,  
I am Yours—  
life, breath, mind, energy,  
spirit and body, past and future,  
I am entirely Yours.  
Conceived by Your love,  
knit together by Your infinite wisdom,  
born and cradled by Your power,  
I am the child of Your very being,  
O Lord of all.

You love me.  
Father God,  
before the mountains could witness it,  
You invested yourself in me.  
You devoted yourself to my needs.  
Driven by love, You held nothing back—  
now, then, always.  
I don't understand it, but  
everything around me says it is so—  
the air, my food and water, every pattern and color,  
every conversation with a friend.  
Reminders flood my senses from birth through death.

Creator,  
Father,  
Your glory invites me to come and know You,  
and prodded by my needs, my failures and anxieties,  
I look up to You.  
I hunger for You.  
Father, fulfill in me that unhindered relationship  
that Your love has always craved,  
that Your wisdom would patiently teach,  
that Your power can provide.

Draw my life energies into yourself,  
the Source and Goal of all I am.  
Enable me to become all I can become,  
to grow, to learn, to discover and aspire,  
but all *in You* and *unto You*.

Creator,  
Father,  
nurture that trust within me.  
Nurture that love.

~

True wealth is not possessing, but  
being possessed by Almighty God.

~

Hymn recording: [Fear Not, You Are Mine](#)


# Fear Not, You Are Mine

Isaiah 43:1-7

♩ = 72


Unison

$\frac{E}{G}$   $G^7$   $C$   $\frac{G^7}{D}$   $\frac{Cadd^9}{E}$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $F$   $\frac{C}{G}$   $G^{13}$   $G^7$   $C^{sus}$   $C$



1. "In your weak - ness and small - ness, Your strug - gle and fail - ure,  
2. "Thro' the fire, thro' deep wa - ters, Dear child, I am with you.  
3. "I will gath - er My chil - dren, My fam - 'y to - geth - er,

$\frac{E}{G}$   $G^7$   $C$   $\frac{Em^7}{B}$   $\frac{E}{A}$   $\frac{Cadd^9}{G}$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $Dm^7$   $\frac{C}{G}$   $G^{13}$   $G^7$   $C$   $\frac{C^{sus}}{D}$



Tho' you feel so un - wor - thy, Fear not, you are Mine.  
I will bless and pro - tect you. Fear not, you are Mine.  
One com - plete - ly, for - ev - er With all who are Mine!


## Refrain

$\frac{C}{E}$   $F$   $\frac{E}{A}$   $C$   $E^{7sus}Em^7$   $F$   $\frac{E}{A}$   $\frac{G^7}{B}$   $C$



Your Cre - a - tor, your Sav - ior, I love you, I bought you.

$\frac{C}{E}$   $F$   $\frac{E}{G}$   $\frac{E}{A}$   $\frac{E}{B}$   $C$   $F$   $\frac{C}{G}$   $G^7$   $C$



You are pre - cious and treas - ured! Fear not, you are Mine!"

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## Infinite Love

*What is man that you are mindful of him,  
the son of man that you care for him? (Psalm 8:4, NIV)*

The Creator of this vast universe deeply, personally loves us tiny, troublesome human beings. How can that make sense?

Look at the universe and see God's power. It reaches to the farthest corners of physical reality and to every microscopic detail. His power reaches to infinity in both directions, to galaxies and to water-drop worlds. Some are too vast and some too tiny for us to trace with our senses. But everything is created and controlled by His will.

His wisdom and knowledge reach everywhere His power goes. We marvel that He can know everything all the time. But is it so unbelievable that the One able to create all this can also stay in constant contact with it, that He can always know it completely?

What's more, His love is as deep, rich, creative, and complete as His power and knowledge. He not only created all that is and knows all that is, but He cares for it all, constantly and completely. Like His power and understanding, His love enfolds all He has made.

His love enfolds each of us, every moment and forever. His love is enabled by infinite ability and is guided by infinite wisdom. His love for you is unlimited and unfailing. You can trust Him. You can trust Him with every concern, no matter how far-flung or how trivial, for in every detail His love knows and controls and cares.

~

Father, as I look back,  
I realize that as I simply trust You,  
You bring a consistency to my life that is  
totally beyond me.  
I stumble through life.  
My response to You is on and off,  
lukewarm,  
self-centered,  
easily distracted.  
It is so far less than the truth demands.  
But You are always with me,  
always guiding,  
always enabling,

always blessing.  
Thank You, merciful and patient Father!

~

Hymn recording: [My Loving Father](#)

# My Loving Father

Job 26:14; Psalm 19:1-4; 139; Isaiah 40:12-31; Matthew 6:9-10

♩ = 80

$\text{Dm} \text{A}^7_{\text{sus}}$   $\text{Dm}$   $\text{A}^7_{\text{E}}$   $\text{Dm}$   $\text{Dm}$   $\text{Gm}$   $\text{Bb}$   $\text{BbM}^7$   $\text{Bb}^6$   $\text{Gm}^7$   $\text{Gm}^9$   $\text{A}^7$   $\text{A}^7_{\text{F\sharp}}$

1. Be - yond where eyes and thoughts can reach, You are there, my  
 2. This world of won - der sings of You Here and now, my  
 3. The life of Je - sus sings of You, O my lov - ing

$\text{Dm}$   $\text{A}^7_{\text{F\sharp}}$   $\text{A}^7$   $\text{Dm}$   $\text{A}^7_{\text{E}}$   $\text{Dm}$   $\text{Dm}$   $\text{Dm}$   $\text{Gm}$   $\text{Bb}$   $\text{Bb}$   $\text{A}$   $\text{Gm}$

Fa - ther. Where truth tran - scends all hu - man speech,  
 Fa - ther. You share Your - self through all You do  
 Fa - ther! His Spir - it proves each prom - ise true,

$\text{Bb}$   $\text{BbM}^7$   $\text{A}^7$   $\text{A}^7_{\text{F\sharp}}$   $\text{Dm}$   $\text{Am}$   $\text{C}^7$   $\text{F}$   $\text{F}^{\text{sus}}$   $\text{G}$   $\text{F}$   $\text{A}$   $\text{F}$

You are there, my Fa - ther. We strive to learn and  
 Here and now, my Fa - ther. You o - ver - flow all  
 O my lov - ing Fa - ther! I touch Your face in

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MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp* and Ken Bible

ANTIOCH 2  
C.M.D.

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$Gm$   
 $Bb$ 
 $Gm^7$   
 $Bb$ 
 $A^7sus$ 
 $A^7$ 
 $Dm$ 
 $Dsus$ 
 $A^m$   
 $C$ 
 $Bb$ 
 $Bb$   
 $A$ 
 $Gm^7$ 
 $Am^7$

bold - ly climb, Yearn - ing to dis - cov - er, But  
 we can see, Vast be - yond all meas - ure, But  
 sim - ple prayer, You, my joy, my treas - ure! I

$Dm$ 
 $A^7sus$   
 $E$ 
 $Dm$   
 $F$ 
 $Dm$ 
 $Dm$   
 $A$ 
 $F$ 
 $Gm$ 
 $Gm$   
 $E$ 
 $Asus$ 
 $A$ 
 $Bb$ 
 $Gm$   
 $Bb$ 
 $Asus$ 
 $Gsus$   
 $A$ 
 $Gm^6$   
 $D$ 
 $Dm$

far a - bove all space and time, You are there, my Fa - ther.  
 face - to - face You come to me Here and now, my Fa - ther.  
 sing with ev - 'ry breath we share, "O my lov - ing Fa - ther!"

*rit.*

# The Joy of Your Presence

*Inspired by Psalm 84*

O Father, how I love being in Your presence!  
When I realize that I am with You,  
all I am sings for joy,  
    body,  
    mind, and  
    spirit.

You are infinitely above me  
    in excellence,  
    in power, and  
    in holiness.  
Yet when I am with You, I sense that  
    this is where I belong.  
I know a freedom,  
    a rightness,  
    a rest in You.

This life is not easy, Father.  
The needs never end.  
There is weariness,  
    darkness, and  
    deep sorrow.  
But when I realize that all of life is a journey to You,  
    everything changes!  
Weariness turns to praise.  
Darkness shines with Your unfailing goodness.  
Sorrow is matched with an inexpressible joy.  
Your presence lights my pathway every day.  
But what is more,  
    You Yourself are the heaven toward which I travel.

O Father, absorb my  
    every thought and  
    every desire.  
You are my joy,  
    now and forever!



O Father, my heart sings for  
joy in You,  
my King,  
my Shepherd,  
my God!  
You are  
all my strength and  
the light of my life.  
You turn my troubles into  
blessings.  
You give me what I need  
every single day, and  
You are bringing me  
certainly,  
securely  
to Yourself.  
I choose You over  
any other good,  
You who withhold no good from Your children.  
I love YOU and  
trust YOU!

~

Hymn recording: [Psalm 84](#)

# Psalm 84

♩ = 84

$\frac{G}{A}$   $\frac{E_m}{A}$  D F#m F#sus F#m GM<sup>7</sup> G A<sup>7</sup> D  $\frac{D}{A}$  G G<sup>6</sup>  
 Unison

1. All my love and my long-ing, Ev - 'ry hope I pur - sue, All my  
 2. Tho' I'm small here be - fore You, This is where I be - long. Ev - 'ry  
 3. Thro' the miles and the sor - rows, I am nev - er a - lone, For Your  
 4. You are Shep - herd and Sav - ior, Might - y Mak - er, my friend. You are

$\frac{D}{A}$   $\frac{A^7_{sus}}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Bm Bm<sup>7</sup> G  $\frac{D}{A}$  A<sup>7</sup> D  $\frac{D}{F\#}$

hun - g'ring and thirst - ing Now are reach - ing to You. O  
 day is a won - der, Ev - 'ry breath is a song. O  
 face is my heav - en, And Your heart is my home. O  
 with and with - in me Yet for - ev - er tran - scend. O

G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Bm G Em<sup>7</sup> D  $\frac{D}{A}$   $\frac{F\#}{A\#}$   $\frac{F\#^7}{A\#}$

Fa - ther, my Fa - ther, You are feared, yet a - dored. How I  
 Fa - ther, my Fa - ther, You are free - dom and rest. What a  
 Fa - ther, my Fa - ther, You are walk - ing me through. What a  
 Fa - ther, my Fa - ther, Ev - er good, ev - er true, I am

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MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

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B m      G       $\frac{D}{A}$        $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$       G       $\frac{D}{A}$       A<sup>7</sup>      D       $\frac{D}{A}$       D

wor - ship and praise You, My Cre - a - tor, my Lord!  
 peace in Your pres - ence! I am rich! I am blessed!  
 joy is this jour - ney, For I'm com - ing to You!  
 full in Your full - ness, All suf - fi - cient in You.

## I Am His Child

*Just as a father has compassion on his children,  
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.  
For He Himself knows our frame;  
He is mindful that we are but dust.*  
(Psalm 103:13-14, NASB)

God loves us as a parent loves a newborn child.  
An infant doesn't have to earn the parents' affection.  
A baby is loved because of relationship, not because of merit.

Read the beautiful picture painted in Psalm 103.  
The Father understands us far better than we understand ourselves.  
He never expects us to live like something we're not.  
We don't need to pretend with Him.

Instead, He takes the initiative to transform us  
into more than we can be on our own.  
He wants to make us truly His children.  
He wants to make us like our Father in every way.

All He asks is that we respond to Him in trust, step-by-step.

~

Like Your Son, Father,  
may my thoughts flow  
from You and  
to You.  
Keep me hungry for  
Your glory,  
not mine.

~

Hymn recording: [I Quiet Myself in Your Love](#)

# I Quiet Myself in Your Love

*Zephaniah 3:17*

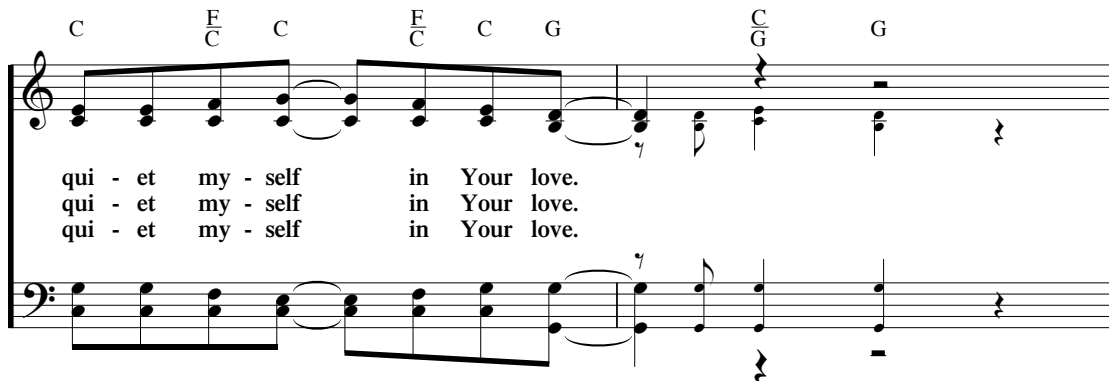
Brightly ♩ = 100

C F/C C



1. I am Your child, And You are my Fa - ther. I  
2. When I'm in pain, You feel what I'm feel - ing. I  
3. You are my hope, My glo - ry and treas - ure. I

C F/C C F/C C G C/G G



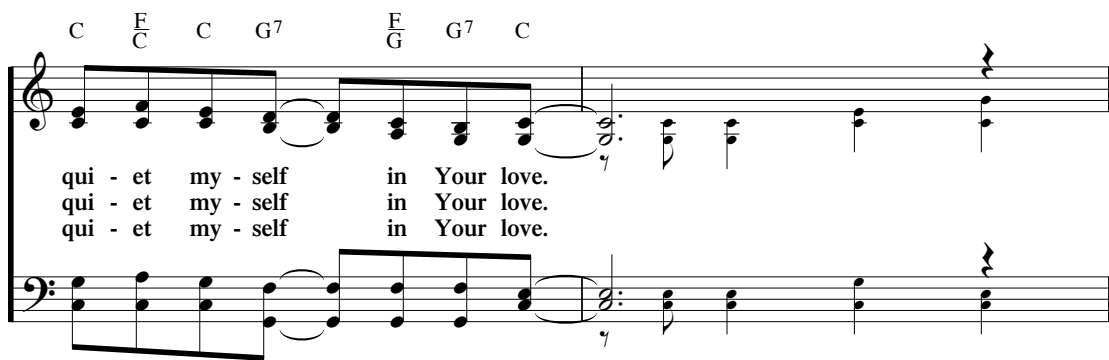
qui - et my - self in Your love.  
qui - et my - self in Your love.  
qui - et my - self in Your love.

C F/C C



You are the Lord A - bove ev - 'ry oth - er. I  
When I am weak, You're pow - er and heal - ing. I  
Praise to You, God! I'll sing it for - ev - er! I

C F/C C G7 F/G G7 C



qui - et my - self in Your love.  
qui - et my - self in Your love.  
qui - et my - self in Your love.

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Refrain

C G

You are the great - est, and I am the least.

F F/A C C/E

You are the joy that will nev - er cease.

Dm Dm G C G Am C<sup>9</sup>/<sub>G</sub>

Here in Your pres - ence is per - fect peace, And I

FM<sup>7</sup> F FM<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> F/G G<sup>7</sup> C E/C C

qui - et my - self in Your love.

## Today in Your Care

*Thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob,  
And He who formed you, O Israel,  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are Mine!  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
And through the rivers, they will not overflow you.  
When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched,  
Nor will the flame burn you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.” (Isaiah 43:1-3, NASB)*

Sovereign God,  
You dwell in eternity,  
    unmoved by time.  
Your promises,  
Your purposes,  
Your burning love are  
    always now,  
    always sure,  
    always undiminished.

Today  
I am in Your tender care.  
Here in You,  
    nothing is forgotten,  
    nothing ignored,  
    nothing overlooked,  
    nothing left to chance.  
Your purpose is never threatened.  
You suffer no surprises and  
    no setbacks.  
You are not bound  
    by the present or the past,  
    by norms or impossibilities.

Within me is  
    pain,  
    sorrow,  
    weakness, and  
    uncertainty.  
But You have hidden me in Yourself.

I am completely,  
eternally,  
untouchably safe in You.

~

The Eternal I AM,  
the Source of All,  
is my shepherd.  
I lack nothing.

~

Hymn recording: [Be Still, My Child](#)



# Be Still, My Child

*Psalms 46:10; 121; 131; Isaiah 30:15; 32:17-18*

♩ = 58

3rd time to Coda ☸

C C C/G F C/G F6  $\text{A}^{\text{m}}/\text{E}$  Dm7  $\text{F}/\text{A}$  F6 C/G G<sup>sus</sup> G7

1. Be still, my child, be still. You are mine. I am yours. I am with you.  
 (2. Be) still, my child, be still. Sim-ply rest. You are loved. I am watch-ing.  
 (3. Be) still, my child, be still. You are mine. I am yours. I am with you.

G<sup>13</sup> C C/E Fadd9 F C/G G<sup>sus</sup> C/G  $\text{E}/\text{A}$   $\text{F}/\text{C}$   $\text{F}^6/\text{C}$  C/G G

Be still, my child, be still. Why your grasp-ing, your want-ing, your wor-ry?  
 Be still, my child, be still. I am here. You can sleep. I will hold you.

G C7  $\text{B}^{\text{add}9}/\text{D}$   $\text{C}^7/\text{E}$  Fadd9 F  $\text{C}^{\text{m}7}/\text{E}$  D7  $\text{D}^{\text{sus}}/\text{E}$   $\text{D}^7/\text{F}^{\#}$  G  $\text{D}^7_{\text{sus}}/\text{G}$  G  $\text{F}/\text{F}$   $\text{G}^6/\text{F}$

No fear and no pride. All you need I pro-vide. Be con-tent, and be  
 No fear by my side. All you need I pro-vide. Be con-tent, and be

☸ CODA

G<sup>13</sup> C C/E F  $\text{E}/\text{A}$  G<sup>13</sup> C

Be still. Be still. Be still.

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 MUSIC: Robert Schumann and Ken Bible

TRAUMEREI 2  
 Irregular

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## God Keeps His Own

*I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord watches over you—  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all harm—  
he will watch over your life;  
the Lord will watch over your coming and going  
both now and forever.  
(Psalm 121, NIV)*

The powerful King of Aram had sent a portion of his army to capture Elisha. By night, they came and surrounded the city where Elisha and his servant were staying.

*When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh, my lord, what shall we do?” the servant asked.*

*“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”*

*And Elisha prayed, “O Lord, open his eyes so he may see.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. (2 Kings 6:15-17, NIV)*

God's children are precious to Him.  
He never leaves our safety to chance.  
He guards us with the full power and authority of His sovereignty.  
He may ask us to suffer and even die for Him.  
But we remain secure in Him.  
No one can snatch us out of His hands.

“Let nothing disturb you,  
let nothing frighten you.  
All things pass –  
God never changes.  
Patience achieves all it strives for.  
Whoever has God lacks nothing –  
God alone suffices.”  
(Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582)



Hymn recording: [Be Still](#)

# Be Still

*Psalm 46:10*

Like a lullaby ♩ = 112

F B $\flat$  F $\frac{7}{C}$ <sup>sus</sup> B $\flat$ <sub>D</sub> B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$ <sub>D</sub> B $\flat$

1. When all you see is dark - ness, And pain is all that's  
2. When heav - en does - n't an - swer Your deep and des - p'rate

F<sup>sus</sup> F F $\frac{7}{C}$  B $\flat$  F $\frac{7}{C}$ <sup>sus</sup> B $\flat$ <sub>D</sub> B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$ M $\frac{7}{D}$  C $\frac{7}{m}$  E $\flat$

real, prayer, When emp - ty words and prom - is - es Don't  
When grief for those so near and dear Is

REFRAIN

B $\flat$ add $\frac{9}{F}$  B $\flat$ <sub>F</sub> F<sup>sus</sup> F B $\flat$  B $\flat$ <sub>D</sub> E $\flat$  F B $\flat$ <sub>F</sub> F $\frac{7}{F}$  E $\flat$ <sub>F</sub>

change more the way than you you can feel, bear, Child, be still, Be

B $\flat$  E $\flat$  $\frac{9}{B\flat}$  B $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> F B $\flat$ <sub>F</sub> F $\frac{7}{F}$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  $\frac{9}{B\flat}$  B $\flat$ <sub>F</sub> E $\flat$

still, Be still and know I am God. Be

WORDS & MUSIC: Ken Bible

BE STILL  
Irregular

still, Be still, Be still and know I am God.

Re - mem - ber, I am al - ways good, Though shad - ows hide my

[illegible][illegible]

## God's Mysterious Love

How often have you heard a non-believer ask,  
"How can a loving God..." do or not do this-or-that?  
God gets a lot of undeserved blame for  
problems caused by human sin.

But it's true that our loving God doesn't always do  
what we expect Him to do.  
We expect Him to spare us from  
pain and  
struggle and  
sorrowful loss.  
And sometimes He does –  
probably more times than we know.  
But sometimes He doesn't.

How are we to respond to such disappointments?  
What do we do when God's love –  
His mysterious love –  
doesn't do what we expect?

Let's let God speak for Himself:

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil, for You are with me. (Psalm 23:4, NASB)*

*All the paths of the Lord are faithfulness and truth  
To those who comply with His covenant and His testimonies.  
(Psalm 25:10, NASB)*

*Wait for the Lord;  
Be strong and let your heart take courage;  
Yes, wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:14, NASB)*

*"My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord.  
"For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways  
And My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9, NASB)*

*"I have loved you with an everlasting love." (Jeremiah 31:3, NASB)*

*The Lord's acts of mercy indeed do not end,  
For His compassions do not fail.  
They are new every morning;  
Great is Your faithfulness.  
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,  
"Therefore I wait for Him."  
The Lord is good to those who await Him,  
To the person who seeks Him.  
It is good that he waits silently  
For the salvation of the Lord." (Lamentations 3:22-26, NASB)*

*We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28, NASB)*

*Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!  
(Romans 11:33, NASB)*

You will not always understand what God  
does or  
doesn't do.  
His wisdom and  
His perspective are  
far greater and  
far higher than our own.  
They are eternal and all-encompassing.  
His love is purer and more selfless.

But you can always trust that He is acting in  
perfect wisdom and  
perfect love.  
Always.

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When God leads us through difficulties,  
it's less about teaching us a "lesson" and  
more about letting us  
experience Him.  
He is proving His love and faithfulness to us.  
That is the lesson.

~

Hymn recording: [God's Mysterious Love](#)



# God's Mysterious Love

*Psalms 27:14; 36:5-10; 103:8-14; Isaiah 40:31; 66:13; Jeremiah 31:3;  
Lamentations 3:21-26; Luke 15:11-32; Romans 11:33; Ephesians 5:25-27*

♩ = 92

Unison  $\text{C}\sharp\text{m}$   $\text{E}^7$  A  $\text{E}^7/\text{B}$   $\text{E}^9/\text{B}$   $\text{A}/\text{C}\sharp$   $\text{A}/\text{E}$   $\text{Bm}^7$   $\text{Bm}^9$   $\text{D}^6$

1. In a fa - ther's qui - et strength, In a moth - er's gen - tle  
2. Thro' His judg - ment or re - ward, Thro' our sick - ness, thro' our  
3. Wis - dom gives and then with - holds With a tough and ten - der  
4. Tho' the pain and sor - rows come, He is al - ways good and

$\text{A}/\text{E}$  E  $\text{C}\sharp\text{m}$   $\text{E}^7$  A  $\text{C}\sharp^7/\text{E}\sharp$   $\text{C}\sharp^+/ \text{E}\sharp$   $\text{F}\sharp\text{m}$   $\text{A}/\text{E}$

hand, Glimpse a real and rug - ged grace That we  
health, He will al - ways give the best, For He  
care. Mer - cy nur - tures and cor - rects, Loud - ly  
kind. All who wait on Him re - ceive All the

D  $\text{D}/\text{C}\sharp$   $\text{Bm}^7$   $\text{A}/\text{C}\sharp$  A  $\text{A}/\text{C}\sharp$  D  $\text{Bm}^7$   $\text{E}^{13}$   $\text{E}^7$  A

may not un - der - stand. See our God's mys - te - rious love!  
draws us to Him - self. Trust our God's mys - te - rious love.  
call - ing us to prayer. O our God's mys - te - rious love!  
bless - ings He's de - signed. Rest in God's mys - te - rious love.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) and Ken Bible

KINDERSTUCKE 2

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## Keep Your Eyes on God's Love

All-wise Creator,  
loving Father,  
You do not cause the many  
horrendous events that plague  
our individual lives and  
our troubled race.  
Death was never Your will for us.  
We separated ourselves from You,  
the only source of life.  
Death is our doing,  
not Yours.

Yet for all those who trust You,  
You gently, faithfully lead us through  
our worst nightmares,  
even the valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23:4).  
You are always true to Your promise:  
You work all things for good  
for those who love and trust You (Romans 8:28).  
You redeem even our  
deepest griefs and  
most profound losses  
to bless Your people.

But Your ways are  
more subtle,  
more nuanced,  
more intricate  
than our frantic and simplistic prayers –  
“Lord, do it all, and  
do it RIGHT NOW!”  
You work and wait to do everything  
in exactly the right way  
at exactly the right time.

There is no substitute for  
simply  
trusting  
You,  
no matter what.

Loving Father, we gladly leave  
Your work in  
Your hands to happen in  
Your time.

~

When you cannot understand  
what God is doing and not doing,  
remind yourself that  
it is your understanding that is faulty,  
not His.

~

Hymn recording: [A Hymn for Loss and Disappointment](#)

# A Hymn for Loss and Disappointment

TUNE: Amazing Grace (repeat the last phrase of the music)

Isaiah 55:8-9; Habakkuk; Matthew 6:9-10; Romans 8:28

♩ = 84

Unison

G G/D G Bm Bm F# Bm7 C C/E A/m F# G G/F#

1. Your ways are not our ways, O God, Your  
 2. We bow be - fore You, Sov - 'reign God. Our  
 3. Our hopes and plans will dis - ap - point And  
 4. Lord, You re - deem each grief and loss And

thoughts, for - ev - er true. Your time is  
 hearts at last are still. The root and  
 pleas - ant streams run dry, But You are  
 draw our hearts a - bove. There all will

G/B G/F# C C/B A/m7 D sus D D/F# Em Em/F# Em G D D#°7

al - ways per - fect, Lord. We hum - bly trust in  
 fruit of prayer are this: We on - ly want Your  
 rich, un - chang - ing joy, A con - stant, sweet sup -  
 show and shout and sing That You are al - ways

Em Em/D A7/C# D Em Em/F# Em G/D D7 G G/D G

You. We rest and wait on You.  
 will. We sim - ply want Your will.  
 ply, Our ev - 'ry - day sup - ply.  
 love, For - ev - er per - fect love.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; arr. by Ken Bible

AMAZING GRACE 2

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## Hear God's Higher Call

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. (1 Peter 2:9-10, NASB)*

See your God for who He is and  
all He is.

He is the Father of the entire human family.  
He lovingly formed them all to be His very own.  
He invested Himself in each and every individual.

Now realize that we are children of this Father,  
this loving, universal Father.

He is so much greater than  
our self-centered perspective and  
limited minds.

He is grander than  
our immature faith and  
our love, still growing.

This Father is calling us beyond our  
small,  
fearful,  
sectarian ways.

He is calling us to share  
His broader mind and  
larger heart.

He is urging us toward prayer that believes  
He is all He says He is and  
does all He says He will do.

He is leading us toward  
a faith that is simpler,  
a vision that is higher, and  
a love that is as universal as He is,  
a love that is  
boundless and  
fearless and  
free.

In this lost and needy world, He is calling us to live as  
His children,

His Body,  
His divine life made flesh and bone.  
His compassion for His lost children is  
calling us and constraining us to be  
the light of the world,  
the salt of the earth,  
a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation.

His love is compelling us and  
empowering us to be  
the People of God.

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Father, as we follow Your Spirit,  
we are many members  
all working together as one Body.  
We are the Body of Jesus Christ Himself,  
living and loving in this world.  
What an amazing reality!

~

Hymn recording: [We Will Be Your People](#)

# We Will Be Your People

Joshua 24:15

♩ = 96

*E♭ B♭ C<sub>m</sub> C<sub>m</sub>/B♭ A♭ A♭/G F<sub>m</sub><sup>9</sup> F<sub>m</sub><sup>7</sup> B♭ B♭/A♭*

1. We will be Your peo - ple— We have made the choice.  
 2. We will be Your peo - ple, We will trust Your Word.  
 3. We will be Your peo - ple; You will be our God.

*G<sub>m</sub><sup>7</sup> E♭/G F<sub>m</sub><sup>7</sup> B♭<sup>7</sup> C<sub>m</sub> F<sub>m</sub>/A♭ E♭/B♭ B♭B♭sus B♭<sup>7</sup> E♭*

We will be Your Bod - y, Heart and soul and voice.  
 Fear is not our mas - ter; Com - fort is not Lord.  
 You will go be - fore us As we sow the Word.

*C♭/E♭ C♭/D♭ C♭ A♭<sub>m</sub><sup>6</sup> E♭ C♭/E♭ C♭/D♭ C♭ A♭<sub>m</sub><sup>6</sup> E♭*

We will be Your pres - ence; We will be Your hands,  
 We will lay be - hind us All that weighs us down,  
 You will give a har - vest Time can - not des - troy.

*E♭/G A♭ B♭/A♭ G<sub>m</sub><sup>7</sup> E♭/G A♭ E♭/B♭ B♭sus B♭<sup>7</sup> E♭*

Al - ways glad - ly giv - ing All that love de - mands.  
 Run the race with cour - age Till we share Your crown.  
 Plant - ing lives of serv - ice, We will reap Your joy.

WORDS: Ken Bible  
 MUSIC: Chretien Urhan; arr. by Ken Bible

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## God Loves to Grow Things

*"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit." (John 15:5, NASB)*

The truth is all around you:

God loves to grow things.

When you look at your own life, with your

faults,

struggles, and

blind spots,

remember:

God loves to grow things.

When you look at other people,

with all their insensitivities and annoying qualities,

remember:

God loves to grow things.

Think of people as growing things.

You're seeing them in only one moment of their development.

God, the patient gardener, is working

carefully and joyfully,

moment by moment,

year by year.

He is tenderly nurturing them from

a tiny seed to

beautiful fullness in Him.

Try not to step on His flowers.

If a holy and all-knowing God can love them just as they are,

can't we?

~

All our relationships are to be shaped by

the love of the Father –

His love for them,

for us,

for all of us.

He loves "them" as much as "us".

In every relationship,

only His unselfish love is worthy of Him.



~

Hymn recording: [Live and Love and Grow in Christ](#)

# Live and Love and Grow in Christ


TUNE: Shepherds! Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep (BESANCON)

Matthew 5:43-48; John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 13;

Ephesians 3:14-21; 4; 5; 6:1-9; 1 John 3:18


♩ = 52

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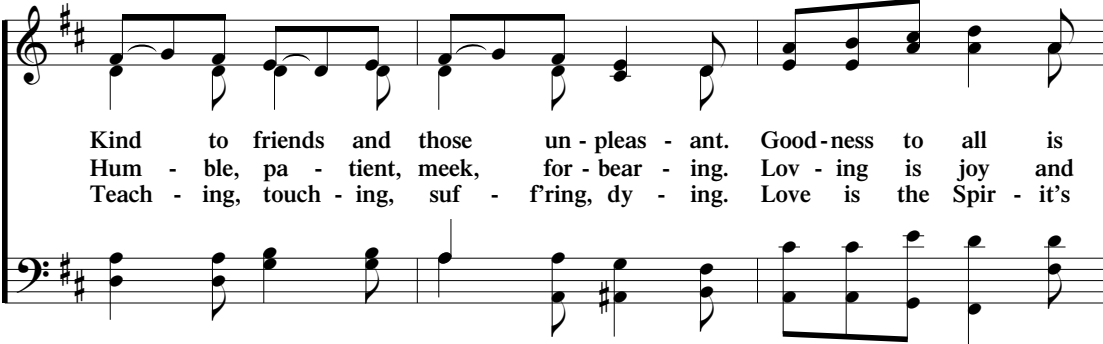
1. Liv - ing in Christ, we love in Him. Love now breathes and  
2. Love as He loves, in word and deed. Give your time to  
3. Love is the gift our God im - parts, Love, the Fa - ther's

E<sup>7</sup>   D   E<sup>7</sup>   A   A   A<sup>9</sup>   A   D   Gadd<sup>9</sup>   G   D   A



grows with - in, Gen - tle with loved ones ev - er pres - ent,  
those in need. Give them your - self by tru - ly car - ing,  
ho - ly heart. Love is the Sav - ior's self - de - ny - ing,

D   D<sup>sus</sup>   D   G<sup>6</sup>   G   G<sup>6</sup>   D   D<sup>sus</sup>   D   A<sup>°</sup>   Bm   A   A<sup>9</sup>   A   D



Kind to friends and those un - pleas - ant. Good - ness to all is  
Hum - ble, pa - tient, meek, for - bear - ing. Lov - ing is joy and  
Teach - ing, touch - ing, suf - fering, dy - ing. Love is the Spir - it's

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional French Carol; arr. by Ken Bible

BESANCON

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Gadd<sup>9</sup>   G    $\frac{D}{A}$    D    $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$     $\frac{G}{B}$     $\frac{GM^7}{B}$     $\frac{A^7}{C\sharp}$   $\frac{A^7_{sus}}{C\sharp}$    A<sup>7</sup>   D

His   de - light!   Live   and   love   and   grow   in Christ!  
 sac - ri - fice.   Live   and   love   and   grow   in Christ!  
 puls - ing life.   Live   and   love   and   grow   in Christ!

# The Uncrossable Gap

God is holy.

We were born into sin.  
It is all we have ever known.

God is pure light.

As creatures of the darkness,  
we instinctively run from Him.

God is love.

In our selfishness  
we are suspicious of Him.

God is Spirit.

To us physical creatures,  
He seems unreal.

God is perfect wisdom.

To our ignorance,  
He seems foolish.

God is all in all, and He offers Himself to us freely and completely.

In ourselves, we cannot see,  
cannot know, and  
cannot accept Him.

But now God has crossed all the barriers between Him and us.

The Transcendent One has taken flesh and blood.

Holy God is now and forever  
wholly human.

He has come all the way to us in Jesus Christ.

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Father, I see Your Son, and  
I am overwhelmed with  
amazement and  
joy.  
In Him I live  
from You and

through You and  
to You,  
now and forever.  
I share His union with You, and  
I share His eternal, unbounded life in You.  
What a salvation!



Hymn recording: [You Came to Us](#)

for Rob Gerlach

# You Came to Us

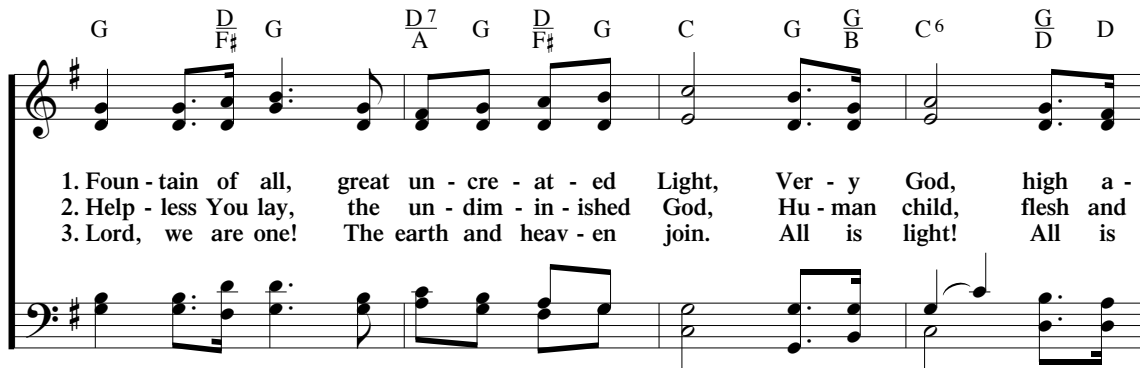
TUNE: Come, Come, Ye Saints (ALL IS WELL)

*John 1:14; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-11;*

*Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-3; 2:14-17; 1 John 3:2*

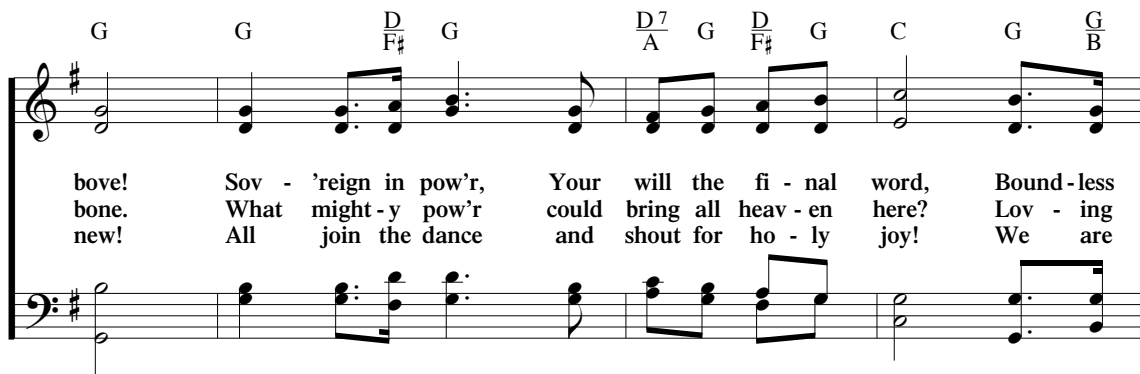
♩ = 64

G  $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$  G  $\frac{D7}{A}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$  G C G  $\frac{G}{B}$  C<sup>6</sup>  $\frac{G}{D}$  D



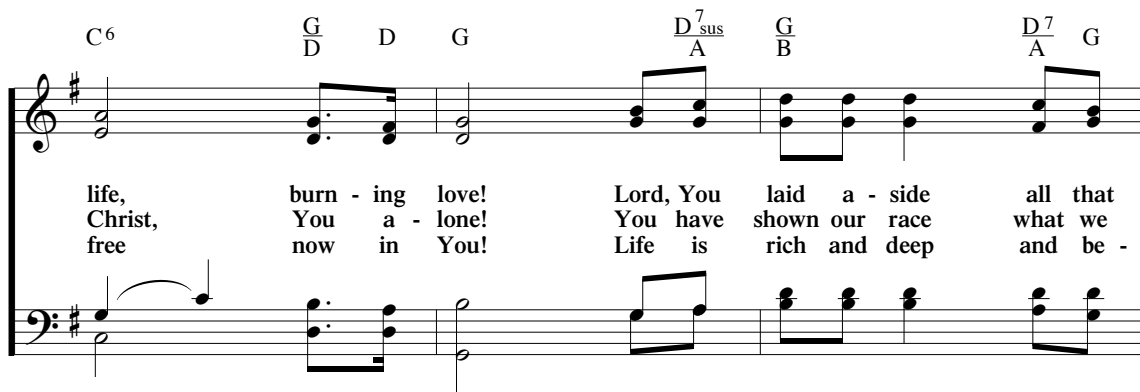
1. Foun - tain of all, great un - cre - at - ed Light, Ver - y God, high a -  
2. Help - less You lay, the un - dim - in - ished God, Hu - man child, flesh and  
3. Lord, we are one! The earth and heav - en join. All is light! All is

G G  $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$  G  $\frac{D7}{A}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$  G C G  $\frac{G}{B}$



bove! Sov - 'reign in pow'r, Your will the fi - nal word, Bound - less  
bone. What might - y pow'r could bring all heav - en here? Lov - ing  
new! All join the dance and shout for ho - ly joy! We are

C<sup>6</sup>  $\frac{G}{D}$  D G  $\frac{D7_{sus}}{A}$   $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D7}{A}$  G



life, burn - ing love! Lord, You laid a - side all that  
Christ, You a - lone! You have shown our race what we  
free now in You! Life is rich and deep and be -

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional English Melody; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

ALL IS WELL  
10.6.10.6.10.10.8.6.

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D<sup>7</sup><sub>A</sub>      G   D      G   D<sup>7</sup><sub>A</sub>   G<sub>B</sub>      D<sup>7</sup><sub>A</sub>   G      D   D<sup>7</sup><sub>F#</sub>   D<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub>   D      D      G<sub>C</sub>   G<sub>B</sub>   D<sub>A</sub>

God can be,      And Your glo - ry hid      in sim - plic - i - ty.      In love You  
 all can be,      For Your glo - ry fills      our hu - man - i - ty.      I hold this  
 yond all time.      Ev - 'ry joy is full,      ev - 'ry breath di - vine.      Your glo - rious

G      D   G   D<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub>   G      A<sup>m</sup><sub>C</sub>      G<sub>D</sub>   D   G

came,      the Son of Man,      All You are      as I am.  
 hope,      tho' from so far:      All I am      as You are.  
 gift      is now re - stored.      Lov - ing Christ,      You are Lord!

## The I AM

Jesus Christ is *the Word become flesh*.  
He is *the image of the invisible God*.  
He is *all the fullness of the Deity in bodily form*.  
He is *the radiance of the Father's glory and*  
*the exact representation of His very being*.

Holy God is now human.  
The Almighty shares our weakness.  
Our Sovereign is a humble servant.  
The Unapproachable One grants us unlimited access.  
The Transcendent, the Incomprehensible, the Unimaginable  
has come to us, and  
we see Him face to face.

Mystery and intimacy,  
power and dependence,  
time and eternity  
are seamlessly combined in Him.

The Unknowable is knowable  
by childlike faith alone.  
The glory of the Infinite God,  
of whom the vast universe is only  
a passing glimpse and  
a faint whisper,  
is fully revealed in this One.

He shares with us  
His wisdom,  
His heart,  
His breath, and  
His peace.  
He welcomes us with open arms,  
holds us gently in His hand,  
lovingly speaks our name, and  
calls Himself  
our Brother.

All that the Father has,  
all that He is, and  
all the gifts of His magnificent Being



are ours forever in this One:  
Jesus Christ.

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All human learning  
is an attempt to understand  
the reality in which we live,  
but we cannot understand reality without  
understanding Jesus Christ.  
He is the focus of all reality and  
its Lord.

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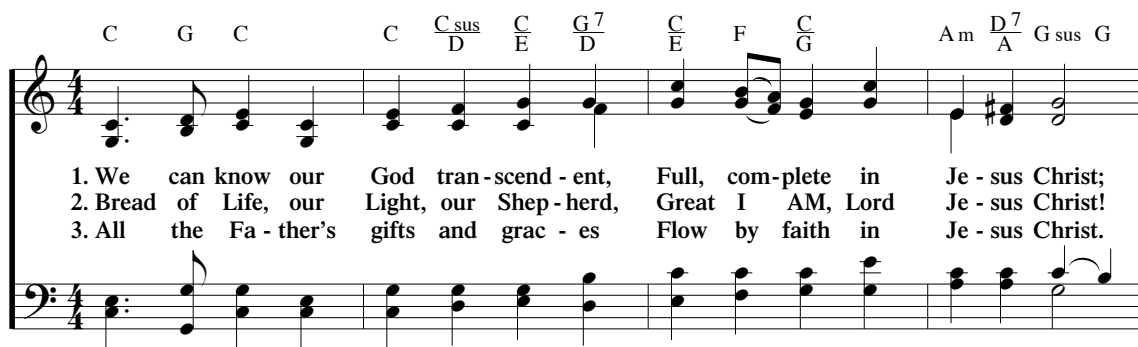
Hymn recording: [We Can Know Our God Transcendent](#)

# We Can Know Our God Transcendent

*Exodus 3:14; 20:4; John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7-11; 11:23-26; 14:5-7; 15:1;  
Colossians 1:15-20; 2:9-10; Hebrews 1:1-3; 2:11*

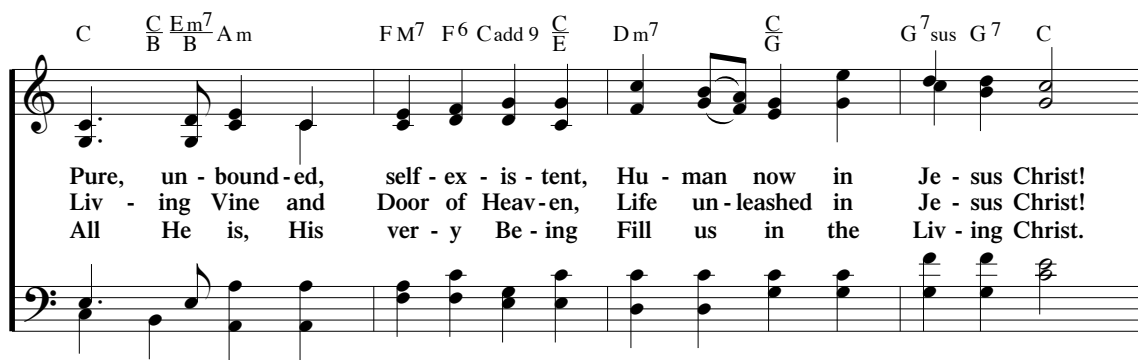
♩ = 92

C G C C  $\frac{C_{\text{sus}}}{D}$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{G^7}{D}$   $\frac{C}{E}$  F  $\frac{C}{G}$  Am  $\frac{D^7}{A}$  G sus G



1. We can know our God tran-scend-ent, Full, com-plete in Je-sus Christ;  
2. Bread of Life, our Light, our Shep-herd, Great I AM, Lord Je-sus Christ!  
3. All the Fa-ther's gifts and grac-es Flow by faith in Je-sus Christ.

C  $\frac{C}{B}$   $\frac{Em^7}{B}$  Am Fm7 F6 Cadd9  $\frac{C}{E}$  Dm7  $\frac{C}{G}$  G<sup>7</sup> sus G<sup>7</sup> C



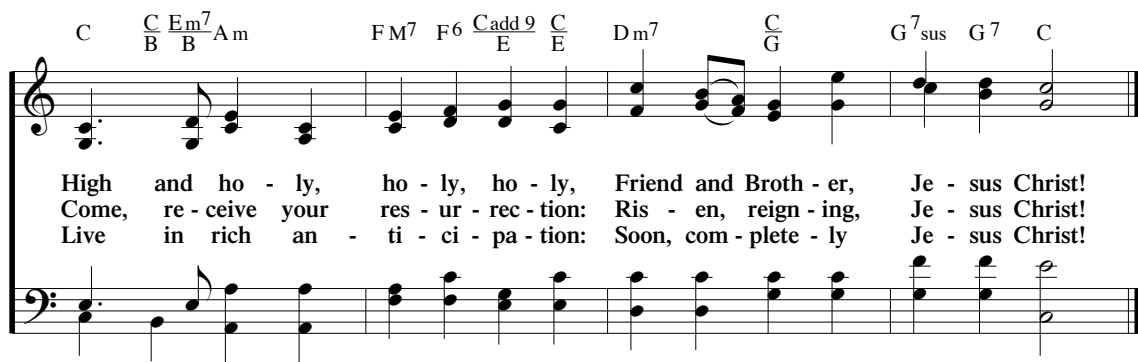
Pure, un-bound-ed, self-ex-is-tent, Hu-man now in Je-sus Christ!  
Liv-ing Vine and Door of Heav-en, Life un-leashed in Je-sus Christ!  
All He is, His ver-y Be-ing Fill us in the Liv-ing Christ.

Am E<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{E^7}{G\#}$  Am E sus Em Fadd9 F  $\frac{C}{E}$  D<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{D^7}{F\#}$  G sus G



O-ver-flow-ing ev-'ry im-age, Fill-ing, flood-ing space and time,  
He, the Way to God our Fa-ther! Liv-ing Truth is all in Him.  
Work and wor-ship, rest and won-der, Know and serve and trust Him now.

C  $\frac{C}{B}$   $\frac{Em^7}{B}$  Am Fm7 F6  $\frac{Cadd9}{E}$   $\frac{C}{E}$  Dm7  $\frac{C}{G}$  G<sup>7</sup> sus G<sup>7</sup> C



High and ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Friend and Broth-er, Je-sus Christ!  
Come, re-ceive your res-ur-rec-tion: Ris-en, reign-ing, Je-sus Christ!  
Live in rich an-ti-ci-pa-tion: Soon, com-plete-ly Je-sus Christ!

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Joachim Neander and Ken Bible

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## Live Love

*All those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.*

*Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. (Acts 2:44-47, NASB)*

Imagine a world where everyone loves everyone else, sincerely, from the heart.

Imagine a place where people speak of each other only what is true, and only what will build each other up;

- a place where everyone treats others the way they themselves want to be treated;
- a place where self-centeredness, greed, and fighting are gone;
- a place where people live each day as joined to everyone else, as part of each other, as members of one body;
- a place where gentleness and kindness are highly prized;
- a place where forgiveness, patience, and forbearance are the norm;
- a place where need is no more, since each person shares what they have, freely and unafraid;
- a place where everything, everything is done in love.

Wouldn't you like to live in such a place? That's the kind of world our Creator is building. And that's the kind of life He wants for you. He wants to grow it in you. He wants to help you live such love in your home, on your job, in your neighborhood, among your friends. And He wants to start today.

But how could anyone live such a life in this world of greed and brute force? What's more, how can we live that kind of love when selfishness is so deeply rooted within us?

The good news is this: *God is love* (1 John 4:16). Our Creator is love. The One who designed this world designed it for love. The One who designed us designed us for love. Love is our purpose, our heritage, our destiny. Love is the rich life, the full life, the natural life that He is giving to every one of us.

A life of love is not an heroic feat of self-control. As we trust Him simply, step-by-step, we grow in Him. As we grow in Him, He grows in us. *His love* grows in us. It begins as a tiny seed and grows into a beautiful tree that gives shelter and nourishment to everyone around.

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Look around you.  
The entire earthly kingdom that runs on  
greed and  
self-indulgence,  
now so dominant and pervasive,  
will be judged by Almighty God and  
utterly destroyed.  
He will create a brand new society.

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# Lord, You Are Love

TUNE: I Must Tell Jesus (ORWIGSBURG)

2 Corinthians 5:14a; Ephesians 3:14-19; 1 John 3:16-18; 4:7-21

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1. Lord, You are love, and we are Your chil - dren,  
2. Lord, You are love, and we are Your bod - y,  
3. Lord, You are love and pa-tience and kind - ness,

G<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>add9 F D<sup>b</sup>add9 D<sup>b</sup> F A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m B<sup>b</sup>7sus B<sup>b</sup>m A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7sus E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

Called to Your fam - 'ly, drawn to Your heart.  
Shar - ing Your life, ex - tend - ing Your hand.  
Glad to for - give, so eag - er to bless.

G<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>add9 D<sup>b</sup>add9 A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>7sus D<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> F7 B<sup>b</sup>m B<sup>b</sup>m A<sup>b</sup>

One with Your Son, our goal is Your glo - ry.  
Help us to reach with ten - der com - pas - sion,  
You give Your all in joy - ful a - ban - don.

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Alt. Tunes: GLORIOUS FREEDOM, RONDINELLA, SUNLIGHT

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We live to prove how lov - ing You are!  
 Read - y to give what love may de - mand.  
 Help us, O Lord, to do noth - ing less!

REFRAIN

$G\flat$   $D\flat/F$   $E\flat m 7$   $D\flat$   $D\flat$   $D\flat$   $A\flat 7 sus/E\flat$   $D\flat$   $G\flat$   $D\flat/F$   $E\flat m 7$   $G\flat/F$

*Parts*

Fa - ther Cre - a - tor, Shep - herd and Sav - ior,

$G\flat$   $D\flat add 9$   $D\flat add 9/A\flat$   $D\flat$   $D\flat/C$   $B\flat m 7$   $E\flat m 7/B\flat$   $B\flat m$   $A\flat 7 sus$   $A\flat 7 sus/E\flat$   $A\flat$   $A\flat/G\flat$

Ev - er with - in You guide and re - new.

$D\flat/F$   $D\flat add 9/F$   $D\flat/A\flat$   $D\flat add 9$   $D\flat add 9/A\flat$   $D\flat$   $D\flat/A\flat$   $D\flat$   $A\flat 7 sus/D\flat$   $D\flat$   $F 7$   $B\flat m$   $B\flat m/A\flat$

Help us to fol - low, trust - ing Your Spir - it,

$G\flat$   $D\flat$   $G\flat$   $D\flat/A\flat$   $B\flat m$   $B\flat m 7$   $G\flat/A\flat$   $G\flat m 7/A\flat$   $A\flat$   $D\flat$   $D\flat/A\flat$   $D\flat$

Spend - ing our days com - plete - ly in You.