

“18th century Hymn Stories: the Journey from sinner to Saint”

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1. “And Can It Be” - Charles Wesley, 1738

<p>1. And can it be that I should gain An int’rest in the Savior’s blood? Died He for me, <u>who caused His pain?</u> For me, who <u>Him to death pursued?</u> Amazing love! <u>how can it be</u> <u>That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?</u> Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?</p>	<p>➤ “... <i>gain an interest in the Savior’s blood</i> ...” ? ➤ Isaiah 53:3-4. ➤ Romans 5:7-8.</p>
<p>2. <u>He left His Father’s throne above,</u> So free, so infinite His grace; <u>Emptied Himself</u> of all but love, And bled for Adam’s helpless race: 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, <u>O my God, it found out me.</u> 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.</p>	<p>➤ Philippians 2:6-8 ➤ 1 Corinthians 15:8-10.</p>
<p>3. <u>Long my imprisoned spirit lay</u> Fast bound in sin and nature’s night; Thine eye diffused a quickening ray, I woke, <u>the dungeon flamed with light;</u> <u>My chains fell off,</u> my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and <u>followed Thee.</u> My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.</p>	<p>➤ Acts 12:6-12, 17. ➤ Mark 10:46-52.</p>
<p>4. <u>No condemnation</u> now I dread; Jesus, and <u>all in Him, is mine!</u> Alive in Him, my living Head, And <u>clothed in righteousness Divine,</u> Bold I <u>approach the eternal throne,</u> And <u>claim the crown,</u> through Christ my own. Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.</p>	<p>➤ Romans 8:1. ➤ Ephesians 1:18 ➤ Galatians 3:27 ➤ Hebrews 4:16. ➤ James 1:12.</p>

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2. “Come Thou Fount” - Robert Robinson, 1758

<p>1 Come, thou <u>Fount of every blessing</u>; tune my heart to sing thy grace; <u>streams of mercy</u>, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by <u>flaming tongues</u> above; <u>praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it</u>, mount of God’s unchanging love!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Isaiah 41:17-18. ➤ John 4:14. ➤ Acts 2:1-4. ➤ Exodus 19:16-20.
<p>2 <u>Here I raise my Ebenezer</u>; hither by thy help I’m come; and I hope, <u>by thy good pleasure</u>, <u>safely to arrive at home</u>. <u>Jesus sought me when a stranger</u>, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, <u>interposed his precious blood</u>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 Samuel 7:10-12. ➤ Philippians 1:6. ➤ Luke 15:4-7. ➤ 1 Peter 1:18-19.
<p>3 <u>O to grace how great a debtor</u> <u>daily I’m constrained to be!</u> Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. <u>Prone to wander</u>, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; <u>here’s my heart; O take and seal it;</u> seal it for thy courts above.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Luke 7:41-47. ➤ Romans 7:15-19 ➤ Luke 15:17-24

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3. “O God Our Help in Ages Past” - Isaac Watt 1719

Based on Psalm 90

<p>1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.</p>	<p>➤ Psalm 90:1. <i>“Lord, You have been our dwelling place/refuge in all generations.”</i></p>
<p>2 Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.</p>	<p>➤ Psalm 90:14-17. <i>“Satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days!... ¹⁶ Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children. ¹⁷ And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.”</i></p>
<p>3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.</p>	<p>➤ Psalm 90:2. <i>“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.”</i></p>
<p>4 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.</p>	<p>➤ Psalm 90:4. <i>“For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night.”</i></p>
<p>5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op’ning day.</p>	<p>➤ Psalm 90:5-6, 9, 10, 12. <i>“You carry (men) away like a flood; they are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: in the morning it flourishes and grass which grows up; in the evening it is cut down and withers.”</i></p>
<p>6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home!</p>	<p>➤ Psalm 90:1.</p>