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FOREWORD

This collection of Fellowship Hymns has been compiled and edited by a committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Clarence A. Barbour. The aim of the committee has been to make such a selection as will represent the very best products of hymnology up to the present day. There will be found here the richest and most stately hymns of the Christian Church, together with an admixture of such of the more modern popular hymns as are worthy of being placed in such company. It is hoped and believed that the book will be found useful in the deepening and strengthening of the most genuine spiritual life and in fostering a love for such music as will permanently enrich mind and heart.

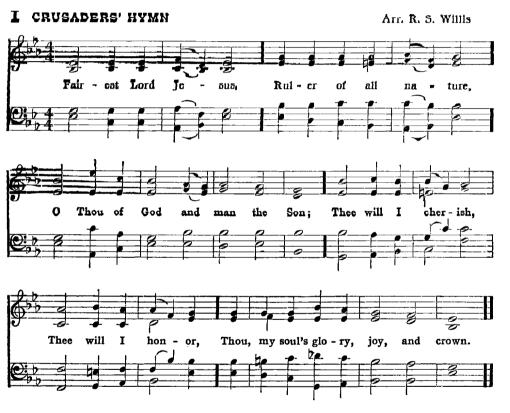
It will be observed that Christian life is viewed in both its subjective and objective aspects, and that due emphasis in the selection of hymns is placed upon the work of man for man and upon the advancement of the all-embracing Kingdom of God.

It is earnestly hoped that Fellowship Hymns may prove helpful to Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, to student bodies in universities, colleges and secondary schools, to Church Brotherhoods and kindred organizations, and that the collection may find wide-spread welcome and usefulness in the devotional meetings of the Christian Church.

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- 2 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.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
 Fairer still the moonlight,
 And fair the twinkling, starry host;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
 Than all the angels heaven can boast,



- 2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace. Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
- B Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?

 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;

 It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;

 And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail: Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end. Our Maker, Defender, Redsemer and Friend!

Robert Grant

- I Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim. And publish abroad His wonderful name; The name all-victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.
- a God ruleth on high, almighty to save; And still He is nigh—His presence we have; The great congregation His triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

- 3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne, Let all cry aloud and honor the Son; The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore, and give Him His right— All glory and power and wisdom and might; All honor and blessing, with angels above, And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

Charles Wesley



- 2 We are His people, we His care, Our souls, and all our mortal frame; What lasting honors shall we rear, Almighty Maker, to Thy name?
- 3 We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs, High as the heavens our voices raise; And earth, with her ten thousand tongues, Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.
- 4 Wide as the world is Thy command, Vast as eternity Thy love; Firm as a rock Thy truth shall stand, When rolling years shall cease to move.



- 2 In holy contemplation, We sweetly then pursue The theme of God's salvation, And find it ever new: Set free from present sorrow. We cheerfully can say, Let the unknown to-morrow Bring with it what it may.
- 3 It can bring with it nothing
 But He will bear us through,
 Who gives the lilies clothing.
 Will clothe His people, too;

Beneath the spreading heavens
No creature but is fed;
And He who feeds the ravens
Will give His children bread.

4 Though vine nor fig-tree neither
Their wonted fruit should bear,
Though all the fields should wither,
Nor flocks nor herds be there,
Yet God the same abiding.
His praise shall tune my voice.
For while in Him confiding,

I cannot but rejoice.

William Cowper



- 2 Thou who art beyond the farthest Mortal eye can scan, Can it be that thou regardest Songs of sinful man? Can we feel that Thou art near us, And wilt hear us? Yea, we can.
- 3 Yea, we know Thy love rejoices O'er each work of Thine; Thou didst ears and hands and voices For Thy praise combine; Craftsman's art and music's measure For Thy pleasure Didst design.
- 4 Here, great God, today we offer
 Of Thine own to Thee;
 And for Thine acceptance proffer,
 All unworthily,
 Hearts and minds, and hands and
 In our choicest [voices,
 Melody.
- 5 Honor, glory, might and merit,
 Thine shall ever be,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Blessed Trinity:
 Of the best that Thou hast given
 Earth and heaven
 Render Thee.



2 The God of Abraham praise, At whose supreme command From earth I rise, and seek the joys At His right hand: I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame and power;

And Him my only portion make, My shield and tower.

3 He by Himself hath sworn, I on His oath depend: I shall, on eagles' wings upbornc, To heaven ascend;

I shall behold His face. I shall His power adorc, And sing the wonders of His grace For evermore,

4 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high; "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," They ever cry; Hail, Abraham's God and mine!-

I join the heavenly lays,— All might and majesty are Thine, And endless praise.

Thomas Olivert



- 2 Here I raise mine Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. lesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thea: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

Robert Robinson



- 2 Ye chosen seed of Isracl's racc, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
- 3 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophics at His feet,
 And crown Him Lord of all!
- 4 Let every kindred, every tribe.
 On this terrestrial ball,
 To Him all majesty ascribe,
 And crown Him Lord of all!
- 5 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall, Join in the everlasting song, And grown Him Lord of all!

Edward Perronet





- Whene'er the sweet church bell Peals over hill and dell, May Jesus Christ be praised! O hark to what it sings. As joyously it rings, May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 3 When sleep her balm denics.
 My silent spirit sighs,
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 When cvil thoughts molest,
 With this I shield my breast,
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
- ! Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find, May Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this, May Jesus Christ be praised!

- 5 The night becomes as day,
 When from the heart we say,
 May Jesus Christ be praised?
 The powers of darkness fear,
 When this sweet chant they hear,
 May Jesus Christ be praised?
- 6 In heaven's eternal bliss
 The loveliest strain is this,
 May Jesus Christ be praised?
 Let earth, and sea, and sky,
 From depth to height reply,
 May Jesus Christ be praised?
- 7 Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine, May Josus Christ be praised? Be this the eternal song Through ages all along, May Jesus Christ be praised?

Tr. by Edward Carwall



- 2 Soon as the evening shades prevail,
 The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
 And nightly, to the listening earth,
 Repeats the story of her birth;
 While all the stars that round her burn,
 And all the planets in their turn,
 Confirm the tidings as they roll,
 And spread the truth from pole to pole.
- Mhat though in solemn silence all Move round the dark terrestrial ball? What though no real voice nor sound Amid the radiant orbs be found? In reason's ear they all rejoice, And utter forth a glorious voice; Forever singing as they shine, "The hand that made us is divine."



- 2 Holy, holy! all the sain's adore Thee!
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea:
 Cherubim and scraphim falling down before Thee,
 Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee!
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
 Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
 Perfect in power, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sca;
 Holy, holy, merciful and mighty;
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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