

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, 243

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise;
Once revealed, when heaven's star brought the wise men from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem,
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.
2. God revealed at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest and king supreme;
Once revealed in power divine changing water into wine;
Cana's holy wedding guest keeping to the last the best;
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.
3. God revealed in valiant fight, conquering the devil's might;
Sins forgiven, sickness healed, life restored and God revealed:
Once revealed in gracious will ever bringing good from ill,
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.
4. Stars shall fall and heavens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made;
Christ will then like lightning shine, all will see the glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear, all will see the Son appear,
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

Jesus, Come, for We Invite You, 669

1. Jesus, come, for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord;
Now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak, and let us hear your word:
Lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.
2. Jesus, come! transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown;
Bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone:
Though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.
3. Jesus, come in new creation, heaven brought near by power divine;
Give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine:
Rouse the faith of your disciples— come, our first and greatest Sign!
4. Jesus, come! surprise our dullness; make us willing to receive
More than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give:
Let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 729

1. Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
 Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,
 Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
 Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
 Let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
 Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
 Come to the place for which our people sighed?

We have come over away that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
 Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
 Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast, by thy might, led us into the light,
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
 Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
 True to our God, true to our native land..