

20th Century Hymns
E. Margaret Clarkson (1915 – 2008)

O Father, You Are Sovereign

E. Margaret Clarkson, 1982
Stanzas 1 & 2 (#75)

O Father, you are sovereign
In all the worlds you made;
Your mighty word was spoken
And light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons
And bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses
And stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign
In all affairs of man;
No pow'rs of death or darkness
Can thwart your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending,
Supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children
Secure in your embrace.

TUNE: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
Melchoir Teschner, ca. 1615

We Come, O Christ, to You

E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957, 1985
Stanzas 1 & 2 (#181)

We come, O Christ, to you,
True Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist,
In whom all life began:
In you alone we live and move,
And have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God,
Your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face
Our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand,
Your love has met your law's demand.

TUNE: DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

Others

**Tell Out, My Soul,
the Greatness of the Lord**

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1965
Stanzas 1 & 2 (#26)

Tell out, my soul,
The greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings
Give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul,
The greatness of His Name:
Make known His might,
The deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

TUNE: WOODLANDS 10.10.10.10.
Walter Greatorex, 1919

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
Stanzas 1 & 3 (#32)

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! (2x)
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

TUNE: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10.ref.
William M. Runyan, 1923

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt.
Stanzas 1, 3 (#44)

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 pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Refrain (repeat 2x):

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God,
His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
(Refrain)

TUNE: O STORE GUD 11.10.11.10.ref.
Swedish folk melody;
Arr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

David Clowney, 1960
Stanzas 1 & 4 (#122)

God, all nature sings thy glory,
And thy works proclaim thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens,
Ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons,
Beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature
Praise the changeless Trinity.

God of glory, power, mercy,
All creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee
now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness,
Grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices
Thy commandments to fulfill.

TUNE: ODE TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr.

This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
Stanzas 1 & 3 (#111)

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning 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,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

TUNE: TERRA BEATA S.M.D.
Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915
Arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926

Let All Things Now Living

Katherine K. Davis, 1939; Alt. 1990, mod.
Stanzas 1 (#125)

Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
Who guides us
And leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us,
His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining
Forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

TUNE: ASH GROVE 12.11.12.11.D.
Traditional Welsh melody
Arr. by Katherine K. Davis, 1939