

GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND

Hymn No. 725

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor though the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, by thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh thy people on our toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise by ever thine.

MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE

Hymn No. 721

1. My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing; land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring.
2. My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake, let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.
4. Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

Hymn No. 720

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed full grace on thee and crown
thy good with servanthood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who
more than self their country loved, and mercy more than
life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all
success be nobleness and every gain divine.
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy
soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Hymn No. 677

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to
be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take
each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

THIS IS MY SONG

Hymn No. 722

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace
for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country
where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy
shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with
hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight
beams on clover leaf and pine; but other lands have
sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue
as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song
of peace for their land and for mine.
3. This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations: let thy reign
come; on earth thy will be done. In peace may all earth's
people draw together, and hearts united learn to live as
one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I
give thee; let thy will be done.