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Hymns and Spiritual Songs.

PRAISE OF GOD.

1 **L.M.**
ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

2 Know ye, the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us feed;
And for His sheep He doth us take.

3 O enter, then, His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
W. KETHX (?)

2 **S.S. 8.7**
ANGELS holy,
High and lowly,
Sing the praises of the Lord!
Earth and sky, all living nature,
Man, the stamp of thy Creator,
Praise ye, praise ye, God the Lord!

2 Sun and moon bright,
Night and noontide,
Starry temples azure-floored;
Clouds and rain, and wild wind's madness,
Sons of God that shout for gladness,
Praise ye, praise ye, God the Lord!

3 Ocean hoary,
Tell His glory,
Cliffs, where tembling seas have roared!
Pulse of waters, blithely beating,
Wave advancing, wave retreating,
Praise ye, praise ye, God the Lord!

4 Rock and high land,
Wood and island,
Crag, where eagle's pride hath soared;
Mighty mountains, purple-breasted,
Peaks cloud-cleaving, snowy-crowned,
Praise ye, praise ye, God the Lord!

5 Rolling river,
Praise Him ever,
From the mountain's deep vein poured;
Silver fountain, clearly gushing,
Troubled torrent, madly rushing,
Praise ye, praise ye, God the Lord!

6 Good and free man,
Land and sea man,
Earth, with peoples widely stored,
Wanderer lone o'er prairies ample,
Full-voiced choir, in costly temple,
Praise ye, praise ye, God the Lord!

7 Praise Him ever,
Bounteous Giver,
Praise Him, Father, Friend, and Lord!
Each glad soul its free course winging,
Each glad voice its free song singing,
Praise the great and mighty Lord!
J. S. BLACKIE.

3 **L.M.**
BEFORE Jehovah's awful throne
Ye nations bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone,
He can create, and He destroy.

2 His sovereign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay and formed us men;
And when like wandering sheep we
strayed,
He brought us to His fold again.

3 We are His people, we His care;
Our souls, and all our mortal frame;
What lasting honours shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to Thy name?

4 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.

5 Wide as the world is Thy command;
Vast as eternity Thy love;
Firm as a rock Thy truth must stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.
WATTS.

4 **78.**
COME, O come, in pious lays,
Sound we God Almighty's praise;
Come, ye sons of human race,
In this chorus take your place;
And, amid the mortal throng,
Be you masters of the song.

2 Angels and supernal powers,
Be the noblest worship ours;
Let, in praise of God, the sound
Run a never-ending round;
That our song of praise may be
Everlasting, as is He.

PRAISE.

- 3 From the earth's remotest end,
Let the voice of praise ascend;
Spreading wide from shore to shore,
Let the ocean-furrows roar;
Winds and clouds, as on ye move,
Bear the mighty sound above.
- 4 So shall He, from heaven's high tower,
On the earth His blessings pour;
And this huge wide orb we see
Shall one choir—one temple—be;
Then, O come, in pious lays
Sound we God Almighty's praise.

O. WITHER.*

5

L.M.

GIVE to our God immortal praise;
Mercy and truth are all His ways;
Wonders of grace to God belong,
Repeat His mercies in your song.

- * Give to the Lord of Lords renown;
The King of Kings with glory crown;
His mercies ever shall endure, [more,
When lords and kings are known no more.]
- 3 He built the earth, He spread the sky,
And fixed the starry lights on high;
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat His mercies in your song.
- 4 He fills the sun with morning light,
He bids the moon direct the night;
His mercies ever shall endure,
When sun and moon shall shine no more.
- 5 He sent His Son with power to save
From guilt and darkness and the grave;
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat His mercies in your song.
- 6 Through this vain world He guides our feet,
And leads us to His heavenly seat;
His mercies ever shall endure,
When this vain world shall be no more.

WATTS.

6

GOD of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
Fill Thy Church with light divine;
And Thy saving health extend,
Unto earth's remotest end.

- * Let the people praise Thee, Lord;
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Saviour King;
At Thy feet their tribute pay,
And Thy holy will obey.
- 3 Let the people praise Thee, Lord,
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man His blessing give;
Man to God devoted live;
All below, and all above,
One in joy and light and love.

M. F. LYKE.

7

HALLELUJAH! Raise, O raise
To our God the song of praise;
All His servants join to sing
God our Saviour and our King.

- * Blessed be for evermore
That dread name which we adore:
Round the world His praise be sung,
Through all lands, in every tongue.

3 O'er all nations God alone,
Higher than the heavens His throne;
Who is like to God most high,
Infinite in majesty?

4 Yet to view the heavens He bends;
Yea, to earth He condescends;
Passing by the rich and great,
For the low and desolate.

5 He can raise the poor to stand
With the princes of the land;
Wealth upon the needy shower,
Set the meanest high in power.

6 He the broken spirit cheers,
Turns to joy the mourner's tears;
Such the wonders of His ways;
Praise His name—for ever praise.

J. CONDOR.

8

78.

HEAVEN and earth, and sea and air,
Still their Maker's praise declare;
Thou, my soul, as loudly sing,
To thy God thy praises bring.

- 2 See the sun his power awakes,
As through clouds his glory breaks;
See the moon and stars of light
Praising God in stillest night.
- 3 See how God this rolling globe
Swathes with beauty like a robe;
Forests, fields, and living things,
Each its Maker's glory sing.
- 4 Through the air Thy praises meet
Birds are singing clear and sweet;
Fire, and storm, and wind, Thy will
As Thy ministers fulfil.
- 5 Ocean waves Thy glory tell,
At Thy touch they sink and swell;
From the well-spring to the sea,
Rivers murmur, Lord, of Thee.
- 6 Ah! my God, what wonders lie
Hid in Thine infinity!
Stamp upon my inmost heart
What I am, and what Thou art.

J. NEANDER, lyrics J. D. BURNS.*

9

78.

HOLY, Holy, Holy Lord!
Be Thy glorious name adored;
Lord! Thy mercies never fail:
Hail, celestial goodness, hail!

- 2 Though unworthy, Lord! Thine ear,
Yet our hallelujahs bear;
Purer praise we hope to bring,
When around Thy throne we sing.
- 3 While on earth ordained to stay,
Guide our footsteps in Thy way;
Then on high we'll joyful raise
Songs of everlasting praise.
- 4 Then no tongue shall silent be;
All shall join in harmony;
And through heaven's tall-spacious round
Praise to Thee shall ever sound.