

Come, Thou Almighty King

Anonymous · 1757 · Tune: Italian Hymn (Trinity) (Felice de Giardini)

Meter: 6.6.4.6.6.6.4

Verse 1

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Verse 2

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Verse 3

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

Verse 4

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore!
His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

History

First published anonymously in a leaflet appended to George Whitefield's 1757 'Collection of Hymns for Social Worship,' originally as a parody of 'God Save the King' set to that tune. Italian violinist Felice de Giardini composed the 'Italian Hymn' tune in 1769 specifically for these words. Its authorship has been

debated for centuries.

Scripture References (KJV)

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Revelation 4:8

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

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