

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

William Williams · 1745 · Tune: Cwm Rhondda (John Hughes)
Meter: 8.7.8.7.4.7

Verse 1

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Verse 2

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

Verse 3

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

History

Written in Welsh by William Williams Pantycelyn in 1745 ('Arglwydd, arwain trwy'r anialwch') during the Welsh Methodist revival. Peter Williams translated the first stanza into English in 1771. The famous tune 'Cwm Rhondda' was composed by John Hughes in 1907 for a Baptist Cymanfa Ganu in Pontypridd, Wales. Sung at the funerals of Princess Diana and the weddings of Prince William and Queen Elizabeth II.

Scripture References (KJV)

Exodus 13:21

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night.

John 6:35

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

