

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber · 1826 · Tune: Nicaea (John B. Dykes)
Meter: 11.12.12.10

Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Verse 3

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Verse 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

History

Bishop Reginald Heber wrote this hymn for Trinity Sunday while serving in Calcutta. John B. Dykes composed the now-inseparable tune 'Nicaea' in 1861 in honor of the Council of Nicaea.

Scripture References (KJV)

Revelation 4:8

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

Isaiah 6:3

Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.