

Jesus Loves Me

Anna B. Warner · 1860 · Tune: Jesus Loves Me (William B. Bradbury)
Meter: 7.7.7.7 with refrain

Verse 1

Jesus loves me! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Verse 2

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Verse 3

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Verse 4

Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
If I love Him, when I die
He will take me home on high.

History

Anna B. Warner wrote the words for her sister Susan's 1860 novel 'Say and Seal', where they are spoken to comfort a dying child. William B. Bradbury added the tune and refrain in 1862. It is reportedly the favorite hymn of theologian Karl Barth.

Scripture References (KJV)

1 John 4:19

We love him, because he first loved us.

Mark 10:14

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.