

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Isaac Watts · 1719 · Tune: Duke Street (John Hatton)

Meter: L.M. (8.8.8.8)

Verse 1

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Verse 2

For Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

Verse 3

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Verse 4

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Verse 5

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

History

From Watts's 'The Psalms of David Imitated' (1719), a Christian rendering of Psalm 72. Often called the first true missionary hymn in English. The tune 'Duke Street' was composed by John Hatton around 1793 and is named for the street in Lancashire where he lived.

Scripture References (KJV)

Psalm 72:8

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

Psalm 72:17

His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

