

Joy to the World

Isaac Watts · 1719 · Tune: Antioch (Lowell Mason (arr.))
Meter: C.M. (8.6.8.6)

Verse 1

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

History

Published in Watts's 'The Psalms of David Imitated' (1719) as a New Testament rendering of Psalm 98. Lowell Mason adapted the now-familiar tune 'Antioch' in 1839, often crediting Handel for fragments of the melody.

Scripture References (KJV)

Psalm 98:4

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Psalm 98:9

He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with equity.

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