

Just As I Am

Charlotte Elliott · 1835 · Tune: Woodworth (William B. Bradbury)

Meter: 8.8.8.6

Verse 1

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 2

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 3

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 4

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind;
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 5

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 6

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

History

Bedridden English poet Charlotte Elliott wrote 'Just As I Am' in 1835 after years of struggling with feelings of uselessness. Her brother once said her hymn raised more for the Lord's work than all his sermons combined. William Bradbury set it to the tune 'Woodworth' in 1849. It became the signature invitation hymn of Billy Graham crusades for over fifty years.

Scripture References (KJV)

John 1:29

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 6:37

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.