

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Henry Francis Lyte · 1834 · Tune: Lauda Anima (John Goss)
Meter: 8.7.8.7.8.7

Verse 1

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Verse 2

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Verse 3

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Verse 4

Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

History

Henry Francis Lyte (also author of 'Abide With Me') published this paraphrase of Psalm 103 in his 'Spirit of the Psalms' in 1834. John Goss, organist at St. Paul's Cathedral, composed the tune 'Lauda Anima' in 1869. It was sung at the wedding of Queen Elizabeth II in 1947.

Scripture References (KJV)

Psalm 103:1-4

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who

redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

Psalm 103:13-14

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

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