

There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood

William Cowper · 1772 · Tune: Cleansing Fountain (Lowell Mason (arr.))

Meter: C.M. (8.6.8.6)

Verse 1

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

Verse 2

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

Verse 3

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.

Verse 4

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Verse 5

Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save,
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave.

History

William Cowper, who battled severe melancholy throughout his life, wrote the hymn around 1772 during his collaboration with John Newton on the *Olney Hymns* (1779). The imagery is drawn from Zechariah 13:1. The American folk-style tune was arranged by Lowell Mason from a traditional melody in 1830.

Scripture References (KJV)

Zechariah 13:1

In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

1 John 1:7

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Luke 23:42-43

And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

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