

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Louisa M. R. Stead · 1882 · Tune: Trust in Jesus (William J. Kirkpatrick)
Meter: 8.7.8.7 with refrain

Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, 'Thus saith the Lord.'

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

Verse 2

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Verse 3

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

Verse 4

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

History

Louisa Stead wrote the hymn shortly after her husband drowned trying to rescue a boy at Long Island Sound, leaving her with a small daughter and almost no income. In her grief and the unexpected provision that followed, she penned the words. William Kirkpatrick composed the tune. Stead later served 25 years as a missionary in southern Africa.

Scripture References (KJV)

Psalm 84:12

O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

