

To God Be the Glory

Fanny J. Crosby · 1875 · Tune: *To God Be the Glory* (William H. Doane)
Meter: 11.11.11.11 with refrain

Verse 1

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Verse 3

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

History

Blind hymn-writer Fanny Crosby wrote the words around 1875, set to a tune by her frequent collaborator William Doane. Largely forgotten in America for decades, it was rediscovered when Cliff Barrows introduced it at the 1954 Billy Graham crusade in London, after which it spread worldwide.

Scripture References (KJV)

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.