

Divine Beauty

April 29 2026

1. Hymn. 45:1–3

Dear God, how glorious is Thy name
Through all the earth and sea and sky.
The wondrous heavens, Thy handiwork,
The moon and stars hast Thou ordained.

Such tender beauty, Lord, from Thee
Is shed abroad o'er all the earth;
In bird, in sunbeam, light and flower
Thy grace and goodness may be seen.

For this Thy gift unspeakable,
The beauty of Love's holiness,
We lift our hearts in grateful song
And would be always praising Thee.

Words: J. PALMER SNELLING

Music: English Traditional Melody

2. Hymn. 412:1–4

O dreamer, leave thy dreams for joyful waking,
O captive, rise and sing, for thou art free;
The Christ is here, all dreams of error breaking,
Unloosing bonds of all captivity.

He comes to bless thee on his wings of healing;
To banish pain, and wipe all tears away;
He comes anew, to humble hearts revealing
The mounting footsteps of the upward way.

He comes to give thee joy for desolation,
Beauty for ashes of the vanished years;
For every tear to bring full compensation,
To give thee confidence for all thy fears.

He comes to call the dumb to joyful singing;
The deaf to hear; the blinded eyes to see;
The glorious tidings of salvation bringing.
O captive, rise, thy Saviour comes to thee.

Words: ROSA M. TURNER

Music: Traditional Irish Melody

3. Hymn. 475:1-4

Forget not who you are, O child of God,
For God demands of you reflection pure;
Your heritage is goodly, and your home,
In Spirit's warm embrace, is safe, secure.

You are the child of Spirit, sinless, pure—
Yours is a perfect beauty, born of Soul—
Complete with health, vitality, and grace.
For is not God, your Father, perfect, whole?

Your understanding, too, comes straight from God.
For in that Mind, magnificent and clear,
You are conceived by Love, a perfect child,
Unhampered by the flesh, or doubt, or fear.

So now look up to God's pure holy light
And greet with fearless joy each coming day.
Of royal birth, you are a King's own child—
And God is yours, and you are God's always.

Words: MILDRED SPRING CASE, ALT.

Music: Alfred Morton Smith

1. Gen. 1:1, 3, 27 God, 28 (to 1st), 31 (to 1st)

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

27 ... God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, ...

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. ...

2. Ps. 19:1

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

3. Ps. 96:6

6 Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.

4. Eccl. 3:11 (to :)

11 He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time: ...

5. I Sam. 16:1 the, 4 (to), 10–13 Jesse (to 1st), 14–16, 18 (to 5th), 18 6th and, 19, 23

1 ... the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. ...

10 ... Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

- 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. ...
- 14 ¶ But the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.
- 15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.
- 16 Let our lord now command thy servants, *which are* before thee, to seek out a man, *who is* a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.
- 18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, ...
- 18 ... and the LORD *is* with him.
- 19 ¶ Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, *which is* with the sheep.
- 23 And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

6. Isa. 61:1–3

- 1 The spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;
- 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
- 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

7. Acts 3:1–10 (to :)

- 1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth hour.

- 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;
- 3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.
- 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.
- 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.
- 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
- 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
- 8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.
- 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:
- 10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: ...

8. Ps. 27:4

- 4 One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

9. I Cor. 6:19 know, 20

- 19 ... know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
- 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

10. Rom. 12:1, 2

- 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.
- 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

11. Ps. 29:2

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

1. SH 503:20–22

Immortal and divine Mind presents the idea of God:
21 *first*, in light; *second*, in reflection; *third*, in spiritual and immortal forms of beauty and goodness.

2. SH 516:9–21

9 God fashions all things, after His own likeness. Life is reflected in existence, Truth in truthfulness, God in goodness, which impart their own peace and
12 permanence. Love, redolent with unselfishness, bathes all in beauty and light. The grass beneath our feet silently exclaims, “The meek shall inherit the
15 earth.” The modest arbutus sends her sweet breath to heaven. The great rock gives shadow and shelter. The sunlight glints from the church-dome, glances into the
18 prison-cell, glides into the sick-chamber, brightens the flower, beautifies the landscape, blesses the earth. Man, made in His likeness, possesses and reflects God’s domin-
21 ion over all the earth.

Love imparts
beauty

3. SH 509:24

24 The periods of spiritual ascension are the days and seasons of Mind’s creation, in which beauty, sublimity, purity, and holiness
27 — yea, the divine nature — appear in man and the universe never to disappear.

4. SH 89:18–27

18 Mind is not necessarily dependent upon educational processes. It possesses of itself all beauty and poetry, and the power of expressing them. Spirit,

21 God, is heard when the senses are silent. We
are all capable of more than we do. The influence or
action of Soul confers a freedom, which explains the phe-
24 nomena of improvisation and the fervor of untutored lips.

Matter is neither intelligent nor creative. The tree is
not the author of itself. Sound is not the originator of
27 music, and man is not the father of man.

5. SH 200:9–13

9 Life is, always
has been, and ever will be independent of
matter; for Life is God, and man is the idea
12 of God, not formed materially but spiritually, and not
subject to decay and dust.

A mortal
not man

6. SH 246:11–12, 20–31

The radiant sun of virtue and truth
12 coexists with being.

Except for the error of meas-
21 uring and limiting all that is good and beautiful, man
would enjoy more than threescore years and ten and
still maintain his vigor, freshness, and promise. Man,
24 governed by immortal Mind, is always beautiful and
grand. Each succeeding year unfolds wisdom, beauty,
and holiness.

Undesirable
records

27 Life is eternal. We should find this out, and begin the
demonstration thereof. Life and goodness are immortal.
Let us then shape our views of existence into
30 loveliness, freshness, and continuity, rather
than into age and blight.

True life
eternal

7. SH 247:10, 21–30

Beauty, as well as truth, is eternal; but the beauty
of material things passes away, fading and fleeting as

12 mortal belief. Custom, education, and fashion
form the transient standards of mortals. Im-
mortality, exempt from age or decay, has a glory of its
15 own, — the radiance of Soul. Immortal men and women
are models of spiritual sense, drawn by perfect Mind
and reflecting those higher conceptions of loveliness
18 which transcend all material sense.

Eternal
beauty

21 Beauty is a thing of life, which
dwells forever in the eternal Mind and re-
flects the charms of His goodness in expression, form,
24 outline, and color. It is Love which paints the petal
with myriad hues, glances in the warm sunbeam, arches
the cloud with the bow of beauty, blazons the night with
27 starry gems, and covers earth with loveliness.

The divine
loveliness

The embellishments of the person are poor substitutes
for the charms of being, shining resplendent and eternal
30 over age and decay.

8. SH 304:3–5

3 It is ignorance and false belief, based on a material
sense of things, which hide spiritual beauty and good-
ness.

9. SH 247:31–11

The recipe for beauty is to have less illusion and
more Soul, to retreat from the belief of pain or pleasure
1 in the body into the unchanging calm and glorious free-
dom of spiritual harmony.

3 Love never loses sight of loveliness. Its halo rests upon
its object. One marvels that a friend can ever seem less
than beautiful. Men and women of riper
6 years and larger lessons ought to ripen into
health and immortality, instead of lapsing into darkness

Love's
endowment

or gloom. Immortal Mind feeds the body with supernal
9 freshness and fairness, supplying it with beautiful images
of thought and destroying the woes of sense which each
day brings to a nearer tomb.

10. SH 14:16–18

Sorrow

is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spir-
18 itual Life, Truth, and Love.

11. SH 263:7–14, 32–8

When mortal man blends his thoughts of existence
with the spiritual and works only as God works,
9 he will no longer grope in the dark and cling
to earth because he has not tasted heaven.

Carnal beliefs defraud us. They make man an involun-
12 tary hypocrite, — producing evil when he would create
good, forming deformity when he would outline grace
and beauty, injuring those whom he would bless.

Mortal man
a mis-creator

The fading forms of matter, the mortal body and ma-
1 terial earth, are the fleeting concepts of the human mind.
They have their day before the permanent facts and their
3 perfection in Spirit appear. The crude crea-
tions of mortal thought must finally give place
to the glorious forms which we sometimes behold in the
6 camera of divine Mind, when the mental picture is spir-
itual and eternal. Mortals must look beyond fading,
finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things.

Mind's true
camera

12. SH 428:8

To divest

9 thought of false trusts and material evidences in order
that the spiritual facts of being may appear, — this is
the great attainment by means of which we shall sweep

12 away the false and give place to the true. Thus we may
establish in truth the temple, or body, “whose builder
and maker is God.”

13. SH 595:7–9 (to ;)

TEMPLE. Body; the idea of Life, substance, and in-
telligence; the superstructure of Truth; the shrine of
9 Love; ...

14. SH 516:21

21 Man and woman as coexistent
and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality,
the infinite Father-Mother God.

15. SH 76:22–26

The sinless joy, — the perfect harmony and immortality
of Life, possessing unlimited divine beauty and goodness
24 without a single bodily pleasure or pain, —
constitutes the only veritable, indestructible
man, whose being is spiritual.

Immaterial
pleasure

12. Matt. 6:28 Consider, 29

28 ... Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they
spin:
29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed
like one of these.