

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

his joyful ode is one of the best-known hymns in the English language. Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933) was inspired in 1907 by the beauty of the Berkshire mountains where he was serving as a guest preacher at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. It has been said that Van Dyke handed the poem to the president of the college, saying: "Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy." The hymn appeared in the 3rd edition of Van Dyke's Book of Poems (1911).



Hymn Resources

TRADITIONAL: GMSJ Church

TRADITIONAL:Mormon Tabernacle Choir

CONTEMPORARY: Michael W. Smith

SOULFUL: Rachel Gonzalez

SOULFUL:Tommy Walker

SOULFUL:
Gospel Choir Kent

COUNTRY:
Amy Grant

BLUEGRASS:
The Akins

INSTRUMENTAL:
Stringhaven

JAZZ INSTRUMENTAL:
Temple Praise Band

INSTRUMENTAL:The Church at Clawson Media

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
 Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
 Stars and angels sing around Thee,
 Center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
 Singing bird and flowing fountain
 Call us to rejoice in Thee.
 - Thou art giving and forgiving,
 Ever blessing, ever blest,
 Wellspring of the joy of living,
 Ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
 All who live in love are Thine;
 Teach us how to love each other,
 Lift us to the joy divine.
 - Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us Sunward In the triumph song of life.

Words: Henry J. van Dyke, 1907.
Music: 'Ode to Joy' Ludwig van Beethoven; Adapted by Edward Hodges, 1824.
Setting: "The Methodist Hymnal", 1905.

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