

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

"To God Be the Glory" celebrates the greatness of God and calls upon an appreciation for the wondrous things "He hath done." It is a glorious hymn to be sung joyfully in the spirit of gratitude.

Stanza 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.

Refrain

*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.*

Stanza 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.

(Refrain)

Stanza 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 rapture, when Jesus we see.

The Story Behind To God Be the Glory

"To God Be the Glory" is a hymn with lyrics by Fanny Crosby and music by William Howard Doane, first printed in 1875. It appears to have been created around 1872 but was published in 1875 in Robert Lowry and Doane's hymn compilation, "Brightest and Best."

In 1954, the song leader for Billy Graham was given a copy with the suggestion that "To God be the Glory" be included in the songbook for the London Crusade. It was so well-loved that he included it again later that year in the Crusade in Nashville, Tennessee. The audience responded enthusiastically and from that time on, he used it frequently. With this exposure, the hymn quickly became well-known to Christians worldwide and is printed in most modern hymnals.