

Awesome God Psalm 86:8-15

From a nine-stanza Swedish poem by Carl Boberg first published in 1886. Walking home from a meeting one evening after an afternoon thunderstorm supplied inspiration. The beauty and sounds of nature helped form the message of this poem. It was later translated to German, and the German was translated to Russian.

Our song is from the pen of an English Methodist, Stuart Hine, as a loose translation from a Russian hymnbook. Many consider it a paraphrase in the first 2 verses with verse 3 and 4 written by Stuart Hine as the original poem does not reference Christ's death and second coming.

Made one of the most recognized and popular hymns due to extensive use in the Billy Graham Crusades, "How Great Thou Art" is a well-loved favorite among God's people.

It extolls the greatness of our God and calls us to praise Him

His Power In Creation

Verse 1 - O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thruout the universe displayed.

His works are awesome and wonderous

I remember singing "Consider all the works Thy hands have made" - **Psalm 86:8-10**

His creation stands as proof of his power and might - **Genesis 1:1-8**

Water, air, and land; Time and space; Plants and trees; Animals of the water, air, and land; Man - Male & Female

The universe declares the "glory of God" - **Psalm 19:1-6; Psalm 8:3-4**

All working in harmony to sustain the whole - **Genesis 1:14-19**

No one could continue without the other - **Exodus 15:11**

His Glory In Earth's Nature

Verse 2 - When thru the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

The beauty of Earth and nature are evidence of God's glory - **Genesis 1:9-13; Romans 1:20**

See the grass and trees; mountains, hills and valleys; Smell the aroma of nature; the freshness that follows the rain; Hear the birds, frogs, crickets, and squirrels; Feel the crisp air of a cool spring morning, the refreshing coolness of a mid-summer shower

The creatures of land, air, and sea declare God - **Genesis 1:20-25**

The Earth and all it sustains proclaims: "There Is A God!" - **Psalm 90:1-2; Psalm 24:1**

His Great Love For Man

Verse 3 - And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in:

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

Christ was the plan from the beginning - **John 1:1-4; Colossians 1:19-23**

His death is an overwhelming example of His love - **John 3:16; 1John 4:10**

God's love provided a way for us - **John 14:1-6; Romans 5:6-8; Ephesians 1:7-8**

His sacrificial life provides an example for us - **1Peter 2:21-24**

His Promise Gives Hope

Verse 4 - When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

This return is promised - **Acts 1:9-11; 1Thessalonians 4:16-17**

The resurrection gives assurance of new life - **Acts 17:30-31; Revelation 21:1-4**

We should be preparing for His Return - **Philippians 3:20-21; Matthew 24:42-44**

What a glorious gathering it will be - **Revelation 4:8-11; Revelation 14:1-5**

Proclaim Our Awesome God

Chorus - Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then
sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Praise God for His great power and love - **Psalm 86:12-17**

Repent and serve Him - **Job 42:1-6**

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