

Hymn: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

The hymn "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" has a rich history that spans over a century. Published by Louisa M. R. Stead in 1882, this beloved hymn has brought comfort and inspiration to countless people around the world.

Louisa Stead, a Methodist hymn-writer, penned the lyrics after facing a tragic event. She and her family were having a picnic when a terrible accident occurred, and Louisa's husband drowned while trying to save a young boy who was struggling in the water. This heartbreaking incident left Louisa widowed with a young daughter to care for.

Amidst the grief and challenges, Louisa found solace and strength in her faith in Jesus Christ. She turned to Him during her most difficult moments, finding comfort in the assurance that Jesus is a reliable and faithful companion. It was during these moments of leaning on her faith and trusting God that the lyrics of "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" were born.

The hymn's lyrics convey a profound sense of reliance on Jesus as a source of refuge and peace. The chorus captures the essence of the message, expressing the sweetness and joy that come from placing trust in Jesus:

"Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more."

Over the years, this hymn has become a cherished part of Christian worship services and gatherings. Its melody, composed by William J. Kirkpatrick, complements the comforting and reassuring message of the lyrics.

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" is a testament to the power of faith in the face of adversity. Louisa Stead's personal tragedy gave birth to a hymn that continues to touch hearts and souls, reminding believers of the enduring sweetness found in trusting Jesus.

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Louisa M. R. Stead

William J. Kirkpatrick

1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word,
2 O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his clean-sing blood,
3 Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease,
4 I'm so glad I learned to trust you, pre - cious Je - sus, Sa - vior, Friend,

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just to rest up - on his pro - mise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, clean-sing flood!
just from Je - sus sim - ply ta - king life and rest, and joy and peace.
and I know that you are with me, will be with me to the end.

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Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

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Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!