

Hymn: Blessed Assurance

"Blessed Assurance" is a beloved hymn with lyrics written by Fanny Crosby and music composed by Phoebe Knapp in 1873. The two women composed it together one day when Knapp was visiting Crosby. She played a melody on the piano, asking "What does this melody say to you?" to which Crosby replied, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!"

Fanny Crosby (1820 - 1915) was a prolific hymnist who wrote over 8,000 hymns. She was known as the "Queen of Gospel Song Writers," as well as "the mother of modern congregational singing in America." Though she was blind when she was just six weeks old, she was already writing poems by the age of eight. When she was fifteen, she became a student at the New York Institute of the Blind, joining the faculty by the time she was twenty-six.

Phoebe Knapp (1839 - 1908) was a composer and organist. She wrote over 500 tunes for hymns during her life, frequently working with Crosby to compose several hymns. She was married to Joseph Fairchild Knapp, who installed a pipe organ into their apartment to allow Phoebe the ability to play on a regular basis.

"Blessed Assurance" was published in 1873 in the magazine *Guide to Holiness*, which was edited by Joseph and Phoebe Knapp. It has been included in hymnals since 1889. The song expresses feelings of unshakable faith, trust, and assurance in God's love and peace, speaking to our hearts with a reminder that we have been chosen for salvation: "This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long."

Blessed Assurance Lyrics:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

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Fanny J. Crosby

Phoebe Palmer Knapp

D G/D D

Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!___ O what a
Per-fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light!___ Vi-sions of
Per-fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest,___ i in my

3 A/E E7 A D G/D

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!___ Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
rap - ture now burst on my sight;___ An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a -
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest;___ Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

6 D G Em D/A A7 D

God,___ Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood. ___
bove,___ Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. ___
bove,___ Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. ___

9 D G D

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my

12 G D/F# A/E E A A7 D G/D

Sav - ior all the day long;___ This is my sto - ry, this is my

15 D G Em/G D/A A7 D

song,___ Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long. ___