

Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” is a beloved Christian hymn that celebrates the beauty of God’s creation. It was written in the 1800s by Cecil Frances Alexander, a woman from Ireland. She wrote this hymn to help children understand that God made everything in the world—big and small—and that all of it is wonderful.

Mrs. Alexander believed that hymns could help children learn about God in a joyful and easy way, and so “All Things Bright and Beautiful” was published in 1848 in her book *Hymns for Little Children*. This hymn became one of her most famous works, and she later went on to donate to charity all the money she earned from its proceedings.

The lyrics are a joyous description of the beauty found within the world: flowers, birds, weather, and even people. They are a reminder that at the heart of creation is God, our Creator, who made us all. The music most often used for this hymn today was written by William Henry Monk, a church musician in the 1800s. His melody helped make the hymn even more popular in churches and Sunday schools.

Today, “All Things Bright and Beautiful” is still sung around the world and reminds us to thank God for nature as we enjoy the beauty of His creation.

All Things Bright and Beautiful Lyrics

[Refrain]

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flow'r that opens,
each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
He made them every one. [Refrain]

4 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

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Cecilia Frances Alexander, 1848

In unison

Stanza 1 to be sung as refrain after stanzas 2 to 5

ROYAL OAK: 7. 6. 7. 6. with Refrain

Traditional English melody

Har. for this book, 1953

1. All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea - tures great and small,

All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all. *Fine*

2. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
3. The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run-ning by,
4. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
5. He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell

He made their glow - ing col - ors, He made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright-ens up the sky,
The ripe fruits in the gar - den: He made them ev - ery one.
How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well. A-MEN.

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