

O Word of God Incarnate

Ps. 119:105

William W. How, 1867; alt.

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 O God, we hold this trea - sure from you, its source di - vine,
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of cloud - ed sky:
 a light that to all a - ges through - out the earth will shine;
 to bear be - fore all peo - ple your true light as of old!

We praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 'mid mists and rocks and tem - pest, still guides, O God, to you.
 till, doubt and striv - ing end - ed, they meet you face to face.

William W. How, author and hymnwriter, is remembered especially for his work among the poor of London's East End. Felix Mendelssohn harmonized this German hymn tune, which appeared with a different text for his oratorio *Elijah*.

Tune: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.
 Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

*Come, Thou Almighty King

Ps. 45:3-4

Anon., c.1757

Whitfield's Collection

ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.

Felice de Giardini, 1769

1. Come, thou al - might - y King, Help us thy
 2. Come, thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on thy
 3. Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4. To the great One in Three E - ter - nal

name to sing; Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend: Come, and thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! His sov - ereign

glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give thy word suc - cess;
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - ery heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,

Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 'Stab - lish thy righ - teous-ness, Sav - ior and friend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

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*African-American spiritual**Deut. 6:5-6; 10:12-16*

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart; in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart,
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Refrain

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Many of the enslaved of antebellum America did not want to become Christians because they did not want to adopt the religion of their captors. But this spiritual attests that the Christian faith was an internal strength and aim for many.

Tune: I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

8.6.8.3, with refrain

African-American spiritual

Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Second Tune

Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1870



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
 3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be;

Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;
 Let us all in thee in - her - it, Let us find thy prom - ised rest;
 Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion; Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 Pray and praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in thy pre - cious love.
 Till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.