

Largs Church of the Nazarene
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Blessed Assurance

Fanny J. Crosby

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.

Refrain:

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

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

The Love of God

Frederick M. Lehman

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin.

Refrain:

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky. [Refrain]



Psalm 40 (NRSV)

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
2 He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,

making my steps secure. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. 5 You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. 7 Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. 8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. 10 I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Psalm Beach: Sing a New Song

• Introduction (The Road Trip)

- A hybrid Psalm
 - Orientation/Disorientation/Reorientation
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• Stanza 1 (v. 1-3)

- What the Psalmist did/what God did (3 things)
 - *Natah*
 - *Shaon*
 - *Yare'*
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• Stanza 2 (v. 4-5)

- More than can be counted (*how measureless. . .*)
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• Stanza 3 (v. 6-8)

- Sacrifice and offering (Psalm 69:30-31)
 - An open ear
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• Stanza 4 (v.9-10)

- The great congregation
 - Psalm 69 or Psalm 40?
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- *Sing a song of thanksgiving, sing a song of praise, UNTIL deliverance happens, and then sing a song of thanksgiving BECAUSE deliverance has happened*

Psalm Beach Phrasebook

- *Natah*: to incline to, to stretch out, to extend, to bend down
- *Shaon*: noise, a roar of water, uproar, a din
- *Tehillim*: “praises;” the Hebrew name for the Book of Psalms
- *Yare'*: to fear, respect, to be in awe of, to have reverence for

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I waited patiently for the Lord.
He inclined and heard my cry.
He lifted me up out of the pit
Out of the miry clay.

I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song.
How long to sing this song?
How long to sing this song?
How long, how long, how long,
How long to sing this song?

He set my feet upon a rock
And made my footsteps firm.
Many will see, many will see and fear.

I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song.
How long to sing this song?
How long to sing this song?
How long, how long, how long,
How long to sing this song?