

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

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Curtis Beach, 1958, rev. 1980; alt.

Ps. 8

1 O how glo-rious, full of won-der is your name o'er all the earth,
2 When we see your lights of heav-en, moon and stars, your power dis-played,
3 You have set us in com-mu-nion with the won-ders of your hand,
4 O how won-drous, O how glo-rious is your name in ev-ery land,

God, who wrought cre-a-tion's splen-dor, bring-ing suns and stars to birth!
Who are we that you should love us, crea-tures that your hand has made?
Made us fly with ea-gle pin-ion, pil-grims o-ver sea and land.
God, whose pur-pose shines be-fore us toward the goal that you have planned!

Rapt in rev-erence we a-dore you, mar-veling at your mys-tic ways.
Born of earth, yet full of yearn-ing, mix-ture strange of good and ill,
Soar-ing spire and ru-ined cit-y, these our hopes and fail-ures show.
Yours the will our hearts are seek-ing, con-scious of our hu-man need.

Hum-bly now we bow be-fore you, lift-ing up our hearts in praise.
From your ways so of-ten turn-ing, yet your love does seek us still.
Teach us more of hu-man pit-y, that we in your im-age grow.
Spir-it in our spir-it speak-ing, make us yours, O God, in-deed.

United Church of Christ minister Curtis Beach submitted this hymn to the editorial committee of the Pilgrim Hymnal (1958). It was one of two psalm paraphrases by Beach to be accepted. The hymn was also included in The Hymnal of the United Church of Christ (1974).

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Traditional Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906
Alternate tune: HYMN TO JOY