

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.

Unison
Refrain

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

Last time, end

All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,

to Refrain

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and 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, God made them ev - ery one.

This hymn for children is based on the first article of the Apostles' Creed: "Maker of heaven and earth." The English hymnwriter Cecil Frances Alexander was married to William Alexander, who became bishop of Ireland.

Tune: ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. with refrain
English melody
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

Come to Tend God's Garden

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John A. Dalles, 1992

Luke 13:6-9; Gal. 5:22-26

1 Come to tend God's gar - den, seeds of hope to sow, plant-ing fields of
 2 As we tend God's gar - den, from its fur-rows rise stems of fresh be -
 3 May God's gar - den flour - ish, may our toil suc - ceed, may God bless our

*Whenever this repeated figure appears in the bass,
 the organist should tie the eighth notes in the bass part.

jus - tice, watch-ing mer - cy grow! In an ar - id waste - land,
 gin - nings, stretch-ing toward the skies! Gra-cious-ness, our mead - ow,
 ac - tions, ev - ery word and deed! Serv-ing Christ each sea - son,

spread a ver - dant heath! In a land of tu - mult, cul - ti - vate God's peace!
 joy - ful - ness, our root, u - ni - ty, our fo - liage, righ - teous - ness, our fruit!
 with God's di - a - gram, chart - ed by the Spir - it, for the task at hand!

John Dalles is the author of more than 200 hymn texts. This one was written for the 275th anniversary of the Synod of the Trinity (Pennsylvania), where Dalles has served as a pastor at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.

Tune: KING'S WESTON 6.5.6.5.D.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925
 For another setting see 255

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be-fore our God we come and pour our ar-dent prayers;
3 We share each oth-er's woes, each oth-er's bur-dens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us in-ward pain,

The shar-ing of a com-mon life is like to that a-bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
And of-ten for each oth-er flows a sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a-gain.

An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

Tune: DENNIS S.M.
Melody by Johann G. Nægeli (c. 1768-1836)
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845