

Isaac Watts, 1709
(Hymn 30, Book 2)

66. 86. (S. M.)

Albion

Transcribed from *Kentucky Harmony*, 1817.

G Major

Robert Boyd, 1816

Tr. ⁵ ¹⁰

1. Come, ye that love the Lord, And let your joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.
2. The sorrows of the mind Be banished from the place; Re-li-gion ne-ver was designed To make our pleasures less, To make our pleasures less.
3. Let those refuse to sing That never knew our God; But favorites of the he-avenly King May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad.

C.

4. The God that rules on high, And thunders when he please, That rides upon the stor-my sky, And ma-na-ges the seas, And ma-na-ges the seas.
5. This awful God is ours, Our Father and our Love; He shall send down his heavenly powers To car-ry us a-bove, To carry us a-bove.
6. There we shall see his face, And never, ne-ver sin; There, from the rivers of his grace, Drink endless pleasures in, Drink endless pleasures in.
7. Yes, and before we rise To that im-mor-tal state, The thoughts of such a-ma-zing bliss Should constant joys create, Should constant joys create.

T.

8. The men of grace have found Glory begun be-low; Ce-les-tial fruits on earth-ly ground From faith and hope may grow, From faith and hope may grow.
9. The hill of Zion yields A thousand sa-cred sweets, Be-fore we reach the heavenly fields, Or walk the gol-den streets, Or walk the gol-den streets.
10. Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry; We're marching through Immanuel's ground To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high.

B.

This tune was first published in *Kentucky Harmony* in 1816. It was reprinted (sometimes slightly revised) in many music books following that, including a three-part version in *Southern Harmony* (1835), p. 23. It appeared in *The Sacred Harp*, p. 52 from 1844 to the present, in a four-part version.

The words to the first stanza have been modified; the original reads "Come, *we* that love the Lord, and let *our* joys be known,..."