

Songs of Sublime Adoration and Praise

Music in the Church

- **We live in perilous times (II Tim 3:1-4:4)**
- **Music is a very powerful factor in them**
- **CCM is part of this evil decline (fruits)**
- **Contemporary churches change music**
- **Songs once sacred are now despised**

Christian Singing

- **We reject instruments for Bible singing**
- **Our words must be doctrinally sound**
- **Our melodies reverent and sober**
- **Both contrary to worldly preference**
- **Did David make music, or music him?**

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Shipwright, apprenticed with father at 14

No formal education or training for song

Songs are simple, unrefined, blunt, plain

Weak eyes in late years only slowed him

Lost wife and some children – yet faithful

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Songs excluded for emphasis on election

Friends pressed him to publish his songs

“Original Gospel Hymns and Poems”

Little more is known about him

We have at least seven songs in our OSH

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1766-1843

- **Lover of Christ**
- **Born in England**
- **Shipwright by trade**
- **Songwriter**
- **Exalted election**
- **Ignored by many**
- **Published in 1803**
- **Spurgeon included**
- **Died in England**



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Beneath the Sacred Throne

**1 *Beneath the sacred throne of God
I saw a river rise;
The streams were peace and pard'ning
blood,
Descending from the skies.***

**2 *Angelic minds can ne'er explore,
This deep, unfathomed sea;
'Tis void of bottom, brim, or shore,
And lost in Deity.***

Beneath the Sacred Throne

***3 I stood amazed, and wondered when,
Or why this ocean rose,
That wafts salvation down to men,
His traitors and His foes.***

***4 That sacred flood, from Jesus' veins,
Was free to take away
A Mary's or Manasseh's stains,
Or sins more vile than they.***

Beneath the Sacred Throne

***5 Free to the sinner, dead to God,
Who sought the road to hell,
That trampled on a Savior's blood,
And on his buckler fell.***

***6 Triumphant grace, and man's free will,
Shall not divide the throne;
For man's a fallen sinner still,
And Christ shall reign alone.***

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His favorite song?

“Adoration”

(#32 in Old School Hymnal, Twelfth edition)