

08/03/09 - Sunshine In My Soul

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This is one of the happiest sounding hymns in the whole hymnal.

Eliza Hewitt was a school teacher who taught at the Northern Home for Friendless Children. At age 35, she was struck by an unruly student with a slate, severely injuring her back. The doctors put her in a heavy cast for six months. When the cast was removed, she was told to take a short walk in the nearby Fairmont Park. She was overcome with joy that she could walk and wrote this hymn.

Lyrics: Eliza E. Hewitt

Music: John R. Sweney

There is sunshine in my soul today,
More glorious and bright
Than glows in any earthly sky,
For Jesus is my Light.

Refrain:

O there's sunshine, blessed sunshine,
When the peaceful, happy moments roll;
When Jesus shows His smiling face,
There is sunshine in the soul.

There is music in my soul today,
A carol to my King,
And Jesus, listening, can hear
The songs I cannot sing.

There is springtime in my soul today,
For, when the Lord is near,
The dove of peace sings in my heart,
The flowers of grace appear.

There is gladness in my soul today,
And hope and praise and love,
For blessings which He gives me now,

For joys laid up above.

This hymn marks the completion of a Masters Degree in Music Technology with the University of Newcastle. The hymn accompaniments that you are listening to are part of the final project. Special thanks to Trevor.

Although the final project has ended, the hymn accompaniments podcast will still continue for the benefit of God's people.

Soli Deo Gloria.

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