

07/18/09 - Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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Helen Lemmel was born in England in 1863. She was the daughter of a Wesleyan minister who immigrated to America. At age 55, Helen heard a statement that deeply impressed her: "So then, turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face and you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimness."

The chorus came to Helen with not one conscious moment of putting word to word to make rhyme, or note to note to make melody.

Lyrics and Music: Helen H. Lemmel

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's a light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Refrain:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion-
For more than conquerors we are!

His Word shall not fail you-He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Helen wrote nearly 500 hymns during her lifetime and died in Seattle in 1961.

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