

06/04/09 - Whiter Than Snow

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This hymn was written in 1872 by James Nicholson, who lived in Washington D. C. He was a dedicated Christian and was active in the Wharton Street Methodist Episcopal Church as a Sunday school and evangelistic worker.

The tune was written by Philadelphia musician named William Gustavus Fischer who was a popular song leader for revival meetings. He also composed the tune for "I love to tell the story".

The hymn is based on Ps51:7 - "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

Lyrics: James Nicholson

Music: William G. Fischer

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
I want Thee forever to live in my soul;
Break down every idol, cast out every foe-
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Refrain:

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow,
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from Thy throne in the skies,
And help me to make a complete sacrifice;
I give up myself, and whatever I know-
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat,
I wait, blessed Lord, at Thy crucified feet,
By faith for my cleansing, I see thy blood flow-
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, Thou seest I patiently wait;
Come now and within me a new heart create;

To those who have sought Thee Thou never said'st "No"-
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

O how we need cleansing from the Lord Jesus!

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