



IN THE GARDEN

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses...

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other, has ever, known!

He speaks and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me,
Within my heart is ringing . . .

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Words by C. Austin Miles, 1912



Christ The Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia
Sons of men and angels say. Alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply. Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia
Where O death is now thy sting. Alleluia
Once he died our souls to save. Alleluia
Where's thy victory boasting grave. Alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won. Alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia
Following our exalted Head. Alleluia
Made like Him like Him we rise. Alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies. Alleluia

By Charles Wesley - 1739

God Who Listens

The God who made the winters and the summers
The One who put the stars all in their place
The only One who stands above all others
He knows me by name

The angels hide their faces in His presence
The demons run for cover when You speak
You rule the world and reign above the heavens
And still draw close to me

And when I close my eyes
I know that

I'm not just hopin', I'm not just wishin'
I know I'm prayin' to a God who listens
I know He hears me, I know He's livin'
Yes, I am prayin' to a God who listens

He walks with me and leads me by still waters
I lay my troubles down at His feet (lay my troubles down)
It's amazing that the Savior and the Father
He is (He is) a friend (a friend) to me
How can it be, oh?

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I know I'm prayin' to a God who listens
I know He hears me, I know He's livin'
Yes, I am prayin' (yes, I am prayin') to a God who listens

Your God who listens
Who knows me, who loves me
Who never will fail me
Who tells me that I am His own
And You surround me, remind me
You always are for me
So I come boldly to Your throne

I'm not just hopin', I'm not just wishin'
Yes, I am prayin' to a God who listens
Oh, Lord a promise, that we've been given
Yes, we are prayin' to a God who listens

Yes, You are, yes You are
Ooh, yeah, oh, yeah-yeah
Oh, oh-oh
I'm not just hopin' (I'm not just hopin')
I'm not just wishin' (I'm not just wishin')

Song by Chris Tomlin - 2020

PRAYING A SONG

At this time of year, we start hearing the dawn chorus as spring brings us earlier light and intense bird song. We listen to familiar Easter hymns and songs in church, on the radio, the television, a CD, or a playlist on our electronic device.

We can sing our prayers of praise, declaration, petition and lamentation.

We can use these songs as the basis for prayer.

Here are 3 methods we can use:

READ / LISTEN

Read or listen to the lyrics of a song which means something to you and use the words as your prayer

WRITE

Write out the lyrics and put in bold those verses that speak profoundly to you as a prayer.

CREATE

Create something which expresses those words in an image or piece of art worshipping God.

SING

Sing the song paying particular attention to the words. Sing the words as a prayer to God.



OH, SING
TO THE **LORD**
A NEW **SONG!**
SING TO THE LORD,
ALL THE **EARTH.**

PSALM 96:1



THE GOD WHO LISTENS by Chris Duffett



THE GOD WHO LISTENS

Christians believe in one God. This one God exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. The word 'Trinity' is used to describe this idea that God is three persons in one. God is a relationship. God is a community. Father, Son and Spirit love each other perfectly—always have, always will. They listen to each other.

Here are three verses from the gospel of John in the Bible; Jesus is the speaker in each. Notice who is listening to whom.

John 5:30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

Who is listening? Jesus. To whom is He listening? The Father.

John 11:42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

Who is listening? The Father. To whom is He listening? Jesus.

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Who is listening? The Spirit. To whom is He listening? Jesus and the Father.

Father, Son and Spirit—all listening to one another. The writer of this book – John – tells us that God is love. Listening is an expression of love. God is a listener because God is love.

This God who is a Listener, listens to you. When you pray, He inclines His ear. Perhaps we see this most clearly in Jesus, who is the ultimate revelation of God. Jesus said, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father." If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus.



BECAUSE HE BENDS
DOWN TO LISTEN, I
WILL PRAY AS LONG
AS I HAVE BREATH.

PSALM 116:2, NLT

Be still
and know that
I am *God*

PSALM 46:10

