

Good Friday

Song: Fanny Crosby

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child and forever I am.

Refrain

*Redeemed, redeemed,
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed,
His child and forever I am.*

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,
No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell.

Refrain

I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long:
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song.

Refrain

I know there's a crown that is waiting,
In yonder bright mansion for me,
And soon, with the spirits made perfect,
At home with the Lord I shall be.

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Fanny Crosby was probably the most prolific hymnist in history. Though blinded by an incompetent doctor at six weeks of age, she wrote over 8,000 hymns. About her blindness, she said:

It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me.

In her lifetime, Fanny Crosby was one of the best known women in the United States. To this day, the vast majority of American hymnals contain her work.

To whom much is given, much shall be required.

How much did God love you? He opened wide his arms on the hard wood of the cross and then he died.

There is no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends. There is no greater love than to say, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

How did Louis XII of France treat his enemies after he ascended to the throne? Before coming to power, he had been cast into prison and kept in chains.

Later when he did become king, he was urged to seek revenge but he refused. Instead, he prepared a scroll on which he listed all who had perpetrated crimes against him. Behind every man's name he placed a cross in red ink.

When the guilty heard about this, they feared for their lives and fled.

Then the king explained, "The cross which I drew beside each name was not a sign of punishment, but a pledge of forgiveness extended for the sake of the crucified Savior, who upon his cross forgave his enemies and prayed for them."

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To the degree we allow ourselves to be opened and touched by
God's transforming love,
will be the degree of gratitude we return.

How grateful are we who are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb?
How much is Christ's death worth?

The last words of our Savior were, "IT IS FINISHED."

Jesus dies knowing he had fulfilled his purpose on earth. He had
nothing of which to be ashamed. He completed all he had been given
to do by the Father.

May God help us with the same abandon, so to live that from our lips
might be, "It is finished." "Father, to you I commend my spirit." Amen.