

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.



1. Je-sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas-ter,  
 2. Je-sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to  
 3. Je-sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in  
 4. Je-sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will-ing



friend and Lord; now as once at Ca - na's  
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com - mand your  
 pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed  
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im-



wed - ding, speak, and let us hear your word:  
 ser - vants, let us trust in you a - lone:  
 glo - ry chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine:  
 - ag - ine, all the best you have to give:



lead us through our need or doubt - ing,  
 though your hand may work in se - cret,  
 rouse the faith of your dis - ci - ples,  
 let us find your hid - den rich - es,



hope be born and joy re - stored.  
 all shall see what you have done.  
 come, our first and great - est Sign!  
 taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

## 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.