

## Resurrection

### Introduction:

1. The lyrics for this song were written in 1911 by Homer F. Morris.
2. He was both a songwriter and a composer, writing the music for over 300 hymns, including "Won't It Be Wonderful There."
3. However, the music for this song was composed by Thomas Benjamin Mosley.
4. Little is known about either man.
5. This beautiful song is based on the account of Jesus' resurrection recorded in Matthew 28.

### I. Low in the Grave He Lay

They crucified my Lord, laid Him in the tomb,  
Now lies the Son of God in death's sable gloom.

The Man of grief and toil there in silence lies;  
Death has within its coil God of earth and skies.

- A. The Gospel of Christ is centered upon the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).
- B. Each of these points – including His burial – is essential.
  1. The burial of Jesus was prophesied (Isaiah 53:9).
  2. The burial of Jesus confirmed His death (John 19:38-42).
  3. The burial of Jesus proved His resurrection (Matthew 27:57-66).
- C. The burial of Jesus is reenacted in baptism (Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12).
- D. "Low in the grave He lay – Jesus my Savior! Waiting the coming day – Jesus my Lord!"

### II. Death Cannot Keep His Prey

But, behold, there was an earthquake,  
For from heav'n there came an angel,  
With a countenance like lightning,  
And a raiment white as snow.

When at dawn came Mary Magdalene,  
'Twas the angel's voice which said:  
"Lo! He is not here, but risen!"  
Christ is risen from the dead.

- A. Jesus was buried because He died; however, He was innocent of sin and did not deserve death (Romans 5:12; 6:23; cf. 1 Peter 2:22; John 8:46).
- B. Thus, death had no power over Him (Acts 2:23-24, 27; Revelation 1:18).

- C. *“Vainly they watch His bed – Jesus my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead – Jesus my Lord!”*
- D. As a result, Jesus conquered death and the grave!
  - 1. For Himself (Luke 24:46-47; John 10:17-18)
  - 2. For all mankind (Isaiah 25:8-9; 2 Timothy 1:10; Hebrews 2:14-15)
- E. *“Death cannot keep His prey – Jesus my Savior! He tore the bars away – Jesus my Lord!”*

### III. Up from the Grave He Arose

He who for the world's salvation bled,  
 Now is risen, risen from the dead;  
 Glory, honor we will ever sing,  
 Praise to our risen, risen King.

Hallelujah, sing with hearts to heaven and voices raise,  
 Ever shout, ye ransomed ones, for you His blood was shed;  
 Sing a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise,  
 Christ the Lord is risen indeed, is risen from the dead.

- A. Jesus was raised from the dead!
  - 1. This was the statement of the angel (Matthew 28:5-6).
  - 2. This was the declaration of Paul (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)
- B. *“Up from the grave He arose With a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His saints to reign.”*
- C. He is the source of true life (John 11:24-25).
- D. He is the Son of God, the Messiah (Romans 1:3-4).
- E. He is the hope of the world (1 Peter 1:3-4).
- F. He is the way to salvation (1 Peter 3:21).
- G. Thus, He is to be honored and praised (Philippians 2:9-11).

Conclusion: *“He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!”*