

There's A Great Day Coming

Introduction:

1. The lyrics and music for this song were written in the late 1880's by Will Lamartine Thompson.
2. Thompson was born in East Liverpool, Ohio, on November 7, 1847.
3. Being unsuccessful in selling his music to publishers, he started his own publishing company.
4. This was a wise decision because he would go on to pen several well-known and beloved hymns, including: "Jesus Is All The World To Me," "Lead Me Gently Home, Father," and "Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling."
5. Will L. Thompson died on September 20, 1909, in New York, New York.

I. A Great Day – The Day of Judgment

There's a great day coming by and by,
When the saints and the sinners shall be parted right and left,
Are you ready for that day to come?

- A. The day is great because of its significance – a day of judgment (Matthew 25:31-46; 2 Peter 3:7).
- B. The day is great because of its scope – all mankind (John 5:28-29; Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
- C. The day is great because of its scale – every deed (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Matthew 12:36-37; Luke 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:5).
- D. The day is great because of its standard – the Word of God (Psalm 96:13; Romans 2:16; Revelation 20:12).
- E. The day is great because of its Sovereign – Jesus Christ (Acts 17:30-31).

II. A Bright Day – A Day of Salvation

There's a bright day coming by and by,
But its brightness shall only come to them that love the Lord,
Are you ready for that day to come?

- A. Those who love the Lord are people who obey Him (John 14:15, 21-24; 1 John 5:3).
- B. For them, the day that is coming will be one of brightness!
- C. They will inherit eternal life (Matthew 24:34, 46; 2 Timothy 4:8; 1 Peter 1:3-5).
- D. The Lord knows His faithful (John 10:14; 2 Timothy 2:19).

III. A Sad Day – A Day of Condemnation

There's a sad day coming by and by,
When the sinner shall hear his doom, "Depart, I know ye not,"
Are you ready for that day to come?

- A. For the sinner, the day is sad because of its surprise (Matthew 7:21-23).
- B. For the sinner, the day is sad because of its strictness (Psalm 44:21; Proverbs 15:3; Hebrews 4:13; 1 Peter 1:17).
- C. For the sinner, the day is sad because of its separation (Matthew 25:41; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).
- D. For the sinner, the day is sad because of its suffering (Luke 16:23-24).

Conclusion: Chorus

Are you ready for the judgment day?

- 1. We do not know when He will return (Mark 13:33-37).
- 2. But we do know that He will return (John 14:1-3).
- 3. Thus, we must watch and be ready always (Matthew 25:13).
- 4. Are you ready?