

EARTH AND ALL STARS

Matching the Hymn with Scripture

Look up the scripture references given below and match them with the hymn fragments listed.

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| A. Stanza 1: | Earth and all stars!
Loud rushing planets! | _____ | Matt. 21:42-44 |
| B. Stanza 2: | Hail, wind and rain!
Loud blowing snowstorm! | _____ | Psalm 104:1-4 |
| C. Stanza 3: | Trumpets and pipes!
Loud crashing cymbals! | _____ | Job 38:6-7 |
| D. Stanza 4: | Limestone and beams!
Loud building workers! | _____ | Psalm 111:10 |
| E. Stanza 6: | Knowledge and truth!
Loud sounding wisdom! | _____ | Psalm 98:1 |
| F. Refrain: | He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a
new song. | _____ | Psalm 150:3-6 |

Write your Own Stanza

Herbert Brokering, the author of this hymn text, is an unusual minister who has been a parish pastor, teacher, worship consultant and tour guide. He has written over 30 books and writes some every day. In one of his books he wrote new words to one of the stanzas of the well-known hymn, "This Is My Father's World." During a trip one day Brokering recalled the places that he had been and substituted the following words for the original text of the hymn, "In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass":

In the splashing bass, I hear Him pass.

In the rushing mass, I hear Him pass.

In the angry lass, I hear Him pass.

In the blaring brass, I hear Him pass.¹

Write your own stanza to "Earth and All Stars." By examining the meter or number of syllables for each line, you can easily add your own words.

<u>Brokering's Hymn</u>	<u>Syllables</u>	<u>Your Hymn</u>
Earth and all stars!	4	_____
Loud rushing planets!	5	_____
	Sing to the Lord a new song!	
O victory!	4	_____
Loud shouting army!	5	_____
	Sing to the Lord a new song!	

Does each of your lines have the same number of syllables as the corresponding line in Brokering's hymn? Does your text fit the repeated lines in each stanza, "Sing to the Lord a new song?" Take turns sharing your stanza with others.

¹ *Uncovered Feelings*, by Herbert Brokering. Fortress Press, 1969, p.69.

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