

THE GLORY OF OUR KING WAS SEEN

Tune: Morning Song

Have you ever seen a “glory hole” in the sky? A hole in a bank of clouds suddenly sends down a bright shaft of light (you almost feel you can touch it!) and like the words of the Christmas song, *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night*, “glory shone around.”

What does “glory” mean? The dictionary says “splendor, magnificence.” It also says “worship; adoration.” Perhaps “glory” means anything which is almost too wonderful to be explained.

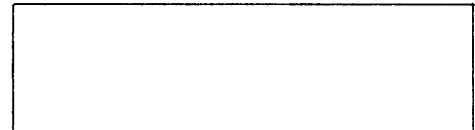
Can you find some hymns that use the word “glory” in your hymnal?

1. Look at the last stanza of *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*. It says the angels sang “glory” when Christ was born.
2. Find *Angels We Have Heard On High*. The chorus is “Gloria in excelsis” – “Gloria” is the Latin word for “glory.”
3. Do you sing a *Gloria Patri* in your service? You sing “glory” to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
4. Find *For The Beauty Of The Earth* and locate the word “glory.”
5. Can you find other hymns that contain the word “glory?”

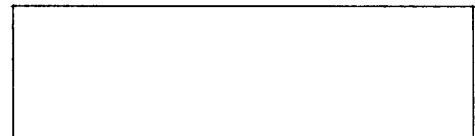
The author of *The Glory Of Our Lord Was Seen* is Margaret Cropper who was born in 1885. While she has written many books, poems, plays and biographies, she likes to write for boys and girls. Of this hymn she says, “it was written for children to sing . . . and it was published in a book called *Hymns And Songs For Children*.”

Her hymn tells of three times in the life of Christ when his glory was seen. Each stanza is about a different story. Can you tell when they happened?

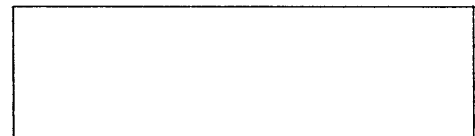
(1) **Palm Sunday** - Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, and the children waved palm branches and sang “Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”



(2) **Good Friday** - Jesus showed his glory and his love when he died on a cross, with his hands and arms stretched out on the arms of the cross. How much love does it take to give up your life for someone else?



(3) **Easter** - But Christ didn't stay buried in a tomb. Three days later he arose from the grave and is still alive in the world loving us, guiding us, and staying by our side.



Can you draw three pictures on the page which will tell of these three “glories?”

Does the early American tune, *Morning Song*, suit these words? Can you find the same tune set to other words in your hymnal? Some books set it to *Awake, Awake To Love And Work*.

Ask your choir director to let you see the Choristers Guild Hymn Study Series No. H-71 which tells more about this tune and the words for *Awake, Awake*.

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