

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time (indicated by '3') and G major (indicated by a 'G' with a sharp). The top staff uses a treble clef, and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The lyrics are written in a mix of numbered and unnumbered lines, corresponding to the musical phrases.

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
 2 My gracious Master and my God, as I assist me to proclaim,
 3 Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
 4 He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
 5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given

the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
 to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.
 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul'est clean, his blood availed for me.
 by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

1. Mein Mund besinge tausendfach des Welterlösers Tun,
 Verkünde Gottes Herrlichkeit, vermehre Jesu Ruhm.

2. O gnädiger Heiland, Gottes Sohn, hilf mir im Zeugenstand,
 Mein Wort vermehr des Kreuzes Lob, mach dich der Welt bekannt.

3. In Jesu Nam'n die Angst verschwind't und alle Sorge weicht,
 Ja, ewges Leben jeder find, in Jesu Tod erreicht.

4. Er bricht die Macht der Finsternis, lässt die Gefangnen frei;
 Sein Blut schenkt uns das Paradies und Freiheit groß und neu.

5. O Menschenkind, hör Jesu Ruf: Ich bin das Heil der Welt.
 Als Gotteskind er dich erschuf und nicht als Kind der Welt.

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Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
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