

The Stories of 5 Great Hymns
It Is Well With My Soul

Notes While Watching the DVD

Who wrote this hymn? _____

Where did the author live? _____

Tell us about the author: profession, interests, faith, etc. _____

List some setbacks this author experienced: _____

When (approximate year) was it written? _____

Under what circumstances was it written? _____

For Reflection

What does this hymn say about the author's faith? _____

Why would Horatio Spafford, of all people, say, "I am glad to trust the Lord when it will cost something"?

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1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,

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2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
Refrain

3. My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

4. And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

verse 1 – “It Is Well with My Soul” is the common title.
When are things well for the author? Two different conditions in the first two lines. What are they?

a)

b)

verse 2 – What is his “blest assurance” even through trials?

verse 3 – “My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! — My sin, not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross.” Explain what is so wonderful about that.

verse 4 – What does he mean by, “Haste the day when the faith shall be sight”?

From the text of the hymn, what are some of the reasons the author gives for saying, “It Is Well With My Soul”?

a.

b.

c.

Having learned a bit about this hymn, what do you think the author meant in the refrain, “It is well with my soul.”

Bible passages?

Look at the footnotes in the hymnal, hymn 850.

Also Philippians 4:11-13

Take note of the name of the tune. (Hymn 850)

What is “Gospel Music”?

What is the Biblical definition of “Gospel”?

Find examples that make this hymn Biblical Gospel Music.