

Paradox #1a: For the whole world and for me! I've got a share in what Christ has done!

Universal Redemption (“Hear, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”), excerpts from	“And Can It Be”
<p>1. Hear, holy, holy, holy, Lord, Father of all mankind, Spirit of love, eternal word, In mystick union join’d.</p> <p>5. Mercy for all, thy hands have made, Immense, and unconfi’n’d, Throughout thy every work display’d, Embracing all mankind.</p> <p>6. Thine eye survey’d the fallen race When sunk, in sin they lay, Their misery call’d for all thy grace, But justice stopp’d the way.</p> <p>7. Mercy the fatal bar remov’d, Thy only Son it gave,— To save a world so dearly lov’d, A sinful world to save.</p> <p>8. For every man he tasted death, He suffered once for all, He calls as many souls as breathe, And all may hear the call.</p> <p>9. A power to choose, a will to obey, Freely his grace restores; We all may find the living way, And call the Saviour ours.</p> <p>17. And shall I, Lord, confine thy love, As not to others free? And may not every sinner prove, The grace that found out me?</p>	<p>1 And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain for me, who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me? Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?</p> <p>2 ‘Tis mystery all: th’Immortal dies! Who can explore his strange design? In vain the first-born seraph tries To sound the depths of love divine. ‘Tis mercy all! Let earth adore; Let angel minds inquire no more. Refrain</p> <p>3 He left his Father's throne above so free, so infinite his grace emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race! What mercy this, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me! Refrain</p> <p>4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night. Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke the dungeon flamed with light! My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee. Refrain</p> <p>5 No condemnation now I dread, Jesus, and all in him, is mine! Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. Refrain</p>

Paradox #1b: Look at everyone Jesus touched! (Surely I'm in this list somewhere!)

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," excerpts from	"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast," excerpts from
[1. Glory to God, and praise and love Be ever, ever given, By saints below and saints above, The church in earth and heaven.]	1. Come, sinners, to the Gospel-Feast; Let every soul be Jesus' guest. Ye need not one be left behind, For God hath bid all humankind.
[2. I felt my Lord's atoning blood Close to my soul applied; Me, me he loved, the Son of God, For me, for me he died!]	[2. Come then, ye souls, by sin oppressed, Ye restless wanderers after rest, Ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind, In Christ a hearty welcome find.]
3. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace	[3. Sinners my gracious Lord receives, Harlots, and publicans, and thieves, Drunkards, and all the hellish crew, I have a message now to you.]
4. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.	[4. Come, and partake the Gospel-Feast, Be saved from sin, in Jesus rest, O taste the goodness of our God, And eat his flesh, and drink his blood.]
5. He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; He blood can make the foulest clean; He blood availed for me.	[5. Ye vagrant souls, on you I call, (O that my voice could reach you all) Ye all are freely justified, Ye all may live, for God hath died.]
6. He speaks, and listening to his voice New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, The humble poor believe.	[6. My message as from God receive; Ye all may come to Christ and live. O let his love your hearts constrain, Nor suffer him to die in vain.]
7. Hear him, ye dead, his praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come, And leap, ye lame, for joy.	[7. His love is mighty to compel, His conqu'ring love consent to feel, Yield to his love's resistless power, And fight against your God no more.]
[8. Look unto him, ye nations, own Your God, ye fallen race! Look, and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace!]	[8. See him set forth before your eyes, Behold the bleeding sacrifice, His offered love make haste t'embrace, And freely now be saved by grace.]

<p>[9. Harlots and publicans and thieves, In holy triumph join! Saved is the sinner that believes From crimes as great as mine.]</p> <p>[10. Murderers and all ye hellish crew, Ye sons of lust and pride, Believe the Savior died for you; For me the Savior died.]</p> <p>[11. With me, your chief, you then shall know, Shall feel your sins forgiven; Anticipate your heaven below And own that love is heaven.]</p>	<p>[9. Ye who believe his record true, Shall sup with him, and he with you; Come to the Feast; be saved from sin, For Jesus waits to take you in.]</p> <p>[10. This is the time, no more delay, This is the acceptable day; Come in, this moment, at his call, And live for him who died for all.]</p>
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Paradox #2: Christ has two natures (divine and human)! Look at one and see the other!

Amazement at the conception and birth of God	Wonder at the death of the Immortal
<p>Example #1: “Glory be to God on high”</p> <p>1. Glory be to God on high, And peace on earth descend; God comes down: he bows the sky: And shows himself our friend! God th’ invisible appears, God the blest, the great I AM Sojourns in this vale of tears, And Jesus is his name.</p> <p>2. Him the angels all adored Their Maker and their King: Tidings of their humbled Lord They now to mortals bring: Emptied of his majesty, Of his dazzling glories shorn, Being’s source begins to be, And God himself is born!</p> <p>3. See th’ eternal Son of God A mortal Son of man, Dwelling in an earthy clod Whom heaven cannot contain! Stand amazed ye heavens at this! See the Lord of earth and skies! Humbled to the dust he is, And in a manger lies!</p> <p>4. We the sons of men rejoice, The Prince of Peace proclaim, With heaven’s host¹¹ lift up our¹² voice, And shout Immanuel’s name; Knees and hearts to him we bow; Of our flesh, and of our bone Jesus is our brother now, And God is all our own!</p> <p>Example #2: “Join All Ye Joyful Nations,”</p>	<p>Example #1: “Savior, the World’s and Mine!”</p> <p>1. Savior, the world’s and mine, Was ever grief like thine! Thou my pain, my curse hast took, All my sins were laid on thee; Help me, Lord; to thee I look, Draw me, Saviour, after thee.</p> <p>2. Tis done! My God hath died, My love is crucified! Break this stony heart of mine, Pour my eyes a ceaseless flood, Feel, my soul, the pangs divine, Catch, my heart, the issuing blood!</p> <p>3. When, O my God, shall I For thee submit to die? How the mighty debt repay, Rival of thy passion prove? Lead me in thyself the way, Melt my hardness into love.</p> <p>4. To love is all my wish, I only live for this: Grant me, Lord, my heart’s desire, There by faith forever dwell: This I always will require Thee and only thee to feel.</p> <p>5. Thy pow’r I pant to prove Rooted and fixed in love, Strengthened by thy Spirit’s might, Wise to fathom things divine, What the length and breadth and height, What the depth of love like thine.</p> <p>6. Ah! Give me this to know With all thy saints below. Swells my soul to compass thee, Gasps in thee to live and move, Filled with all the deity, All immersed and lost in love!</p> <p>Example #2: “O Love Divine, What Hast Thou</p>

<p>excerpts from</p> <p>1. Join all ye joyful nations Th' acclaiming hosts of heaven! This happy morn A child is born, To us a Son is given: The messenger and token Of God's eternal favor, God hath sent down To us his Son, A universal Savior!</p> <p>3. Go see the King of Glory, Discern the heavenly stranger, So poor and mean, His court an inn, His cradle is a manger: Who from his Father's bosom But now for us descended, Who built the skies, On earth he lies, With only beasts attended.</p> <p>4. Whom all the angels worship, Lies hid in human nature; Incarnate see The deity, The infinite Creator! See the stupendous blessing Which God to us hath given! A child of man, In length a span, Who fills both earth and heaven.</p> <p>5. Gaze on that helpless object Of endless adoration! Those infant-hands Shall burst our bands, And work out our salvation; Strangle the crooked serpent, Destroy his works forever, And open set The heavenly gate To every true believer.</p>	<p>Done!"</p> <p>1. O Love divine, what hast thou done! The immortal God hath died for me! The Father's co-eternal Son Bore all my sins upon the tree. Th'immortal God for me hath died: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!</p> <p>2. Is crucified for me and you, To bring us rebels back to God. Believe, believe the record true, Ye all are bought with Jesus' blood. Pardon for all flows from His side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!</p> <p>3. Behold and love, ye that pass by, The bleeding Prince of life and peace! Come, sinners, see your Savior die, And say, 'Was ever grief like His'? Come, feel with me His blood applied: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!</p> <p>4. Then let us sit beneath His cross, And gladly catch the healing stream: All things for Him account but loss, And give up all our hearts to Him: Of nothing think or speak beside, My Lord, my Love, is crucified</p>
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Experiential #1: Terribly bad grammar but wonderfully Good News! Collapse the *time!*

(First, consider the examples under paradox #2 immediately above, too.)

A well-known example	Lesser-known examples (hymns #18 and 122 from <i>Hymns on the Lord's Supper</i>)
<p>1. "Christ the Lord is risen today," Sons of men and angels say, Raise your joys and triumphs high, Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.</p> <p>2. Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won; Lo! Our sun's eclipse is o'er, Lo! He sets in blood no more.</p> <p>3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell! Death in vain forbids his rise: Christ has opened paradise!</p> <p>4. Lives again our glorious King, Where, O death, is now thy sting? Dying once he all doth save, Where thy victory, , boasting grave?</p>	<p>#1: "Lift Your Eyes of Faith and Look"</p> <p>1. Lift your eyes of faith, and look, On the signs he did ordain! Thus the bread of life was broke, Thus the Lamb of God was slain, Thus was shed on Calvary His last drop of blood for me!</p> <p>2. See the slaughter'd sacrifice, See the altar stain'd with blood! Crucified before our eyes Faith discerns the dying God, Dying that our souls might live, Gasping at his death, forgive!</p> <p>#2: "Father Let the Sinner Go"</p> <p>1. Father, let the sinner go, The Lamb did once atone, Lo! We to thy justice shew The Passion of thy Son; Thus to thee we set it forth: He the dying precept gave, He, who hath sufficient worth A thousand worlds to save.</p> <p>2. Can thy justice ought reply To our prevailing plea? Jesus died thy grace to buy For all mankind and me; Still before thy righteous throne Stands the Lamb as newly slain: Canst thou turn away thy Son, Or let him bleed in vain?</p> <p>3. Still the wounds are open wide, The blood doth freely flow, As when first his sacred side Receiv'd the deadly blow: Still, O God, the blood is warm, Cover'd with the blood we are; Find a part it doth not arm, And strike the sinner there!</p>

Experiential #2: Sing Bible stories from the inside out!
Use the Bible to find the language for our Christian experience!

Better-known examples	Lesser-known examples
<p>Example #1: See stanza 4 in “And Can It Be” on p. 1.</p> <p>Example #2: “Come O Thou Traveler Unknown,” excerpts from</p> <p>1. Come, O thou traveller unknown, Whom still I hold, but cannot see, My company before is gone, And I am left alone with thee, With thee all night I mean to stay, And wrestle till the break of day.</p> <p>2. I need not tell thee who I am, My misery, or sin declare, Thyself hast called me by my name, Look on thy hands, and read it there, But who, I ask thee, who art thou, Tell me thy name, and tell me now?</p> <p>3. In vain thou strugglest to get free, I never will unloose my hold: Art thou the man that died for me? The secret of thy love unfold; Wrestling I will not let thee go, Till I thy name, thy nature know.</p> <p>5. Tis all in vain to hold thy tongue, Or touch the hollow of my thigh: Though every sinew be unstrung, Out of my arms thou shalt not fly; Wrestling I will not let thee go, Till I thy name, thy nature know.</p> <p>8. Yield to me now for I am weak; But confident in self-despair: Speak to my heart, in blessings speak, Be conquered by my instant prayer, Speak, or thou never hence shalt move, And tell me, if thy name is love.</p> <p>9. ‘Tis love, ‘tis love! Thou diedst for me, I hear thy whisper in my heart. The morning breaks, the shadows flee: Pure Universal Love thou art, To me, to all thy mercies move, Thy nature, and thy name is love.</p>	<p>Example #1: “How Desperate is the State of Man,” excerpts from</p> <p>1. How desperate is the state of man! My misery will his case explain Who among robbers fell: Pure from the hands of God I came; Now in the cruel hands I am Of sin, the world, and hell</p> <p>2. That city of the living God Was built to be my soul’s abode; My soul from thence came down, Down to this Jericho beneath, This place accurst of sin and death, And endless pains unknown.</p> <p>3. Far from the new Jerusalem, Deeper and deeper still I seem Implung’d in guilt and woe, Lower, and lower still I sink, And trembling hang as on the brink Of the dark gulf below.</p> <p>4. The thieves have torn away my dress, That robe of spotless righteousness I did in Eden wear: Spoil’d of my immortality, Naked of God, my shame I see, And Satan’s image bear.</p> <p>5. The thieves have robbed, and stript, and bound, And mangled me with many a wound, And bruis’d in every part: My putrid wounds stand open wide, My head is faint, and sick of pride, And all corrupt my heart.</p> <p>6. The prophets, saints, and patriarchs old Could man’s most helpless case behold, But not his fall repair; They saw, but passed the sinner by, They left as at the point to die The wounded traveler.</p>

11. I know thee, Saviour, who thou art,
Jesus, the feeble sinner's friend;
Nor wilt thou with the night depart,
But stay, and love me to the end;
Thy mercies never shall remove,
Thy nature, and thy name is love.

12. The Sun of righteousness on me
Hath rose with healing in his wings,
Withered my nature's strength; from thee
My soul its life and succor brings,
My help is all laid up above;
Thy nature, and thy name is love.

14. Lame as I am, I take the prey,
Hell, earth, and sin with ease o'ercome;
I leap for joy, pursue my way,
And as a bounding hart fly home,
Through all eternity to prove
Thy nature, and thy name is love.

7. The venerable priest may see
My wounds, but cannot succor me,
But cannot heal his own:
Not all the righteousness of man
Will mitigate my grief and pain,
Or for my sins atone.

8. The Levite stern approaches nigh,
Observes with unrelenting eye,
And shows my desperate case,
Commands, but brings me no relief,
But aggravates my sin and grief
And all my wounds displays.

9. The Law commands, Do this and live,
But power and grace it cannot give,
It cannot justify,
It leaves the miserable man
To bleed, and languish, and complain,
Till in my sins I die.

10. But Life I see in death appear!
The good Samaritan is near,
From heaven to earth he comes,
His country he for me forsakes
Upon himself my nature takes
And all my sins assumes.

11. Attached to earth he sees me lie,
He marks me with a pitying eye,
And all my wounds surveys
Ev'n now his yearning bowels move,
His heart o'erflows with softest love,
And heaven is in his face.

12. Stranger unknown, Thou art my God!
From me, while wel'tring in my blood,
Thou canst not farther go:
Pour in thy Spirit's wine and oil,
Revive me by a gracious smile,
Thy pardoning mercy show.

Bind up my wounds by opening thine,
Apply the balm of blood Divine
To save a sinner poor;
To life, and joy, and gospel-peace
(Sure pledge of perfect holiness)
My gasping soul restore.

Examples #3 and 4: One story, two applications
Unclean of life and heart unclean,
How shall I in His sight appear!
Conscious of my inveterate sin
I blush and tremble to draw near;
Yet through the garment of His Word
I humbly seek to touch my Lord.
(Poetical Words of John and Charles Wesley, vol.
X. London, 1868-1872, pp. 224-5.)

Sinner with awe draw near
And find thy Saviour here,
In His ordinances still,
Touch His sacramental clothes;
Present in His power to heal,
Virtue from His body flows.
(Hymns on the Lord's Supper, #39)

Bonus example: Look at Wesley's use of the
David vs. Goliath story:
<http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk/charles-wesley/who-is-this-gigantic-foe.htm>. Who is
David? And what does Goliath end up being?

Classically Theological: The Triune God has gang-tackled the problem of evil and human sin!

The Persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) act with, through, in, and to each Other	Each Person for us and to us
<p>Example #1: "Arise My Soul Arise"</p> <p>1. Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears; the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears: before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands: my name is written on His hands.</p> <p>2. He ever lives above, for me to intercede, His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead; His blood atoned for all our race, His blood atoned for all our race, and sprinkles now the throne of grace.</p> <p>3. Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary; they pour effectual pray'rs, they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"</p> <p>4. The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One; He cannot turn away the presence of his Son; His Spirit answers to the blood, His Spirit answers to the blood, and tells me I am born of God.</p> <p>5. My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear; with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh, and, "Father, Abba, Father," cry.</p>	<p>Example #1: "Jehovah God the Father Bless"</p> <p>1. Jehovah, God the Father, bless, And thy own work defend, With mercy's outstretch'd arms embrace, And keep us to the end: Preserve the creatures of thy love, By providential care Conducted to the realms above To sing thy goodness there.</p> <p>2. Jehovah, God the Son, reveal The brightness of thy face, And all thy pardon'd people fill With plenitude of grace: Shine forth with all the deity Which dwells in thee alone, And lift us up thy face to see On thine eternal throne.</p> <p>3. Jehovah, God the Spirit, shine, Father and Son to show, With bliss ineffable divine Our ravish'd hearts o'erflow; Sure earnest of the happiness Which human thought transcends, Be thou our everlasting peace, When grace in glory ends.</p> <p>4. Thy blessing, grace, and peace we claim, Great God in Persons Three, The incommunicable name Ascribing now to thee: We soon shall join that harping host, And sing, thy saints among, To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost The new, eternal song.</p>

Example #2: "Come Thou All-Inspiring Spirit"

1. Come, thou all-inspiring Spirit,
Into every longing heart!
Bought for us by Jesus' merit,
Now thy blissful self impart;
Sign our uncontested pardon,
Wash us in the atoning blood;
Make our hearts a watered garden,
Fill our spotless souls with God.

2. If thou gavest the enlarged desire
Which for thee we ever feel,
Now our longing souls inspire,
Now our cancelled sin reveal;
Claim us for thy habitation,
Dwell within our hallowed breast;
Seal us heirs of full salvation,
Fitted for our heavenly rest.

3. Give us quietly to tarry,
Till for all thy glory meet,
Waiting, like attentive Mary,
Happy at the Savior's feet.
Keep us from the world unspotted,
From all earthly passions free,
Wholly to thyself devoted,
Fixed to live and die for thee.

4. Wrestling on in mighty prayer,
Lord, we will not let thee go
Till thou all thy mind declare,
All thy grace on us bestow;
Peace, the seal of sin forgiven,
Joy and perfect love impart;
Present everlasting heaven,
All thou hast and all thou art.

Example #3: "The Heavenly Three Their Record Bear"

1. The heavenly Three their record bear,
The Father, Word, and Holy Ghost,
Each doth to us of Christ declare,
That, Lord of the celestial host,
He came by water and by blood,
The very and eternal God.

Example #2: "Sinners Turn Why Will You Die?"

1 Sinners turn, why will you die?
God your Maker asks you why?
God, who did your being give,
Made you with himself to live;
He the fatal cause demands,
Asks the work of his own hands,
Why, ye thankless creatures, why
Will ye cross his love, and die?

2 Sinners turn, why will you die?
God your Saviour asks you why?
God, who did your souls retrieve,
Died himself that you might live:
Will you let him die in vain?
Crucify your Lord again?
Why, ye ransomed sinners, why
Will you slight his grace, and die?

3 Sinners turn, why will you die?
God the Spirit asks you why?
God, who all your lives hath strove,
Wooed you to embrace his love:
Will you not the grace receive?
Will you still refuse to live?
Why, ye long-sought sinners, why
Will ye grieve your God, and die?

2. The Father owns him from the skies
“This is my well-beloved Son!”
Still of himself he testifies,
The faithful witness on his throne,
Jehovah’s attributes and names
Jesus, the Lord Almighty claims.

3. The Spirit testifies of him,
And gives us faithfully to call
Jesus, the Lord and God supreme,
Whose streaming blood hath ransom’d all:
That blood the Spirit of Christ applies,
That blood of God who never dies.

4. The Father, Son, and Spirit agree
To make the truth of Godhead known:
The heavenly witnesses are Three,
In will and testimony One;
One God in nature and in power
World without end his saints adore.

