

# Website Reflections

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Since childhood I have had so much pleasure when singing hymns in praise to God. So when we were invited, at the beginning of July, to return to worship in the church, I was very apprehensive about not being able to sing the hymns.

Over the last two months a new insight about hymns has revealed itself to me. We have so many lovely tunes that perhaps I have been concentrating too much on singing in tune when praising God, instead of concentrating on the words which over the years have become so familiar. In the last few weeks, by seeing the words in front of me they have become more relevant and the tune has taken second place. Also, as Ian mentioned in his article in this month's Family News, the words of John Bell's hymn " We will meet when the danger is over" were so relevant to our situation today that the tune only enhanced those words.

It is still good to meet in various ways whether at church, via the audio or video service but do not be put off for not being able to sing hymns in church because, like me, you may discover a different insight into praising God.

May we not forget the words of the following hymn:

Give to our God immortal praise;

Mercy and truth are all his ways:

Wonders of grace to God belong,

Repeat His mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of Lords renown;

The King of Kings with glory crown:

His mercies ever shall endure,

When lords and kings are known no more.

He built the earth, He spread the sky,  
And fixed the starry lights on high;  
Wonders of grace to God belong,  
Repeat His mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light,  
He bids the moon direct the night:  
His mercies ever shall endure,  
When suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent His Son with power to save  
From guilt and darkness and the grave;  
Wonders of grace to God belong,  
Repeat His mercies in your song.