

## COME LORD JESUS

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The song *Come Lord Jesus* was written as a declaration of the supremacy of Christ. The lyric reflects pieces of John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:15-29, and Philippians 2:5-11, bringing thoughts together that theologians refer to as "Christology." The lyric describes the nature, person, and work of Jesus. The verses of *Come Lord Jesus* are four distinct pictures of Christ, four chapters in the gospel story.

The first verse declares Jesus is the Agent of Creation by whom all things hold together. Colossians 1:16-17 says, "For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together." In John 8:58, Jesus is recorded as saying, "I assure you: Before Abraham was, I am." This made his hearers so angry they picked up stones to kill him. Jesus declared his direct connection to the Great I AM. Jesus is eternal and uncreated. Present before creation, the agent of creation, and the one who holds all of creation together.

*Before the mountains could lift their heads  
Before the stars drew their first deep breath  
Before the ocean embraced the golden shore  
Jesus, You were there as the world was born*

Verse two depicts the next step in the gospel narrative, the incarnation of the eternal Son of God. Philippians 2:7 reminds us, "He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men." John teaches us, "The Word became flesh and took up residence among us" (Jn 1:14 HCSB).

*Incarnate God emptied out for us  
You took on flesh and were clothed in love  
Just a touch from Your hand restored our sight  
Jesus, at Your voice we were brought to life*

The third verse shows us the Lamb of God suffering the penalty for our sin for our redemption. "He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8 HCSB). Colossians 1:20 reminds us that the suffering of Jesus was "to reconcile everything to Himself by making peace through the blood of His cross."

*O Lamb of God pierced to make us whole  
The weight of sin was a crushing load  
A man of suffering who knew our deepest hurts*

*Jesus, such a gift we could never earn*

Verse four depicts the present-eternal exaltation of Jesus Christ. Philippians 2:9-11 says, "God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth—and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

*Exalted now, Savior, you will reign  
With Saints and angels to shout Your name  
The hallelujahs we sing will never end  
Jesus, we can't wait till You come again  
Jesus, we can't wait till You come again*

Jesus is the Agent of Creation, the Incarnation of God, the suffering Lamb of God and the Exalted King of Heaven. In the chorus, we respond to these pictures of Jesus with adoration - and the request that He take his rightful place as our Savior, Lord, and greatest Treasure.

*Oh, the beauty of your face  
Just a glimpse and we are changed  
Drawn by love and wrecked by grace  
Come Lord Jesus take Your Place*