

Hymn of the Week

January 20, 2019 • Epiphany II, Year C

Woman in the Night

Text: Brian Wren. [The hymn gives eight glimpses of the women around Jesus.]

Music: NEW DISCIPLES: Alfred V. Fedak [composed as a setting of this text for *A New Hymnal for Colleges and Schools* (1992).

WICKLUND: William P. Rowan, 1985.

Topics: Epiphany/Life of Christ, Ministry and Service, Women

Scriptural references: Mark 5:24–34; Luke 2:6–7, 7:36–50, 8:1–3, 23:55–56, 24:1–10; John 4:7–30, 19:25

About the composers: Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953), is a well-known composer and recitalist, and serves as Minister of Music & Arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York. Recently called “one of America’s leading church musicians” by *The American Organist*, Fedak has performed and lectured widely throughout the U.S., including at national and regional conferences of the AGO and The Hymn Society.

William P. Rowan was born in San Diego, California in 1951. He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University (B.A. and M.M.) and the University of Michigan (M.M.). He served as director of music ministries at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing. Rowan is the composer of many published hymn tunes, anthems, and organ works. His hymn settings have been sung at hymn festivals throughout the United States, Great Britain, and Europe, and are included in many recent hymnals.

Publications

The Book of Praise (Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1997)

A New Hymnal for Colleges and Schools (Yale, 1992)

New Songs of Rejoicing (Selah, 1994)

Together in Song: Australian Hymn Book II (1999)

Together Met, Together Bound (Selah, 1993)

Worship & Rejoice (Hope, 2002)

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The fifth line of st. 3 is "Women on the road"

1 Wom - an in the night, spent from giv - ing birth,
 2 Wom - an at the well, ques - tion the Mes - siah:
 3 Wom - an in the house, nur - tured to be meek,
 4 Wom - en on the hill, stand when men have fled!

guard our pre - cious light: peace is on the earth!
 find your friends and tell: drink your heart's de - sire!
 leave your sec - ond place, lis - ten, think, and speak!
 Christ needs lov - ing still, though your hope is dead.

Wom - an in the crowd, creep - ing up be - hind,
 Wom - an at the feast, let the right - eous stare:
 Wom - en on the road, from your sick - ness freed,
 Wom - en in the dawn, care and spic - es bring:

touch-ing is al - lowed; seek and you will find!
 come and go in peace: love him with your hair!
 wit - ness and pro - vide, join - ing word and deed:
 ear - li - est to mourn, ear - li - est to sing!

Brightly ♩ = ♩

Come and join the song, wom - en, chil - dren, men.

Je - sus makes us free to live a - gain! gain!

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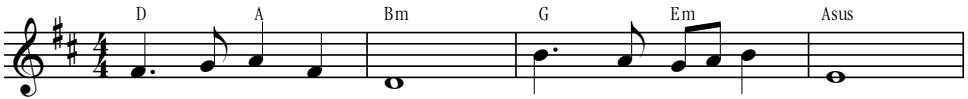


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Refrain



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Je - sus makes us free to live a - gain!

5 Woman in the house,
 nurtured to be meek,
 leave your second place:
 listen, think, and speak!

Refrain

6 Women on the road,
 welcomed and restored,
 travel far and wide;
 witness to the Lord!

Refrain

7 Women on the hill,
 stand when men have fled!
 Christ needs loving still,
 though your hope is dead.

Refrain

8 Women in the dawn,
 care and spices bring;
 earliest to mourn;
 earliest to sing!

Refrain

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D A Bm Bm/A G Em Asus A

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D F#m Bm G Em A

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Refrain

D Bm7 G Bm

Come and join the song, wom - en, chil - dren, men.

Musical score for the hymn "Jesus makes us free to live again!". The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line has lyrics: "Je - sus makes us free to live a - gain!". The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with chords and a left hand with a simple bass line. Chords are indicated as F#m7, Em7, A7, and D. There are triplets in the vocal line and the right hand piano part.

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