

Behind the Hymn: One in Purpose, One in Passion

For many years I listened to lots of audio books. My daily commute was over an hour, and audio books were a great way to fill that time with mental and spiritual stimulation. I listened to a wide variety of books, especially history, biography, literary classics, business books, and spiritual resources.

On January 14, 2005, I was listening to an unabridged recording of Hannah Whitall Smith's *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life*. As I listened to one of the later chapters, a passage leaped out at me that talked about us being one with Christ in various ways. That inspired the beginnings of this hymn.

I had wanted to use the lovely folk hymn tune, PLEADING SAVIOR, and this hymn seemed the perfect place. For those preferring a more familiar tune, there are many options that work well:

HYFRYDOL	<i>Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus</i>
HOLY MANNA	<i>Brethren, We Have Met to Worship</i>
HYMN TO JOY	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>
NETTLETON	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>

--Ken Bible

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