

Praise for Redeeming Love - A hymn written by John Newton

My modern copy of “Olney Hymns” arrived and has spent 72 hours on the study floor – that magic time interval to ensure freedom from Covid19.

A quick dip into some of the subject sections in the index and I came across the hymn below, given the title: “Praise for Redeeming Love”.

The hymn has an 8,7,8,7,7,7 metre Suitable tunes: *All Saints* (STF 725); *Ottawa (Magister)* (STF 666).

Let us love, and sing, and wonder,
Let us praise the Saviour’s name!
He has hushed the Law’s loud thunder,
He has quenched mount Sinai’s flame:
He has washed us with his blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies;
Called us by his grace, and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood,
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptations
Threaten hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation, (Rev. 2:10)
Holds in view the conqu’rors crown:
He who washed us with his blood,
Soon will bring us home to GOD.

Let us wonder, grace and justice,
Join and point to mercy’s store;
When through grace in CHRIST our trust is,
Justice smiles; and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood,
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus
Of the saints, enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky: (Rev. 5:9)
“Thou hast washed us with thy blood,
Thou art worthy, Lamb of GOD!”

Hark! The name of JESUS, sounded
Loud, from golden harps above!
LORD, we blush, and are confounded,
Faint our praises, cold our love!
Wash our souls and songs with blood,
For by thee we come to GOD.

Grace is again the theme of the hymn and the word is physically present in verse 2 and twice in verse 4.