

Everybody's Favorites: Hymns That Last

Based on a survey of 28 mainline Protestant hymnals, from the late 1800s through the 20th century.

NEAR RIGHT: Denominations typically produce one new hymnal per generation. Six denominations and 28 editions in the survey.	ANGLICAN: 4 EDITIONS 1892, 1916, 1940, 1982 BAPTIST: 4 EDITIONS 1883, 1926, 1941, 1970 CONGREGATIONAL: 5 EDS. 1897, 1912, 1931, 1974, 1995 LUTHERAN: 5 EDITIONS 1899, 1917, 1933, 1978/00, 2006 METHODIST: 5 EDITIONS 1878, 1905, 1933, 1964, 1989 PRESBYTERIAN: 5 EDS. 1885/1911, 1933, 1955, 1972, 1990 NUMBER OF APPEARANCES <i>Christian Life Hymnal</i> <i>Hendrickson Pub 2006</i> <i>Hymnal of Worship and Celebration Word 1986</i> <i>Hymns for the Family of God Paragon 1976</i> <i>The Covenant Hymnal</i> <i>Covenant Press 1973</i>
FAR RIGHT: Recent hymnals that are popular among evangelicals, compared with the hymnals in the survey.	
NUMBER OF APPEARANCES: Maximum possible appearances is 28, as in hymns 1 through 13. Items 14–22 appear in 27 of 28; items 23–27 appear in 26 of 28. All hymns listed appear in current hymnal editions.	

BELOW: 13 in all 28 editions, 9 in 27, and 5 in 26.

			Number of editions in which hymn appears							Current evangelical hymnals			
1	1847	Abide with me: fast falls the eventide <i>H. Lyte</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•
2	1779	All hail the power of Jesus' name <i>E. Perronet</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•
3	1844	Come, ye thankful people, come <i>H. Alford</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•
4	1851	Crown him with many crowns <i>M. Bridges; alt. G. Thring, 1874</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•
5	1779	Glorious things of thee are spoken <i>J. Newton</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•
6	1745	Guide me, O thou great Jehovah <i>Wm. Williams</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•
7	1826	Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty <i>R. Heber</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•
8	1787	How firm a foundation, ye saints <i>R. Keene</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•
9	1825	In the cross of Christ I glory <i>J. Bowring</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•
10	1719	Jesus shall reign where'er the sun <i>I. Watts</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•
11	1747	Love divine, all loves excelling <i>C. Wesley</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•
12	12TH C	O sacred Head, now wounded <i>Bernard of Clairvaux; tr Gerhardt 1656; tr J. W. Alexander 1860</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•
13	1707	When I survey the wondrous cross <i>I. Watts</i>	4	4	5	5	5	5	28	•	•	•	•

Average date of composition or publication of above texts (excluding #12): 1788

14	1529	A mighty fortress is our God <i>M. Luther; tr F. H. Hedge, 1852</i>	3	4	5	5	5	5	27	•	•	•	•
15	ca. 820	All glory, laud, and honor <i>Theodulph; tr J. M. Neale, 1854</i>	4	4	5	5	4	5	27	•	•	•	•
16	1757	Come, thou almighty King <i>anon and C. Wesley</i>	4	4	5	5	5	4	27	•	•	•	•
17	1836	Just as I am, without one plea <i>Charlotte Elliott</i>	4	4	5	5	5	4	27	•	•	•	•
18	1626	Now thank we all our God <i>M. Rinkart; tr Catherine Winkworth, 1858</i>	4	4	5	5	4	5	27	•	•	•	•
19	1738	O, for a thousand tongues to sing <i>C. Wesley</i>	3	4	5	5	5	5	27	•	•	•	•
20	1719	O God, our help in ages past <i>I. Watts</i>	4	4	4	5	5	5	27	•	•	•	•
21	1833	O, worship the King all glorious above <i>R. Grant</i>	4	4	5	4	5	5	27	•	•	•	•
22	1866	The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord <i>S. J. Stone</i>	4	4	5	5	4	5	27	•	•	•	•

Average date of composition or publication of above texts (excluding #15): 1739

23	1739	Christ the Lord is risen today! <i>C. Wesley</i>	4	4	5	4	5	4	26	•	•	•	•
24	12TH C	Jesus, the very thought of thee <i>Bernard of Clairvaux; tr E. Caswall, 1849</i>	4	4	5	4	5	4	26	•	•	•	•
25	1836	Saviour, like a shepherd lead us <i>attr Dorothy Thrupp in Thrupps Hymns</i>	4	4	4	5	5	4	26	•	•	•	•
26	ca. 750	The day of resurrection <i>John of Damascus; tr J. M. Neale, 1853</i>	4	3	5	4	5	5	26	•	•	•	•
27	1854	There's a wideness in God's mercy <i>F. W. Faber</i>	3	3	5	5	5	5	26	•	•	•	•

Average date of composition or publication of above texts (excluding #24 and #26): 1810