

Loved with Everlasting Love

Words by George Robinson (1838-1877), Music by James Mountain (1844-1933)

George Wade Robinson was an Irishman born in 1838. He studied at Trinity College in Dublin, then in New College in London. He co-pastored a Congregational church in Dublin and later pastored two churches in England. Little more is known about Robinson, but we do know that he published a book of poetry in 1867 titled *Lays of a Heart*.

Saved—for ever saved to-day!
Let the ocean surge and shock,
I can smile at wave and spray
From the Everlasting Rock.
Say, can sin or pleasure show
Joys so deep and so divine.
O to know as now I know,
I am His and He is mine!

Heaven wears a brighter blue,
Earth a robe of sweeter green,
All around a happy hue
By my former eyes unseen.
Gladder suns above me wheel,
Gladder stars above me shine,
Everywhere I only feel—
I am His and He is mine.

Sin, or death, or hell's alarms
Cannot shake my hallowed rest;
I am in my Jesus' arms,
I am on my Jesus' breast.
O to lie for ever here,
Every doubt and fear resign,
While He whispers in mine ear:—
'Thou art Mine and I am thine.'

His—for ever ever His,
While unending cycles roll;
O the ecstasy of bliss
Now possessing all my soul!
Time and earth and heaven may flee,
Fading suns for aye decline,
But to all eternity
I am His and He is mine.

In 1876, Robinson's poem appears in the form we know today in *Hymns of Consecration and Faith*. The compiler of this hymnal and the composer of the music we sing with "Loved with Everlasting Love" was James Mountain. Mountain was a pastor in England who left his pastorate when his health declined. He pressed on in a different endeavor, conducting evangelistic meetings in Britain from 1874-1882 and in other countries from 1882-1889.

VERSE 1: Loved with everlasting love, Led by grace that love to know;

"Long ago the LORD said to Israel: 'I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.'" (Jeremiah 31:3)

Spirit, breathing from above

"God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."
(Romans 5:5)

VERSE 3: I am His, and He is mine.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." (John 10:27-30)

VERSE 4: Who the Lord and me shall part?

"I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

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D / G/D Gm/D D A⁷/E D A⁷/C# D A D

1. Loved with ev - er - last - ing love, Led by grace that love to know; Spir - it
 2. Heav'n a - bove is soft - er blue, Earth a - round is sweet - er green; Some - thing
 3. Things that once were wild a - larms Can - not now dis - turb my rest; Closed in
 4. His for - ev - er, on - ly His; Who the Lord and me shall part? Ah, with

6 / G/D Gm/D D A/C# Bm⁷ G^o/B D/E E⁷ A Bm⁷ A⁷/C#

breath - ing from a - bove, Thou hast taught me it is so. O this
 lives in ev - 'ry hue Christ - less eyes have nev - er seen. Birds with
 ev - er - last - ing arms, Pil - lowed on the lov - ing breast. O to
 what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the lov - ing heart! Heav'n and

11 D G/D D G D⁷/G D/F# D A/C# D A D A⁷/E

full and per - fect peace! O this trans - port all di - vine! In a
 glad - der songs o'er flow, Flow'rs with deep - er beau - ties shine, Since I
 lie for - ev - er here, Doubt and care and self re - sign, While He
 earth may fade and flee, First - born light in gloom de - cline; But while

16 D/F# G C⁷/G D/F# G(sus⁴) G D/F# B⁷/F# Em A 1. D 2. D

love which can - not cease, I am His, and He is mine; mine.
 know, as now I know, I am His, and He is mine; mine.
 whis - pers in my ear: I am His, and He is mine; mine.
 God and I shall be, I am His, and He is mine; mine.