

## Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, 1818-1895.

Born: Early April 1818, Redcross, County Wicklow, Ireland. Others report 1823 in Dublin.

Died: October 12, 1895, Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

Buried: City Cemetery, Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

Daughter of Major John Humphreys of Dublin, Alexander's husband was Rt. Rev. William Alexander, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, and later the Anglican primate for Ireland. Cecil and her sister founded a school for the deaf, and she set up the Girls' Friendly Society in Londonderry. Cecil Alexander wrote about 400 hymns in her lifetime.

### **Her works include:**

Moral Songs

Verses From the Holy Scriptures, 1846

Hymns for Little Children, 1848

Narrative Hymns for Village Schools, 1853

Poems on Subjects in the Old Testament, 1854 & 1857

Hymns Descriptive and Devotional, 1858

The Legend of the Golden Prayer, 1859

### **All Things Bright and Beautiful**

Christ Has Ascended Up Again

Dear Lord, This Thy Servant's Day

Do No Sinful Action

Every Morning the Red Sun

For All Thy Saints, a Noble Throng

Forgive Them, O My Father

### **Forsaken Once, and Thrice Denied**

From Out the Cloud of Amber Light

He Is Coming, He Is Coming

He Is Risen

His Are the Thousand Sparkling Rills

How Good Is the Almighty God

In Nazareth in Olden Times

In the Rich Man's Garden

It Was Early in the Morning

### **Jesus Calls Us**

O Lord, the Holy Innocents

O Love Most Patient, Give Me Grace

O Son of God, in Glory Crowned

### **Hymns**

#### **Once in David's Royal City**

Saw You Never, in the Twilight?

So Be It, Lord; the Prayers are Prayed

Souls in Death and Darkness Lying

Spirit of God, That Moved of Old

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Still Bright and Blue Doth Jordan Flow

The Angels Stand Around Thy Throne

The Eternal Gates Lift Up Their Heads

The Golden Gates Are Lifted Up

The Roseate Hues of Early Dawn

The Saints of God Are Holy Men

#### **There Is a Green Hill Far Away (1848)**

There Is One Way

Up in Heaven

We Are But Little Children Weak

We Are Little Christian Children

We Were Washed in Holy Water

When Christ Came Down on Earth of Old

When of Old the Jewish Mothers

When Wounded Sore the Stricken Heart

Within the Churchyard, Side by Side

Five of Mrs. Alexander's hymns appeared in *The Methodist Hymnal*, 1932 (1939 Edition), Whimtown & Smith.