

First Christian Church

Hummin' With Howard



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One of the most prolific writers of gospel songs and hymns was Charles Gabriel. He grew up in a musical family and his mother encouraged him to work hard honing his gift. Charles wrote a song inspired by his friend and evangelist Ed Card. Ed would punctuate his sermons with the word “Glory” and would often end his prayers with the phrase “And that will be glory for me!” Using those expressions Charles wrote the hymn “O That Will be Glory.”

The hymn had a slow start because of some bad reviews but soon it caught on. Evangelists and song evangelists started using it in meetings all across the country. Charles would walk down the street and hear everyday people singing the hymn as they were working. It has become one of the more popular hymns in our hymnals today.

It's a very peaceful hymn to sing about our going home at the end of our journey here on earth. Each verse speaks of the time we will meet our Lord. Phrases like “just to be near the dear Lord I adore,” “just to be there and to look on His face,” and “yet, just a smile from my Savior I know” all express the “Glory” we will feel when we reach heaven.

This is another hymn we'll be hummin' and singing when we get up there. “O that will be glory for me, glory for me, glory for me! When by His grace I shall look on His face. That will be glory, be glory for me.”

