

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY...

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INTRO.:

A. Read text: **Matt. 11:28-30.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. This song was written by Horatius Bonar, of Scotland (1808-1889). It was first published in 1846 in his hymnal. It was originally written as a children's hymn.
2. It urges us to listen to the voice of Jesus and reminds us of 3 of His sayings.

I. VS. 1 – “COME UNTO ME...”

A. *I heard the voice of Jesus say.*

1. We must heed His voice (**Matt. 17:5; 7:24**).
2. We must obey His words (**Luke 6:46**).
3. Today, He speaks to us through His word (**Heb. 1:2; 2:3**).
4. This song urges us to open our Bibles and obey what our Lord calls us to do.

B. “*Come unto Me and rest. Lay down, thou weary one, lay down, thy head upon My breast*” (Matt. 11:28-30**).**

1. Jesus is calling for men to turn to Him with their spiritual troubles.
2. The reference of putting our head on His breast demonstrates a closeness, compassion and trust that we need.

C. “*I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad.*”

1. “*As I was*” – a phrase that calls for us to surrender to Him right now. Jesus extended the invitation to whoever (**Matt. 10:32-33**).
2. “*Weary, worn, and sad*” describes us before coming to Him (**2 Sam. 24:10**).

D. “*I found in Him a resting place*” (2 Thess. 1:7**).**

1. With Him we find the idea of peace (**Phil. 4:6-7. John 14:27**).
2. **Heb. 4:9; Rev. 14:13**.

E. “*And He has made me glad.*” A joy unspeakable (Phil. 4:4, Rom. 12:12**).**

II. VS. 2 – LIVING WATERS...

A. “*Behold I freely give*” – available to all and it is a gift (Rev. 21:6; 22:17**).**

B. “*The living water, thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live*” (John 4:13-14**).**

C. “*I came to Jesus and I drank of that life giving stream*” (John 7:37-38**).**

D. “*My thirst was quenched, my soul revived*” (Matt. 5:6; Gal. 2:20**).**

E. “*And now I live in Him*” (Col. 2:13**).**

F. Note the significance of water in our salvation (Acts 22:16, 1 Pet. 3:20-21**).**

III. VS. 3 – LIGHT IN THIS WORLD.

A. “*I am this dark world’s light*” (John 1:4-5; 9:5**).**

B. “*Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright*” (Matt. 4:15-16**).**

C. “*I came to Jesus and I found in Him my Star*” (Rev. 22:16, 2 Pet. 1:19**); *my Sun* (**Rev. 21:23, 22:5**).**

D. “*And in the light of life I’ll walk til traveling days are done*” (1 John 1:6-7**).**

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Jesus is calling. He wants us to come to Him.

B. This is done by obeying the gospel and remaining faithful.