

Behind the Hymn: Pentecost Hymn

I've long been challenged by the lack of good hymns for Pentecost. Even during the days of the charismatic renewal, hymns on the Holy Spirit were surprisingly scarce. Several times I thought toward addressing this need, and once or twice I made notes toward such a hymn. But nothing ever sparked.

On February 23, 2004, while on my daily walk through the Kansas City Zoo, I began making notes on the difference the coming of the Holy Spirit has made, according to Christ, the scriptures, and personal experience. As I wrote, the tune for *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (St. DENIO) came to mind. It's a strong tune, and one of my favorites.

The notes I was taking and the selection of a strong, appropriate hymn tune got me going. The text was finished two days later.

--Ken Bible

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