

MARY MAUDE 1819 - 1913

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Mary Fawler Maude was born on 25 October 1810 the daughter of George Henry Hooper of Stanmore, Middlesex. In 1841 she married Joseph Maude. Six years later she wrote "*Thine for ever, God of Love*" saying "It was written in 1847 for my class in the Girls' Sunday School of St. Thomas, Newport, Isle of Wight" In, 1848 it was published at the beginning of a little book called '*Twelve Letters on Confirmation*' by a Sunday School Teacher. The original is in seven stanzas of four lines, but two verses dealing with the Day of Judgement are now usually omitted.



But this was by no means her first of her literary efforts, since it is recorded that while still in her teens she wrote three textbooks on Scripture Manners and Customs, Scripture Topography, and Scripture Natural History, based on her findings of Eastern travellers of the early nineteenth century.

Hymns

The one hymn that Mary wrote whose popularity has lasted until today is '*Thine for ever! God of love*' and still in a number of modern hymnals:

1. Thine for ever! God of love,
Hear us from thy throne above;
Thine for ever may we be
Here and in eternity.
2. Thine for ever! O, how blest
They who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.
3. Thine for ever! Lord of life,
Shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.
4. Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep
These thy frail and trembling sheep!
Safe alone beneath thy care,
Let us all thy goodness share.
5. Thine for ever! thou our Guide,
All our wants by thee supplied,
All our sins by thee forgiven,
Led by thee from earth to heaven.

Another dozen of her hymns are listed below with some of her prose works in the Bibliography which accompanies this section.

Far out o'er the dim, unsounded sea Hear us from thy throne above, thine forever

Jesus Christ Wanikiya, Ta caska Nitawa kiŋ Let others praise the ruby wine

O Christmas bells, ring merrily With cheerful happy song we greet

Saved by the blood of Jesus The Lord is risen, swing wide ye gates of glory

Thine for ever:—God of love

Treuer Gott, auf ewig dein

Tuyos siempre, De tu trono

With cheerful happy song we greet

We're a little pilgrim band, Cheerfully we sing

Who is like Jesus, faithful

After ten years in the Isle of Wight, the Maudes moved to Chirk in North Wales, where her husband became a Canon of St Asaph Cathedral. Later they moved to nearby Overton-on-Dee, Clwyd, where Joseph Maude died in 1887. Mary Fawler Maude lived on to be ninety-four. She died on 30 July 1913.

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