



## Open Heavens HYMN 31: WONDERFUL STORY OF LOVE

### Description

This is **hymn 31 of the Open Heavens** daily devotion written by Pastor E. A. Adeboye, General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG).

### Hymn 31: WONDERFUL STORY OF LOVE

1. Wonderful story of love!  
Tell it to me again;  
Wonderful story of love!  
Wake the immortal strain.  
Angels with rapture announce it,  
Shepherds with wonder receive it;  
Sinner, O wonâ€™t you believe it?  
Wonderful story of love!

Refrain:  
Wonderful! Wonderful!  
Wonderful story,  
Wonderful story of love!

2. Wonderful story of love!  
Though you are far away;  
Wonderful story of love!  
Still he doth call today.  
Calling from Calvaryâ€™s mountain,  
Down from the crystal bright fountain,  
Eâ€™en from the dawn of creation;  
Wonderful story of love!

3. Wonderful story of love!  
Jesus provides a rest;

Wonderful story of love!  
For all the pure and blest;  
Rest in those mansions above us,  
With those whoâ??ve gone on before us,  
Singing the rapturous chorus;  
Wonderful story of love!



## **WONDERFUL STORY OF LOVE HYMN COMMENTARY**

Beloved in Christ, there is a story so profound, so beautiful, and so powerful that our souls can never hear it enough. This hymn, “Wonderful Story of Love,” is an anthem of fascination and invitation. It

invites us to marvel at the greatest story ever told—the Gospel—and to respond to its call, whether we are hearing it for the first time or the thousandth. It is the story that angels marvel at and the only one that can truly give rest to the human soul.

## Why Sing This Hymn

We sing this hymn to cultivate a heart of perpetual wonder at the Gospel, to keep the majestic truth of God's love fresh in our minds, and to extend its universal call to every listening ear. It is a hymn of awe, evangelism, and eternal hope.

### 1. It is a Hymn of Insatiable Wonder and Urgent Invitation (Verse 1)

The hymn opens not with a statement, but with a plea: **Tell it to me again!** This reveals a heart that never tires of the core truth of the faith. It is the **immortal strain**—the eternal melody of redemption that never fades. The verse then captures the heavenly and earthly response to this story: **Angels with rapture announce it** (1 Peter 1:12) and **Shepherds with wonder receive it**. The greatest beings and the humblest alike are captivated. But the hymn does not linger on the past; it makes a direct, personal appeal to the present: **Sinner, O won't you believe it?** The wonderful story demands a response.

### 2. It is a Hymn of Universal Call and Timeless Proclamation (Verse 2)

This verse powerfully declares that no one is beyond the reach of this love story. **Though you are far away! Still he doth call today.** The call is not confined to a moment in history; it echoes through time and space. It originates from the pivotal point of human history—**Calvary's mountain**—where love was proved. It flows from the **crystal bright fountain** of grace and forgiveness opened by His sacrifice. Remarkably, it reaches back even **from the dawn of creation**, revealing that this plan of redeeming love was set in motion before the world began (Ephesians 1:4). It is a story that has always been and always will be.

### 3. It is a Hymn of Promised Rest and Eternal Chorus (Verse 3)

The wonderful story has a destination: **Jesus provides a rest.** This is the rest from the weariness of sin and striving, found only in Him (Matthew 11:28). It is a rest not just for the **pure and blest**, but for all made pure and blessed by His blood. This rest culminates in the **mansions above**, in the joyful reunion of the great cloud of witnesses, where we will join the unending, **rapturous chorus** of the redeemed. The story that begins with a call ends with a celestial song of praise.

### The Refrain: The Heart's Only Response

The exclamatory refrain—**Wonderful! Wonderful!**—is the only fitting reaction to such a story. It is a cascade of worship, a simple yet profound confession that the Gospel of love is the most wonderful reality in the universe.

## A Word for Your Spirit Today

Has the story become routine to you? Has the glorious truth of the Gospel lost its luster in the grind of daily life? This hymn is your antidote. Ask the Lord to tell it to you again. Wake up the immortal strain in your own heart. Let the Spirit rekindle your wonder at the love that called from Calvary to save you.

And if you are that one feeling â??far away,â?• hear the call that still sounds today. It is calling *for you*. The fountain of grace is still flowing. Believe this wonderful story of love.

Let your life today be captivated by this story anew. And let your heart begin its rehearsal for the eternal chorus, singing with joy: Wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful story of love!

**In the name of Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our wonderful story, Amen.**