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LYTE, HENRY FRANCIS (1793-1847)

Hymn writer and poet

Born in Scotland and educated at Trinity College, Dublin, Lyte entered the ministry of the Church of Ireland. After a curacy in Ireland, he moved to England, where he married and held several more curacies, the last being at Lower Brixham, Devon. Plagued by ill health, he made frequent foreign visits in search of sunshine and cures. He died at Nice in France and was buried in the British cemetery there.

Some of his hymns are well known: "Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide," "Pleasant are Thy Courts Above," "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven," and "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken." He published some of his hymns in *Poems Chiefly Religious* (1833) and his metrical psalms in *Spirit of the Psalter* (1834). He also published several volumes of secular verse. After his death his daughter published his *Remains* (1850), in which are poems, letters, sermons, plus a brief biography. Because of his constant sickness and his experience of God's peace, Lyte's hymns were written out of deep spiritual experience.

See: Henry Francis Lyte. In *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*.
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