



FANNY CROSBY

*A short summary by Pastor Keith – shared at Easter service 2017
(taken from the book Great Christian Hymn Writers, chapter 14)*

- blind from the age of 6 weeks old
- advocate for the blind in her teens
- avid poem writer
- started writing hymns in her 40's
 - In a period of nine years she wrote:
 - Safe in the Arms of Jesus
 - Blessed Assurance
 - Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
 - Keep Near The Cross
 - I Am Thine, O Lord
 - All The Way My Savior Leads Me
 - Praise Him! Praise Him!
 - To God Be The Glory
 - Rescue The Perishing
 - A Wonder Savior Is Jesus My Lord (He Hideth My Soul)
 - Jesus Is Tenderly Calling Thee Home
 - ...and many others
- excellent speaker - still addressing crowds in her 90's

One of her hymns - based on combinations of thoughts from Ecclesiastes 12:6 and Revelation 22:4-5 was so personal she never let others see it. Then at a Bible Conference in Northfield, Massachusetts, D.L. Moody asked her to give her personal testimony concerning her faith. She hesitated at first, then quietly arose and said, "There is one hymn I have written which has never been published. I call it my soul's poem. Sometimes when I'm troubled, I repeated it to myself, for it brings comfort to my heart. She then recited while many wept, "Someday the silver cord will break, and I no more as now shall sing; but O the joy when I shall wake within the palace of the King! And I shall see Him face to face, and tell the story--saved by grace!"

At the age of 95, Fanny Crosby's desire that the face of Jesus would be the first she would ever see was realized.