

I Love to Tell the Story
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1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story. 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; the story changes things;
It challenges the powers; it whispers, thunders, sings!
It births the holy presence in moments of surprise;
It heals, empow'rs and strengthens, and opens ears and eyes.
I love to tell the story of Jesus and his glory,
Because it is God's story of justice, peace and love.

3. The church that lies before us is not the church of old;
The changes in our culture demand new vision bold.
One path for being Christian in this post-modern age
Lies through our storytelling---our ancient heritage!
Rejected from the quarry, this cornerstone of glory:
To tell the new old story for ages yet to come.

4. I love to tell the story of God's amazing grace.
The Gospel gives us courage for all the tasks we face:
To bind the broken hearted, to give hope to the poor,
To free all those held captive, to help the weak endure.
I love to tell the story; it is our crowning glory
To live and tell the story---the Word of God alive!