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'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

Louisa M.R. Stead, c. 1850-1917

**“That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ.”
(Ephesians 1:12 KJV)**

Out of one of the darkest hours of her life - the tragic drowning of her husband - a young mother proclaimed through the tears, “Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus....and I know that thou are with me, wilt be with me to the end.” As Louisa Stead, her husband and their little daughter were enjoying an ocean side picnic one day, a drowning boy cried for help. Mr. Stead rushed to save him but was pulled under by the terrified boy. Both drowned as Louisa and her daughter watched helplessly. **During the sorrowful days that followed, the words of this hymn came from the grief-stricken wife’s heart.**

Soon after this Mrs. Stead and her daughter left for missionary work in South Africa. After more than 25 years of fruitful service, Louisa was forced to retire because of ill health. She died a few years later in Southern Rhodesia. **Her fellow missionaries had always loved “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus’ and wrote this tribute after death:**

We miss her very much, but her influence goes on as our five thousand native Christians continually sing this hymn in their native language.

Out of a deep human tragedy early in her life, Louisa Stead learned simply to trust in her Lord. She was used to “the praise of His glory” for the remainder of her life. Still today, her ministry continues each time we sing and apply the truth of these words.

- ♪ ‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word, just to rest upon His promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”
- ♪ O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood, just in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood!
- ♪ Yes, ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease, just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.
- ♪ I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, friend; and I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

Chorus: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more! **Amen.**

**Amazing Grace – 366 Devotional Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions
by Kenneth W. Osbeck**

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

