

# The Heavenly Vision

"**The Heavenly Vision**", also known as "**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**" (the first line of its chorus), is a hymn written by Helen Howarth Lemmel. It was inspired by a tract entitled *Focused*, written by the missionary Isabella Lilius Trotter. Today the chorus is widely known, and has become a standard reprinted in many hymnals.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

Lemmel first published the hymn in England as a pamphlet in 1918, and then included it in a 1922 collection called *Glad Songs*. It was included in a 1924 American collection entitled *Gospel Truth in Song* and was widely reprinted in other collections.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Versions

In 1992 the Christian band Newsboys included the song (combined with "Where You Belong") on their album *Not Ashamed*<sup>[4]</sup> and released a video of the song.

Michael W. Smith features the song on his 2001 live worship album *Worship*.<sup>[5]</sup>

Country artist Alan Jackson's recording of this song for his father-in-law's funeral in 2005 became the inspiration for his 2006 gospel album *Precious Memories*.<sup>[6]</sup>

The refrain of the hymn was used in the worship song, "Center" by Charlie Hall and Matt Redman.

In 2013, the Christian punk pop band Eleventyseven covered the hymn, titled "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", on their *Good Spells (EP)*.

In 2018, the Christian singer Lauren Daigle recorded "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", on her *Look Up Child* album.

In 2019, the Christian Passion Conferences group released "Fade Away" on their album "Follow You Anywhere (Live)", which uses the chorus from this song as an outro.

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The Heavenly Vision (Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus)	
<b>Genre</b>	Hymn
<b>Written</b>	1922
<b>Text</b>	Helen Howarth Lemmel
<b>Based on</b>	Isaiah 45:22
<b>Meter</b>	9.8.9.8.7.8.10.9
<b>Melody</b>	"Lemmel"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace.

Helen Howarth Lemmel

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