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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Isaiah 53:1-12

The hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" was written by Robert Robinson. Robinson came to Christ under the ministry of George Whitfield. He felt called to preach while attending Whitfield's Calvinist Methodist Church. But, in only a year, he became entangled in a controversy over infant baptism. He soon joined a Baptist church, later becoming their pastor. One book he wrote during this time was: *A Plea for the Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ*. However, after retirement he became associated with Unitarians and a prominent Unitarian minister performed his funeral.

It is said that late in his life, while riding in a coach, a woman asked Robinson if he recognized the tune of the hymn she was humming. It was the tune to "Come, Thou Fount." Robinson is reported to have replied, "Madam, I am the poor unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I had then."

We have all gone astray and are too prone to go our own way. Our only hope is to live daily near the One who was pierced for our iniquities.

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