

Give Me Jesus

Traditional American, ca. 1800

Transcribed from *Minstrel of Zion*, 1845.

E Major

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1. While wandering to and fro, In this wide world of woe, Where streams of sorrow flow, Give me Je - sus! Give me Je - sus! You may have all the world! Give me Je - sus!

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2. When tears o'erflow mine eye, When pressed by grief I sigh; Still this shall he my cry, Give me Jesus!

3. When to the mercy-seat
I go my Lord to meet,
My heart shall still repeat,
Give me Jesus!

4. And when my faith is tried,
In him will I confide,
And all the storms outride:
Give me Jesus!

5. Though strength and friends should fail,
And foes my soul assail.
Through him I shall prevail
Give me Jesus!

6. And when my toils are o'er,
When nearing Jordan's shore,
I'll sing as up I soar,
Give me Jesus!

7. When at the judgment-seat,
I stand at Jesus' feet;
When worlds on worlds shall meet,
Give me Jesus!

8. When heaven and earth shall flee,
When time shall cease to he,
Through all eternity.
Give me Jesus!

A spiritual song of African-American origin (Jackson 1944, pp. 180-181). There is also a different hymn-tune using the same or similar words. The chorus (*Give me Jesus! Give me Jesus! You may have all the world! Give me Jesus!*) has been tacked on to many other gospel and revival songs.

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1. *Fermata* added in measures 10 and 13.

2. *Tenor*, measure 10, changed from BC#-D#B to BD#-E.

3. *Bass* rewritten.