

Background notes

Many of my songs have taken months, if not years, to complete, from the initial idea to the finished arrangement. This one, however, must hold the record, having taken something over 1500 years to get to this stage.

Of all the music I have written, I am probably as pleased with this as any ... but then, how can you go wrong with such beautiful words as raw material? (let's face it, they make most of my humble attempts look positively clumsy)

I came across the words during the course of a bible study session, and as soon as I got home I just had to look it up and check out the tune. Sadly, I felt that the (16th Century) tune set in the hymnbook just didn't do it justice, so I just had to do something about it.

I hope that Synesius would approve.

Lord Jesus, Think On Me

(Hymns & Psalms No. 533)

Words by Synesius of Cyrene (5th Century)

Translated by A.W. Chatfield (1808-96)

Music by Keith Miller (2000)

Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin
From earth-born passion set me free
And make me pure within

Lord Jesus, think on me
With care and woe oppressed
Let me thy loving servant be
And taste thy promised rest

Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way

Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when the flood is past
I may the eternal brightness see
And share thy joy at last