

This Is My Father's World

A Christian hymn written by Maltbie Davenport Babcock, and published after his death in 1901. Set to music in 1915 by Franklin L. Sheppard, who is said to have adapted the music from a traditional English melody that he learned from his mother as a child.

1. This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings. The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!