

# There Is a Land the Lord will Bless

Isaac Watts; edited by William W. Phelps (LDS)

*I have not been able to find the original Watts text to compare it to; I will keep looking. Phelps's editing to make this retell the persecution in Missouri is obvious; I am interested in what the original text said.*

Common Metering

quoted here from the 1835 Kirtland Hymnal

1. There is a land the Lord will bless,  
Where all the saints shall come;  
There is a day for righteousness,  
When Israel gathers home.

2. Before the word goes forth—Destroy!  
And all the wicked burn,  
With songs of everlasting joy,  
The pure-in-heart return.

3. Their fields along Missouri's flood,  
Are in perspective seen,  
As unto Israel "Canaan stood,  
While Jordan flow'd between."

4. Though wicked men and satan strive,  
To keep them from that land,  
And from their homes the saints they drive,  
To try the Lord's command:

5. There all the springs of God will be;  
And there an end of strife;  
And there the righteous rising free,  
Shall have eternal life.

6. There shall the will of God be done,  
And saints and angels greet;  
And there, when all in Christ is one,  
The best from worlds shall meet.

7. There in the resurrection morn,  
The living live again,  
And all the children will be born  
Without the sting of sin.

8. How long, our Father, O how long  
Shall that pure time delay?  
Come on, come on, ye holy throng,  
And bring the glorious day.