

Before the throne of God above

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1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.



Charitie L. Bancroft

3. Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable "I AM,"
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,

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Charitie Lees Bancroft (née Smith), daughter of the Rev. Sidney Smith, DD, Rector of Drumragh, County Tyrone, Ireland; was born at Bloomfield, Merrion, in the county of Dublin in 1841; she married Arthur E. Bancroft in 1869. Her hymns have appeared in periodicals, *Lyra Britannica*, Bishop Ryle's *Spiritual Songs*, and other collections, and also as leaflets. Additionally she wrote various religious pieces for periodicals.

The following hymns have come into common usage:

1. **O for a robe of whiteness.** *Heaven desired* – this favourite children's hymn was first published as a leaflet in 1860. In 1867 it was included in *Lyra Britannica*, and thence has passed into several collections in Great Britain and America.

2. **The King of glory standeth.** *Christ the Saviour* – contributed in 7 stanzas of 8 lines to the *Lyra Britannica*, 1867, and entitled "Mighty to Save." In the *Hymns & Songs of Praise NY*, 1874, No. 1196, it begins with stanza iii., "He comes in bloodstained garments."

3. **Before the throne of God above.** *The Advocate* – dated **1863**, and given in Spurgeon's *Our Own Hymn Book*, 1806, *Laudes Domini NY*, 1884.

In 1867 Mrs. Bancroft's hymns were collected and published as *Within the Veil*, by C.L.S., her adopted pen-name. She was apparently widowed twice. She died in Oakland, California in 1923, at the age of 82, bearing the name Charitie de Cheney (or Chenez).

Vikki Cook is a songwriter who has collaborated with her husband Steve on dozens of songs. She is also a vocalist and has been featured on number of albums. She also is a choir director and gives piano and voice lessons. Steve and Vikki are part of Sovereign Grace Church of Louisville and reside in the Louisville area with their two daughters.

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