

Our God Reigns

Leonard E. Smith 1942–

sung by **Michael Lining**

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How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him,
Who brings good news, good news,
announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:
Our god reigns, our god reigns!

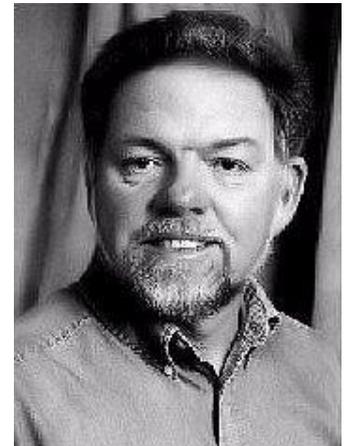
Our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns!

He had no stately form, He had no majesty,
that we should be drawn to Him,
He was despised and we took no account of Him,
yet now He reigns with the Most High.

It was our sin and guilt that bruised and wounded Him,
it was our sin that brought Him down.
When we like sheep had gone astray our shepherd came,
and on His shoulders He bore our shame.

Meek as a lamb that's led out to the slaughter-house,
dumb as a sheep before its shearer.
His life ran down upon the ground like pouring rain,
that we might be born again.

Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty.
He is alive. He is alive.
God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side...
Yes, we know, He is alive!



Lenny Smith



Michael Lining

Leonard Earl Smith is a singer, songwriter, and music publisher. His style of gospel-centred songs range from pop to folk to gospel and they all embrace a childlike simplicity. Lenny is best known in Christian music circles for writing the international worship standard "Our God Reigns" in 1973. Many popular Christian artists have covered this song including Phil Driscoll, Evie Tornquist, John Michael Talbot, Jimmy Swaggart, The Gaithers and many others. In 2010, "Our God Reigns" was sung during the Papal Mass for Pope Benedict XVI in Bellahouston Park. It was also a favourite of Pope John Paul II and was used during his visit in 1999 to North America.

In 1973, Lenny was out of work and mildly depressed. One morning he read Isaiah 52:7 from the Bible, "How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news...." He was so moved and encouraged by the passage that he wrote "**Our God Reigns**" in five minutes – one verse and the chorus. Bob Mumford, a travelling evangelist, visited The Living Word in NJ and heard Lenny sing "Our God Reigns." Bob loved the song and taught it at each church and conference he visited all over the world during the next couple of years. An Australian company, Scripture in Song, released a songbook 1979 called "Scripture in Song Volume I" which included two of Lenny's songs – "Our God Reigns" (which they entitled "How Lovely on the Mountains") and "City O City." This songbook was sold and brought world-wide attention to these songs.

"Our God Reigns" became extremely popular in England. A pastor in England decided to add additional verses to the song, which at the time only had one verse. Lenny contacted him, asking him not to add additional verses and the pastor insisted he would anyway. To this day, in the UK the version of "Our God Reigns" is known with the pastor's additional verses. This motivated Lenny to write the next four verses which took a couple of years to finish. "Our God Reigns" is still being used and circulated today around the world. It has been recorded on over 55 albums and printed in 35 songbooks and hymnals and exists in over 20 languages.

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