

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you!

Graham Kendrick 1950–

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***Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you,
the hope of glory in our hearts;
He lives! He lives! His breath is in you,
arise a mighty army, we arise.***

Now is the time for us to march upon the land,
into our hands he will give the ground we claim.
He rides in majesty to lead us into victory;
the world shall see that Christ is Lord.

God is at work in us His purpose to perform,
building a kingdom of power not of words,
where things impossible by faith shall be made possible,
let's give the glory to Him now.

Though we are weak, His grace is everything we need;
we're made of clay but this treasure is within;
He turns our weaknesses into His opportunities
so that the glory goes to Him.



Graham Kendrick is a prolific English Christian singer, songwriter and worship leader. He is the son of Baptist pastor, M. D. Kendrick and grew up in Laindon, Essex and Putney, and now lives in Tunbridge Wells where he is a member of Holy Trinity with Christ Church. He is also a member of Ichthus Christian Fellowship.

Kendrick began his song-writing career in the late 1960s. His most successful accomplishment is his authorship of the lyrics and music for the song, "Shine, Jesus, Shine", which is among the most widely heard songs in contemporary Christian worship worldwide. It is regularly highly placed in hymn popularity polls. Fellow songwriter and former Kendrick band member Stuart Townend has said, "I have no doubt that in 100 years time the name of Kendrick will be alongside Watts and Wesley in the list of the UK's greatest hymn writers".

His other songs have been primarily used by worshippers in Britain. Kendrick is a co-founder of the March for Jesus. He received a Dove Award in 1995 for his international work. In 2000, London School of Theology and Brunel University awarded Kendrick an honorary doctorate in Divinity ('DD') in "recognition of his contribution to the worship life of the Church". He was awarded another DD in May 2008, from Wycliffe College in Toronto, Canada.

Although now best known as a worship leader and writer of worship songs, Graham Kendrick began his career as a member of the Christian beat group *Whispers of Truth* (formerly the "Forerunners"). Later, he began working as a solo concert performer and recording artist in the singer/songwriter tradition. He was closely associated with the organisation Musical Gospel Outreach and recorded several albums for their record labels.

Kendrick worked for a time as a member of "In the Name of Jesus", a mission team led by Clive Calver. He was based at St Michael le Belfrey, York in the late 1970s and was involved in student and university ministry with British Youth for Christ. Calver went on to run British Youth for Christ and the Evangelical Alliance, and then left the United Kingdom for the Evangelical Church in the United States. Kendrick, however, remained firmly fixed in the UK church as probably the most influential Christian songwriter of his generation. In May 2020 he took part in The UK Blessing, a worship song video collaboration of 65 churches released during the national coronavirus lockdown.

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