

## More About Jesus

By Maggie Moller

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.”*  
(2 Peter 3:18 NIV)

What hymn better summarizes our desire as Believers than “More About Jesus”? The second stanza declares:

More about Jesus let me learn,  
More of His holy will discern;  
Spirit of God, my teacher be,  
Showing the things of Christ to me.

Here, we see the scriptural truth that as we learn more about Jesus, we should discern more of His Holy will. Paul reminded us to *“not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may **discern what is the will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect”* (Romans 12:2), and that *“the natural person does not accept the things of the **Spirit of God**, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are **spiritually discerned**”* (1 Corinthians 2:14).

The Lyricist: Eliza Edmunds Hewitt

Eliza Edmunds Hewitt was born on June 28, 1851, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A diligent student, she graduated as valedictorian of her high school class. Eliza turned to teaching after receiving her diploma, but a spinal injury a short time later severed her dream. While she was trying to discipline one of her students, Eliza suffered a blow to her back by a slate. Her back never fully healed, and she was forced to stop teaching.

Eliza stayed in Philadelphia for all her years and for some time worked as a Sunday School superintendent. Most notably, however, is that Eliza chose to focus her attention on writing hymns, and she wrote over seventy beloved hymns over her lifetime. She and her close friend, hymn-writer Fanny Crosby, visited each other and discussed their music and their Savior. The exact time Eliza penned words for “More About Jesus” is not known. Eliza also wrote “My Faith Has Found A Resting Place,” which was highlighted in the October issue of the *Berean Lamp*. Eliza passed away on April 24, 1920.

The Composer: John Robson Sweney

John Robson Sweney was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania, on December 31, 1837. From a young age, John developed his musical gift. With his German professor Bauer instructing him, John took leaps and bounds in fine-tuning his skills. He learned to play the piano and violin and led choirs, school performances, and concerts.

After the Civil War began, John enlisted, and the leadership of the Third Delaware Regiment band was given to him. Following the war’s conclusion, John returned to his musical profession and worked for twenty-five years as the professor of music at his hometown’s Pennsylvania

Military Academy.

His gift of music played out in over one thousand compositions of hymns, including Miss Eliza Hewitt's "More About Jesus" (although the date of this composition is unknown), up to his death on April 10, 1899.

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