

In conjunction with the 2014 annual meeting of the Charles Wesley Society, a song lyric writing contest was held. Contestants were asked to review several hymns by Charles Wesley, draw inspiration from them, and then write new lyrics on the topics of holiness and sanctification.

The winning entry was submitted by Larry Newman

The Godhead in creation wrought
Its work begun, complete;
Through sacrifice, redeemed, restored,
Beyond its first estate.

The Father's holiness in Christ,
His people to reclaim;
His will triumphant over sin,
In us who bear His Name.

Divine and human in the Son,
The curse of sin to cease;
Now we possess His holiness,
With righteousness and peace.

The gifts abundant overflow
In saints to guide our course;
God's perfect will and work display
The Holy Spirit's source.

Let us by God's refining fire in purity reveal,
From glory unto glory, His
"Poema" bought and sealed.