

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

(words by **Cecil Frances Alexander** (1818-1895))

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*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

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The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate,
He made them high or lowly,
And ordered their estate. ¹

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The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

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The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

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The tall trees in the greenwood
The meadows where we play;
The rushes by the water
We gather every day. ²

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He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

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¹ In the modern version, verse 3 is usually omitted.

² In some modern hymn books, verse 6 is omitted.

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