

TELL ME THE OLD, OLD STORY ¹

(words by **Katherine Hankey** (1834-1911))

Tell me the old, old story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
Tell me the story simply,
As to a little child;
For I am weak and weary,
And helpless and defiled.

REFRAIN:

*Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Of Jesus and His love.* ²

Tell me the story slowly,
That I may take it in,
That wonderful redemption,
God's remedy for sin.
Tell me the story often,
For I forget so soon;
The early dew of morning
Has passed away at noon.

REFRAIN

Tell me the story softly,
With earnest tones and grave;
Remember, I'm the sinner
Whom Jesus came to save.
Tell me the story always,
If you would really be
In any time of trouble,
A comforter to me.

REFRAIN

¹ The original of the hymn was written in 1866 and contained eight verses. It was entitled '*The Story Wanted*'.

² The original of the hymn had no refrain which was added later to adapt to a tune.

Tell me the same old story
When you have cause to fear
That this world's empty glory
Is costing me too dear.
³Yes, and when that world's glory
Is dawning on my soul,
Tell me the old, old story:
"Christ Jesus makes thee whole!"

REFRAIN

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³ In the modern version, verse 4 line 5 is altered to '***And when that next world's glory***