

# The Bible is a romance

The Church — As Christ's Bride

Musical score for the hymn "The Bible is a romance". The score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "1. The Bi - ble is a ro - mance In the most ho - ly sense: God and His chos - en peo - ple In love it so pre - sents. This U - ni - vers - al Cou - ple Through - out it is dis - played; God in Christ is the Bride - groom, His saints, the Bride, por - trayed." The chords are: F, Dm, Gm/Bb, C, F, Dm, Gm, G/B, C, Bb, F, Bb, F/A, Bb, C, Dm, Bb, Gm7, C, C7, F, Bb/F, F.

2. Through shadows, types and figures,  
God's deepest thought is known;  
As typified by Adam,  
The Husband, Christ, is shown.  
A rib brought forth from Adam  
Reveals the source of life  
By which God built a woman:  
Eve, as the church, His wife.

3. To be His people's Husband,  
To take them as His wife:  
This is what God desires  
To live in marriage life.  
Their sacrifice and worship  
Alone could not content;  
But with them to be married  
Was God's foremost intent.

4. This romance is the finest  
As seen in Song of Songs;  
For her Beloved's kisses  
His seeking lover longs.  
Love's work in her produces  
No person of her own,  
But she becomes the City,  
Her Person, Christ alone.

5. Christ is our coming Bridegroom;  
We are the Church, His Bride,  
Redeemed, regenerated,  
The issue of His side,  
In source, in life, in nature  
And person fully one,  
His counterpart forever,  
The New Jerusalem.