

ALL THINGS NEW

1984. These words, based on Revelation 21:1-5, were the combined effort of Neal Nuske and Geoff Schirmer, both Lutheran pastors, and myself. When I heard Neal playing the wonderful tune by Robert Schumann ([Von Fremden und Leuten] Of foreign places and people from Scenes of Childhood) I thought it would make a beautiful song. The following day (we were at a National Youth Assembly) Neal suggested Revelation 21 as a theme and I think we immediately wrote the first verse together. The rest came out fairly quickly, and I sang it, with Neal's exquisite accompaniment, at the Assembly concert later in the week.

1. I saw heaven and earth,
brand new heaven and earth,
and I heard a voice say to me:

2. He will wipe away
every tear away,
every pain away — all things new.

No more sighing, crying, dying
— God himself is here.

3. And he will make his home,
here with us his home;
God will make his home with us all.

No more sighing, crying, dying
— God himself is here.

4. The old has passed away,
sadness passed away,
death has passed away — all things new.

Music: Robert Schumann 1838

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