## The Sands of Time Are Sinking

This hymn – written by Anne Cousin – was inspired by the letters of Samuel Rutherford, the  $17^{th}$  century Puritan pastor. In his letters Rutherford would often draw upon the Song of Songs in order to encourage his flock with the love of God in Christ.

An audio recording of the hymn can be found here:

## The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of Heaven breaks

The summer morn I've sighed for, the fair, sweet morn awakes Dark, dark hath been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand And glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land

The King there in His beauty, without a veil is seen It were a well spent journey, though sev'n deaths lay between The Lamb with His fair army doth on Mount Zion stand And glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land

O Christ, He is the fountain, the deep, deep well of love The streams on earth I've tasted, more deep I'll drink above There to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand And glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land

With mercy and with judgment my web of time He wove And always dews of sorrow were lustered with His love I'll bless the hand that guided, I'll bless the heart that planned When throned where glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land

Oh! I am my Beloved's and my Beloved's mine! He brings a poor, vile sinner into His "house of wine" I stand upon His merit, I know no other stand Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land

The bride eyes not her garments, but her dear Bridegroom's face I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace
Not at the crown He giveth, but on His pierced hand
The Lamb is all the glory of Immanuel's land