Side Notes: The lyrics to this classic hymn were written by Cecil Frances Alexander. She was a Bishop’s wife who lived in Ireland in the 1800’s. Some people have complained that the rocky and barren hills of Judea are not correctly described in the song. However, one story tells of a grassy green hill in Ireland that Mrs. Alexander often drove by and imagined it to be like Calvary, which she had never seen. She was passionate about teaching the children living in the parish, and the song was published in her book of hymns called “Hymns for Children”. She used the proceeds to help others.

There is nothing more fulfilling than knowing that the work we do in this life can have the ability to make a difference in the lives of others more than one hundred years after we are gone. My hope is that my music in a small way may continue to touch the lives of others and be shared for many years.

There is a Green Hill Far Away

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