

In The Garden

The beginning of this song was composed by Austin Miles (1912) while he was waiting for some film to develop in a cold, dreary and leaky basement in New Jersey. It had no window, let alone the view of a garden. Austin Miles was a pharmacist who served as editor of hymns and songbooks as well as popular music director.

The song was popularized during the Billy Sunday evangelistic campaigns. Miles originally intended In the Garden as an Easter song, as the speaker of the song is Mary Magdalene. Some who have recorded the song are Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, Perry Como and Elvis Presley. It has also appeared in many films.

Music and Lyrics by Austin Miles

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me and He talks with me.
And He tells me I am His own. And the joy we share,
as we tarry there. None other has ever known.

he speaks and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me, Within my heart is ringing

And He walks with me...