

LSB 593

See this wonder in the making

TEXT BACKGROUND

This hymn by Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008) was completed on August 5, 1984. And published three years later in the hymn collection *Now the Joyful Celebration* (1987). It then appeared as an accompanied unison anthem. Its theme is infant Baptism and regeneration, and the text is based on several cornerstone Baptism passages. Including Romans 6:3-6; Colossian 2:12; James 1:18; 1 Peter 3:21; and Titus 3:4-7.

The text was promoted by a need for more contemporary baptismal hymns and by the author's desire to have a substitute for "Children of the heavenly Father," which is usually only indirectly related to the Rite of Baptism.² Vajda's aim was to have a hymn specifically connected with Baptism that defined the baptismal candidates and for multiple concurrent Baptisms.