

# CHRIST A BLIND MAN SAW ONE DAY

Daniel Brink Towner: 1850-1919

The musical score is a piano accompaniment for the hymn 'Christ a blind man saw one day'. It is written in G major and 2/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The first system starts at measure 5, the second at measure 10, the third at measure 15, and the fourth at measure 20. The music is a simple, homophonic accompaniment with a clear melody in the treble and a supporting bass line in the bass.

(1.) Christ a blind man saw one day, as He went along his way. - His disciples asked, "Who sinned, that he blind from birth has been?" Jesus said, "Sin's not to blame, but God's work will now be plain." - Then He spit upon the ground, made some mud, and put it on. "Go and wash," He then did say, and the blind man did obey. - He was blind no more; he now could see.

(2.) All the people were confused when they heard about the news. - They said, "Blind you've been for life. How then did thee gain thy sight?" He said, "Jesus—it was He. He made mud, I washed, now see." - Then the Pharisees complained, though the miracle was plain. "This man's not from God," they claimed, "for the Sabbath He's profaned." - They were blind from sin; they could not see.

(3.) The man's parents then were called and were asked to recount all. - They confessed he was their son, but knew not what Christ had done. They said, "Ask him; let him tell. He's of age and can speak well." - So they summoned him once more. Said, "This Man's a sinner sure." He said, "Whether He has blame, I know not, but this is plain: - Though I once was blind, I now can see!"

(4.) Still the Pharisees did rail, asked him to repeat his tale. - Said, "His foll'wer you've become, though we don't know where He's from." He replied, "If not from God, this man could not do such good." - Then they drove him from that place. Jesus found him in disgrace. Said, "The Son of Man now speaks; you have seen Him; now believe." - He said, "I believe; Lord, I believe!"

(5.) Jesus came to judge the earth and show sin for what it's worth. - As He gave the blind man sight, He can cleanse us by His might. But we must admit we're blind, or His healing we'll not find. - If we claim that we can see, we will ever guilty be. But when we in Him believe, He will then our guilt relieve. - We'll be blind no more when we believe.

Susan Helen Peterson: 1950-2004