

Thanksgiving for Colliers (1742)

[Baker list, #65]

Editorial Introduction:

In late May 1742 John Wesley visited Newcastle upon Tyne, beginning the Methodist work in this northern metropolis of England. Charles Wesley followed up this initial work with a longer visit through the month of September. Shortly after returning to London, the ledger of William Strahan shows that Charles published on October 13 a four-page leaflet titled *Thanksgiving for the Colliers*. No copy of this leaflet appears to have survived. It does not appear to have been reprinted. But manuscript versions appear in MS Cheshunt, 11–13; and MS Clarke, 12–15. In addition, Charles placed it in his collected two-volume *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (1749).

Editions:

Charles Wesley. *Thanksgiving for the Colliers*. London: Strahan, 1742. [no copies extant]

Text:

For the text of this hymn, see *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (1749), 1:310–12.