Hymn for the Working Children

Fanny J Crosby, 1912

There’s a voice that now is calling,

Loudly calling, day by day

‘tis the voice of right and justice,

And its tones we must obey.

We must hasten to the rescue

Of the children young and frail

We are weary of their burdens

And too soon their strength will fail

In our stores and shops we find them

Mid the bloom of early spring

But the lord is watching over them

And their calls for him we bring

Though their parents bid them labor

And deny their needed rest

Yet our faith believes the promise

That their wrongs will be redressed

Men of rank and high position

Men who guard our native land

In the name of our redeemer

Come and lend a helping hand

Come at once, the plea is urgent

And the hours are waning still

Make these children glad and happy

And the law of love fulfill

1. **How did religion play a role in creating this hymn?**
2. **What effect does child labor have on the children?**
3. **What was Crosby's reaction to child labor?**
4. **How is this song so strong and important in the early 20th century?**