Advice on Searching Charles Wesley Verse Files Obtained from the Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition Divinity School, Duke University

The files for both Charles Wesley's published verse and his manuscript verse on the CSWT website are in Adobe .pdf "searchable" format. This means you can do word searches within each file in Adobe Reader.

But what if you want to search the complete set of files at the same time, seeking a particular phrase? This is possible theoretically if you place the files in a single folder and search that folder. However, the search utility in Microsoft Windows does not currently read .pdf files well. Fortunately, there are alternative search utilities that are safe and perform such group searching admirably. We recommend, in particular, a utility called "Agent Ransack." You can find it online, available for free download.

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For Transcriptions of Published Wesley Texts:

Cite original publication details — reflected accurately in the transcription example: *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (London: Strahan, 1739), p. 12.

For Transcriptions of Manuscript Wesley Texts:

Use the original title or assigned short title, and pagination as shown in files Indicate the holding institution of the original document and location details

Brief Overview of the CSWT Collection of Charles Wesley's Published Verse (Original)

The online collection of the poetical works of John and Charles Wesley, provided by the Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition of the Divinity School at Duke University, is committed to providing as broad and convenient of access as possible for scholarly study and citation. This subsection of the collection gathers the poetry and hymns published during Charles Wesley's life that scholarly consensus traces to his pen. The items included are organized in chronological order of their initial publication. Secondary collections in which Charles gathered poems which appeared first elsewhere are placed at the end.

This "original" version of the texts reproduces the spelling and punctuation used in the printed first edition, with the following exceptions:

minor typographical errors are silently corrected

modern principles of capitalization are adopted, since there was unevenness on this matter in various editions

uses of cou'd, wou'd, and shou'd were expanded to could, would, and should — again, because of unevenness in this usage in later editions

Further details on the guidelines for this collection are available on our webpage for the collection:

http://www.divinity.duke.edu/initiatives-centers/cswt/wesley-texts/charles-wesley

Short Titles and Abbreviations used in the Collection for Publications of John and Charles Wesley

Original Poetry and Hymn Collections:

All in All	Hymns for Those to Whom Christ is All in All, 1761.
Answer to Gill	An Answer to Gill [on] Perseverance of the Saints, 1754.
Ascension Hymns	Hymns for Ascension Day, 1746.
<i>CPH</i> (1737)	A Collection of Psalms and Hymns, 1737.
<i>CPH</i> (1738)	A Collection of Psalms and Hymns, 1738.
<i>CPH</i> (1741)	A Collection of Psalms and Hymns, 1741.
<i>CPH</i> (1784)	A Collection of Psalms and Hymns for the Lord's Day, 1784.
Earthquake Hymns	Hymns occasioned by the Earthquake, 1750.
Family Hymns	Hymns for the Use of Families, 1767.
Fast Day Hymns	Hymns for the Nation and for the Fast Day, 8 Feb. 1782.
Festival Hymns	Hymns on the Great Festivals, 1746.
Gloria Patri	Gloria Patri; or Hymns on the Trinity, 1746.
Graces	Graces Before and After Meat, 1746.
HLS	Hymns on the Lord's Supper, 1745.
HSP (1739)	Hymns and Sacred Poems, 1739.
HSP (1740)	Hymns and Sacred Poems, 1740.
HSP (1742)	Hymns and Sacred Poems, 1742.
HSP (1749)	Hymns and Sacred Poems, 1749.
HSS	Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1753.
HTT	Hymns for Times of Trouble, 1744.
HTTP	Hymns for Times of Trouble and Persecution, 1744.
<i>Hymns</i> (1780)	Collection of Hymns for the use of the People Called Methodists, 1780.
Intercession Hymns (1758)	Hymns of Intercession for all Mankind, 1758.
Intercession Hymns (1759)	Hymns of Intercession for the Kingdom of England, 1759.
Invasion Hymns	Hymns on the Expected Invasion, 1759.
MSP	A Collection of Moral and Sacred Poems, 1744.
Nativity Hymns	Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord, 1745.
New Year's Hymns	Hymns for New Year's Day 1750, [1749].
Redemption Hymns	Hymns for those that seek and those that have Redemption, 1747.
Resurrection Hymns	Hymns for Our Lord's Resurrection, 1746.
Scripture Hymns (1762)	Short Hymns on Select Passages of the Holy Scriptures, 1762.
Select Hymns (1761)	Select Hymns, with Tunes Annext, 1761.
Thanksgiving Hymns (1746)	Hymns for the Public Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 9, 1746.
Thanksgiving Hymns (1759)	Hymns to be Used on the Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 29, 1759.
Trinity Hymns	Hymns on the Trinity, 1767.
Tumult Hymns	Hymns Written in the Time of the Tumults, 1780.
Whitsunday Hymns	Hymns of Petition & Thanksgiving for the Promise of the Father, 1746.
Watchnight Hymns	Hymns for the Watchnight, 1750.

Later Scholarly Editions:

Charles Wesley:

MS Journal	<i>The Manuscript Journal of the Rev. Charles Wesley, M.A.</i> 2 vols. Edited by S T Kimbrough, Jr. & Kenneth G. C. Newport. Nashville: Kingswood Books, 2008.
Poetical Works	George Osborn, ed. <i>The Poetical Works of John and Charles Wesley</i> . 13 vols. London: Wesleyan-Methodist Conference, 1868–72.
Representative Verse	Frank Baker. <i>Representative Verse of Charles Wesley</i> . London: Epworth, 1962.
Unpublished Poetry	S T Kimbrough Jr. & Oliver A. Beckerlegge, eds. <i>The Unpublished Poetry of Charles Wesley</i> . 3 vols. Nashville: Kingswood Books, 1988–92.

John Wesley:

Journal	See vols. 18–24 of Works.
Works	The Works of John Wesley: The Bicentennial Edition. Editor in Chief, Frank Baker. Nashville: Abingdon, 1984–.