Dr Watts Hymn XIV, Bk 2
Daniel Read
Tr.



This setting of Lisbon is based on a variant from a Welsh ms. source, post-1815, now owned by Sheila and Edwin Macadam, and one from the Ephraim Watson ms., post-1831, of Suffolk origins.

The original version was composed by Daniel Read, combmaker of Connecticut, and first appeared in his publication, The American Singing Book, Newhaven, 1785. The Watson ms. sets the tune to 'Come We That Love the Lord', but Watts's Hymn 14, Book 2, is preferred here.

Lisbon appeared set to this latter text in over 100 different publications up to 1820, with very few exceptions. By 1820, the fugue in the second section had been edited from the piece,

Dyer's Two Hundred and Fifty Approved Psalm and HymnTunes, Baltimore, 1820, entitles it 'Lisbon S.M. [without the fugue.]'. In later 'shape-note' compilations, including The Sacred Harp, further editing has seen the tempo altered to $3 / 2$.
First appeared in England in Walker's Companion to Dr Rippon's Tune Book, London, 1811.

