

## EDWARDS, WILLIAM (1773 - 1853), hymnwriter

**Name:** William Edwards  
**Date of birth:** 1773  
**Date of death:** 1853  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** hymnwriter  
**Area of activity:** Music; Poetry; Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

A nephew and bardic disciple of [Robert Williams](#) (1744 - 1815). Little is known of his life, except that he was a weaver, married a daughter of [John Evans](#) of Bala (1723 - 1817), and was living with his father-in-law at the time of the latter's death. He was not a preacher, but became in later life an elder in the Calvinistic Methodist church at Bala. He was a warm supporter of Sunday schools, and assisted [Thomas Charles](#) in setting up these schools around the town.

His claim to remembrance is a small book which he published at Bala in 1818, *Ychydig Hymnau ar Destunau Athrawiaethol a Phrofiadol* - two or three of our best-known hymns are his work. The exact days of his birth and death are not known.

### Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

### Sources

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