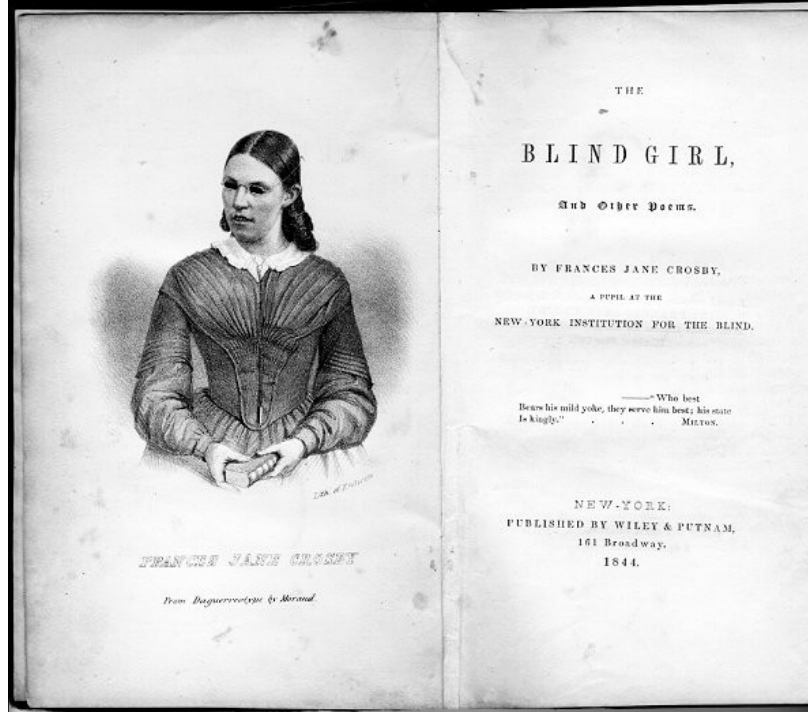


FAMOUS GIRLS ...FRANCES JANE VAN ALSTINE (nee CROSBY)

1. Fanny Crosby was born in 1820, the daughter of John and Mercy Crosby, who were Presbyterian farmers of Putnam County N__ Y__.
2. As a child, she developed a serious e__ infection, which was wrongly treated, and she became b_____ for the rest of her life.
3. In the same year, her father died of over-exposure to c___ and r___ weather.
4. By the time she was 8 years old, she had developed a strong interest in m_____, and had written her first p_____.
5. She developed her m_____ and could recite the first 4 books of the B____, and the 4 G_____ by heart.
6. She became a t_____ of the blind, and published many p_____ and magazine articles.

To see and hear some of Fanny Crosby's hymns, you can look on the internet

www.nyise.org/fanny/links.html



'Make
a joyful
noise
unto
the
Lord'

Psalms 100 v1

... 'On April 30, 1868, Dr. W. H. Doane came into my house and said, "I have exactly forty minutes before my train leaves for Cincinnati. Here is a melody. Can you write words for it?" I replied that I would see what I could do. Then followed a space of twenty minutes during which I was wholly unconscious of all else except the work I was doing. At the end of that time I recited the words to "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Mr. Doane co-pied them, and had time to catch his train...'

7. She knew Abraham L_____, spoke before the American Congress, and sang before President Polk at the W____ H_____.
8. She became concerned about her s___ after a cholera epidemic in New York. She was converted on 20th November 1850.
9. She began to write hymns, and it is said that she wrote 9,000 hymns before her death in 1915.
10. In 1858 she married Alexander van Alstine, who was also b_____. Their only child died in infancy.