Only A Step

1. Explain why we should or should not sing this song in worship to God (use Scriptures to support your statements).
   - Is there only a step to Christ? Really?? Which one is the only step? For example, the word of God teaches that we are saved by endurance (Matthew 10:22), hope (Romans 8:24), the gospel (Romans 1:16), grace (Acts 15:11), calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 2:21; cf. Acts 22:16), baptism (I Peter 3:21), the name of Christ (Acts 4:10-12), confession (Romans 10:10), repentance (II Corinthians 7:10), knowledge of the scriptures (II Timothy 3:15-17), and on we could go. Which one of those is the only step? In an invitation when five, six, or so things are stated, how can we then sing a song that negates what was just said? There is more than one step from darkness to light (Acts 26:18-20).
   - The pearly gates are not written about Heaven as most think, but rather the church glorified after Roman persecution (Revelation 21:1-2; 10; 21; cf. Hebrews 12:22-23). This song however is using them in the since of Heaven and people waiting for us there. Which of the saved ones are in Heaven now (Luke 16:19-31)?
   - We don’t come to the cross, we come to the Lord (Matthew 11:28).
   - We could say His voice [a figure for the Scriptures –Revelation 3:20] is sweet, but there’s more to understand about that too (Revelation 10:9-11).
   - A small detail is also found to be wrong in this song. Jesus never directly said “Come unto me, I am the way”. The phrase can be proven to be right (Matthew 11:28-30 and John 14:6), but it is not a direct quote of our Lord.

2. If this song does not hold up to the Scriptures, what good points can we learn from examining this song (use Scriptures to support your statements)?
   - We should hear what Jesus says (Matthew 17:5).
   - Jesus wants us to come to Him and be saved (John 1:29, I John 4:14, Matthew 1:21, I Timothy 2:4-6, Romans 5:18, and Titus 2:11-14).
   - We should hearken to and obey the loving call, because of His love for us (I John 4:19; 5:3).
   - If obedient, we will wear a glorious crown when He calls the faithful into eternity (II Timothy 4:8 and I Peter 5:4).
   - Too late would be a terrible thought (Matthew 25:1-13). In the Judgment, everyone will be believers (Romans 14:11-12 and Philippians 2:9-11).
   - Jesus did bleed and die for us (Matthew 26:28).
   - He is unchanging (Hebrews 13:8).
1. Hear the sweet voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me, I am the way;" Harken, the loving call of world may frown; Yet you shall wear a glorious watch and wait; Terrible tho't, to cry "too bey. Come, for He loves you so.
crown. When He makes up His own. Only a step, only a late." "Jesus, I come to Thee."

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step: Come, for He bled for you and died; He's the same
loving Savior yet, Jesus the Crucified.