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Our congregation has long used two hymnbooks; namely, the comprehensive edition of "Dr. Rippon's Selection," and "Dr. Watts's Psalms and Hymns." Despite the judgment of many to the contrary, we believe that the store of spiritual songs contained in these two volumes is not excelled, even if equalled by any compilation extant; and we should most probably have been very well content with those books had it not been for difficulties connected with the remarkably complex arrangement of their contents. To strangers it was no small task to discover the hymn selected for singing; for, in the first place, there were two books, which was in itself an evil; but the matter was made far worse by the fact that these two volumes were each a puzzle to the uninstructed; Rippon with its parts innumerable, and Watts with first, second, and third books. The providence of God brings very many new hearers within the walls of our place of worship, and many a time have we marked their futile researches and pitied the looks of
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despair with which they have given up all hope of finding the hymns, and so of joining intelligently in our words of praise. We felt that such ought not to be the state of our service of song and resolved if possible to reform it. None of the collections already published are exactly what our congregation needs, or we would have cheerfully adopted one of them. They are good in their way, but we need something more. Our congregation has distinctive features which are not suited by every compilation, not indeed by any known to us. We thought it best to issue a selection which would contain the cream of the books already in use among us, together with the best of all others extant up to the hour of going to press; and having sought a blessing upon the project, we set about it with all our might, and at last have brought it to a conclusion. Our best diligence has been given to the work, and we have spared no expense: may God's richest blessing rest upon the result of our arduous labours! Unto his glory we dedicate "Our Own Hymn Book."

The area of our researches has been as wide as the bounds of existing religious literature, American and British, Protestant and Romish, ancient and modern. Whatever may be thought of our taste we have used it without prejudice; and a good hymn has not been rejected because
of the character of its author, or the heresies of
the church in whose hymnal it first occurred;
so long as the language and the spirit commended
the hymn to our heart we included it, and be-
lieve that we have enriched our collection there-
by. The range of subjects is very extensive,
comprising not only direct praise, but doctrine,
experience, and exhortation; thus enabling the
saints according to apostolical command to edify
one another in their spiritual songs. If any ob-
ject that some of the hymns are penitential or
doctrinal, and therefore unfit to be sung, we reply
that we find examples of such in the Book of
Psalms, which we have made our model in com-
piling our work; there we have Maschiils as well
as hosannas, and penitential odes as well as
hallelujahs. We have not been able to fall in
with modern scruples, but have rested content
with ancient precedents. We have not cast about
for models suggested by the transient fancy of
the hour, but have followed the indications
given us in the Word of God and in the long-
established usage of the universal church; de-
siring to be obedient to the sacred precept, “Let
the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all
wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another
in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing
with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” We hope
that in some few churches of the land we may
be helpful to their service of sacred song, and aid them in praising the Lord.

The features which distinguish this hymn-book are such as to justify its issue, at least in the mind of the compiler, upon whom it has involved immense labour—a labour which has been its own reward. Those features are as follows:

1. The hymns have been drawn from the original works of the authors, and are given as far as practicable just as they were written. This is so unusual a practice as to be almost a novelty, while the mangling of hymns has grown into a system—a system, however, to be most heartily deprecated. The very few alterations which we have personally made are either grammatical corrections or emendations which seemed to be imperatively demanded by the interests of truth, or were necessary in order to change the metre into such as could be sung.

2. Subjects frequently passed over or pushed into a corner are here made conspicuously the themes of song; such, for instance, as the great doctrines of sovereign grace, the personal Advent of our Lord, and especially the sweetness of present communion with Him.

3. Hymns suitable for revivals, prayer-meetings, and earnest addresses to sinners, are given
in larger numbers and greater variety than in any other selection known to the editor, and several popular verses whose poetic merit had not commended them to previous compilers, have been adopted in deference to the Great Spirit who has so frequently blessed the use of them both to saints and sinners.

4. The Psalms of David are here, by the aid of various writers, more especially, Watts, the English and Scotch versions, Mr. Lyte and Miss Auber, all presented, in whole or in part, in forms suitable for congregational singing, and our endeavour has been to preserve the devout spirit of that inspired book even where the Jewish expressions have been necessarily changed for Christian language.

Our deepest obligations are acknowledged to Mr. D. Sedgwick, of Sun Street, Bishopsgate, without whose diligent assistance our work could never have been accomplished. His large collection of hymn-books, and his marvellous acquaintance with hymnology, render him the indispensable helper of all hymn collectors who would have their work well done. For the authorship, dates, and general correctness of the text, we have relied mainly upon him; and believe that he has enabled us to produce a volume altogether unique and unrivalled in value.
The editor has inserted with great diffidence a very few of his own composition, chiefly among the Psalms, and his only apology for so doing is the fact that of certain difficult Psalms he could find no version at all fitted for singing, and was therefore driven to turn them into verse himself. As these original compositions are but few, it is hoped that they will not prejudice the ordinary reader against the rest of the collection, and possibly one or two of them may gratify the generous judgment of our friends.

To very many proprietors of original hymns we tender earnest thanks for the liberal manner in which consent has invariably been given to us to use their copyrights. If by inadvertence we have used any compositions without permission, we trust the owners will extend to us the same courtesy as if we had written to them, which kind assent we will gladly acknowledge in a future issue. In the large type edition of this collection will be found a complete list of all the authors to whom we are indebted, with titles of their various works; but even in this small copy we are bound to acknowledge our obligations to the proprietors of the invaluable works of James Montgomery, Conder, Lyte, Kelly, Sir Edward Denny, Dr. Neale, and Miss Anna Shipton. We thank Rev. W. Hiley Bathurst for permission to use his excellent "Psalms and Hymns;" Rev.
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We are thus indebted to all classes of Christians, and are furnished with another instance of the intimate fellowship of all saints in their prayers and praises; we pray that believers of all denominations may derive a blessing from the combined works of so many of the Lord's servants.

C. H. SPURGEON.

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PSALM 1. C.M.

BLEST is the man who shuns the place
Where sinners love to meet;
Who fears to tread their wicked ways,
And hates the scoffer's seat:

But in the statutes of the Lord
Has placed his chief delight;
By day he reads or hears the word,
And meditates by night.

He, like a plant of gen'rous kind,
By living waters set,
Safe from the storms and blasting wind,
Enjoys a peaceful state.

Green as the leaf, and ever fair,
Shall his profession shine;
While fruits of holiness appear
Like clusters on the vine.

Not so the impious and unjust;
What vain designs they form!
Their hopes are blown away like dust,
Or chaff before the storm.

Sinners in judgment shall not stand
Amongst the sons of grace,
When Christ, the Judge, at His right hand
Appoints His saints a place.

His eye beholds the path they tread;
His heart approves it well;
But crooked ways of sinners lead
Down to the gates of hell.

Isaac Watts, 1719.
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PSALM 2.

1 THOUGH sinners boldly join,
   Against the Lord to rise,
   Against His Christ combine,
   Th' Anointed to despise;
   Though earth disdain,
   And hell engage,
   Vain is their rage,
   Their counsel vain.

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns!
   On Sion is His throne;
   The Lord's decree sustains
   His own begotten Son:
   Up from the grave
   He bids Him rise,
   And mount the skies,
   With power to save.

3 Oh serve the Lord with fear,
   And rev'rence His command;
   With sacred joy draw near,
   With solemn trembling stand;
   Kneel at His throne,
   Your homage bear,
   His power declare,
   And kiss the Son.

3

PSALM 3.

1 THY promise, Lord, is perfect peace;
   And yet my trials still increase;
   Till fears at times my soul assail,
   That Satan's rage must yet prevail.

2 Then, Saviour, then I fly to Thee,
   And in Thy grace my refuge see;
   Thou heard'st me from Thy holy hill,
   And Thou wilt hear and help me still.

3 Beneath Thy wings secure I sleep;
   What foe can harm while Thou dost keep?
   I wake, and find Thee at my side,
   My omnipresent Guard and Guide!
**THE PSALMS.**

4 **Oh why should earth or hell distress,**  
   **With God so strong, so nigh to bless?**  
   **From Him alone salvation flows;**  
   **On Him alone, my soul, repose.**  
   *Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.*

4 **PSALM 4.**  
   C. M.

1 **ORD of my life, my hopes, my joys,**  
   **My never-failing Friend,**  
   **Thou hast been all my help till now,**  
   **Oh! help me to the end!**

2 **While worldly minds impatient grow**  
   **More prosperous times to see,**  
   **Oh! let the glories of Thy face,**  
   **Shine brighter, Lord, on me!**

3 **So shall my heart o'erswell with joy**  
   **More lasting and more true**  
   **Than theirs, possess'd of all that they**  
   **So eagerly pursue.**

4 **Then down in peace I'll lay my head,**  
   **And take my needful rest:**  
   **No other guard I ask or need,**  
   **Of Thee, O Lord, possess'd.**  
   *Tate and Brady, 1696.*

5 **PSALM 5.**  
   C. M.

1 **ORD, in the morning Thou shalt hear**  
   **My voice ascending high;**  
   **To Thee will I direct my prayer,**  
   **To Thee lift up mine eye.**

2 **Up to the hills where Christ is gone**  
   **To plead for all His saints;**  
   **Presenting at His Father's throne**  
   **Our songs and our complaints.**

3 **Thou art a God before whose sight**  
   **The wicked shall not stand;**  
   **Sinners shall ne'er be Thy delight,**  
   **Nor dwell at Thy right hand.**
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4 But to Thy house will I resort,
    To taste Thy mercies there;
I will frequent Thy holy court,
    And worship in Thy fear.

5 Oh may Thy Spirit guide my feet
    In ways of righteousness!
Make every path of duty straight,
    And plain before my face.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

6 PSALM 6. 7s.

1 GENTLY, gently lay Thy rod
    On my sinful head, O God;
Stay Thy wrath, in mercy stay,
    Lest I sink before its sway.

2 Heal me, for my flesh is weak;
    Heal me, for Thy grace I seek;
This my only plea I make,
    Heal me for Thy mercy's sake.

3 Who within the silent grave
    Shall proclaim Thy power to save?
Lord, my trembling soul reprieve,
    Speak, and I shall rise and live.

4 Lo! He comes! He heeds my plea!
    Lo! He comes! the shadows flee!
Glory round me dawns once more;
    Rise, my spirit, and adore!

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

7 PSALM 7. 7s.

1 L ORD, my God, in Thee I trust;
    Save, Oh! save Thy trembling dust,
From the roaring lion's power,
    Seeking whom he may devour;
From a thousand waves that roll
    Shipwreck o'er my sinking soul;
God Omnipotent, I flee
    From them all to Thee, to Thee.
THE PSALMS.

2 Thou my inmost wish canst read,
   Thou canst help my utmost need;
Let the world Thy goodness see,
Let them mark Thy grace in me.
Lay the wicked in the dust,
Raise the feeble, guide the just:
Searcher of the heart, I flee
From myself to Thee, to Thee.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

8 PSALM 8. O.M.

1 0 LORD, our Lord, how wondrous great
   Is Thine exalted name!
The glories of Thine heav'nly state
   Let men and babes proclaim.

2 When I behold Thy works on high,
   The moon that rules the night,
   And stars that well adorn the sky,
   Those moving worlds of light:

3 Lord, what is man, or all his race,
   Who dwells so far below,
   That Thou should'st visit him with grace,
   And love his nature so?

4 That Thine eternal Son should bear
   To take a mortal form,
   Made lower than His angels are,
   To save a dying worm?

5 Let Him be crown'd with majesty
   Who bow'd His head to death;
   And be His honours sounded high
   By all things that have breath.

6 Jesus, our Lord, how wondrous great
   Is Thine exalted name!
The glories of Thy heav'nly state
   Let the whole earth proclaim.

Isaac Watts, 1719.
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PSALM 9. C.M.

1 To celebrate Thy praise, O Lord,
   I will my heart prepare;
   To all the list'ning world Thy works,
   Thy wondrous works declare.

2 The thought of them shall to my soul
   Exalted pleasure bring;
   Whilst to Thy Name, O Thou Most High,
   Triumphant praise I sing.

3 All those who have His goodness proved
   Will in His truth confide;
   Whose mercy ne'er forsook the man
   That on His help relied.

4 His suffering saints, when most distress'd,
   He ne'er forgets to aid;
   Their expectation shall be crown'd,
   Though for a time delay'd.

5 Sing praises, therefore, to the Lord
   From Sion, His abode;
   Proclaim His deeds, till all the world
   Confess no other God.

Tate and Brady, 1696.

PSALM 10. C.M.

(verses 17 & 18.)

1 GOD, the help of all Thy saints,
   Our hope in time of ill;
   We'll trust Thee, though Thy face be hid,
   And seek Thy presence still.

2 All our desires to Thee are known;
   Thy help is ever near;
   Oh first prepare our hearts to pray,
   And then accept our prayer.

Edward Osler, 1836.

PSALM 11. L.M.

1 When all bespeaks a Father's love,
   Oh wherefore, fearful as the dove,
   Should we in times of peril flee
   To any refuge, Lord, but Thee?
2 In vain the wicked bend their bow,
    And seek to lay the righteous low;
Thou from Thine everlasting throne
With watchful care regard'st Thine own.

3 Thy voice shall seal the sinner's fate,
Just vengeance shall his crimes await;
While the bright beams of grace divine,
Shall on Thy faithful servants shine.

Harriett Auber, 1829.

12 PSALM 12. C.M.

1 LORD, when iniquities abound,
    And blasphemy grows bold,
When faith is hardly to be found,
    And love is waxing cold,

2 Is not Thy chariot hastening on? 
    Hast Thou not given this sign? 
May we not trust and live upon
    A promise so divine?

3 "Yes," saith the Lord, "now will I rise,
    And make oppressors flee;
I shall appear to their surprise,
    And set my servants free."

4 Thy word, like silver seven times try'd,
    Through ages shall endure;
The men that in Thy truth confide
    Shall find Thy promise sure.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

13 PSALM 13. C.M.

1 HOW long will Thou forget me, Lord? 
    Must I for ever mourn? 
How long wilt Thou withdraw from me, 
    Oh! never to return?

2 Oh, hear, and to my longing eyes
    Restore Thy wonted light; 
Revive my soul, nor let me sleep
    In everlasting night.
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3 Since I have always placed my trust
   Beneath Thy mercy's wing,
   Thy saving health will come, and then
   My heart with joy shall spring.

4 Then shall my song, with praise inspired,
   To Thee, my God, ascend,
   Who to Thy servant in distress
   Such bounty didst extend.

Tate and Brady, 1696.

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PSALM 14.  7.6.

(Verse 7.)

1 Oh that the Lord's salvation
   Were out of Zion come,
   To heal His ancient nation,
   To lead His outcasts home.

2 How long the holy city
   Shall heathen feet profane?
   Return, O Lord, in pity,
   Rebuild her walls again.

3 Let fall Thy rod of terror,
   Thy saving grace impart;
   Roll back the veil of error,
   Release the fetter'd heart.

4 Let Israel home returning,
   Her lost Messiah see;
   Give oil of joy for mourning,
   And bind Thy church to Thee.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

15

PSALM 15.  S.M.

1 LORD, I would dwell with Thee,
   On Thy most holy hill:
   Oh shed Thy grace abroad in me,
   To mould me to Thy will.

2 Thy gate of pearl stands wide
   For those who walk upright;
   But those who basely turn aside
   Thou chasest from Thy sight.
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3 Oh tame my tongue to peace,
And tune my heart to love;
From all reproaches may I cease,
Made harmless as a dove.

4 The vile, though proudly great,
No flatterer find in me;
I count Thy saints of poor estate
Far nobler company.

5 Faithful, but meekly kind;
Gentle, yet boldly true;
I would possess the perfect mind
Which in my Lord I view.

6 But, Lord, these graces all
Thy Spirit's work must be;
To Thee, through Jesu's blood I call,
Create them all in me.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

16 PSALM 16. L.M.

1 Preserve me, Lord, in time of need;
For succour to Thy throne I flee,
But have no merits there to plead;
My goodness cannot reach to Thee.

2 Oft have my heart and tongue confess'd
How empty and how poor I am;
My praise can never make Thee bless'd,
Nor add new glories to Thy name.

3 Yet, Lord, Thy saints on earth may reap
Some profit by the good we do;
These are the company I keep,
These are the choicest friends I know.

4 Let others choose the sons of mirth
To give a relish to their wine;
I love the men of heav'nly birth,
Whose thoughts and language are divine.

Isaac Watts, 1719.
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PSALM 17. L.M.

1 WHAT sinners value, I resign;
   Lord, 'tis enough that Thou art mine;
I shall behold Thy blissful face,
And stand complete in righteousness.

2 This life's a dream, an empty show;
   But the bright world, to which I go,
Hath joys substantial and sincere;
   When shall I wake, and find me there?

3 O glorious hour! O blest abode!
   I shall be near and like my God;
   And flesh and sin no more control
   The sacred pleasures of my soul.

4 My flesh shall slumber in the ground,
   Till the last trumpet's joyful sound;
   Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,
   And in my Saviour's image rise.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

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PSALM 18. VERSION I. C.M.

1 O GOD, my strength and fortitude,
   Of force I must love Thee;
   Thou art my castle and defence
   In my necessity.

2 My God, my rock, in whom I trust,
   The worker of my wealth;
   My refuge, buckler, and my shield,
   The horn of all my health.

3 In my distress I sought my God,
   I sought Jehovah's face;
   My cry before Him came; He heard
   Out of His holy place.

4 The Lord descended from above,
   And bow'd the heavens most high,
   And underneath His feet He cast
   The darkness of the sky.

5 On cherub and on cherubim
   Full royally He rode,
   And on the wings of mighty winds
   Came flying all abroad.
6 And so deliver'd He my soul:
   Who is a rock but He?
He liveth—Blessed be my Rock!
   My God exalted be!

   Thomas Sternhold, 1562.

18 PSALM 18. VERSION II. L.M.

1 No change of times shall ever shock
   My firm affection, Lord, to Thee;
For Thou hast always been my rock,
   A fortress and defence to me.

2 Thou my deliv'r'er art, my God,
   My trust is in Thy mighty power;
Thou art my shield from foes abroad,
   At home my safeguard and my tower.

3 Let the eternal Lord be praised,
   The rock on whose defence I rest;
O'er highest heavens His name be raised,
   Who me with His salvation bless'd.

4 Therefore to celebrate His fame
   My grateful voice to heav'n I'll raise;
And nations, strangers to His name,
   Shall thus be taught to sing His praise.

   Tate and Brady, 1696.

18 PSALM 18. VERSION III. L.M.

1 Just are Thy ways, and true Thy Word,
   Great Rock of my secure abode:
Who is a God beside the Lord?
   Or where's a refuge like our God?

2 'Tis He that girds me with His might,
   Gives me His holy sword to wield:
And while with sin and hell I fight,
   Spreads His salvation for my shield.

3 He lives, (and blessed be my Rock!)
   The God of my salvation lives;
The dark designs of hell are broke;
   Sweet is the peace my Father gives.
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4 Before the scoffers of the age,
I will exalt my Father's name;
Nor tremble at their mighty rage,
But meet reproach, and bear the shame.

5 To David and his royal seed
Thy grace for ever shall extend:
Thy love to saints, in Christ their head,
Knows not a limit, nor an end.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

PSALM 19. L.M.

1 THE heavens declare Thy glory, Lord;
In ev'ry star Thy wisdom shines;
But when our eyes behold Thy word,
We read Thy name in fairer lines.

2 Sun, moon, and stars convey Thy praise
Round the whole earth, and never stand;
So when Thy truth began its race,
It touch'd and glanced on ev'ry land.

3 Nor shall Thy spreading gospel rest,
Till through the world Thy truth has run;
Till Christ has all the nations blest
That see the light, or feel the sun.

4 Great Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Bless the dark world with heavenly light;
Thy gospel makes the simple wise;
Thy laws are pure, Thy judgments right.

5 Thy noblest wonders here we view,
In souls renew'd, and sins forgiven:
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew,
And make Thy word my guide to heaven.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

PSALM 20. L.M.

1 JESUS, with Thy salvation blest,
We yield the glory to Thy name:
Fix'd in Thy strength our banners rest,
With joy Thy vict'ry we proclaim.
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2 Jehovah hears, He hears Thy prayer,
The prayer on which our hope relies;
Thy cross salvation shall prepare,
From His right hand Thy vict'ries rise.

3 Let men the rattling chariot trust,
Or the swift steed, with courage stored,
In Thee our confidence we boast,
Jesus, Messiah, conquering Lord!

4 Safe shall we stand, nor yield to fear,
When sinners with their hopes shall fall:
Save, Lord, O King Messiah, hear!
Hear, mighty Saviour, when we call.

William Goode, 1811.

21 PSALM 21. L.M.

1 THY strength, O Lord, makes glad our King
Who once in weakness bow'd the head,
Salvation makes His heart to sing,
For Thou hast raised Him from the dead.

2 Thou hast bestow'd His heart's desires,
Shower'd on His path Thy blessings down;
His royal pomp all heaven admires;
Thou on His head hast set the crown.

3 A life eternal as Thy years,
A glory infinite like Thine,
Repays Him for His groans and tears,
And fills His soul with joy divine.

4 O King, beloved of our souls,
Thine own right hand shall find Thy foes;
Swift o'er their necks Thy chariot rolls,
And earth Thy dreadful vengeance knows.

5 As glowing oven is Thy wrath,
As flame by furious blast upblown;
With equal heat Thy love breaks forth,
Like wall of fire around Thine own.

6 Be Thou exalted, King of kings,
In Thine own strength sit Thou on high,
Thy Church Thy triumph loudly sings,
And lauds Thy glorious majesty.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.
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22 PSALM 22. PART I. C.M.

1 MY God, my God, why leav'st Thou me
   When I with anguish faint?
   Oh, why so far from me removed,
   And from my sad complaint?

2 All day, but all the day unheard,
   To Thee do I complain;
   With cries implore relief all night,
   But cry all night in vain.

3 Withdraw not, Lord, so far from me,
   When trouble is so nigh;
   Oh, send me help! Thy help, on which
   I only can rely.

   Tate and Brady, 1696.

22 PSALM 22. PART II. L.M.

1 NOW let our mournful songs record
   The dying sorrows of our Lord,
   When He complain'd in tears and blood,
   As one forsaken of His God.

2 They wound His head, His hands, His feet,
   Till streams of blood each other meet;
   By lot His garments they divide,
   And mock the pangs in which He died.

3 But God, His Father, heard His cry;
   Raised from the dead, He reigns on high;
   The nations learn His righteousness,
   And humble sinners taste His grace.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

22 PSALM 22. PART III. C.M.

1 ALL ye that fear Him, praise the Lord;
   His sacred name adore;
   And ye His chosen Israel,
   Praise Him for evermore.

2 Let all the glad converted world
   To Him their homage pay,
   And scatter'd nations of the earth
   One sov'reign Lord obey.
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8 With humble worship to His throne
    Let all for aid resort;
    That power, which first their being gave,
    Alone can give support.

4 Let them, O Lord, Thy truth declare,
    And show Thy righteousness;
    That children, yet unborn, may learn
    Thy glory to confess.

Compiled from Old and New Versions, 1562—1696.

23 PSALM 23. VERSION I. C.M.

1 MY Shepherd will supply my need,
    Jehovah is His name;
    In pastures fresh He makes me feed,
    Beside the living stream.

2 He brings my wandering spirit back
    When I forsake His ways:
    And leads me, for His mercy’s sake,
    In paths of truth and grace.

3 When I walk through the shades of death,
    Thy presence is my stay;
    A word of Thy supporting breath
    Drives all my fears away.

4 Thy hand, in spite of all my foes,
    Doth still my table spread;
    My cup with blessings overflows;
    Thine oil anoints my head.

5 The sure provisions of my God
    Attend me all my days;
    Oh may Thy house be mine abode,
    And all my work be praise!

6 There would I find a settled rest,
    While others go and come;
    No more a stranger, or a guest,
    But like a child at home.

Isaac Watts, 1719.
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23 PSALM 23. VERSION II. C.M.

1 THE Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
   He makes me down to lie
   In pastures green: He leadeth me
   The quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again,
   And me to walk doth make
   Within the paths of righteousness,
   E'en for His own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
   Yet will I fear no ill:
   For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
   And staff me comfort still.

4 My table Thou hast furnished
   In presence of my foes;
   My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
   And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
   Shall surely follow me;
   And in God's house for evermore
   My dwelling-place shall be.

   Scotch Version, 1641.

23 PSALM 23. VERSION III. S.M.

1 THE Lord my Shepherd is,
   I shall be well supplied;
   Since He is mine, and I am His,
   What can I want beside?

2 He leads me to the place
   Where heavenly pasture grows,
   Where living waters gently pass,
   And full salvation flows.

3 If e'er I go astray,
   He doth my soul reclaim;
   And guides me in His own right way,
   For His most holy name.
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4 While He affords His aid,
   I cannot yield to fear;
   Though I should walk through death's dark
   My Shepherd's with me there.  

5 In spite of all my foes,
   Thou dost my table spread;
   My cup with blessings overflows,
   And joy exalts my head.

6 The bounties of Thy love
   Shall crown my following days;
   Nor from Thy house will I remove,
   Nor cease to speak Thy praise.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

23 PSALM 23. VER. IV. L. M., 6 lines.

1 The Lord my pasture shall prepare,
   And feed me with a Shepherd's care;
   His presence shall my wants supply,
   And guard me with a watchful eye:
   My noonday walks He will attend,
   And all my midnight hours defend.

2 Though in the paths of death I tread,
   With gloomy horrors overspread,
   My stedfast heart shall fear no ill,
   For Thou, O Lord! art with me still:
   Thy friendly crook shall give me aid,
   And guide me through the dreadful shade.

   Joseph Addison, 1712.

24 PSALM 24. L. M.

1 Our Lord is risen from the dead;
   Our Jesus is gone up on high;
   The powers of hell are captive led—
   Dragg'd to the portals of the sky.

2 There His triumphal chariot waits,
   And angels chant the solemn lay;—
   "Lift up your heads, ye heavenly gates!
   Ye everlasting doors, give way."

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3 Loose all your bars of massy light,
   And wide unfold the ethereal scene;
He claims those mansions as His right:—
   Receive the King of Glory in.

4 "Who is the King of Glory, who?"
The Lord, that all His foes o'ercame;
The world, sin, death, and hell o'erthrew,
   And Jesus is the Conqueror's name.

5 Lo! His triumphal chariot waits,
   And angels chant the solemn lay;
   "Lift up your heads, ye heavenly gates!
   Ye everlasting doors, give way!"

6 "Who is the King of Glory, who?"
The Lord, of glorious power possess'd,
The King of saints and angels too:
   God over all, for ever bless'd!

   Charles Wesley, 1741.

25 PSALM 25. S. M.

1 Mine eyes and my desire
   Are ever to the Lord;
I love to plead His promises,
   And rest upon His word.

2 When shall the sovereign grace
   Of my forgiving God,
Restore me from those dangerous ways
   My wandering feet have trod!

3 The tumult of my thoughts
   Doth but enlarge my woe;
My spirit languishes, my heart
   Is desolate and low.

4 With every morning-light
   My sorrow new begins;
Look on my anguish and my pain,
   And pardon all my sins.

5 Oh keep my soul from death,
   Nor put my hope to shame;
For I have placed my only trust
   In my Redeemer's name.
6 With humble faith I wait
To see Thy face again;
Of Israel it shall ne'er be said,
"He sought the Lord in vain."

Isaac Watts, 1719.

26 PSALM 26. L.M.

1 LORD, I delight to find my place
Within the temples of Thy grace;
Where all Thy heavenly beauties dwell,
And earth's sublimest pomp excel.

2 There, where Thy saints Thy glory see,
Let my fix'd rest, my dwelling be;
Nor 'midst the ungodly race consign
The soul which loves Thy courts to join.

3 Fix'd in Thy ways my feet shall stand,
And wait the guidance of Thy hand;
Then 'midst Thy Church, with sweet accord,
I'll join my praise, all-gracious Lord!

William Goode, 1811.

27 PSALM 27. C.M.

1 THE Lord of glory is my light,
And my salvation too;
God is my strength; nor will I fear
What all my foes can do.

2 One privilege my heart desires;
Oh grant me an abode
Among the churches of Thy saints,
The temples of my God.

3 There shall I offer my requests,
And see Thy beauty still;
Shall hear Thy messages of love,
And there enquire Thy will.

4 When troubles rise, and storms appear,
There may His children hide;
God has a strong pavilion, where
He makes my soul abide.
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5 Now shall my head be lifted high
   Above my foes around;
   And songs of joy and victory
   Within Thy temple sound.

  Isaac Watts, 1719.

28 PSALM 28. 7s.

1 LORD, my strength, to Thee I pray;
   Turn not Thou Thine ear away;
   Gracious to my vows attend,
   While the humble knee I bend.

2 On Thy long-experienced aid
   See my hope for ever stay'd:
   Thou my shield, my fortress art;
   Thou the refuge of my heart.

3 Grant me, Lord, Thy love to share,
   Feed me with a Shepherd's care;
   Save Thy people from distress,
   And Thy fold for ever bless.

  James Merrick, 1765 a.

29 PSALM 29. C.M.

1 ASCRIBE to God, ye sons of men,
   Ascribe with one accord,
   All praise and honour, might and strength,
   To Him the living Lord!

2 Give glory to His holy name,
   And honour Him alone;
   Give worship to His majesty,
   And bow before His throne.

3 The Lord doth sit upon the floods,
   Their fury to restrain;
   He reigns above, both Lord and King,
   And evermore shall reign.

4 The Lord shall give His people strength,
   And bid their sorrows cease;
   The Lord shall bless His chosen race
   With everlasting peace.

  Thomas Sternhold, 1562 a.
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PSALM 30.  C. M.

1 I WILL exalt Thee, Lord of hosts,  For Thou'st exalted me;  Since Thou hast silenced Satan's boasts,  I'll therefore boast in Thee.

2 My sins had brought me near the grave,  The grave of black despair;  I look'd, but there was none to save  Till I look'd up in prayer.

3 In answer to my piteous cries,  From hell's dark brink I'm brought:  My Jesus saw me from the skies,  And swift salvation wrought.

4 All through the night I wept full sore,  But morning brought relief;  That hand, which broke my bones before,  Then broke my bonds of grief.

5 My mourning He to dancing turns,  For sackcloth joy He gives,  A moment, Lord, Thine anger burns,  But long Thy favour lives.

6 Sing with me then, ye favoured men,  Who long have known His grace;  With thanks recall the seasons when  Ye also sought His face.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

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PSALM 31.  C. M., Double.

1 THE Lord who hath redeem'd our souls  From death and endless woe,  Whose wisdom each event controls,  From whom all mercies flow.  He hath decreed that even here  His faithful sons shall prove,  In weal and woe, 'midst toil and fear,  The riches of His love.

2 But, oh! when life's brief term is o'er,  And heaven unfolds her gates,  For them what blessings are in store,  For them what glory waits!
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Praise, then, the Lord, all ye His saints,
To Him devote your hearts;
He hears, He pities your complaints,
Health, strength, and joy imparts.

Harriett Auber, 1829.

PSALM 32. C.M.

1 HAPPY the man to whom his God
No more imputes his sin;
But, wash'd in the Redeemer's blood,
Hath made his garments clean!

2 Happy beyond expression he,
Whose debts are thus discharged;
And from the guilty bondage free,
He feels his soul enlarged.

3 While I my inward guilt suppress'd
No quiet could I find;
Thy wrath lay burning in my breast,
And rack'd my tortured mind.

4 Then I confess'd my troubled thoughts,
My secret sins reveal'd;
Thy pardoning grace forgave my faults,
Thy grace my pardon seal'd.

5 This shall invite Thy saints to pray;
When, like a raging flood,
Temptations rise, our strength and stay
Is a forgiving God.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

PSALM 33. C.M.

1 LET all the just to God with joy
Their cheerful voices raise;
For well the righteous it becomes
To sing glad songs of praise.

2 For faithful is the word of God,
His works with truth abound;
He justice loves, and all the earth
Is with His goodness crown'd.
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3 By His almighty word at first  
The heavenly arch was rear'd;  
And all the beauteous hosts of light  
At His command appear'd.

4 Whate'er the Mighty Lord decrees,  
Shall stand for ever sure;  
The settled purpose of His heart  
To ages shall endure.

5 How happy, then, are they to whom  
The Lord for God is known;  
Whom He, from all the world besides,  
Has chosen for His own!

6 Our soul on God with patience waits,  
Our help and shield is He;  
Then, Lord, let still our hearts rejoice,  
Because we trust in Thee.

7 The riches of Thy mercy, Lord,  
Do Thou to us extend,  
Since we, for all we want or wish,  
On Thee alone depend.

Tate and Brady, 1696.

34 PSALM 34. VERSION I. C.M.

1 THROUGH all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God shall still  
My heart and tongue employ.

2 Of His deliverance I will boast,  
Till all that are distress'd,  
From my example comfort take,  
And charm their griefs to rest.

3 Come magnify the Lord with me;  
With me exalt His name;  
When in distress to Him I call'd,  
He to my rescue came.

4 Oh make but trial of His love;  
Experience will decide  
How blest are they, and only they,  
Who in His truth confide!
5 Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight,
He'll make your wants His care.

*Tate and Brady, 1696.*

34 PSALM 34. **Version II.** L.M.

1 **Lord,** I will bless Thee all my days,
   Thy praise shall dwell upon my tongue;
   My soul shall glory in Thy grace,
   While saints rejoice to hear the song.

2 Come, magnify the Lord with me;
   Come, let us all exalt His name;
   I sought the eternal God, and He
   Has not exposed my hope to shame.

3 I told Him all my secret grief,
   My secret groaning reach'd His ears;
   He gave my inward pains relief,
   And calm'd the tumult of my fears.

4 To Him the poor lift up their eyes,
   Their faces feel the heavenly shine;
   A beam of mercy from the skies
   Fills them with light and joy divine.

5 His holy angels pitch their tents
   Around the men that serve the Lord;
   Oh fear and love Him, all His saints;
   Taste of His grace, and trust His word.

*Isaac Watts, 1719.*

35 PSALM 35. **Song I.** 7s.

1 **Plead** my cause, O Lord of hosts,
   Earth and hell now make their boasts,
   See, against my soul they strive,
   Mischief seek and plots contrive.

2 Shield and buckler are with Thee,
   Hold them forth, O Lord, for me;
   "I am thy salvation," say,
   That shall all my foes dismay.
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3 Inbred sin my soul annoys,
Unbelief my peace destroys,
Fiery darts the tempter flings,
Every day its battle brings.

4 Jesus when on earth He dwelt,
Sharpest pangs of conflict felt;
All the powers of darkness warr'd
With our great anointed Lord.

5 He has vanquish'd all His foes
For Himself, and all He chose;
His salvation is complete,
All shall worship at His feet.

6 Lord, I will rejoice in Thee,
Thy salvation makes me free;
Plead my cause and all is well,
I shall ever with Thee dwell.

Joseph Irons, 1847.

35 PSALM 35. Song II. C.M.

1 O! plead my cause, my Saviour, plead,
I trust it all to Thee:
O Thou who didst for sinners bleed,
A sinner save in me.

2 Assure my weak, desponding heart,
My threatening foes restrain;
Oh! tell me Thou my helper art,
And all their rage is vain.

3 When round Thy cross they rush'd to kill,
How was their fury foil'd:
Their madness only wrought Thy will,
And on themselves recoil'd.

4 The great salvation there achieved
My hope shall ever be;
My soul has in her Lord believed,
And He will rescue me.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.
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36 PSALM 36. Song I. L.M.

1 HIGH in the heavens, Eternal God,
   Thy goodness in full glory shines;
   Thy truth shall break through every cloud
   That veils and darkens Thy designs.

2 For ever firm Thy justice stands,
   As mountains their foundations keep;
   Wise are the wonders of Thy hands;
   Thy judgments are a mighty deep.

3 Thy providence is kind and large,
   Both man and beast Thy bounty share;
   The whole creation is Thy charge,
   But saints are Thy peculiar care.

4 My God! how excellent Thy grace,
   Whence all our hope and comfort springs;
   The sons of Adam, in distress,
   Fly to the shadow of Thy wings.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

36 PSALM 36. Song II. C.M.

1 ABOVE these heavens' created rounds,
   Thy mercies, Lord, extend;
   Thy truth outlives the narrow bounds
   Where time and nature end.

2 From Thee, when creature-streams run low,
   And mortal comforts die,
   Perpetual springs of life shall flow,
   And raise our pleasures high.

3 Though all created light decay,
   And death close up our eyes,
   Thy presence makes eternal day,
   Where clouds can never rise.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

37 PSALM 37. Song I. C.M.

1 O GOD of love, how blest are they
   Who in Thy ways delight!
   Thy presence guides them all the day,
   And cheers them all the night.
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2 Whene'er they faint, a mighty arm
Is nigh them to uphold;
And sin or Satan cannot harm
The feeblest of Thy fold.

3 The Lord is wise, the Lord is just,
The Lord is good and true,
And they who on His promise trust
Will find it bear them through.

4 His word will stay their sinking hearts;
Their feet shall never slide:
The heavens dissolve, the earth departs,
They safe in God abide.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1884.

37 PSALM 37. SONG II. C.M.

1 SET thou thy trust upon the Lord,
Do good and know no care,
For so thou in the land shalt dwell,
And God thy food prepare.

2 Delight thyself in God, He'll give
Thine heart's desire to thee;
Commit thy way to God alone,
It brought to pass shall be.

3 And like unto the light He shall
Thy righteousness display;
And He thy judgment shall bring forth,
Like noontide of the day.

Scotch Version, 1641, a.

38 PSALM 38. C.M.

1 A MIDST Thy wrath remember love;
Restore Thy servant, Lord:
Nor let a Father's chastening prove
Like an avenger's sword.

2 All my desire to Thee is known,
Thine eye counts every tear;
And every sigh and every groan
Is noticed by Thine ear.
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3 Thou art my God, my only hope:
   My God will hear my cry;
   My God will bear my spirit up
   When Satan bids me die.

4 My God, forgive my follies past,
   And be for ever nigh;
   O Lord of my salvation, haste,
   Before Thy servant die!

Isaac Watts, 1719.

39 PSALM 39. C. M.

1 Behold, O Lord, my days are made
   A handbreadth at the most;
   Ere yet 'tis noon my flower must fade,
   And I give up the ghost.

2 Then teach me, Lord, to know mine end,
   And know that I am frail;
   To heaven let all my thoughts ascend,
   And let not earth prevail.

3 What is there here that I should wait,
   My hope's in Thee alone;
   When wilt Thou open glory's gate
   And call me to Thy throne?

4 A stranger in this land am I,
   A sojourner with Thee;
   Oh be not silent at my cry,
   But show Thyself to me.

5 Though I'm exiled from glory's land,
   Yet not from glory's King;
   My God is ever near at hand,
   And therefore I will sing.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

40 PSALM 40. C. M.

1 I waited patient for the Lord,
   He bow'd to hear my cry;
   He saw me resting on His word,
   And brought salvation nigh.
2 He raised me from a horrid pit,
Where mourning long I lay,
And from my bonds released my feet,
Deep bonds of miry clay.

3 Firm on a rock He made me stand,
And taught my cheerful tongue
To praise the wonders of His hand,
In a new thankful song.

4 How many are Thy thoughts of love!
Thy mercies, Lord, how great!
We have not words nor hours enough,
Their numbers to repeat.

5 When I'm afflicted, poor, and low,
And light and peace depart,
My God beholds my heavy woe,
And bears me on His heart.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

41 PSALM 41. 7s.

1 JESUS, poorest of the poor!
Man of sorrows! Child of grief!
Happy they whose bounteous store
Minister'd to Thy relief.

2 Jesus, though Thy head is crown'd,
Crown'd with loftiest majesty,
In Thy members Thou art found,
Plunged in deepest poverty.

3 Happy they who wash Thy feet,
Visit Thee in Thy distress!
Honour great, and labour sweet,
For Thy sake the saints to bless!

4 They who feed Thy sick and faint
For Thyself a banquet find;
They who clothe the naked saint
Round Thy loins the raiment bind.

5 Thou wilt keep their soul alive;
From their foes protect their head;
Languishing their strength revive,
And in sickness make their bed.
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6 Thou wilt deeds of love repay;
   Grace shall gen'rous hearts reward
Here on earth, and in the day
When they meet their reigning Lord.
   Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

42 PSALM 42. VERSION I. C.M.

1 LIKE as the hart for water-brooks
   In thirst doth pant and bray;
So pants my longing soul, O God,
   That come to Thee I may.

2 My soul for God, the living God,
   Doth thirst: when shall I near
Unto Thy countenance approach,
   And in God's sight appear?

3 My tears have unto me been meat,
   Both in the night and day,
While unto me continually,
   Where is thy God? they say.

4 My soul is poured out in me,
   When this I think upon;
Because that with the multitude
   I heretofore had gone:

5 With them into God's house I went,
   With voice of joy and praise;
Yea, with the multitude that kept
   The solemn holy days.

6 Oh why art thou cast down, my soul?
   Why in me so dismay'd?
Trust God, for I shall praise Him yet,
   His count'nance is mine aid.

7 My God, my soul's cast down in me;
   Thee therefore mind I will
From Jordan's land, the Hermonites,
   And e'en from Mizar's hill.

8 At noise of Thy dread waterspouts,
   Deep unto deep doth call;
Thy breaking waves pass over me,
   Yea, and Thy billows all.
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9 Oh why art thou cast down, my soul?
   Why thus with grief opprest,
   Art thou disquieted in me?
   In God still hope and rest:

10 For yet I know I shall Him praise,
    Who graciously to me,
    The health is of my countenance,
    Yea, mine own God is He.

    Scotch Version, 1641, a.

42 PSALM 42. VERSION II. C.M.

1 As pants the hart for cooling streams,
   When heated in the chase,
   So pants my soul, O God, for Thee,
   And Thy refreshing grace.

2 For Thee, my God, the living God,
   My thirsty soul doth pine:
   Oh when shall I behold Thy face,
   Thou Majesty divine?

3 I sigh to think of happier days,
   When Thou, O Lord, wert nigh:
   When every heart was tuned to praise,
   And none more blest than I.

4 Oh why art thou cast down, my soul?
   Hope still, and thou shalt sing
   The praise of Him who is Thy God,
   Thy health's eternal spring.

    Tate and Brady, 1696.

43 PSALM 43. L.M.

Judge me, O Lord, to Thee I fly,
   New foes and fears my spirit try;
   Plead Thou my cause, my soul sustain,
   And let the wicked rage in vain.

   The mourner's refuge, Lord, Thou art;
   Wilt Thou not take Thy suppliants part?
   Wilt Thou desert, and lay me low,
   The scorn of each insulting foe?
SPIRIT OF

3 Send forth Thy light and truth once more;
To Thy blest house my steps restore:
Again Thy presence let me see,
And find my joy in praising Thee.

4 Arise, my soul, and praise Him now;
The Lord is good, be faithful thou:
His nature changes not like thine;
Believe, and soon His face will shine.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

PSALM 44. C.M.

1 Our ears have heard, O glorious God,
What work Thou did'st of old;
And how the heathen felt Thy rod
Our fathers oft have told.

2 'Twas not Thy people's arm or sword,
But only Thy right hand,
Which scatter'd all the race abhor'd,
And gave Thy tribes their land.

3 Thou hadst a favour to the seed
Which sprang of Jacob's line,
And still on men afore decreed
Doth love electing shine.

4 These shall the heritage obtain,
And drive out every sin;
E'en death and hell shall rage in vain,
They must the conquest win.

5 From grace alone their strength shall spring,
Nor bow nor sword can save;
To God alone their Lord and King,
Shall all their banners wave.

6 Awake, O Lord, of Thine elect,
Achieve Thy great design;
Thy saints from Thee alone expect
Salvation's light to shine.

7 In Thee alone we make our boasts,
And glory all day long,
Arise at once, thou Lord of hosts,
And fill our mouth with song.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.
THE PSALMS.

45 PSALM 45. VERSION I. C.M.

1 THOU that art the mighty One, Thy sword gird on Thy thigh; Ev'n with Thy glory excellent, And with Thy Majesty.

2 For meekness, truth and righteousness, In state ride prosperously; And Thy right hand shall Thee instruct In things that fearful be.

3 Thine arrows sharply pierce the heart Of foesmen of the King; And under Thy dominion's rule The people down do bring.

4 For ever and for ever is, O God, Thy throne of might; The sceptre of Thy kingdom is A sceptre that is right.

5 Thou lovest right and hatest ill; For God, Thy God, is He, Above Thy fellows hath with oil Of joy anointed Thee.

6 Of aloes, myrrh, and cassia, A smell Thy garments had, Out of the ivory palaces Whereby they made Thee glad.

Scotch Version, 1641, a.

45 PSALM 45. VERSION II. 7.6.

1 WITH hearts in love abounding, Prepare we now to sing A lofty theme, resounding Thy praise, Almighty King; Whose love, rich gifts bestowing, Redeem'd the human race; Whose lips, with zeal o'erflowing, Breathe words of truth and grace.

2 In majesty transcendent, Gird on Thy conquering sword; In righteousness resplendent, Ride on, Incarnate Word.
SPIRIT OF

Ride on, O King Messiah!  
To glory and renown;  
Pierced by Thy darts of fire,  
Be every foe o'erthrown.

3 So reign, O God, in heaven,  
Eternally the same,  
And endless praise be given  
To Thy almighty name.  
Clothed in Thy dazzling brightness,  
Thy church on earth behold;  
In robe of purest whiteness,  
In raiment wrought in gold.

4 And let each Gentile nation  
Come gladly in Thy train,  
To share her great salvation,  
And join her grateful strain:  
Then ne'er shall note of sadness  
Awake the trembling string;  
One song of joy and gladness  
The ransom'd world shall sing.

Harriett Auber, 1829.

45 PSALM 45. VERSION III. 8.7.4.

1 WARM with love my heart's inditing;  
Cherish'd thoughts on sacred things,  
With my tongue like ready writing,  
I'll extol the King of kings;  
Of whose glory  
Ev'ry saint and angel sings.

2 Thou of all the sons art fairest,  
Yea, Thy lips are fill'd with grace;  
All Thy fulness, Lord, Thou sharest  
'Mongst Thy chosen, ransom'd race;  
And in glory  
They shall see Thee face to face.

3 O most mighty, O most blessed,  
Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh;  
Be thy Majesty confessed,  
Bring Thy blood-bought trophies nigh;  
Let Thy glory  
All Thy stubborn foes defy.
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4 Truth and righteousness, and meekness,
   Are the weapons of Thy hand;
All Thy foes shall know their weakness,
None can Jesus' pow'r withstand;
'Tis Thy glory
Rebels bow at Thy command.
   Joseph Irons, 1847, a.

45  PSALM 45. VERSION IV. C.M.
1 HAIL, mighty Jesus! how divine
   Is Thy victorious sword!
The stoutest rebel must resign
   At Thy commanding word.
2 Deep are the wounds Thy arrows give,
   They pierce the hardest heart;
Thy smiles of grace the slain revive,
   And joy succeeds to smart.
3 Still gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh,
   Ride with majestic sway,
Go forth, sweet Prince, triumphantly,
   And make Thy foes obey.
4 And when Thy victories are complete,
   When all the chosen race
Shall round the throne of glory meet,
   To sing Thy conquering grace,
5 Oh may my humble soul be found
   Among that favour'd band!
And I with them Thy praise will sound
   Throughout Immanuel's land.
   Benjamin Wallin, 1750;
   Augustus M. Toplady, 1776.

46  PSALM 46. VERSION I. L.M.
1 GOD is the refuge of His saints,
   When storms of sharp distress invade;
Ere we can offer our complaints,
   Behold Him present with His aid.
2 Let mountains from their seats be hurl'd
   Down to the deep, and buried there:
Convulsion shake the solid world,
   Our faith shall never yield to fear.
SPIRIT OF

3 Loud may the troubled ocean roar,
   In sacred peace our souls abide;
   While every nation, every shore,
   Trembles, and dreads the swelling tide.

4 There is a stream whose gentle flow
   Supplies the city of our God;
   Life, love, and joy, still gliding through,
   And water our divine abode.

5 That sacred stream, Thine holy word,
   That all our raging fears controls:
   Sweet peace Thy promises afford,
   And give new strength to fainting souls.

6 Sion enjoys her Monarch's love,
   Secure against a threatening hour;
   Nor can her firm foundations move,
   Built on His truth, and armed with power.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

46 PSALM 46. VERSION II. C. M.

1 God is our refuge and our strength,
   In straits a present aid;
   Therefore, although the earth remove,
   We will not be afraid.

2 Though hills amidst the seas be cast;
   Though waters roaring make,
   And troubled be; yea, though the hills
   By swelling seas do shake.

3 A river is, whose streams do glad
   The city of our God;
   The holy place, wherein the Lord
   Most high hath His abode.

4 God in the midst of her doth dwell;
   Nothing shall her remove:
   The Lord to her an helper will,
   And that right early, prove.

5 Our God, who is the Lord of hosts,
   Is still upon our side;
   The God of Jacob, our defence
   For ever will abide.

Scotch Version, 1641, a.
PSALM 46. VERsION III. C.M.

1 God is our refuge, tried and proved,
   Amid a stormy world:
   We will not fear though earth be moved,
   And hills in ocean hurl'd.

2 The waves may roar, the mountains shake,
   Our comforts shall not cease;
   The Lord His saints will not forsake;
   The Lord will give us peace.

3 A gentle stream of hope and love
   To us shall ever flow;
   It issues from His throne above,
   It cheers His church below.

4 When earth and hell against us came,
   He spake, and quell'd their powers;
   The Lord of hosts is still the same,
   The God of grace is ours.

   Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

PSALM 47. C.M.

1 O h for a shout of sacred joy,
   To God, the sov'reign King:
   Let every land their tongues employ,
   And hymns of triumph sing.

2 Jesus our God ascends on high,
   His heavenly guards around
   Attend Him rising through the sky,
   With trumpet's joyful sound.

3 While angels shout and praise their King,
   Let mortals learn their strains;
   Let all the earth His honours sing;
   O'er all the earth He reigns.

4 Rehearse His praise with awe profound,
   Let knowledge lead the song;
   Nor mock Him with a solemn sound
   Upon a thoughtless tongue.

5 In Israel stood His ancient throne;
   He loved that chosen race;
   But now He calls the world His own,
   And heathens taste His grace.
SPIRIT OF

6 The British islands are the Lord's,
   There Abraham's God is known;
While powers and princes, shields and swords,
Submit before His throne.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

48 PSALM 48. S.M.

1 GREAT is the Lord our God,
   And let His praise be great;
He makes His churches His abode,
   His most delightful seat.

2 These temples of His grace,
   How beautiful they stand!
The honour of our native place,
   And bulwark of our land.

3 In Zion God is known,
   A refuge in distress;
How bright has His salvation shone
   Through all her palaces!

4 Oft have our fathers told,
   Our eyes have often seen,
How well our God secures the fold
   Where His own sheep have been.

5 In every new distress
   We'll to His house repair;
We'll think upon His wondrous grace,
   And seek deliverance there.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

49 PSALM 49. C.M.

1 JEHOVAH speaks, let man be awed,
   And deep attention give.
Ye sinners, hear the way to God!
   Ye dead, arise and live!

2 Trust not in earthly wealth and show,
   Vain, vain are they to save;
Gold cannot buy release from woe,
   Or ransom from the grave.
THE PSALMS.

3 Worlds cannot reach the mighty price
Of one immortal soul,
No, Lord, Thy blood and sacrifice
Alone can make us whole.

4 In Thee be our salvation sure,
No other wealth we seek:
We're rich in Thee, however poor,
And strong, however weak.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

50 PSALM 50. C.M.

1 The Lord, the Judge, before His throne,
Bids the whole earth draw nigh,
The nations near the rising sun,
And near the western sky.

2 No more shall bold blasphemers say,
"Judgment will ne'er begin;"
No more abuse His long delay
To impudence and sin.

3 Throned on a cloud our God shall come,
Bright flames prepare His way:
Thunder and darkness, fire and storm,
Lead on the dreadful day.

4 Heaven from above His call shall hear,
Attending angels come,
And earth and hell shall know and fear
His justice and their doom.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

51 PSALM 51. VERSION I. L.M.

1 Show pity, Lord; O Lord, forgive;
Let a repenting rebel live:
Are not Thy mercies large and free?
May not a sinner trust in Thee?

2 My crimes are great, but don't surpass
The power and glory of Thy grace:
Great God, Thy nature hath no bound,
So let Thy pardoning love be found.
SPIRIT OF

3 Oh wash my soul from every sin,
   And make my guilty conscience clean;
   Here, on my heart, the burden lies,
   And past offences pain my eyes.

4 My lips, with shame, my sins confess
   Against Thy law, against Thy grace:
   Lord, should Thy judgment grow severe,
   I am condemn'd, but Thou art clear.

5 Should sudden vengeance seize my breath,
   I must pronounce Thee just in death;
   And, if my soul were sent to hell,
   Thy righteous law approves it well.

6 Yet save a trembling sinner, Lord;
   Whose hope, still hovering round Thy word,
   Would light on some sweet promise there,
   Some sure support against despair.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

51 PSALM 51. VERSION II. L. M.

1 LORD, I am vile, conceived in sin,
   And born unholy and unclean;
   Sprung from the man whose guilty fall
   Corrupts the race, and taints us all.

2 Soon as we draw our infant breath,
   The seeds of sin grow up for death;
   Thy law demands a perfect heart,
   But we're defiled in every part.

3 Behold I fall before Thy face,
   My only refuge is Thy grace;
   No outward forms can make me clean;
   The leprosy lies deep within.

4 No bleeding bird, nor bleeding beast,
   Nor hyssop branch, nor sprinkling priest,
   Nor running brook, nor flood nor sea,
   Can wash the dismal stain away.

5 Jesus, my God! Thy blood alone
   Hath power sufficient to atone;
   Thy blood can make me white as snow;
   No Jewish types could cleanse me so.

Isaac Watts, 1719.
THE PSALMS.

51 PSALM 51. VERSION III. L.M.

1 O THOU that hear'st when sinners cry,
   Though all my crimes before Thee lie,
   Behold them not with angry look,
   But blot their memory from Thy book.

2 Create my nature pure within,
   And form my soul averse to sin;
   Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
   Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.

3 Though I have grieved Thy Spirit, Lord,
   His help and comfort still afford;
   And let a wretch come near Thy throne,
   To plead the merits of Thy Son.

4 A broken heart, my God, my King,
   Is all the sacrifice I bring;
   The God of grace will ne'er despise
   A broken heart for sacrifice.

5 My soul lies humbled in the dust,
   And owns Thy dreadful sentence just;
   Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye
   And save the soul condemn'd to die.

6 Then will I teach the world Thy ways;
   Sinners shall learn Thy sovereign grace;
   I'll lead them to my Saviour's blood,
   And they shall praise a pardoning God.

7 Oh may Thy love inspire my tongue;
   Salvation shall be all my song;
   And all my powers shall join to bless
   The Lord, my strength and righteousness.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

51 PSALM 51. VERSION IV. C.M.

1 GOD of mercy, hear my call,
   My load of guilt remove;
   Break down this separating wall
   That bars me from Thy love.

2 Give me the presence of Thy grace:
   Then my rejoicing tongue
   Shall speak aloud Thy righteousness,
   And make Thy praise my song.
SPIRIT OF

3 No blood of goats, nor heifer slain,
For sin could e'er atone:
The death of Christ shall still remain
Sufficient and alone.

4 A soul oppress'd with sin's desert,
My God will ne'er despise!
A humble groan, a broken heart,
Is our best sacrifice.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

52 PSALM 52. C. M.

1 In vain the powers of darkness try
To work the church's ill,
The Friend of sinners reigns on high,
And checks them at His will.

2 Though mischief in their hearts may dwell,
And on their tongues deceit,
A word of His their pride can quell,
And all their aims defeat.

3 My trust is in His grace alone;
His house shall be my home,
How sweet His mercies past to own,
And hope for more to come.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

53 PSALM 53. C. M.

1 The foes of Zion quake for fright,
Where no fear was they quail;
For well they know that sword of might
Which cuts through coats of mail.

2 The Lord of old defiled their shields,
And all their spears He scorn'd;
Their bones lay scatter'd o'er the fields,
Unburied and unmourn'd.

3 Let Zion's foes be fill'd with shame;
Her sons are bless'd of God;
Though scoffers now despise their name,
The Lord shall break the rod.
THE PSALMS.

4 Oh would our God to Zion turn,
God with salvation clad;
Then Judah's harps should music learn,
And Israel be glad.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

PSALM 54. 7.5.7.7.

1 SAVE me by Thy glorious name;
Lord, that name is love,
Help from Thee I humbly claim,
Send it from above;
Hear, oh hear my suppliant voice!
Hear, and bid my heart rejoice.

2 Foes to Christ and every good
Fiercely throng on me;
Soon my soul must be subdued,
Without aid from Thee:
But with Thee to make me strong,
Lord, they shall not triumph long.

3 Lo, He comes, He takes my part,
All my struggles cease,
Rise in praise, my grateful heart,
Bless the Prince of Peace;
God Himself has set me free,
God my worship ever be!

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

PSALM 55. C. M.

1 GOD, my refuge, hear my cries;
Behold my flowing tears;
For earth and hell my hurt devise,
And triumph in my fears.

2 Oh were I like a feather'd dove,
And innocence had wings,
I'd fly, and make a long remove
From all these restless things.

3 Let me to some wild desert go,
And find a peaceful home;
Where storms of malice never blow.
Temptations never come.
SPIRIT OF

4 Vain hopes, and vain inventions all,
To 'scape the rage of hell!
The mighty God on whom I call,
Can save me here as well.

5 God shall preserve my soul from fear,
Or shield me when afraid;
Ten thousand angels must appear,
If He command their aid.

6 I cast my burdens on the Lord,
The Lord sustains them all;
My courage rests upon His word,
That saints shall never fall.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

56 PSALM 56. C.M.

1 God counts the sorrows of His saints,
Their groans affect His ears;
Thou hast a book for my complaints,
A bottle for my tears.

2 When to Thy throne I raise my cry,
The wicked fear and flee:
So swift is prayer to reach the sky;
So near is God to me.

3 In Thee, most holy, just and true,
I have reposed my trust;
Nor will I fear what man can do,
The offspring of the dust.

4 Thy solemn vows are on me, Lord;
Thou shalt receive my praise:
I'll sing, "How faithful is Thy word;
How righteous all Thy ways!"

5 Thou hast secured my soul from death;
Oh set Thy pris’ner free!
That heart and hand, and life and breath,
May be employ’d for Thee.

Isaac Watts, 1719.
THE PSALMS.

PSALM 57. L.M.

1 MY God, in whom are all the springs
   Of boundless love, and grace unknown,
   Hide me beneath Thy spreading wings,
   Till the dark cloud is overblown.

2 Up to the heavens I send my cry;
   The Lord will my desires perform;
   He sends His angels from the sky,
   And saves me from the threatening storm.

3 Be Thou exalted, O my God,
   Above the heavens, where angels dwell;
   Thy power on earth be known abroad,
   And land to land Thy wonders tell.

4 My heart is fix'd, my song shall raise
   Immortal honours to Thy name;
   Awake, my tongue, to sound His praise,
   My tongue, the glory of my frame.

5 High o'er the earth His mercy reigns,
   And reaches to the utmost sky;
   His truth to endless years remains,
   When lower worlds dissolve and die.

6 Be Thou exalted, O my God,
   Above the heavens, where angels dwell;
   Thy power on earth be known abroad,
   And land to land Thy wonders tell.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

PSALM 58. L.M.

1 LORD, make my conversation chaste,
   And all my understanding purge,
   Lest with the wicked throng I haste,
   And down to hell my pathway urge.

2 They from the womb are all estranged,
   The serpent's poison fills each vein,
   They're not by wise persuasion changed,
   But like the adder deaf remain.

3 As lion's teeth the hunters break;
   As angry torrents soon are dry;
   So shall Thy how swift vengeance take
   Upon the proud who truth defy.
SPIRIT OF

4 As melts the snail with slimy trail;
As thorns consume in rapid blaze;
Before Thy wrath Thy foes shall fail,
Thy whirlwinds shall their souls amaze.

5 O God, Thou judgest all the earth,
Thy justice cheers my cleansed heart;
Restrain my soul from sinners’ mirth,
Lest in their doom I bear a part.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

59 PSALM 59. 7s.

1 I AM hated, Lord, by those
Who Thy holy truth despise;
Save me from my wicked foes,
Lord of hosts, arise, arise!

2 Thou’rt my rock and my defence;
Thou a tower unto Thy saints;
Thee I make my confidence,
Thee I'll trust, though nature faints.

3 Glad Thy mercies will I sing,
All Thy power and love confess;
Thou hast been, O heavenly King,
My safe refuge in distress!

4 Songs with every morning’s light,
Lord, shall rise up to Thy throne;
All Thy saints shall praise Thy might,
And Thy mercy shall make known.

William Allen, 1835.

60 PSALM 60. L.M.

1 O GOD, Thou hast cast off Thy saints;
Thy face Thou dost in anger hide,
And lo, Thy church for terror faints,
While breaches all her walls divide!

2 Hard things Thou hast upon us laid,
And made us drink most bitter wine;
But still Thy banner we’ve display’d,
And borne aloft Thy truth divine.
THE PSALMS.

3 Our courage fails not, though the night
No earthly lamp avails to break,
For Thou wilt soon arise in might,
And of our captors captives make.

4 Thy right hand shall Thy people aid;
Thy faithful promise makes us strong;
We will Philistia's land invade,
And over Edom chant the song.

5 In Jesu's name we'll Shechem seize,
And swift divide all Succoth's vale;
E'en Moab's sons shall bow their knees
And Jesu's conquering sceptre hail.

6 Through Thee we shall most valiant prove,
And tread the foe beneath our feet;
Through Thee our faith shall hills remove,
And small as chaff the mountains beat.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

61 PSALM 61. SONG I. S.M.

1 WHEN overwhelm'd with grief,
   My heart within me dies,
Helpless, and far from all relief,
   To heaven I lift mine eyes.

2 Oh lead me to the rock
   That's high above my head,
And make the covert of Thy wings
   My shelter and my shade.

3 Within Thy presence, Lord,
   For ever I'll abide;
Thou art the tower of my defence,
   The refuge where I hide.

4 Thou givest me the lot
   Of those that fear Thy name;
If endless life be their reward,
   I shall possess the same.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

61 PSALM 61. SONG II. C.M.

1 HAIL, gracious source of every good,
   Our Saviour and defence,
Thou art our glory and our shield,
   Our help and confidence.
SPIRIT OF

2 When anxious fears disturb the breast,
   When threatening foes are nigh,
   To Thee we pour our deep complaint,
   To Thee for succour fly.

3 Blest tower of strength, exalted rock,
   Whence living waters flow,
   Jesus our Lord, the only hope
   Of fallen man below.

4 To Thee we heavy laden come,
   To Thee our sorrows bring;
   Oh hear! and save us from the storm,
   Beneath Thy sheltering wing.

Harriett Auber, 1829.

62 PSALM 62. C. M.

1 WHEN dangers press, and fears invade,
   Oh let us not rely
   On man, who, in the balance weigh'd,
   Is light as vanity!

2 Riches have wings and fly away;
   Health's blooming cheek grows pale;
   Vigour and strength must soon decay,
   And worldly wisdom fail.

3 But God, our God, is still the same,
   As at that solemn hour
   When thunders spake His awful name,
   His majesty and power.

4 And still sweet mercy's voice is heard,
   Proclaiming from above
   That good and gracious is the Lord,
   And all His works are love.

5 Then trust in God, and God alone,
   On Him in faith rely;
   For man, and all his works, are known
   To be but vanity.

Harriett Auber, 1829.

63 PSALM 63. SONG I. C. M.

1 EARLY, my God, without delay,
   I haste to seek Thy face;
   My thirsty spirit faints away
   Without Thy cheering grace.
THE PSALMS.

2 So pilgrims on the scorching sand,
    Beneath a burning sky,
    Long for a cooling stream at hand,
    And they must drink or die.

3 I've seen Thy glory and Thy power,
    Through all Thy temple shine;
    My God, repeat that heavenly hour,
    That vision so divine.

4 Not all the blessings of a feast
    Can please my soul so well,
    As when Thy richer grace I taste,
    And in Thy presence dwell.

5 Not life itself, with all her joys,
    Can my best passions move;
    Or raise so high my cheerful voice,
    As Thy forgiving love.

6 Thus, till my last expiring day,
    I'll bless my God and King;
    Thus will I lift my hands to pray,
    And tune my lips to sing.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

63. PSALM 63. SONG II. C.M.

1 O GOD of love, my God Thou art;
    To Thee I early cry:
    Refresh with grace my thirsty heart,
    For earthly springs are dry.

2 Thy power, Thy glory let me see,
    As seen by saints above;
    'Tis sweeter, Lord, than life to me,
    To share and sing Thy love.

3 I freely yield Thee all my powers,
    Yet ne'er my debt can pay;
    The thought of Thee at midnight hours
    Turns darkness into day.

4 Lord, Thou hast been my help, and Thou
    My refuge still shalt be:
    I follow hard Thy footsteps now;—
    Oh! when Thy face to see?

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.
SPIRIT OF

PSALM 63. SONG III. L.M.

1 GOD, Thou art my God alone:
   Early to Thee my soul shall cry:
   A pilgrim in a land unknown,
   A thirsty land, whose springs are dry.

2 Oh that it were as it hath been,
   When praying in the holy place,
   Thy power and glory I have seen,
   And mark'd the footsteps of Thy grace.

3 Yet, through this rough and thorny maze,
   I follow hard on Thee, my God:
   Thy hand unseen upholds my ways;
   I safely tread where Thou hast trod.

4 Thee, in the watches of the night,
   When I remember on my bed,
   Thy presence makes the darkness light,
   Thy guardian wings are round my head.

5 Better than life itself Thy love,
   Dearer than all beside to me;
   For whom have I in heaven above,
   Or what on earth compared with Thee?

6 Praise with my heart, my mind, my voice,
   For all Thy mercy I will give;
   My soul shall still in God rejoice;
   My tongue shall bless Thee while I live.

James Montgomery, 1822.

PSALM 64. 8.7.

1 HEAR, O Lord, our supplication;
   Let our souls on Thee repose!
   Be our refuge, our salvation,
   'Mid ten thousand threatening foes.

2 Lord, Thy saints have many troubles,
   In their path lies many a snare:
   But before Thy breath, like bubbles
   Melt they soon in idle air.
THE PSALMS.

3 Cunning are the foe's devices,
   Bitter are his words of gall;
Sin on every side entices;
   Lord, conduct us safe through all.

4 Be our foes by Thee confounded,
   Let the world Thy goodness see;
While, by might and love surrounded,
   We rejoice, and trust in Thee.

   Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

65 PSALM 65. C.M.

1 GOOD is the Lord, the heav'nly King,
   Who makes the earth His care;
Visits the pastures ev'ry spring,
   And bids the grass appear.

2 The clouds, like rivers, raised on high,
   Pour out at Thy command
Their watery blessings from the sky,
   To cheer the thirsty land.

3 The soften'd ridges of the field
   Permit the corn to spring;
The valleys rich provision yield,
   And the poor labourers sing.

4 The little hills on every side
   Rejoice at falling showers;
The meadows, dress'd in all their pride,
   Perfume the air with flowers.

5 The various months Thy goodness crowns;
   How bounteous are Thy ways!
The bleating flocks spread o'er the downs,
   And shepherds shout Thy praise.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

66 PSALM 66. Song I. C.M.

1 SING, all ye nations, to the Lord,
   Sing with a joyful noise;
With melody of sound record
   His honours and your joys.
SPIRIT OF

2 Say to the power that shakes the sky,
   "How terrible art Thou!
   Sinners before Thy presence fly,
   Or at Thy feet they bow."

3 Oh bless our God and never cease,
   Ye saints, fulfil His praise;
   He keeps our life, maintains our peace,
   And guides our doubtful ways.

4 Lord, Thou hast proved our suffering souls
   To make our graces shine;
   So silver bears the burning coals,
   The metal to refine.

5 Through watery deeps and fliry ways
   We march at Thy command;
   Led to possess the promised place
   By Thine unerring hand.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

66 PSALM 66. SONG II. C.M.

1 O ALL ye lands, rejoice in God,
   Sing praises to His name;
   Let the whole earth, with one accord,
   His wondrous acts proclaim.

2 And let His faithful servants tell,
   How, by redeeming love,
   Their souls are saved from death and hell,
   To share the joys above.

3 Tell how the Holy Spirit's grace
   Forbids their feet to slide;
   And, as they run the Christian race,
   Vouchsafes to be their guide.

4 Sing, sing, ye saints, and shout for joy,
   Ye ransom'd of the Lord;
   Be grateful praise your sweet employ,
   His presence your reward.

Harriett Auber, 1829.

67 PSALM 67. SONG I. S.M.

1 TO bless Thy chosen race,
   In mercy, Lord, incline,
   And cause the brightness of Thy face
   On all Thy saints to shine.
THE PSALMS.

2 That so Thy wondrous way
   May through the world be known;
While distant lands their tribute pay,
   And Thy salvation own.

3 Let differing nations join,
   Their Saviour to proclaim;
Let all the world, O Lord, combine
   To praise Thy glorious name.

4 Oh let them shout and sing
   With joy and pious mirth;
For Thou, the righteous Judge and King,
   Shalt govern all the earth.

5 Then God upon our land
   Shall constant blessings shower;
And all the world in awe shall stand
   Of His resistless power.

   Tate and Brady, 1696.

67 PSALM 67. Song II. 7s. 6 lines.

1 GOD of mercy, God of grace,
   Show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
   Fill Thy church with light divine;
And Thy saving health extend
   Unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise Thee, Lord;
   Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
   Glory to their Saviour King;
At Thy feet their tribute pay,
   And Thy holy will obey.

3 Let the people praise Thee, Lord,
   Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man His blessing give;
   Man to God devoted live;
All below, and all above,
   One in joy and light and love.

   Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.
SPIRIT OF

68  PSALM 68.  PART I.  C.M.

1 LET God arise, and scattered
   Let all His en'mies be;
   And let all those that do Him hate
   Before His presence flee.

2 As smoke is driv'n so drive Thou them;
   As fire melts wax away,
   Before God's face let wicked men
   So perish and decay.

3 But let the righteous all be glad:
   Let them before God's sight
   Be very joyful; yea, let them
   Rejoice with all their might.

4 To God sing praise, to God sing praise:
   Extol Him with your voice,
   He rides on heav'n, by His name JAH,
   Before His face rejoice.

Scotch Version, 1641.

68  PSALM 68.  PART II.  7s.

1 AS Thy chosen people, Lord,
   Once oppress'd, in numbers few,
   Trusted to Thy steadfast word,
   And a mighty nation grew;
   So Thy church on earth begun,
   By Thy blessings shall increase,
   While the course of time shall run,
   Till Messiah's reign of peace.

2 Soon shall every scatter'd tribe
   To her bosom be restored;
   Every heart and tongue ascribe
   Praise and glory to the Lord;
   Militant awhile below,
   Rest and joy shall soon be given;
   Then in rapt'rous strains shall flow
   Her triumphant song in heaven.

Harriett Auber, 1829.
68 PSALM 68. PART III. L.M.

1 KINGDOMS and thrones to God belong,
Crown Him, ye nations, in your song:
His wondrous names and powers rehearse;
His honours shall enrich your verse.

2 Proclaim Him King, pronounce Him bless'd;
He's your defence, your joy, your rest;
When terrors rise and nations faint,
God is the strength of every saint.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

69 PSALM 69. C.M.

1 LORD, I would stand with thoughtful eye,
Beneath Thy fatal tree,
And see Thee bleed, and see Thee die,
And think, "What love to me!"

2 Dwell on the sight, my stony heart,
Till every pulse within
Shall into contrite sorrow start,
And hate the thought of sin.

3 Didst Thou for me, my Saviour, brave
The scoff, the scourge, the gall,
The nails, the thorns, the spear, the grave,
While I deserved them all?

4 Oh! help me some return to make,
To yield my heart to Thee,
And do and suffer for Thy sake
As Thou didst then for me.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

70 PSALM 70. L.M.

1 MAKE haste, O God, my soul to bless!
My help and my deliv'rer Thou;
Make haste, for I'm in deep distress,
My case is urgent; help me now.

2 Make haste, O God! make haste to save!
For time is short, and death is nigh;
Make haste ere yet I'm in my grave,
And with the lost for ever lie.
SPIRIT OF

3 Make haste, for I am poor and low;
   And Satan mocks my prayers and tears;
O God, in mercy be not slow,
   But snatch me from my horrid fears.

4 Make haste, O God, and hear my cries;
   Then with the souls who seek Thy face,
And those who Thy salvation prize,
   I'll magnify Thy matchless grace.

   Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

71 PSALM 71. SONG I. C.M.

1 My Saviour, my almighty Friend,
   When I begin Thy praise,
Where will the growing numbers end,
   The numbers of Thy grace?

2 Thou art my everlasting trust;
   Thy goodness I adore;
And since I knew Thy graces first,
   I speak Thy glories more.

3 My feet shall travel all the length
   Of the celestial road;
And march with courage in Thy strength,
   To see my Father God.

4 When I am fill'd with sore distress
   For some surprising sin,
I'll plead Thy perfect righteousness,
   And mention none but Thine.

5 How will my lips rejoice to tell
   The victories of my King!
My soul redeem'd from sin and hell,
   Shall Thy salvation sing.

6 Awake, awake, my tuneful powers;
   With this delightful song
I'll entertain the darkest hours,
   Nor think the season long.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

71 PSALM 71. SONG II. C.M.

1 My God, my everlasting hope,
   I live upon Thy truth;
Thine hands have held my childhood up,
   And strengthen'd all my youth.
THE PSALMS.

2 Still has my life new wonders seen
   Repeated every year;
   Behold my days that yet remain,
   I trust them to Thy care.

3 Cast me not off when strength declines,
   When hoary hairs arise;
   And round me let Thy glory shine,
   Whene'er Thy servant dies.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

72 PSALM 72. SONG I. L.M.

1 JESUS shall reign where'er the sun
   Does his successive journeys run;
   His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
   Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 For Him shall endless prayer be made,
   And praises throng to crown His head;
   His name like sweet perfume shall rise
   With every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
   Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
   And infant voices shall proclaim
   Their early blessings on His name.

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
   The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
   The weary find eternal rest;
   And all the sons of want are bless'd.

5 Where He displays His healing power,
   Death and the curse are known no more;
   In Him the tribes of Adam boast
   More blessings than their father lost.

6 Let every creature rise, and bring
   Peculiar honours to our King;
   Angels descend with songs again,
   And earth repeat the loud AMEN.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

72 PSALM 72. SONG II. 7s.

1 HASTEN, Lord, the glorious time,
   When, beneath Messiah's sway,
   Every nation, every clime,
   Shall the gospel's call obey.
SPIRIT OF

2 Then shall wars and tumults cease,
Then be banish'd grief and pain;
Righteousness, and joy, and peace,
Undisturb'd shall ever reign.

3 As when soft and gentle showers
Fall upon the thirsty plain,
Springing grass and blooming flowers
Clothe the wilderness again;

4 So Thy Spirit shall descend,
Soft'ning every stony heart,
And its sweetest influence lend,
All that's lovely to impart.

5 Time shall sun and moon obscure,
Seas be dried, and rocks be riven,
But His reign shall still endure,
Endless as the days of heaven.

6 Bless we, then, our gracious Lord,
Ever praise His glorious name;
All His mighty acts record,
All His wondrous love proclaim.

Harriett Auber, 1829.

73 PSALM 73. PART I. L.M.

1 LORD, what a thoughtless wretch was I,
To mourn, and murmur, and repine,
To see the wicked placed on high,
In pride and robes of honour shine.

2 But, oh their end! their dreadful end!
Thy sanctuary taught me so:
On slipp'ry rocks I see them stand,
And fiery billows roll below.

3 Now let them boast how tall they rise,
I'll never envy them again;
There they may stand with haughty eyes,
Till they plunge deep in endless pain.

4 Their fancied joys, how fast they flee!
Just like a dream when man awakes:
Their songs of softest harmony
Are but a preface to their plagues.
THE PSALMS.

5 Now I esteem their mirth and wine
   Too dear to purchase with my blood;
Lord, 'tis enough that Thou art mine;
My life, my portion, and my God.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

73 PSALM 73. PART II. C.M.

1 GOD, my supporter, and my hope,
   My help for ever near,
Thine arm of mercy held me up,
   When sinking in despair.

2 Thy counsels, Lord, shall guide my feet
   Through this dark wilderness;
Thy hand conduct me near Thy seat,
   To dwell before Thy face.

3 Were I in heaven without my God
   'Twould be no joy to me;
And whilst this earth is mine abode,
   I long for none but Thee.

4 What if the springs of life were broke,
   And flesh and heart should faint?
God is my soul's eternal rock,
   The strength of every saint.

5 Still to draw near to Thee, my God,
   Shall be my sweet employ;
My tongue shall sound Thy works abroad
   And tell the world my joy.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

73 PSALM 73. PART III. C.M.

1 WHOM have we, Lord, in heaven but Thee;
   And whom on earth beside;
Where else for succour shall we flee,
   Or in whose strength confide?

2 Thou art our portion here below,
   Our promised bliss above;
Ne'er can our souls an object know
   So precious as Thy love.
SPIRIT OF

3 When heart and flesh, O Lord, shall fail,
Thou wilt our spirits cheer;
Support us through life's thorny vale,
And calm each anxious fear.

4 Yes, Thou, our only guide through life,
Shalt help and strength supply;
Support us in death's fearful strife,
Then welcome us on high.

Harriett Auber, 1829.

74

PSALM 74. C.M.

1 Of every earthly stay bereft,
Beset by many an ill,
One hope, one precious hope is left,
The Lord is faithful still.

2 His church through every past alarm
In Him has found a Friend;
And, Lord, on Thine almighty arm
We now for all depend.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

75

PSALM 75. 8.8.6.

1 That Thou, O Lord, art ever nigh,
Though veil'd in awful majesty,
Thy mighty works declare;
Thy hand this earthly frame upholds,
Thine eye the universe beholds,
With providential care.

2 Thou settest up, and pullest down;
To Thee the monarch owes his crown,
The conqueror his wreath;
In Thee all creatures live and move;
Thou reign'st supreme in heaven above,
And in the earth beneath.

3 Great King of kings, and Lord of lords,
Whose hand chastises and rewards,
Thee only we adore;
To Thee the voice of praise shall rise,
In hallelujahs to the skies,
When time shall be no more.

Harriett Auber, 1829.
PSALM 76.

S. M.

1 God in His church is known,
   His name is glorious there;
   He there sets up His earthly throne,
   And hears His people's prayer.

2 The powers of death and hell
   In vain her peace oppose;
   A word of His the storm can quell,
   And scatter all her foes.

3 The Lord to judgment came;
   Earth trembled and was still:
   Tis His, tis His, the proud to tame,
   And shield the meek from ill.

4 The fury of His foes
   Fulfils but His decree:
   Ye saints, on Him your hopes repose,
   And He your strength will be.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

PSALM 77.

C. M.

1 Will God for ever cast us off;
   His love return no more?
   His promise, will it never give
   Its comfort as before?

2 Can His abundant love forget
   Its wonted aids to bring?
   Has He in wrath shut up and seal'd
   His mercy's healing spring?

3 I'll call to mind His works of old,
   The wonders of His might;
   On them my heart shall meditate,
   Them shall my tongue recite.

4 Thy people, Lord, long since have Thee
   A God of wonders found:
   Long since hast Thou Thy chosen seed
   With strong deliv'rance crown'd.

Tate and Brady, 1696 a.
SPIRIT OF

PSALM 78. C.M., double.

1 OH praise our great and gracious Lord,
   And call upon His name;
   To strains of joy tune every chord,
   His mighty acts proclaim.
   Tell how He led His chosen race
   To Canaan's promised land;
   Tell how His covenant of grace,
   Unchanged shall ever stand.

2 He gave the shadowing cloud by day,
   The moving fire by night;
   To guide His Israel on their way,
   He made their darkness light.
   And have not we a sure retreat,
   A Saviour ever nigh?
   The same clear light to guide our feet,
   The day-spring from on high?

3 We, too, have manna from above,
   "The bread that came from heaven;"
   To us the same kind hand of love
   Hath living waters given.
   A rock we have, from whence the spring
   In rich abundance flows;
   "That rock is Christ," our Priest, our King,
   Who life and health bestows.

4 Oh let us prize this blessed food,
   And trust our heavenly Guide;
   So shall we find death's fearful flood
   Serene as Jordan's tide;
   And safely reach that happy shore,
   The land of peace and rest,
   Where angels worship and adore,
   In God's own presence bless'd.

Harriett Auber, 1829.

PSALM 79. S.M.

1 THOU gracious God, and kind,
   Oh cast our sins away;
   Nor call our former guilt to mind,
   Thy justice to display.
THE PSALMS.

2 Thy tenderest mercies show,
   Thy richest grace prepare,
Ere yet, with guilty fears laid low,
   We perish in despair.

3 Save us from guilt and shame,
   Thy glory to display;
And for the great Redeemer's name,
   Wash all our sins away.

4 So we Thy flock, Thy choice,
   The people of Thy love,
Through life shall in Thy care rejoice;
   But praise Thee best above.

William Goode, 1811.

80

PSALM 80. L.M.

1 GREAT Shepherd of Thine Israel,
   Who didst between the cherubs dwell,
   And ledd'st the tribes, Thy chosen sheep,
   Safe through the desert and the deep:

2 Thy church is in the desert now;
   Shine from on high, and guide us through;
   Turn us to Thee, Thy love restore;
   We shall be saved, and sigh no more.

3 Great God! whom heavenly hosts obey,
   How long shall we lament and pray,
   And wait in vain Thy kind return?
   How long shall Thy fierce anger burn?

4 Instead of wine and cheerful bread,
   Thy saints with their own tears are fed:
   Turn us to Thee, Thy love restore,
   We shall be saved, and sigh no more.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

81

PSALM 81. C.M.

1 GOD, our strength, to Thee the song
   With grateful hearts we raise;
To Thee, and Thee alone, belong
   All worship, love, and praise.
SPIRIT OF

2 In trouble's dark and stormy hour,
   Thine ear hath heard our prayer,
   And graciously Thine arm of power
   Hath saved us from despair.

3 And Thou, O ever gracious Lord,
   Wilt keep Thy promise still,
   If, meekly hearkening to Thy word,
   We seek to do Thy will.

4 Led by the light Thy grace imparts,
   Ne'er may we bow the knee
   To idols, which our wayward hearts
   Set up instead of Thee.

5 So shall Thy choicest gifts, O Lord,
   Thy faithful people bless,
   For them shall earth its stores afford,
   And heaven its happiness.

   Harriett Auber, 1829.

PSALM 82. C. M.

1 The kings of earth are in the hands
   Of God who reigns on high;
   He in their council chamber stands,
   And sees with watchful eye.

2 Though foolish princes tyrants prove,
   And tread the godly down;
   Though earth's foundations all remove;
   He wear eth still the crown.

3 They proudly boast a godlike birth,
   In death like men they fall;
   Arise, O God, and judge the earth,
   And rule the nations all.

4 When shall Thy Son, the Prince of Peace,
   Descend with glorious power?
   Then only shall oppression cease:
   Oh, haste the welcome hour.

   Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

PSALM 83. L. M.

1 0 God, be Thou no longer still,
   Thy foes are leagued against Thy law;
   Make bare Thine arm on Zion's hill,
   Great Captain of our Holy War.
THE PSALMS.

2 As Amalek and Ishmael
    Had war for ever with Thy seed,
    So all the hosts of Rome and hell
    Against Thy Son their armies lead.

3 Though they're agreed in nought beside,
    Against Thy truth they all unite;
    They rave against the Crucified,
    And hate the gospel's growing might.

4 By Kishon's brook all Jabin's band,
    At Thy rebuke were swept away;
    O Lord, display Thy mighty hand,
    A single stroke shall win the day.

5 Come, rushing wind, the stubble chase!
    Come, sacred fire, the forests burn!
    Come, Lord, with all Thy conquering grace,
    Rebellious hearts to Jesus turn!

6 That men may know at once that Thou,
    Jehovah, lovest truth right well;
    And that Thy church shall never bow
    Before the boastful gates of hell.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

84 PSALM 84. SONG I. L.M.

1 HOW pleasant, how divinely fair,
    O Lord of hosts, Thy dwellings are!
    With long desire my spirit faints
    To meet the assemblies of Thy saints.

2 My flesh would rest in Thine abode,
    My panting heart cries out for God;
    My God! my King! why should I be
    So far from all my joys and Thee?

3 Bless'd are the saints who sit on high
    Around Thy throne of majesty;
    Thy brightest glories shine above,
    And all their work is praise and love.

4 Bless'd are the souls that find a place
    Within the temple of Thy grace;
    There they behold Thy gentler rays,
    And seek Thy face, and learn Thy praise.
SPIRIT OF

5 Bless'd are the men whose hearts are set
To find the way to Zion's gate;
God is their strength, and through the road,
They lean upon their helper, God.

6 Cheerful they walk with growing strength,
Till all shall meet in heaven at length,
Till all before Thy face appear,
And join in nobler worship there.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

84 PSALM 84. SONG II. L.M.

1 GREAT God, attend while Sion sings
The joy that from Thy presence springs;
To spend one day with Thee on earth
Exceeds a thousand days of mirth.

2 Might I enjoy the meanest place
Within Thine house, O God of grace!
Not tents of ease, nor thrones of power,
Should tempt my feet to leave Thy door.

3 God is our sun, He makes our day;
God is our shield, He guards our way
From all th' assaults of hell and sin,
From foes without and foes within.

4 All needful grace will God bestow,
And crown that grace with glory too;
He gives us all things, and withholds
No real good from upright souls.

5 O God, our King, whose sovereign sway
The glorious hosts of heaven obey,
And devils at Thy presence flee;
Bless'd is the man that trusts in Thee.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

84 PSALM 84. SONG III. 148th.

1 LORD of the worlds above,
How pleasant and how fair
The dwellings of Thy love,
Thy earthly temples are!
To Thine abode,
My heart aspires
With warm desires,
To see my God.
THE PSALMS.

2 O happy souls that pray
Where God appoints to hear!
O happy men that pay
Their constant service there!
They praise Thee still;
And happy they
That love the way
To Zion's hill.

3 They go from strength to strength,
Through this dark vale of tears,
Till each arrives at length,
Till each in heaven appears:
O glorious seat,
When God our King
Shall thither bring
Our willing feet.

4 To spend one sacred day,
Where God and saints abide,
Affords diviner joy
Than thousand days beside:
Where God resorts,
I love it more
To keep the door
Than shine in courts.

5 God is our sun and shield,
Our light and our defence;
With gifts his hands are fill'd;
We draw our blessings thence:
He shall bestow
On Jacob's race
Peculiar grace
And glory too.

6 The Lord His people loves:
His hand no good withholds
From those His heart approves,
From pure and pious souls:
Thrice happy he,
O God of hosts,
Whose spirit trusts
Alone in Thee.

Isaac Watts, 1719.
SPIRIT OF

PSALM 85. L.M.

1 SALVATION is for ever nigh
The souls that fear and trust the Lord;
And grace, descending from on high,
Fresh hopes of glory shall afford.

2 Mercy and truth on earth are met,
Since Christ the Lord came down from heaven;
By His obedience, so complete,
Justice is pleased, and peace is given.

3 Now truth and honour shall abound,
Religion dwell on earth again;
And heavenly influence bless the ground
In our Redeemer's gentle reign.

4 His righteousness is gone before,
To give us free access to God;
Our wandering feet shall stray no more,
But mark His steps, and keep the road.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

PSALM 86. L.M.

1 THY listening ear, O Lord, incline:
Hear me, my God, distress'd and weak!
Preserve my soul, for I am Thine;
Oh save me, for Thine aid I seek!

2 To Thee ascend my daily cries:
Hear, Lord, in mercy hear my voice!
To Thee my soul for comfort flies,
Oh bid Thy servant's soul rejoice.

3 'Tis Thine in goodness to abound;
'Tis Thine to pity and forgive;
'Tis Thine to heal the bleeding wound,
And grant the plaintive soul to live.

4 Hear, O Jehovah, when I pray!
Attend my voice, my suppliant cry!
I call Thee in affliction's day,
For Thou wilt listen, Thou reply.

5 And Thee my heart shall still extol,
Thy goodness chant, Thy praises tell;
For large Thy love; and Thou my soul
Hast rescued from the lowest hell.

Richard Mant, 1824.
PSALM 87.

1 God in His earthly temple lays
   Foundations for His heavenly praise;
   He likes the tents of Jacob well,
   But still in Zion loves to dwell.

2 His mercy visits every house
   That pay their night and morning vows;
   But makes a more delightful stay
   Where churches meet to praise and pray.

3 What glories were described of old!
   What wonders are of Zion told!
   Thou city of our God below,
   Thy fame shall Tyre and Egypt know!

4 Egypt and Tyre, and Greek and Jew,
   Shall there begin their lives anew:
   Angels and men shall join to sing
   The hill where living waters spring.

5 When God makes up His last account
   Of natives in His holy mount,
   'Twill be an honour to appear
   As one new-born or nourish'd there.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

PSALM 88.

1 Lord God of my salvation,
   To Thee, to Thee, I cry;
   Oh let my supplication
   Arrest Thine ear on high.
   Distresses round me thicken,
   My life draws nigh the grave;
   Descend, O Lord, to quicken,
   Descend my soul to save.

2 Thy wrath lies hard upon me,
   Thy billows o'er me roll,
   My friends all seem to shun me,
   And foes beset my soul.
   Where'er on earth I turn me,
   No comforter is near;
   Wilt Thou too, Father, spurn me?
   Wilt Thou refuse to hear?
SPIRIT OF

3 Not banish'd and heart-broken
My soul still clings to thee;
The promise Thou hast spoken
Shall still my refuge be.
So present ills and terrors
My future joy increase,
And scourge me from my errors
To duty, hope, and peace.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

89 PSALM 89. PART I. C.M.

1 My never-ceasing songs shall show
The mercies of the Lord,
And make succeeding ages know
How faithful is His word.

2 The sacred truths His lips pronounce
Shall firm as heaven endure;
And if He speak a promise once,
The eternal grace is sure.

3 How long the race of David held
The promised Jewish throne!
But there's a nobler covenant seal'd
To David's greater Son.

4 His seed for ever shall possess
A throne above the skies;
The meanest subject of His grace
Shall to that glory rise.

5 Lord God of hosts, Thy wondrous ways
Are sung by saints above;
And saints on earth their honours raise
To Thine unchanging love.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

89 PSALM 89. PART II. C.M.

1 Greatly bless'd the people are
The joyful sound that know;
In brightness of Thy face, O Lord,
They ever on shall go.
THE PSALMS.

2 They in Thy name shall all the day
Rejoice exceedingly;
And in Thy righteousness shall they
Exalted be on high.

3 Because the glory of their strength
Doth only stand in Thee;
And in Thy favour shall our horn
And power exalted be.

4 For God is our defence; and He
To us doth safety bring:
The Holy One of Israel
Is our almighty King.

Scotch Version, 1641.

90 PSALM 90. C.M.

1 Our God, our help in ages past,
   Our hope for years to come;
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
   And our eternal home!

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
   Thy saints have dwelt secure;
   Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
   And our defence is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
   Or earth received her frame,
   From everlasting Thou art God,
   To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
   Are like an evening gone;
   Short as the watch that ends the night
   Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
   Bears all its sons away;
   They fly forgotten, as a dream
   Dies at the op'ning day.

6 Like flow'ry fields the nations stand,
   Pleased with the morning light;
The flowers beneath the mower's hand
   Lie with'ring e'er 'tis night.
SPIRIT OF

7 Our God, our help in ages past,
   Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
   And our eternal home!

Isaac Watts, 1719.

PSALM 91. SONG I. L.M.

1 He that hath made his refuge God
   Shall find a most secure abode,
Shall walk all day beneath His shade,
   And there at night shall rest his head.

2 Then will I say, “My God, Thy power
   Shall be my fortress and my tower:
I, that am form’d of feeble dust,
   Make Thine almighty arm my trust.”

3 Thrice happy man! thy Maker’s care
   Shall keep thee from the fowler’s snare;
Satan, the Fowler, who betrays
   Unguarded souls a thousand ways.

4 Just as a hen protects her brood,
   From birds of prey that seek their blood,
Under her feathers, so the Lord
   Makes His own arm His people’s guard.

5 If vapours, with malignant breath,
   Rise thick, and scatter midnight death,
Israel is safe; the poison’d air
   Grows pure, if Israel’s God be there.

6 What though a thousand at thy side,
   At thy right hand, ten thousand died,
Thy God His chosen people saves
   Amongst the dead, amidst the graves.

7 But if the fire, or plague, or sword,
   Receive commission from the Lord
To strike His saints among the rest,
   Their very pains and deaths are blest.

8 The sword, the pestilence, or fire,
   Shall but fulfil their best desire;
From sins and sorrows set them free,
   And bring Thy children, Lord, to Thee.

Isaac Watts, 1719.
THE PSALMS.

91 PSALM 91. SONG II. C.M.

1 THERE is a safe and secret place
Beneath the wings divine,
Reserved for all the heirs of grace,
Oh! be that refuge mine!

2 The least, the feeblest there may hide
Uninjured and unawed;
While thousands fall on every side,
He rests secure in God.

3 The angels watch him on his way,
And aid with friendly arm;
And Satan, roaring for his prey,
May hate, but cannot harm.

4 He feeds in pastures large and fair,
Of love and truth divine,
O child of God, O Glory’s heir,
How rich a lot is thine!

5 A hand almighty to defend,
An ear for every call,
An honour’d life, a peaceful end,
And heaven to crown it all!

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

91 PSALM 91. SONG III. C.M.

1 YE sons of men, a feeble race,
Exposed to every snare,
Come make the Lord your dwelling-place,
And try, and trust His care.

2 He’ll give His angels charge to keep
Your feet in all their ways;
To watch your pillow while you sleep,
And guard your happy days.

3 “Because on me they set their love,
I’ll save them,” saith the Lord;
“I’ll bear their joyful souls above
Destruction and the sword.

4 “My grace shall answer when they call;
In trouble I’ll be nigh;
My pow’r shall help them when they fall,
And raise them when they die.
SPIRIT OF

5 "Those that on earth my name have known
   I'll honour them in heaven;
   There my salvation shall be shown,
   And endless life be given."

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

92 PSALM 92. PART I. L.M.

1 SWEET is the work, my God, my King,
   To praise Thy name, give thanks, and sing,
   To show Thy love by morning light,
   And talk of all Thy truth at night.

2 Sweet is the day of sacred rest,
   No mortal cares shall seize my breast;
   Oh may my heart in tune be found,
   Like David's harp of solemn sound!

3 My heart shall triumph in the Lord,
   And bless His works, and bless His word;
   Thy works of grace, how bright they shine!
   How deep Thy counsels, how divine!

4 Fools never raise their thoughts so high;
   Like brutes they live, like brutes they die;
   Like grass they flourish, till Thy breath
   Blast them in everlasting death.

5 But I shall share a glorious part
   When grace hath well refined my heart;
   And fresh supplies of joy are shed,
   Like holy oil, to cheer my head.

6 Sin, my worst enemy before,
   Shall vex my eyes and ears no more;
   My inward foes shall all be slain,
   Nor Satan break my peace again.

7 Then shall I see, and hear, and know
   All I desired or wish'd below;
   And every power find sweet employ
   In that eternal world of joy.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

92 PSALM 92. PART II. L.M.

1 LORD, 'tis a pleasant thing to stand
   In gardens planted by Thine hand;
   Let me within Thy courts be seen,
   Like a young cedar, fresh and green.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.
2 There grow Thy saints in faith and love,
Bless'd with Thine influence from above;
Not Lebanon with all its trees
Yields such a comely sight as these.

3 The plants of grace shall ever live;
Nature decays, but grace must thrive;
Time, that doth all things else impair,
Still makes them flourish strong and fair.

4 Laden with fruits of age, they show
The Lord is holy, just, and true;
None that attend His gates shall find
A God unfaithful or unkind.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

93 PSALM 93. L.M.

1 JEHOVAH reigns; He dwells in light,
Girded with majesty and might;
The world created by His hands,
Still on its first foundation stands.

2 But ere this spacious world was made,
Or had its first foundations laid,
Thy throne eternal ages stood,
Thyself the ever-living God.

3 Like floods the angry nations rise,
And aim their rage against the skies;
Vain floods, that aim their rage so high
At Thy rebuke the billows die.

4 For ever shall Thy throne endure;
Thy promise stands for ever sure;
And everlasting holiness
Becomes the dwellings of Thy grace.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

94 PSALM 94. L.M.

1 CAN guilty man, indeed, believe
That He, who made and knows the heart,
Shall not the oppressor's crimes perceive,
Nor take His injured servants' part?
SPIRIT OF

2 Shall He who, with transcendent skill,
   Fashion'd the eye and form'd the ear;
   Who modell'd nature to His will,
   Shall He not see? Shall He not hear?

3 Shall He, who framed the human mind,
   And bade its kindling spark to glow,
   Who all its varied powers combined,
   Oh, mortal, say—shall He not know?

4 Vain hope! His eye at once surveys
   Whatever fills creation's space;
   He sees our thoughts, and marks our ways,
   He knows no bounds of time and place.

5 Surrounded by His saints, the Lord
   Shall arm'd with holy vengeance come;
   To each his final lot award,
   And seal the sinner's fearful doom.

Harriett Auber, 1829.

95 PSALM 95. SONG I. C.M.

1 SING to the Lord Jehovah's name,
   And in His strength rejoice;
   When His salvation is our theme,
   Exalted be our voice.

2 With thanks approach His awful sight,
   And psalms of honour sing;
   The Lord's a God of boundless might,
   The whole creation's King.

3 Come, and with humble souls adore;
   Come, kneel before His face;
   Oh may the creatures of His power
   Be children of His grace!

4 Now is the time; He bends His ear
   And waits for your request;
   Come, lest He rouse His wrath and swear,
   "Ye shall not see My rest."

Isaac Watts, 1719.

95 PSALM 95. SONG II. S.M.

1 COME, sound His praise abroad,
   And hymns of glory sing;
   Jehovah is the sovereign God,
   The universal King.
THE PSALMS.

2 He form'd the deeps unknown;
    He gave the seas their bound;
The watery worlds are all His own,
    And all the solid ground.

3 Come, worship at His throne;
    Come, bow before the Lord:
We are His works, and not our own;
    He form'd us by His word.

4 To-day attend His voice,
    Nor dare provoke His rod;
Come, like the people of His choice,
    And own your gracious God.

5 But if your ears refuse
    The language of His grace,
And hearts grow hard, like stubborn Jews,
    That unbelieving race:

6 The Lord, in vengeance dress'd,
    Will lift His hand and swear,
"Your that despise my promised rest
    Shall have no portion there."

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

95 PSALM 95. SONG III. L.M.

1 COME, loud anthems let us sing;
    Give thanks to our Almighty King:
For we our voices high should raise,
    When our salvation's Rock we praise.

2 Yea, let us stand before His face
    To thank Him for His matchless grace;
To Him address, in joyful songs,
    The praise that to His name belongs.

3 For God, the Lord, enthroned in state,
    Is with unrival'd glory great:
The strength of earth is in His hand,
    He made the sea, and fix'd the land.

4 Oh, let us to His courts repair,
    And bow with adoration there;
Down on our knees devoutly all
    Before the Lord our Maker fall.

   Tate and Brady, 1696, a.
PSALM 96.  C.M.

1 Sing to the Lord, ye distant lands,
Ye tribes of every tongue;
His new discover'd grace demands
A new and nobler song.

2 Say to the nations, "Jesus reigns,
God's own Almighty Son;
His power the sinking world sustains,
And grace surrounds His throne."

3 Let heaven proclaim the joyful day;
Joy through the earth be seen:
Let cities shine in bright array,
And fields in cheerful green.

4 Let an unusual joy surprise
The islands of the sea:
Ye mountains sink, ye valleys rise,
Prepare the Lord His way:

5 Behold He comes! He comes to bless
The nations as their God;
To show the world His righteousness,
And send His truth abroad.

6 But when His voice shall raise the dead,
And bid the world draw near,
How will the guilty nations dread
To see their Judge appear!

Isaac Watts, 1719.

PSALM 97.  L.M.

1 Jehovah reigns! O earth, rejoice;
Ye ransom'd isles, exalt your voice;
Make every hill and vale around
Responsive to the welcome sound.

2 Though far removed from mortal eye,
He reigns in glorious majesty;
Himself in awful clouds conceal'd,
His truth, His justice stands reveal'd.

3 Yes, Jesus reigns! the gospel's light
Beams with mild radiance on our sight,
And fallen man, redeem'd, forgiven,
May lift his heart, his hopes to heaven.
THE PSALMS.

4 Oh, then, obey His sacred Word,
   All ye who love and fear the Lord;
Go, publish through His wide domains
The glorious truth, Jehovah reigns!
   Harriett Auber, 1829.

98 PSALM 98. C.M.

1 SING to the Lord a new-made song,
   Who wondrous things has done;
With His right hand and holy arm
   The conquest He has won.

2 The Lord has through th' astonish'd world
   Display'd His saving might,
And made His righteous acts appear
   In all the heathen's sight.

3 Of Israel's house His love and truth
   Have ever mindful been;
Wide earth's remotest parts the power
   Of Israel's God have seen.

4 Let therefore earth's inhabitants
   Their cheerful voices raise,
And all with universal joy
   Resound their Maker's praise.

5 Clap, clap your hands, ye rolling floods,
   And toss your waves on high;
And all ye hills, with all your woods,
   Shout to the echoing sky.

6 Jehovah comes, He takes His state,
   He comes to judge mankind:
On His high throne shall justice wait,
   And truth His sentence bind.
   First four Verses, Tate and Brady, 1698;
   Last two Richard Mant, 1824.

99 PSALM 99. 7s.

1 REIGNS Jehovah, King supreme,
   Let the nations own His sway!
Throned between the cherubim,
   Prostrate let the earth obey!

SPIRIT OF

2 High exalt Jehovah's name,
    Fall in worship at His feet;
Wide our God's renown proclaim,
    Holy is Jehovah's seat.

3 Loud Jehovah's praise recount,
    Spread His glorious name abroad,
Worship on His holy mount:
    Holy is Jehovah God.

Richard Mant, 1824.

100 PSALM 100. VERSION I. L.M.

1 BEFORE Jehovah's awful throne,
    Ye nations bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone,
    He can create and He destroy.

2 His sovereign power, without our aid,
    Made us of clay, and form'd us men;
And when like wandering sheep we stray'd,
    He brought us to His fold again.

3 We are His people, we His care,
    Our souls, and all our mortal frame;
What lasting honours shall we rear,
    Almighty Maker, to Thy name?

4 We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs,
    High as the heavens our voices raise;
And earth with her ten thousand tongues
    Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.

5 Wide as the world is Thy command;
    Vast as eternity Thy love;
Firm as a rock Thy truth must stand,
    When rolling years shall cease to move.

Isaac Watts, 1719, a.

100 PSALM 100. VERSION II. L.M.

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
    Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
    Come ye before Him and rejoice.
2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make: We are His flock, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

3 O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto: Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good, His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

John Hopkins, 1562.

100 PSALM 100. VERSION III. L.M.

1 WITH one consent let all the earth To God their cheerful voices raise; Glad homage pay with awful mirth, And sing before Him songs of praise.

2 Convinced that He is God alone, From whom both we and all proceed; We, whom He chooses for His own, The flock that He vouchsafes to feed.

3 O enter then His temple-gate, Thence to His courts devoutly press, And still your grateful hymns repeat, And still His name with praises bless.

4 For He's the Lord, supremely good, His mercy is for ever sure; His truth, which always firmly stood, To endless ages shall endure.

Tate and Brady, 1696.

100 PSALM 100. VERSION IV. L.M.

1 YE nations round the earth, rejoice Before the Lord, your sovereign King, Serve Him with cheerful heart and voice, With all your tongues His glories sing.

2 The Lord is God; 'tis He alone Doth life, and breath, and being give: We are His work, and not our own, The sheep that on His pastures live.
SPIRIT OF

3 Enter His gates with songs of joy,
   With praises to His courts repair;
   And make it your divine employ
   To pay your thanks and honours there.

4 The Lord is good, the Lord is kind;
   Great is His grace, His mercy sure;
   And the whole race of man shall find
   His truth from age to age endure.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

101  PSALM 101.  C. M.

1 LORD, when I lift my voice to Thee,
   To whom all praise belongs,
   Thy justice and Thy love shall be
   The subject of my songs.

2 Let wisdom o'er my heart preside,
   To lead my steps aright,
   And make Thy perfect law my guide,
   Thy service my delight.

3 All sinful ways I will abhor,
   All wicked men forsake;
   And only those who love Thy law
   For my companions take.

4 Lord! that I may not go astray,
   Thy constant grace impart;
   When wilt Thou come to point my way,
   And fix my roving heart?

   William Hiley Bathurst, 1831.

102  PSALM 102.  PART I.  C. M.

1 HEAR me, O God, nor hide Thy face,
   But answer, lest I die;
   Hast Thou not built a throne of grace,
   To hear when sinners cry?

2 My days are wasted, like the smoke
   Dissolving in the air;
   My strength is dried, my heart is broke,
   And sinking in despair.

3 Sense can afford no real joy
   To souls that feel Thy frown;
   Lord, 'twas Thy hand advanced me high,
   Thy hand hath cast me down.
THE PSALMS.

4 But Thou for ever art the same,  
   O my eternal God!  
   Ages to come shall know Thy name,  
   And spread Thy works abroad.

5 Thou wilt arise and show Thy face;  
   Nor will my Lord delay  
   Beyond the appointed hour of grace,  
   That long expected day.  
   Isaac Watts, 1719.

102 PSALM 102. PART II. C.M.

1 Thou shalt arise, and mercy have  
   Upon Thy Sion yet;  
   The time to favour her is come,  
   The time that Thou hast set.

2 For in her rubbish and her stones  
   Thy servants pleasure take;  
   Yea, they the very dust thereof  
   Do favour for her sake.

3 So shall the heathen people fear  
   The Lord's most holy name;  
   And all the kings on earth shall dread  
   Thy glory and Thy fame.

4 When Sion by the mighty Lord  
   Built up again shall be,  
   Then shall her gracious God appear  
   In glorious majesty.  
   Scotch Version, 1641, a.

103 PSALM 103. VERSION I. S.M.

1 My soul, repeat His praise,  
   Whose mercies are so great;  
   Whose anger is so slow to rise,  
   So ready to abate.

2 God will not always chide;  
   And when His strokes are felt,  
   His strokes are fewer than our crimes,  
   And lighter than our guilt.

3 High as the heavens are raised  
   Above the ground we tread,  
   So far the riches of His grace  
   Our highest thoughts exceed.
SPIRIT OF

4 His power subdues our sins;
   And His forgiving love,
   Far as the east is from the west,
   Doth all our guilt remove.

5 The pity of the Lord,
   To those that fear His name,
   Is such as tender parents feel;
   He knows our feeble frame.

6 He knows we are but dust,
   Scatter'd with every breath;
   His anger, like a rising wind,
   Can send us swift to death.

7 Our days are as the grass,
   Or like the morning flower;
   If one sharp blast sweep o'er the field
   It withers in an hour.

8 But Thy compassions, Lord,
   To endless years endure;
   And children's children ever find
   Thy words of promise sure.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

103 PSALM 103. VERSION II. S.M.

1 O BLESS the Lord, my soul!
   Let all within me join,
   And aid my tongue to bless His name,
   Whose favours are divine.

2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,
   Nor let His mercies lie
   Forgotten in unthankfulness,
   And without praises die.

3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
   'Tis He relieves thy pain;
   'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses,
   And makes thee young again.

4 He crowns thy life with love,
   When ransom'd from the grave;
   He that redeem'd my soul from hell
   Hath sovereign power to save.
THE PSALMS.

5 He fills the poor with good,
He gives the sufferers rest;
The Lord hath judgments for the proud,
And justice for the oppress'd.

6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known;
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

103 PSALM 103. VERSION III. 8.7.4.

1 PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring!
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him! praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress!
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless!
Praise Him! praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness!

3 Father-like He tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! praise Him,
Widely as His mercy flows.

4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
Blows the wind, and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him! praise Him,
Praise the High Eternal One.

5 Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.
1 Oh worship the King,
   All glorious above;
Oh gratefully sing
   His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender,
   The Ancient of Days,
Pavilion'd in splendour,
   And girded with praise.

2 Oh tell of His might,
   Oh sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
   Whose canopy, space;
Whose chariots of wrath
   Deep thunder-clouds form;
And dark is His path
   On the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store
   Of wonders untold,
Almighty! Thy power
   Hath founded of old;
Hath establish'd it fast
   By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
   Like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care
   What tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
   It shines in the light,
It streams from the hills,
   It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils
   In the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust,
   And feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
   Nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender,
   How firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender,
   Redeemer, and Friend!
THE PSALMS.

6 O measureless might!
   Ineffable love!
While angels delight
   To hymn Thee above,
The humbler creation,
   Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
   Shall lisp to Thy praise.

Sir Robert Grant, 1839.

105 PSALM 105. C.M.

1 O, render thanks, and bless the Lord;
   Invoke His sacred name;
Acquaint the nations with His deeds,
   His matchless deeds proclaim.

2 Sing to His praise in lofty hymns,
   His wondrous works rehearse;
Make them the theme of your discourse,
   And subject of your verse.

3 Rejoice in His almighty name,
   Alone to be adored;
And let their hearts overflow with joy
   That humbly seek the Lord.

4 Seek ye the Lord, His saving strength
   Devoutly still implore;
And where He's ever present seek
   His face for evermore.

Tate and Brady, 1696.

106 PSALM 106. PART I. L.M.

1 O, render thanks to God above,
   The fountain of eternal love;
Whose mercy firm through ages past
   Has stood, and shall for ever last.

2 Who can His mighty deeds express,
   Not only vast but numberless?
What mortal eloquence can raise
   His tribute of immortal praise?
SPIRIT OF EIGHT

3 Extend to me that favour, Lord,
Thou to Thy chosen dost afford:
When Thou return'st to set them free,
Let Thy salvation visit me.

4 Oh may I worthy prove to see
Thy saints in full prosperity!
That I the joyful choir may join,
And count Thy people's triumph mine.

Tate and Brady, 1606.

106 PSALM 106. PART II. S. M.

1 GOD of eternal love,
How fickle are our ways!
And yet how oft did Israel prove
Thy constancy of grace!

2 They saw Thy wonders wrought,
And then Thy praise they sung;
But soon Thy works of power forgot,
And murmur'd with their tongue.

3 Now they believe His Word,
While rocks with rivers flow;
Now with their lusts provoke the Lord,
And He reduced them low.

4 Yet when they mourn'd their faults,
He hearken'd to their groans;
Brought His own covenant to His thoughts,
And call'd them still His sons.

5 Their names were in His book;
He saved them from their foes;
Oft He chastised, but ne'er forsook
The people that He chose.

6 Let Israel bless the Lord,
Who loved their ancient race;
And Christians join the solemn word,
Amen, to all the praise.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

107 PSALM 107. SONG I. 7s.

1 GIVE thanks unto the Lord,
Praise His name with one accord;
Tell the wonders of His power,
Praise His goodness every hour.
THE PSALMS.

2 Let His ransom'd church begin,
Whom He hath redeem'd from sin,
Gather'd from the east and west,
North and south, to enter rest.

3 Through the wilderness they stray,
In a solitary way;
Hungry, thirsty, tried and faint;
God attends to their complaint.

4 Led by Him from day to day,
Right, although mysterious way,
To His city they shall come,
Habitation, rest, and home.

5 Oh that men would praise the Lord,
While His goodness they record;
All His wondrous works rehearse,
Who redeem'd them from the curse.

Joseph Irons, 1847.

107 PSALM 107. SONG II. C.M.

1 HOW are Thy servants blest, O Lord!
How sure is their defence!
Eternal wisdom is their guide,
Their help, Omnipotence.

2 In foreign realms, and lands remote,
Supported by Thy care,
Through burning climes they pass unhurt;
And breathe in tainted air.

3 When by the dreadful tempest borne
High on the broken wave,
They know Thou art not slow to hear,
Nor impotent to save.

4 The storm is laid, the winds retire,
Obedient to Thy will!
The sea that roars at Thy command,
At Thy command is still.

5 In midst of dangers, fears, and deaths,
Thy goodness we adore;
We praise Thee for Thy mercies past,
And humbly hope for more.
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6 Our life, while Thou preservest life,
   A sacrifice shall be;
And death, when death shall be our lot,
   Shall join our souls to Thee.
   Joseph Addison, 1712.

108  PSALM 108.  C.M.

1 0 GOD, my heart is fully bent
   To magnify Thy name;
   My tongue with cheerful songs of praise
   Shall celebrate Thy fame.

2 To all the listening tribes, O Lord,
   Thy wonders I will tell;
   And to those nations sing Thy praise
   That round about us dwell.

3 Because Thy mercy's boundless height
   The highest heaven transcends;
   And far beyond th' aspiring clouds
   Thy faithful truth extends.

4 Be Thou, O God, exalted high
   Above the starry frame;
   And let the world, with one consent,
   Confess Thy glorious name.
   Tate and Brady, 1696.

109  PSALM 109.  L.M.

1 STRANGER and pilgrim here below,
   I turn for refuge, Lord, to Thee;
   Thou know'st my every want and woe;
   Oh, smite my foes, and rescue me!

2 Thy name is love; for that name's sake
   Sustain and cheer my sinking soul;
   Low as I am, and poor, and weak,
   One word of Thine can make me whole.

3 Help, Lord! let all my foes perceive,
   'Tis Thine to comfort or condemn;
   With Thee to bless me and relieve,
   I little heed reproach from them,
4 Arise then, on my soul arise;  
Thy sheltering wings around me cast;  
And all that now afflicts or tries  
Shall work my peace, O Lord, at last.  

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

110 PSALM 110.  

1 JESUS, Lord, to Thee we sing,  
Thine our Saviour, Priest, and King,  
Who our guilt and woes sustain'd,  
And the cup of vengeance drain'd:  
Now Thou sitt'st enthroned on high,  
Crown'd with power and victory;  
All Thy foes shall prostrate fall,  
Every nation hear Thy call.  

2 As at morning's youthful hour,  
Dewdrops gem each leaf and flower,  
So, O Lord, our sons unborn,  
Shall Thy crowded courts adorn;  
Gladly own Thee for their King,  
Gladly free-will offerings bring,  
Till Thy spreading empire prove  
Boundless as Thy wondrous love.  

Harriett Auber, 1829.

111 PSALM 111.  

1 PRAISE the Lord; with exultation  
My whole heart my Lord shall praise;  
'Midst the upright congregation,  
Loftiest hallelujahs raise.  

2 All His works are great and glorious,  
Saints review them with delight;  
His redemption all victorious  
We remember day and night.  

3 Meat He gives to those who fear Him,  
Of His covenant mindful still;  
Wise are those who much revere Him,  
And rejoice to do His will.  

4 For His grace stands fast for ever,  
His decrees the saints secure;  
From His oath He turneth never,  
Every promise standeth sure.
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5 Therefore be His praise unceasing,
   Be His name for ever blest;
And with confidence increasing,
   Let us on His promise rest.

   Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

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PSALM 112. 8.7.4.

1 BLESSED is the man that feareth,
   And delighteth in the Lord,
Wealth, the wealth which truly cheereth
   God shall give Him for reward;
And his children,
Shall be blest around his board.

2 He shall not be moved for ever,
   Though with evil tidings tried;
Nought from God his faith shall sever,
   Fix'd his heart shall still abide;
For believers
Are secured on every side.

3 To the upright light arises,
   Darkness soon gives place to day;
While the man who truth despises,
   And refuses to obey,
In a moment,
Cursed of God, shall melt away.

4 Therefore let us praise Jehovah,
   Sound His glorious name on high,
Sing His praises, and moreover
   By our actions magnify
Our Redeemer
Who by blood has brought us nigh.

   Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

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PSALM 113. 7s.

1 Hallelujah! Raise, oh raise
   To our God the song of praise!
All His servants join to sing
   God our Saviour and our King.

2 Blessed be for evermore
   That dread name which we adore:
Round the world His praise be sung,
   Through all lands, in every tongue.

   Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.
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3 O'er all nations God alone,
Higher than the heavens His throne;
Who is like to God most high,
Infinite in majesty?

4 Yet to view the heavens He bends;
Yea, to earth He condescends;
Passing by the rich and great,
For the low and desolate.

5 He can raise the poor to stand
With the princes of the land;
Wealth upon the needy shower;
Set the meanest high in power.

6 He the broken spirit cheers;
Turns to joy the mourner's tears;
Such the wonders of His ways:
Praise His name—for ever praise.

Josiah Conder, 1837.

114 PSALM 114. C.M.

1 WHEN forth from Egypt's trembling strand
The tribes of Israel sped,
And Jacob in the stranger's land
Departing banners spread;

2 Then One, amid their thick array,
His kingly dwelling made,
And all along the desert way
Their guiding sceptre sway'd.

3 The sea beheld, and struck with dread,
Roll'd all its billows back;
And Jordan, through his deepest bed,
Reveal'd their destined track.

4 What ail'd thee, O thou mighty sea?
Why roll'd thy waves in dread?
What bade thy tide, O Jordan, flee
And bare its deepest bed?

5 O earth, before the Lord, the God
Of Jacob, tremble still;
Who makes the waste a water'd sod,
The flint a gushing rill.

George Burgess, 1839.
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PSALM 115.  6.6.8.6.8.8.

1 ALL glory be to Thee,
Who dwellest high in heaven;
Not to a feeble child of clay
Be praise or worship given;
Thy hand the mightiest can o'erthrow,
And dash their every idol low.

2 All glory, Lord, be Thine,
Our fortress and our shield;
Whose arm upholds Thine Israel,
And strengthens for the field:
In Thee Thy faithful people trust,
And lay the proudest in the dust.

3 Blest by Thy favour, Lord,
No foe can work us ill;
Supported by Thy gracious word,
We feel Thee present still;
And e'en in death and in the grave
Shall own Thy power to help and save.

Robert Allan Scott, 1839.

PSALM 116.  SONG I.  C.M.

1 I LOVE the Lord: He heard my cries,
And pitied every groan:
Long as I live, when troubles rise,
I'll hasten to His throne.

2 I love the Lord; He bow'd His ear,
And chased my griefs away;
Oh let my heart no more despair,
While I have breath to pray:

3 My flesh declined, my spirits fell,
And I drew near the dead;
While inward pangs, and fears of hell,
Perplex'd my wakeful head.

4 "My God," I cried, "Thy servant save,
Thou ever good and just;
Thy power can rescue from the grave,
Thy power is all my trust."

5 The Lord beheld me sore distress'd,
He bid my pains remove:
Return, my soul, to God thy rest,
For thou hast known His love.
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6 My God hath saved my soul from death,
   And dried my falling tears;
Now to His praise I'll spend my breath,
   And my remaining years.
   Isaac Watts, 1719.

116 PSALM 116. SONG II. C.M.

1 What shall I render to my God
   For all His kindness shown?
   My feet shall visit Thine abode,
   My songs address Thy throne.

2 Among the saints that fill Thine house,
   My offerings shall be paid;
   There shall my zeal perform the vows
   My soul in anguish made.

3 How much is mercy Thy delight,
   Thou ever-blessed God!
   How dear Thy servants in Thy sight!
   How precious is their blood!

4 How happy all Thy servants are!
   How great Thy grace to me!
   My life, which Thou hast made Thy care,
   Lord, I devote to Thee.

5 Now I am Thine, for ever Thine,
   Nor shall my purpose move!
   Thy hand hath loosed my bands of pain,
   And bound me with Thy love.

6 Here in Thy courts I leave my vow,
   And Thy rich grace record;
   Witness, ye saints, who hear me now,
   If I forsake the Lord.
   Isaac Watts, 1719.

116 PSALM 116. SONG III. L.M.

1 Releem'd from guilt, redeem'd from fears,
   My soul enlarged, and dried my tears,
   What can I do, O love divine,
   What, to repay such gifts as Thine?

2 What can I do, so poor, so weak,
   But from Thy hands new blessings seek?
   A heart to feel my mercies more,
   A soul to know Thee and adore?
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8 Oh! teach me at Thy feet to fall,
   And yield Thee up myself, my all;
   Before Thy saints my debt to own,
   And live and die to Thee alone!

4 Thy Spirit, Lord, at large impart;
   Expand, and raise, and fill my heart;
   So may I hope my life shall be
   Some faint return, O Lord, to Thee.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

117 PSALM 117. SONG I. 7s.

1 All ye nations, praise the Lord,
   All ye lands, your voices raise;
   Heaven and earth with loud accord,
   Praise the Lord, for ever praise:

2 For His truth and mercy stand,
   Past, and present, and to be;
   Like the years of His right hand,
   Like His own eternity.

3 Praise Him, ye who know His love;
   Praise Him from the depths beneath;
   Praise Him in the heights above;
   Praise your Maker, all that breathe.

James Montgomery, 1822.

117 PSALM 117. SONG II. L.M.

1 From all that dwell below the skies
   Let the Creator’s praise arise;
   Let the Redeemer’s name be sung
   Through every land, by every tongue.

2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
   Eternal truth attends Thy word:
   Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
   Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

117 PSALM 117. SONG III. S.M.

1 Thy name, Almighty Lord!
   Shall sound through distant lands;
   Great is Thy grace, and sure Thy word,
   Thy truth for ever stands.
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Far be Thine honour spread,
And long Thy praise endure,
Till morning light and evening shade
Shall be exchanged no more.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

PSALM 118. SONG I. 7s.

To Jehovah hymn the lay,
Ever shall His love endure;
Oh let grateful Israel say,
Stands His love for ever sure.

Oh let Aaron's house reply,
Evermore His love shall last:
All, who fear Him, shout and cry,
Stands His love for ever fast.

On the everliving name,
In distress on JAH I cried:
JAH to my deliverance came,
And my prison open'd wide.

See Jehovah near me stand!
What from mortal shall I dread?
See Jehovah lift the hand!
Victor on my foes I tread.

Hark! the voice of joy and song
Echoes from the faithful seed;
By His right hand firm and strong
He hath done a mighty deed.

High Jehovah's hand is raised
By the conquest He hath won:
Be Jehovah's right hand praised!
He a mighty deed hath done.

Richard Mant, 1824.

PSALM 118. SONG II. C.M.

Behold the sure foundation-stone
Which God in Zion lays,
To build our heavenly hopes upon,
And His eternal praise.

Chosen of God, to sinners dear,
And saints adore the name;
They trust their whole salvation here,
Nor shall they suffer shame.
SPIRIT OF

3 The foolish builders, scribe and priest,
    Reject it with disdain;
Yet on this rock the church shall rest,
    And envy rage in vain.

4 What though the gates of hell withstood,
    Yet must this building rise:
    'Tis Thine own work, Almighty God,
    And wondrous in our eyes.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

118 PSALM 118. SONG III. 7a.

1 THEE, Jehovah, will I bless;
    Thou didst my request allow:
    Thee my Saviour I confess,
    Author of my health art Thou.

2 Lo, the stone, which once aside
    By the builders' hands was thrown,
See it now the building's pride,
    See it now the corner-stone!

3 Lo, we hail Jehovah's deed,
    Strange and wondrous in our eyes!
Lo, the day our God hath made!
    Bid the voice of gladness rise.

4 Save, Hosanna! Lord, I pray!
    Save, Hosanna; God of might:
    Lord, for us Thy power display;
    Lord, on us Thy favour light!

5 He, Jehovah, is our Lord;
    He, our God, on us hath shined:
    Bind the sacrifice with cord,
    To the hornèd altar bind.

6 Thee, I bless, my God and King!
    Thee, my God and King, I hail!
    Hallelujah, shout and sing!
    Never shall His goodness fail.

Richard Mant, 1824.

119 PSALM 119. SONG I. O.M.

1 Oh how I love thy holy law!
    'Tis daily my delight;
    And thence my meditations draw
    Divine advice by night.
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2 How doth Thy word my heart engage!
   How well employ my tongue!
   And in my tiresome pilgrimage
   Yields me a heavenly song.

3 Am I a stranger, or at home,
   'Tis my perpetual feast;
   Not honey dropping from the comb
   So much allureth the taste.

4 No treasures so enrich the mind,
   Nor shall Thy word be sold
   For loads of silver well-refined,
   Nor heaps of choicest gold.

5 When nature sinks, and spirits droop,
   Thy promises of grace
   Are pillars to support my hope,
   And there I write Thy praise.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

119 PSALM 119. SONG II. C.M

1 Oh that the Lord would guide my ways
   To keep His statutes still!
   Oh that my God would grant me grace
   To know and do His will!

2 Oh send Thy Spirit down, to write
   Thy law upon my heart!
   Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,
   Nor act the liar's part.

3 From vanity turn off my eyes;
   Let no corrupt design,
   Nor covetous desires arise
   Within this soul of mine.

4 Order my footsteps by Thy word,
   And make my heart sincere;
   Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
   But keep my conscience clear.

5 My soul hath gone too far astray,
   My feet too often slip;
   Yet since I've not forgot Thy way,
   Restore Thy wandering sheep.
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6 Make me to walk in Thy commands,
    'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,
Offend against my God.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

119 PSALM 119. Song III. C. M.

1 My soul lies cleaving to the dust;
    Lord, give me life divine;
From vain desires, and every lust,
    Turn off these eyes of mine.

2 I need the influence of Thy grace
    To speed me in Thy way,
Lest I should loiter in my race,
    Or turn my feet astray.

3 When sore afflictions press me down,
    I need Thy quickening-powers;
Thy word that I have rested on
    Shall help my heaviest hours.

4 Are not Thy mercies sovereign still,
    And Thou a faithful God?
Wilt Thou not grant me warmer zeal
    To run the heavenly road?

5 Does not my heart Thy precepts love,
    And long to see Thy face?
And yet how slow my spirits move
    Without enlivening grace.

6 Then shall I love Thy gospel more,
    And ne'er forget Thy word,
When I have felt its quickening power
    To draw me near the Lord.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

119 PSALM 119. Song IV. S. M.

1 My soul lies groveling low,
    Still cleaving to the dust:
Thy quick'ning grace, O Lord, bestow,
    For in Thy word I trust.

2 Make me to understand
    Thy precepts and Thy will;
Thy wondrous works on every hand,
    I'll sing and talk of still.
8 My soul, oppress'd with grief,
In heaviness melts down;
Oh strengthen me and send relief,
And thou shalt wear the crown.

4 Remove from me the voice
Of falsehood and deceit;
The way of truth is now my choice,
Thy word to me is sweet.

5 Thy testimony stands,
And never can depart;
I'll run the way of Thy commands
If Thou enlarge my heart.

Joseph Irons, 1847.

119 PSALM 119. SONG V. C.M.

1 CONSIDER all my sorrows, Lord,
And Thy deliverance send;
My soul for Thy salvation faints;
When will my troubles end?

2 Yet I have found 'tis good for me
To bear my Father's rod;
Afflictions make me learn Thy law,
And live upon my God.

8 This is the comfort I enjoy
When new distress begins;
I read Thy word, I run Thy way,
And hate my former sins.

4 Had not Thy word been my delight
When earthly joys were fled,
My soul oppress'd with sorrow's weight,
Had sunk amongst the dead.

5 I know Thy judgments, Lord, are right,
Though they may seem severe;
The sharpest sufferings I endure
Flow from Thy faithful care.

6 Before I knew Thy chastening rod
My feet were apt to stray;
But now I learn to keep Thy word,
Nor wander from Thy way.

Isaac Watts, 1719.
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119 PSALM 119. Song VI. C.M.

1 Oh that Thy statutes every hour
   Might dwell upon my mind!
   Thence I derive a quickening power,
   And daily peace I find.

2 To meditate Thy precepts, Lord,
   Shall be my sweet employ;
   My soul shall ne'er forget Thy word;
   Thy word is all my joy.

3 How would I run in Thy commands,
   If Thou my heart discharge
   From sin and Satan's hateful chains,
   And set my feet at large!

4 My lips with courage shall declare
   Thy statutes and Thy name;
   I'll speak Thy word, though kings should
   Nor yield to sinful shame.
   Isaac Watts, 1719.

119 PSALM 119. Song VII. L.M.

1 Father, I bless Thy gentle hand;
   How kind was Thy chastising rod;
   That forced my conscience to a stand,
   And brought my wandering soul to God!

2 Foolish and vain, I went astray
   Ere I had felt Thy scourges, Lord;
   I left my guide, and lost my way;
   But now I love and keep Thy word.

3 'Tis good for me to wear the yoke,
   For pride is apt to rise and swell;
   'Tis good to bear my Father's stroke,
   That I might learn His statutes well.

4 Thy hands have made my mortal frame,
   Thy Spirit form'd my soul within;
   Teach me to know Thy wondrous name,
   And guard me safe from death and sin.

5 Then all that love and fear the Lord,
   At my salvation shall rejoice;
   For I have hop'd in Thy word,
   And made Thy grace my only choice.
   Isaac Watts, 1719.
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PSALM 120. C. M.

1 Woe's me that I in Mesech am
That I in tabernacles dwell
To Kedar that belong.

2 My soul with him that hateth peace
Hath long a dweller been;
For battle they are keen.

3 My soul distracted mourns and pine
To reach that peaceful shore,
Where all the weary are at rest.

4 Pierce burning coals of juniper,
And arrows of the strong,
Await those false and cruel tongues
Which do the righteous wrong.

5 But as for me my song shall rise
Before Jehovah's throne,
For He has seen my deep distress,
And hearken'd to my groan.

Scotch Version, 1641;
Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

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PSALM 121. C. M.

1 To heaven I lift my waiting eyes;
The Lord that built the earth and skies
Is my perpetual aid.

2 Their feet shall never slide to fall,
Whom He designs to keep:
His ear attends the softest call;
His eyes can never sleep.

3 He will sustain our weakest powers
With His almighty arm;
And watch our most unguarded hours
Against surprising harm.

4 Israel, rejoice, and rest secure,
Thy keeper is the Lord;
His wakeful eyes employ His power
For thine eternal guard.
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5 Nor scorching sun, nor sickly moon,
   Shall have his leave to shine;
He shields thy head from burning noon,
   From blasting damps at night.

6 He guards thy soul, He keeps thy breath,
   Where thickest dangers come:
Go, and return secure from death,
   Till God commands thee home.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

122 PSALM 122. Song I. C.M.

1 HOW did my heart rejoice to hear
   My friends devoutly say,
   “In Zion let us all appear,
   And keep the solemn day!”

2 I love her gates, I love the road;
   The church, adorn’d with grace,
   Stands like a palace built for God
   To show His milder face.

3 Up to her courts with joys unknown
   The holy tribes repair;
   The Son of David holds His throne,
   And sits in judgment there.

4 He hears our praises and complaints;
   And, while His awful voice
   Divides the sinners from the saints,
   We tremble and rejoice.

5 Peace be within this sacred place,
   And joy a constant guest!
   With holy gifts and heavenly grace
   Be her attendants blest!

6 My soul shall pray for Zion still,
   While life or breath remains;
   There my best friends, my kindred dwell,
   There God my Saviour reigns.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

122 PSALM 122. Song II. C.M.

1 PRAY that Jerusalem may have
   Peace and felicity:
   Let them that love thee and thy peace
   Have still prosperity.
Therefore I wish that peace may still
Within thy walls remain,
And ever may thy palaces
Prosperity retain.

Now, for my friends' and brethren's sakes,
Peace be in thee, I'll say;
And for the house of God our Lord,
I'll seek thy good alway.

Scotch Version, 1641.

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unto thee I lift my eyes,
Thou that dwellest in the skies;
At Thy throne I meekly bow,
Thou canst save, and only Thou.

As a servant marks his lord,
As a maid her mistress' word,
So I watch and wait on Thee,
Till Thy mercy visit me.

Let Thy face upon me shine,
Tell me, Lord, that Thou art mine,
Poor and little though I be,
I have all in having Thee.

Here to be despised, forgot,
Is Thy children's common lot;
But with Thee to make it up,
Lord, I ask no better cup.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

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had not the Lord, my soul may cry,
Had not the Lord been on my side;
Had He not brought deliverance nigh,
Then must my helpless soul have died.

Had not the Lord been on my side,
My soul had been by Satan slain;
And Tophet, opening large and wide,
Would not have gaped for me in vain.

Lo floods of wrath, and floods of hell,
In fierce impetuous torrents roll;
Had not the Lord defended well,
The waters had o'erwhelm'd my soul.
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4 As when the fowler's snare is broke,
The bird escapes on cheerful wings;
My soul, set free from Satan's yoke,
With joy bursts forth, and mounts, and sings.

5 She sings the Lord her Saviour's praise;
Sings forth His praise with joy and mirth;
To Him her song in heaven she'll raise,
To Him that made both heaven and earth!

John Ryland, 1775.

125 PSALM 125. SONG I. C.M.

1 UNSHAKEN as the sacred hill,
And firm as mountains be,
Firm as a rock the soul shall rest
That leans, O Lord, on Thee.

2 Not walls nor hills could guard so well
Old Salem's happy ground,
As those eternal arms of love
That every saint surround.

3 Deal gently, Lord, with souls sincere,
And lead them safely on
To the bright gates of Paradise,
Where Christ their Lord is gone.

4 But if we trace those crooked ways
That the old serpent drew,
The wrath that drove him first to hell
Shall smite his followers too.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

125 PSALM 125. SONG II. S.M.

1 WHO in the Lord confide,
And feel His sprinkled blood,
In storms and hurricanes abide
Firm as the mount of God.

2 Steadfast and fixed and sure,
His Zion cannot move;
His faithful people stand secure,
In Jesus' guardian love.

3 As round Jerusalem
The hilly bulwarks rise,
So God protects and covers them
From all their enemies.
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4 On every side He stands,
   And for His Israel cares;
   And safe in His almighty hands
   Their souls for ever bears.

5 But let them still abide
   In Thee, all gracious Lord,
   Till every soul is sanctified,
   And perfectly restored.

6 The men of heart sincere
   Continue to defend;
   And do them good, and save them here,
   And love them to the end.

   Charles Wesley, 1741.

126 PSALM 126. C. M.

1 WHEN God reveal'd His gracious name
   And changed my mournful state,
   My rapture seem'd a pleasing dream,
   The grace appear'd so great.

2 The world beheld the glorious change,
   And did Thy hand confess:
   My tongue broke out in unknown strains,
   And sung surprising grace.

3 "Great is the work," my neighbours cried,
   And own'd the power divine;
   "Great is the work," my heart replied,
   "And be the glory Thine."

4 The Lord can clear the darkest skies,
   Can give us day for night;
   Make drops of sacred sorrow rise
   To rivers of delight.

5 Let them that sow in sadness wait
   Till the fairest harvest come;
   They shall confess their sheaves are great,
   And shout the blessings home.

6 Though seed lie buried long in dust,
   It shan't deceive their hope;
   The precious grain can ne'er be lost,
   For grace insures the crop.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.
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PSALM 127. 8.7.

1 VAINLY through the night the ranger
   Keeps his watch lest foes alarm;
   Still the city lies in danger
   But for God's protecting arm:

2 Vain were all our toil and labour
   Did not God that labour bless;
   Vain without His grace and favour,
   Every talent we possess:

3 Vainer still the hope of heaven
   That on human strength relies;
   But to him shall help be given
   Who in humble faith applies.

4 Seek we then the Lord's Anointed,
   He shall grant us peace and rest;
   Ne'er was suppliant disappointed
   Who through Christ his prayer address'd.

   Harriet Auber, 1829, a.

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PSALM 128. L.M.

1 HOW blest the man who fears the Lord,
   Who walks by His unerring word;
   His labours find a full increase,
   His days are crown'd with health and peace.

2 Domestic comfort builds her nest,
   Beneath his roof, within his breast;
   And earth's best blessings hourly rise
   To cheer his pathway to the skies.

3 But earth's best gifts are poor to those
   The Spirit on his soul bestows;
   The earnest here of joys above;
   The foretaste of eternal love.

4 Onward he goes, from strength to strength,
   Till heaven's bright morning breaks at length,
   And calls him to his full reward:—
   How blest the man who fears the Lord!

   Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.
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PSALM 129. 7.6.

1 MANY times since days of youth,  
    May Israel truly say,  
    Foes devoid of love and truth  
    Afflict me day by day;  
    Yet they never can prevail,  
    God defends His people still;  
    Jesus' power can never fail  
    To save from all that's ill.

2 God hath Zion set apart  
    For His abiding place;  
    Sons of wrath and guileful art  
    He'll banish from His face:  
    God for Israel doth fight,  
    Israel, on thy God depend;  
    Christ shall keep thee day and night,  
    Till all thy troubles end.

John Beaumont, 1834.

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PSALM 130. C. M.

1 Out of the depths of doubt and fear,  
    Depths of despair and grief,  
    I cry; my voice, O Jesus, hear,  
    And come to my relief!

2 Thy gracious ears, O Saviour, bow  
    To my distressful cries,  
    For who shall stand, O Lord, if Thou  
    Shouldst mark iniquities?

3 But why do I my soul distress?  
    Forgiveness is with Thee:  
    With Thee there is abundant grace,  
    That Thou may'st feared be.

4 Then for the Lord my soul shall wait,  
    And in His word I'll hope;  
    Continue knocking at His gate,  
    Till He the door shall ope.

5 Not weary guards who watch for morn,  
    And stand with longing eyes,  
    Feel such desires to see the dawn,  
    The joyful dawn arise!
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6 They never feel such warm desires
   As those which in me move,
   As those wherewith my soul aspires
   To see the God of love!

7 O God of mercy! let me not
   Then hope for Thee in vain;
Nor let me ever be forgot,
   And in despair remain.

   John Ryland, 1775.

131

PSALM 131. 7s., 6 lines.

1 QUIET, Lord, my froward heart,
Make me teachable and mild,
Upright, simple, free from art,
Make me as a weaned child,
From distrust and envy free,
Pleased with all that pleases Thee.

2 What Thou shalt to-day provide,
Let me as a child receive;
What to-morrow may betide
Calmly to Thy wisdom leave:
'Tis enough that Thou wilt care;
Why should I the burden bear?

3 As a little child relies
On a care beyond his own,
Knows he's neither strong nor wise,
Fears to stir a step alone;
Let me thus with Thee abide,
As my Father, Guard, and Guide.

4 Thus, preserved from Satan's wiles,
Safe from dangers, free from fears,
May I live upon Thy smiles
Till the promised hour appears,
When the sons of God shall prove
All their Father's boundless love!

   John Newton, 1779.

132

PSALM 132. C.M.

1 ARISE, O King of grace, arise,
   And enter to Thy rest!
Lo, Thy church waits with longing eyes,
   Thus to be own'd and blest.
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2 Enter with all Thy glorious train,
   Thy Spirit and Thy Word;
All that the ark did once contain
   Could no such grace afford.

3 Here, mighty God! accept our vows,
   Here let Thy praise be spread;
Bless the provisions of Thy house,
   And fill Thy poor with bread.

4 Here let the Son of David reign;
   Let God's Anointed shine;
Justice and truth His court maintain,
   With love and power divine.

5 Here let Him hold a lasting throne;
   And as His kingdom grows,
Fresh honours shall adorn His crown,
   And shame confound His foes.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

133       PSALM 133.      C.M.

1 BEHOLD, how good a thing it is,
   And how becoming well,
Together such as brethren are
   In unity to dwell!

2 Like precious ointment on the head,
   That down the beard did flow,
E'en Aaron's beard, and to the skirts
   Did of his garments go.

3 As Hermon's dew, the dew that doth
   On Sion's hills descend;
For there the blessing God commands,
   Life that shall never end.

Scotch Version, 1641.

134       PSALM 134.      7s., 6 lines.

1 PRAISE to God on high be given,
   Praise from all in earth and heaven,
Ye that in His presence stand,
   Ye that walk by His command,
Saints below, and hosts above,
   Praise, oh praise, the God of love!
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135 PSALM 135. VERSION I. C.M.

1 PRAISE the Lord with one consent,
   And magnify His name;
   Let all the servants of the Lord
   His worthy praise proclaim.

2 Praise Him all ye that in His house
   Attend with constant care,
   With those that to His outmost courts
   With humble zeal repair!

3 For God His own peculiar choice
   The sons of Jacob makes;
   And Israel's offspring for His own
   Most valued treasure takes.

4 Let all with thanks His wondrous works
   In Sion's courts proclaim!
   Let them in Salem, where He dwells,
   Exalt His holy name!

Tate and Brady, 169?

185 PSALM 135. VERSION II. L.M.

1 PRAISE ye the Lord, exalt His name,
   While in His holy courts ye wait,
   Ye saints that to His house belong,
   Or stand attending at His gate.

2 Praise ye the Lord; the Lord is good,
   To praise His name is sweet employ;
   Israel He chose of old, and still
   His church is His peculiar joy.

3 The Lord Himself will judge His saints;
   He treats His servants as His friends;
   And when He hears their sore complaints,
   Repents the sorrow that He sends.
THE PSALMS.

4 Through every age the Lord declares
His name, and breaks the oppressor's rod:
He gives His suffering servants rest,
And will be known the Almighty God.

5 Bless ye the Lord, who taste His love,
People and priests exalt His name:
Amongst His saints He ever dwells;
His church is His Jerusalem.

- Isaac Watts, 1719.

136 PSALM 136. SONG I. 7a.

1 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for He is kind:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

2 Let us sound His name abroad,
For of gods He is the God:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

3 He, with all-commanding might,
Fill'd the new-made world with light;
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

4 All things living He doth feed;
His full hand supplies their need:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

5 He His chosen race did bless
In the wasteful wilderness:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

6 He hath, with a piteous eye,
Look'd upon our misery:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

7 Let us then, with gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for He is kind:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

John Milton, 1645.
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136 PSALM 136. SONG II. L.M.

1 GIVE to our God immortal praise;  
   Mercy and truth are all His ways:       
   Wonders of grace to God belong,       
   Repeat His mercies in your song.

2 Give to the Lord of lords renown,  
   The King of kings with glory crown;   
   His mercies ever shall endure,        
   When lords and kings are known no more.

3 He built the earth, He spread the sky,  
   And fixed the starry lights on high:  
   Wonders of grace to God belong,       
   Repeat His mercies in your song.

4 He fills the sun with morning light,  
   He bids the moon direct the night:    
   His mercies ever shall endure,        
   When suns and moons shall shine no more.

5 The Jews He freed from Pharaoh's hand, 
   And brought them to the promised land:  
   Wonders of grace to God belong,       
   Repeat His mercies in your song.

6 He saw the Gentiles dead in sin,  
   And felt His pity work within:        
   His mercies ever shall endure,        
   When death and sin shall reign no more.

7 He sent His Son with power to save  
   From guilt, and darkness, and the grave;  
   Wonders of grace to God belong,       
   Repeat His mercies in your song.

8 Through this vain world He guides our feet,  
   And leads us to His heavenly seat;    
   His mercies ever shall endure,        
   When this vain world shall be no more.

  Isaac Watts, 1719.

137 PSALM 137. S.M.

1 FAR from my heavenly home,  
   Far from my Father's breast,  
   Fainting I cry, Blest Spirit, come,  
   And speed me to my rest!
Upon the willows long
My harp has silent hung,
How should I sing a cheerful song,
Till Thou inspire my tongue?

My spirit homeward turns,
And fain would thither flee:
My heart, O Zion! droops and yearns,
When I remember thee.

To thee, to thee I press,
A dark and toilsome road,
When shall I pass the wilderness,
And reach the saints' abode?

God of my life, be near!
On Thee my hopes I cast:
Oh guide me through the desert drear,
And bring me home at last!

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

WITH all my powers of heart and tongue,
I'll praise my Maker in my song:
Angels shall hear the notes I raise,
Approve the song, and join the praise.

I'll sing Thy truth and mercy, Lord,
I'll sing the wonders of Thy word;
Not all Thy works and names below,
So much Thy power and glory show.

To God I cried when troubles rose;
He heard me, and subdued my foes;
He did my rising fears control,
And strength diffused through all my soul.

The God of heaven maintains His state,
Frowns on the proud, and scorns the great;
But from His throne descends to see
The sons of humble poverty.

Amidst a thousand snares I stand,
Upheld and guarded by Thine hand:
Thy words my fainting soul revive,
And keep my dying faith alive.
SPIRIT OF

6 Grace will complete what grace begins,
   To save from sorrows or from sins;
The work that wisdom undertakes
   Eternal mercy ne'er forsakes.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

139 PSALM 139. Song I. L.M.

1 LORD, Thou hast search'd and seen me through;
   Thine eye commands with piercing view
   My rising and my resting hours,
   My heart and flesh, with all their powers.

2 My thoughts, before they are my own,
   Are to my God distinctly known;
   He knows the words I mean to speak,
   Ere from my opening lips they break.

3 Within Thy circling power I stand;
   On every side I find Thy hand;
   Awake, asleep, at home, abroad,
   I am surrounded still with God.

4 Amazing knowledge! vast and great!
   What large extent! what lofty height!
   My soul, with all the powers I boast,
   Is in the boundless prospect lost.

5 Oh may these thoughts possess my breast,
   Where'er I rove, where'er I rest!
   Nor let my weaker passions dare
   Consent to sin, for God is there.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

139 PSALM 139. Song II. C.M.

1 LORD, when I count Thy mercies o'er,
   They strike me with surprise;
   Not all the sands that spread the shore
   To equal numbers rise.

2 My flesh with fear and wonder stands,
   The product of Thy skill;
   And hourly blessings from Thy hand
   Thy thoughts of love reveal.
THE PSALMS.

3 These on my heart by night I keep;
   How kind, how dear to me!
Oh may the hour that ends my sleep
   Still find my thoughts with Thee!

Isaac Watts, 1719.

140 PSALM 140. L.M.

1 The Christian, like his Lord of old,
   Must look for foes and trials here;
Yet may the weakest saint be bold,
   With such a friend as Jesus near.

2 The lion's roar need not alarm,
   O Lord, the feeblest of Thy sheep;
The serpent's venom cannot harm,
   While Thou art nigh to watch and keep.

3 Before, when dangers round me spread,
   I cried to Thee, Almighty Friend;
Thou coveredst my defenceless head;
   And shall I not on Thee depend?

4 O refuge of the poor and weak,
   Regard Thy suffering people's cry;
Humble the proud, uphold the meek,
   And bring us safe to Thee on high.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

141 PSALM 141. 7s.

1 Lord, I daily call on Thee,
   Hear my voice and answer me;
Save me, for in faith I pray,
   Take, oh take my sins away.

2 Let my prayer as incense rise,
   Pure accepted sacrifice;
Let my life with virtue shine,
   Fill my soul with love divine.

3 Keep, oh keep my lips and heart,
   Let me ne'er from Thee depart;
Holy, happy, may I be
   Perfect, O my God, like Thee.

John Beaumont, 1834.
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PSALM 142.  L. M.

1 BEHOLD me unprotected stand,
    No friendly guardian at my hand;
    No place of flight, no refuge near,
    And none to whom my soul is dear.

2 But, Lord, to Thee I pour my vow,
    My hope, my place of refuge Thou;
    And whilst the light of life I see,
    I still my portion find in Thee.

3 Then hear and heed my fervent cry,
    For low, oppress'd with grief, I lie;
    Against my foes Thy arm display,
    For I am weak, and powerful they.

4 Come loose my prison-bands; set free
    My soul, that I may sing to Thee:
    Then shall the righteous round me press,
    And join Thy bounteous love to bless.

Richard Munt, 1824.

PSALM 143.  C. M.

1 HEAR, O my God, with pity hear
    My humble supplicating moan;
    In mercy answer all my prayer,
    And make Thy truth and goodness known.

2 And oh! let mercy still be nigh;
    Should awful justice frown severe,
    Before the terrors of Thine eye,
    What trembling mortal can appear?

3 I call to mind the former days;
    Thy ancient works declare Thy name,
    Thy truth, Thy goodness, and Thy grace;
    And these, O Lord, are still the same.

4 Come, Lord, on wings of mercy fly,
    My spirit fails at Thy delay;
    Hide not Thy face; I faint, I die,
    Without Thy blissful healing ray.

5 Teach me to do Thy sacred will;
    Thou art my God, my hope, my stay;
    Let Thy good Spirit lead me still,
    And point the safe, the upright way.
THE PSALMS.

6 Thy name, Thy righteousness I plead,
   O Lord, revive my drooping heart;
Let these distressing fears recede,
   And bid my troubles all depart.

Anne Steele, 1760.

144 PSALM 144. S. M.

1 I'll bless my Saviour God,
   Who doeth all things right;
Arm'd with His Spirit's two-edged sword,
   Against my foes I'll fight.

2 My goodness, and high tower,
   My fortress, and my shield;
Depending on His love and power,
   I'll boldly take the field.

3 My Saviour shall subdue
   The powers of earth and hell;
Behold He maketh all things new,
   He doeth all things well.

John Beaumont, 1834.

145 PSALM 145. PART I. C. M.

1 Long as I live I'll bless Thy name,
   My King, my God of love;
My work and joy shall be the same,
   In the bright world above.

2 Great is the Lord, His power unknown,
   And let His praise be great:
I'll sing the honours of Thy throne,
   Thy works of grace repeat.

3 Thy grace shall dwell upon my tongue;
   And, while my lips rejoice,
The men that hear my sacred song
   Shall join their cheerful voice.

4 Fathers to sons shall teach Thy name,
   And children learn Thy ways;
Ages to come Thy truth proclaim,
   And nations sound Thy praise.

5 Thy glorious deeds of ancient date
   Shall through the world be known;
Thine arm of power, Thy heavenly state,
   With public splendour shown.
SPIRIT OF

6 The world is managed by Thy hands,
   Thy saints are ruled by love;
   And Thine eternal kingdom stands,
   Though rocks and hills remove.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

145 PSALM 145. PART II. C. M.

1 SWEET is the memory of Thy grace,
   My God, my heavenly King:
   Let age to age Thy righteousness
   In sounds of glory sing.

2 God reigns on high, but not confines
   His goodness to the skies;
   Through the whole earth His bounty shines,
   And every want supplies.

3 With longing eyes Thy creatures wait
   On Thee for daily food;
   Thy liberal hand provides their meat,
   And fills their mouths with good.

4 How kind are Thy compassions, Lord!
   How slow Thine anger moves!
   But soon He sends His pardoning word
   To cheer the souls He loves.

5 Creatures with all their endless race
   Thy power and praise proclaim;
   But saints that taste Thy richer grace
   Delight to bless Thy name.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

146 PSALM 146. VERSION I. L. M.

1 PRAISE ye the Lord; my heart shall join
   In work so pleasant, so divine;
   Now, while the flesh is mine abode,
   And when my soul ascends to God.

2 Praise shall employ my noblest powers,
   While immortality endures:
   My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
   While life, and thought, and being last.

3 Happy the man whose hopes rely
   On Israel's God; He made the sky,
   And earth, and seas, with all their train;
   And none shall find His promise vain.
THE PSALMS.

4 His truth for ever stands secure:
   He saves the oppress'd, he feeds the poor;
   He sends the labouring conscience peace,
   And grants the prisoners sweet release.

5 The Lord hath eyes to give the blind;
   The Lord supports the sinking mind;
   He helps the stranger in distress,
   The widow and the fatherless.

6 He loves His saints; He knows them well;
   But turns the wicked down to hell;
   Thy God, O Zion, ever reigns;
   Praise Him in everlasting strains.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

146 PSALM 146. VER. II. 8s., 6 lines.

1 I'll praise my Maker with my breath,
   And when my voice is lost in death,
   Praise shall employ my nobler powers:
   My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
   While life and thought and being last,
   Or immortality endures.

2 Why should I make a man my trust?
   Princes must die and turn to dust;
   Vain is the help of flesh and blood:
   Their breath departs, their pomp and power
   And thoughts all vanish in an hour,
   Nor can they make their promise good.

3 Happy the man whose hopes rely
   On Israel's God; He made the sky,
   And earth, and seas, with all their train:
   His truth for ever stands secure;
   He saves the oppress'd, He feeds the poor,
   And none shall find His promise vain.

4 The Lord hath eyes to give the blind;
   The Lord supports the sinking mind;
   He sends the labouring conscience peace:
   He helps the stranger in distress,
   The widow and the fatherless,
   And grants the prisoner sweet release.
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5 He loves His saints, He knows them well,
But turns the wicked down to hell;
Thy God, O Zion, ever reigns:
Let every tongue, let every age,
In this exalted work engage;
Praise Him in everlasting strains.

6 I'll praise Him while He lends me breath,
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life, and thought, and being last,
Or immortality endures.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

147 PSALM 147. SONG I. L.M.

1 O praise the Lord, 'tis sweet to raise
   The grateful heart to God in praise;
   When fallen raised, when lost restored,
   Oh! it is sweet to praise the Lord!

2 Great is His power, divine His skill,
   His love diviner, greater still;
The sinner's Friend, the mourner's stay,
   He sends no suppliant sad away.

3 The lions roar to Him for bread,
The ravens by His hand are fed;
And shall His chosen flock despair?
Shall they mistrust their Shepherd's care?

4 His church is precious in His sight;
   He makes her glory His delight,
   His treasures on her head are pour'd;
   O Zion's children, praise the Lord.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

147 PSALM 147. SONG II. L.M.

1 PRAISE ye the Lord; 'tis good to raise
   Our hearts and voices in His praise:
   His nature and His works invite
   To make this duty our delight.
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2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem,
    And gathers nations to His name:
    His mercy melts the stubborn soul,
    And makes the broken spirit whole.

3 He form'd the stars, those heav'nly flames;
    He counts their numbers, calls their names;
    His wisdom's vast, and knows no bound.
    A deep where all our thoughts are drown'd.

4 Great is our Lord, and great His might;
    And all His glories infinite:
    He crowns the meek, rewards the just,
    And treads the wicked to the dust.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

148 PSALM 148. Song I. L.M.

1 LOUD hallelujahs to the Lord,
    From distant worlds where creatures dwell;
    Let heaven begin the solemn word,
    And sound it dreadful down to hell.

2 The Lord! how absolute He reigns!
    Let every angel bend the knee;
    Sing of His love in heavenly strains,
    And speak how fierce His terrors be.

3 Wide as His vast dominion lies,
    Make the Creator's name be known;
    Loud as His thunder shout His praise,
    And sound it lofty as His throne.

4 Jehovah! 'tis a glorious word;
    Oh may it dwell on every tongue!
    But saints who best have known the Lord
    Are bound to raise the noblest song.

5 Speak of the wonders of that love
    Which Gabriel plays on every chord:
    From all below, and all above,
    Loud hallelujahs to the Lord.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

148 PSALM 148. Song II. C.M., Double.

1 PRAISE ye Jehovah, shout and sing,
    Extol His glorious name;
    From day to day your praises bring,
    His power and love proclaim.
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All, all ye saints, where'er ye be,
And angels round His throne,
Praise ye the Co-eternal Three,
The Great Mysterious One.

2 O sun and moon, your Maker praise,
And stars of feeble light;
O heaven of heavens, in joyful lays
Adore the God of might.
Let earth and water, fire and air,
Praise the Eternal King,
All, all ye creatures ev'rywhere,
Your constant praises sing.

John Beaumont, 1834.

149 PSALM 149. VER. 1. 10.10.11.11.

1 0 H praise ye the Lord
With heart and with voice;
His mercies record,
And round Him rejoice.
Ye children of Zion,
Your Saviour adore!
And learn to rely on
His grace evermore.

2 Repose on His arm,
Ye sheep of His fold;
What terror can harm
With Him to uphold?
His saints are His treasure,
Their peace will He seek;
And pour without measure
His gifts on the meek.

3 Go on in His might,
Ye men of the Lord:
His word be your light,
His promise your sword.
The King of salvation
Your foes will subdue;
And their degradation
Bring glory to you.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.
149 PSALM 149. VER. II. 10.10.11.11.

1 PREPARE a new song, Jehovah to praise;  
Amidst the full throng, His honours to raise,  
O Israel, for ever thy Maker adore,  
Exult in thy Saviour, thy King evermore

2 Encircling His throne with sacred delight,  
Let Jesus alone your praises invite:  
Your voices combining touch every sweet string,  
In harmony joining, the Saviour to-sing!

3 Ye saints of the Lord, as round Him ye stand,  
His two-edged sword, His word, in your hand,  
To sound His high praises your voices employ!  
To victory He raises, and crowns you with joy.

4 In vengeance He comes; the nations draw near;  
His throne He resumes; His judgments appear:  
There kings shall adore Him, nor princes rebel,  
And sinners before Him sink trembling to hell.

5 Then, raised from the dust, His church shall proclaim,  
Thy judgments are just, and faithful Thy name,  
This honour for ever His saints shall attend,  
Let praise to the Saviour in triumph ascend!  

William Goode, 1811.

150 PSALM 150. VERSION I. C.M.

1 IN God's own house pronounce His praise,  
His grace He there reveals;  
To heaven your joy and wonder raise,  
For there His glory dwells.

2 Let all your sacred passions move  
While you rehearse His deeds;  
But the great work of saving love  
Your highest praise exceeds.

3 All that have motion, life, and breath  
Proclaim your Maker bless'd;  
Yet when my voice expires in death,  
My soul shall praise Him best.

Isaac Watts, 1719.
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150 PSALM 150. VERSION II. L. M.

1 O PRAISE the Lord in that blest place,
   From whence His goodness largely flows!
Praise Him in heaven, where He His face
   Unveil'd in perfect glory shows!

2 Praise Him for all the mighty acts
   Which He in our behalf has done!
His kindness this return exacts,
   With which our praise should equal run.

3 Let all that vital breath enjoy,
The breath He does to them afford
In just returns of praise employ:
Let every creature praise the Lord!

Tate and Brady, 1696.
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THE ADORABLE TRINITY
IN UNITY.

151

1 Meet and right it is to sing,
In every time and place,
Glory to our heavenly King,
The God of truth and grace.
Join we then with sweet accord,
All in one thanksgiving join!
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Eternal praise be Thine.

2 Father, God, Thy love we raise,
Which gave Thy Son to die;
Jesus, full of truth and grace,
Alike we glorify:
Spirit, Comforter divine,
Praise by all to Thee be given,
Till we in full chorus join,
And earth is turn'd to heaven.

Charles Wesley, 1749.

152

1 Bless'd be the Father, and His love,
To whose celestial source we owe
Rivers of endless joy above,
And rills of comfort here below.

2 Glory to Thee, great Son of God!
From whose dear wounded body rolls
A precious stream of vital blood,
Pardon and life for dying souls.
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3 We give Thee, sacred Spirit, praise,
Who in our hearts of sin and woe
Makes living springs of grace arise,
And into boundless glory flow.

4 Thus God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, we adore;
That sea of life and love unknown,
Without a bottom or a shore.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

153
PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken, 1697.

154

1 GLORY to God the Father's name,
Who, from our sinful race,
Chose out His favourites to proclaim
The honours of His grace.

2 Glory to God the Son be paid,
Who dwelt in humble clay,
And, to redeem us from the dead,
Gave His own life away.

3 Glory to God the Spirit give,
From whose almighty power
Our souls their heavenly birth derive,
And bless the happy hour.

4 Glory to God that reigns above,
Th' eternal Three in One,
Who by the wonders of His love
Has made His nature known.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

155

GIVE glory to God, ye children of men,
And publish abroad, again and again,
The Son's glorious merit, the Father's free grace,
The gift of the Spirit, to Adam's lost race.

Joseph Hart, 1762.
TO THE TRINITY.

156 8.7.

1 GLORY to the Almighty Father,
Fountain of eternal love,
Who, His wandering sheep to gather,
Sent a Saviour from above.

2 To the Son all praise be given,
Who with love unknown before,
Left the bright abode of heaven,
And our sins and sorrows bore.

3 Equal strains of warm devotion
Let the Spirit's praise employ,
Author of each holy motion,
Source of wisdom, peace, and joy.

4 Thus while our glad hearts ascending
Glorify Jehovah's name,
Heavenly songs with ours are blending,
There the theme is still the same.

William Hiley Bathurst, 1831.

157 148th.

1 TO Him that chose us first,
Before the world began;
To Him that bore the curse
To save rebellious man;
To Him that form'd our hearts anew,
Is endless praise and glory due.

2 The Father's love shall run
Through our immortal songs;
We bring to God the Son
Hosannas on our tongues;
Our lips address the Spirit's name
With equal praise, and zeal the same.

3 Let every saint above,
And angel round the throne,
For ever bless and love
The sacred Three in One:
Thus heaven shall raise His honours high,
When earth and time grow old and die.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
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FOR Thy free electing favour,
Thee, O Father, we adore!

Jesus, our atoning Saviour,
Thee we worship evermore!

Holy Ghost, from both proceeding,
Let Thy praise our breath employ;

Earnest of our future heaven,
Source of holiness and joy!

Toplady's Collection, 1776.

8.7. Double.

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PRAISE the God of all creation,
Praise the Father's boundless love;
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,
Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Fountain of salvation,
Him by whom our spirits live;

Undivided adoration
To the One Jehovah give.

Josiah Conder, 1837.

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1 NOW with angels round the throne,
Cherubim and seraphim,
And the church, which still is one,
Let us swell the solemn hymn;
Glory to the great I AM!
Glory to the Victim-Lamb.

2 Blessing, honour, glory, might,
And dominion infinite.
To the Father of our Lord,
To the Spirit and the Word:
As it was all worlds before,
Is, and shall be evermore.

Josiah Conder, 1824.

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GIVE to the Father praise,
Give glory to the Son,
And to the Spirit of His grace
Be equal honour done.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
TO THE TRINITY.

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1 HOLY, Holy, Holy Thee,
One Jehovah evermore,
Father, Son, and Spirit! we,
Dust and ashes, would adore:
Lightly by the world esteem'd,
From that world by Thee redeem'd,
Sing we here, with glad accord,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

2 Holy, Holy, Holy! All
Heaven's triumphant choir shall sing:
When the ransom'd nations fall
At the footstool of their King:
Then shall saints and seraphim,
Harps and voices, swell one hymn,
Round the throne with full accord,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

James Montgomery, 1858.

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1 Hallelujah! joyful raise
Heart and voice our God to praise!
Praise the Father! praise the Son!
Praise the Spirit! Three in One.

2 One to perfect all the plan
Of redeeming ruin'd man!
Triune God! to Thee be given
Praise on earth, and praise in heaven.

Newman Hall, 1857.

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TO God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be honour, praise, and glory given
By all on earth, and all in heaven.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God, whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Tate and Brady, 1696.

COME, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of days.

Jesus, our Lord, arise;
Scatter our enemies,
And make them fall:
Let Thine almighty aid
Our sure defence be made,
Our souls on Thee be stay'd:
Lord, hear our call.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour;
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!
TO THE TRINITY.

5 To the Great One in Three
   Eternal praises be,
      Hence evermore:
   His sovereign majesty,
      May we in glory see,
   And to eternity
      Love and adore.

Charles Wesley, 1757.

167 "Make a joyful noise." 8.7.

1 MUSIC, bring thy sweetest treasures,
   Dulcet melody and chord,
   Link the notes with loveliest measures
      To the glory of the Lord.

2 Wing the praise from every nation,
   Sweetest instruments employ,
   Raise the chorus of creation,
      Swell the universal joy.

3 Far away be gloom and sadness;
   Spirits with seraphic fire,
   Tongues with hymns, and hearts with gladness,
      Higher sound the chords and higher.

4 To the Father, to the Saviour,
   To the Spirit, source of light,
   As it was, is now, and ever,
      Praise in heaven's supremest height.

James Edmeston, 1837.

168 "The Father, the Word, and
   the Holy Ghost." L. M.

1 FATHER of heaven! whose love profound
   A ransom for our souls hath found,
      Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
   To us Thy pardoning love extend.

2 Almighty Son! Incarnate Word!
   Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
      Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
   To us Thy saving grace extend.

3 Eternal Spirit! by whose breath
   The soul is raised from sin and death,
      Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
   To us Thy quickening power extend.
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4 Jehovah! Father, Spirit, Son!  
Mysterious Godhead! Three in One!  
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;  
Grace, pardon, life, to us extend.  
J. Cooper, 1812.

169 "God be merciful unto us." 8.7.

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
For we have no help but Thee;  
Yet possessing every blessing,  
If our God our Father be.

2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
All our weakness Thou dost know,  
Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
Through the desert Thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
Love with every passion blending,  
Pleasure that can never cloy:  
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
Nothing can our peace destroy.  
James Edmeston, 1820.

170 "Let there be light." 6.6.4.

1 Thou, whose almighty word,  
Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight,  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the gospel's day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light.

2 Thou, who didst come to bring  
On Thy protecting wing,  
Healing and sight,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Oh! now, to all mankind,  
Let there be light.
ADORATION OF GOD.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
   Life-giving, holy Dove,
   Speed forth Thy flight;
   Move o'er the water's face
   By Thine almighty grace,
   And, in earth's darkest place,
   Let there be light.

4 Blessed and holy Three,
   Glorious Trinity,
   Wisdom, Love, Might,
   Boundless as ocean's tide,
   Rolling in fullest pride,
   O'er the world, far and wide,
   Let there be light.

   Thomas Marriott, 1825.

ADORATION OF GOD.

1 PRAISE the Lord, His glories show,
   Saints within His courts below,
   Angels round His throne above,
   All that see and share His love.

2 Earth to heaven, and heaven to earth,
   Tell His wonders, sing His worth;
   Age to age, and shore to shore,
   Praise Him, praise Him, evermore!

3 Praise the Lord, His mercies trace;
   Praise His providence and grace,
   All that He for man hath done,
   All He sends us through His Son:

4 Strings and voices, hands and hearts,
   In the concert bear your parts;
   All that breathe, your Lord adore,
   Praise Him, praise Him, evermore!

   Henry Francis Lyte, 1884.
ADORATION OF GOD.

172 "Praise ye the Lord." 8.7.

1 PRAISE the Lord, ye heavens, adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

2 Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obey’d;  
Laws that never shall be broken,  
For their guidance He hath made.

3 Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail;  
God hath made His saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.

4 Praise the God of our salvation,  
Hosts on high His power proclaim;  
Heaven and earth, and all creation,  
Laud and magnify His name.

Richard Man', 1824.

173 Praise in the Sanctuary. 10.10.11.11.

1 O PRAISE ye the Lord, prepare your glad voice  
His praise in the great assembly to sing;  
In our Great Creator let Israel rejoice,  
And children of Zion be glad in their King.

2 Let all who adore Jehovah, our Lord,  
With heart and with tongue His praises express;  
Who always takes pleasure His saints to reward,  
And with His salvation the humble to bless.

3 With glory adorn’d, His people shall sing  
To God, who their heads with safety doth shield,  
Such honour and triumph His favour doth bring;  
Oh therefore, for ever, all praise to Him yield.

Tate and Brady, 1696.
ADORATION OF GOD.

174  Call to Universal Praise. 74.

1 SING, ye seraphs in the sky;
   Let your loftiest praises flow;
Swell the song with raptures high,
   All ye sons of men below.

2 With one soul, one heart, one voice,
   Heaven and earth alike we call
In His praises to rejoice,
   Who is past the praise of all.

3 Night and day His goodness tell;
   Earth, and sun, and moon, and star,
Winds and waves that sink and swell,
   Ceaseless spread His fame afar.

4 Every living thing His hands,
   Which first made, sustain, supply:
Wide o'er all His love expands
   As the vast embracing sky.

5 Sin, which strove that love to quell,
   Woke yet more its wondrous blaze;
Eden, Bethlehem, Calvary, tell,
   More than all beside, His praise.

6 Sing, ye seraphs, in the sky;
   Let your loftiest praises flow;
Swell the song with raptures high,
   All ye sons of men below.

Th omas Davis, 1864.

175  Stand up and bless the Lord.  S. M.

1 STAND up and bless the Lord,
   Ye people of His choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God,
   With heart and soul and voice.

2 Though high above all praise,
   Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear His holy name,
   And laud, and magnify?

3 Oh for the living flame
   From His own altar brought
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,
   And wing to heaven our thought!
ADORATION OF GOD.

4 There with benignant regard,
   Our hymns He deigns to hear:
Though unrevealed to mortal sense,
   The spirit feels Him near.

5 God is our strength and song,
   And His salvation ours;
Then be His love in Christ proclaim'd
   With all our ransom'd powers.

6 Stand up and bless the Lord;
   The Lord your God adore:
Stand up, and bless His glorious name,
   Henceforth for evermore.

James Montgomery, 1825.

176 O sing unto the Lord a new song. L. M.

1 UNTO the Lord, unto the Lord,
   Oh, sing a new and joyful song!
Declare His glory, tell abroad
   The wonders that to Him belong.

2 For He is great, for He is great;
   Above all gods His throne is raised;
He reigns in majesty and state,
   In strength and beauty He is praised.

3 Give to the Lord, give to the Lord
   The glory due unto His name;
Enter His courts with sweet accord;
   In songs of joy His grace proclaim.

4 For lo! He comes, for lo! He comes
   To judge the earth in truth and love:
His saints in triumph leave their tombs,
   And shout His praise in heaven above.

Sabbath Hymn-Book, 1858.

177 Salvation to God and the Lamb. 10.10.11.11.

1 YE servants of God, your Master proclaim,
   And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
   His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.
ADORATION OF GOD.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
   And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
   Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God, who sits on the throne,
   Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
   Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
   All glory and power, and wisdom and might;
   All honour and blessing, with angels above,
   And thanks never-ceasing, for infinite love.

Charles Wesley, 1744.

178 Praise our God, all ye His servants. C.M.

1 HOW shall I praise Thee, O my God?
   How to Thy throne draw nigh?
I, in the dust, and Thou array'd
   In might and majesty.

2 Praise Him, ye gladdening smiles of morn;
   Praise Him, O silent night;
Tell forth His glory all the earth;
   Praise Him, ye stars of light!

3 Praise Him, ye stormy winds, that rise
   Obedient to His word;
Mountains, and hills, and fruitful trees,
   Join ye and praise the Lord!

4 Praise Him, ye heavenly hosts, for ye
   With purer lips, can sing—
Glory and honour, praise and power,
   To Him, the Eternal King!

5 Praise Him, ye saints! who here rejoice
   To do His heavenly will;
The incense of whose prayers ascends
   Upon His altar still.

6 Praise Him, all works of His that own
   His Spirit's blest control!
O Lord my God, how great art Thou!
   Bless thou the Lord, my soul!

Anna Shipton, 1865.
ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

179  The Perfections as a whole.  C.M.

1  HOW shall I praise th' eternal God,  
   That infinite Unknown?  
   Who can ascend His high abode,  
   Or venture near His throne?  

2  The great Invisible! He dwells  
   Conceal'd in dazzling light;  
   But His all-searching eye reveals  
   The secrets of the night.  

3  Those watchful eyes, that never sleep,  
   Survey the world around;  
   His wisdom is a boundless deep,  
   Where all our thoughts are drown'd.  

4  He knows no shadow of a change,  
   Nor alters His decrees;  
   Firm as a rock His truth remains,  
   To guard His promises.  

5  Justice upon a dreadful throne  
   Maintains the rights of God;  
   While mercy sends her pardons down,  
   Bought with a Saviour's blood.  

6  Now to my soul, immortal King!  
   Speak some forgiving word;  
   Then 'twill be double joy to sing  
   The glories of my Lord.  

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

180  Perfections as a Soveraign.  L.M.

1  JEHOVAH reigns! His throne is high;  
   His robes are light and majesty;  
   His glory shines with beams so bright,  
   No mortal can sustain the sight.  

2  His terrors keep the world in awe;  
   His justice guards His holy law;  
   His love reveals a smiling face;  
   His truth and promise seal the grace.
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3 Through all His works His wisdom shines,
And baffles Satan's deep designs;
His power is sovereign to fulfil
The noblest counsels of His will.

4 And will this glorious Lord descend
To be my Father, and my Friend?
Then let my songs with angels join;
Heaven is secure, if God be mine.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

1 The Lord is King; lift up Thy voice,
O earth, and all ye heavens rejoice:
From world to world the joy shall ring,
The Lord Omnipotent is King.

2 The Lord is King; who then shall dare
Resist His will, distrust His care,
Or murmur at His wise decrees,
Or doubt His royal promises?

3 The Lord is King; child of the dust,
The Judge of all the earth is just:
Holy and true are all His ways;
Let every creature speak His praise.

4 He reigns! Ye saints, exalt your strains
Your God is King, your Father reigns;
And He is at the Father's side,
The Man of love, the Crucified.

5 Come, make your wants, your burdens known;
He will present them at the throne;
And angel-bands are waiting there,
His messages of love to bear.

6 Oh! when His wisdom can mistake,
His might decay, His love forsake,
Then may His children cease to sing,
The Lord Omnipotent is King.

Josiah Conder, 1824.

God Eternal and Infinite.

1 GREAT God! how infinite art Thou!
What worthless worms are we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow,
And pay their praise to Thee.
ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

2 Thy throne eternal ages stood,
    Ere seas or stars were made;
Thou art the Ever-living God,
    Were all the nations dead.

3 Eternity, with all its years,
    Stands present in Thy view;
To Thee there's nothing old appears;
    Great God! there's nothing new.

4 Our lives through various scenes are drawn,
    And vex'd with trifling cares,
While Thine eternal thought moves on
    Thine undisturb'd affairs.

5 Great God! how infinite art Thou!
    What worthless worms are we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow,
    And pay their praise to Thee.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

The Ancient of Days. L. M.

1 GREAT Former of this various frame,
    Our souls adore Thine awful name,
And bow and tremble, while they praise
    The Ancient of eternal days.

2 Before Thine infinite survey,
    Creation rose as yesterday;
And as to-morrow shall Thine eye
    See earth and stars in ruin lie.

3 Our days a transient period run,
    And change with every circling sun;
And while to lengthen'd years we trust,
    Before the moth we sink to dust.

4 But let the creatures fall around;
    Let death consign us to the ground;
Let the last general flame arise,
    And melt the arches of the skies;

5 Calm as the summer's ocean we
    Can all the wreck of nature see;
While grace secures us an abode
    Unshaken as the throne of God.

Philip Doddridge, 1755, a.
ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

184 Omniscience. C. M.

1 GREAT God, Thy penetrating eye
   Pervades my inmost powers;
   With awe profound my wond'ring soul
   Falls prostrate, and adores.

2 To be encompass'd round with God,
   The holy and the just;
   Arm'd with omnipotence to save,
   Or crush me into dust!

3 Oh, how tremendous is the thought!
   Deep may it be impress'd!
   And may the Spirit firmly grave
   This truth within my breast.

4 By Thee observed, by Thee upheld,
   Let earth or hell oppose,
   I'll press with dauntless courage on,
   And dare the proudest foes.

5 Begirt with Thee, my fearless soul
   The gloomy vale shall tread;
   And Thou wilt bind th' immortal crown
   Of glory round my head.

Elizabeth Scott, 1764, a.

185 Omnipresence. C.M.

1 In all my vast concerns with Thee,
   In vain my soul would try
   To shun Thy presence, Lord, or flee
   The notice of Thine eye.

2 Thy all-surrounding sight surveys
   My rising and my rest;
   My public walks, my private ways,
   And secrets of my breast.

3 My thoughts lie open to the Lord,
   Before they're form'd within;
   And ere my lips pronounce the word,
   He knows the sense I mean.

4 Oh wondrous knowledge, deep, and high!
   Where can a creature hide?
   Within Thy circling arms I lie,
   Beset on every side.
5 So let Thy grace surround me still,
    And like a bulwark prove,
To guard my soul from every ill,
    Secured by sovereign love.

6 Lord, where shall guilty souls retire,
    Forgotten and unknown?
In hell they meet Thy dreadful fire,
    In heaven Thy glorious throne.

7 Should I suppress my vital breath
    To 'scape Thy wrath divine;
Thy voice would break the bars of death,
    And make the grave resign.

8 If wing'd with beams of morning light,
    I fly beyond the west;
Thy hand, which must support my flight,
    Would soon betray my rest.

9 If o'er my sins I think to draw
    The curtains of the night;
Those flaming eyes that guard Thy law
    Would turn the shades to light.

10 The beams of noon, the midnight hour,
    Are both alike to Thee:
Oh, may I ne'er provoke that power
    From which I cannot flee!

Isaac Watts, 1713

186 Divine Glory. L. M.

1 ETERNAL Power! whose high abode
    Becomes the grandeur of a God:
Infinite lengths beyond the bounds
    Where stars revolve their little rounds.

2 The lowest step around Thy seat
    Rises too high for Gabriel's feet;
In vain the tall archangel tries
    To reach Thine height with wond'ring eyes.

3 Lord, what shall earth and ashes do?
    We would adore our Maker too;
From sin and dust to Thee we cry,
    The Great, the Holy, and the High!
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4 Earth from afar has heard Thy fame,
   And worms have learnt to lispt Thy name;
   But oh, the glories of Thy mind
   Leave all our soaring thoughts behind.

5 God is in heaven, and men below;
   Be short our tunes, our words be few;
   A sacred reverence checks our songs,
   And praise sits silent on our tongues.

Isaac Watts, 1706.

187 Incomprehensible and Sovereign. L.M.

1 Can creatures to perfection find
   Th' eternal, uncreated Mind?
   Or can the largest stretch of thought
   Measure and search His nature out?

2 'Tis high as heaven, 'tis deep as hell;
   And what can mortals know or tell?
   His glory spreads beyond the sky,
   And all the shining worlds on high.

3 God is a King of power unknown;
   Firm are the orders of His throne;
   If He resolve, who dare oppose,
   Or ask Him why, or what He does?

4 He wounds the heart, and He makes whole;
   He calms the tempest of the soul;
   When He shuts up in long despair,
   Who can remove the heavy bar?

5 He frowns, and darkness veils the moon;
   The fainting sun grows dim at noon;
   The pillars of heaven's starry roof
   Tremble and start at His reproof.

6 These are a portion of His ways;
   But who shall dare describe His face?
   Who can endure His light, or stand
   To hear the thunders of His hand?

Isaac Watts, 1709.

188 Holy and Reverend. C.M.

1 Holy and reverend is the name
   Of our eternal King!
   "Thrice holy Lord," the angels cry,
   "Thrice holy," let us sing.

2
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2 The deepest reverence of the mind,
   Pay, O my soul, to God;
Lift, with thy hands, a holy heart
   To His sublime abode.

3 With sacred awe pronounce His name,
   Whom words nor thoughts can reach,
A contrite heart shall please Him more
   Than noblest forms of speech.

4 Thou holy God, preserve my soul
   From all pollution free;
The pure in heart are Thy delight,
   And they Thy face shall see.

John Needham, 1768.

189 Divine Purity and Holiness. 7s.

1 HOLY, holy, holy, Lord,
   God of hosts, in heaven adored,
Earth with awe has heard Thy name,
   Men Thy majesty proclaim.

2 Just and true are all Thy ways,
   Great Thy works above our praise;
Humbled in the dust, we own,
   Thou art holy, Thou alone.

3 In Thy sight the angel band,
   Justly charged with folly stand,
Holiest deeds of creatures lie
   Meritless before Thine eye.

4 How shall sinners worship Thee,
   God of spotless purity?
To Thy grace all hope we owe;
   Thine own righteousness bestow.

Basil Manly, jun., 1850.

190 Holy, Holy, Holy. 7s.

1 HOLY, holy, holy Lord!
   Be Thy glorious name adored:
Lord, Thy mercies never fail;
   Hail, celestial Goodness, hail!
ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

2 Though unworthy, Lord, Thine ear,
Deign our humble songs to hear;
Purer praise we hope to bring,
When around Thy throne we sing.

3 There no tongue shall silent be,
All shall join in harmony;
That through heaven's capacious round
Praise to Thee may ever sound.

4 Lord, Thy mercies never fail:
Hail, celestial Goodness, hail!
Holy, holy, holy Lord!
Be Thy glorious name adored.

Benjamin Williams, 1778, a.

191 The Truth of God the Promiser. L.M.

1 PRAISE, everlasting praise, be paid
To Him that earth's foundation laid;
Praise to the God, whose strong decrees
Sway the creation as He please.

2 Praise to the goodness of the Lord,
Who rules His people by His word;
And there, as strong as His decrees,
He sets His kindest promises.

3 Firm are the words His prophets give,
Sweet words, on which His children live:
Each of them is the voice of God,
Who spoke, and spread the skies abroad.

4 Each of them powerful as that sound
That bid the new-made world go round;
And stronger than the solid poles
On which the wheel of nature rolls.

5 Oh, for a strong, a lasting faith,
To credit what th' Almighty saith!
To embrace the message of His Son,
And call the joys of heaven our own.

6 Then should the earth's old pillars shake,
And all the wheels of nature break,
Our steady souls should fear no more
Than solid rocks when billows roar.
ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

7 Our everlasting hopes arise
Above the ruinable skies,
Where th’ eternal Builder reigns,
And His own courts His power sustains.  
**Isaac Watts, 1709.**

192 Faithful and powerful in performing His Promises.  
C.M.

1 BEGIN, my tongue, some heavenly theme,
And speak some boundless thing;
The mighty works, or mightier name
Of our eternal King.

2 Tell of His wondrous faithfulness,
And sound His power abroad;
Sing the sweet promise of His grace,
And the performing God.

3 Proclaim **Salvation from the Lord,**
For wretched, dying men:
His hand has writ the sacred word
With an immortal pen.

4 Engraved as in eternal brass
The mighty promise shines;
Nor can the powers of darkness raise
Those everlasting lines.

5 He that can dash whole worlds to death,
And make them when He please;
He speaks, and that almighty breath
Fulfils His great decrees.

6 His very word of grace is strong
As that which built the skies;
The voice that rolls the stars along
Speaks all the promises.

7 Oh, might I hear Thine heavenly tongue
But whisper “Thou art mine!”
Those gentle words should raise my song
To notes almost divine.

8 How would my leaping heart rejoice,
And think my heaven secure!
I trust the all-creating voice,
And faith desires no more.  
**Isaac Watts, 1709**
ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

193  Faithful and unchanging.  L.M.

1 HOW oft have sin and Satan strove
   To rend my soul from Thee, my God!
But everlasting is Thy love,
   And Jesus seals it with His blood.

2 The oath and promise of the Lord
   Join to confirm the wond'rous grace;
Eternal power performs the word,
   And fills all heaven with endless praise.

3 Amidst temptations sharp and long,
   My soul to this dear refuge flies;
Hope is my anchor, firm and strong,
   While tempests blow, and billows rise.

4 The gospel bears my spirit up;
   A faithful and unchanging God
Lays the foundation for my hope
   In oaths, and promises, and blood.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

194  Condescension.  L.M.

1 UP to the Lord, that reigns on high,
   And views the nations from afar,
Let everlasting praises fly,
   And tell how large His bounties are.

2 He that can shake the worlds He made,
   Or with His word, or with His rod,
His goodness, how amazing great!
   And what a condescending God!

3 God, that must stoop to view the skies,
   And bow to see what angels do,
Down to our earth He casts His eyes,
   And bends His footsteps downward too.

4 He over-rules all mortal things,
   And manages our mean affairs;
On humble souls the King of kings
   Bestows His counsels and His cares.

5 Our sorrows and our tears we pour
   Into the bosom of our God;
He hears us in the mournful hour,
   And helps us bear the heavy load.
ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

6 Oh, could our thankful hearts devise
   An attribute equal to Thy grace,
   To the third heaven our songs should rise,
   And teach the golden harps Thy praise.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

195 Condescension. C. M.

1 My God, how wonderful Thou art,
   Thy majesty how bright,
   How beautiful Thy mercy-seat,
   In depths of burning light!

2 Oh how I fear Thee, living God,
   With deepest, tenderest fears,
   And worship Thee with trembling hope,
   And penitential tears.

3 Yet I may love Thee too, O Lord,
   Almighty as Thou art,
   For Thou hast stoop'd to ask of me
   The love of my poor heart.

4 No earthly father loves like Thee,
   No mother, half so mild,
   Bears and forbears, as Thou hast done
   With me Thy sinful child.

5 Father of Jesus, love's reward,
   What raptures will it be,
   Prostrate before Thy throne to lie,
   And ever gaze on Thee!

   Frederick William Faber, 1852.

196 Loving-kindness. L. M.

1 Awake, my soul, in joyful lays,
   And sing Thy great Redeemer's praise:
   He justly claims a song from me,
   His loving-kindness, oh, how free!

2 He saw me ruin'd in the fall,
   Yet loved me, notwithstanding all;
   He saved me from my lost estate,
   His loving-kindness, oh, how great!

3 Though numerous hosts of mighty foes,
   Though earth and hell my way oppose,
   He safely leads my soul along,
   His loving-kindness, oh, how strong
ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

4 When trouble, like a gloomy cloud,
   Has gather'd thick and thunder'd loud,
   He near my soul has always stood,
   His loving-kindness, oh, how good!

5 Often I feel my sinful heart
   Prone from my Jesus to depart;
   But though I have Him oft forgot,
   His loving-kindness changes not.

6 Soon shall I pass the gloomy vale,
   Soon all my mortal powers must fail;
   Oh may my last expiring breath
   His loving-kindness sing in death!

7 Then let me mount and soar away
   To the bright world of endless day;
   And sing, with rapture and surprise,
   His loving-kindness in the skies.

   *Samuel Medley, 1787.*

197  
Wisdom and Love. 8.7.

1 God is love, His mercy brightens
    All the path in which we rove;
    Bliss He wakes, and woe He lightens;
    God is wisdom, God is love.

2 Chance and change are busy ever,
    Man decays and ages move;
    But His mercy waneth never;
    God is wisdom, God is love.

3 E'en the hour that darkest seemeth
    Will His changeless goodness prove;
    From the mist His brightness streameth,
    God is wisdom, God is love.

4 He with earthly cares entwineth
    Hope and comfort from above;
    Everywhere His glory shineth;
    God is wisdom, God is love.

   John Bowring, 1825.

198  
All-sufficient in Grace. C. M.

1 My God!—how cheerful is the sound!
   How pleasant to repeat!
   Well may that heart with pleasure bound,
   Where God hath fix'd His seat.
2 What want shall not our God supply
   From His redundant stores?
   What streams of mercy from on high
   An arm almighty pours!

3 From Christ the ever-living spring,
   These ample blessings flow:
   Prepare, my lips, His name to sing,
   Whose heart has loved us so.

4 Now to our Father and our God,
   Be endless glory given,
   Through all the realms of man's abode,
   And through the highest heaven.

   *Philip Doddridge, 1755.*

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**Goodness of God.**

1 Ye humble souls, approach your God
   With songs of sacred praise,
   For He is good, immensely good,
   And kind are all His ways.

2 All nature owns His guardian care,
   In Him we live and move;
   But nobler benefits declare
   The wonders of His love.

3 He gave His Son, His only Son,
   To ransom rebel worms;
   'Tis here he makes His goodness known
   In its diviner forms.

4 To this dear refuge, Lord, we come;
   'Tis here our hope relies;
   A safe defence, a peaceful home,
   When storms of trouble rise.

5 Thine eye beholds with kind regard,
   The souls who trust in Thee;
   Their humble hope Thou wilt reward
   With bliss divinely free.

6 Great God, to Thy almighty love,
   What honours shall we raise?
   Not all the raptured songs above
   Can render equal praise.

   *Anne Steele, 1760.*
ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

200 Goodness and Kindness. L.M.

1 Give thanks to God, He reigns above; Kind are His thoughts, His name is love; His mercy ages past have known, And ages long to come shall own.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord The wonders of His grace record; How great His works! how kind His ways! Let every tongue pronounce His praise.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

201 The Mercy of God. 11s.

1 Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue; Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

2 Without Thy sweet mercy, I could not live here, Sin soon would reduce me to utter despair; But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive, And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

3 Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

4 The door of Thy mercy stands open all day To the poor and the needy, who knock by the way; No sinner shall ever be empty sent back, Who comes seeking mercy for Jesus's sake.

5 Thy mercy in Jesus exempts me from hell; Its glories I'll sing, and its wonders I'll tell; 'Twas Jesus, my friend, when He hung on the tree, That open'd the channel of mercy for me.

6 Great Father of mercies! Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son; All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine!

John Stocker, 1776, a.
CREATION.

202 A pardoning God. 112th.

1 GREAT God of wonders! all Thy ways
Are matchless, God-like, and divine;
But the fair glories of Thy grace
More God-like and unrival'd shine:
Who is a pardoning God like Thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?

2 Crimes of such horror to forgive,
Such guilty, daring worms to spare;
This is thy grand prerogative,
And none shall in the honour share:
Who is a pardoning God like Thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?

3 In wonder lost, with trembling joy
We take the pardon of our God;
Pardon for crimes of deepest dye;
A pardon bought with Jesus' blood;
Who is a pardoning God like Thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?

4 Oh may this strange, this matchless grace,
This God-like miracle of love,
Fill the wide earth with grateful praise,
And all th' angelic choirs above;
Who is a pardoning God like Thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?

President Davies, 1769.

ACTS OF GOD.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE.

203 He is worthy to be praised. 7s.

1 SONGS of praise the angels sang,
Heaven with hallelujahs rang,
When Jehovah's work begun,
When He spake, and it was done.
CREATION.

2 Songs of praise awoke the morn,
    When the Prince of Peace was born:
    Songs of praise arose, when He
    Captive led captivity.

3 Heaven and earth must pass away;
    Songs of praise shall crown that day:
    God will make new heavens and earth;
    Songs of praise shall hail their birth.

4 And shall man alone be dumb
    Till that glorious kingdom come?
    No;—the church delights to raise
    Psalms, and hymns, and songs of praise.

5 Saints below, with heart and voice,
    Still in songs of praise rejoice;
    Learning here, by faith and love,
    Songs of praise to sing above.

6 Borne upon their latest breath,
    Songs of praise shall conquer death;
    Then, amidst eternal joy,
    Songs of praise their powers employ.

   James Montgomery, 1819.

204 "Thou hast created all things." 8.7.

1 PRAISE to Thee, Thou great Creator!
    Praise be Thine from every tongue;
    Join, my soul, with every creature
    Join the universal song.

2 Father! Source of all compassion!
    Pure, unbounded grace is Thine:
    Hail the God of our salvation!
    Praise Him for His love divine.

3 For ten thousand blessings given,
    For the hope of future joy,
    Sound His praise through earth and heaven,
    Sound Jehovah's praise on high.

4 Joyfully on earth adore Him,
    Till in heaven our song we raise;
    There, enraptured fall before Him,
    Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

   John Fawcett, 1782, a.
CREATION.

205 "He that built all things is God." C. M.

1 I SING the almighty power of God
   That made the mountains rise;
   That spread the flowing seas abroad,
   And built the lofty skies.

2 I sing the wisdom that ordain'd
   The sun to rule the day;
   The moon shines full at His command,
   And all the stars obey.

3 I sing the goodness of the Lord,
   That fill'd the earth with food;
   He form'd the creatures with His word
   And then pronounced them good.

4 There's not a plant or flower below,
   But makes Thy glories known;
   And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
   By order from Thy throne.

5 Creatures, as numerous as they be,
   Are subject to Thy care;
   There's not a place where we can flee
   But God is present there.

6 In heaven He shines with beams of love,
   With wrath in hell beneath;
   'Tis on His earth I stand or move,
   And 'tis His air I breathe.

7 His hand is my perpetual guard,
   He guides me with His eye:
   Why should I then forget the Lord,
   Who is for ever nigh? Isaac Watts, 1715.

206 Creating and Creating New. C. M.

1 L ET them neglect Thy glory, Lord,
   Who never knew Thy grace;
   But our loud songs shall still record
   The wonders of Thy praise.

2 We raise our shouts, O God, to Thee,
   And send them to Thy throne;
   All glory to the united Three,
   The undivided One.
POVIDENCE.

3 'Twas He, and we'll adore His name,  
    That form'd us by a word;  
'Tis He restores our ruin'd frame:  
    Salvation to the Lord!

4 Hosanna! let the earth and skies  
    Repeat the joyful sound;  
Rocks, hills, and vales reflect the voice  
    In one eternal round.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

207 Divine Predestination. C.M.

1 KEEP silence, all created things,  
    And wait your Maker's nod;  
My soul stands trembling while she sings  
    The honours of her God.

2 Life, death, and hell, and worlds unknown,  
    Hang on His firm decree:  
He sits on no precarious throne,  
    Nor borrows leave to be.

3 Chain'd to His throne a volume lies,  
    With all the fates of men,  
With every angel's form and size  
    Drawn by th' eternal pen.

4 His providence unfolds the book,  
    And makes His counsels shine;  
Each opening leaf, and every stroke  
    Fulfils some deep design.

5 Here He exalts neglected worms  
    To sceptres and a crown;  
Anon the following page he turns,  
    And treads the monarch down.

6 Not Gabriel asks the reason why,  
    Nor God the reason gives;  
Nor dares the favourite angel pry  
    Between the folded leaves.

7 My God, I would not long to see  
    My fate with curious eyes,  
What gloomy lines are writ for me,  
    Or what bright scenes may rise.
PROVIDENCE.

8 In Thy fair book of life and grace
    May I but find my name,
    Recorded in some humble place
    Beneath my Lord the Lamb!

    Isaac Watts, 1709.

All our ways appointed.

1 SOVEREIGN Ruler of the skies!
    Ever gracious, ever wise!
    All my times are in Thy hand,
    All events at Thy command.

2 His decree, who form'd the earth,
    Fix'd my first and second birth;
    Parents, native place, and time—
    All appointed were by Him.

3 He that form'd me in the womb,
    He shall guide me to the tomb;
    All my times shall ever be
    Order'd by His wise decree.

4 Times of sickness, times of health;
    Times of penury and wealth;
    Times of trial and of grief;
    Times of triumph and relief;

5 Times the tempter's power to prove;
    Times to taste a Saviour's love;
    All must come, and last, and end,
    As shall please my heavenly Friend.

6 Plagues and deaths around me fly,
    Till He bids I cannot die:
    Not a single shaft can hit
    Till the God of love thinks fit.

7 O Thou Gracious, Wise, and Just,
    In Thy hands my life I trust:
    Have I somewhat dearer still?
    I resign it to Thy will.

8 May I always own Thy hand;
    Still to the surrender stand;
    Know that Thou art God alone,
    I and mine are all Thine own.
PROVIDENCE.

9 Thee, at all times, will I bless;
Having Thee, I all possess;
How can I be parted be,
Since I cannot part with Thee?

John Ryland, 1777.

209 Providence wise and good. L. M.

1 Thy ways, O Lord! with wise design,
Are framed upon Thy throne above,
And every dark and bending line
Meets in the centre of Thy love.

2 With feeble light and half obscure,
Poor mortals Thy arrangements view;
Not knowing that the least are sure,
And the mysterious just and true.

3 Thy flock, Thy own peculiar care,
Though now they seem to roam uneyed,
Are led or driven only where
They best and safest may abide.

4 They neither know nor trace the way;
But, trusting to Thy piercing eye,
None of their feet to ruin stray,
Nor shall the weakest fail or die.

5 My favour'd soul shall meekly learn
To lay her reason at Thy throne;
Too weak Thy secrets to discern,
I'll trust Thee for my guide alone.

Ambrose Serle, 1787.

210 God's Counsels wise and just. L. M.

1 Wait, O my soul, Thy Maker's will:
Tumultuous passions all be still;
Nor let a murmuring thought arise:
His ways are just, His counsels wise.

2 He in the thickest darkness dwells,
Performs His work, the cause conceals;
And, though His footsteps are unknown,
Judgment and truth support His throne.

3 In heaven and earth, in air and seas,
He executes His wise decrees:
And by His saints it stands confess,
That what He does is ever best.
PROVIDENCE.

4 Wait, then, my soul, submissive wait,
With reverence bow before His seat;
And, midst the terrors of His rod,
Trust in a wise and gracious God.

Benjamin Beddome, 1818.

211 Providence mysterious. C. M.

1 GOD moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

2 Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.

3 Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

5 His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bul may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

6 Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain:
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

William Cowper, 1779.

212 Providence to be trusted. L. M.

1 LORD, we adore Thy vast designs,
The obscure abyss of Providence,
Too deep to sound with mortal lines,
Too dark to view with feeble sense.

2 Now Thou arrayest Thine awful face
In angry frowns, without a smile;
We, through the cloud, believe Thy grace,
Secure of Thy compassion still.
PROVIDENCE.

3 Through seas and storms of deep distress
   We sail by faith, and not by sight;
   Faith guides us in the wilderness
   Through all the briars and the night.

4 Dear Father, if Thy lifted rod
   Resolve to scourge us here below,
   Still we must lean upon our God,
   Thine arm shall bear us safely through.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

213 How unsearchable are Thy Judgments.

1 LORD, my weak thought in vain would climb
   To search the starry vault profound;
   In vain would wing her flight sublime,
   To find creation's utmost bound.

2 But weaker yet that thought must prove
   To search Thy great eternal plan,
   Thy sovereign counsels, born of love
   Long ages ere the world began.

3 When my dim reason would demand
   Why that or this Thou dost ordain,
   By some vast deep I seem to stand,
   Whose secrets I must ask in vain.

4 When doubts disturb my troubled breast,
   And all is dark as night to me,
   Here, as on solid rock, I rest;
   That so it seemeth good to Thee.

5 Be this my joy, that evermore
   Thou rulest all things at Thy will:
   Thy sovereign wisdom I adore,
   And calmly, sweetly, trust Thee still.

   Ray Palmer, 1858.

214 Gratitude for Providence.

1 WHEN all Thy mercies, O my God,
   My rising soul surveys;
   Transported with the view, I'm lost
   In wonder, love, and praise.
PROVIDENCE.

2 Oh how shall words, with equal warmth,
The gratitude declare
That glows within my ravish'd heart!
But Thou canst read it there.

3 To all my weak complaints and cries
Thy mercy lent an ear,
Ere yet my feeble thoughts had learnt
To form themselves in prayer.

4 When in the slippery paths of youth
With heedless steps I ran,
Thine arm unseen convey'd me safe,
And led me up to man.

5 Through hidden dangers, toils, and deaths
It gently clear'd my way;
And through the pleasing snares of vice,
More to be fear'd than they.

6 When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou
With health renew'd my face;
And when in sins and sorrow sunk,
Revived my soul with grace.

7 Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue;
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

8 When nature fails, and day and night
Divide Thy works no more,
My ever grateful heart, O Lord!
Thy mercy shall adore.

9 Through all eternity to Thee
A joyful song I'll raise;
But oh! eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise.

Joseph Addison, 1712.

GOD of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led.

215 The God of Bethel. O.M.
PROVIDENCE.

2 Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race.

3 Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us, each day, our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.

4 Oh spread Thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode,
Our souls arrive in peace.

5 Such blessings from Thy gracious hand
Our humble prayers implore;
And Thou shalt be our chosen God,
And portion evermore.

Philip Doddridge, 1755, a.

216 Goodness of God in Providence. C. M.

1 SINCE all the downward tracks of time
God's watchful eye surveys,
Oh! who so wise to choose our lot,
And regulate our ways?

2 Good, when He gives, supremely good!
Nor less when He denies:
E'en crosses from His sov'reign hand
Are blessings in disguise.

3 Since none can doubt His equal love,
Immeasurably kind,
To His unerring, gracious will
Be every wish resign'd.

James Hervey, 1763.

217 "He careth for you." C. M.

1 OH, why despond in life's dark vale?
Why sink to fears a prey?
Th' almighty power can never fail,
His love can ne'er decay.
PREDESTINATING GRACE.

2 Behold the birds that wing the air,
   Nor sow nor reap the grain;
Yet God, with all a Father's care,
   Relieves when they complain.

3 Behold the lilies of the field,
   They toil nor labour know;
Yet royal robes to theirs must yield,
   In beauty's richest glow.

4 That God who hears the raven's cry,
   Who decks the lily's form,
Will surely all your wants supply,
   And shield you in the storm.

5 Seek first His kingdom's grace to share,
   Its righteousness pursue;
And all that needs your earthly care
   Will be bestow'd on you.

6 Why then despond in life's dark vale?
   Why sink to fears a prey?
Th' almighty power can never fail,
   His love can ne'er decay.

Sabbath Hymn Book, 1858.

PREDESTINATION IN CONNECTION WITH GRACE.

218 Sovereign Grace. C.M.

1 WHEN the Eternal bows the skies
   To visit earthly things,
With scorn divine He turns His eyes
   From towers of haughty kings.

2 He bids His awful chariot roll
   Far downward from the skies,
To visit every humble soul,
   With pleasure in His eyes.
PREDESTINATING GRACE.

3 Why should the Lord that reigns above
   Disdain so lofty kings?
   Say, Lord, and why such looks of love
   Upon such worthless things?

4 Mortals, be dumb; what creature dares
   Dispute His awful will?
   Ask no account of His affairs,
   But tremble, and be still.

5 Just like His nature is His grace,
   All sovereign, and all free;
   Great God, how searchless are Thy ways,
   How deep Thy judgments be!

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

219 Gracious Election. 11.8.

1 In songs of sublime adoration and praise,
   Ye pilgrims to Zion who press,
   Break forth, and extol the great Ancient of days,
   His rich and distinguishing grace.

2 His love, from eternity fix'd upon you,
   Broke forth, and discover'd its flame,
   When each with the cords of His kindness He drew,
   And brought you to love His great name.

3 Oh, had He not pitied the state you were in,
   Your bosoms His love had ne'er felt;
   You all would have lived, would have died too in sin,
   And sunk with the load of your guilt.

4 What was there in you that could merit esteem,
   Or give the Creator delight?
   "'Twas even so, Father," you ever must sing,
   "Because it seem'd good in Thy sight."

5 'Twas all of Thy grace we were brought to obey,
   While others were suffer'd to go
   The road which by nature we chose as our way,
   Which leads to the regions of woe.

6 Then give all the glory to His holy name,
   To Him all the glory belongs;
   Be yours the high joy still to sound forth His
   And crown Him in each of your songs.

   K——, 1787.
PREDESTINATING GRACE.

220 Electing Love acknowledged. 7.6.

1 'TIS not that I did choose thee,
    For, Lord, that could not be;
This heart would still refuse Thee,
    But Thou hast chosen me:
Thou from the sin that stain'd me
    Wash'd me and set me free,
And to this end ordain'd me,
    That I should live to Thee.

Josiah Conder, 1856.

2 'Twas sovereign mercy call'd me,
    And taught my opening mind;
The world had else en thrall'd me,
    To heavenly glories blind.
My heart owns none above Thee;
    For Thy rich grace I thirst;
This knowing, if I love Thee,
    Thou must have loved me first.

Free Grace in Election. 8.7.4.

1 ONS we are through God's election,
    Who in Jesus Christ believe;
By eternal destination,
    Sovereign grace we here receive;
Lord, Thy mercy
    Does both grace and glory give.

2 Every fallen soul, by sinning,
    Merits everlasting pain;
But Thy love, without beginning,
    Has restored Thy sons again:
Countless millions
    Shall in life, through Jesus, reign.

3 Pause, my soul! adore, and wonder!
    Ask, "Oh why such love to me?"
Grace hath put me in the number
    Of the Saviour's family:
Hallelujah!
    Thanks, eternal thanks, to Thee!
PREDESTINATING GRACE.

4 Since that love had no beginning,  
   And shall never, never cease;  
Keep, oh keep me, Lord, from sinning!  
   Guide me in the way of peace!  
Make me walk in  
   All the paths of holiness.

5 When I quit this feeble mansion,  
   And my soul returns to Thee,  
Let the power of Thy ascension  
   Manifest itself in me:  
Through Thy Spirit,  
   Give the final victory!

6 When the angel sounds the trumpet,  
   When my soul and body join,  
When my Saviour comes to judgment,  
   Bright in majesty divine;  
Let me triumph  
   In Thy righteousness as mine.

7 When in that blest habitation,  
   Which my God has fore-ordain'd  
When in glory's full possession,  
   I with saints and angels stand;  
Free grace only  
   Shall resound through Canaan's land.  

S—P—R—, 1777,

222

Electing Love adored.  
C.M.

1 Oh, gift of gifts! Oh, grace of faith!  
   My God, how can it be  
That Thou, who hast discerning love,  
   Shouldst give that gift to me!

2 How many hearts Thou might'st have had  
   More innocent than mine!  
How many souls more worthy far  
   Of that pure touch of Thine!

3 Ah, Grace! into unlikeliest hearts  
   It is thy boast to come;  
The glory of thy light to find;  
   In darkest spots a home.
PREDESTINATING GRACE.

1 Thy choice, O God of goodness! then
   I lovingly adore;
Oh, give me grace to keep Thy grace,
   And grace to long for more!

   Frederick William Faber, 1852.

223 Electing Love immutable. L.M.

1 WHO shall condemn to endless flames
   The chosen people of our God,
Since in the book of life their names
   Are fairly writ in Jesus' blood?

2 He, for the sins of all the elect,
   Hath a complete atonement made;
And Justice never can expect
   That the same debt should twice be paid.

3 Not tribulation, nakedness,
   The famine, peril, or the sword;
Not persecution, or distress,
   Can separate from Christ the Lord.

4 Nor life, nor death, nor depth, nor height,
   Nor powers below, nor powers above,
Nor present things, nor things to come,
   Can change His purposes of love.

5 His sovereign mercy knows no end,
   His faithfulness shall still endure;
And those who on His word depend
   Shall find His word for ever sure.

   Benjamin Beddome, 1813.

224 Everlasting Love. L.M.

1 'TWAS with an everlasting love
   That God His own elect embraced.
Before He made the worlds above,
   Or earth on her huge columns placed.

2 Long ere the sun's refulgent ray
   Primeval shades of darkness drove,
They on His sacred bosom lay,
   Loved with an everlasting love.

3 Then, in the glass of His decrees,
   Christ and His bride appear'd as one:
Her sin, by imputation, His,
   Whilst she in spotless splendour shone.
PREDESTINATING GRACE.

1 O love, how high thy glories swell,
How great, immutable, and free!
Ten thousand sins, as black as hell,
Are swallow'd up, O love, in thee!

2 Loved when a wretch defiled with sin,
At war with heaven, in league with hell,
A slave to every lust obscene,
Who, living, lived but to rebel.

3 Believer, here thy comfort stands,
From first to last salvation's free;
And everlasting love demands
An everlasting song from thee.

John Kent, 1808.

225 Election in Christ. L. M.

1 JESUS, we bless Thy Father's name!
Thy God and ours are both the same;
What heavenly blessings from His throne
Flow down to sinners through His Son!

2 "Christ, be my first elect," He said,
Then chose our souls in Christ our head,
Before He gave the mountains birth,
or laid foundations for the earth.

3 Thus did eternal love begin
To raise us up from death and sin;
Our characters were then decreed,
"Blameless in love, a holy seed."

4 Predestinated to be sons,
Born by degrees, but chose at once,
A new-regenerated race,
To praise the glory of His grace.

5 With Christ our Lord we share our part
In the affections of His heart;
Nor shall our souls be thence removed
Till He forgets His first-beloved.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

226 Love before Atonement. C. M.

1 'Twas not to make Jehovah's love
Towards the sinner flame,
That Jesus, from His throne above,
A suffering man became.
THE COVENANT.

2 'Twas not the death which He endured,
Nor all the pangs He bore,
That God's eternal love procured,
For God was love before.

3 He loved the world of His elect
With love surpassing thought;
Nor will His mercy e'er neglect
The souls so dearly bought.

4 The warm affections of His breast
Towards His chosen burn;
And in His love He'll ever rest,
Nor from His oath return.

5 Still to confirm His oath of old,
See in the heavens His bow;
No fierce rebukes, but love untold
Awaits His children now.

John Kent, 1803.

THE COVENANT.

1 WITH David's Lord, and ours,
A covenant once was made,
Whose bonds are firm and sure,
Whose glories ne'er shall fade;
Sign'd by the sacred Three in One,
In mutual love ere time begun.

2 Firm as the lasting hills,
This covenant shall endure,
Whose potent shalls and wills
Make every blessing sure:
When ruin shakes all nature's frame,
Its jots and tittles stand the same.

3 Here, when thy feet shall fall,
Believer, thou shalt see
Grace to restore thy soul,
And pardon, full and free:
Thee with delight shall God behold
A sheep restored to Zion's fold.
THE COVENANT.

4 And when through Jordan's flood
   Thy God shall bid thee go,
   His arm shall thee defend,
   And vanquish every foe;
   And in this covenant thou shalt view
   Sufficient strength to bear thee through.

   John Kent, 1803, a.

228 An everlasting Covenant.  C.M.

1 My God, the covenant of Thy love
   Abides for ever sure;
   And in its matchless grace I feel
   My happiness secure.

2 What though my house be not with Thee
   As nature could desire!
   To nobler joys than nature gives
   Thy servants all aspire.

3 Since Thou, the everlasting God,
   My Father art become;
   Jesus, my guardian and my friend,
   And heaven my final home;

4 I welcome all Thy sovereign will,
   For all that will is love;
   And when I know not what Thou dost,
   I'll wait the light above.

5 Thy covenant the last accent claims
   Of this poor faltering tongue;
   And that shall the first notes employ
   Of my celestial song.

   Philip Doddridge, 1755.

229 The Covenant God extolled.  6.8.4.

1 The God of Abraham praise
   Who reigns enthroned above,
   Ancient of everlasting days,
   And God of love!
   Jehovah, great I AM!
   By earth and heaven confess;
   I bow, and bless the sacred name,
   For ever blest!
THE COVENANT.

2  The God of Abraham praise,  
   At whose supreme command,  
   From earth I rise and seek the joys  
   At His right hand:  
   I all on earth forsake,  
   Its wisdom, fame, and power;  
   And Him my only portion make,  
   My shield and tower.

3  The God of Abraham praise,  
   Whose all-sufficient grace  
   Shall guide me all my happy days  
   In all His ways:  
   He calls a worm His friend,  
   He calls Himself my God!  
   And He shall save me to the end,  
   Through Jesus' blood.

4  He by Himself hath sworn,  
   I on His oath depend;  
   I shall, on eagles' wings upborne,  
   To heaven ascend:  
   I shall behold His face,  
   I shall His power adore,  
   And sing the wonders of His grace  
   For evermore.

PART THE SECOND.

5  Though nature's strength decay,  
   And earth and hell withstand,  
   To Canaan's bounds I urge my way  
   At His command:  
   The watery deep I pass  
   With Jesus in my view,  
   And through the howling wilderness  
   My way pursue.

6  The goodly land I see,  
   With peace and plenty blest:  
   A land of sacred liberty,  
   And endless rest:  
   There milk and honey flow,  
   And oil and wine abound,  
   And trees of life for ever grow,  
   With mercy crown'd.
SALVATION BY GRACE.

7 There dwells the Lord our King,
    The Lord our righteousness!
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
    The Prince of Peace.
On Sion's sacred height,
    His kingdom still maintains;
And glorious with His saints in light,
    For ever reigns!

8 The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high,
"Hail Father, Son and Holy Ghost!"
    They ever cry:
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine!
I join the heavenly lays;
All might and majesty are Thine,
    And endless praise.

Thomas Olivers, 1772.

THE WORK OF GRACE AS A WHOLE.

230 All Mercies traced to electing Love.

1 INDULGENT God! how kind
    Are all Thy ways to me,
Whose dark benighted mind
    Was enmity with Thee;
Yet now, subdued by sovereign grace,
My spirit longs for Thine embrace.

2 How precious are Thy thoughts,
    That o'er my bosom roll;
They swell beyond my faults,
    And captivate my soul;
How great their sum, how high they rise,
Can ne'er be known beneath the skies.

3 Preserved in Jesus, when
    My feet made haste to hell;
And there should I have gone,
    But Thou dost all things well;
Thy love was great, Thy mercy free,
Which from the pit deliver'd me.
SALVATION BY GRACE.

4 Before Thy hands had made
The sun to rule the day,
Or earth's foundation laid,
Or fashion'd Adam's clay,
What thoughts of peace and mercy flow'd
In Thy dear bosom, O my God!

5 Oh! fathomless abyss,
Where hidden mysteries lie;
The seraph finds his bliss,
Within the same to pry;
Lord, what is man, Thy desperate foe,
That Thou shouldst bless and love him so?

6 A monument of grace,
A sinner saved by blood:
The streams of love I trace
Up to the Fountain, God;
And in His sacred bosom see
Eternal thoughts of love to me.

John Kent, 1803.

231 Eternal Love exalted.  C.M.

1 Saved from the damning power of sin,
The law's tremendous curse,
We'll now the sacred song begin
Where God began with us.

2 We'll sing the vast unmeasured grace
Which, from the days of old,
Did all the chosen sons embrace,
As sheep within the fold.

3 The basis of eternal love
Shall mercy's frame sustain;
Earth, hell, or sin, the same to move,
Shall all conspire in vain.

4 Sing, O ye sinners bought with blood,
Hail the Great Three in One;
Tell how secure the covenant stood
Ere time its race begun.

5 Ne'er had ye felt the guilt of sin,
Nor sweets of pardoning love,
Unless your worthless names had been
Enroll'd to life above.
SALVATION BY GRACE.

6 Oh what a sweet exulting song
    Shall rend the vaulted skies,
When, shouting grace, the blood-wash'd throng
    Shall see the Top Stone rise.

John Kent, 1808.

232 The Love that God hath to us.  C. M.

1 Oh, love beyond the reach of thought,
    That form'd the sovereign plan,
Ere Adam had our ruin wrought,
    Of saving fallen man!

2 God has so loved our rebel race
    As His own Son to give,
That whoso will, amazing grace!
    May look to Him and live.

3 Chosen in Christ, His ransom'd flock
    Th' eternal purpose prove;
By nature of a sinful stock,
    Made blameless now in love.

4 Ransom'd by price, by blood redeem'd,
    Restored by power divine,
Though lightly by the world esteem'd,
    They as the stars shall shine.

5 Bless'd be the Father of our Lord,
    From whom all blessings spring!
And bless'd be the Incarnate Word,
    Our Saviour and our King!

6 We know and have believed the love
    Which God through Christ displays:
And when we see His face above,
    We'll nobler anthems raise.

Josiah Conder, 1856.

233 "Grace reigns."  S. M.

1 Grace! 'tis a charming sound!
    Harmonious to the ear!
Heaven with the echo shall resound,
    And all the earth shall hear.

2 Grace first contrived the way
    To save rebellious man;
And all the steps that grace display
    Which drew the wondrous plan.
SALVATION BY GRACE.

3 Grace first inscribed my name
   In God's eternal book:
   'Twas grace that gave me to the Lamb,
   Who all my sorrows took.

4 Grace led my roving feet
   To tread the heavenly road;
   And new supplies each hour I meet
   While pressing on to God.

5 Grace taught my soul to pray,
   And made my eyes overflow;
   'Twas grace that kept me to this day,
   And will not let me go.

6 Grace all the work shall crown,
   Through everlasting days;
   It lays in heaven the topmost stone,
   And well deserves the praise.

Philip Doddridge, 1755;
Augustus M. Toplady, 1776.

234 Grace most free. S. M.

1 NOT to myself I owe
   That I, O Lord, am Thine;
   Free grace hath all the shades broke through,
   And caused the light to shine.

2 Me Thou hast willing made
   Thy offers to receive;
   Call'd by the voice that wakes the dead,
   I come to Thee and live.

3 Because Thy sovereign love
   Was bent the worst to save;
   Jesus who reigns enthroned above,
   The free salvation gave.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.

235 All due to Grace. C. M.

1 ALL that I was, my sin, my guilt,
   My death, was all mine own;
   All that I am, I owe to Thee,
   My gracious God, alone.
SALVATION BY GRACE.

2 The evil of my former state
   Was mine, and only mine;
   The good in which I now rejoice
   Is Thine, and only Thine.

3 The darkness of my former state,
   The bondage—all was mine;
   The light of life in which I walk,
   The liberty—is Thine.

4 Thy grace that made me feel my sin
   It taught me to believe;
   Then, in believing, peace I found,
   And now I live, I live.

5 All that I am, e'en here on earth,
   All that I hope to be,
   When Jesus comes and glory dawns,
   I owe it, Lord, to Thee.

Horatius Bonar, 1856.

236 Salvation by Grace in Christ. L. M.

1 Now to the power of God supreme
   Be everlasting honours given;
   He saves from hell (we bless His name),
   He calls our wand’ring feet to heaven.

2 Not for our duties or deserts,
   But of His own abounding grace,
   He works salvation in our hearts,
   And forms a people for His praise.

3 'Twas His own purpose that begun
   To rescue rebels doom’d to die;
   He gave us grace in Christ His Son
   Before He spread the starry sky.

4 Jesus the Lord appears at last,
   And makes His Father’s counsels known;
   Declares the great transactions past,
   And brings immortal blessings down.

5 He dies; and in that dreadful night
   Did all the powers of hell destroy:
   Rising, He brought our heaven to light,
   And took possession of the joy.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
SALVATION BY GRACE.

237   Grace claims the Glory.   C.M.
1 NOT for the works which we have done,
   Or shall hereafter do,
   Hath God decreed on sinful worms
   Salvation to bestow.
2 The glory, Lord, from first to last,
   Is due to Thee alone:
   Aught to ourselves we dare not take,
   Or rob Thee of Thy crown.
3 Our glorious Surety undertook
   To satisfy for man,
   And grace was given us in Him
   Before the world began.
4 This is Thy will, that in Thy love
   We ever should abide;
   And lo, we earth and hell defy
   To make Thy counsel void.
5 Not one of all the chosen race
   But shall to heaven attain;
   Partake on earth the purposed grace,
   And then with Jesus reign.
6 Of Father, Son, and Spirit, we
   Extol the threefold care;
   Whose love, whose merit, and whose power
   Unite to lift us there.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1774.

238   Sin subdued by Grace.   C.M.
1 LORD, we confess our numerous faults,
   How great our guilt has been!
   Foolish and vain were all our thoughts,
   And all our lives were sin.
2 But, O my soul! for ever praise,
   For ever holy yet living,
   He turns thy feet from dangerous ways
   Of folly, sin, and shame.
3 'Tis not by works of righteousness
   Which our own hands have done;
   But we are saved by sovereign grace
   Abounding through His Son.
SALVATION BY GRACE.

4 'Tis from the mercy of our God
   That all our hopes begin;
'Tis by the water and the blood
   Our souls are wash'd from sin.

5 'Tis through the purchase of His death
   Who hung upon the tree,
The Spirit is sent down to breathe
   On such dry bones as we.

6 Raised from the dead, we live anew;
    And, justified by grace,
   We shall appear in glory too,
    And see our Father's face.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

Salvation.  C. M.

1 SALVATION! oh, the joyful sound!
   'Tis pleasure to our ears;
A sovereign balm for every wound,
   A cordial for our fears.

2 Buried in sorrow and in sin,
   At hell's dark door we lay;
But we arise, by grace divine,
   To see a heavenly day.

3 Salvation! let the echo fly
   The spacious earth around,
While all the armies of the sky
   Conspire to raise the sound.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

The Unspeakable Gift.  C. M.

1 COME, happy souls, approach your God
   With new melodious songs;
Come, render to almighty grace
   The tribute of your tongues.

2 So strange, so boundless was the love
   That pitied dying men,
The Father sent His equal Son
   To give them life again.

3 Thy hands, dear Jesus, were not arm'd
   With an avenging rod,
No hard commission to perform,
   The vengeance of a God.
SALVATION BY GRACE.

4 But all was mercy, all was mild,  
   And wrath forsook the throne,  
   When Christ on the kind errand came,  
   And brought salvation down.

5 Here, sinners, you may heal your wounds,  
   And wipe your sorrows dry;  
   Trust in the mighty Saviour’s name,  
   And you shall never die.

6 See, dearest Lord, our willing souls  
   Accept Thine offer’d grace:  
   We bless the great Redeemer’s love,  
   And give the Father praise.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

241 The Messenger of Grace.  S.M.

1 Raise your triumphant songs  
   To an immortal tune;  
   Let the wide earth resound the deeds  
   Celestial grace has done.

2 Sing how eternal love  
   Its chief Beloved chose,  
   And bid Him raise our wretched race  
   From their abyss of woes.

3 His hand no thunder bears,  
   Nor terror clothes His brow;  
   No bolts to drive our guilty souls  
   To fiercer flames below.

4 ’Twas mercy fill’d the throne,  
   And wrath stood silent by,  
   When Christ was sent with pardons down  
   To rebels doom’d to die.

5 Now, sinners, dry your tears,  
   Let hopeless sorrows cease;  
   Bow to the sceptre of His love,  
   And take the offer’d peace.

6 Lord, we obey Thy call;  
   We lay an humble claim  
   To the salvation Thou hast brought,  
   And love and praise Thy name.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.
SALVATION BY GRACE.

242  "We will rejoice in His Salvation."  L.M.

1 GOD of salvation, we adore
   Thy saving love, Thy saving power;
And to our utmost stretch of thought,
Hail the redemption Thou hast wrought.

2 We love the stroke that breaks our chain,
The sword by which our sins are slain;
And, while abused in dust we bow,
We sing the grace that lays us low.

3 Perish each thought of human pride,
Let God alone be magnified;
His glory let the heavens resound,
Shouted from earth's remotest bound.

4 Saints, who His full salvation know,
Saints, who but taste it here below,
Join with the angelic choir to raise
Transporting songs of deathless praise.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

243  Grace immutable.  148th.

1 0 MY distrustful heart,
   How small thy faith appears!
But greater, Lord, Thou art
   Than all my doubts and fears:
Did Jesus once upon me shine?
   Then Jesus is for ever mine.

2 Unchangeable His will,
   Whatever be my frame;
His loving heart is still
   Eternally the same:
My soul through many changes goes,
   His love no variation knows.

3 Thou, Lord, wilt carry on,
   And perfectly perform,
The work Thou hast begun
   'Midst all my fears, and sin, and woe,
Thy Spirit will not let me go.
SALVATION BY GRACE.

4 The bowels of Thy grace
   At first did freely move;
I still shall see Thy face,
   And feel that God is love:
My soul into Thine arms I cast,
I know I shall be saved at last.

William Hammond, 1745.

244 Grace enjoyed. C.M.

1 Rise, my soul, my joyful powers,
   And triumph in my God;
Awake, my voice, and loud proclaim
   His glorious grace abroad.

2 He raised me from the deeps of sin,
   The gates of gaping hell,
And fix'd my standing more secure
   Than 'twas before I fell.

3 The arms of everlasting love
   Beneath my soul He placed;
And on the Rock of Ages set
   My slippery footsteps fast.

4 The city of my bless'd abode
   Is wall'd around with grace;
Salvation for a bulwark stands
   To shield the sacred place.

5 Satan may vent his sharpest spite,
   And all his legions roar:
Almighty mercy guards my life,
   And bounds his raging power.

6 Arise, my soul, awake, my voice,
   And tunes of pleasure sing;
Loud hallelujahs shall address
   My Saviour and my King.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

245 Grace completing its Work. S.M.

1 To God the only wise,
   Our Saviour and our King,
Let all the saints below the skies
   Their humble praises bring.
SALVATION BY GRACE.

2 His tried almighty love,
   His counsel, and His care,
Preserve us safe from sin and death,
   And every hurtful snare.

3 He will present our souls
   Unblemish'd and complete
Before the glory of His face,
   With joys divinely great.

4 Then all the chosen seed
   Shall meet around the throne,
Shall bless the conduct of His grace,
   And make His wonders known.

5 To our Redeemer God
   Wisdom and power belong,
Immortal crowns of majesty,
   And everlasting song.

Isaac Watts, 1709, a.

246 Love unfailing. O.M.

1 NOW shall my inward joys arise,
   And burst into a song;
Almighty love inspires my heart,
   And pleasure tunes my tongue.

2 God on His thirsty Sion-hill
   Some mercy-drops has thrown,
And solemn oaths iave bound His love
   To shower salvation down.

3 Why do we then indulge our fears,
   Suspicions and complaints?
Is He a God, and shall His grace
   Grow weary of His saints?

4 Can a kind woman e'er forget
   The infant of her womb,
And, 'mongst a thousand tender thoughts,
   Her suckling have no room?

5 "Yet," saith the Lord, "should nature change,
   And mothers monsters prove,
Sion still dwells upon the heart
   Of everlasting love.
SALVATION BY GRACE.

6 "Deep on the palms of both my hands
   I have engraved her name;
   My hands shall raise her ruin'd walls,
   And build her broken frame."

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

247 Grace acknowledged. 7s., 6 lines.

1 WHEN I stand before the throne
   Dress'd in beauty not my own,
   When I see Thee as Thou art,
   Love Thee with unsinning heart,
   Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
   Not till then—how much I owe.

2 Chosen not for good in me,
   Waken'd up from wrath to flee,
   Hidden in the Saviour's side,
   By the Spirit sanctified,
   Teach me, Lord, on earth to show,
   By my love, how much I owe.

3 Oft I walk beneath the cloud,
   Dark as midnight's gloomy shroud;
   But, when fear is at the height,
   Jesus comes, and all is light;
   Blessed Jesus! bid me show
   Doubting saints how much I owe.

   Robert Murray M'Cheyne, 1837.

248 Grace causing Love. C.M.

1 We love Thee, Lord, because when we
   Had err'd and gone astray,
   Thou didst recall our wandering souls
   Into the heavenward way.

2 When helpless, hopeless, we were lost
   In sin and sorrow's night,
   Thou didst send forth a guiding ray
   Of Thy benignant light.

3 Because when we forsook Thy ways,
   Nor kept Thy holy will,
   Thou wert not the avenging Judge,
   But gracious Father still:
JESUS AS GOD AND MAN.

4 Because we have forgot Thee, Lord,
   But Thou hast not forgot;
Because we have forsaken Thee,
   But Thou forsakest not:

5 Because, O Lord, Thou lovedst us
   With everlasting love;
Because Thou sent'st Thy Son to die,
   That we might live above.

6 Because, when we were heirs of wrath,
   Thou gavest us hope of heaven;
We love because we much have sinn'd,
   And much have been forgiven.

Julia Anne Elliott, 1835.

OUR LORD JESUS.

HIS DEITY AND INCARNATION.

249 Deity and Humanity of our Lord. L.M.

1 ERE the blue heavens were stretch'd abroad,
   From everlasting was the Word:
   With God He was; the Word was God,
   And must divinely be adored.

2 By His own power were all things made;
   By Him supported all things stand;
   He is the whole creation's head,
   And angels fly at His command.

3 Ere sin was born, or Satan fell,
   He led the host of morning stars;
   (Thy generation who can tell,
   Or count the number of Thy years?)

4 But lo! He leaves those heavenly forms,
   The Word descends and dwells in clay,
   That He may hold converse with worms,
   Dress'd in such feeble flesh as they.

5 Mortals with joy beheld His face,
   Th' eternal Father's only Son;
   How full of truth! how full of grace!
   When through His eyes the Godhead shone!
JESUS AS GOD AND MAN.

6 Archangels leave their high abode
To learn new mysteries here, and tell
The love of our descending God,
The glories of Immanuel.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

250 His great Love. L.M.

1 THE Lord of glory, moved by love,
   Descends, in mercy, from above;
   And He, before whom angels bow,
   Is found a man of grief below.

2 Such love is great, too great for thought,
   Its length and breadth in vain are sought;
   No tongue can tell its depth and height;
   The love of Christ is infinite.

3 But though His love no measure knows,
   The Saviour to His people shows
   Enough to give them joy, when known,
   Enough to make their hearts His own.

4 Constrain'd by this they walk with Him,
   His love their most delightful theme;
   To glorify Him here, their aim,
   Their hope, in heaven to praise His name.

Thomas Kelly, 1809.

251 Praise to the Redeemer. 8.7.4.

1 MIGHTY God! while angels bless Thee,
   May an infant lisp Thy name?
   Lord of men, as well as angels,
   Thou art every creature's theme.
   Hallelujah,
   Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen.

2 Lord of every land and nation,
   Ancient of eternal days!
   Sounded through the wide creation
   Be Thy just and lawful praise:
   Hallelujah, &c.

3 For the grandeur of Thy nature,
   Grand beyond a seraph's thought;
   For created works of power,
   Works with skill and kindness wrought:
   Hallelujah, &c.
THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

4 For Thy providence, that governs
   Through Thine empire's wide domain;
Wings an angel, guides a sparrow;
Bless'd be Thy gentle reign.
   Hallelujah, &c.

5 But Thy rich, Thy free redemption,
   Dark through brightness all along:
Thought is poor, and poor expression,
Who dare sing that awful song?
   Hallelujah, &c.

6 Brightness of the Father's glory,
   Shall Thy praise unutter'd lie?
Fly, my tongue, such guilty silence!
Sing the Lord who came to die.
   Hallelujah, &c.

7 Did archangels sing Thy coming?
   Did the shepherds learn their lays?
Shame would cover me ungrateful,
Should my tongue refuse to praise.
   Hallelujah, &c.

8 From the highest throne in glory,
   To the cross of deepest woe;
All to ransom guilty captives:
Flow, my praise, for ever flow.
   Hallelujah, &c.

9 Go, return, immortal Saviour!
   Leave Thy footstool, take Thy throne;
Thence return, and reign for ever,
Be the kingdom all Thy own.
   Hallelujah, &c.  

Robert Robinson, 1774.

252 Joy at Jesus' Birth. 8.7.

1 Let us all, with grateful praises,
   Celebrate the happy day,
When the lovely, loving Jesus
First partook of human clay;

2 When the heavenly host assembled,
   Gazed with wonder from the sky;
Angels joy'd, and devils trembled,
Neither fully knowing why.
THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

3 Long had Satan reign'd imperious,
    Till the woman's promised seed,
    Born a babe, by birth mysterious,
    Came to bruise the serpent's head.

4 Crush, dear babe, his power within us,
    Break our chains, and set us free:
    Pull down all the bars between us,
    Till we fly, and cleave to Thee.

       Joseph Hart, 1759.

253 Good Tidings. 8.7.4.

1 ANGELS, from the realms of glory.
    Wing your flight o'er all the earth,
    Ye who sang creation's story,
    Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
    Come and worship,
    Worship Christ, the new-born King.

2 Saints, before the altar bending,
    Waiting long with hope and fear,
    Suddenly the Lord descending
    In His temple shall appear;
    Come and worship,
    Worship Christ, the new-born King.

3 Sinners, wrung with true repentance,
    Doom'd for guilt to endless pains,
    Justice now repeals the sentence,
    Mercy calls you—break your chains;
    Come and worship,
    Worship Christ, the new-born King.

       James Montgomery, 1819.

254 Heaven's Joy at Incarnation. O. M.

1 MORTALS, awake, with angels join,
    And chant the solemn lay;
    Joy, love, and gratitude combine
    To hail the auspicious day.

2 In heaven the rapturous song began,
    And sweet seraphic fire
    Through all the shining legions ran,
    And strung and tuned the lyre.
THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

3 Swift through the vast expanse it flew,
   And loud the echo roll'd;
The theme, the song, the joy was new,
   'Twas more than heaven could hold.

4 Down from the portals of the sky
   The impetuous torrent ran;
And angels flew with eager joy
   To bear the news to man.

5 Hark! the cherubic armies shout,
   And glory leads the song;
"Good-will and peace" are heard throughout
   The harmonious heavenly throng.

6 With joy the chorus we repeat,
   "Glory to God on high!
Good-will and peace are now complete;
   Jesus was born to die!"

7 Hail, Prince of Life! for ever hail,
   Redeemer, brother, friend!
Though earth, and time, and life should fail,
   Thy praise shall never end.

   Samuel Medley, 1789.

255 Advent Morning. 7s.

1 BRIGHT and joyful is the morn,
   For to us a Child is born;
From the highest realms of heaven
   Unto us a Son is given.

2 On His shoulders He shall bear
   Power and majesty—and wear
On His vesture, and His thigh,
   Names most awful, names most high.

3 Wonderful in counsel He;
   The Incarnate Deity,
Sire of Ages ne'er to cease;
   King of kings, and Prince of peace.

4 Come and worship at His feet,
   Yield to Christ the homage meet;
From His manger to His throne,
   Homage due to God alone.

   James Montgomery, 1819.
THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

The Angels' Song.

1 HARK, the herald angels sing,
   Glory to the new-born King,
   "Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
   God and sinners reconciled."

2 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
   Join the triumph of the skies:
   Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
   Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

3 Veil'd in flesh the Godhead see;
   Hail the incarnate Deity!
   Pleased as man with men to appear,
   Jesus our Immanuel here.

4 Mild He lays His glory by;
   Born, that men no more might die;
   Born, to raise the sons of earth;
   Born, to give them second birth.

5 Come, Desire of Nations, come!
   Fix in us Thy humble home;
   Rise, the woman's promised Seed,
   Bruise in us the serpent's head.

6 Glory to the new-born King!
   Let us all the anthem sing,
   "Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
   God and sinners reconciled."

Charles Wesley, 1739.

The Advent.

1 HARK, the glad sound, the Saviour comes,
   The Saviour promised long!
   Let every heart prepare a throne,
   And every voice a song.

2 On Him the Spirit, largely pour'd,
   Exerts its sacred fire;
   Wisdom and might, and zeal and love,
   His holy breast inspire.

3 He comes, the prisoners to release,
   In Satan's bondage held;
   The gates of brass before Him burst,
   The iron fetters yield.
THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

4 He comes, from thickest films of vice,
   To clear the mental ray;
And on the eye-balls of the blind
   To pour celestial day.

5 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
   The bleeding soul to cure;
And, with the treasures of His grace,
   To enrich the humble poor.

6 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
   Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
   With Thy beloved name.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

258 Joy at His Coming. C.M.

1 Joy to the world; the Lord is come!
   Let earth receive her King:
   Let every heart prepare Him room,
   And heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth; the Saviour reigns!
   Let men their songs employ:
   While fields, and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
   Repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
   Nor thorns infest the ground;
   He comes to make His blessings flow
   Far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
   And makes the nations prove
   The glories of His righteousness,
   And wonders of His love.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

259 "He humbled Himself." C.M.

1 Saviour of men, and Lord of love,
   How sweet Thy gracious name!
   With joy that errand we review
   On which Thy mercy came.

2 While all Thy own angelic bands
   Stood waiting on the wing,
   Charm'd with the honour to obey
   The word of such a King;
THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

3 For us, mean, wretched, sinful men,
   Thou laidst that glory by;
First, in our mortal flesh, to serve;
   Then, in that flesh, to die.

4 Bought with Thy service and Thy blood,
   We doubly, Lord, are Thine;
To Thee our lives we would devote,
   To Thee our death resign.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

260 Jesus the Son of Man. C. M.

1 It is my sweetest comfort, Lord,
   And will for ever be,
To muse upon the gracious truth
   Of Thy humanity.

2 Oh joy! there sitteth in our flesh,
   Upon a throne of light,
One of a human mother born,
   In perfect Godhead bright!

3 Though earth's foundations should be moved,
   Down to their lowest deep;
Though all the trembling universe
   Into destruction sweep;

4 For ever God, for ever man,
   My Jesus shall endure;
And fix'd on Him, my hope remains
   Eternally secure.

Edward Caswall, 1858.

261 Flesh of our Flesh. L. M.

1 Jesus, who pass'd the angels by,
   Assumed our flesh to bleed and die;
And still He makes it His abode;
   As man, He fills the throne of God.

2 Our next of kin, our Brother now,
   Is He to whom the angels bow;
They join with us to praise His Name,
   But we the nearest interest claim.

3 But ah! how faint our praises rise!
   Sure 'tis the wonder of the skies,
That we, who share His richest love,
   So cold and unconcern'd should prove.
JESUS' LIFE ON EARTH.

4 Oh glorious hour! it comes with speed,
When we from sin and darkness freed,
Shall see the God who died for man,
And praise Him more than angels can.

John Newton, 1779.

OUR LORD'S LIFE ON EARTH.

262 His Divine Example. L.M.

1 My dear Redeemer and my Lord,
I read my duty in Thy Word;
But in Thy life the law appears
Drawn out in living characters.

2 Such was Thy truth, and such Thy zeal,
Such deference to Thy Father's will,
Such love, and meekness so divine,
I would transcribe and make them mine.

3 Cold mountains and the midnight air
Witness'd the fervour of Thy prayer;
The desert Thy temptation knew,
Thy conflict and Thy victory too.

4 Be Thou my Pattern; make me bear
More of Thy gracious image here;
Then God the Judge shall own my name
Amongst the followers of the Lamb.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

263 Imitation of Jesus. C.M.

1 Lord, as to Thy dear Cross we flee,
And plead to be forgiven,
So let Thy life our pattern be,
And form our souls for heaven.

2 Help us, through good report and ill,
Our daily cross to bear;
Like Thee, to do our Father's will,
Our brethren's griefs to share.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
JESUS' LIFE ON EARTH.

3 Let grace our selfishness expel,
   Our earthliness refine;
   And kindness in our bosoms dwell,
   As free and true as Thine.

4 If joy shall at Thy bidding fly,
   And grief's dark day come on,
   We, in our turn, would meekly cry,
   "Father, Thy will be done."

5 Kept peaceful in the midst of strife,
   Forgiving and forgiven,
   Oh may we lead the pilgrim's life,
   And follow Thee to Heaven!

   John Hampden Gurney, 1851.

264 The Mind of Christ. 7s.

1 FATHER of eternal grace,
   May we all resemble Thee;
   Meekly beaming in our face,
   May the world Thine image see.

2 Happy only in Thy love,
   Poor, unfriended, or unknown;
   Fix our thoughts on things above,
   Stay our hearts on Thee alone.

3 Humble, holy, all resign'd
   To Thy will.—Thy will be done!
   Give us, Lord, the perfect mind
   Of Thy well-beloved Son.

4 Counting gain and glory loss,
   May we tread the path He trod;
   Bear with Him on earth our cross,
   Rise with Him to Thee our God.

   James Montgomery, 1819.

265 His Love to Souls. S. M.

1 DID Christ o'er sinners weep,
   And shall our cheeks be dry?
   Let floods of penitential grief
   Burst forth from every eye.

2 The Son of God in tears,
   Angels with wonder see!
   Be thou astonish'd, O my soul,
   He shed those tears for thee.
JESUS' LIFE ON EARTH.

3 He wept that we might weep;
   Each sin demands a tear;
In heaven alone no sin is found,
   And there's no weeping there.
   Benjamin Beddome, 1818.

266 His Fellowship with us. 8.7.4.

1 PILGRIMS here on earth and strangers,
   Neath a weary load we bend:
Oh! how sweet, 'mid toils and dangers,
   Still to have a heavenly Friend!
   Christ has suffer'd,
   And to sufferers grace will send.

2 By as deadly foes assaulted,
   By as strong temptations tried,
   Still His footsteps never halted,
   On from strength to strength He hied.
   What could move Him,
   With Jehovah at His side?

3 To the shameful cross they nail'd Him,
   And that cross became His throne:
In the tomb they laid and seal'd Him;
   Lo the Saviour bursts the stone,
   And, ascending,
   Claims all empire as His own.

4 Jesu, from Thy heavenly glories
   Here an eye of mercy cast;
Make our path still plain before us,
   Smooth the wave, and still the blast.
   Thou hast help'd us:
   Bear us safely home at last.
   Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

267 His Work as God's Anointed. 8.7.4.

1 THUS saith God of His Anointed;
   He shall let My people go;
'Tis the work for Him appointed,
   'Tis the work that He shall do;
   And My city
   He shall found, and build it too.
JESUS' LIFE ON EARTH.

2 He whom man with scorn refuses,
Whom the favour'd nation hates,
He is Jehovah chooses,
Him the highest place awaits;
Kings and princes
Shall do homage at His gates.

3 He shall humble all the scorners,
He shall fill His foes with shame;
He shall raise and comfort mourners
By the sweetness of His Name;
To the captives
He shall liberty proclaim.

4 He shall gather those that wander'd;
When they hear the trumpet's sound,
They shall join His sacred standard,
They shall come and flock around;
He shall save them;
They shall be with glory crown'd.

Thomas Kelly, 1809.

Despised and rejected of Men. C. M.

1 REJECTED and despised of men,
Behold a man of woe!
And grief his close companion still
Through all His life below!

2 Yet all the griefs He felt were ours,
Ours were the woes He bore;
Pangs, not His own, His spotless soul
With bitter anguish tore.

3 We held Him as condemn'd of heaven,
An outcast from His God;
While for our sins He groan'd, He bled,
Beneath His Father's rod.

4 His sacred blood hath wash'd our souls
From sin's polluting stain;
His stripes have heal'd us, and His death
Revived our souls again.

William Robertson, 1751.
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

JESUS' SUFFERINGS AND DEATH.

269 A place called Gethsemane. 7s., 6 lines.

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
    Ye that feel the tempter's power;
    Your Redeemer's conflict see;
    Watch with Him one bitter hour:
    Turn not from His griefs away;
    Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment-hall,
    View the Lord of life arraign'd;
    Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
    Oh, the pangs His soul sustain'd!
    Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
    Learn of Him to bear the cross.

3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
    There, adoring at His feet,
    Mark that miracle of time,
    God's own sacrifice complete.
    "It is finish'd!" hear Him cry;
    Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb,
    Where they laid His breathless clay;
    All is solitude and gloom:
    Who hath taken Him away?
    Christ is risen:—He meets our eyes;
    Saviour, teach us so to rise.

James Montgomery, 1825.

270 Gethsemane.  L. M.

1 Come, all ye chosen saints of God,
    Who long to feel the cleansing blood,
    In pensive pleasure join with me
    To sing of sad Gethsemane.

2 Gethsemane, the olive-press!
    (And why so call'd let Christians guess)
    Fit name, fit place, where vengeance strove,
    And griped and grappled hard with love.
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

3 'Twas here the Lord of life appear'd,
And sigh'd, and groan'd, and pray'd, and fear'd;
Bore all incarnate God could bear,
With strength enough, and none to spare.

4 And why, dear Saviour, tell me why
Thou didst a bleeding sufferer lie?
What mighty motive could Thee move?
The motive's plain—'twas all for love!

5 For love of whom? of sinners base;
A harden'd herd, a rebel race;
That mock'd and trampled on Thy blood,
And wanton'd in the wounds of God.

6 Oh love of unexampled kind!
That leaves all thought so far behind;
Where length, and breadth, and depth, and
Are lost to my astonish'd sight.

Joseph Hart, 1759, a.

Gethsemane.

1 MANY woes had He endured,
Many sore temptations met,
Patient, and to pains inured:
But the sorest trial yet
Was to be sustain'd in Thee,
Gloomy, sad Gethsemane!

2 Came at length the dreadful night;
Vengeance with its iron rod
Stood, and with collected might
Bruised the harmless Lamb of God.
See, my soul, thy Saviour see,
Prostrate in Gethsemane!

3 There my God bore all my guilt;
This through grace can be believed;
But the horrors which He felt
Are too vast to be conceived.
None can penetrate through thee,
Doleful, dark Gethsemane!

4 Sins against a holy God;
Sins against His righteous laws;
Sins against His love, His blood;
Sins against His name and cause;
Sins immense as is the sea—
Hide me, O Gethsemane!
Here's my claim, and here alone;  
   None a Saviour more can need;  
Deeds of righteousness I've none;  
   No, not one good work to plead:  
Not a glimpse of hope for me,  
Only in Gethsemane!

6 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
   One almighty God of love,  
Hymn'd by all the heavenly host  
   In Thy shining courts above,  
We poor sinners, gracious Three,  
Bless Thee for Gethsemane.  
   Joseph Hart, 1759,

Gethsemane. 8.8.6.

1 IMMANUEL, sunk with dreadful woe,  
   Unfelt, unknown to all below—  
Except the Son of God—  
   In agonizing pangs of soul,  
Drinks deep of wormwood's bitterest bowl,  
   And sweats great drops of blood.

2 "O Father, hear! this cup remove;  
Save Thou the darling of Thy love  
   (The prostrate victim cries)  
From overwhelming fear and dread!  
Though He must mingle with the dead—  
   His people's sacrifice."

3 His earnest prayers, His deepening groans,  
   Were heard before angelic thrones;  
   Amazement wrapt the sky:  
   "Go, strengthen Christ!" the Father said:  
The astonish'd seraph bow'd his head,  
   And left the realms on high.

4 Made strong in strength, renew'd from heaven,  
   Jesus receives the cup as given,  
   And perfectly resign'd,  
   He drinks the wormwood mix'd with gall,  
Sustains the curse, removes it all,  
   Nor leaves a dreg behind.

Rippon's Selection, 1800.
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

273 "Thine unknown sufferings."  

1 MUCH we talk of Jesus' blood,  
   But, how little's understood!  
   Of His sufferings, so intense,  
   Angels have no perfect sense.

2 Who can rightly comprehend  
   Their beginning or their end?  
   'Tis to God and God alone  
   That their weight is fully known.

3 See the suffering Son of God,  
   Panting, groaning, sweating blood!  
   Boundless depths of love divine!  
   Jesus, what a love was Thine!

4 Though the wonders Thou hast done,  
   Are as yet so little known,  
   Here we fix and comfort take,  
   Jesus died for sinners' sake.

Joseph Hart, 1759.

274 His Passion.  

1 SEE how the patient Jesus stands,  
   Insulted in His lowest case!  
   Sinners have bound the Almighty hands,  
   And spit in their Creator's face.

2 With thorns His temples gored and gash'd  
   Send streams of blood from every part;  
   His back's with knotted scourges lash'd,  
   But sharper scourges tear His heart.

3 Nail'd naked to the accursed wood,  
   Exposed to earth and heaven above,  
   A spectacle of wounds and blood,  
   A prodigy of injured love!

4 Hark! how His doleful cries affright  
   Affected angels, while they view;  
   His friends forsook Him in the night,  
   And now His God forsakes Him too!

5 Behold that pale, that languid face,  
   That drooping head, those languid eyes!  
   Behold in sorrow and disgrace  
   Our conquering Hero hangs, and dies!
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

6 Ye that assume His sacred name,
Now tell me, what can all this mean?
What was it bruised God's harmless Lamb,
What was it pierced His soul, but sin?

7 Blush, Christian, blush; let shame abound:
If sin affects thee not with woe,
Whatever life is in thee found,
The life of Christ thou dost not know.

Joseph Hart, 1759, a.


1 SACRED Head, once wounded,
With grief and pain weigh'd down,
How scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown!
How pale art Thou with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish,
Which once was bright as morn!

2 O Lord of life and glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
I read the wondrous story,
I joy to call Thee mine.
Thy grief and Thy compassion
Were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.

3 What language shall I borrow
To praise Thee, Heavenly Friend;
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
Lord, make me Thine for ever,
Nor let me faithless prove;
Oh let me never, never
Abuse such dying love!

4 Be near me, Lord, when dying;
Oh show Thy cross to me;
And, for my succour flying,
Come, Lord, to set me free:
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

These eyes new faith receiving,
From Jesus shall not move;
For he who dies believing,
Dies safely through Thy love.

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1153;
tr. Paul Gerhardt, 1659.

Jesus wounded. C.M.

1 HOW clearly all His torturing wounds
The love of Jesus show,
Those wounds from whence encrimson'd rills
Of blood atoning flow.

2 How doth th' ensanguined thorny crown
That beauteous brow transpiercel
How do the nails those hands and 'feet
Contract with tortures fierce!

3 He bows His head, and forth at last
His loving spirit soars;
Yet even after death His heart
For us its tribute pours.

4 Oh, come, all ye in whom are fix'd
The deadly stains of sin;
Come, wash in this all-saving blood,
And ye shall be made clean.

5 Praise Him, who with the Father sits
Enthroned upon the skies;
Whose blood redeems our souls from guilt,
Whose Spirit sanctifies.

Edward Caswall, 1849, a.

Jesus's Sorrow. 7s.

1 SEE the destined day arise!
See, a willing sacrifice,
Jesus, to redeem our loss,
Hangs upon the shameful cross!

2 Jesu, who but Thou had borne,
Lifted on that tree of scorn,
Every pang and bitter throe,
Finishing Thy life of woe?
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

3 Who but Thou had dared to drain,
   Steep'd in gall, the cup of pain;
   And with tender body bear
   Thorns, and nails, and piercing spear?

4 Thence the cleansing water flow'd
   Mingled from Thy side with blood;
   Sign to all attesting eyes
   Of the finish'd sacrifice.

5 Holy Jesu, grant us grace
   In that sacrifice to place
   All our trust for life renew'd,
   Pardon'd sin, and promised good.

   Richard Mant, 1837, a.

278 "They crucified Him." L. M.

1 Oh come and mourn with me awhile;
   Oh come ye to the Saviour's side;
   Oh come, together let us mourn;
   Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

2 Have we no tears to shed for Him,
   While soldiers scoff and Jews deride?
   Ah! look how patiently He hangs;
   Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

3 How fast His hands and feet are nail'd;
   His throat with parching thirst is dried;
   His failing eyes are dimm'd with blood;
   Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

4 Come, let us stand beneath the cross;
   So may the blood from out His side
   Fall gently on us drop by drop;
   Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

5 A broken heart, a fount of tears
   Ask, and they will not be denied;
   Lord Jesus, may we love and weep,
   Since Thou for us art crucified.

   Frederick William Faber, 1852, a.

279 Weeping at the Cross. C. M.

1 A LAS! and did my Saviour bleed?
   And did my Sovereign die?
   Would He devote that sacred head
   For such a worm as I?

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2 Was it for crimes that I had done
He groan'd upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree.

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When God, the mighty Maker, died
For man, the creature's sin.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face,
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt my eyes to tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

280 The Attraction of the Cross. C. M.

1 YONDER—amazing sight!—I see
Th' incarnate Son of God
Expiring on th' accursed tree,
And weltering in His blood.

2 Behold, a purple torrent run
Down from His hands and head,
The crimson tide puts out the sun;
His groans awake the dead.

3 The trembling earth, the darken'd sky,
Proclaim the truth aloud;
And with th' amazed centurion, cry,
"This is the Son of God!"

4 So great, so vast a sacrifice
May well my hope revive:
If God's own Son thus bleeds and dies,
The sinner sure may live.

5 Oh that these cords of love divine
Might draw me, Lord, to Thee!
Thou hast my heart, it shall be Thine,
Thine it shall ever be!

Samuel Stennett, 1787.
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

281 A View of Christ crucified. 8.7.

1 SWEET the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross I spend,
Life, and health, and peace possessing,
From the sinner's dying Friend.

2 Here I'll sit for ever viewing
Mercy's streams, in streams of blood;
Precious drops! my soul bedewing,
Plead and claim my peace with God.

3 Truly blessed is this station,
Low before His cross to lie;
While I see divine compassion
Floating in His languid eye.

4 Here it is I find my heaven,
While upon the cross I gaze;
Love I much? I've more forgiven;
I'm a miracle of grace.

5 Love and grief my heart dividing,
With my tears His feet I'll bathe,
Constant still in faith abiding,
Life deriving from His death.

6 May I still enjoy this feeling,
In all need to Jesus go;
Prove His wounds each day more healing,
And Himself more fully know.

James Allen, 1757;
Walter Shirley, 1770.

282 Crucifixion to the World by the Cross. L.M.

1 WHEN I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

3 See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown!

4 His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er His body on the tree,
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

5 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Isaac Watts, 1709.

283 Love in Agony. C.M.

1 THE enormous load of human guilt
Was on my Saviour laid;
With woes, as with a garment, He
For sinners was array'd.

2 And in the horrid pangs of death
He wept, He pray'd for me;
Loved and embraced my guilty soul
When nailed to the tree.

3 Oh love amazing! love beyond
The reach of human tongue;
Love which shall be the subject of
An everlasting song.

William Williams, 1759.

284 "The Lord hath laid on Him
the iniquity of us all."

C.M.

1 IN Jesu's name, with one accord,
Lift up a sacred hymn,
And think what healing streams He pour'd
From every bleeding limb.

2 Oh who can tell what woes He bore
When that pure blood was spilt,
What pangs His tortured bosom tore,
When loaded with our guilt?
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

3 'Twas not the insulting voice of scorn
So deeply wrung His heart;
The piercing nail, the pointed thorn,
Caused not the saddest smart:

4 But every struggling sigh betray'd
A heavier grief within,
How on His burden'd soul was laid
The weight of human sin.

5 O Thou who hast vouchsafed to bear
Our sins' oppressive load,
Grant us Thy righteousness to wear,
And lead us to our God.

William Hiley Bathurst, 1831.

285 "He loved me." C.M.

1 FOR me vouchsafed th' unspotted Lamb
His Father's wrath to bear;
I see His feet, and read my name
Engraven deeply there.

2 Forth from the Lord His gushing blood
In purple currents ran;
And every wound proclaim'd aloud
His wondrous love to man.

3 For me the Saviour's blood avails,
Almighty to atone;
The hands He gave to piercing nails
Shall lead me to His throne.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.

286 A Song for the foot of the Cross. 8.7.4.

1 NOW, my soul, thy voice upraising,
Sing aloud in mournful strain,
Of the sorrows most amazing,
And the agonizing pain,
Which our Saviour
Sinless bore, for sinners slain.

2 He the ruthless scourge enduring,
Ransom for our sins to pay;
Sinners by His own stripes curing,
Raising those who wounded lay;
Bore our sorrows,
And removed our pains away.
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

3 He to liberty restored us
   By the very bonds He bare;
   And His nail-pierced limbs afford us
   Each a stream of mercy rare:
   Lo! He draws us
   To the cross, and keeps us there.

4 When His painful life was ended,
   When the spear transfixed His side,
   Blood and water thence descended,
   Pouring forth a double tide:
   This to cleanse us,
   That to heal us, is applied.

5 Jesus! may Thy promised blessing
   Comfort to our souls afford;
   May we, now Thy love possessing,
   And at length our full reward,
   Ever praise Thee,
   As our ever-glorious Lord!

John Chandler, 1837, a.

287 A Song at the foot of the Cross. S.M.

1 LET all our tongues be one,
   To praise our God on high,
   Who from His bosom sent His Son
   To fetch us strangers nigh.

2 Nor let our voices cease
   To sing the Saviour's name;
   Jesus, the ambassador of peace,
   How cheerfully He came!

3 It cost Him cries and tears
   To bring us near to God;
   Great was our debt, and He appears
   To make the payment good.

4 Look up, my soul, to Him
   Whose death was thy desert,
   And humbly view the living stream
   Flow from His breaking heart!

5 There, on the cursed tree,
   In dying pangs He lies,
   Fulfils His Father's great decree,
   And all our wants supplies.
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

6 Lord, cleanse my soul from sin,
Nor let Thy grace depart;
Great Comforter, abide within,
And witness to my heart!

Isaac Watts, 1709.

288 The cleansing Fountain. C, M.

1 THERE is a fountain fill'd with blood,
   Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
   And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
   Lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dying thief rejoiced to see
   That fountain in his day;
   Oh may I there, though vile as he,
   Wash all my sins away!

3 Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
   Shall never lose its power,
   Till all the ransom'd church of God
   Be saved to sin no more.

4 F'er since by faith I saw the stream
   Thy flowing wounds supply,
   Redeeming love has been my theme,
   And shall be till I die.

5 Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
   I'll sing Thy power to save,
   When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
   Lies silent in the grave.

William Cowper, 1779.

289 Wonders of the Cross. L.M.

1 NATURE with open volume stands,
   To spread her Maker's praise abroad;
   And every labour of His hands
   Shows something worthy of a God.

2 But in the grace that rescued man
   His brightest form of glory shines;
   Here, on the cross, 'tis fairest drawn
   In precious blood and crimson lines.

3 Here I behold His inmost heart,
   Where grace and vengeance strangely join,
   Piercing His Son with sharpest smart,
   To make the purchased pleasures mine.

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4 Oh, the sweet wonders of that cross,
   Where God the Saviour loved and died!
   Her noblest life my spirit draws
   From His dear wounds and bleeding side.

5 I would for ever speak His name
   In sounds to mortal ears unknown;
   With angels join to praise the Lamb,
   And worship at His Father's throne.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

290 Depths of Wisdom in the Cross. S. M.

1 A WAKE, my soul, and rise
   Amazed, and yonder see,
   How hangs the mighty Saviour God,
   Upon a cursed tree!

2 Now gloriously fulfill'd
   Is that most ancient plan,
   Contrived in the Eternal Mind
   Before the world began.

3 Here depths of wisdom shine,
   Which angels cannot trace;
   The highest rank of cherubim
   Still lost in wonder gaze.

4 Here free salvation reigns,
   And carries all before;
   And this shall, for the guilty race,
   Be refuge evermore.

5 Now Hell, in all her strength,
   Her rage, and boasted sway,
   Can never snatch a wand'ring sheep
   From Jesus' arms away.

   William Williams, 1772.

291 The Shepherd smitten. S. M.

1 LIKE sheep we went astray,
   And broke the fold of God;
   Each wandering in a different way,
   But all the downward road.
JESUS’ SUFFERINGS.

2 How dreadful was the hour
   When God our wanderings laid,
   And did at once His vengeance pour
   Upon the Shepherd's head!

3 How glorious was the grace
   When Christ sustain'd the stroke!
   His life and blood the Shepherd pays,
   A ransom for the flock.

4 His honour and His breath
   Were taken both away;
   Join'd with the wicked in His death,
   And made as vile as they:

5 But God shall raise His head
   O'er sons of men to reign,
   And make Him see a numerous seed,
   To recompense His pain.

6 "I'll give Him," saith the Lord,
   "A portion with the strong;
   He shall possess a large reward,
   And hold His honours long."

Isaac Watts, 1709, a.

The Three Mountains.

1 WHEN on Sinai's top I see
   God descend in majesty,
   To proclaim His holy law,
   All my spirit sinks with awe.

2 When, in ecstasy sublime,
   Tabor's glorious steep I climb,
   At the too-transporting light,
   Darkness rushes o'er my sight.

3 When on Calvary I rest,
   God, in flesh made manifest,
   Shines in my Redeemer's face,
   Full of beauty, truth, and grace.

4 Here I would for ever stay,
   Weep and gaze my soul away;
   Thou art heaven on earth to me,
   Lovely, mournful, Calvary.

James Montgomery, 1825.
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

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I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me. S. M.

1 BEHOLD th' amazing sight,
   The Saviour lifted high!
   Behold the Son of God's delight,
   Expire in agony!

2 For whom, for whom, my heart,
   Were all these sorrows borne?
   Why did He feel that piercing smart,
   And meet that various scorn?

3 For love of us He bled,
   And all in torture died:
   'Twas love that bow'd His fainting head,
   And oped His gushing side.

4 I see, and I adore,
   In sympathy of love:
   I feel the strong attractive power,
   To lift my soul above.

5 Drawn by such cords as these,
   Let all the earth combine
   With cheerful ardour to confess
   The energy divine.

6 In Thee our hearts unite,
   Nor share Thy griefs alone,
   But from Thy cross pursue their flight
   To Thy triumphant throne.

Philip Doddridge, 1755,

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His Death.

1 ON the wings of faith uprising,
   Jesus crucified I see;
   While His love, my soul surprising,
   Cries, "I suffer'd all for thee!"

2 Then, beneath the cross adoring,
   Sin doth like itself appear;
   When the wounds of Christ exploring,
   I can read my pardon there.

3 Who can think, without admiring?
   Who can hear, and nothing feel?
   See the Lord of life expiring,
   Yet retain a heart of steel?
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

4 Angels here may gaze and wonder.
   What the God of love could mean,
   When He tore the heart asunder,
   Never once defiled with sin!

   *Joseph Swain, 1792.*

295 "The Love of Christ constrainteth us."

1 IN the Lord's atoning grief
   Be our rest and sweet relief;
   Store we deep in heart's recess
   All the shame and bitterness.

2 Thorns, and cross, and nails, and lance
   Wounds, our treasure that enhance,
   Vinegar, and gall, and reed,
   And the pang His soul that freed.

3 May these all our spirits sate,
   And with love inebriate;
   In our souls plant virtue's root,
   And mature its glorious fruit.

4 Crucified! we Thee adore,
   Thee with all our hearts implore,
   Us with saintly bands unite
   In the realms of heavenly light.

5 Christ, by coward hands betray'd,
   For us a captive made,
   Upon the bitter tree
   Slain for man, be praise to Thee.

   *John Mason Neale, 1851.*

296 For me.

1 THE Son of God, in mighty love,
   Came down to Bethlehem for me;
   Forsook His throne of light above,
   An infant upon earth to be.

2 In love, the Father's sinless child
   Sojourn'd at Nazareth for me;
   With sinners dwelt the Undeclared,
   The Holy One in Galilee.

3 Jesus, whom angel hosts adore,
   Became a man of griefs for me;
   In love, though rich, becoming poor,
   That I, through Him, enrich'd might be.
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

4 Though Lord of all, above, below,
   He went to Olivet for me;
   He drank my cup of wrath and woe,
   And bled in dark Gethsemane.

5 The ever-blessed Son of God
   Went up to Calvary for me,
   There paid my debt, there bore my load
   In His own body on the tree.

6 Jesus, whose dwelling is the skies,
   Went down into the grave for me;
   There overcame my enemies,
   There won the glorious victory.

7 'Tis finish'd all; the veil is rent,
   The welcome sure, the access free;
   Now then, we leave our banishment,
   O Father, to return to Thee!

Horatius Bonar, 1856.

297 All for us. 8.7.

1 GREAT High Priest, we view Thee stooping,
   With our names upon Thy breast,
   In the garden, groaning, drooping,
   To the ground with horrors press'd.
   Weeping angels stood confounded
   To behold their Maker thus;
   And can we remain unwounded,
   When we know 'twas all for us?

2 On the cross Thy body broken
   Cancels every penal tie;
   Tempted souls, produce this token,
   All demands to satisfy.
   All is finish'd; do not doubt it;
   But believe your dying Lord;
   Never reason more about it;
   Only take Him at His word.

3 Lord, we fain would trust Thee solely;
   'Twas for us Thy blood was spilt,
   Bruised Bridegroom, take us wholly;
   Take and make us what Thou wilt.
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

Thou hast borne the bitter sentence
Past on man's devoted race;
True belief and true repentance
Are Thy gifts, Thou God of grace.

Joseph Hart, 1759.

298 Sin removed by the Cross. 73.

1 SONS of peace, redeem'd by blood,
Raise your songs to Zion's God;
Made from condemnation free,
Grace triumphant sing with me.

2 Calvary's wonders let us trace,
Justice magnified in grace;
Mark the purple streams, and say,
Thus my sins were wash'd away.

3 Wrath divine no more we dread,
Vengeance smote our Surety's head;
Legal claims are fully met,
Jesus paid the dreadful debt.

4 Sin is lost beneath the flood,
Drown'd in the Redeemer's blood,
Zion, oh! how bless'd art thou,
Justified from all things now.

John Kent, 1808, a.

299 Jehovah satisfied. S.M.

1 MORE marr'd than any man's,
The Saviour's visage see;
Was ever sorrow like to His
Endured on Calvary?

2 Oh, hear that piercing cry!
What can its meaning be?
"My God! my God! oh, why hast Thou
In wrath forsaken me?"

3 Oh 'twas because our sins
On Him by God were laid;
He who Himself had never sinn'd,
For sinners, sin was made.
JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

Thus sin He put away
By His one sacrifice,
Then, conqueror o'er death and hell,
He mounted to the skies.

Therefore let all men know
That God is satisfied;
And sinners all who Jesus trust,
Through Him are justified.

William Russell, 1861.

300 "It is finished." 8.7.4.

HARK! the voice of love and mercy
Sounds aloud from Calvary!
See! it rends the rocks asunder,
Shakes the earth and veils the sky!
"It is finish'd!"
Hear the dying Saviour cry.

"It is finish'd!"—Oh what pleasure
Do these charming words afford!
Heavenly blessings without measure
Flow to us from Christ the Lord:
"It is finish'd!"
Saints, the dying words record.

Finish'd all the types and shadows
Of the ceremonial law!
Finish'd all that God had promised;
Death and hell no more shall awe;
"It is finish'd!"
Saints, from hence your comfort draw.

Tune your harps, anew, ye seraphs,
Join to sing the pleasing theme;
All on earth, and all in heaven,
Join to praise Immanuel's name!
Hallelujah!
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!

Jonathan Evans, 1787.

301 Joy or Sorrow. 7.7.

"It is finish'd;" shall we raise
Songs of sorrow or of praise?
Mourn to see the Saviour die,
Or proclaim His victory?
1 SING my Saviour's wondrous death;
   He conquer'd when He fell:
   "'Tis finish'd!" said His dying breath,
   And shook the gates of hell.

2 "'Tis finish'd!" our Immanuel cries;
   The dreadful work is done:
   Hence shall His sovereign throne arise,
   His kingdom is begun.

3 His cross a sure foundation laid
   For glory and renown,
   When through the regions of the dead
   He pass'd to reach the crown.

4 Exalted at His Father's side
   Sits our victorious Lord;
   To heaven and hell His hands divide
   The vengeance or reward.

5 The saints, from His propitious eye,
   Await their several crowns;
   And all the sons of darkness fly
   The terror of His frowns.

Christ's Death, Victory, and Dominion. C.M.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

10NCE it was mine, the cup of wrath,
   But Jesus drank it dry;
   When on the cursed tree transfixed,
   He breathed the expiring sigh.

The Cup of Wrath. C.M.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
JESUS SEEN OF ANGELS.

2 No tongue can tell the wrath He bore,
   The wrath so due to me;
   Sin's just desert; He bore it all,
   To set the sinner free!

3 Now not a single drop remains;
   "It's finish'd," was His cry;
   One effectual draught, He drank
   The cup of wrath quite dry.

Albert Midlane, 1864.

JESUS SEEN OF ANGELS.

304 Jesus seen of Angels. C.M.

1 BEYOND the glittering starry skies,
   Far as th' eternal hills,
   There, in the boundless worlds of light,
   Our dear Redeemer dwells.

2 Immortal angels, bright and fair,
   In countless armies shine!
   At His right hand, with golden harps,
   They offer songs divine.

3 In all His toils and dangerous paths
   They did His steps attend,
   Oft paused, and wonder'd how at last
   This scene of love would end.

4 And when the powers of hell combined
   To fill His cup of woe,
   Their pitying eyes beheld His tears
   In bloody anguish flow.

5 As on the tottering tree He hung,
   And darkness veil'd the sky,
   They saw, aghast, that awful sight,
   The Lord of Glory die!

6 Anon He bursts the gates of death,
   Subdues the tyrant's power;
   They saw th' illustrious Conqueror rise,
   And hail'd the blessed hour.
JESUS SEEN OF ANGELS.

7 They brought His chariot from above,
   To bear Him to His throne;
   Clapp'd their triumphant wings, and cried,
"The glorious work is done."

8 My soul the joyful triumph feels,
   And thinks the moments long
   Ere she her Saviour's glory sees,
   And joins the rapturous song.

James Fanch and Daniel Turner, 1791, a.

305 Jesus seen of Angels. 148th.

1 YE bright immortal throng
   Of angels round the throne,
   Join with our feeble song
   To make the Saviour known:
   On earth ye knew
   His wondrous grace;
   His beauteous face
   In heaven ye view.

2 Ye saw the heaven-born child
   In human flesh array'd,
   Benevolent and mild,
   While in the manger laid;
   And praise to God,
   And peace on earth,
   For such a birth,
   Proclaim'd aloud.

3 Ye, in the wilderness,
   Beheld the tempter spoil'd,
   Well known in every dress,
   In every combat foil'd;
   And joy'd to crown
   The Victor's head,
   When Satan fled
   Before His frown.

4 Around the bloody tree
   Ye press'd with strong desire,
   That wondrous sight to see,
   The Lord of life expire;
   And, could your eyes
   Have known a tear,
   Had dropp'd it there
   In sad surprise.
JESUS RISEN.

5 Around His sacred tomb
   A willing watch ye kept;
   Till the blest moment came
   To awaken Him that slept:
       Then roll'd the stone,
       And all adored
       Your rising Lord,
       With joy unknown.

6 When all array'd in light
   The shining Conqueror rode,
   Ye hail'd His rapturous flight
   Up to the throne of God;
       And waved around
       Your golden wings,
       And struck your strings
       Of sweetest sound.

7 The warbling notes pursue,
   And louder anthems raise;
   While mortals sing with you
   Their own Redeemer's praise:
       And thou, my heart,
       With equal flame,
       And joy the same,
       Perform thy part.

   Philip Doddridge, 1755.

RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION OF OUR LORD.

306 The Lord is risen. 7s.

1 "CHRIST, the Lord, is risen to-day,"
   Sons of men and angels say!
   Raise your joys and triumphs high;
   Sing, ye heavens; and earth reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done;
   Fought the fight, the battle won:
   Lo! the sun's eclipse is o'er;
   Lo! he sets in blood no more!
JESUS RISEN.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids His rise,
Christ hath open'd paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King!
"Where, O death, is now thy sting?"
Once He died our souls to save;
"Where's thy victory, boasting grave?"

5 Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted head;
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet triumphant now,
Hail, the Resurrection—Thou!

Charles Wesley, 1739.

307 "He is risen." 7a.

1 ANGELS, roll the rock away;
Death, resign thy mighty prey:
See the Saviour quit the tomb,
Glowing with immortal bloom.

Hallelujah.

2 Shout, ye seraphs! Gabriel, raise
Fame's eternal trump of praise:
Let the earth's remotest bound
Hear the joy-inspiring sound.

Hallelujah.

3 Saints on earth, lift up your eyes,
Now to glory see Him rise;
Troops of angels on the road
Hail and sing the incarnate God.

Hallelujah.

4 Heaven unfolds its portals wide,
Gracious hero, through them ride;
King of glory, mount Thy throne,
Boundless empire is Thine own.

Hallelujah.
5 Praise Him, ye celestial choirs,
Praise, and sweep your golden lyres,
Shout, O earth, in rapturous song;
Let the strains be sweet and strong! 
   Hallelujah.

6 Every note with wonders swell,
Sin o'erthrown, and captived hell;
Where is hell's once dreaded king?
Where, O death, thy mortal sting?
   Hallelujah.

Thomas Scott, 1769;
Thomas Gibbons, 1784.

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Praise the risen Lord. 148th.

1 Yes, the Redeemer rose;
The Saviour left the dead,
And o'er our hellish foes
High raised His conquering head;
In wild dismay
The guards around
Fell to the ground,
And sunk away.

2 Lo! the angelic bands
In full assembly meet
To wait His high commands,
And worship at His feet:
Joyful they come,
And wing their way
From realms of day
To Jesus' tomb.

3 Then back to heaven they fly,
And the glad tidings bear;
Hark! as they soar on high,
What music fills the air!
Their anthems say,
"Jesus, who bled,
Hath left the dead!
He rose to-day."

4 Ye mortals! catch the sound,
Redeem'd by Him from hell,
And send the echo round
The globe on which you dwell;
JESUS RISEN.

Transported cry
"Jesus, who bled,
Hath left the dead,
No more to die."

5 All hail, triumphant Lord,
Who savest us with Thy blood!
Wide be Thy name adored,
Thou rising, reigning God!
With Thee we rise,
With Thee we reign,
And empires gain
Beyond the skies.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

309 "The Lord is risen indeed." S.M.

1 "The Lord is risen indeed;"
Now is His work perform'd;
Now is the mighty Captive freed,
And Death's strong castle storm'd.

2 "The Lord is risen indeed;"
The Grave has lost his prey;
With Him is risen the ransom'd seed,
To reign in endless day.

3 "The Lord is risen indeed;"
He lives, to die no more;
He lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
Whose curse and shame He bore.

4 "The Lord is risen indeed;"
Attending angels, hear!
Up to the courts of heaven, with speed,
The joyful tidings bear.

5 Then tune your golden lyres,
And strike each cheerful chord;
Join all ye bright celestial choirs,
To sing our risen Lord!

Thomas Kelly, 1809, a.

310 Captivity led captive. 148th.

1 The happy morn is come;
Triumphant o'er the grave,
The Saviour leaves the tomb,
Omnipotent to save:
Captivity is captive led;
For Jesus liveth, that was dead.
JESUS RISEN.

2 Who now accuseth them,
   For whom their Ransom died?
Who now shall those condemn
   Whom God hath justified?
Captivity is captive led;
   For Jesus liveth, that was dead.

3 Christ hath the ransom paid;
   The glorious work is done;
On Him our help is laid,
   By Him our victory won:
Captivity is captive led;
   For Jesus liveth, that was dead.

Thomas Hawes, 1792.

311 Death conquered. P. M.

1 PRAISE the Redeemer, almighty to save;
   Immanuel has triumph'd o'er death and the grave!
Sing, for the door of the dungeon is open,
   The Captive came forth at the dawn of the day.
How vain the precaution! the signet is broken;
   The watchmen in terror have fled far away.
Praise the Redeemer, &c.

2 Praise to the Conqueror; oh tell of His love!
   In pity to mortals He came from above.
Who shall rebuild for the tyrant his prison?
   The sceptre lies broken that fell from his hands;
His dominion is ended; the Lord is arisen;
   The helpless shall soon be released from their bands.
Praise the Redeemer, &c. [bands.

William Howes Grosset, 1853.

312 Comfort from the Resurrection. C. M.

1 Ye humble souls that seek the Lord,
   Chase all your fears away;
And bow with pleasure down to see
   The place where Jesus lay.

2 Thus low the Lord of Life was brought;
   Such wonders love can do!
Thus cold in death that bosom lay,
   Which throbb'd and bled for you.
JESUS ASCENDED.

3 A moment give a loose to grief,
   Let grateful sorrows rise,
And wash the bloody stains away
   With torrents from your eyes.

4 Then raise your hopes and tune your songs,
   The Saviour lives again;
Not all the bolts and bars of death
   The Conqueror could detain.

5 High o'er th' angelic bands He rears
   His once dishonour'd head;
And through unnumber'd years He reigns,
   Who dwelt among the dead.

6 With joy like His shall every saint
   His empty tomb survey;
Then rise with His ascending Lord,
   To heaven's eternal day.

Philip Doddridge, 1753.

Resurrection and Ascension. C.M.

1 HOSANNAH to the Prince of light,
   Who clothed Himself in clay,
Enter'd the iron gates of death,
   And tore the bars away!

2 Death is no more the king of dread,
   Since our Immanuel rose;
He took the tyrant's sting away,
   And spoil'd our hellish foes.

3 See how the Conqueror mounts aloft,
   And to His Father flies,
With scars of honour in His flesh,
   And triumph in His eyes.

4 There our exalted Saviour reigns,
   And scatters blessings down;
His Father well rewards His pains,
   And bids Him wear the crown.

5 Bright angels, strike your loudest strings,
   Your sweetest voices raise;
Let heaven and all created things
   Sound our Immanuel's praise.

Isaac Watts, 1709, a.
JESUS ASCENDED.

314  He is gone.  C. M.

1 He's gone—the Saviour's work on earth,
HIs task of love is o'er;
And lo! this dreary desert knows
His gracious steps no more.

2 Oh, 'twas a waste to Him indeed,
No rest on earth He knew;
No joy from its unhallow'd springs
His sorrowing spirit drew.

3 He's gone! and shall our truant feet
And lingering hearts delay
In a dark world, that cast His love
Like worthless dross away.

4 Hopeless of joy in aught below,
We only long to soar,
The fulness of His love to feel,
And lose His smile no more.

5 His hand, with all the gentle power,
The sweet constraint of love,
Hath drawn us from this restless world,
And fix'd our hearts above.

Edward Denny, 1848.

315  Jesus victorious.  8.7.7.7.

1 Who is this that comes from Edom,
All His raiment stain'd with blood;
To the slave proclaiming freedom;
Bringing and bestowing good:
Glorious in the garb He wears,
Glorious in the spoils He bears?

2 'Tis the Saviour, now victorious,
Travelling onward in His might;
'Tis the Saviour, oh how glorious
To His people is the sight!
Jesus now is strong to save;
Mighty to redeem the slave.
JESUS ASCENDED.

3 Why that blood His raiment staining?
   'Tis the blood of many slain;
   Of His foes there's none remaining,
   None the contest to maintain:
   Fallen they are no more to rise,
   All their glory prostrate lies.

4 This the Saviour has effected,
   By His mighty arm alone;
   See the throne for Him erected,
   'Tis an everlasting throne!
   'Tis the great reward He gains,
   Glorious fruit of all His pains.

5 Mighty Victor, reign for ever;
   Wear the crown, so dearly won;
   Never shall Thy people, never
   Cease to sing what Thou hast done;
   Thou hast fought Thy people's foes;
   Thou hast heal'd Thy people's woes.

   Thomas Kelly, 1809.

316 "Who is the King of Glory?" L.M.

1 REJOICE, ye shining worlds on high,
   Behold the King of glory nigh!
   Who can this King of glory be?
   The mighty Lord, the Saviour's He.

2 Ye heav'nly gates, your leaves display,
   To make the Lord the Saviour's way:
   Laden with spoils from earth and hell,
   The Conqueror comes with God to dwell.

3 Raised from the dead, He goes before;
   He opens heaven's eternal door:
   To give His saints a blest abode,
   Near their Redeemer, and their God.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

317 Sing, O Heavens.

1 SING, O heavens! O earth, rejoice!
   Angel harp, and human voice,
   Round Him, as He rises, raise
   Your ascending Saviour's praise.
   Alleluia!
JESUS ASCENDED.

2 Bruised is the serpent's head.
Hell is vanquish'd, death is dead,
And to Christ, gone up on high,
Captive is captivity.

Alleluia!

3 All His work and warfare done,
He into His heaven is gone,
And beside His Father's throne,
Now is pleading for His own:

Alleluia!

4 Asking gifts for sinful men,
That He may come down again,
And, the fallen to restore,
In them dwell for evermore.

Alleluia!

5 Sing, O heavens! O earth, rejoice!
Angel harp, and human voice,
Round Him, in His glory, raise
Your ascended Saviour's praise.

Alleluia!

John S. B. Monsell, 1863.

318 "I go to prepare a place for you."

C.M.

1 Th' eternal gates lift up their heads,
The doors are open'd wide;
The King of Glory is gone up
Unto His Father's side.

2 Thou art gone in before us, Lord,
Thou hast prepared a place,
That we may be where now Thou art,
And look upon Thy face.

3 And ever on our earthly path
A gleam of glory lies;
A light still breaks upon the cloud
That veils Thee from our eyes.

4 Lift up our thoughts, lift up our songs,
And let Thy grace be given,
That while we linger yet below,
Our hearts may be in heaven.
JESUS ASCENDED.

5 That where Thou art, at God's right hand,
    Our hope, our love may be:
Dwell in us now, that we may dwell
    For evermore in Thee.

Society Hymns, 1853, a.

319 Gone into Heaven. S.M.

1 Thou art gone up on high,
    To mansions in the skies;
And round Thy throne unceasingly
    The songs of praise arise.

2 But we are lingering here
    With sin and care oppress'd;
Lord, send Thy promised Comforter,
    And lead us to Thy rest.

3 Thou art gone up on high;
    But Thou didst first come down,
Through earth's most bitter agony
    To pass unto Thy crown;

4 And girt with griefs and fears
    Our onward course must be;
But only let that path of tears
    Lead us, at last, to Thee!

5 Thou art gone up on high;
    But Thou shalt come again,
With all the bright ones of the sky
    Attendant in Thy train.

6 Oh! by Thy saving power,
    So make us live and die,
That we may stand, in that dread hour,
    At Thy right hand on high!

Emma Toke, 1851.

320 Glory to our King. 6 lines, 7s.

1 Glory, glory to our King!
    Crowns unfading wreath His head;
Jesus is the name we sing;
    Jesus, risen from the dead;
Jesus, spoiler of the grave;
    Jesus, mighty now to save.
JESUS ASCENDED.

2 Jesus is gone up on high;  
   Angels come to meet their King;  
   Shouts triumphant rend the sky,  
   While the Victor's praise they sing:  
   "Open now, ye heavenly gates!  
   'Tis the King of Glory waits."

3 Now behold Him high enthroned!  
   Glory beamimg from His face;  
   By adoring angels own'd,  
   Lord of holiness and grace:  
   Oh for hearts and tongues to sing,  
   "Glory, glory to our King."

4 Jesus, on Thy people shine;  
   Warm our hearts and tune our tongues,  
   That with angels we may join,  
   Share their bliss and swell their songs:  
   Glory, honour, praise, and power,  
   Lord, be Thine for evermore.

Thomas Kelly, 1809.

321  
Our Forerunner.  

1 JESUS, the Lord, our souls adore,  
   A painful sufferer now no more;  
   High on His Father's throne He reigns,  
   O'er earth and heaven's extensive plains.

2 His race for ever is complete;  
   For ever undisturb'd His seat;  
   Myriads of angels round Him fly,  
   And sing His well-gain'd victory.

3 Yet, midst the honours of His throne,  
   He joys not for Himself alone;  
   His meanest servants share their part,  
   Share in that royal tender heart.

4 Raise, raise, my soul, thy raptured sight  
   With sacred wonder and delight;  
   Jesus, thine own forerunner see  
   Enter'd beyond the veil for thee.

5 Loud let the howling tempest yell,  
   And foaming waves to mountains swell,  
   No shipwreck can my vessel fear,  
   Since hope hath fix'd her anchor here.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.
JESUS ASCENDED.

322 "Lift up your Heads." L. M.

1 Lift up your heads, ye gates! and wide
  Your everlasting doors display;
  Ye angel-guards, like flames divide,
  And give the King of glory way.

2 Who is the King of glory?—He,
  The Lord, omnipotent to save;
  Whose own right arm, in victory,
  Led captive Death, and spoil'd the grave.

3 Lift up your heads, ye gates! and high
  Your everlasting portals heave;
  Welcome the King of glory nigh;
  Him must the heaven of heavens receive.

4 Who is the King of glory—who?
  The Lord of hosts; behold His name:
  The kingdom, power, and honour due,
  Yield Him, ye saints, with glad acclaim!

James Montgomery, 1822.

323 All hail. 8.7.

1 JESUS, hail! enthroned in glory,
  There for ever to abide;
  All the heavenly host adore Thee,
  Seated at Thy Father's side.

2 There for sinners Thou art pleading,
  There Thou dost our place prepare;
  Ever for us interceding,
  Till in glory we appear.

3 Worship, honour, power, and blessing,
  Thou art worthy to receive;
  Loudest praises, without ceasing,
  Meet it is for us to give.

4 Help, ye bright, angelic spirits,
  Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
  Help to sing our Saviour's merits,
  Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

John Bakewell, 1760.
JESUS IN HEAVEN.

324 The Conqueror reigns. C.M.

1 TRIUMPHANT, Christ ascends on high,
    The glorious work complete;
Sin, death, and hell, low vanquish'd lie,
    Beneath His awful feet.

2 There, with eternal glory crown'd,
    The Lord, the Conqueror reigns;
His praise the heavenly choirs resound,
    In their immortal strains.

3 Amid the splendours of His throne,
    Unchanging love appears;
The names He purchased for His own
    Still on His heart He bears.

4 Oh, the rich depths of love divine!
    Of bliss, a boundless store:
Dear Saviour, let me call Thee mine,
    I cannot wish for more.

5 On Thee alone my hope relies;
    Beneath Thy cross I fall,
My Lord, my life, my sacrifice,
    My Saviour, and my all.

Anne Steele, 1760.

OUR LORD IN HEAVEN.

325 Prevalent Intercession. C.M.

1 A WAKE, sweet gratitude, and sing
    Th' ascended Saviour's love;
Tell how He lives to carry on
    His people's cause above.

2 With cries and tears He offer'd up
    His humble suit below;
But with authority He asks,
    Enthroned in glory now.

3 For all that come to God by Him,
    Salvation He demands;
Points to their names upon His breast,
    And spreads His wounded hands.
JESUS IN HEAVEN.

4 His covenant and sacrifice
   Give sanction to His claim;
   "Father, I will that all my saints
   Be with me where I am.

5 "By their salvation, recompense
   The sorrows I endured;
   Just to the merits of Thy Son,
   And faithful to Thy Word."

6 Eternal life at His request,
   To every saint is given;
   Safety on earth, and after death,
   The plenitude of heaven.

   Augustus M. Toplady, 1771.

326 "He ever liveth." L. M.

1 He lives, the great Redeemer lives,
   (What joy the blest assurance gives!) And now before His Father God,
   Pleadeth the full merit of His blood.

2 Repeated crimes awake our fears,
   And justice arm'd with frowns appears;
   But in the Saviour's lovely face
   Sweet mercy smiles, and all is peace.

3 Hence, then, ye black despairing thoughts;
   Above our fears, above our faults,
   His powerful intercessions rise;
   And guilt recedes, and terror dies.

4 In every dark distressful hour,
   When sin and Satan join their power;
   Let this dear hope repel the dart,
   That Jesus bears us on His heart.

5 Great Advocate, Almighty Friend,
   On Him our humble hopes depend:
   Our cause can never, never fail,
   For Jesus pleads, and must prevail.

   Anne Steele, 1760.

327 Touched with a feeling of our infirmities. L. M.

1 Where high the heavenly temple stands,
   The house of God not made with hands,
   A great High Priest our nature wears,
   The Patron of mankind appears.
JESUS IN HEAVEN.

2 He, who for men their Surety stood,
And pour'd on earth His precious blood,
Pursues in heaven His mighty plan,
The Saviour and the Friend of man.

3 Though now ascended up on high,
He bends on earth a brother's eye;
Partaker of the human name,
He knows the frailty of our frame.

4 Our fellow sufferer yet retains
A fellow feeling of our pains,
And still remembers in the skies,
His tears, and agonies, and cries.

5 In every pang that rends the heart,
The Man of Sorrows had a part;
He sympathizes in our grief,
And to the sufferer sends relief.

6 With boldness therefore at the throne,
Let us make all our sorrows known,
And ask the aid of heavenly power
To help us in the evil hour.

Michael Bruce, 1770, a.

328 Christ's Compassion to the Weak. C. M.

1 WITH joy we meditate the grace
   Of our High Priest above;
   His heart is made of tenderness,
   His bowels melt with love.

2 Touch'd with a sympathy within,
   He knows our feeble frame;
   He knows what sore temptations mean,
   For He has felt the same.

3 But spotless, innocent, and pure,
   The great Redeemer stood,
   While Satan's fiery darts He bore,
   And did resist to blood.

4 He, in the days of feeble flesh,
   Pour'd out His cries and tears,
   And in His measure feels afresh
   What every member bears.
JESUS IN HEAVEN.

5 Then let our humble faith address
   His mercy and His power,
   We shall obtain delivering grace
   In the distressing hour.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

329 Faith triumphant in her living Lord. L. M.

1 WHO shall the Lord’s elect condemn?
   'Tis God that justifies their souls;
   And mercy like a mighty stream,
   O'er all their sins divinely rolls.

2 Who shall adjudge the saints to hell?
   'Tis Christ that suffer’d in their stead;
   And, their salvation to fulfil,
   Behold Him rising from the dead.

3 He lives, He lives, and sits above,
   For ever interceding there;
   Who shall divide us from His love?
   Or what should tempt us to despair?

4 Shall persecution, or distress,
   Famine, or sword, or nakedness?
   He that hath loved us bears us through,
   And makes us more than conquerors too.

5 Faith hath an overcoming power,
   It triumphs in the dying hour:
   Christ is our life, our joy, our hope,
   Nor can we sink with such a prop.

6 Not all that men on earth can do,
   Nor powers on high, nor powers below,
   Shall cause His mercy to remove,
   Or wean our hearts from Christ our love.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

330 Preservation by His Plea. C. M.

1 THERE is a Shepherd kind and strong,
   Still watchful for His sheep;
   Nor shall the infernal lion rend
   Whom He vouchsafes to keep.

2 Blest Jesus, intercede for us,
   That we may fall no more;
   Oh raise us, when we prostrate lie,
   And comfort lost restore.
JESUS IN HEAVEN.

3 Thy secret energy impart,
    That faith may never fail;
But under showers of fiery darts,
    That temper'd shield prevail.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

331 The Power of the risen Lord. C. M.

1 JESUS, the name high over all,
    In hell, or earth, or sky,
Angels and men before it fall;
    And devils fear and fly.

2 Jesus, the name to sinners dear,
    The name to sinners given,
It scatters all their guilty fear,
    And turns their hell to heaven.

3 Jesus the prisoner's fetters breaks,
    And bruises Satan's head;
Power into strengthless souls it speaks,
    And life into the dead.

4 His only righteousness I show,
    His saving truth proclaim;
'Tis all my business here below
    To cry, "Behold the Lamb!"

5 Happy, if with my latest breath
    I may but gasp His name;
Preach Him to all, and cry in death,
    "Behold, behold the Lamb!"

Charles Wesley, 1749.

332 He must reign. C. M.

1 'TIS past—that agonizing hour
    Of torture and of shame;
And Jesus is gone up with power,
    His promised throne to claim.

2 The Father heard Him when He cried
    From sorrow's deepest flood;
And gave Him those for whom He died,
    The purchase of His blood.

3 The first-fruits have been gather'd in,
    The work of love begun;
But brighter years shall soon begin
    Their glorious course to run.
JESUS IN HEAVEN.

4 The name of Jesus shall be known
To earth's remotest bound;
Nations shall bow before His throne,
And hail the joyful sound.

5 His summons shall awake the dead,
And break the captive's chain,
Till o'er a ransom'd world shall spread
Christ's universal reign.

William Hiley Bathurst, 1831.

333 “He shall reign for ever and ever.”

1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious,
See the “Man of Sorrows” now;
From the flight return'd victorious,
Every knee to Him shall bow:
Crown Him, crown Him;
Crowns become the Victor's brow.

2 Crown the Saviour, angels, crown Him;
Rich the trophies Jesus brings:
In the seat of power enthrone Him,
While the vault of heaven rings:
Crown Him, crown Him:
Crown the Saviour, “King of kings.”

3 Sinners in derision crown'd Him,
Mocking thus the Saviour's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around Him,
Own His title, praise His name;
Crown Him, crown Him;
Spread abroad the Victor's fame.

4 Hark! those bursts of acclamation!
Hark! those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station:
Oh what joy the sight affords!
Crown Him, crown Him,
“King of kings, and Lord of lords.”

Thomas Kelly, 1809.

334 The Kingdom of Christ. 148th.

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
JESUS IN HEAVEN.

Lift up the heart, lift up the voice,
Rejoice aloud, ye saints, rejoice.

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
The God of truth and love:
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above:  
Lift up, &c.

3 His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up, &c.

4 He all His foes shall quell,
Shall all our sins destroy,
And every bosom swell
With pure seraphic joy:
Lift up, &c.

5 Rejoice in glorious hope,
Jesus, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice,
The trump of God shall sound, Rejoice.

Charles Wesley, 1746, a.

335 Reigning Power. 148th.

1 REJOICE, the Saviour reigns
Among the sons of men;
He breaks the prisoners' chains,
And makes them free again;
Let hell oppose God's only Son,
In spite of foes His cause goes on.

2 The cause of righteousness,
Of truth and holy peace,
Design'd our world to bless,
Shall spread and never cease:
Gentile and Jew, their souls shall bow
Allegiance due, with rapture vow.
JESUS IN HEAVEN.

3 The baffled prince of hell
   In vain new efforts tries,
   Truth's empire to repel
   By cruelty and lies;
   Th' infernal gates shall rage in vain,
   Conquest awaits the Lamb once slain.

4 He died, but soon arose
   Triumphant o'er the grave;
   And still Himself He shows
   Omnipotent to save;
   Let rebels kiss the Victor's feet,
   Eternal bliss His subjects meet.

5 All power is in His hand,
   His people to defend;
   To His most high command
   Shall millions more attend:
   All heaven with smiles approves His cause,
   And distant isles receive His laws.

   John Ryland, 1792.

336 Christ glorified. C.M.

1 The head that once was crown'd with thorns,
   Is crown'd with glory now;
   A royal diadem adorns
   The mighty Victor's brow.

2 The highest place that heaven affords
   Is His, is His by right,
   The King of kings, and Lord of lords,
   And heaven's eternal light.

3 The joy of all who dwell above,
   The joy of all below,
   To whom He manifests His love,
   And grants His Name to know.

4 We suffer with our Lord below,
   We reign with Him above,
   Our profit and our joy to know,
   The mystery of His love.

5 The cross He bore is life and health,
   Though shame and death to Him;
   His people's hope, His people's wealth,
   Their everlasting theme.

   Thomas Kelly, 1820.
JESUS IN HEAVEN.

337 The Glory of Christ in Heaven. C. M.

1 Oh the delights, the heavenly joys,
   The glories of the place
Where Jesus sheds the brightest beams
   Of His overflowing grace!

2 Sweet majesty and awful love
   Sit smiling on His brow,
And all the glorious ranks above
   At humble distance bow.

3 Those soft, those blessed feet of His,
   That once rude iron tore,
High on a throne of light they stand,
   And all the saints adore.

4 His head, the dear majestic head
   That cruel thorns did wound,
See what immortal glories shine,
   And circle it around!

5 This is the Man, th' exalted Man,
   Whom we unseen adore;
But when our eyes behold His face,
   Our hearts shall love Him more.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

338 Our Victorious Lord.

1 CROWNS of glory ever bright
   Rest upon the Conqueror's head;
Crowns of glory are His right,
   His, "Who liveth and was dead."

2 He subdued the powers of hell,
   In the fight He stood alone;
All His foes before Him fell,
   By His single arm o'erthrown.

3 His the battle, His the toil;
   His the honours of the day;
His the glory and the spoil;
   Jesus bears them all away.

4 Now proclaim His deeds afar,
   Fill the world with His renown;
His alone the Victor's car;
   His the everlasting crown!

Thomas Kelly, 1809.
JESUS IN HEAVEN.

339 "In Thy Majesty ride prosperously."

1 LET us sing the King Messiah,
    King of righteousness and peace!
    Hail Him, all His happy subjects,
    Never let His praises cease:
    Ever hail Him,
    Never let His praises cease.

2 How transcendent are Thy glories,
    Fairer than the sons of men;
    While Thy blessed mediation
    Brings us back to God again:
    Blest Redeemer,
    How we triumph in Thy reign!

3 Gird Thy sword on, mighty Hero!
    Make the Word of truth Thy car;
    Prosper in Thy course majestic;
    All success attend Thy war!
    Gracious Victor,
    Let mankind before Thee bow!

4 Majesty, combined with meekness,
    Righteousness and peace unite
    To insure Thy blessed conquests.
    On, great Prince, assert Thy right!
    Ride triumphant,
    All around the conquer'd globe!

5 Blest are all that touch Thy sceptre,
    Blest are all that own Thy reign;
    Freed from sin, that worst of tyrants,
    Rescued from its galling chain:
    Saints and angels,
    All who know Thee, bless Thy reign.

    John Ryland, 1790.

340 At the right Hand of God. C.M.

1 HE who on earth as man was known,
    And bore our sins and pains,
    Now, seated on th' eternal throne,
    The God of glory reigns.

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2 His hands the wheels of nature guide
   With an unerring skill,
   And countless worlds, extended wide,
   Obey His sovereign will.

3 While harps unnumber'd sound His praise
   In yonder world above,
   His saints on earth admire His ways,
   And glory in His love.

4 When troubles, like a burning sun,
   Beat heavy on their head,
   To this almighty Rock they run,
   And find a pleasing shade.

5 How glorious He, how happy they
   In such a glorious Friend!
   Whose love secures them all the way,
   And crowns them at the end.

   John Newton, 1779.

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REIGN AND JUDGMENT.

341 He cometh. 8.7.

1 HARK! the cry, "Behold He cometh,"
   Hark! the cry, "The Bridegroom's near,"
   These are accents falling sweetly
   On the ransom'd sinner's ear.

2 Man may disbelieve the tidings,
   Or in anger turn away;
   'Tis foretold there shall be scoffers
   Rising in the latter day:

3 But He'll come, the Lord from heaven,
   Not to suffer, or to die;
   But to take His waiting people
   To their glorious rest on high.
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4 Happy they who stand expecting
Christ, the Saviour, to appear:
Sad for those who do not love Him,
Those who do not wish Him here.

5 But in mercy still He lingers,
Lengthening out the day of grace;
Till He comes, inviting sinners
To His welcome, fond embrace.

Albert Midlane, 1864.

342 The coming Glory. 8.7.4.

1 'MID the splendours of the glory
Which we hope ere long to share;
Christ our Head, and we His members,
Shall appear, divinely fair.
Oh, how glorious!
When we meet Him in the air!

2 From the dateless, timeless periods,
He has loved us without cause;
And for all His blood-bought myriads,
His is love that knows no pause.
Matchless Lover!
Changeless as the eternal laws!

3 Oh what gifts shall yet be granted,
Palms, and crowns, and robes of white,
When the hope for which we panted
Bursts upon our gladden’d sight,
And our Saviour
Makes us glorious through His might.

4 Bright the prospect soon that greets us
Of that long’d-for nuptial day,
When our heavenly Bridegroom meets us
On His kingly, conquering way;
In the glory,
Bride and Bridegroom reign for aye!

William Reid, 1868.

343 The Kingdom of Christ among Men. C. M.

1 LO! what a glorious sight appears
To our believing eyes!
The earth and seas are pass’d away,
And the old rolling skies.
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2 From the third heaven, where God resides,
That holy happy place,
The new Jerusalem comes down,
Adorn'd with shining grace.

3 Attending angels shout for joy,
And the bright armies sing,
"Mortals, behold the sacred seat
Of your descending King.

4 "The God of glory down to men
Removes His bless'd abode,
Men the dear objects of His grace,
And He their loving God:

5 "His own soft hand shall wipe the tears
From every weeping eye,
And pains, and groans, and griefs, and fears,
And death itself shall die.

6 How long, dear Saviour! Oh how long
Shall this bright hour delay?
Fly swifter round, ye wheels of time,
And bring the welcome day!

Isaac Watts, 1709.

344 Glory for the Chosen. 8.7.

1 LORD, in love Thou didst receive us,
Ere creation, as "Thine own,"
And that love will never leave us,
But will raise us to Thy throne.
Thou wilt come, and we shall meet Thee;
Then the saints whom Thou wilt raise,
Will, with those remaining greet Thee,
Joining in one song of praise.

2 Then shall we, Thine image bearing,
Know thee, Lord, as we are known;
With our blood-wash'd robes, declaring
What for us Thy death hath done.
Thus we all our joy expressing,
Shall for ever praise Thy name;
"Glory, power, dominion, blessing,
Be to God and to the Lamb."

James Kelly, 1850.
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COME, Lord, and tarry not; Bring the long-look'd-for day; Oh, why these years of waiting here, These ages of delay?

COME, for Thy saints still wait; Daily ascends their sigh; The Spirit and the bride say, come; Dost Thou not hear the cry?

COME, for creation groans Impatient of Thy stay, Worn out with these long years of ill, These ages of delay.

COME, for the corn is ripe, Put in Thy sicklenow, Reap the great harvest of the earth; Sower and reaper Thou!

COME, in Thy glorious might, Come with the iron rod, Scattering Thy foes before Thy face, Most Mighty Son of God.

COME, and make all things new, Build up this ruin'd earth, Restore our faded Paradise, Creation's second birth.

COME, and begin Thy reign Of everlasting peace; Come, take the kingdom to Thyself, Great King of Righteousness.

Haratius Bonar, 1857.

346 Signs of the Second Advent.

WHEN the gospel race is run, When the Gentile day is done, Signs and wonders there shall be In the heaven, and earth, and sea.

Jesus in that awful hour, Every soul shall own Thy power, Every eye "the cloud" shall scan, Signal of the Son of man.
OUR LORD'S ADVENT.

3 Lo! mid terror and mid tears,  
Jesus in the clouds appears,  
While the trump's tremendous blast  
Peals, the loudest and the last.

4 East and west, and south and north,  
Speeds each glorious angel forth,  
Gathering in with glittering wing  
Zion's saints to Zion's King.

5 Man nor angel knows that day,  
Heaven and earth shall pass away:  
Still shall stand the Saviour's word,  
Deathless as its deathless Lord.

William Dickinson, 1846.

347 "Thy Kingdom come." C.M.

1 ISLES of the deep, rejoice! rejoice!  
Ye ransom'd nations, sing  
The praises of your Lord and God,  
The triumphs of your King.

2 He comes, and at His mighty word,  
The clouds are fleeting past,  
And o'er the land of promise see,  
The glory breaks at last.

3 There He, upon His ancient throne  
His power and grace displays,  
While Salem with its echoing hills,  
Sends forth the voice of praise.

4 Oh, let His praises fill the earth  
While all the blest above,  
In strains of loftier triumph still,  
Speak only of His love.

5 Sing, ye redeem'd! Before the throne,  
Ye white-robed myriads fall;  
Sing—for the Lord of glory reigns,  
The Christ—the heir of all.

Edward Denny, 1848.
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348 Welcome, Son of God. 8.7.7.

1 WELCOME sight, the Lord descending,
Jesus in the clouds appears;
Lo! the Saviour comes intending
Now to dry His people's tears.
Lo! the Saviour comes to reign,
Welcome to His waiting train.

2 Long they mourn'd their absent Master;
Long they felt like men forlorn;
Bid the seasons fly still faster,
While they sigh'd for His return:
Lo! the period comes at last;
All their sorrows now are past.

3 Now from home no longer banish'd,
They are going to their rest;
Tho' the heaven and earth are vanish'd,
With their Lord they shall be blest;
Blest with Him His saints shall be,
Blest through all eternity.

4 Happy people! grace unbounded,
Grace alone exults you thus;
Be ashamed, and be confounded,
Sing for ever——"Not to us,
Not to us be glory given,
Glory to the God of heaven!"

Thomas Kelly, 1809.

349 "Behold He cometh." 8.7.4.

1 LIFT your heads, ye friends of Jesus,
Partners of His sufferings here;
Christ, to all believers precious,
Lord of lords shall soon appear:
Mark the tokens
Of His heavenly kingdom near!

2 Close behind the tribulation
Of the last tremendous days,
See the flaming revelation!
See the universal blaze!
Earth and heaven
Melt before the Judge's face!
OUR LORD'S ADVENT.

3 Sun and moon are both confounded,
    Darken'd into endless night,
When with angel-hosts surrounded,
    In His Father's glory bright
    Beams the Saviour;—
    Shines the everlasting Light.

4 Lo! 'tis He! our heart's desire,
    Come for His espoused below!
Come to join us with His choir,
    Come to make our joys o'erflow;
    Palms of victory,
    Crowns of glory to bestow.

Charles Wesley, 1758.

350 "Come, Lord Jesus." L.M.

1 WHEN shall Thy lovely face be seen?
    When shall our eyes behold our God?
    What lengths of distance lie between,
    And hills of guilt!—a heavy load!

2 Our months are ages of delay,
    And slowly every minute wears:
    Fly wing'd time, and roll away
    These tedious rounds of sluggish years.

3 Ye heavenly gates, loose all your chains:
    Let the eternal pillars bow!
    Blest Saviour, cleave the starry plains,
    And make the crystal mountains flow!

4 Hark how Thy saints unite their cries,
    And pray and wait the general doom!
    Come, Thou, the soul of all our joys!
    Thou, the Desire of Nations, come!

5 Put Thy bright robes of triumph on,
    And bless our eyes, and bless our ears,
    Thou absent Love, Thou dear unknown,
    Thou fairest of ten thousand fairs.

Isaac Watts, 1706.

351 Reign of Christ. 8.7.4.

1 BRIGHT with all His crowns of glory,
    See the royal Victor's brow;
    Once for sinners marr'd and gory,
    See the Lamb exalted now:
    While before Him
    All His ransom'd brethren bow.
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2 Blessed morning! long expected,
    Lo! they fill the peopled air,
Mourners once by man rejected,
    They with Him, exalted there,
Sing His praises,
    And His throne of glory share.

3 Judah! lo thy royal Lion
    Reigns on earth, a conquering King:
Come, ye ransom'd tribes to Zion,
    Love's abundant offerings bring;
There behold Him,
    And His ceaseless praises sing.

4 King of kings! let earth adore Him,
    High on His exalted throne;
Fall ye nations, fall before Him,
    And His righteous sceptre own:
All the glory
    Be to Him, and Him alone!

James Kelly, 1850.

352 The latter-day glory. C.M.

1 BEHOLD! the mountain of the Lord
    In latter days shall rise
On mountain-tops, above the hills,
    And draw the wondering eyes.

2 To this the joyful nations round,
    All tribes and tongues, shall flow;
Up to the hill of God, they'll say,
    And to His house we'll go.

3 The beam that shines from Zion hill
    Shall lighten every land;
The King that reigns in Salem's towers
    Shall all the world command.

4 Among the nations He shall judge;
    His judgments truth shall guide;
His sceptre shall protect the just,
    And quell the sinner's pride.

5 No strife shall vex Messiah's reign,
    Or mar those peaceful years;
To ploughshares men shall beat their swords,
    To pruning-hooks their spears.
OUR LORD'S ADVENT.

6 No longer hosts encountering hosts,
    Their millions slain deplore;
    They hang the trumpet in the hall,
    And study war no more.

7 Come then! oh come from every land,
    To worship at His shrine,
    And, walking in the light of God,
    With holy beauties shine.

Michael Bruce, 1768.

353 "His Name shall endure for ever."

1 HAIL to the Lord's Anointed;
    Great David's greater Son!
    Hail, in the time appointed,
    His reign on earth begun!
    He comes to break oppression,
    To set the captive free,
    To take away transgression,
    And rule in equity.

2 He shall come down like showers
    Upon the fruitful earth;
    Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
    Spring in His path to birth:
    Before Him, on the mountains,
    Shall peace, the herald, go;
    And righteousness, in fountains,
    From hill to valley flow.

3 Arabia's desert ranger
    To Him shall bow the knee:
    The Ethiopian stranger
    His glory come to see:
    With offerings of devotion,
    Ships from the isles shall meet,
    To pour the wealth of ocean
    In tribute at His feet.

4 Kings shall fall down before Him,
    And gold and incense bring;
    All nations shall adore Him,
    His praise all people sing:
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For He shall have dominion
O'er river, sea, and shore,
Far as the eagle's pinion,
Or dove's light wing can soar.

5 For Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end;
The mountain dews shall nourish
A seed in weakness sown,
Whose fruit shall spread and flourish,
And shake like Lebanon.

6 O'er every foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever,
That name to us is—Love.

James Montgomery, 1822.

354 Hasten, Lord. 7s., Double.

1 See the ransom'd millions stand,
Palms of conquest in their hand;
This before the throne their strain,
"Hell is vanquish'd death is slain;
Blessing, honour, glory, might,
Are the Conqueror's native right;
Thrones and powers before Him fall;
Lamb of God, and Lord of all!"

2 Hasten, Lord! the promised hour;
Come in glory and in power;
Still Thy foes are unsubdued;
Nature sighs to be renew'd.
Time has nearly reach'd its sum,
All things with Thy bride say "Come;"
Jesus, whom all worlds adore,
Come, and reign for evermore!

Josiah Conder, 1837—1856.
OUR LORD'S ADVENT.

Universal Reign of Christ. 7s.

1 HARK! the song of Jubilee,
   Loud as mighty thunders roar,
   Or the fulness of the sea,
   When it breaks upon the shore;
Hallelujah! for the Lord
   God omnipotent shall reign;
Hallelujah! let the word
   Echo round the earth and main.

2 Hallelujah!—hark! the sound,
   From the centre to the skies,
   Wakes above, beneath, around,
   All creation's harmonies:
See Jehovah's banner furl'd,
   Sheathed His sword: He speaks—'tis done,
And the kingdoms of this world
   Are the kingdoms of His Son.

3 He shall reign from pole to pole,
   With illimitable sway;
He shall reign when like a scroll,
   Yonder heavens have pass'd away:
Then the end;—beneath His rod,
   Man's last enemy shall fall;
Hallelujah! Christ in God,
   God in Christ is all in all.

*James Montgomery, 1819, a.*

"O Lord, how long?" C.M.

1 TO Calvary, Lord, in spirit now,
   Our weary souls repair,
   To dwell upon Thy dying love,
   And taste its sweetness there.

2 Sweet resting-place of every heart
   That feels the plague of sin,
   Yet knows that deep mysterious joy,
   The peace with God, within.

3 There, through Thine hour of deepest woe,
   Thy suffering spirit pass'd;
Grace there its wondrous victory gain'd,
   And love endured its last.
OUR LORD'S ADVENT.

4 Dear suffering Lamb! Thy bleeding wounds,
With cords of love divine,
Have drawn our willing hearts to Thee,
And link'd our life with Thine.

5 Thy sympathies and hopes are ours:
Dear Lord! we wait to see
Creation, all below, above,
Redeem'd and blest by Thee.

6 Our longing eyes would fain behold
That bright and blessed brow,
Once wrung with bitterest anguish, wear
Its crown of glory now.

7 Why linger then? Come, Saviour, come,
Responsive to our call;
Come, claim Thine ancient power, and reign
The Heir and Lord of all.

Edward Denney, 1848.

357 Triumphs of the Saviour. C.M.

1 GO forth, ye saints, behold your King
With radiant glory crown'd;
The wondrous progress of His word
Shall spread His fame around.

2 Where'er the sun begins its race,
Or stops its swift career,
Both east and west shall own His grace,
And Christ be honour'd there.

3 Ten thousand crowns encircling show
The victories He has won;
Oh may His conquests ever grow,
While time its course shall run.

4 Ride forth, Thou mighty Conqueror, ride,
And millions more subdue,
Destroy our enmity and pride,
And we will crown Thee too.

Benjamin Beddome, 1818.

358 The Lord shall reign for ever. 8.7.

1 ZION'S King shall reign victorious,
All the earth shall own His sway,
He will make His kingdom glorious,
He will reign through endless day.
OUR LORD'S ADVENT.

What though none on earth assist Him,
God requires not help from man;
What though all the world resist Him,
God will realize His plan.

2 Nations now from God estranged,
Then shall see a glorious light.
Night to day shall then be changed,
Heaven shall triumph in the sight:
See the ancient idols falling!
Worshipped once, but now abhor'd;
Men on Zion's King are calling,
Zion's King by all adored.

Then shall Israel long dispersèd,
Mourning, seek the Lord their God,
Look on Him whom once they piercèd,
Own and kiss the chastening rod:
Then all Israel shall be savèd,
War and tumult then shall cease,
While the greater Son of David
Rules a conquer'd world in peace.

Thomas Kelly, 1839.

359 The Jews restored. C. M.

Wake, harp of Zion, wake again,
Upon thine ancient hill,
On Jordan's long deserted plain,
By Kedron's lowly rill.

2 The hymn shall yet in Zion swell
That sounds Messiah's praise,
And Thy loved name, Immanuel!
As once in ancient days.

3 For Israel yet shall own her King,
For her salvation waits,
And hill and dale shall sweetly sing
With praise in all her gates.

4 Hasten, O Lord, these promised days,
When Israel shall rejoice;
And Jew and Gentile join in praise,
With one united voice.

James Edmeston, 1846.
OUR LORD'S ADVENT.

360  The coming One.  C.M.

1 BEHOLD He comes! the glorious King
Whom once a cross upbore;
Let saints redeem'd His praises sing,
And angel hosts adore.

2 The reed, the purple, and the thorn,
Are lost in triumph now;
His person robes of light adorn,
And crowns of gold His brow.

3 Dear Lord, no more despised, disown'd,
A victim bound and slain;
But in the power of God enthroned,
Thou dost return to reign.

4 To Thee the world its treasure brings;
To Thee its mighty bow;
To Thee the church exulting springs;
Her sovereign, Saviour Thou!

5 Beneath Thy touch, beneath Thy smile,
New heavens and earth appear;
No sin their beauty to defile,
Nor dim them with a tear.

6 Thrice happy hour! and those thrice-blessed,
That gather round Thy throne!
They share the honours of Thy rest,
Who have Thy conflict known.

Joseph Tritton, 1858.

361  Judgment.  8.7.4.

1 LO! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favour'd sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of His train:
Hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold Him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold Him,
Pierced and nail'd Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.
OUR LORD'S ADVENT.

3 Every island, sea, and mountain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away:
All who hate Him must, confounded,
Hear the trump proclaim the day:
Come to judgment!
Come to judgment, come away!

4 Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear!
All His saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air.
Hallelujah!
See the day of God appear.

5 Answer Thine own bride and Spirit,
Hasten, Lord, the general doom;
The new heaven and earth t'inherit,
Take Thy pining exiles home:
All creation
Travails, groans, and bids Thee come!

6 Yea, amen, let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne!
Saviour, take the power and glory;
Claim the kingdom for Thine own:
Oh come quickly!
Everlasting God, come down.

Variation by Martin Madan, 1760;
From John Cennick, 1752;
Charles Wesley, 1758.

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1 Day of judgment, day of wonders!
Hark, the trumpet's awful sound,
Louder than a thousand thunders,
Shakes the vast creation round!
How the summons
Will the sinner's heart confound!

2 See the Judge our nature wearing,
Clothed in majesty divine!
Ye who long for His appearing,
Then shall say, "This God is mine!"
Gracious Saviour!
Own me in that day for Thine!
OUR LORD'S ADVENT.

3 At His call the dead awaken,
   Rise to life from earth and sea;
All the powers of nature shaken
   By His looks prepare to flee:
   Careless sinner!
   What will then become of thee?

4 Horrors, past imagination,
   Will surprise your trembling heart.
When you hear your condemnation,
   "Hence, accursed wretch, depart!
   Thou with Satan
   And his angels have thy part."

5 But to those who have confessed,
   Loved and served the Lord below,
He will say, "Come near, ye blessed!
   See the kingdom I bestow!
   You for ever
   Shall my love and glory know."

6 Under sorrows and reproaches,
   May this thought our courage raise,
Swiftly God's great day approaches,
   Sighs shall then be changed to praise!
   We shall triumph,
   When the world is in a blaze.

John Newton, 1779.

363  Lo, He cometh!  8.7.4.

1 O! He cometh! countless trumpets
   Blow to raise the sleeping dead!
   'Mid ten thousand saints and angels,
   See the great exalted Head!
   Hallelujah!
   Welcome, welcome, Son of God!

2 Now His merits, by the harpers,
   Through the eternal deep resounds;
   Now resplendent shine His nail-prints,
   Every eye shall see His wounds:
   They who pierced Him
   Shall at His appearance wail.

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3 Full of joyful expectation,
Saints, behold the Judge appear;
Truth and justice go before Him,
Now the joyful sentence hear!
Hallelujah!
Welcome, welcome, Judge divine!

4 "Come, ye blessed of my Father,
Enter into life and joy!
Banish all your fears and sorrows,
Endless praise be your employ!"
Hallelujah!
Welcome, welcome, to the skies.

5 Now at once they rise to glory,
Jesus brings them to the King;
There, with all the hosts of heaven,
They eternal anthems sing:
Hallelujah!
Boundless glory to the Lamb.

John Cennick, 1752;
U——, Rippon's Selection, 1787.

364 The Lord shall come. L.M.

1 The Lord shall come! the earth shall quake;
The mountains to their centre shake;
And, withering from the vault of night,
The stars shall pale their feeble light.

2 The Lord shall come! but not the same
As once in lowliness He came;
A silent lamb before His foes,
A weary man, and full of woes.

3 The Lord shall come! a dreadful form,
With rainbow wreath and robes of storm;
On cherub wings, and wings of wind,
Appointed Judge of all mankind.

4 Can this be He, who wont to stray
A pilgrim on the world's highway,
Oppress'd by power, and mock'd by pride,
The Nazarene,—the Crucified?
OUR LORD'S ADVENT.

5 While sinners in despair shall call,  
"Rocks, hide us; mountains, on us fall!"  
The saints, ascending from the tomb,  
Shall joyful sing, "The Lord is come!"

Reginald Heber, 1811;  
Thomas Cottrell, 1815.

365 An Admonition. S.M.

1 HOW will my heart endure  
The terrors of that day;  
When earth and heaven, before His face,  
Astonish'd shrink away?

2 But ere that trumpet shakes  
The mansions of the dead;  
Hark, from the gospel's gentle voice,  
What joyful tidings spread!

3 Ye sinners, seek His grace,  
Whose wrath ye cannot bear;  
Fly to the shelter of His cross,  
And find salvation there.

4 So shall that curse remove,  
By which the Saviour bled;  
And the last awful day shall pour  
His blessings on your head.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

366 A Prayer. 8.8.6.

1 WHEN Thou, my righteous Judge, shalt come  
To fetch Thy ransom'd people home,  
Shall I among them stand?  
Shall such a worthless worm as I,  
Who sometimes am afraid to die,  
Be found at Thy right hand?

2 I love to meet among them now,  
Before Thy gracious feet to bow,  
Though vilest of them all:  
But can I bear the piercing thought—  
What if my name should be left out,  
When Thou for them shalt call?
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

3 Prevent, prevent it by Thy grace;
Be Thou, dear Lord, my hiding-place,
In this the accepted day:
Thy pardoning voice, oh let me hear!
To still my unbelieving fear;
Nor let me fall, I pray.

4 Let me among Thy saints be found,
Whene'er the archangel's trump shall sound,
To see Thy smiling face;
Then loudest of the crowd I'll sing,
While heaven's resounding mansions ring
With shouts of sovereign grace.
_Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, 1774._

NAMES AND TITLES OF THE LORD JESUS.

367 Advocate. L.M.

1 LOOK up, my soul, with cheerful eye,
See where the great Redeemer stands;
The glorious Advocate on high,
With precious incense in His hands.

2 He sweetens every humble groan,
He recommends each broken prayer;
Recline Thy hope on Him alone,
Whose power and love forbid despair.

3 Teach my weak heart, O gracious Lord,
With stronger faith to call Thee mine;
Bid me pronounce the blissful word,
My Father, God, with joy divine.
_Anne Steele, 1760._

368 All in all. 8.7.

1 JESUS is our God and Saviour,
Guide, and Counsellor, and Friend,
Bearing all our misbehaviour,
Kind and loving to the end.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

Trust Him; He will not deceive us,
Though we hardly of Him deem:
He will never, never leave us;
Nor will let us quite leave Him.

2 Nothing but Thy blood, O Jesus,
Can relieve us from our smart;
Nothing else from guilt release us;
Nothing else can melt the heart.
Law and terrors do but harden,
All the while they work alone;
But a sense of blood-bought pardon
Soon dissolves a heart of stone.

3 Jesus, all our consolations
Flow from Thee, the sovereign good,
Love and faith, and hope, and patience,
All are purchased by Thy blood.
From Thy fulness we receive them;
We have nothing of our own;
Freely Thou delight'st to give them
To the needy, who have none.

Joseph Hart, 1759.

369 Ambassador. C. M.

1 JESUS, commission'd from above,
Descends to men below,
And shows from whence the springs of love
In endless currents flow.

2 He, whom the boundless heaven adores,
Whom angels long to see,
Quitted with joy those blissful shores,
Ambassador to me!

3 To me, a worm, a sinful clod,
A rebel all forlorn:
A foe, a traitor to my God,
And of a traitor born.

4 To me, who never sought His grace,
Who mock'd His sacred word:
Who never knew or loved His face,
But all His will abhor'd.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

5 To me, who could not even praise
   When His kind heart I knew,
   But sought a thousand devious ways
   Rather than find the true:

6 Yet this redeeming Angel came
   So vile a worm to bless;
   He took with gladness all my blame,
   And gave His righteousness.

7 Oh that my languid heart might glow
   With ardour all divine!
   And, for more love than seraphs know,
   Like burning seraphs shine!

    Ambrose Serle, 1786.

370  Angel.  S.M.

1 THOU very Paschal Lamb,
   Who didst for Israel bleed;
   Through whom we out of Egypt came,
   Thy ransom'd people lead.

2 Angel of gospel-grace,
   Fulfil Thy character;
   To guard and feed the chosen race,
   In Israel's camp appear.

3 Throughout the desert way
   Conduct us by Thy light;
   Be Thou a cooling cloud by day,
   A cheering fire by night.

4 Our fainting souls sustain
   With blessings from above,
   And ever on Thy people rain
   The manna of Thy love.

    Charles Wesley, 1745, a.

371  Bridegroom.  L.M.

1 JESUS, the heavenly lover, gave
   His life my wretched soul to save:
   Resolved to make His mercy known,
   He kindly claims me for His own.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

2 Rebellious, I against Him strove,
    Till melted and constrain'd by love;
    With sin and self I freely part,
    The heavenly Bridegroom wins my heart.

3 My guilt, my wretchedness, He knows,
    Yet takes and owns me for His spouse;
    My debts He pays, and sets me free,
    And makes His riches o'er to me.

4 My filthy rags are laid aside,
    He clothes me as becomes His bride;
    Himself bestows my wedding-dress,
    The robe of perfect righteousness.

5 Lost in astonishment I see,
    Jesus, Thy boundless love to me:
    With angels I Thy grace adore,
    And long to love and praise Thee more.

6 Since Thou wilt take me for Thy bride,
    Oh keep me, Saviour, near Thy side!
    I fain would give Thee all my heart,
    Nor ever from my Lord depart.

    John Fawcett, 1782.

372 Captain and Conqueror. 148th.

1 My dear Almighty Lord,
    My Conqueror and my King!
    Thy sceptre and Thy sword,
    Thy reigning grace I sing:
    Thine is the power; behold I sit,
    In willing bonds, beneath Thy feet.

2 Now let my soul arise,
    And tread the tempter down;
    My Captain leads me forth
    To conquest and a crown:
    A feeble saint shall win the day,
    Though death and hell obstruct the way.

3 Should all the hosts of death,
    And powers of hell unknown,
    Put their most dreadful forms
    Of rage and mischief on,
    I shall be safe; for Christ displays
    Superior power, and guardian grace.

    Isaac Watts, 1709.
373 Christ of God.  S.M.

1 Jesus, the Lamb of God,
   Who us from hell to raise
Hast shed Thy reconciling blood;
   We give Thee endless praise.

2 God, and yet man, Thou art,
   True God, true man art Thou;
Of man, and of man's earth a part,
   One with us Thou art now.

3 Great sacrifice for sin,
   Giver of life for life,
Restorer of the peace within,
   True ender of the strife:

4 To Thee, the Christ of God,
   Thy saints exulting sing;
The bearer of our heavy load,
   Our own anointed King.

5 True lover of the lost,
   From heaven Thou camest down,
To pay for souls the righteous cost,
   And claim them for Thine own.

6 Rest of the weary, Thou!
   To Thee, our rest, we come;
In Thee to find our dwelling now,
   Our everlasting home.

Horatius Bonar, 1861.

374 Consolation of Israel.  8.7.

1 Come thou long-expected Jesus,
   Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
   Let us find our rest in Thee:
Israel's strength and consolation,
   Hope of all the saints Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
   Joy of every longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver;
   Born a child, and yet a King;
Born to reign in us for ever,
   Now Thy gracious kingdom bring:
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley, 1744.

375 Fountain 104th.

1 THE fountain of Christ, assist me to sing,
The blood of our Priest, our crucified King:
Which perfectly cleanses from sin, and from
filth:
And richly dispenses salvation and health.

2 This fountain from guilt not only makes pure,
And gives, soon as felt, infallible cure;
But if guilt removed return, and remain,
Its power may be proved again and again.

3 This fountain, though rich, from charge is quite
clear;
The poorer the wretch, the welcomer here:
Come needy, and guilty, come loathsome and
bare;
You can't come too filthy, come just as you
are.

4 This fountain in vain has never been tried;
It takes out all stain whenever applied:
The water flows sweetly with virtue divine,
To cleanse souls completely, though leprous
as mine.

Joseph Hart, 1759.

376 Friend 8.7.7.7.

1 ONE there is above all others,
Well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free, and knows no end:
They who once His kindness prove,
Find it everlasting love.

2 Which of all our friends, to save us,
Could or would have shed their blood;
But our Jesus died to have us
Reconciled in Him to God:
This was boundless love indeed!
Jesus is a friend in need.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

3 When He lived on earth abased,
Friend of sinners was His name;
Now above all glory raised,
He rejoices in the same;
Still He calls them brethren, friends,
And to all their wants attends.

4 Oh for grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, Lord, at length to love!
We, alas! forget too often
What a friend we have above:
But when home our souls are brought,
We shall love Thee as we ought.

John Newton, 1779.

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THOU, my soul, forget no more
The friend who all thy misery bore;
Let every idol be forgot,
But, O my soul, forget Him not.

Jesus for thee a body takes,
Thy guilt assumes, thy fetters breaks,
Discharging all thy dreadful debt:
And canst thou ere such love forget?

Renounce thy works and ways with grief,
And fly to this most sure relief:
Nor Him forget who left His throne,
And for thy life gave up His own.

Infinite truth and mercy shine
In Him, and He Himself is thine;
And canst thou then, with sin beset,
Such charms, such matchless charms forget?

Ah! no! till life itself depart,
His name shall cheer and warm my heart;
And lisping this, from earth I'll rise,
And join the chorus of the skies.

Ah! no; when all things else expire,
And perish in the general fire,
This name all others shall survive,
And through eternity shall live.

Krishnoo Pawl;
tr. by Joshua Marshman, 1801.
Our Lord's Titles.

378 Friend. C.M.

1 A Friend there is,—your voices join,
   Ye saints, to praise His name!
   Whose truth and kindness are divine,
   Whose love's a constant flame.

2 When most we need His helping hand,
   This friend is always near;
   With heaven and earth at His command,
   He waits to answer prayer.

3 His love no end or measure knows,
   No change can turn its course;
   Immutable the same it flows
   From one eternal source.

4 When frowns appear to veil His face,
   And clouds surround His throne,
   He hides the purpose of His grace,
   To make it better known.

5 And, if our dearest comforts fall
   Before His sovereign will,
   He never takes away our all,
   Himself He gives us still!

6 Our sorrows in the scale He weighs,
   And measures out our pains;
   The wildest storm His word obeys,
   His word its rage restrains.

   Joseph Swain, 1792.

379 Friend. L.M.

1 Poor, weak, and worthless, though I am,
   I have a rich almighty Friend;
   Jesus, the Saviour, is His name:
   He freely loves, and without end.

2 He ransom'd me from hell with blood;
   And by His power my foes controll'd:
   He found me wandering far from God,
   And brought me to His chosen fold.

3 He cheers my heart, my wants supplies,
   And says that I shall shortly be
   Enthroned with Him above the skies:
   Oh! what a friend is Christ to me!
OUR LORD’S TITLES.

4 But ah! my inmost spirit mourns;
    And well my eyes with tears may swim,
    To think of my perverse return;
    I’ve been a faithless friend to Him.

5 Sure, were not I most vile and base,
    I could not thus my friend requite;
    And were not He the God of grace,
    He’d frown and spurn me from His sight.

John Newton, 1779.

380 Head of the Church. C. M.

1 Jesus, I sing Thy matchless grace,
    That calls a worm Thine own;
    Gives me among Thy saints a place
    To make Thy glories known.

2 Allied to Thee, our vital Head,
    We act, and grow, and thrive;
    From Thee divided, each is dead
    When most he seems alive.

3 Thy saints on earth, and those above,
    Here join in sweet accord:
    One body all in mutual love,
    And Thou our common Lord.

4 Oh may my faith each hour derive
    Thy Spirit with delight;
    While death and hell in-vain shall strive
    This bond to disunite.

5 Thou the whole body wilt present
    Before Thy Father’s face!
    Nor shall a wrinkle or a spot
    Its beauteous form disgrace.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

381 Hiding-place. L. M.

1 Awake, sweet harp of Judah, wake!
    Retune thy strings for Jesu’s sake;
    We sing the Saviour of our race,
    The Lamb, our shield and hiding-place.

2 When God’s right arm is bared for war,
    And thunders clothe His cloudy car,
    Where—where—oh where shall man retire
    To escape the horror of His ire?
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

3 'Tis He—the Lamb—to Him we fly,
While the dread tempest passes by:
God sees His well-beloved's face,
And spares us in our hiding-place.

4 While yet we sojourn here below,
Pollutions still our hearts o'erflow:
Fallen, abject, mean—a sentenced race,
We deeply need a hiding-place.

5 Yet, courage—days and years will glide,
And we shall lay these clods aside;
Shall be baptized in Jordan's flood,
And wash'd in Jesu's cleansing blood.

6 Then pure, immortal, sinless, freed,
We through the Lamb shall be decreed;
Shall meet the Father face to face,
And need no more a hiding-place.

Henry Kirke White, 1807.

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High Priest. C.M.

1 NOW let our cheerful eyes survey,
   Our great High Priest above;
   And celebrate His constant care,
   And sympathetic love.

2 Though raised to a superior throne,
   Where angels bow around,
   And high o'er all the shining train,
   With matchless honours crown'd;

3 The names of all His saints He bears
   Deep graven on His heart;
   Nor shall the meanest Christian say,
   That he hath lost his part.

4 Those characters shall fair abide,
   Our everlasting trust,
   When gems, and monuments, and crowns,
   Are moulder'd down to dust.

5 So, gracious Saviour, on my breast,
   May Thy dear name be worn,
   A sacred ornament and guard,
   To endless ages borne.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

383 High Priest and Surety. 148th.

1 JESUS, my great High Priest,
   Offer'd His blood, and died;
   My guilty conscience seeks
   No sacrifice beside.
   His powerful blood did once atone;
   And now it pleads before the throne.

2 To this dear Surety's hand
   Will I commit my cause;
   He answers and fulfils
   His Father's broken laws:
   Behold my soul at freedom set!
   My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

3 My Advocate appears
   For my defence on high;
   The Father bows His ears,
   And lays His thunder by;
   Not all that hell or sin can say,
   Shall turn His heart, His love away.

4 Immense compassion reigns
   In my Immanuel's heart,
   He condescends to act
   A Mediator's part:
   He is my friend and brother too,
   Divinely kind, divinely true.

Isaac Watts, 1709

384 Immanuel. 7s.

1 SWEETER sounds than music knows
   Charm me in Immanuel's name:
   All her hopes my spirit owes
   To His birth, and cross, and shame.

2 When He came, the angels sung
   "Glory be to God on high;"
   Lord, unloose my stammering tongue;
   Who should louder sing than I?

3 Did the Lord a man become
   That He might the law fulfil,
   Bleed and suffer in my room,
   And canst thou, my tongue, be still?
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

4 No; I must my praises bring,
Though they worthless are, and weak;
For should I refuse to sing,
Sure the very stones would speak.

5 O my Saviour! Shield, and Sun,
Shepherd, Brother, Husband, Friend—
Every precious name in One!
I will love Thee without end.

John Newton, 1779.

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Jesus. C. M.

1 JESUS, I love Thy charming name,
'Tis music to mine ear;
Fain would I sound it out so loud
That earth and heaven should hear.

2 Yes, Thou art precious to my soul,
My transport and my trust:
Jewels to Thee are gaudy toys,
And gold is sordid dust.

3 All my capacious powers can wish
In Thee doth richly meet;
Nor to mine eyes is light so dear,
Nor friendship half so sweet.

4 Thy grace still dwells upon my heart,
And sheds its fragrance there;
The noblest balm of all its wounds,
The cordial of its care.

5 I'll speak the honours of Thy name
With my last labouring breath;
Then speechless, clasp Thee in my arms,
The antidote of death.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

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Jesus. C. M.

1 HOW sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast,
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

3 Dear name! the rock on which I build,
   My shield and hiding-place;
   My never-failing treasury, fill'd
   With boundless stores of grace.

4 By Thee my prayers acceptance gain,
   Although with sin defiled;
   Satan accuses me in vain,
   And I am own'd a child.

5 Jesus, my Shepherd, Husband, Friend,
   My Prophet, Priest, and King;
   My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
   Accept the praise I bring.

6 Weak is the effort of my heart,
   And cold my warmest thought;
   But when I see Thee as Thou art,
   I'll praise Thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
   With every fleeting breath;
   And may the music of Thy name
   Refresh my soul in death.

John Newton, 1779.

387 Jesus. C.M.

1 JESUS! Oh word divinely sweet!  
   How charming is the sound!  
   What joyful news! what heavenly sense  
   In that dear name is found!

2 Our souls, all guilty and condemn'd,  
   In hopeless fetters lay;  
   Our souls, with numerous sins depraved,  
   To death and hell a prey.

3 Jesus, to purge away our guilt,  
   A willing victim fell,  
   And on His cross triumphant broke  
   The bands of death and hell.

4 Our foes were mighty to destroy,  
   He mightier was to save;  
   He died, but could not long be held  
   A prisoner in the grave.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

5 Jesus! who mighty art to save,
Still push Thy conquests on;
Extend the triumphs of Thy cross,
Where'er the sun has shone.

6 O Captain of salvation! make
Thy power and mercy known;
Till crowds of willing converts come
And worship at Thy throne.

Joseph Stennett, 1709.

388 Jesus. C. M.

1 JESUS, in Thy transporting name,
What blissful glories rise!
Jesus! the angels' sweetest theme,
The wonder of the skies!

2 Didst Thou forsake Thy radiant crown,
And boundless realms of day,
Aside Thy robes of glory thrown,
To dwell with feeble clay?

3 Victorious love! can language tell
The wonders of Thy power,
Which conquer'd all the force of hell
In that tremendous hour?

4 Is there a heart that will not bend
To Thy divine control?
Descend, O sovereign love, descend,
And melt that stubborn soul.

Anne Steele, 1760.

389 Jesus. 7.6.

1 EXULT all hearts with gladness
At sound of Jesu's Name;
What other hath such sweetness,
Or such delight can claim?

2 O Jesu, Health of sinners,
Be present to our prayer;
The wanderer's Guide become Thou,
And us Thy people spare.

3 Thy Name, may it defend us,
Our stay in peril prove;
And perfect us in blessing,
And every stain remove.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

For Thee, O Christ, all glory
In this blest Name doth shine:
Thy honour be our worship,
O Jesu, Lord benign.

John David Chambers, 1857, a.

1 COME, ye that love the Saviour's name,
   And joy to make it known;
The Sovereign of your heart proclaim,
   And bow before His throne.

2 Behold your King, your Saviour crown'd
   With glories all divine;
And tell the wondering nations round
   How bright those glories shine.

3 Infinite power and boundless grace
   In Him unite their rays:
You, that have e'er beheld His face,
   Can you forbear His praise?

4 When in His earthly courts we view
   The glories of our King,
We long to love as angels do,
   And wish like them to sing.

5 And shall we long and wish in vain?
   Lord, teach our songs to rise!
Thy love can animate the strain,
   And bid it reach the skies.

6 Oh happy period! glorious day!
   When eaven an earth shall raise,
With all their powers, the raptured lay
   To celebrate Thy praise.

Anne Steele, 1760.

1 LIGHT of those whose dreary dwelling
   Borders on the shades of death,
Come, and by Thyself revealing,
   Dissipate the clouds beneath:

2 The new heaven and earth's Creator,
   In our deepest darkness rise,
Scattering all the night of nature,
   Pouring day upon our eyes.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

3 Still we wait for Thy appearing;
   Life and joy Thy beams impart,
   Chasing all our fears, and cheering
   Every poor benighted heart.

4 Come, extend Thy wonted favour
   To our ruin'd, guilty race;
   Come, Thou dear exalted Saviour,
   Come, apply Thy saving grace.

5 Save us in Thy great compassion,
   O thou mild pacific Prince;
   Give the knowledge of salvation,
   Give the pardon of our sins.

6 By Thine all-sufficient merit
   Every burthen'd soul release!
By the teachings of Thy Spirit
   Guide us into perfect peace.

Charles Wesley, 1744.

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Melchizedek.

1 KING of Salem, bless my soul!
   Make a wounded sinner whole!
   King of righteousness and peace,
   Let not Thy sweet visits cease!

2 Come, refresh this soul of mine
   With Thy sacred bread and wine!
   All Thy love to me unfold,
   Half of which can not be told.

3 Hail, Melchizedek, divine;
   Great High-Priest, Thou shalt be mine;
   All my powers before Thee fall;
   Take not tithe, but take them all.

Rippon's Selection, 1787.

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Melchizedek.

1 THOU dear Redeemer, dying Lamb,
   We love to hear of Thee;
   No music's like Thy charming name,
   Nor half so sweet can be.
OUR LORD’S TITLES.

2 Oh may we ever hear Thy voice,
   In mercy to us speak;
And in our Priest we will rejoice,
   Thou great Melchizedek.

3 Our Jesus shall be still our theme,
   While in this world we stay:
We’ll sing our Jesu’s lovely name,
   When all things else decay.

4 When we appear in yonder cloud,
   With all His favour’d throng,
Then will we sing more sweet, more loud,
   And Christ shall be our song.

John Connick, 1748, a.

394 Physician.

C. M.

1 JESUS, if Thou art still to-day
   As yesterday—the same;
Present to heal, in me display,
   The virtue of Thy name.

2 Since still Thou goest about to do
   Thy needy creatures good;
On me, that I Thy praise may show,
   Be all Thy wonders show’d.

3 Now Lord, to whom for help I call,
   Thy miracles repeat;
With pitying eye behold me fall
   A leper at Thy feet.

4 Loathsome, and foul, and self-abhorr’d,
   I sink beneath my sin;
But if Thou wilt, a gracious word,
   Of Thine, can make me clean.

5 Thou seest me deaf to Thy command,
   Open, O Lord, mine ear;
Bid me stretch out my wither’d hand,
   And lift it up in prayer.

6 Silent (alas! Thou know’st how long,)
   My voice I cannot raise;
But oh, when Thou shalt loose my tongue,
   The dumb shall sing Thy praise!
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

7 If Thou, my God, art passing by,
   Oh let me find Thee near!
Jesus, in mercy hear my cry,
   Thou, Son of David, hear!

8 Behold me waiting, in the way;
   For Thee, the heavenly light;
Command me to be brought, and say,
   "Sinner, receive thy sight."

   Charles Wesley, 1740, a.

395 Priest. C.M.

1 JESUS, in Thee our eyes behold
   A thousand glories more
Than the rich gems, and polish'd gold,
   The sons of Aaron wore.

2 They first their own burnt-offerings brought
   To purge themselves from sin:
Thy life was pure, without a spot,
   And all Thy nature clean.

3 Fresh blood as constant as the day,
   Was on their altar spilt:
But Thy one offering takes away
   For ever all our guilt.

4 Their priesthood ran through several hands,
   For mortal was their race;
Thy never-changing office stands
   Eternal as Thy days.

5 Once in the circuit of a year,
   With blood, but not his own,
Aaron within the veil appears,
   Before the golden throne.

6 But Christ by His own powerful blood
   Ascends above the skies,
And in the presence of our God
   Shows His own sacrifice.

7 Jesus, the King of Glory, reigns
   On Sion's heavenly hill;
Looks like a lamb that has been slain,
   And wears His priesthood still.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

8 He ever lives to intercede
   Before His Father's face:
Give Him, my soul, thy cause to plead,
   Nor doubt the Father's grace.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

396 Prince of Peace. O. M.

1 LET saints on earth their anthems raise,
   Who taste the Saviour's grace;
With those above, proclaim His praise,
   And crown Him Prince of Peace.

2 Praise Him who laid His glory by
   For man's apostate race,
Praise Him who stoop'd to bleed and die,
   And crown Him Prince of Peace.

3 We soon shall reach the heavenly shore,
   To view His lovely face,
His name for ever to adore,
   And crown Him Prince of Peace.

   Netleton's Village Hymns, 1825.

397 Righteousness. L. M.

1 JESUS, Thy blood and righteousness
   My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these array'd,
   With joy shall I lift up my head.

2 When from the dust of death I rise,
   To take my mansion in the skies,
E'en then shall this be all my plea,
   "Jesus hath lived and died for me."

3 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
   For who aught to my charge shall lay?
While through Thy blood absolved I am
   From sin's tremendous curse and shame.

4 This spotless robe the same appears
   When ruin'd nature sinks in years;
No age can change its glorious hue,
   The robe of Christ is ever new.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

5 Oh let the dead now hear Thy voice;  
Bid, Lord, Thy banish'd ones rejoice;  
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,  
Jesus, the Lord, our Righteousness.

Count Zinzendorf, 1739:  
tr. by John Wesley, 1740, a.

398 Our Righteousness. C. M.

1 SAVIOUR divine, we know Thy name,  
And in that name we trust;  
Thou art the Lord our righteousness,  
Thou art Thine Israel's boast.

2 Guilty we plead before Thy throne,  
And low in dust we lie,  
Till Jesus stretch His gracious arm  
To bring the guilty nigh.

3 The sins of one most righteous day  
Might plunge us in despair;  
Yet all the crimes of numerous years  
Shall our great Surety clear.

4 That spotless robe, which He hath wrought  
Shall deck us all around;  
Nor by the piercing eye of God  
One blemish shall be found.

5 Pardon, and peace, and lively hope,  
To sinners now are given;  
Israel and Judah soon shall change  
The wilderness for heaven.

6 With joy we taste that manna now  
Thy mercy scatters down;  
We seal our humble vows to Thee,  
And wait the promised crown.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

399 Saviour. 8.7.4.

1 JESUS is our great salvation,  
Worthy of our best esteem!  
He has saved His favourite nation;  
Join to sing aloud to Him:  
He has saved us,  
Christ alone can us redeem.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

2 When involved in sin and ruin,
    And no helper there was found;
Jesus our distress was viewing;
    Grace did more than sin abound:
He has call'd us,
    With salvation in the sound.

8 Save us from a mere profession!
    Save us from hypocrisy;
Give us, Lord, the sweet possession
    Of Thy righteousness and Thee:
Best of favours!
    None compared with this can be.

4 Free election, known by calling,
    Is a privilege divine:
Saints are kept from final falling;
    All the glory, Lord, be Thine;
All the glory,
    All the glory, Lord, is Thine.

John Adams, 1776.

400 Shepherd. S. M.

1 My soul with joy attend,
    While Jesus silence breaks;
No angel's harp such music yields,
    As what my Shepherd speaks.

2 "I know my sheep," He cries,
    "My soul approves them well:
Vain is the treacherous world's disguise,
    And vain the rage of hell.

3 "I freely feed them now
    With tokens of My love;
But richer pastures I prepare,
    And sweeter streams above.

4 "Unnumber'd years of bliss
    I to My sheep will give;
And, while My throne unshaken stands,
    Shall all My chosen live.

5 "This tried almighty hand
    Is raised for their defence;
Where is the power shall reach them there?
    Or what shall force them thence?"
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

6 Enough, my gracious Lord,
Let faith triumphant cry;
My heart can on this promise live,
Can on this promise die.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

401 Shepherd. 8.7.4.

1 Shepherd of the chosen number,
They are safe whom Thou dost keep;
Other shepherds faint and slumber,
And forget to watch the sheep;
Watchful Shepherd!
Thou dost wake while others sleep.

2 When the lion came, depending
On his strength to seize his prey,
Thou wert there, Thy sheep defending,
Thou didst then Thy power display;
Mighty Shepherd!
Thou didst turn the foe away.

3 When the Shepherd's life was needful
To redeem the sheep from death,
Of their safety ever heedful,
Thou for them didst yield Thy breath;
Faithful Shepherd!
Love like Thine no other hath.

Thomas Kelly, 1809.

402 Shepherd. 7.8.

1 Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep,
Keep me, Lord, in safety keep;
Nothing can Thy power withstand,
None can pluck me from Thy hand.

2 Loving Shepherd, Thou didst give
Thine own life that I might live;
May I love Thee day by day,
Gladly Thy sweet will obey.

3 Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach me still Thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my step to stray
From the strait and narrow way.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

4 Where Thou leadest may I go.
Walking in Thy steps below;
Then before Thy Father's throne,
Jesu, claim me for Thy own.

M—— L——, 1853.

403 Sinners' Friend. 8.7.

1 FRIEND of sinners! Lord of glory!
Lowly, mighty! Brother, King!
Musing o'er Thy wondrous story,
Fain would I Thy praises sing.

2 From Thy throne of light celestial,
Moved with pity, Thou didst bend
To behold our woes terrestrial,
And become the Sinners' Friend.

3 Sinners' Friend! Oh name most blessed,
Unto those who mourn for sin;
By the devil sore distressed,
Foes without and fears within!

4 Friend to help us, cheer us, save us,
In whom power and pity blend;
Praise we must, the grace which gave us
Jesus Christ, the Sinners' Friend.

Newman Hall, 1857.

404 Substitute. 8.8.6.

1 FROM whence this fear and unbelief?
Hath not the Father put to grief
His spotless Son for me?
And will the righteous Judge of men,
Condemn me for that debt of sin,
Which, Lord, was charged on Thee?

2 Complete atonement Thou hast made,
And to the utmost farthing paid
Whate'er Thy people owed:
Nor can His wrath on me take place,
If shelter'd in Thy righteousness,
And sprinkled with Thy blood.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

3 If Thou hast my discharge procured,  
And freely in my room endured  
The whole of wrath divine:  
Payment God cannot twice demand,  
First at my bleeding Surety's hand,  
And then again at mine.

4 Turn then, my soul, unto thy rest;  
The merits of thy great High Priest  
Have bought thy liberty:  
Trust in His efficacious blood,  
Nor fear thy banishment from God,  
Since Jesus died for thee.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1772.

405 Substitute. 8.8.6.

1 0 THOU who didst Thy glory leave  
Apostate sinners to retrieve  
From nature's deadly fall,  
Me Thou hast purchased with a price,  
Nor shall my crimes in judgment rise,  
For Thou hast borne them all.

2 Jesus was punish'd in my stead,  
Without the gate my Surety bled  
To expiate my stain:  
On earth the Godhead deign'd to dwell,  
And made of infinite avail  
The sufferings of the man.

3 And was He for such rebels given?  
He was; the Incarnate King of Heaven  
Did for His foes expire:  
Amazed, O earth, the tidings hear;  
He bore, that we might never bear  
His Father's righteous ire.

4 Ye saints, the Man of Sorrows bless,  
The God for your unrighteousness  
Deputed to atone:  
Praise Him, till with the heavenly throng,  
Ye sing the never-ending song,  
And see Him on His throne.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

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Surety.

1 CHRIST exalted is our song,
   Hymn'd by all the blood-bought throng;
   To His throne our shouts shall rise,
   God with us by sacred ties.

2 Shout, believer, to thy God,
   He hath once the winepress trod;
   Peace procured by blood divine,
   Cancel'd all thy sins and mine.

3 Here thy bleeding wounds are heal'd,
   Sin condemn'd, and pardon seal'd;
   Grace her empire still maintains;
   Love without a rival reigns.

4 In thy Surety thou art free,
   His dear hands were pierced for thee;
   With His spotless vesture on,
   Holy as the Holy One.

5 Oh the heights and depths of grace!
   Shining with meridian blaze;
   Here the sacred records show
   Sinners black, but comely too.

6 Saints dejected, cease to mourn,
   Faith shall soon to vision turn;
   Ye the kingdom shall obtain
   And with Christ exalted reign.

John Kent, 1808.

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True Vine.

1 JESUS immutably the same,
   Thou true and living vine,
   Around Thy all-supporting stem,
   My feeble arms I twine.

2 Quicken'd by Thee, and kept alive,
   I flourish and bear fruit;
   My life I from Thy sap derive,
   My vigour from Thy root.

3 I can do nothing without Thee;
   My strength is wholly Thine:
   Wither'd and barren should I be,
   If sever'd from the vine.
OUR LORD'S TITLES.

4 Upon my leaf, when parch'd with heat,
    Refreshing dew shall drop;
The plant which Thy right hand hath set,
    Shall ne'er be rooted up.

5 Each moment water'd by Thy care,
    And fenced with power divine,
Fruit to eternal life shall bear
    The feeblest branch of Thine.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1771.

408  The Way.  L.M.

1 Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone,
    He whom I fix'd my hopes upon,
His track I see, and I'll pursue
    The narrow way, till Him I view.

2 The way the holy prophets went,
    The road that leads from banishment,
The King's highway of holiness,
    I'll go, for all His paths are peace.

3 No stranger may proceed therein,
    No lover of the world and sin;
Wayfaring men, to Canaan bound,
    Shall only in the way be found.

4 This is the way I long have sought,
    And mourn'd because I found it not;
My grief and burden long have been,
    Because I could not cease from sin.

5 The more I strove against its power,
    I sinn'd and stumbled but the more;
Till late I heard my Saviour say,
    "Come hither, soul! I am the Way!"

6 Lo! glad I come; and Thou, blest Lamb,
    Shalt take me to Thee, as I am:
Nothing but sin have I to give;
    Nothing but love shall I receive.

7 Now will I tell to sinners round,
    What a dear Saviour I have found;
I'll point to Thy redeeming blood,
    And say, "Behold the way to God!"

John Cennick, 1743, a.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

409  The Way, the Truth, and the Life.  C.M.

1 Thou art the Way: to Thee alone
   From sin and death we flee,
   And he who would the Father seek,
   Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

2 Thou art the Truth: Thy word alone
   Sound wisdom can impart;
   Thou only canst inform the mind,
   And purify the heart.

3 Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
   Proclaims Thy conquering arm;
   And those who put their trust in Thee,
   Nor death nor hell shall harm.

4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
   Grant us that Way to know,
   That Truth to keep, that Life to win,
   Whose joys eternal flow.

George W. Doane, 1826.

PRAISE TO THE LORD JESUS.

410  Praise to the Redeemer. L.M.

1 Now to the Lord, that makes us know
   The wonders of His dying love,
   Be humble honours paid below,
   And strains of nobler praise above.

2 'Twas He that cleansed our foulest sins,
   And wash'd us in His richest blood:
   'Tis He that makes us priests and kings,
   And brings us rebels near to God.

3 To Jesus our atoning Priest,
   To Jesus our superior King,
   Be everlasting power confess'd,
   And every tongue His glory sing.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

4 Behold, on flying clouds He comes,
    And every eye shall see Him move;
Though with our sins we pierced Him once,
    Now He displays His pardoning love.

5 The unbelieving world shall wail,
    While we rejoice to see the day;
Come, Lord; nor let Thy promise fail,
    Nor let Thy chariots long delay.

    Isaac Watts, 1709.

A new Song to the Lamb. C. M.

1 Behold the glories of the Lamb
    Amidst His Father's throne:
Prepare new honours for His name,
    And songs before unknown.

2 Let elders worship at His feet,
    The church adore around,
With vials full of odours sweet,
    And harps of sweeter sound.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

3 Those are the prayers of the saints,
   And these the hymns they raise;
Jesus is kind to our complaints,
   He loves to hear our praise.

4 Eternal Father, who shall look
   Into Thy secret will?
Who but the Son shall take that book,
   And open every seal?

5 He shall fulfil Thy great decrees,
   The Son deserves it well;
Lo! in His hand the sovereign keys
   Of heaven, and death, and hell.

6 Now to the Lamb, that once was slain,
   Be endless blessings paid;
Salvation, glory, joy, remain
   For ever on Thy head.

7 Thou hast redeem'd our souls with blood,
   Hast set the prisoners free;
Hast made us kings and priests to God,
   And we shall reign with Thee.

8 The worlds of nature and of grace
   Are put beneath Thy power;
Then shorten these delaying days,
   And bring the promised hour.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

413 Worthy the Lamb. C. M.

1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
   With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
   But all their joys are one.

2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
   "To be exalted thus;"
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,
   "For He was slain for us."

3 Jesus is worthy to receive
   Honour and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give,
   Be Lord, for ever Thine.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

4 Let all that dwell above the sky
And air, and earth, and seas,
Conspire to lift Thy glories high,
And speak Thine endless praise.

5 The whole creation join in one,
To bless the sacred name
Of Him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

414 Christ's Humiliation and Exaltation. L. M.

1 What equal honour shall we bring
To Thee, O Lord our God, the Lamb,
When all the notes that angels sing
Are far inferior to Thy name?

2 Worthy is He that once was slain,
The Prince of Peace that groan'd and died;
Worthy to rise, and live, and reign
At His Almighty Father's side.

3 Power and dominion are His due
Who stood condemn'd at Pilate's bar;
Wisdom belongs to Jesus too,
Though He was charged with madness here.

4 All riches are His native right,
Yet He sustain'd amazing loss;
To Him ascribe eternal might,
Who left His weakness on the cross.

5 Honour immortal must be paid,
Instead of scandal and of scorn:
While glory shines around His head,
And a bright crown without a thorn.

6 Blessings for ever on the Lamb,
Who bore the curse for wretched men;
Let angels sound His sacred name,
And every creature say, Amen.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

415 "Worthy is the Lamb." C. M.

1 WORTHY art Thou, O dying Lamb!
Worthy, O bleeding Lord;
Eternal, Infinite, I AM,
Ceaseless to be adored!
PRAISE TO JESUS.

2 Fulness of riches is in Thee!
   From Thee all mercies spring:
   And grace and love, divine and free,
   And power enlivening.

3 Out of the deep of every heart,
   Let praise to Thee ascend:
   Till Thou to heaven shalt us translate,
   Where praises never end!

4 Thither, oh thither, quickly bring
   Thy remnant, Lord, in peace:
   We there with all Thy hosts will sing,
   Nor ever, ever cease!

John Cennick, 1743.

416 "Worthy is the Lamb." 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.

1 GLORY to God on high!
   Let earth and skies reply,
   Praise ye His name:
   His love and grace adore,
   Who all our sorrows bore;
   Sing aloud evermore,
   Worthy the Lamb!

2 Jesus, our Lord and God,
   Bore sin's tremendous load,
   Praise ye His name:
   Tell what His arm hath done,
   What spoils from death He won;
   Sing His great name alone;
   Worthy the Lamb!

3 While they around the throne
   Cheerfully join in one,
   Praising His Name;
   Those who have felt His blood
   Sealing their peace with God,
   Sound His dear fame abroad;
   Worthy the Lamb!

4 Join all ye ransom'd race,
   Our holy Lord to bless;
   Praise ye His name:
   In Him we will rejoice,
   And make a joyful noise,
   Shouting with heart and voice
   Worthy the Lamb!
PRAISE TO JESUS.

5 What though we change our place,  
Yet we shall never cease  
Praising His name;  
To Him our songs we bring,  
Hail Him our gracious King,  
And, without ceasing, sing,  
Worthy the Lamb!

6 Then let the hosts above,  
In realms of endless love,  
Praise His dear name;  
To Him ascribed be  
Honour and majesty,  
Through all eternity:  
Worthy the Lamb!

James Allen, 1761, a.

Crown Him. C. M.

1 ALL hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,  
Who from His altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

3 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
A remnant weak and small,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

4 Ye Gentile sinners, ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall;  
Go—spread your trophies at His feet,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Babes, men, and sires, who know His love,  
Who feel your sin and thrall,  
Now joy with all the hosts above,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

7 Oh that, with yonder sacred throng,
    We at His feet may fall;
    We'll join the everlasting song,
    And crown Him Lord of all.

     Edward Perronet, 1780, a.

418 Crown Him. S. M.

1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne:
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.

2 Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

3 Crown Him, the Lord of Love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above
In beauty glorified.

4 Crown Him, the Lord of Peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorb'd in prayer and praise:

5 His reign shall know no end,
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

6 All hail! Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

     Matthew Bridges, 1848.

419 "Hail, King of the Jews." 8.7.

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus,
    Hail, thou Galilean King!
    Thou didst suffer to release us!
    Thou didst free salvation bring:
PRAISE TO JESUS.

Hail, thou agonizing Saviour,  
Bearer of our sin and shame,  
By Thy merits we find favour;  
Life is given through Thy name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
All our sins were on Thee laid:  
By almighty love anointed,  
Thou hast full atonement made:  
All Thy people are forgiven  
Through the virtue of Thy blood:  
Open'd is the gate of heaven;  
Peace is made 'twixt man and God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
There for ever to abide;  
All the heavenly hosts adore Thee,  
Seated at Thy Father's side:  
There for sinners Thou art pleading;  
There Thou dost our place prepare:  
Ever for us interceding  
Till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honour, power, and blessing,  
Thou art worthy to receive;  
Loudest praises, without ceasing,  
Meet it is for us to give:  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits!  
Bring your sweetest, noblest lays!  
Help to sing our Saviour's merits;  
Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

John Bakewell, 1760;  
Augustus M. Toplady, 1776.

NOT unto us, to Thee alone,  
Bless'd Lamb, be glory given!  
Here shall Thy praises be begun,  
But carried on in heaven.

2 The hosts of spirits now with Thee  
Eternal anthems sing;  
To imitate them here, lo! we  
Our hallelujahs bring.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

3 Had we our tongues like them inspired,
   Like theirs our songs should rise:
   Like them we never should be tired,
   But love the sacrifice.

4 Till we the veil of flesh lay down,
   Accept our weaker lays;
   And when we reach Thy Father's throne,
   We'll join in nobler praise.

   John Cennick, 1743.

421 "Altogether lovely."    C. M.

1 To Christ the Lord let every tongue
   Its noblest tribute bring:
   When He's the subject of the song,
   Who can refuse to sing?

2 Survey the beauties of His face,
   And on His glories dwell;
   Think of the wonders of His grace,
   And all His triumphs tell.

3 Majestic sweetness sits enthroned
   Upon His awful brow;
   His head with radiant glories crown'd,
   His lips with grace o'erflow.

4 No mortal can with Him compare,
   Among the sons of men;
   Fairer He is than all the fair
   That fill the heavenly train.

5 He saw me plunged in deep distress,
   He flew to my relief;
   For me He bore the shameful cross,
   And carried all my grief.

6 To heaven, the place of His abode,
   He brings my weary feet;
   Shows me the glories of my God,
   And makes my joys complete.

   Samuel Stennett, 1787.

422 Rejoicing in Jesus.    C. M.

1 H for a thousand tongues to sing
   My great Redeemer's praise!
   The glories of my God and King,
   The triumphs of His grace.
   Saml. Stennett, 1787.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

2 My gracious Master and my God,
   Assist me to proclaim,
   And spread through all the earth abroad
   The honours of Thy name.

3 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
   That bids our sorrows cease;
   'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
   'Tis life, and health, and peace.

4 He breaks the power of cancell'd sin,
   He sets the prisoners free;
   His blood can make the foulest clean,
   His blood avail'd for me.

   Charles Wesley, 1740.

redeeming love. C.M.

1 TO our Redeemer's glorious name,
   Awake the sacred song!
   Oh may His love (immortal flame!)
   Tune every heart and tongue.

2 His love, what mortal thought can reach,
   What mortal tongue display?
   Imagination's utmost stretch
   In wonder dies away.

3 Let wonder still with love unite,
   And gratitude and joy;
   Jesus be our supreme delight,
   His praise, our blest employ.

4 Jesus who left His throne on high,
   Left the bright realms of bliss,
   And came to earth to bleed and die—
   Was ever love like this?

5 Oh may the sweet, the blissful theme,
   Fill every heart and tongue,
   Till strangers love Thy charming name,
   And join the sacred song.

   Anne Steele, 1760.

tribute for King Jesus. L.M.

1 JESUS, Thou everlasting King,
   Accept the tribute which we bring;
   Accept the well-deserved renown,
   And wear our praises as Thy crown.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

2 Let every act of worship be,
Like our espousals, Lord, to Thee;
Like the dear hour when from above
We first received Thy pledge of love.

3 The gladness of that happy day;
Our hearts would wish it long to stay:
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, nor love grow cold.

4 Each following minute while it stays,
Improve our joys, increase Thy praise,
Till we are raised to sing Thy name
At the great supper of the Lamb.

5 Oh that the months would roll away,
And bring that coronation day!
The King of Grace shall fill the throne,
With all His Father's glories on.

Isaac Watts, 1719, a.

425 Christ's Glorious Person. L. M.

1 Now to the Lord a noble song!
Awake, my soul, awake, my tongue;
Hosanna to th' Eternal Name,
And all His boundless love proclaim.

2 See where it shines in Jesus' face,
The brightest image of His grace;
God, in the person of His Son,
Has all His mightiest works outdone.

3 The spacious earth and spreading flood
Proclaim the wise and powerful God,
And Thy rich glories from afar
Sparkle in every rolling star.

4 But in His looks a glory stands,
The noblest labour of Thine hands;
The pleasing lustre of His eyes
Outshines the wonders of the skies.

5 Grace! 'tis a sweet, a charming theme;
My thoughts rejoice at Jesus' name:
Ye angels, dwell upon the sound,
Ye heavens, reflect it to the ground!

Isaac Watts, 1709.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

426 Christ's Sufferings and Glory. L.M.

1 NOW for a tune of lofty praise
   To great Jehovah's equal Son!
   Awake, my voice, in heavenly lays
   Tell the loud wonders He hath done!

2 Sing how He left the worlds of light,
   And the bright robes He wore above;
   How swift and joyful was His flight,
   On wings of everlasting love!

3 Down to this base, this sinful earth,
   He came to raise our nature high;
   He came to atone Almighty wrath;
   Jesus, the God, was born to die.

4 Deep in the shades of gloomy death
   The Almighty Captive prisoner lay;
   The Almighty Captive left the earth,
   And rose to everlasting day.

5 Lift up your eyes, ye sons of light,
   Up to His throne of shining grace!
   See what immortal glories sit
   Round the sweet beauties of His face!

6 Amongst a thousand hearts and songs,
   Jesus, the God, exalted reigns;
   His sacred name fills all their tongues,
   And echoes through the heavenly plains.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

427 Song of Songs. L.M.

1 COME, let us sing the song of songs,
   The saints in heaven began the strain,
   The homage which to Christ belongs:
   "Worthy the Lamb, for He was slain!"

2 Slain to redeem us by His blood,
   To cleanse from every sinful stain,
   And make us kings and priests to God;
   "Worthy the Lamb, for He was slain!"

3 To Him who suffer'd on the tree,
   Our souls, at His soul's price, to gain,
   Blessing, and praise, and glory be:
   "Worthy the Lamb, for He was slain!"
PRAISE TO JESUS.

4 To Him, enthroned by filial right,
   All power in heaven and earth proclaim,
Honour, and majesty, and might:
"Worthy the Lamb, for He was slain!"

5 Long as we live, and when we die,
   And while in heaven with Him we reign;
This song our song of songs shall be:
"Worthy the Lamb, for He was slain!"

James Montgomery, 1858.

428 Praise to the Redeemer. C.M.

1 PLUNGED in a gulf of dark despair
   We wretched sinners lay,
Without one cheerful beam of hope,
   Or spark of glimmering day.

2 With pitying eyes, the Prince of Grace
   Beheld our helpless grief;
He saw, and (oh amazing love!) He ran to our relief.

3 Down from the shining scats above
   With joyful haste he fled,
Enter'd the grave in mortal flesh,
   And dwelt among the dead.

4 He spoil'd the powers of darkness thus,
   And brake our iron chains;
Jesus hath freed our captive souls
   From everlasting pains.

5 Oh, for this love let rocks and hills
   Their lasting silence break,
And all harmonious human tongues
   The Saviour's praises speak.

6 Yes, we will praise Thee, dearest Lord,
   Our souls are all on flame,
Hosanna round the spacious earth
   To Thine adored name.

7 Angels, assist our mighty joys,
   Strike all your harps of gold;
But when you raise your highest notes,
   His love can no'er be told.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

429 The Passion and Exaltation of Christ. S. M.

1 Come, all harmonious tongues,
   Your noblest music bring,
   'Tis Christ the everlasting God,
   And Christ the man we sing.

2 Tell how He took our flesh
   To take away our guilt,
   Sing the dear drops of sacred blood
   That hellish monsters spilt.

3 The waves of swelling grief
   Did o'er His bosom roll,
   And mountains of almighty wrath
   Lay heavy on His soul.

4 Down to the shades of death
   He bow'd His awful head,
   Yet He arose to live and reign
   When death itself is dead.

5 No more the bloody spear,
   The cross and nails no more,
   For hell itself shakes at His name,
   And all the heavens adore.

6 There the Redeemer sits
   High on the Father's throne,
   The Father lays His vengeance by,
   And smiles upon His Son.

7 There His full glories shine
   With uncreated rays,
   And bless His saints' and angels' eyes
   To everlasting days. Isaac Watts, 1709.

430 The Humiliation and Triumphs of Christ. L. M.

1 Proclaim inimitable love;
   Jesus, the Lord of worlds above,
   Puts off the beams of bright array,
   And veils the God in mortal clay.

2 He that distributes crowns and thrones,
   Hangs on a tree, and bleeds and groans:
   The Prince of Life resigns His breath;
   The King of Glory bows to death.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

8 But see the wonders of His power,
   He triumphs in His dying hour;
   And while by Satan's rage He fell,
   He dash'd the rising hopes of hell.

4 Thus were the hosts of death subdued,
   And sin was drown'd in Jesus' blood:
   Then He arose, and reigns above,
   And conquers sinners by His love.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

431 Longing to praise Jesus better. L.M.

1 LORD, when my thoughts with wonder roll
   O'er the sharp sorrows of Thy soul,
   And read my Maker's broken laws,
   Repair'd and honour'd by Thy cross;

2 When I behold death, hell, and sin,
   Vanquish'd by that dear blood of Thine,
   And see the Man that groan'd and died,
   Sit glorious by His Father's side;

3 My passions rise and soar above,
   I'm wing'd with faith, and fired with love;
   Fain would I reach eternal things,
   And learn the notes that Gabriel sings.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

432 Extol the Son of God. C.M.

1 THE Son of God! the Lord of Life!
   How wondrous are His ways!
   Oh for a harp of thousand strings,
   To sound abroad His praise!

2 How passing strange, to leave the seat
   Of heaven's eternal throne,
   And hosts of glittering seraphim,
   For guilty man alone!

3 And did He bow His sacred head,
   And die a death of shame?
   Let men and angels magnify
   And bless His holy name!

4 Oh let us live in peace and love,
   And cast away our pride,
   And crucify our sins afresh,
   As He was crucified!
PRAISE TO JESUS.

5 He rose again; then let us rise  
From sin, and Christ adore,  
And dwell in peace with all mankind,  
And tempt the Lord no more:

6 The Son of God! the Lord of Life!  
How wondrous are His ways!  
Oh for a harp of thousand strings,  
To sound abroad His praise!

George Mogridge, 1851.

433 “He is our Peace.” C.M.

1 Dearest of all the names above,  
My Jesus, and my God,  
Who can resist Thy heavenly love,  
Or trifle with Thy blood!

2 ’Tis by the merits of Thy death  
The Father smiles again;  
’Tis by Thine interceding breath  
The Spirit dwells with men.

3 Till God in human flesh I see,  
My thoughts no comfort find;  
The holy, just, and sacred Three  
Are terrors to my mind.

4 But if Immanuel’s face appear,  
My hope, my joy begins;  
His name forbids my slavish fear,  
His grace removes my sins.

5 While Jews on their own law rely,  
And Greeks of wisdom boast,  
I love th’ incarnate mystery,  
And there I fix my trust.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

434 “He has become my Salvation.” 7a.

1 I will praise Thee every day!  
Now Thine anger’s turn’d away,  
Comfortable thoughts arise  
From the bleeding sacrifice.

2 Here, in the fair gospel-field,  
Wells of free salvation yield  
Streams of life, a plenteous store,  
And my soul shall thirst no more.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

3 Jesus is become at length,
   My salvation and my strength;
   And His praises shall prolong,
   While I live, my pleasant song.

4 Praise ye then His glorious name,
   Publish His exalted fame,
   Still His worth your praise exceeds;
   Excellent are all His deeds.

5 Raise again the joyful sound,
   Let the nations roll it round!
   Zion shout, for this is He,
   God the Saviour dwells in thee.

William Cowper, 1779.

435  Blessed be His Name.  S.M.

1 I BLESS the Christ of God;
   I rest on love divine;
   And with unaltering lip and heart,
   I call this Saviour mine.

2 His cross dispels each doubt;
   I bury in His tomb
   Each thought of unbelief and fear,
   Each lingering shade of gloom.

3 I praise the God of grace;
   I trust His truth and might;
   He calls me His, I call Him mine,
   My God, my joy, my light.

4 In Him is only good,
   In me is only ill;
   My ill but draws His goodness forth,
   And me He loveth still.

5 'Tis He who saveth me,
   And freely pardon gives;
   I love because He loveth me,
   I live because He lives.

6 My life with Him is hid,
   My death has pass'd away,
   My clouds have melted into light,
   My midnight into day.

Horatius Bonar, 1863.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

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Infinitely excellent.  C.M.

1 INFINITE excellence is Thine,
   Thou lovely Prince of Grace!
   Thy uncreated beauties shine
   With never-fading rays.

2 Sinners from earth's remotest end,
   Come bending at Thy feet:
   To Thee their prayers and vows ascend,
   In Thee their wishes meet.

3 Thy name, as precious ointment shed,
   Delights the church around;
   Sweetly the sacred odours spread,
   Through all Immanuel's ground.

4 Millions of happy spirits live
   On Thy exhaustless store;
   From Thee they all their bliss receive,
   And still Thou givest more.

5 Thou art their triumph and their joy:
   They find their all in Thee;
   Thy glories will their tongues employ
   Through all eternity.

   John Fawcett, 1782.

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Blessed be His Name.  7s.

1 BRETHREN, let us join to bless
   Christ our Peace and Righteousness:
   Let our praise to Him be given,
   High at God's right hand in heaven.

2 Son of God, to Thee we bow,
   Thou art Lord, and only Thou;
   Thou the woman's promised Seed;
   Thou, who didst for sinners bleed.

3 Thee the angels ceaseless sing,
   Thee we praise, our Priest and King;
   Worthy is Thy name of praise,
   Full of glory, full of grace.

4 Thou hast the glad tidings brought,
   Of salvation fully wrought;
   Wrought, O Lord, alone by Thee,
   Wrought, to set Thy people free.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

5 Thee, our Lord, would we adore,
Serve and follow more and more;
Praise and bless Thy matchless love,
Till we join Thy saints above.

John Cennick, 1742, a.

438 I will sing of my Beloved. 8.8.6.

1 Oh, could I speak the matchless worth,
Oh, could I sound the glories forth
Which in my Saviour shine!
I'd soar and touch the heavenly strings,
And vie with Gabriel while he sings
In notes almost divine.

2 I'd sing the precious blood He spilt,
My ransom from the dreadful guilt
Of sin, and wrath divine;
I'd sing His glorious righteousness,
In which all perfect, heavenly dress
My soul shall ever shine.

3 I'd sing the character He bears,
And all the forms of love He wears,
Exalted on His throne;
In loftiest songs of sweetest praise,
I would to everlasting days
Make all His glories known.

4 Well, the delightful day will come
When my dear Lord will bring me home,
And I shall see His face;
Then with my Saviour, Brother, Friend,
A blest eternity I'll spend,
Triumphant in His grace.

Samuel Medley, 1789

439 Jesus' Love. 7s.

1 SWEET the theme of Jesus' love!
Sweet the theme all themes above;
Love unmerited and free,
Our triumphant song shall be.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

2 Love, so vast that nought can bound;
   Love, too deep for thought to sound;
   Love, which made the Lord of all
   Drink the wormwood and the gall.

3 Love, which led Him to the cross
   Bearing there unutter'd loss;
   Love, which brought Him to the gloom
   Of the cold and darksome tomb.

4 Love which made Him hence arise
   Far above the starry skies,
   There with tender, loving care,
   All His people's griefs to share.

5 Love, which will not let Him rest
   Till His chosen all are blest;
   Till they all for whom He died
   Live rejoicing by His side.

Albert Midlane, 1864.

NOW begin the heavenly theme,
Sing aloud in Jesus' name!
Ye, who His salvation prove,
Triumph in redeeming love.

2 Ye, who see the Father's grace
   Beaming in the Saviour's face,
   As to Canaan on ye move,
   Praise and bless redeeming love.

3 Mourning souls, dry up your tears,
   Banish all your guilty fears;
   See your guilt and curse remove,
   Cancell'd by redeeming love.

4 Ye, alas! who long have been
   Willing slaves to death and sin,
   Now from bliss no longer rove;
   Stop and taste redeeming love.

5 Welcome all by sin oppress,
   Welcome to His sacred rest,
   Nothing brought Him from above,
   Nothing but redeeming love.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

6 When His Spirit leads us home,
    When we to His glory come,
We shall all the fulness prove
    Of our Lord's redeeming love.

7 He subdued the infernal powers,
    His tremendous foes and ours,
From their cursed empire drove,
    Mighty in redeeming love.

8 Hither then your music bring,
    Strike aloud each cheerful string;
Mortals, join the host above,
    Join to praise redeeming love.

   *Thou art Worthy!* 148th.

1 Shall hymns of grateful love
    Through heaven's high arches ring,
And all the hosts above
    Their songs of triumph sing?
And shall not we take up the strain,
    And send the echo back again?

2 Shall every ransom'd tribe
    Of Adam's scatter'd race
To Christ all power ascribe,
    Who saved them by His grace?
And shall not we take up the strain,
    And send the echo back again?

3 Shall they adore the Lord
    Who bought them by His blood,
And all the love record
    That led them home to God?
And shall not we take up the strain,
    And send the echo back again?

4 Oh, spread the joyful sound!
    The Saviour's love proclaim,
And publish all around
    Salvation, through His name;
Till the whole earth take up the strain,
    And send the echo back again!

   James J. Cummins, 1849.
PRAISE TO JESUS.

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Glory to the Lamb.  104th.

1 Come, saints, and adore Him, come bow at His feet;  
Come, give Him the glory, the praise that is  
Let joyful hosannas unceasing arise,  
And join the full chorus that gladdens the skies.

2 To the Lamb that was slain all honour be paid,  
Let crowns without number encircle His head;  
Let blessing, and glory, and riches, and might,  
Be ascribed evermore by angels of light.  
Come, saints, and adore Him, &c.  
Maria de Fleury, 1791.

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Hosanna.  11s.

1 Hosanna to the King,  
That for our guilt was slain,  
Let every soul its tribute bring,  
And swell th' exulting strain.

2 Hosanna to the King  
Who sitting high in heaven,  
Bids sinners lost and wandering,  
Return and be forgiven.

3 Hosanna to the King  
Who ever lives and reigns:  
Let heav'n and earth His praises sing,  
In loud and lofty strains.  
Thomas Hastings, 1850.
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

HYMNS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

445 The Promised Comforter. C. M.

1 OUR blest Redeemer, ere He breathed
   His tender, last farewell,
   A Guide, a Comforter, bequeath’d,
   With us on earth to dwell.

2 He comes, the mystic heavenly Dove.
   With sheltering wings outspread,
   The holy balm of peace and love
   On chosen hearts to shed.

3 He comes, sweet influence to impart,
   A gracious, willing guest,
   Where He can find one humble heart
   Wherein to make His rest.

4 And His that gentle voice we hear,
   Soft as the breath of eve,
   That checks each fault, that calms each fear,
   And bids us cease to grieve.

5 And every virtue we possess,
   And every victory won,
   And every thought of holiness,
   Are His, and His alone.

6 Spirit of purity and grace,
   Our weakness, pitying, see:
   Oh make our hearts Thy dwelling-place
   Yea make them meet for Thee.

Harriett Auber, 1829, a.

446 The Comforter. 7s.

1 JESUS is gone up on high;
   But His promise still is here,
   “I will all your wants supply;
   I will send the Comforter.”
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

2 Let us now His promise plead,
   Let us to His throne draw nigh;
   Jesus knows His people's need,
   Jesus hears His people's cry.

3 Send us, Lord, the Comforter,
   Pledge and witness of Thy love;
   Dwelling with Thy people here,
   Leading them to joys above.

4 Till we reach the promised rest,
   Till Thy face unveil'd we see,
   Of this blessed hope possess'd,
   Teach us, Lord, to live to Thee.

Thomas Kelly, 1809.

447 Work of the Holy Spirit. L.M.

1 ETERNAL Spirit! we confess,
   And sing the wonders of Thy grace:
   Thy power conveys our blessings down
   From God the Father and the Son.

2 Enlighten'd by Thine heavenly ray,
   Our shades and darkness turn to day;
   Thine inward teachings make us know,
   Our danger and our refuge too.

3 Thy power and glory work within,
   And break the chains of reigning sin,
   Do our imperious lusts subdue,
   And form our wretched hearts anew.

4 The troubled conscience knows Thy voice,
   Thy cheering words awake our joys;
   Thy words allay the stormy wind,
   And calm the surges of the mind.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

448 Regeneration. C.M.

1 NOT all the outward forms on earth,
   Nor rites that God has given,
   Nor will of man, nor blood, nor birth,
   Can raise a soul to heaven.
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

2 The sovereign will of God alone
   Creates us heirs of grace;
   Born in the image of His Son,
   A new peculiar race.

3 The Spirit, like some heavenly wind,
   Blows on the sons of flesh;
   Creates a new,—a heavenly mind,
   And forms the man afresh.

4 Our quicken'd souls awake and rise
   From the long sleep of death;
   On heavenly things we fix our eyes,
   And praise employs our breath.

   Isaac Watts, 1709, a.

449 Pentecost. L. M.

1 GREAT was the day, the joy was great,
   When the divine disciples met;
   Whilst on their heads the Spirit came,
   And sat like tongues of cloven flame.

2 What gifts, what miracles He gave!
   And power to kill, and power to save!
   Furnish'd their tongues with wondrous words,
   Instead of shields, and spears, and swords.

3 Thus arm'd, He sent the champions forth,
   From east to west, from south to north;
   "Go, and assert your Saviour's cause;
   Go, spread the mystery of His cross."

4 These weapons of the holy war,
   Of what almighty force they are,
   To make our stubborn passions bow,
   And lay the proudest rebel low!

5 Nations, the learned and the rude,
   Are by these heavenly arms subdued;
   While Satan rages at his loss,
   And hates the doctrine of the cross.

6 Great King of Grace, my heart subdue,
   I would be led in triumph too,
   A willing captive to my Lord,
   And sing the victories of His word.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.
450  **Waiting for the Promise of the Father.**

1  LORD God, the Holy Ghost,
   In this accepted hour,
   As on the day of Pentecost,
   Descend in all Thy power.

2  We meet with one accord
   In one appointed place,
   And wait the promise of our Lord,
   The Spirit of all grace.

3  Like mighty rushing wind
   Upon the waves beneath,
   Move with one impulse every mind;
   One soul, one feeling breathe.

4  The young, the old inspire
   With wisdom from above;
   And give us hearts and tongues of fire,
   To pray, and praise, and love.

5  Spirit of Light, explore
   And chase our gloom away,
   With lustre shining more and more,
   Unto the perfect day.

6  Spirit of Truth, be Thou
   In life and death our Guide;
   O Spirit of Adoption, now
   May we be sanctified!

   James Montgomery, 1819.

451  **The Holy Ghost is here.**

1  THE Holy Ghost is here,
   Where saints in prayer agree,
   As Jesu's parting gift He's near
   Each pleading company.

2  Not far away is He,
   To be by prayer brought nigh,
   But here in present majesty,
   As in His courts on high.

3  He dwells within our soul,
   An ever welcome Guest;
   He reigns with absolute control,
   As Monarch in the breast.
4 Our bodies are His shrine,
   And He th' indwelling Lord;
All hail, thou Comforter divine,
   Be evermore adored,
5 Obedient to Thy will,
   We wait to feel Thy power,
O Lord of life, our hopes fulfil,
   And bless this hallow'd hour!

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

452 A Prayer for His Operations. C. M.
1 ENTHRONED on high, Almighty Lord,
   The Holy Ghost send down;
Fulfil in us Thy faithful word,
   And all Thy mercies crown.
2 Though on our heads no tongues of fire
   Their wondrous powers impart.
Grant, Saviour, what we more desire,
   Thy Spirit in our heart.
3 Spirit of life, and light, and love,
   Thy heavenly influence give:
Quicken our souls, born from above,
   In Christ that we may live.
4 To our benighted minds reveal
   The glories of His grace;
And bring us where no clouds conceal
   The brightness of His face.
5 His love within us shed abroad
   Life's ever-springing well;
Till God in us, and we in God,
   In love eternal dwell.

Thomas Haweis, 1792.

453 The Holy Spirit invoked. S. M.
1 COME, Holy Spirit, come!
   With energy divine;
And on this poor benighted soul
   With beams of mercy shine.
2 From the celestial hills,
   Life, light, and joy dispense;
And may I daily, hourly feel
   Thy quickening influence.
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

3 Melt, melt this frozen heart;  
This stubborn will subdue;  
Each evil passion overcome,  
And form me all anew.

4 Mine will the profit be,  
But Thine shall be the praise;  
And unto Thee I will devote  
The remnant of my days.  

Benjamin Beddome, 1818.

454 The Holy Spirit. C.M.

1 COME, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all Thine quickening powers,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.

2 Look how we grovel here below,  
Fond of these trifling toys;  
Our souls can neither fly nor go  
To reach eternal joys.

3 In vain we tune our formal songs,  
In vain we strive to rise;  
Hosannahs languish on our tongues,  
And our devotion dies.

4 Dear Lord! and shall we ever lie  
At this poor dying rate?  
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee,  
And Thine to us so great?

5 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all Thine quickening powers,  
Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,  
And that shall kindle ours.  

Isaac Watts, 1709.

455 Come, Holy Ghost. C.M.

1 COME, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire;  
Let us Thine influence prove,  
Source of the old prophetic fire,  
Fountain of light and love.

2 Come, Holy Ghost, (for moved by Thee  
The prophets wrote and spoke,)  
Unlock the truth, Thyself the key,  
Unseal the sacred book.
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

3 Expand Thy wings, celestial Dove,
Brood o'er our nature's night;
On our disorder'd spirits move,
And let there now be light.

4 God, through Himself, we then shall know,
If Thou within us shine;
And sound, with all Thy saints below,
The depths of love divine.

Charles Wesley, 1740.

456 His Indwelling sought. S.M.

1 COME, Holy Spirit, come;
Let Thy bright beams arise:
Dispel the darkness from our minds,
And open all our eyes.

2 Cheer our desponding hearts,
Thou heavenly Paraclete;
Give us to lie, with humble hope,
At our Redeemer's feet.

3 'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life on every part,
And new create the whole.

4 Dwell, therefore, in our hearts;
Our minds from bondage free;
Then shall we know and praise and love
The Father, Son, and Thee.

Joseph Hart, 1759.

457 Spiritual Power desired. L.M.

1 COME, dearest Lord, descend and dwell
By faith and love in every breast;
Then shall we know, and taste, and feel
The joys that cannot be express'd.

2 Come fill our hearts with inward strength;
Make our enlarged souls possess,
And learn the height, and breadth, and length
Of Thine unmeasurable grace.
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Now to the God whose power can do
More than our thoughts or wishes know;
Be everlasting honours done
By all the church, through Christ His Son.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

Love longed for. S. M.

DESCEND, immortal Dove;
Spread Thy kind wings abroad;
And wrapt in flames of holy love,
Bear all my soul to God.

Jesus, my Lord, reveal
In charms of grace divine,
And be Thyself the sacred seal,
That pearl of price is mine.

Behold my heart expands
To catch the heavenly fire:
It longs to feel the gentle bands,
And groans with strong desire.

Thy love, my God, appears,
And brings salvation down,
My cordial through this vale of tears,
In paradise my crown.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

The Spirit's Work requested. 78.

HOLY Spirit, from on high,
Bend on us a pitying eye;
Animate the drooping heart,
Bid the power of sin depart.

Light up every dark recess
Of our heart's ungodliness;
Shew us every devious way,
Where our steps have gone astray.

Teach us with repentant grief
Humbly to implore relief,
Then the Saviour's blood reveal
All our deep disease to heal.

Other groundwork should we lay,
Sweep those empty hopes away;
Make us feel that Christ alone
Can for human guilt atone.
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

5 May we daily grow in grace,
   And pursue the heavenly race,
   Train'd in wisdom, led by love,
   Till we reach our rest above.

William Hiley Bathurst, 1831.

460  His Operations invited.  7s.

1 HOLY Ghost, with light divine,
   Shine upon this heart of mine;
   Chase the shades of night away,
   Turn the darkness into day.

2 Holy Ghost, with power divine,
   Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
   Long has sin without control
   Held dominion o'er my soul.

3 Holy Ghost, with joy divine,
   Cheer this sadden'd heart of mine;
   Bid my many woes depart,
   Heal my wounded, bleeding heart.

4 Holy Spirit, all divine,
   Dwell within this heart of mine;
   Cast down every idol throne;
   Reign supreme, and reign alone.

Andrew Reed, 1842.

461  Nature helpless—the Spirit working.  C.M.

1 HOW helpless guilty nature lies,
   Unconscious of its load!
   The heart, unchanged, can never rise
   To happiness and God.

2 Can aught beneath a power divine
   The stubborn will subdue?
   'Tis Thine, Eternal Spirit, Thine
   To form the heart anew.

3 'Tis Thine the passions to recall,
   And upwards bid them rise;
   And make the scales of error fall
   From reason's darken'd eyes.
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

4 To chase the shades of death away,
    And bid the sinner live!
A beam of heaven, a vital ray,
    'Tis Thine alone to give.

5 Oh change these wretched hearts of ours,
    And give them life divine!
Then shall our passions and our powers,
    Almighty Lord, be Thine.

Anne Steele, 1760.

462 Comforter. 8.7.

1 HOLY Ghost, dispel our sadness,
    Pierce the clouds of sinful night:
Come, thou source of sweetest gladness,
    Breathe Thy life, and spread Thy light!

2 Author of the new creation,
    Come, with unction and with power;
Make our hearts Thy habitation,
    On our souls Thy graces shower.

Paul Gerhardt, 1653;
J. C. Jacobi, 1725;
Augustus M. Toplady, 1776.

463 Divine Drawings implored. C. M.

1 If Thou hast drawn a thousand times,
    Oh draw me, Lord, again;
Around me cast Thy Spirit's bands,
    And all my powers constrain.

2 Draw me from all created good,
    From self, the world, and sin;
To the dear fountain of Thy blood,
    And make me pure within.

3 Oh lead me to Thy mercy-seat;
    Attract me nearer still;
Draw me, like Mary, to Thy feet,
    To sit and learn Thy will.

4 Oh, draw me all the desert through
    With cords of heavenly love,
And when prepared for going hence,
    Draw me to dwell above.

Rippon's Selection, 1829, a.
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

464  The Holy Spirit invoked.  C.M.

1 SPIRIT divine! attend our prayers,
And make this house Thy home;
Descend with all Thy gracious powers,
Oh come, Great Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light—to us reveal
Our emptiness and woe;
And lead us in those paths of life
Where all the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire—and purge our hearts,
Like sacrificial flame;
Let our whole soul an offering be
To our Redeemer's name.

4 Come as the dew—and sweetly bless
This consecrated hour;
May barrenness rejoice to own
Thy fertilising power.

5 Come as the dove—and spread Thy wings,
The wings of peaceful love;
And let Thy church on earth become
Blest as the church above.

6 Come as the wind—with rushing sound
And Pentecostal grace;
That all of woman born may see
The glory of Thy face.

7 Spirit divine! attend our prayers,
Make a lost world Thy home;
Descend with all Thy gracious powers;
Oh come, great Spirit, come!

Andrew Reed, 1842.

465  His Operations sought.  C.M.

1 SPIRIT of Truth, Thy grace impart,
To guide our doubtful way;
Thy beams shall scatter every cloud,
And make a glorious day.

2 Light in Thy light oh may we see,
Thy grace and mercy prove,
Revived, and cheer'd, and bless'd by Thee,
Spirit of peace and love!
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

8 'Tis Thine to soothe the sorrowing mind,
    With guilt and fear opprest;
'Tis Thine to bid the dying live,
    And give the weary rest.

4 Subdue the power of every sin,
    Whate'er that sin may be,
That we, in singleness of heart,
    May worship only Thee.

   Thomas Cotterill, 1812, a.

466 The Spirit entreated not to depart.  

1 STAY, Thou insulted Spirit, stay,
   Though I have done Thee such despite,
Cast not a sinner quite away,
   Nor take Thine everlasting flight.

2 Though I have most unfaithful been,
   Of all whooe'er Thy grace received;
Ten thousand times Thy goodness seen,
   Ten thousand times Thy goodness grieved;

3 Yet, oh! the chief of sinners spare,
   In honour of my great High Priest;
Nor in Thy righteous anger swear
   T' exclude me from Thy people's rest.

4 Now, Lord, my weary soul release,
   Upraise me by Thy gracious hand;
Guide me into Thy perfect peace,
   And bring me to the promised land.

   Charles Wesley, 1749, a.

467 Peace prayed for.  

1 CALMER of my troubled heart,
   Bid my unbelief depart;
Speak, and all my sorrows cease;
   Speak, and all my soul is peace.

2 Comfort me, whene'er I mourn,
   With the hope of Thy return;
And, till I Thy glory see,
   Help me to believe in Thee.

   Charles Wesley, 1762.
MAN FALLEN.

1 Why should the children of a King
   Go mourning all their days?
Great Comforter, descend and bring
   Some tokens of Thy grace.

2 Dost Thou not dwell in all the saints,
   And seal the heirs of heaven?
When wilt Thou banish my complaints,
   And show my sins forgiven?

3 Assure my conscience of her part
   In the Redeemer's blood,
And bear Thy witness with my heart,
   That I am born of God.

4 Thou art the earnest of His love,
   The pledge of joys to come,
And Thy soft wings, celestial Dove,
   Will safe convey me home.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

MAN'S FALLEN STATE.

1 Backward with humble shame we look
   On our original;
How is our nature dash'd and broke
   In our first father's fall!

2 To all that's good averse and blind,
   But prone to all that's ill,
What dreadful darkness veils our mind!
   How obstinate our will!

3 Wild and unwholesome as the root
   Will all the branches be;
How can we hope for living fruit
   From such a deadly tree?
MAN FALLEN.

4 What mortal power from things unclean
   Can pure productions bring?
   Who can command a vital stream
   From an infected spring?

5 Yet, mighty God, Thy wondrous love
   Can make our nature clean,
   While Christ and grace prevail above
   The tempter, death, and sin.

6 The second Adam shall restore
   The ruins of the first,
   Hosanna to the sovereign power
   That new creates our dust!

Isaac Watts, 1709.

470 The Distemper and Madness of Sin. C.M.

1 Sin, like a venomous disease,
   Infects our vital blood;
   The only balm is sovereign grace,
   And the physician God.

2 Our beauty and our strength are fled,
   And we draw near to death;
   But Christ the Lord recalls the dead
   With His almighty breath.

8 Madness by nature reigns within,
   The passions burn and rage;
   Till God's own Son, with skill divine,
   The inward fire assuage.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

471 Need of the Atonement. C.M.

1 How is our nature spoil'd by sin
   Yet nature ne'er hath found
   The way to make the conscience clean,
   Or heal the painful wound.

2 In vain we seek for peace with God
   By methods of our own;
   Jesus, there's nothing but Thy blood
   Can bring us near the throne.
MAN FALLEN.

3 The threatenings of Thy broken law
    Impress our souls with dread;
    If God His sword of vengeance draw,
    It strikes our spirits dead.

4 But Thine illustrious sacrifice
    Hath answer'd these demands;
    And peace and pardon from the skies
    Come down by Jesus' hands.

5 Here all the ancient types agree,
    The altar and the Lamb;
    And prophets in their visions see
    Salvation through His name.

6 'Tis by Thy death, we live, O Lord;
    'Tis on Thy cross we rest;
    For ever be Thy love adored,
    Thy name for ever blessed.

Isaac Watts, 1721.

Our unconverted State. C.M.

1 GREAT King of glory and of grace,
   We own, with humble shame,
   How vile is our degenerate race,
   And our first father's name.

2 From Adam flows our tainted blood,
   The poison reigns within,
   Makes us averse to all that's good,
   And willing slaves to sin.

3 Daily we break Thy holy laws,
   And then reject Thy grace;
   Engaged in the old serpent's cause
   Against our Maker's face.

4 We live estranged afar from God,
   And love the distance well;
   With haste we run the dangerous road
   That leads to death and hell.

5 And can such rebels be restored,
   Such natures made divine?
   Let sinners see Thy glory, Lord,
   And feel this power of Thine.
6 We raise our Father's name on high,
Who His own Spirit sends
To bring rebellious strangers nigh,
And turn His foes to friends.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

473 Mournning over Transgressors. L. M.

1 ARISE, my tenderest thoughts, arise,
To torrents melt my streaming eyes;
And thou, my heart, with anguish feel
Those evils which thou canst not heal.

2 See human nature sunk in shame;
See scandals pour'd on Jesus' name;
The Father wounded through the Son;
The world abused, and souls undone.

3 See the short course of vain delight
Closing in everlasting night;
In flames that no abatement know,
Though briny tears for ever flow.

4 My God, I feel the mournful scene;
My bowels yearn o'er dying men;
And fain my pity would reclaim,
And snatch the firebrands from the flame.

5 But feeble my compassion proves,
And can but weep where most it loves;
Thy own all-saving arm employ,
And turn these drops of grief to joy.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

474 Faith in Christ for cleansing. C. M.

1 HOW sad our state by nature is!
Our sin, how deep it stains!
And Satan binds our captive minds
Fast in his slavish chains.

2 But there's a voice of sovereign grace
Sounds from the sacred word,
"Ho, ye despairing sinners, come,
And trust upon the Lord."
MAN FALLEN.

3 My soul obeys th' almighty call,  
   And runs to this relief;  
   I would believe Thy promise, Lord,  
   Oh! help my unbelief.

4 To the dear fountain of Thy blood,  
   Incarnate God, I fly;  
   Here let me wash my spotted soul  
   From crimes of deepest dye.

5 Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King!  
   My reigning sins subdue;  
   Drive the old dragon from his seat,  
   With all his hellish crew.

6 A guilty, weak, and helpless worm,  
   On Thy kind arms I fall;  
   Be Thou my strength and righteousness,  
   My Jesus, and my all.  

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

475 The whole Head is Sick. C.M.

1 PHYSICIAN of my sin-sick soul,  
   To Thee I bring my case;  
   My raging malady control,  
   And heal me by Thy grace.

2 Pity the anguish I endure,  
   See how I mourn and pine;  
   For never can I hope a cure  
   From any hand but Thine.

3 I would disclose my whole complaint,  
   But where shall I begin?  
   No words of mine can fully paint  
   That worst distemper, sin.

4 It lies not in a single part,  
   But through my frame is spread;  
   A burning fever in my heart,  
   A palsy in my head.

5 Lord, I am sick, regard my cry,  
   And set my spirit free:  
   Say, canst Thou let a sinner die,  
   Who longs to live to Thee?  

   John Newton, 1779.
MAN FALLEN.

476 Jesus delivering the lost Ones. L.M.

1 BURIED in shadows of the night
   We lie, till Christ restores the light;
   Wisdom descends to heal the blind,
   And chase the darkness of the mind.

2 Our guilty souls are drown'd in tears
   Till His atoning blood appears;
   Then we awake from deep distress,
   And sing, "The Lord our Righteousness."

3 Our very frame is mix'd with sin,
   His Spirit makes our natures clean;
   Such virtues from His sufferings flow,
   At once to cleanse and pardon too.

4 Poor helpless worms in Thee possess
   Grace, wisdom, power, and righteousness;
   Thou art our Mighty All, and we
   Give our whole selves, O Lord, to Thee.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

477 Distinguishing Love to Man. C.M.

1 DOWN headlong from their native skies
   The rebel angels fell,
   And thunderbolts of flaming wrath
   Pursued them deep to hell.

2 Down from the top of earthly bliss
   Rebellious man was hurl'd;
   And Jesus stoop'd beneath the grave
   To reach a sinking world.

3 Oh love of infinite degree!
   Immeasurable grace!
   Must heaven's eternal darling die,
   To save a traitorous race?

4 Must angels sink for ever down,
   And burn in quenchless fire,
   While God forsakes His shining throne
   To raise us wretches higher?

5 Oh for this love let earth and skies
   With hallelujahs ring,
   And the full choir of human tongues
   All hallelujahs sing.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.
THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

478  Most excellent.  C. M.

1 Laden with guilt, and full of fears,
I fly to Thee, my Lord,
And not a glimpse of hope appears
But in Thy written Word.

2 The volume of my Father's grace
Does all my grief assuage;
Here I behold my Saviour's face
Almost in every page.

3 This is the field where hidden lies
The pearl of price unknown,
That merchant is divinely wise
Who makes the pearl his own.

4 Here consecrated water flows,
To quench my thirst of sin,
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
Nor danger dwells therein.

5 This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail,
My guide to everlasting life
Through all this gloomy vale.

6 Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to Thy right hand.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

479  The Bible, the Light of the World.  C. M.

1 A glory gilds the sacred page,
Majestic, like the sun:
It gives a light to every age;
It gives, but borrows none.

2 The hand that gave it still supplies
The gracious light and heat;
Its truths upon the nations rise;
They rise, but never set.
HOLY SCRIPTURE.

3 Let everlasting thanks be Thine
   For such a bright display,
   As makes a world of darkness shine
   With beams of heavenly day.

4 My soul rejoices to pursue
   The steps of Him I love,
   Till glory breaks upon my view
   In brighter worlds above!

   William Cowper, 1779.

480 The Guide of Youth. C. M.

1 How shall the young secure their hearts
   And guard their lives from sin?
   Thy Word the choicest rules imparts
   To keep the conscience clean.

2 When once it enters to the mind,
   It spreads such light abroad,
   The meanest souls instruction find,
   And raise their thoughts to God.

3 'Tis like the sun, a heavenly light,
   That guides us all the day;
   And through the dangers of the night
   A lamp to lead our way.

4 The men that keep Thy law with care,
   And meditate Thy Word,
   Grow wiser than their teachers are,
   And better know the Lord.

5 Thy precepts make me truly wise;
   I hate the sinner's road;
   I hate mine own vain thoughts that rise,
   But love Thy law, my God.

6 Thy Word is everlasting truth;
   How pure is every page!
   That holy Book shall guide our youth,
   And well support our age.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.

481 Our Heritage. C. M.

1 LORD, I have made Thy Word my choice,
   My lasting heritage;
   There shall my noblest powers rejoice,
   My warmest thoughts engage.
HOLY SCRIPTURE.

2 I'll read the histories of Thy love,
    And keep Thy laws in sight,
While through the promises I rove
    With ever fresh delight.

3 'Tis a broad land of wealth unknown,
    Where springs of life arise;
Seeds of immortal bliss are sown,
    And hidden glories lies.

4 The best relief that mourners have;
    It makes our sorrows blest;
Our fairest hope beyond the grave,
    And our eternal rest.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

482 Heavenly Teaching. C.M.

1 FATHER of mercies, in Thy word
    What endless glory shines!
For ever be Thy name adored
    For these celestial lines.

2 Here may the wretched sons of want
    Exhaustless riches find;
Riches, above what earth can grant,
    And lasting as the mind.

3 Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
    And yields a free repast;
Sublimer sweets than nature knows,
    Invite the longing taste.

4 Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
    Spreads heavenly peace around;
And life, and everlasting joys,
    Attend the blissful sound.

5 Oh may these heavenly pages be
    My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see,
    And still increasing light.

6 Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,
    Be Thou for ever near:
Teach me to love Thy sacred Word,
    And view my Saviour there.

Anne Steele, 1760.
THE GOSPEL.

EXCELLENCE OF THE GOSPEL.

483 The different Success of the Gospel. C. M.

1 CHRIST and His cross is all our theme;
The mysteries that we speak
Are scandal in the Jew's esteem,
And folly to the Greek.

2 But souls enlighten'd from above
With joy receive the Word;
They see what wisdom, power, and love
Shine in their dying Lord.

3 The vital savour of His name
Restores their fainting breath;
But unbelief perverts the same
To guilt, despair, and death.

4 Till God diffuse His graces down,
Like showers of heavenly rain,
In vain Apollos sows the ground,
And Paul may plant in vain.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

484 Power of the Gospel. L. M.

1 THIS is the word of truth and love,
Sent to the nations from above;
Jehovah here resolves to show
What His almighty grace can do.

2 This remedy did wisdom find
To heal diseases of the mind;
This sovereign balm, whose virtues can
Restore the ruin'd creature, man.

3 The gospel bids the dead revive,
Sinners obey the voice, and live;
Dry bones are raised, and clothed afresh,
And hearts of stone are turn'd to flesh.
THE GOSPEL.

4 Lions and beasts of savage name
Put on the nature of the lamb;
While the wide world esteem it strange,
Gaze and admire, and hate the change.

5 May but this grace my soul renew,
Let sinners gaze, and hate me too;
The word that saves me does engage
A sure defence from all their rage.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

485 Blessedness of Gospel Times. S. M.

1 How beauteous are their feet
   Who stand on Zion's hill!
   Who bring salvation on their tongues,
   And words of peace reveal!

2 How charming is their voice!
   How sweet the tidings are!
   "Zion, behold thy Saviour King;
   He reigns and triumphs here."

3 How happy are our ears,
   That hear this joyful sound,
   Which kings and prophets waited for,
   And sought, but never found.

4 How blessed are our eyes,
   That see this heavenly light!
   Prophets and kings desired it long,
   But died without the sight.

5 The watchmen join their voice,
   And tuneful notes employ;
   Jerusalem breaks forth in songs,
   And deserts learn the joy.

6 The Lord makes bare His arm
   Through all the earth abroad;
   Let every nation now behold
   Their Saviour and their God.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

486 Excellence of the Gospel. L. M.

1 Let everlasting glories crown
   Thy head, my Saviour and my Lord,
   Thy hands have brought salvation down,
   And writ the blessings in Thy Word.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

2 What if we trace the globe around,
And search from Britain to Japan,
There shall be no religion found
So just to God, so safe for man.

3 In vain the trembling conscience seeks
Some solid ground to rest upon;
With long despair the spirit breaks,
Till we apply to Christ alone.

4 How well Thy blessed truths agree!
How wise and holy Thy commands!
Thy promises, how firm they be!
How firm our hope and comfort stands!

5 Should all the forms that men devise
Assault my faith with treacherous art
I'd call them vanity and lies,
And bind the gospel to my heart.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

487 The Jubilee Trumpet. 148th.

1 Blow ye the trumpet, blow
The gladly solemn sound;
Let all the nations know,
To earth's remotest bound,
The year of jubilee is come;
Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home.

2 Extol the Lamb of God,
The sin-atoning Lamb;
Redemption in His blood
Throughout the world proclaim:
The year, &c.

3 Ye who have sold for nought
The heritage above,
Receive it back unbought,
The gift of Jesus' love:
The year, &c.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

4 Ye slaves of sin and hell,
    Your liberty receive;
And safe in Jesus dwell,
    And blest in Jesus live:

   The year, &c.

5 Ye bankrupt debtors know
    The sovereign grace of heaven;
Though sums immense ye owe,
    A free discharge is given:

   The year, &c.

6 The gospel trumpet hear,
    The news of heavenly grace;
And, saved from earth, appear
    Before your Saviour's face:

   The year, &c.

7 Jesus, our great High Priest,
    Hath full atonement made;
Ye weary spirits, rest!
    Ye mournful souls, be glad!
The year of jubilee is come;
    Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home.

Charles Wesley, 1750,

Mercy's Invitation. C. M.

1 Let every mortal ear attend,
    And every heart rejoice;
The trumpet of the gospel sounds
    With an inviting voice.

2 Ho, all ye hungry, starving souls,
    That feed upon the wind,
And vainly strive with earthly toys
    To fill an empty mind;

3 Eternal Wisdom has prepared
    A soul-reviving feast,
And bids your longing appetites
    The rich provision taste.

4 Ho, ye that pant for living streams,
    And pine away and die,
Here you may quench your raging thirst
    With springs that never dry.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

5 Rivers of love and mercy here
   In a rich ocean join;
Salvation in abundance flows,
   Like floods of milk and wine.

6 Come, naked, and adorn your souls
   In robes prepared by God,
Wrought by the labours of His Son,
   And dyed in His own blood.

7 Great God, the treasures of Thy love
   Are everlasting mines,
Deep as our helpless miseries are,
   And boundless as our sins.

8 The happy gates of gospel grace
   Stand open night and day,
Lord, we are come to seek supplies,
   And drive our wants away.

   Isaac Watts, 1706.

489 Promises of Grace. C.M.

1 In vain we lavish out our lives
   To gather empty wind,
The choicest blessings earth can yield
   Will starve a hungry mind.

2 Come, and the Lord shall feed our souls
   With more substantial meat,
With such as saints in glory love,
   With such as angels eat.

3 Come, and He’ll cleanse our spotted souls,
   And wash away our stains,
In the dear fountain that His Son
   Pour’d from His dying veins.

4 Our guilt shall vanish all away
   Though black as hell before,
Our sins shall sink beneath the sea,
   And shall be found no more.

5 And, lest pollution should o’erspread
   Our inward powers again,
His Spirit shall bedew our souls,
   Like purifying rain.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

6 Our heart, that flinty, stubborn thing,
   That terrors cannot move,
   That fears no threatenings of His wrath,
   Shall be dissolved by love.

7 Or He can take the flint away
   That would not be refined;
   And from the treasures of His grace
   Bestow a softer mind.

8 There shall His sacred Spirit dwell,
   And deep engrave His law;
   And every motion of our souls
   To swift obedience draw.

9 Thus will He pour salvation down,
   And we shall render praise,
   We the dear people of His love,
   And He our God of grace.

Isaac Watts, 1700.

490 "Yet there is Room." 148th.

1 Ye dying sons of men,
   Immersed in sin and woe,
   The gospel's voice attend,
   While Jesus sends to you:
   Ye perishing and guilty, come,
   In Jesus' arms there yet is room.

2 No longer now delay,
   Nor vain excuses frame:
   He bids you come to-day,
   Though poor, and blind, and lame:
   All things are ready, sinner, come,
   For every trembling soul there's room.

3 Believe the heavenly word
   His messengers proclaim;
   He is a gracious Lord,
   And faithful is His name:
   Backsliding souls, return and come;
   Cast off despair, there yet is room.

4 Compell'd by bleeding love,
   Ye wandering sheep draw near;
   Christ calls you from above,
   His charming accents hear!
   Let whosoever will now come,
   In mercy's breast there still is room.

James Boden, 1777.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

491 "I am Alpha and Omega." C.M.

1 Oh what amazing words of grace
    Are in the gospel found!
    Suited to every sinner's case
    Who knows the joyful sound.

2 Here Jesus calls, and He's a true,
    A kind, a faithful friend;
    He's "Alpha and Omega too,
    Beginning and the end."

3 Come, then, with all your wants and wounds,
    Your every burden bring;
    Here love, eternal love abounds,
    A deep celestial spring.

4 "Whoever wills,"—oh gracious word!—
    "Shall of this stream partake;"
    Come, thirsty souls, and bless the Lord,
    And drink for Jesus' sake.

5 This spring with living waters flows,
    And living joy imparts;
    Come, thirsty souls, your wants disclose,
    And drink with thankful hearts.

6 To sinners poor, like me and you,
    He saith He'll "freely give;"
    Come, thirsty souls, and prove it true;
    Drink, and for ever live.

Samuel Medley, 1789.

492 Come and welcome. 8.7.4.

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
    Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
    Jesus ready stands to save you,
    Full of pity join'd with power;
    He is able,
    He is willing: doubt no more.

2 Come, ye needy, come and welcome,
    God's free bounty glorify;
    True belief, and true repentance,
    Every grace that brings us nigh,
    Without money,
    Come to Jesus Christ and buy.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

3 Let not conscience make you linger,
   Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth,
   Is to feel your need of Him:
This He gives you;
   'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

4 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
   Bruised and mangled by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
   You will never come at all:
   Not the righteous,
   Sinners, Jesus came to call.

5 View Him prostrate in the garden;
   On the ground your Maker lies!
On the bloody tree behold Him;
   Hear Him cry before He dies,
   "It is finish'd!"
   Sinner, will not this suffice?

6 Lo! th' incarnate God, ascended,
   Pleads the merit of His blood:
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
   Let no other trust intrude;
   None but Jesus
   Can do helpless sinners good.

7 Saints and angels join'd in concert,
   Sing the praises of the Lamb;
While the blissful seats of heaven
   Sweetly echo with His name!
   Hallelujah!
   Sinners here may sing the same.

Joseph Hart, 1759, a.

493 Come to Jesus. 8.7.4.

1 Come, ye souls by sin afflicted,
   Bow'd with fruitless sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted,
   Through the cross behold the crown.
   Look to Jesus—
   Mercy flows through Him alone.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

2 Take His easy yoke, and wear it,
    Love will make obedience sweet;
Christ will give you strength to bear it,
    While His wisdom guides your feet
Safe to glory,
    Where His ransomed captives meet.
3 Blessed are the eyes that see Him;
    Blessed are the souls that trust Him,
And in Him alone rejoice;
    His commandments
Then become their happy choice.

Joseph Swain, 1792.

494 "Now is the accepted Time." C.M.

1 COME guilty souls, and flee away
    Like doves to Jesus' wounds;
This is the welcome gospel-day,
    Wherein free grace abounds.
2 God loved the church, and gave His Son
    To drink the cup of wrath:
And Jesus says, He'll cast out none
    That come to Him by faith.

Joseph Humphreys, 1743.

495 Jesus invites. L.M.

1 "COME hither, all ye weary souls,
    Ye heavy laden sinners, come;
I'll give you rest from all your toils,
    And raise you to My heavenly home.
2 "They shall find rest that learn of Me,
    I'm of a meek and lowly mind;
But passion rages like a sea,
    And pride is restless as the wind.
3 "Bless'd is the man whose shoulders take
    My yoke, and bear it with delight;
My yoke is easy to His neck,
    My grace shall make the burden light."
4 Jesus, we come at Thy command;
    With faith, and hope, and humble zeal
Resign our spirits to Thy hand,
    To mould and guide us at Thy will.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

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The Saviour calls. C.M.

1 THE Saviour calls, let every ear
   Attend the heavenly sound;
   Ye doubting souls, dismiss your fear,
   Hope smiles reviving round.

2 For every thirsty, longing heart,
   Here streams of bounty flow,
   And life and health and bliss impart
   To banish mortal woe.

3 Ye sinners, come; 'tis mercy's voice,
   The gracious call obey;
   Mercy invites to heavenly joys;
   And can you yet delay?

4 Dear Saviour, draw reluctant hearts,
   To Thee let sinners fly,
   And take the bliss Thy love imparts,
   And drink, and never die.

Anne Steele, 1760.

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"Come unto Me." 8.7.4.

1 HARK! the voice of Jesus calling,
   "Come, thou laden, come to Me;
   I have rest and peace to offer;
   Rest, poor labouring one, for thee;
   Take salvation,
   Take it now, and happy be."

2 Yes, though high in heavenly glory,
   Still the Saviour calls to thee;
   Faith can hear His gracious accents—
   "Come, thou laden, come to Me;
   Take salvation,
   Take it now, and happy be."

3 Soon that voice will cease its calling,
   Now it speaks, and speaks to thee;
   Sinner, heed the gracious message,
   To the blood for refuge flee;
   Take salvation,
   Take it now, and happy be.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

4 Life is found alone in Jesus,
   Only there 'tis offered thee—
Offer'd without price or money,
   'Tis the gift of God sent free;
Take salvation,
   Take it now, and happy be.

   Albert Midlane, 1865.

498 Seeking souls encouraged. 7.6.

1 SINNER, hear the Saviour's call,
   He now is passing by;
   He has seen thy grievous thrall,
      And heard thy mournful cry.
He has pardons to impart,
   And grace to save from fears;
   See the love that fills His heart,
      And wipe away thy tears.

2 Why art thou afraid to come,
   And tell Him all thy case?
   He will not pronounce thy doom,
      Nor frown thee from His face.
Wilt thou fear Immanuel?
   Or dread the Lamb of God,
   Who, to save thy soul from hell,
      Has shed His precious blood?

3 Raise thy downcast eyes, and see
   What throngs His throne surround!
   These, though sinners once like thee,
      Have full salvation found.
Yield not then to unbelief;
   He says, "There yet is room:"
   Though of sinners thou art chief,
      Since Jesus calls thee, come.

   John Newton, 1779.

499 "Seek, and ye shall find." 7s.

1 COME, poor sinner, come and see,
   All thy strength is found in Me;
I am waiting to be kind,
   To relieve thy troubled mind.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

2 Dost thou feel thy sins a pain?
Look to Me and ease obtain:
All my fulness thou may'st share,
And be always welcome there.

3 Boldly come; why dost thou fear?
I possess a gracious ear;
I will never tell thee nay,
While thou hast a heart to pray.

4 Try the freeness of My grace,
Sure, 'twill suit thy trying case;
Mourning souls will ne'er complain,
Having sought My face in vain.

5 Knock, and cast all doubt behind,
Seek, and thou shalt surely find;
Ask, and I will give thee peace,
And thy confidence increase.

6 Will not this encourage thee,
Vile and poor to come to Me?
Sure thou canst not doubt My will!
Come and welcome, sinner, still.

Hewett, 1850.

The Gospel Feast. C. M.

1 Come, sinner, to the gospel feast;
Oh come without delay;
For there is room in Jesus' breast
For all who will obey.

2 There's room in God's eternal love
To save thy precious soul;
Room in the Spirit's grace above
To heal, and make thee whole.

3 There's room within the church, redeem'd
With blood of Christ divine,
Room in the white-robed throng convened,
For that dear soul of thine.

4 There's room in heaven among the choir,
And harps and crowns of gold,
And glorious palms of victory there,
And joys that ne'er were told.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

5 There's room around thy Father's board
   For thee and thousands more:
   Oh, come and welcome to the Lord;
   Yea, come this very hour.

   F. D. Huntingdon, 1843.

501 "Come to the Ark." C. M.

1 COME to the ark, come to the ark;
   To Jesus come away:
   The pestilence walks forth by night,
   The arrow flies by day.

2 Come to the ark: the waters rise,
   The seas their billows rear;
   While darkness gathers o'er the skies,
   Behold a refuge near.

3 Come to the ark, all, all that weep
   Beneath the sense of sin:
   Without, deep calleth unto deep;
   But all is peace within.

4 Come to the ark, ere yet the flood
   Your lingering steps oppose;
   Come, for the door which open stood
   Is now about to close.

   John Coleman's Coll., 1846.

502 Come now. 8.7.

1 COME, poor sinners, come to Jesus,
   Weary, heavy laden, weak;
   None but Jesus Christ can ease us,
   Come ye all, His mercy seek.

2 "Come," it is His invitation;
   "Come to Me," the Saviour says,
   Why, oh why such hesitation,
   Gloomy doubts, and base delays?

3 Do you fear your own unfitness,
   Burden'd as you are with sin?
   'Tis the Holy Spirit's witness;
   Christ invites you,—enter in.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

4 Do your sins, and your distresses, 'Gainst this sacred record plead? 
Know that Christ most kindly blesses Those who feel the most their need.

5 Hear His words, so true and cheering, Fitted just for the distress'd; 
Dwell upon the sound endearing; "Mourners, I will give you rest."

6 Stay not pondering on your sorrow, Turn from your own self away; 
Do not linger till to-morrow, Come to Christ without delay.

Ambassador's Hymn Book, 1862.

503 All ye who seek a sure Relief. C.M., Double.

1 All ye who seek a sure relief In trouble or distress, 
Whatever sorrow vex the mind, Or guilt the soul oppress; 
Jesus, who gave Himself for us Upon the cross to die, 
Unfolds to us His sacred heart; Oh to that heart draw nigh.

2 Ye hear how kindly He invites, Ye hear His words so blest: "All ye that labour come to Me, And I will give you rest." 
O Jesu, joy of saints on high; Thou hope of sinners here; 
Attracted by these loving words, To Thee I lift my prayer.

3 Wash Thou my wounds in that dear blood Which forth from Thee did flow; New grace, new hope inspire; a new And better life bestow. 
Praise Him who with the Father sits Enthroned upon the skies; Whose blood redeems our souls from guilt, Whose Spirit sanctifies.

Edward Caswall, 1849.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

504  "All Things are ready."  S. M.

1  "All things are ready," Come,
   Come to the supper spread;
   Come rich and poor, come old and young,
   Come, and be richly fed.
2  "All things are ready," Come,
   The invitation's given,
   Through Him who now in glory sits
   At God's right hand in heaven.
3  "All things are ready," Come,
   The door is open wide;
   Oh feast upon the love of God,
   For Christ, His Son, has died.
4  "All things are ready," Come,
   All hindrance is removed;
   And God, in Christ, His precious love,
   To fallen man has proved.
5  "All things are ready," Come,
   To-morrow may not be;
   O sinner, come, the Saviour waits,
   This hour to welcome thee!

Albert Midlane, 1862.

505  None that come cast out.  L. M.

1  HARK! 'tis the Saviour's voice I hear,
   Come, trembling soul, dispel thy fear;
   He saith, and who His word can doubt?
   He will in no wise cast you out.
2  Doth Satan fill you with dismay,
   And tell you Christ will cast away;
   It is a truth, why should you doubt?
   He will in no wise cast you out.
3  Approach your God, make no delay,
   He waits to welcome you to-day;
   His mercy try, no longer doubt,
   He will in no wise cast you out.
4  Lord, at Thy call, behold! I come,
   A guilty soul, lost and undone:
   On Thy rich blood I now rely,
   Oh, pass my vile transgressions by.

Samuel F. Smith, 1850.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

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Look unto Him.

1 SEE the blessed Saviour dying
On the cross for ruin'd man;
There the willing, spotless victim,
Working out redemption's plan;
Listen to His loving accents,
"Father, oh forgive!" He cries:
Hark, again He speaks, "'Tis finish'd,
Ere He bows His head and dies.

2 With this cruel death before Him,
Every insult, pang foreseen,
Nought could move Him from His purpose,
No dismay could intervene;
Yea, and through the contradiction,
Nothing could His calmness move;
Oh the wondrous depths eternal,
Of His own almighty love.

3 Love which made Him, "Prince of Glory,"
Come to die, the "Sinner's Friend,"
Love beyond the reach of mortals
Deepest thoughts to comprehend.
Sinner, make this love thy portion,
Slight not love so vast and free;
Still unblest, if unforgiven,
Come, the Saviour calleth thee.

Albert Midlane, 1865.

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Come and see.

1 SINNERS! come, the Saviour see,
Hands, feet, side, and temples view;
See Him bleeding on the tree,
See His heart on fire for you!

2 View awhile, then haste away,
Find a thousand more, and say:
Come, ye sinners! come with me,
View Him bleeding on the tree.

3 Who would still such mercy grieve?
Sinners! hear instruction mild,
Doubt no more, but now believe,
Each become a simple child;
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

4 Artful doubts and reasonings be
Nail'd with Jesus to the tree:
Mourning souls, who simple are,
Surely shall the blessing share.

Frederick Wenzel Neisser;
tr. by Charles Kinchin, 1742

508 Come and Welcome. 7s., 6 lines.

1 FROM the cross uplifted high,
Where the Saviour deigns to die:
What melodious sounds I hear,
Bursting on my ravish'd ear!
Love's redeeming work is done;
Come and welcome, sinner come.

2 Sprinkled now with blood the throne,
Why beneath thy burdens groan?
On My pierced body laid,
Justice owns the ransom paid.
Bow the knee, and kiss the Son;
Come and welcome, sinner come.

3 Spread for thee the festal board
See with richest dainties stored;
To thy Father's bosom press'd,
Yet again a child confess'd,
Never from His house to roam,
Come and welcome, sinner come.

4 Soon the days of life shall end;
Lo, I come, your Saviour, Friend,
Safe your spirit to convey
To the realms of endless day.
Up to My eternal home,
Come and welcome, sinner come.

Thomas Haweis, 1792.

509 Come and Welcome. 8.7.4.

1 COME, and welcome, to the Saviour, '
He in mercy bids thee come:
Come be happy in His favour,
Longer from Him do not roam;
Come, and welcome,
Come to Jesus, sinner, come!
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

2 Come, and welcome; start for glory,
    Leave the wretched world behind:
Christ wilt spread His banner o'er thee,
    Thou in Him a friend shalt find;
    Come, and welcome,
To a Saviour good and kind.

3 Come, and welcome: do not linger,
    Make thy happy choice to-day;
True thou art a wretched sinner,
    But He'll wash thy sins away:
    Come, and welcome,
Time admits of no delay.

Albert Midlane, 1865.

510 Take the Peace the Gospel brings. 7s.

1 YE that in His courts are found,
    List'ning to the joyful sound,
Lost and helpless as ye are,
    Sons of sorrow, sin, and care;
Glorify the King of kings,
    Take the peace the gospel brings.

2 Turn to Christ your longing eyes,
    View His bloody sacrifice:
See in Him your sins forgiven;
    Pardon, holiness, and heaven;
Glorify the King of kings,
    Take the peace the gospel brings.

Rowland Hill, 1774.

511 Wanderers invited. 7s., 6 lines.

1 WEARY souls, who wander wide
    From the central point of bliss,
Turn to Jesus crucified,
    Fly to those dear wounds of His:
Sink into the purple flood,
    Rise into the life of God.

2 Find in Christ the way of peace,
    Peace, unspeakable, unknown;
By His pain He gives you ease,
    Life by His expiring groan:
Rise, exalted by His fall;
    Find in Christ your all in all.
GOSPEL INVITATIONS.

3 Oh believe the record true,
God to you His Son has given:
Ye may now be happy too,
Find on earth the life of heaven:
Live the life of heaven above,
All the life of glorious love.

Charles Wesley, 1747.

512 Mercy calls. 8.7., Double.

1 'TIS the voice of mercy calls thee,
Wanderer from the Father's home:
'Tis not God, in voice of thunder,
'Tis a Father calls thee, "Come;"
Yea, His loving heart still waiteth,
And canst thou refuse Him still?
Nay, with contrite heart relenting,
Say, "Arise and come, I will."

2 Come, in all thy filthy garments,
Tarry not to cleanse or mend;
Come, in all thy destitution,
As thou art, and He'll befriend.
By the tempter's vain allurements,
Be no longer thou beguiled:
God the Father waits to own thee
As His dear adopted child.

Albert Midlane, 1865.

513 Grace abounding. 8.7.4.

1 SCRIPTURE says, "Where sin abounded,
There did grace much more abound."
Thus has Satan been confounded,
And his own discomfit found.
Christ has triumph'd!
Spread the glorious news around.

2 Sin is strong, but grace is stronger;
Christ than Satan more supreme;
Yield, oh, yield to sin no longer,
Turn to Jesus, yield to Him—
He has triumph'd!
Sinners, henceforth Him esteem.

Albert Midlane, 1865.
GOSPEL EXPOSTULATIONS.

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The successful Resolve. C. M

1 COME, humble sinner, in whose breast
A thousand thoughts revolve,
Come, with your guilt and fear oppress’d,
And make this last resolve:

2 “I’ll go to Jesus, though my sin
Hath like a mountain rose;
I know His courts, I’ll enter in,
Whatever may oppose.

3 “Prostrate I’ll lie before His throne,
And there my guilt confess;
I’ll tell Him I’m a wretch undone,
Without His sovereign grace.

4 “I’ll to the gracious King approach,
Whose sceptre pardon gives;
Perhaps He may command my touch,
And then the suppliant lives.

5 “Perhaps He will admit my plea,
Perhaps will hear my prayer;
But if I perish, I will pray,
And perish only there.

6 “I can but perish if I go;
I am resolved to try;
For if I stay away, I know
I must for ever die.

7 “But if I die with mercy sought,
When I the King have tried,
This were to die (delightful thought!)
As sinner never died.”

Edmund Jones, 1787.

GOSPEL EXPOSTULATIONS.

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The Stranger at the Door. L. M.

1 BEHOLD! a stranger’s at the door!
He gently knocks, has knock’d before:
Has waited long; is waiting still;
You treat no other friend so ill.
GOSPEL EXPOSTULATIONS.

2 But will He prove a friend indeed?
   He will; the very friend you need:
   The Man of Nazareth, 'tis He,
   With garments dyed at Calvary.

3 Oh lovely attitude! He stands
   With melting heart and laden hands;
   Oh matchless kindness! and He shows
   This matchless kindness to His foes!

4 Rise touch'd with gratitude divine,
   Turn out His enemy and thine,
   That hateful, hell-born monster sin,
   And let the heavenly stranger in.

5 Admit Him, ere His anger burn,
   His feet depart, and ne'er return:
   Admit Him, or the hour's at hand
   When at His door, denied you'll stand:

6 Admit Him, for the human breast
   Ne'er entertain'd so kind a guest:
   Admit Him, for you can't expel;
   Where'er He comes, He comes to dwell.

7 Yet know (nor of the terms complain)
   Where Jesus comes, He comes to reign;
   To reign, and with no partial sway;
   Thoughts must be slain that disobey.

8 Sovereign of souls! Thou Prince of Peace,
   Oh may Thy gentle reign increase:
   Throw wide the door each willing mind;
   And be His empire all mankind.

Joseph Grigg, 1765.

Despising the Riches of Goodness.

1 And canst thou, sinner, slight
   The call of love divine?
   Shall God with tenderness invite,
   And gain no thought of thine?

2 Wilt thou not cease to grieve
   The Spirit from thy breast,
   Till He thy wretched soul shall leave,
   With all thy sins oppress'd?
GOSPEL EXPOSTULATIONS.

3 To-day, a pardoning God
   Will hear the suppliant pray;
To-day, a Saviour's cleansing blood
   Will wash thy guilt away.

4 But, grace so dearly bought
   If yet thou wilt despise,
Thy fearful doom with vengeance fraught,
   Will fill thee with surprise.

   Mrs. A. B. Hyde, 1825.

Holy Meltings. 7s., 6 lines.

1 HEART of stone, relent, relent;
   Break, by Jesu's cross subdued!
See His body, mangled, rent,
Cover'd with a gore of blood;
Sinful soul, what hast thou done?
Crucified God's only Son!

2 Yes, thy sins have done the deed,
   Driven the nails that fix'd Him there,
Crown'd with thorns His sacred head,
Plunged into His side the spear,
Made His soul a sacrifice.
While for sinful man He dies!

3 Can I put my Lord to pain?
   Still to death my Lord pursue?
Open all His wounds again?
And the shameful cross renew?
No, with all my sins I'll part;
Break, oh break my bleeding heart.

   Charles Wesley, 1745, a.

Hear and Live. 8.7.4.

1 SINNERS, will you scorn the message
   Sent in mercy from above?
Every sentence, oh, how tender!
   Every line is full of love:
Listen to it;
   Every line is full of love.
GOSPEL EXPOSTULATIONS.

2 Hear the heralds of the gospel
News from Zion's King proclaim:
"Pardon to each rebel sinner;
Free forgiveness in His name:
How important!
"Free forgiveness in His name."

3 Tempted souls, they bring you succour;
Fearful hearts, they quell your fears;
And with news of consolation,
Chase away the falling tears:
Tender heralds!
Chase away the falling tears.

4 Who hath our report believed?
Who received the joyful word?
Who embraced the news of pardon
Spoken to you by the Lord?
Can you slight it?
Spoken to you by the Lord.

5 O ye angels, hovering round us,
Waiting spirits, speed your way;
Haste ye to the court of heaven,
Tidings bear without delay:
Rebel sinners,
Glad the message will obey.
Jonathan Allen, 1803.

519 The Gospel Message. 8.7.4.

1 SINNERs, you are now addressed
In the name of Christ our Lord;
He hath sent a message to you,
Pay attention to His word;
He hath sent it,
Pay attention to His word.

2 Think what you have all been doing,
Think what rebels you have been;
You have spent your lives in nothing
But in adding sin to sin:
All your actions
One continued scene of sin.
GOSPEL EXPOSTULATIONS.

3 Yet your long-abused Sovereign
   Sends to you a message mild,
Loth to execute His vengeance,
   Prays you to be reconciled:
   Hear Him woo you,—
Sinners now be reconciled.

4 Pardon now is freely publish'd
   Through the Mediator's blood;
Who hath died to make atonement
   And appease the wrath of God!
   Wond'rous mercy!
   See it flows through Jesus' blood!

5 In His name, you are entreated
   To accept this act of grace;
This the day of your acceptance,
   Listen to the terms of peace:
   Oh delay not,
Listen to the terms of peace.

6 Having thus, then, heard the message,
   All with heavenly mercy fraught;
Go, and tell the gracious Jesus
   If you will be saved or not:
   Say, poor sinner,
   Will you now be saved or not?

John Fountain, 1800.

520 Hasten, Sinner. 7s.

1 Hasten, sinner, to be wise,
   Stay not for the morrow's sun
Longer wisdom you despise,
   Harder is she to be won.

2 Hasten mercy to implore,
   Stay not for the morrow's sun,
Lest thy season should be o'er
   Ere this evening's stage be run.

3 Hasten, sinner, to return,
   Stay not for the morrow's sun,
Lest thy lamp should fail to burn
   Ere salvation's work is done.

4 Hasten, sinner, to be blest,
   Stay not for the morrow's sun,
Lest perdition thee arrest
   Ere the morrow is begun.
GOSPEL EXPOSTULATIONS.

5 Lord, do Thou the sinner turn!
Rouse him from his senseless state;
Let him not Thy counsel spurn,
Rue his fatal choice too late!

Thomas Scott, 1773.

Return, O Wanderer. L. M.

1 RETURN, O wanderer! return!
And seek an injured Father's face:
Those warm desires that in thee burn
Were kindled by reclaiming grace.

2 Return, O wanderer! return!
And seek a Father's melting heart,
Whose pitying eyes thy grief discern,
Whose hand can heal thine inward smart.

3 Return, O wanderer! return!
He heard thy deep repentant sigh;
He saw thy soften'd spirit mourn,
When no intruding ear was nigh.

4 Return, O wanderer! return!
Thy Saviour bids thy spirit live;
Go to His bleeding feet, and learn
How freely Jesus can forgive.

5 Return, O wanderer! return!
And wipe away the falling tear;
'Tis God who says, "No longer mourn,"
'Tis mercy's voice invites thee near.

6 Return, O wanderer! return!
Regain thy lost, lamented rest;
Jehovah's melting bowels yearn
To clasp His Ephraim to His breast.

William Bengo Collyer, 1812.

Return, O Wanderer. P. M.

1 RETURN, O wanderer, to thy home,
Thy Father calls for thee;
No longer now an exile roam
In guilt and misery;
Return, return.
GOSPEL EXPOSTULATIONS.

2 Return, O wanderer, to thy home,
'Tis Jesus calls for thee:
The Spirit and the bride say, Come;
Oh now for refuge flee;
Return, return.

3 Return, O wanderer, to thy home,
'Tis madness to delay:
There are no pardons in the tomb,
And brief is mercy's day.
Return, return.

Thomas Hastings, 1834.

523 The Day of Grace. S. M.

1 YE sinners, fear the Lord,
While yet 'tis called to-day;
Soon will the awful voice of death
Command your souls away.

2 Soon will the harvest close,
The summer soon be o'er;
Oh sinners, then your injured God
Will heed your cries no more.

3 Then while 'tis call'd to-day,
Oh hear the gospel sound;
Come sinner, haste, oh haste away,
While pardon may be found.

Timothy Dwight, 1800, a.

524 What Hope have you? 7s.

1 SINNER, what hast thou to show
Like the joys believers know?
Is thy path of fading flowers,
Half so bright, so sweet, as ours?

2 Doth a skilful healing friend,
On thy daily path attend,
And where thorns and stings abound,
Shed a balm on every wound?

3 When the tempests roar on high,
Hast thou still a refuge nigh?
Can, oh can thy dying breath
Summon one more strong than death?
GOSPEL EXPOSTULATIONS.

4 Canst thou, in that awful day,
Fearless tread the gloomy way,
Plead a glorious ransom given,
Burst from earth and soar to heaven?

William Urwick's Collection, 1829.

"Prepare to meet thy God."

1 SINNER, art thou still secure?
Wilt thou still refuse to pray?
Can thy heart or hands endure
In the Lord's avenging day?
See, His mighty arm is bared!
Awful terrors clothe His brow!
For His judgment stand prepared,
Thou must either break or bow.

2 At His presence nature shakes,
Earth affrighted hasten to flee,
Solid mountains melt like wax,
What will then become of thee?
Who His advent may abide?
You that glory in your shame,
Will you find a place to hide
When the world is wrapt in flame?

3 Then the rich, the great, the wise,
Trembling, guilty, self-condemned,
Must behold the wrathful eyes
Of the Judge they once blasphemed;
Where are now their haughty looks?
Oh their horror and despair,
When they see the open'd books
And their dreadful sentence hear!

4 Lord, prepare us by Thy grace!
Soon we must resign our breath;
And our souls be call'd to pass
Through the iron gate of death:
Let us now our day improve,
Listen to the gospel-voice;
Seek the things that are above,
Scorn the world's pretended joys.

5 Oh! when flesh and heart shall fail,
Let Thy love our spirits cheer,
Strengthen'd thus, we shall prevail
Over Satan, sin, and fear;
GOSPEL EXPOSTULATIONS.

Trusting in Thy precious name,
May we thus our journey end;
Then our foes shall lose their aim,
And the Judge will be our friend.

John Newton, 1779.

526 Treasuring up Wrath. C.M.

1 UNGRATEFUL sinners, whence this scorn
Of long-extended grace?
And whence this madness, that insults
The Almighty to His face?

2 Is it because His patience waits,
And pitying bowels move,
You multiply audacious crimes,
And spurn His richest love?

3 Is all the treasured wrath so small,
You labour still for more?
Though not eternal rolling years
Can e'er exhaust the store.

4 Alarm'd and melted at Thy voice,
Our conquer'd hearts would bow,
And to escape the Thunderer then,
Embrace the Saviour now.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

527 Appeal to Conscience. 7s.

1 SINNER, is thy heart at rest?
Is thy bosom void of fear?
Art thou not by guilt oppress'd?
Speaks not conscience in thy ear?

2 Can this world afford thee bliss?
Can it chase away thy gloom?
Flattering, false, and vain it is;
Tremble at the worldling's doom.

3 Long the gospel thou hast spurn'd,
Long delay'd to love thy God,
Stifled conscience, nor hast turn'd,
Woo'd though by a Saviour's blood.

4 Think, O sinner, on thy end;
See the judgment day appear,
Thither must thy spirit wend,
There thy righteous sentence hear.
GOSPEL EXPOSTULATIONS.

5 Wretched, ruin'd, helpless soul,
To a Saviour's blood apply;
He alone can make thee whole,
Fly to Jesus, sinner, fly.

— Waterbury, 1844.

528 Against Self-destruction. L. M.

1 SINNER, oh why so thoughtless grown?
Why in such dreadful haste to die?
Daring to leap to worlds unknown,
Headless against thy God to fly.

2 Wilt thou despise eternal fate,
Urged on by sin's fantastic dreams?
Madly attempt the infernal gate,
And force thy passage to the flames?

3 Stay, sinner! on the gospel plains,
Behold the God of love unfold
The glories of His dying pains,
For ever telling, yet untold.

Isaac Watts, 1706. a.

529 Prayer for Thoughtfulness. 8.8.6.

1 THOU God of glorious majesty,
To Thee, against myself, to Thee,
A worm of earth I cry;
A half-awaken'd child of man,
An heir of endless bliss or pain,
A sinner born to die.

2 Lo! on a narrow neck of land,
Twixt two unbounded seas, I stand;
Yet how insensible:
A point of time, a moment's space,
Removes me to yon heavenly place,
Or shuts me up in hell.

3 O God, my inmost soul convert,
And deeply on my thoughtful heart
Eternal things impress;
Give me to feel their solemn weight,
And trembling on the brink of fate,
Wake me to righteousness.
GOSPEL STATED.

4 Before me place, in dread array,  
The pomp of that tremendous day,  
   When Thou with clouds shalt come  
To judge the nations at Thy bar;  
And tell me, Lord, shall I be there,  
   To meet a joyful doom?

5 Be this my one great business here,  
With holy trembling, holy fear,  
   To make my calling sure!  
Thine utmost counsel to fulfil,  
And suffer all Thy righteous will,  
   And to the end endure.

6 Then, Saviour, then, my soul receive,  
Transported from this vale to live  
   And reign with Thee above:  
Where faith is sweetly lost in sight,  
And hope in full supreme delight  
   And everlasting love.

Charles Wesley, 1749, a.

THE GOSPEL STATED.

530 Justification by Faith, not by Works. C. M.

1 VAIN are the hopes the sons of men  
   On their own works have built;  
Their hearts by nature are unclean,  
   And all their actions guilt.

2 Let Jew and Gentile stop their mouths  
Without a murmuring word;  
And the whole race of Adam stand  
Guilty before the Lord.

3 In vain we ask God's righteous law  
To justify us now;  
Since to convince and to condemn,  
Is all the law can do.
GOSPEL STATED.

4 Jesus, how glorious is Thy grace!  
When in Thy name we trust,  
Our faith receives a righteousness  
That makes the sinner just.  

Isaac Watts, 1709.

531 The Gospel worthy of all Acceptation.

1 Jesus, th' eternal Son of God,  
Whom seraphim obey,  
The bosom of the Father leaves,  
And enters human clay.

2 Into our sinful world He comes,  
The Messenger of grace,  
And on the bloody tree expires,  
A victim in our place.

3 Transgressors of the deepest stain  
In Him salvation find:  
His blood removes the foulest guilt,  
His Spirit heals the mind.

4 That Jesus saves from sin and hell,  
Is truth divinely sure;  
And on this rock our faith may rest  
Immovably secure.

5 Oh let these tidings be received  
With universal joy,  
And let the high angelic praise  
Our tuneful powers employ!

6 “Glory to God who gave His Son  
To bear our shame and pain;  
Hence peace on earth, and grace to men,  
In endless blessings reign.”

Thomas Gibbons, 1769.

532 Himself He could not save. 6.6.8.8.

1 Himself He could not save,  
He on the cross must die,  
Or mercy cannot come  
To ruin'd sinners nigh;  
Yes, Christ, the Son of God, must bleed,  
That sinners might from sin be freed.
GOSPEL STATED.

2 Himself He could not save,
   For justice must be done;
And sin's full weight must fall
   Upon a sinless one;
For nothing less can God accept,
   In payment for the fearful debt.

3 Himself He could not save,
   For He the surety stood
For all who now rely
   Upon His precious blood;
He bore the penalty of guilt,
   When on the cross His blood was spilt.

4 Himself He could not save,
   Yet now a Saviour He:
Come, sinner, to Him, come,
   He waits to welcome thee;
Believe in Him, and thou shalt prove,
   His saving power, His deathless love.

Albert Midlane, 1865.

533 Faith conquering. 8s.

1 THE moment a sinner believes,
   And trusts in his crucified God,
His pardon at once he receives,
   Redemption in full through His blood;
Though thousands and thousands of foes
   Against him in malice unite,
Their rage he through Christ can oppose,
   Led forth by the Spirit to fight.

2 The faith that unites to the Lamb,
   And brings such salvation as this,
Is more than mere notion or name;
   The work of God's Spirit it is;
A principle, active and young,
   That lives under pressure and load;
That makes out of weakness more strong,
   And draws the soul upward to God.

3 It treads on the world, and on hell;
   It vanquishes death and despair;
And what is still stranger to tell,
   It overcomes heaven by prayer:
GOSPEL STATED.

Permits a vile worm of the dust
With God to commune as a friend;
To hope His forgiveness as just,
And look for His love to the end.

4 It says to the mountains, Depart,
That stand between God and the soul;
It binds up the broken in heart,
And makes wounded consciences whole;
Bids sins of a crimson-like dye
Be spotless as snow, and as white,
And makes such a sinner as I
As pure as an angel of light.

Joseph Hart, 1759.

The Work is done.

1 Christ has done the mighty work;
Nothing left for us to do,
But to enter on His toil,
Enter on His triumph too.

2 He has sow'd the precious seed,
Nothing left for us unsown;
Ours it is to reap the fields,
Make the harvest joy our own.

3 His the pardon, ours the sin,—
Great the sin, the pardon great;
His the good and ours the ill,
His the love and ours the hate.

4 Ours the darkness and the gloom,
His the shade dispelling light:
Ours the cloud and His the sun,
His the day-spring, ours the night.

5 His the labour, ours the rest,
His the death and ours the life:
Ours the fruits of victory,
His the agony and strife.

Horatius Bonar, 1856.

Believe and live.

1 When the Saviour said "'Tis finish'd,"
Everything was fully done;
Done, as God Himself would have it—
Christ the victory fully won.
GOSPEL STATED.

Vain and futile the endeavour
To improve, or add thereto;
God's free grace is thus commended—
To "believe," and not "to do."

2 All the doing is completed,
Now 'tis "look, believe, and live;"
None can purchase His salvation,
Life's a gift, that God must give;
Grace, through righteousness, is reigning,
Not of works, lest man should boast;
Man must take the mercy freely,
Or eternally be lost.

Albert Midlane, 1862.

Substitution. 7s., 6 lines.

1 SURELY Christ thy griefs hath borne,
Weeping soul, no longer mourn;
View Him bleeding on the tree,
Pouring out His life for thee;
There thy every sin He bore;
Weeping soul, lament no more.

2 Cast thy guilty soul on Him,
Find Him mighty to redeem;
At His feet thy burden lay;
Look thy doubts and cares away;
Now by faith the Son embrace;
Plead His promise, trust His grace.

3 Lord, Thy arm must be reveal'd,
Ere I can by faith be heal'd;
Since I scarce can look to Thee,
Cast a gracious eye on me!
At Thy feet myself I lay;
Shine, oh shine my fears away!

Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.

"Jesus only." C.M.

1 WHEN wounded sore the stricken soul,
Lies bleeding and unbound,
One only hand, a pierced hand,
Can salve the sinner's wound.
GOSPEL STATED.

2 When sorrow swells the laden breast,
   And tears of anguish flow,
One only heart, a broken heart,
   Can feel the sinner’s woe.

3 When penitence has wept in vain
   Over some foul dark spot,
One only stream, a stream of blood,
   Can wash away the blot.

4 'Tis Jesus’ blood that washes white,
   His hand that brings relief,
His heart that’s touch’d with all our joys,
   And feeleth for our grief.

5 Lift up Thy bleeding hand, O Lord;
   Unseal that cleansing tide;
We have no shelter from our sin,
   But in Thy wounded side.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1858.

538 The Life-Look. P.M.

1 THERE is life for a look at the Crucified One;
   There is life at this moment for thee;
Then look, sinner—look unto Him, and be saved—
   Unto Him who was nail’d to the tree.

2 It is not thy tears of repentance or prayers,
   But the blood that atones for the soul:
On Him, then, who shed it believing at once
   Thy weight of iniquities roll.

3 His anguish of soul on the cross hast thou seen?
   His cry of distress hast thou heard?
Then why, if the terrors of wrath He endured?
   Should pardon to thee be deferr’d?

4 We are heal’d by His stripes;—wouldst thou add to the word?
   And He is our righteousness made:
The best robe of heaven He bids thee put on:
   Oh! couldst thou be better array’d?

5 Then doubt not thy welcome, since God has declared,
   There remaineth no more to be done;
That once in the end of the world He appear’d;
   And completed the work He begun.
GOSPEL STATED.

6 But take, with rejoicing, from Jesus at once
The life everlasting He gives:
And know, with assurance, thou never canst
die,
Since Jesus, thy righteousness, lives.

7 There is life for a look at the Crucified One;
There is life at this moment for thee;
Then look, sinner—look unto Him and be
saved,
And know thyself spotless as He.

Amelia Matilda Hull, 1860.

539 The Brazen Serpent. C. M.

1 So did the Hebrew prophet raise
   The brazen serpent high;
The wounded felt immediate ease,
The camp forbore to die.

2 "Look upward in the dying hour,
   And live," the prophet cries:
But Christ performs a nobler cure
When faith lifts up her eyes.

3 High on the cross the Saviour hung,
   High in the heav'ns He reigns;
Here sinners, by th' old serpent stung,
Look, and forget their pains.

4 When God's own Son is lifted up,
   A dying world revives;
The Jew beholds the glorious hope,
The expiring Gentile lives.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

540 "What must I do to be saved?" P. M.

1 NOTHING, either great or small,
   Nothing, sinner, no;
Jesus did it, did it all,
Long, long ago.

2 When He from His lofty throne
   Stoop'd to do and die,
Everything was fully done:
Hearken to His cry:
GOSPEL STATED.

3 "It is finish'd!" Yes, indeed,
Finish'd every jot:
Sinner, this is all you need,
Tell me, is it not?

4 Weary, working, plodding one,
Why toil you so?
Cease your doing; all was done
Long, long ago.

5 Till to Jesus' work you cling
By a simple faith,
"Doing" is a deadly thing,
"Doing" ends in death.

6 Cast your deadly "doing" down,
Down at Jesus' feet,
Stand in Him, in Him alone,
Gloriously complete!

James Procter, 1858.

541 Grace is free.

1 Grace! how good, how cheap, how free,
Only let your misery
In the Saviour's blood be drown'd!

2 Wishful lie before His throne;
Say, "I never will be gone,
Never, till my suit's obtain'd,
Never, till the blessing's gain'd."

Count Zinzendorf, 1739;
tr. by Charles Kinchin, 1742.

542 Why those fears?

1 Why those fears, poor trembling sinner?
Doubts and fears can never save thee,
Life is never won by tears;
"Tis believing,
Which the soul to Christ endears.

2 Tears, though flowing like a river,
Never can one sin efface;
Jesus' tears would not avail thee,—
Blood alone can meet thy case;
Fly to Jesus!
Life is found in His embrace.
GOSPEL STATED.

3 Songs of triumph then resounding,
From thy happy lips shall flow;
In the knowledge of salvation,
Thou true happiness shalt know.
Look to Jesus!
He alone can life bestow.

Albert Midlane, 1865.

543 Hope for Sinners. 8.7.

1 SINNER, where is room for doubting?
Has not Jesus died for sin?
Did He not in resurrection
Victory over Satan win?

2 Hear Him on the cross exclaiming—
“It is fin’ish’d,” ere He died;
See Him in His mercy saving,
One there hanging by His side.

3 ’Twas for sinners that He suffer’d
Agonies unspeakable;
Canst thou doubt thou art a sinner?
If thou canst—then hope farewell.

4 But, believing what is written—
“All are guilty”—“dead in sin,”
Looking to the Crucified One
Hope shall rise thy soul within.

5 Hope and peace, and joy unfailing,
Through the Saviour’s precious blood,
All thy crimson sins forgiven,
And thy soul brought nigh to God.

Albert Midlane, 1862.

544 Mercy for the Guilty. C.M.

1 MERCY is welcome news indeed
To those that guilty stand;
Wretches, that feel what help they need,
Will bless the helping hand.

2 Who rightly would his alms dispose
Must give them to the poor;
None but the wounded patient knows
The comforts of his cure.
GOSPEL STATED.

3 We all have sinn’d against our God,  
   Exception none can boast;  
   But he that feels the heaviest load  
   Will prize forgiveness most.

4 No reck’ning can we rightly keep,  
   For who the sums can know?  
   Some souls are fifty pieces deep,  
   And some five hundred owe.

5 But let our debts be what they may,  
   However great or small,  
   As soon as we have nought to pay,  
   Our Lord forgives us all.

6 'Tis perfect poverty alone  
   That sets the soul at large;  
   While we can call one mite our own,  
   We have no full discharge.

   Joseph Hart, 1759.

545 Just as thou art. 888.6., or L.M.

1 JUST as thou art, without one trace  
   Of love, or joy, or inward grace,  
   Or meetness for the heavenly place,  
   O guilty sinner, come!

2 Thy sins I bore on Calvary’s tree!  
   The stripes, thy due, were laid on Me,  
   'That peace and pardon might be free:  
   O wretched sinner, come!

3 Burden’d with guilt, wouldst thou be blest?  
   Trust not the world; it gives no rest:  
   I bring relief to hearts oppress’d:  
   O weary sinner, come!

4 Come, leave thy burden at the cross;  
   Count all thy gains but empty dross:  
   My grace repays all earthy loss:  
   O needy sinner, come!

5 Come, hither bring thy boiling fears,  
   Thy aching heart, thy bursting tears;  
   'Tis mercy’s voice salutes thine ears,  
   O troubling sinner, come.
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6 "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come;"
Rejoicing saints re-echo, Come;
Who faints, who thirsts, who will, may come:
Thy Saviour bids thee come.

Russell S. Cook, 1850.

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546 Just as I am. 8.8.8.6., or L.M.

1 Just as I am—without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am—and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am—though toss'd about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind,
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am—Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down,
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

7 Just as I am—of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott, 1836.
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547  Just as Thou art. L. M.

1 JUST as Thou art—how wondrous fair,
   Lord Jesus, all Thy members are!
   A life divine to them is given—
   A long inheritance in heaven.

2 Just as I was I came to Thee,
   An heir of wrath and misery;
   Just as Thou art before the throne,
   I stand in righteousness Thine own.

3 Just as Thou art—how wondrous free:
   Loosed by the sorrows of the tree:
   Jesus! the curse, the wrath were Thine,
   To give Thy saints this life divine.

4 Just as Thou art—nor doubt, nor fear,
   Can with Thy spotlessness appear;
   Oh timeless love! as Thee, I'm seen
   The "righteousness of God in Him."

5 Just as Thou art—Thou Lamb divine!
   Life, light, and holiness are Thine:
   Thyself their endless source I see,
   And they, the life of God, in me.

6 Just as Thou art—Oh blissful ray
   That turn'd my darkness into day!
   That woke me from my death of sin,
   To know my perfectness in Him.

7 Oh teach me, Lord, this grace to own,
   That self and sin no more are known;
   That love—Thy love—in wondrous right,
   Hath placed me in its spotless light!

8 Soon, soon, 'mid joys on joys untold,
   Thou wilt this grace and love unfold,
   Till worlds on worlds adoring see
   The part Thy members have in Thee.

   Joseph Denham Smith, 1860.

548  The Prodigal's Welcome. 8.8.8.6., or L. M.

1 THE wanderer no more will roam,
   The lost one to the fold hath come,
   The prodigal is welcomed home;
   O Lamb of God, in Thee!
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2 Though cloathed with shame, by sin defiled,
The Father hath embraced His child;
And I am pardon'd, reconciled,
O Lamb of God, in Thee!

3 It is the Father's joy to bless,
His love provides for me a dress;
A robe of spotless righteousness,
O Lamb of God, in Thee.

4 Now shall my famish'd soul be fed,
A feast of love for me is spread,
I feed upon the children's bread,
O Lamb of God, in Thee!

5 Yea, in the fulness of His grace,
He put me in the children's place,
Where I may gaze upon His face,
O Lamb of God, in Thee!

6 I cannot half His love express,
Yet, Lord! with joy my lips confess,
This blessed portion I possess,
O Lamb of God, in Thee!

7 It is Thy precious name I bear,
It is Thy spotless robe I wear,
Therefore, the Father's love I share,
O Lamb of God, in Thee!

8 And when I in Thy likeness shine,
The glory and the praise be Thine,
That everlasting joy is mine,
O Lamb of God, in Thee!

Mary Jane Deck, 1845.

549 The Solid Rock. 112th.

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame;
But wholly lean on Jesus' name:
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil:
On Christ, &c.
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3 His oath, His covenant, and His blood,
Support me in the sinking flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay:
On Christ, &c.

4 When the last awful trump shall sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dress’d in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne:
On Christ, &c.

Edward Mote, 1836.

550 "Be not afraid, only believe."

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh let me from this day
Be wholly Thine.

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.

3 While life’s dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow’s tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life’s transient dream,
When death’s cold sullen stream
Shall o’er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh hear me safe above,
A ransom’d soul.

Ray Palmer, 1834.
GOSPEL RECEIVED.

1 JESU, lover of my soul,
    Let me to Thy bosom fly,
    While the nearer waters roll,
    While the tempest still is high!
    Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
    Till the storm of life be past;
    Safe into the haven guide;
    Oh receive my soul at last.

2 Other refuge have I none,
    Hangs my helpless soul on Thee!
    Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
    Still support and comfort me!
    All my trust on Thee is stay'd,
    All my help from Thee I bring;
    Cover my defenceless head
    With the shadow of Thy wing.

3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
    More than all in Thee I find:
    Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
    Heal the sick, and lead the blind:
    Just and holy is Thy name,
    I am all unrighteousness,
    False and full of sin I am;
    Thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
    Grace to cover all my sin;
    Let the healing streams abound,
    Make and keep me pure within;
    Thou of life the fountain art,
    Freely let me take of Thee!
    Spring Thou up within my heart
    Rise to all eternity!

552 Rock of Ages. 7s., 6 lines.

1 ROCK of Ages, cleft for me,
    Let me hide myself in Thee!
    Let the water and the blood,
    From Thy riven side which flow'd,
    Be of sin the double cure,
    Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Charles Wesley, 1740.
GOSPEL RECEIVED.

2 Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands:
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring:
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress:
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4 Whilst I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eye-strings break in death,
When I soar through tracks unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment-throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776.

553 Jesus died for me. C. M.

1 GREAT God, when I approach Thy throne,
And all Thy glory see;
This is my stay, and this alone,
That Jesus died for me.

2 How can a soul condemn'd to die
Escape the just decree?
A vile, unworthy wretch am I,
But Jesus died for me.

3 Burden'd with sin's oppressive chain,
Oh, how can I get free?
No peace can all my efforts gain,
But Jesus died for me.

4 My course I could not safely steer
Through life's tempestuous sea;
Did not this truth relieve my fear,
That Jesus died for me.

5 And, Lord, when I behold Thy face,
This must be all my plea;
Save me by Thy almighty grace,
For Jesus died for me.

William Hiley Bathurst, 1831.
GOSPEL RECEIVED.

554 Christ and His Righteousness. L. M.

1 No more, my God, I boast no more  
   Of all the duties I have done;  
   I quit the hopes I held before,  
   To trust the merits of Thy Son.

2 Now for the love I bear His name,  
   What was my gain I count my loss;  
   My former pride I call my shame,  
   And nail my glory to His cross.

3 Yes, and I must and will esteem,  
   All things but loss for Jesus' sake:  
   Oh may my soul be found in Him,  
   And of His righteousness partake!

4 The best obedience of my hands  
   Dares not appear before Thy throne:  
   But faith can answer my demands,  
   By pleading what my Lord has done.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

555 The true Scapegoat. S. M.

1 Not all the blood of beasts  
   On Jewish altars slain,  
   Could give the guilty conscience peace,  
   Or wash away the stain.

2 But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,  
   Takes all our sins away;  
   A sacrifice of nobler name,  
   And richer blood than they.

3 My faith would lay her hand  
   On that dear head of Thine,  
   While like a penitent I stand,  
   And there confess my sin.

4 My soul looks back to see  
   The burdens Thou didst bear,  
   When hanging on the cursed tree,  
   And hopes her guilt was there.

5 Believing, we rejoice  
   To see the curse remove;  
   We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,  
   And sing His bleeding love.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
GOSPEL RECEIVED.

556

The only Plea. L. M.

1 Jesus, the sinner's Friend, to Thee,
   Lost and undone, for aid I flee;
   Weary of earth, myself, and sin,
   Open Thine arms and take me in.

2 Pity and heal my sin-sick soul;
   'Tis Thou alone canst make me whole;
   Fallen, till in me Thine image shine,
   And lost I am, till Thou art mine.

3 At last I own it cannot be
   That I should fit myself for Thee:
   Here, then, to Thee I all resign;
   Thine is the work, and only Thine.

4 What shall I say Thy grace to move?
   Lord, I am sin, but Thou art love:
   I give up every plea beside,
   Lord, I am lost—but Thou hast died!

   Charles Wesley, 1739.

557

"Remember me." O. M.

1 Jesus! Thou art the sinner's Friend,
   As such I look to Thee;
   Now, in the fulness of Thy love,
   O Lord! remember me.

2 Remember Thy pure word of grace,
   Remember Calvary;
   Remember all Thy dying groans,
   And, then, remember me.

3 Thou wondrous Advocate with God!
   I yield myself to Thee,
   While Thou art sitting on Thy throne,
   Dear Lord! remember me.

4 Lord! I am guilty, I am vile,
   But Thy salvation's free;
   Then, in Thine all-abounding grace,
   Dear Lord! remember me.

5 And, when I close my eyes in death,
   When creature-helps all flee,
   Then, O my dear Redeemer-God!
   I pray, remember me.

   Richard Parkinson, 1845.
558 Divine indwelling desired. 8.7.4.

1 WELCOME, welcome, great Redeemer,
Welcome to this heart of mine;
Lord, I make a full surrender,
Every power and thought be Thine,
Thine entirely,
Through eternal ages Thine.

2 Known to all to be Thy mansion,
Earth and hell will disappear;
Or in vain attempt possession,
When they find the Lord is near:
Shout, O Zion!
Shout, ye saints, the Lord is here!

Thomas Hastings, 1842.

559 The Burden-bearer, 7.6.

1 I LAY my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus,
To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious,
Till not a spot remains.

2 I lay my wants on Jesus,
All fulness dwells in Him;
He healeth my diseases,
He doth my soul redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases,
He all my sorrows shares.

3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces,
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes,
His name abroad is pour'd.
4 I long to be like Jesus,
    Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus,
The Father's Holy Child;
I long to be with Jesus,
    Amid the heavenly throng;
To sing with saints His praises,
To learn the angels' song.

Horatius Bonar, 1857.

560 The voice of Jesus. C.M.

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
   "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
    Weary, and worn, and sad:
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
   "Behold, I freely give
The living water—thirsty one,
    Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
    Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quench'd, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
   "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
    And all thy day be bright."
I look'd to Jesus, and I found
    In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar, 1857.

561 The great Sight. C.M.

1 In evil long I took delight,
    Unawed by shame or fear,
    Till a new object struck my sight,
And stopp'd my wild career.
GOSPEL RECEIVED.

2 I saw One hanging on a tree,  
In agonies and blood,  
Who fix’d His languid eyes on me,  
As near His cross I stood.

3 Sure never till my latest breath  
Can I forget that look;  
It seem’d to charge me with His death,  
Though not a word He spoke.

4 My conscience felt, and own’d the guilt,  
And plunged me in despair;  
I saw my sins His blood had spilt,  
And help’d to nail Him there.

5 Alas! I knew not what I did;  
But now my tears are vain;  
Where shall my trembling soul be bid?  
For I the Lord have slain.

6 A second look He gave, which said,  
"I freely all forgive;  
This blood is for thy ransom paid,  
I die, that thou may’st live."

7 Thus while His death my sin displays  
In all its blackest hue  
(Such is the mystery of grace),  
It seals my pardon too.

8 With pleasing grief and mournful joy,  
My spirit now is fill’d,  
That I should such a life destroy,  
Yet live by Him I kill’d.

John Newton, 1779.

562  
Blessed be the Lord.  

1 We were lost, but we are found,  
Dead, but now alive are we;  
We were sore in bondage bound,  
But our Jesus sets us free.

2 Strangers, and He takes us in,  
Naked, He becomes our dress,  
Sick, and He from stain of sin  
Cleanses with His righteousness.
GOSPEL RECEIVED.

3 Therefore will we sing His praise
   Who His lost ones hath restored,
   Hearts and voices both shall raise
   Hallelujahs to the Lord.

   John S. B. Monsell, 1863.

Grace exalted.  8.8.6.

1 LET Zion in her songs record
   The honours of her dying Lord,
   Triumphant over sin;
   How sweet the song there's none can say,
   But those whose sins are wash'd away,
   Who feel the same within.

2 We claim no merit of our own,
   But self-condemn'd, before Thy throne,
   Our hopes on Jesus place;
   Though once in heart and life depraved,
   We now can sing as sinners saved,
   And praise redeeming grace.

3 We'll sing the same while life shall last,
   And when, at the archangel's blast,
   Our sleeping dust shall rise,
   Then in a song for ever new,
   The glorious theme we'll still pursue
   Throughout the azure skies.

4 Prepared of old, at God's right hand
   Bright everlasting mansions stand
   For all the blood-bought race;
   And till we reach those seats of bliss,
   We'll sing no other song but this—
   Salvation all of grace.

   John Kent, 1803, a.

564 "The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."  C. M.

1 CHARGED with the complicated load
   Of our enormous debt,
   By faith, I see the Lamb of God
   Expire beneath its weight!
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2 My numerous sins transferr'd to Him,
    Shall never more be found,
Lost in His blood's atoning stream
    Where every crime is drown'd!

3 My mighty sins to Thee are known;
    But mightier still is He,
Who laid His life a ransom down,
    And pleads His death for me.

4 Oh may my life, while here below,
    Bear witness to Thy love;
Till I before Thy footstool bow,
    And chaunt Thy praise above!

Charles Wesley, 1762;
Augustus M. Toplady, 1776.

565 " We have Peace with God."  S.M.

1 In Christ I have believed,
    And through the spotless Lamb
Grace and salvation have received;
    In Him complete I am.

2 This hope divine uplifts
    My soul amid distress;
"Without repentance" are His gifts
    Who thus vouchsafes to bless.

3 My sins, my crimson stains,
    Are blotted out, each one;
No condemnation now remains!
    God views me in His Son.

4 Then come what may to me,
    It will, it must be blest!
Home, in the distance I can see;
    There I shall be at rest.

Charlotte Elliott, 1854.

566 I am pardoned.  8.7.

1 Now, oh joy! my sins are pardon'd,
    Now I can, and do believe;
All I have, and am, and shall be,
    To my precious Lord I give;
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He aroused my deathly slumbers,
He dispersed my soul’s dark night;
Whisper’d peace, and drew me to Hím—
Made Himself my chief delight.

2 Let the babe forget its mother,
Let the bridegroom slight his bride;
True to Him, I’ll love none other,
Cleaving closely to His side.

Jesus, near my soul’s confession,
Weak am I, but strength is Thine,
On Thine arms for strength and succour,
Calmly may my soul recline.

Albert Midlane, 1865.

567 Jesus pleads for me. L. M.

1 Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea;
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

2 My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that, while in heaven He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

3 When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.

4 Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him, and pardon me.

5 Behold Him there! the bleeding Lamb!
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable, “I AM,”
The King of glory and of grace.

6 One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.

Cherrie Smith, 1863.
CONTRITE CRIES.

Depth of Mercy.

1 Depth of mercy! can there be
   Mercy still reserved for me?
   Can my God His wrath forbear?
   Me, the chief of sinners, spare?
   I have long withstood His grace,
   Long provoked Him to His face;
   Would not hearken to His calls:
   Grieved Him by a thousand falls.

2 Kindled His relentings are;
   Me He still delights to spare;
   Cries, "How shall I give thee up?"
   Lets the lifted thunder drop.
   There for me the Saviour stands;
   Shows His wounds, and spreads His hands,
   God is love, I know, I feel
   Jesus pleads, and loves me still.

3 Jesus, answer from above:
   Is not all Thy nature love?
   Wilt Thou not the wrong forget?
   Suffer me to kiss Thy feet?
   If I rightly read Thy heart,
   If Thou all compassion art,
   Bow Thine ear, in mercy bow;
   Pardon and accept me now.

4 Pity from Thine eye let fall;
   By a look my soul recall;
   Now the stone to flesh convert,
   Cast a look, and break my heart.
   Now incline me to repent;
   Let me now my fall lament:
   Now my foul revolt deplore;
   Weep, believe, and sin no more.

Charles Wesley, 1740.
CONTRITE CRIES.

569 The Long-suffering of God. 78.

1 LORD, and am I yet alive,
Not in torments, not in hell?
Still doth Thy good Spirit strive—
With the chief of sinners dwell?
Tell it unto sinners, tell,
I am, I am out of hell!

2 Yes, I still lift up mine eyes,
Will not of Thy love despair;
Still in spite of sin I rise,
Still I bow to Thee in prayer.
Tell it, &c.

3 Oh the length and breadth of love!
Jesus, Saviour, can it be?
All Thy mercy’s height I prove,
All the depth is seen in me.
Tell it, &c.

4 See a bush that burns with fire,
Unconsumed amidst the flame!
Turn aside the sight to admire,
I the living wonder am.
Tell it, &c.

5 See a stone that hangs in air!
See a spark in ocean live!
Kept alive with death so near!
I to God the glory give.
Ever tell—to sinners tell,
I am, I am out of hell.
Charles Wesley, 1743.

570 Confessing and Pleading. C. M.

1 BY Thy victorious hand struck down,
Here prostrate, Lord, I lie:
And faint to see my Maker frown,
Whom once I dared defy.

2 With heart unshaken I have heard
Thy dreadful thunders roar:
When grace in all its charms appear’d,
I only sinn’d the more.
CONTRITE CRIES.

3 With impious hands from off Thy head
    I've sought to pluck the crown;
And insolently dared to tread
    Thy royal honour down.

4 Confounded, Lord, I wrap my face,
    And hang my guilty head;
Ashamed of all my wicked ways,
    The hateful life I've led.

5 I yield—by mighty love subdued;
    Who can resist its charms?
And throw myself, by wrath pursued,
    Into my Saviour's arms.

6 My wanderings, Lord, are at an end,
    I'm now return'd to Thee:
Be Thou my Father and my Friend,
    Be all in all to me.

Compiled from Simon Browne, 1720.

Lord, to whom shall we go?" S.M.

1 Ah! whither should I go,
    Burden'd, and sick, and faint?
To whom should I my troubles show,
    And pour out my complaint?

2 My Saviour bids me come:
    Ah! why do I delay?
He calls the weary sinner home!
    And yet from Him I stay.

3 What is it keeps me back,
    From which I cannot part,
Which will not let my Saviour take
    Possession of my heart?

4 Jesus, the hindrance show,
    Which I have fear'd to see:
Yet let me now consent to know
    What keeps me out from Thee.

5 Searcher of hearts, in mine
    Thy trying power display;
Into its darkest corners shine,
    And take the veil away.

Charles Wesley, 1741.
CONTRITE CRIES.

572  Prayer for Repentance.  S.M.

1  O that I could repent,  
    With all my idols part,  
    And to Thy gracious eyes present  
    A humble, contrite heart.

2  A heart with grief oppress'd,  
    For having grieved my God,  
    A troubled heart that cannot rest,  
    Till sprinkled with Thy blood.

3  Jesus on me bestow  
    The penitent desire;  
    With true sincerity of woe  
    My aching breast inspire.

4  With softening pity look,  
    And melt my hardness down;  
    Strike with Thy love's resistless stroke,  
    And break this heart of stone!

   Charles Wesley, 1749.

573  The Stony Heart.  L.M.

1  Oh! for a glance of heavenly day,  
    To take this stubborn stone away;  
    And thaw with beams of love divine  
    This heart, this frozen heart of mine.

2  The rocks can rend; the earth can quake;  
    The seas can roar; the mountains shake;  
    Of feeling all things show some sign,  
    But this unfeeling heart of mine.

3  To hear the sorrows Thou hast felt,  
    Dear Lord, an adamant would melt:  
    But I can read each moving line,  
    And nothing move this heart of mine.

4  Thy judgments, too, unmoved I hear,  
    Amazing thought! which devils fear:  
    Goodness and wrath in vain combine  
    To stir this stupid heart of mine.

5  But something yet can do the deed,  
    And that dear something much I need:  
    Thy Spirit can from dross refine,  
    And move and melt this heart of mine.

   Joseph Hart, 1762.
CONTRITE CRIES.

I need Thee, Jesus.

1 I need Thee, precious Jesus!
   For I am full of sin;
   My soul is dark and guilty,
   My heart is dead within;
   I need the cleansing fountain,
   Where I can always flee,
   The blood of Christ most precious,
   The sinner's perfect plea.

2 I need Thee, blessed Jesus!
   For I am very poor;
   A stranger and a pilgrim,
   I have no earthly store;
   I need the love of Jesus
   To cheer me on my way,
   To guide my doubting footsteps,
   To be my strength and stay.

3 I need Thee, blessed Jesus!
   I need a friend like Thee;
   A friend to soothe and sympathize,
   A friend to care for me.
   I need the heart of Jesus
   To feel each anxious care,
   To tell my every want to,
   And all my sorrows share.

4 I need Thee, blessed Jesus!
   And hope to see Thee soon,
   Encircled with the rainbow,
   And seated on Thy throne:
   There, with Thy blood-bought children,
   My joy shall ever be,
   To sing Thy praise, Lord Jesus,
   To gaze, my Lord, on Thee.

   Frederick Whitfield, 1861.

The Rebel's Surrender.

1 LORD, Thou hast won, at length I yield;
   My heart, by mighty grace compell'd,
   Surrenders all to Thee;
   Against Thy terrors long I strove,
   But who can stand against Thy love?
   Love conquers even me.
CONTRITE CRIES.

2 If Thou hadst bid Thy thunders roll,
   And lighthnings flash, to blast my soul,
   I still had stubborn been;
   But mercy has my heart subdued,
   A bleeding Saviour I have view'd,
   And now I hate my sin.

3 Now, Lord, I would be Thine alone,
   Come, take possession of Thine own,
   For Thou hast set me free;
   Released from Satan's hard command,
   See all my members waiting stand,
   To be employ'd by Thee.

   John Newton, 1779.

576    Invitation accepted.    7s.

1 Am I call'd? and can it be!
   Has my Saviour chosen me?
   Guilty, wretched as I am,
   Has He named my worthless name?
   Vilest of the vile am I,
   Dare I raise my hopes so high?

2 Am I call'd? I dare not stay,
   May not, must not disobey;
   Here I lay me at Thy feet,
   Clinging to the mercy-seat:
   Thine I am, and Thine alone;
   Lord, with me Thy will be done.

3 Am I call'd? what shall I bring,
   As an offering to my King?
   Poor, and blind, and naked I,
   Trembling at Thy footstool lie;
   Nought but sin I call my own,
   Nor for sin can sin atone.

4 Am I call'd? an heir of God!
   Wash'd, redeem'd, by precious blood!
   Father, lead me in Thy hand,
   Guide me to that better land,
   Where my soul shall be at rest,
   Pillow'd on my Saviour's breast.

   Presbyterian Psalms and Hymns, 1843.
CONTRITE CRIES.

577 "God be merciful to me." L.M.

1 LORD, my God, in mercy turn,
   In mercy hear a sinner mourn!
   To Thee I call, to Thee I cry,
   Oh leave me, leave me not to die!
2 O pleasures past, what are ye now
   But thorns about my bleeding brow!
   Spectres that hover round my brain,
   And aggravate and mock my pain.
3 For pleasure I have given my soul;
   Now, justice, let Thy thunders roll!
   Now vengeance smile, and with a blow
   Lay the rebellious ingrate low!
4 Yet, Jesus, Jesus! there I'll cling,
   I'll crowd beneath His sheltering wing;
   I'll clasp the cross, and holding there,
   Even me, oh bliss! His wrath may spare.

Henry Kirke White, 1807.

578 The Penitent. C.M.

1 PROSTRATE, dear Jesus, at Thy feet
   A guilty rebel lies;
   And upwards to Thy mercy-seat
   Presumes to lift His eyes.
2 Oh let not justice frown me hence;
   Stay, stay, the vengeful storm:
   Forbid it that Omnipotence
   Should crush a feeble worm!
3 If tears of sorrow would suffice
   To pay the debt I owe,
   Tears should from both my weeping eyes
   In ceaseless torrents flow.
4 But no such sacrifice I plead
   To expiate my guilt;
   No tears but those which Thou hast shed!
   No blood, but Thou hast spilt.
5 Think of Thy sorrows, dearest Lord,
   And all my sins forgive:
   Justice will well approve the word
   That bids the sinner live.

Samuel Stennett, 1787.
CONTRITE CRIES.

579 Sin wounding Jesus. 7.6.

1 My sins, my sins, my Saviour!
   How sad on Thee they fall,
   Seen through Thy gentle patience,
   I tenfold feel them all.

2 I know they are forgiven,
   But still, their pain to me
   Is all the grief and anguish
   They laid, my Lord, on Thee.

3 My sins, my sins, my Saviour!
   Their guilt I never knew
   Till, with Thee, in the desert
   I near Thy passion drew;

4 Till with Thee in the garden
   I heard Thy pleading prayer,
   And saw the sweat-drops bloody
   That told Thy sorrow there.

   John S. B. Monsell, 1863.

580 I crucified Him. C. M.

1 My Jesus! say what wretch has dared
   Thy sacred hands to bind?
   And who has dared to buffet so
   Thy face so meek and kind?

2 'Tis I have thus ungrateful been,
   Yet, Jesus, pity take!
   Oh, spare and pardon me, my Lord,
   For Thy sweet mercy's sake!

3 My Jesus! who with spittle vile
   Profaned Thy sacred brow?
   Or whose unpitying scourge has made
   Thy precious blood to flow?
   "Tis I have thus ungrateful been, &c.

4 My Jesus! whose the hands that wove
   That cruel thorny crown?
   Who made that hard and heavy cross
   That weighs Thy shoulders down?
   "Tis I have thus ungrateful been, &c.
CONTRITE CRIES.

5 My Jesus! who has mock'd Thy thirst
   With vinegar and gall?
   Who held the nails that pierced Thy hands,
   And made the hammer fall?
   'Tis I have thus ungrateful been, &c.

6 My Jesus! say who dared to nail
   Those tender feet of Thine;
   And whose the arm that raised the lance
   To pierce that heart divine?
   'Tis I have thus ungrateful been, &c.

7 And, Father! who has murder'd thus
   Thy loved and only One?
   Canst Thou forgive the blood-stain'd hand
   That robb'd Thee of Thy Son?
   'Tis I have thus ungrateful been, &c.

8 'Tis I have thus ungrateful been
   To Jesus and to Thee;
   Forgive me, Lord, for His sweet sake,
   And mercy grant to me.

   Alphonsio M. Liguori, 1769;
   from the Italian, 1834.

581 "Look on Him whom they pierced, and mourn." C.M.

1 INFINITE grief! amazing woe!
   Behold my bleeding Lord!
   Hell and the Jews conspired His death,
   And used the Roman sword.

2 Oh, the sharp pangs of smarting pain
   My dear Redeemer bore,
   When knotty whips and rugged thorns
   His sacred body tore.

3 But knotty whips and rugged thorns
   In vain do I accuse;
   In vain I blame the Roman bands
   And the more spiteful Jews.

4 'Twas you, my sins, my cruel sins,
   His chief tormentors were;
   Each of my crimes became a nail,
   And unbelief the spear.
CONTRITE CRIES.

5 'Twas you that pull'd the vengeance down
Upon His guiltless head:
Break, break, my heart, oh burst mine eyes!
And let my sorrows bleed.

6 Strike, mighty grace, my flinty soul,
Till melting waters flow,
And deep repentance drown mine eyes
In undissembled woe.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

582 Repentance at the Cross. C. M.

1 Oh, if my soul were form'd for woe,
   How would I vent my sighs!
   Repentance should like rivers flow
   From both my streaming eyes.

2 'Twas for my sins my dearest Lord
   Hung on the cursed tree,
   And groan'd away a dying life
   For thee, my soul, for thee.

3 Oh, how I hate those lusts of mine
   That crucified my God;
   Those sins that pierced and nail'd His flesh
   Fast to the fatal wood!

4 Yes, my Redeemer, they shall die;
   My heart has so decreed:
   Nor will I spare the guilty things
   That made my Saviour bleed.

5 Whilst with a melting broken heart,
   My murder'd Lord I view,
   I'll raise revenge against my sins,
   And slay the murderers too.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

583 Confession and Pardon. S. M.

1 My sorrows like a flood,
   Impatient of restraint,
   Into Thy bosom, O my God!
   Pour out a long complaint.

2 This impious heart of mine
   Could once defy the Lord,
   Could rush with violence on to sin
   In presence of Thy sword.
CONTRITE CRIES.

8 How often have I stood
   A rebel to the skies;
   And yet, and yet, oh matchless grace!
   Thy thunder silent lies.

4 Oh, shall I never feel
   The meltlings of Thy love?
   Am I of such hell-harden'd steel
   That mercy cannot move?

5 O'ercome by dying love,
   Here at Thy cross I lie,
   And throw my flesh, my soul, my all,
   And weep, and love, and die.

6 "Rise," says the Saviour, "rise,
   Behold my wounded veins!
   Here flows a sacred crimson flood
   To wash away thy stains."

7 See, God is reconciled!
   Behold His smiling face!
   Let joyful cherubs clap their wings,
   And sound aloud His grace.

Isaac Watts, 1706, a.

584 "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." O.M.

1 LORD, at Thy feet we sinners lie,
   And knock at mercy's door:
   With heavy heart and downcast eye,
   Thy favour we implore.

2 On us, the vast extent display
   Of Thy forgiving love;
   Take all our heinous guilt away;
   This heavy load remove.

3 'Tis mercy—mercy we implore;
   We would Thy pity move;
   Thy grace is an exhaustless store,
   And Thou thyself art Love.

4 Oh! for Thine own, for Jesus' sake,
   Our numerous sins forgive;
   Thy grace our rocky hearts can break,
   Our breaking hearts relieve.
CONTRITE CRIES.

5 Thus melt us down, thus make us bend,
   And Thy dominion own;
Nor let a rival dare pretend
   To repossess Thy throne.

Simon Browne, 1720.

585 At Jesus' Feet. 7s., 6 lines.

1 LORD, we lie before Thy feet;
   Look on all our deep distress;
Thy rich mercy may we meet;
Clothe us with Thy righteousness;
Stretch forth Thy almighty hand;
Hold us up, and we shall stand.

2 Oh that closer we could cleave
   To thy bleeding, dying breast!
Give us firmly to believe,
   And to enter into rest.
Lord, increase, increase our faith!
Make us faithful unto death.

3 Let us trust Thee evermore;
   Every moment on Thee call
For new life, new will, new power:
Let us trust Thee, Lord, for all!
May we nothing know beside
   Jesus, and Him crucified!

Joseph Hart, 1759.

586 Pleading the Promise. C.M.

1 APPROACH, my soul, the mercy-seat
   Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before His feet,
   For none can perish there.

2 Thy promise is my only plea,
   With this I venture nigh;
Thou callest burden'd souls to Thee,
   And such, O Lord, am I.

3 Bow'd down beneath a load of sin,
   By Satan sorely press'd:
By war without, and fears within
   I come to Thee for rest.
CONTRITE CRIES.

4 Be Thou my shield and hiding-place!
    That, shelter'd near Thy side,
    I may my fierce accuser face,
    And tell Him Thou hast died.

5 Oh wondrous love! to bleed and die,
    To bear the cross and shame,
    That guilty sinners, such as I,
    Might plead Thy gracious name.

6 "Poor tempest-tossed soul, be still,
    My promised grace receive:
    'Tis Jesus speaks—I must, I will,
    I can, I do believe.

John Newton, 1779.

587 Supplicating.

1 Jesus, full of all compassion,
    Hear Thy humble suppliant's cry;
    Let me know Thy great salvation:
    See! I languish, faint, and die.

2 Guilty, but with heart relenting,
    Overwhelm'd with helpless grief,
    Prostrate at Thy feet repenting,
    Send, oh send me quick relief!

3 Whither should a wretch be flying,
    But to Him who comfort gives?
    Whither, from the dread of dying,
    But to Him who ever lives?

4 While I view Thee, wounded, grieving,
    Breathless on the cursed tree,
    Fain I'd feel my heart believing
    That thou suffer'dst thus for me.

5 Hear, then, blessed Saviour, hear me;
    My soul cleaveth to the dust;
    Send the Comforter to cheer me:
    Lo! in Thee I put my trust.

6 On the word Thy blood hath sealed
    Hangs my everlasting all:
    Let Thy arm be now revealed;
    Stay, oh stay me, lest I fall!
CONTRITE CRIES.

7 In the world of endless ruin,
   Let it never, Lord, be said,
   "Here's a soul that perish'd, suing
   For the boasted Saviour's aid!"

8 Saved—the deed shall spread new glory
   Through the shining realms above!
   Angels sing the pleasing story,
   All enraptured with Thy love!

   Daniel Turner, 1787.

588  "Save, Lord."  C. M.

1 O Jesus, Saviour of the lost,
   My rock and hiding-place,
   By storms of sin and sorrow tost,
   I seek Thy sheltering grace.

2 Guilty, forgive me, Lord! I cry;
   Pursued by foes I come;
   A sinner, save me, or I die;
   An outcast, take me home.

3 Once safe in Thine almighty arms,
   Let storms come on amain;
   There danger never never harms;
   There death itself is gain.

4 And when I stand before Thy throne,
   And all Thy glory see,
   Still be my righteousness alone
   To hide myself in Thee.

   Edward Henry Bickersteth, 1858.

589  Desiring to submit.  L. M.

1 Oh that my load of sin were gone!
   Oh that I could at last submit
   At Jesu's feet to lay it down,
   To lay my soul at Jesu's feet!

2 When shall mine eyes behold the Lamb?
   The God of my salvation see?
   Weary, O Lord, Thou know'st I am;
   Yet still I cannot come to Thee.
CONTRITE CRIES.

3 Rest for my soul I long to find:
Saviour divine, if mine Thou art,
Give me Thy meek and lowly mind,
And stamp Thine image on my heart.

4 Break off the yoke of inbred sin,
And fully set my spirit free:
I cannot rest till pure within,
Till I am wholly lost in Thee.

5 Come, Lord, the drooping sinner cheer,
Nor let Thy chariot-wheels delay;
Appear, in my poor heart appear!
My God, my Saviour, come away!

Charles Wesley, 1742, a.

590  "Come to Me."  L. M.

1 With tearful eyes I look around,
Life seems a dark and stormy sea;
Yet, 'mid the gloom, I hear a sound,
A heavenly whisper, "Come to Me."

2 It tells me of a place of rest;
It tells me where my soul may flee;
Oh, to the weary, faint, oppress'd,
How sweet the bidding, "Come to Me!"

3 "Come, for all else must fail and die,
Earth is no resting-place for thee;
To heaven direct thy weeping eye,
I am thy portion; come to Me."

4 O voice of mercy! voice of love!
In conflict, grief, and agony,
Support me, cheer me from above!
And gently whisper, "Come to Me."

Charlotte Elliott, 1834.

591  "Strong Crying and Tears."  7s.

1 Saviour, when in dust to Thee
Low we bow the adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Searce we lift our weeping eyes;
Oh! by all Thy pains and woe,
Suffer'd once for man below,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear, oh, hear our humble cry!
CONTRITE CRIES.

2 By Thy helpless infant years,
   By Thy life of want and tears,
   By Thy day of sore distress
   In the savage wilderness;
   By the dread mysterious hour
   Of the insulting tempter's power,
   Turn, oh, turn a favouring eye,
   Hear, oh, hear our humble cry!

3 By Thine hour of dire despair,
   By Thine agony of prayer,
   By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
   Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
   By the gloom that veil'd the skies
   O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
   Listen to our humble sigh!
   Hear, oh, hear our humble cry!

4 By Thy deep expiring groan,
   By the sad sepulchral stone,
   By the vault whose dark abode
   Held in vain the rising God;
   Oh! from earth to heaven restored,
   Mighty re-ascended Lord!
   Listen, from Thy throne on high,
   Hear, oh, hear our humble cry!

Robert Grant, 1815, a.

592 "Manifest thyself to me." 7s., 6 lines.

1 SON of God, to Thee I cry;
   By the holy mystery
   Of Thy dwelling here on earth,
   By Thy pure and holy birth,
   Lord, Thy presence let me see,
   Manifest Thyself to me!

2 Lamb of God, to Thee I cry;
   By Thy bitter agony,
   By Thy pangs, to us unknown,
   By Thy Spirit's parting groan,
   Lord, Thy presence let me see,
   Manifest Thyself to me!

3 Prince of Life, to Thee I cry;
   By Thy glorious majesty,
CONTRITE CRIES.

By Thy triumph o'er the grave,
Meek to suffer, strong to save,
Lord, Thy presence let me see,
Manifest Thyself to me!

4 Lord of Glory, God Most High,
Man exalted to the sky,
With Thy love my bosom fill;
Prompt me to perform Thy will;
Then Thy glory I shall see,
Thou wilt bring me home to Thee.

Richard Mant, 1831.

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Be merciful to me. L. M.

1 With broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry;
Thy pardoning grace is rich and free;
O God! be merciful to me.

2 I smite upon my troubled breast,
With deep and conscious guilt oppress'd;
Christ and His cross my only plea;
O God! be merciful to me.

3 Far off I stand with fearful eyes,
Nor dare uplift them to the skies;
But Thou dost all my anguish see;
O God! be merciful to me.

4 Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done,
Can for a single sin atone;
To Calvary alone I flee;
O God! be merciful to me.

5 And when, redeem'd from sin and hell,
With all the ransom’d throng I dwell,
My raptured song shall ever be,
God has been merciful to me.

Cornelius Elven, 1852.

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Deliver me. 8.7.

1 Mercy, mercy, God the Father!
God the Son, be Thou my plea!
God the Holy Spirit, comfort!
Triune God, deliver me!
CONTRITE CRIES.

2 Not my sins, O Lord, remember,
   Not Thine own avenger be;
But, for Thy great tender mercies,
   Saviour God, deliver me!

3 By Thy cross, and by Thy passion,
   Bloody sweat and agony,
By Thy precious death and burial,
   Saviour God, deliver me!

4 By Thy glorious resurrection,
   Thine ascent in heaven to be,
By The Holy Spirit's coming,
   Saviour God, deliver me!

5 In all time of tribulation,
   In all time of wealth, in the
   Hour of death, and day of judgment,
   Saviour God, deliver me!

John S. B. Monsell, 1863.

595 Pity me, O Lord. 8.7.4.

1 PITY, Lord, a wretched creature,
   One whose sins for vengeance cry,
Groaning 'neath his heavy burden,
   Throbbing breast and heavy sigh.
   O my Saviour,
   Canst Thou let a sinner die?

2 No! Thou canst not: Thou hast promised
   To attend unto his prayer;
Still he cries in faltering accents,
   Jesus, oh, in mercy spare!
   Spare a sinner,
   Jesus, oh, in mercy spare!

3 Oh, how swift Divine compassion
   Runs to meet the mourning soul;
And, by words of consolation
   Makes the wounded spirit whole!
   I'm thy Saviour,
   Let this truth thy mind console.

4 Groans and sighs are turn'd to praises,
   Doubts and fears are chased away:
Now with saints his voice he raises,
   Jesus hears the pious lay.
   Glory, glory!
   Hallelujahs close the day.
5 Angels that were hovering o'er him
Spread their wings and leave the place,
Bear to heaven the joyful tidings
Of a sinner saved by grace.
Myriads listen,
Heaven rings with shouts of praise.

J. Stamp's Spiritual Song Book, 1845.

Love us freely, blessed Jesus,
For we have not ought to pay;
Saviour Thou, and we poor sinners,
Is alone what we can say;
Love us freely, blessed Jesus,
For we have not ought to pay.

2 Love us ever, blessed Jesus,
We are changing as the wind;
If Thy love on us depended,
We should ne'er salvation find;
Love us ever, blessed Jesus,
We are changing as the wind.

3 Love and help us, blessed Jesus,
Help us to be wholly Thine;
Every idol and enchantment,
For Thy glory to resign;
Love and help us, blessed Jesus,
Help us to be wholly Thine.

4 Love and keep us, blessed Jesus,
Keep us from denying Thee;
Keep our wayward feet from straying
Into paths of vanity;
Love and keep us, blessed Jesus,
Keep us from denying Thee.

SOVEREIGN Ruler, Lord of all,
Prostrate at Thy feet I fall;
Hear, oh, hear my earnest cry;
Frown not, lest I faint and die.
CONTRITE CRIES.

2 Vilest of the sons of men,
Chief of sinners I have been:
Oft have sinn’d before Thy face,
Trampled on Thy richest grace.

3 Justly might Thy fatal dart
Pierce this bleeding, broken heart;
Justly might Thy angry breath
Blast me in eternal death.

4 Jesus, save my dying soul;
Make my broken spirit whole;
Humbled in the dust I lie;
Saviour, leave me not to die.

THOMAS RAFFLES, 1812, A.

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Think of Jesus. L. M.

1 WHEN at Thy footstool, Lord, I bend,
   And plead with Thee for mercy there,
Think of the sinner’s dying Friend,
   And for His sake receive my prayer.

2 Oh think not of my shame and guilt,
   My thousand stains of deepest dye;
Think of the blood for sinners spilt,
   And let that blood my pardon buy.

3 Think, Lord, how I am still Thine own,
The trembling creature of Thy hand;
Think how my heart to sin is prone,
   And what temptations round me stand.

4 Oh think not of my doubts and fears,
   My strivings with Thy grace divine;
Think upon Jesus’ woes and tears,
   And let His merits stand for mine.

5 Thine eye, Thine ear, they are not dull;
   Thine arm can never shortened be;
Behold me now; my heart is full;
   Behold, and spare, and succour me!

HENRY FRANCIS LyTE, 1833.

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Relying upon Grace. L. M.

1 WHY droops my soul, with grief oppress’d?
   Whence these wild tumults in my breast?
Is there no balm to heal my wound?
   No kind physician to be found?

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CONTRITE CRIES.

2 Raise to the cross thy tearful eyes,
Behold, the Prince of Glory dies;
He dies extended on the tree,
And sheds a sovereign balm for thee.

3 Blest Saviour, at Thy feet I lie,
Here to receive a cure or die;
But grace forbids that painful fear,
Almighty grace, which triumphs here.

4 Thou wilt withdraw the poison'd dart,
Bind up and heal the wounded heart;
With blooming health my face adorn,
And change the gloomy night to morn.

Elizabeth Scott, 1768,

600 "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than Snow."

1 JESUS! who on Calv'ry's mountain
Pour'd Thy precious blood for me,
Wash me in its flowing fountain,
That my soul may spotless be.

2 I have sinn'd, but oh, restore me,
For unless Thou smile on me,
Dark is all the world before me,
Darker yet eternity!

3 In Thy word I hear Thee saying,
"Come, and I will give you rest;"
Glad the gracious call obeying,
See, I hasten to Thy breast.

4 Grant, oh, grant Thy Spirit's teaching,
That I may not go astray,
Till, the gate of heaven reaching,
Earth and sin are pass'd away!

H. W. Beecher's Plymouth Collection, 1855.

Pleading for Mercy.

1 JESUS, full of every grace,
Now reveal Thy smiling face;
Grant the joys of sin forgiven,
Foretaste of the bliss of heaven.
CONTRITE CRIES.

2 All my guilt to Thee is known;
Thou art righteous, Thou alone,
All my help is from Thy cross;
All beside I count but loss.

3 Lord, in Thee I now believe,
Wilt Thou, wilt Thou not forgive?
Helpless at Thy feet I lie;
Saviour, leave me not to die.

Thomas Hastings, 1846.

602 "Jesus! Master!

1 Jesus! Master! hear my cry;
Save me, heal me with a word;
Painting at Thy feet I lie,
Thou my whisper'd plaint hast heard.

2 Jesus! Master! mercy show;
Thou art passing near my soul,
Thou my inward grief dost know,
Thou alone canst make me whole.

3 Jesus! Master! as of yore
Thou didst bid the blind man see,
Light upon my soul restore;
Jesus! Master! heal Thou me.

Anna Shipton, 1865.

603 "Jehovah Rophi.

1 Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are,
Waiting to feel Thy touch:
Deep-wounded souls to Thee repair,
And, Saviour, we are such.

2 Our faith is feeble, we confess,
We faintly trust Thy word;
But wilt Thou pity us the less?
Be that far from Thee, Lord!

3 Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief;
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried,
"Oh, help my unbelief!"

4 She, too, who touch'd Thee in the press,
And healing virtue stole,
Was answer'd, "Daughter, go in peace,
Thy faith hath made thee whole."
CONTRITE CRIES.

5 Conceal'd amid the gathering throng,
She would have shunn'd Thy view,
And if her faith was firm and strong,
Had strong misgivings too.

6 Like her, with hopes and fears, we come
To touch Thee if we may;
Oh! send us not despairing home,
Send none unheal'd away.

William Cowper, 1779.

Plead for me! 8.8.8.6.

1 0 THOU, the contrite sinner's Friend,
Who, loving, lov'st him to the end,
On this alone my hopes depend,
That Thou wilt plead for me.

2 When, weary in the Christian race,
Far off appears my resting-place,
And fainting I mistrust Thy grace,
Then, Saviour, plead for me.

3 When I have err'd and gone astray
Afar from Thine and wisdom's way,
And see no glimmering guiding ray,
Still, Saviour, plead for me.

4 And when my dying hour draws near,
Then, to preserve my soul from fear,
Lord, to my fadingsight appear,
Pleading in heaven for me.

Charlotte Elliott, 1835, a.

"Let us return." C. M.

1 COME, let us to the Lord our God
With contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave
The desolate to mourn.

2 His voice commands the tempest forth,
And stills the stormy wave;
And, though His arm be strong to smite,
'Tis also strong to save.

3 Long hath the night of sorrow reign'd;
The dawn shall bring us light;
God shall appear, and we shall rise
With gladness in His sight.
CONTRITE CRIES.

4 Our hearts, if God we seek to know
    Shall know Him, and rejoice;
    His coming like the morn shall be,
    Like morning songs His voice.

5 As dew upon the tender herb,
    Diffusing fragrance round;
    As showers that usher in the spring,
    And cheer the thirsty ground;

6 So shall His presence bless our souls,
    And shed a joyful light;
    That hallow'd morn shall chase away
    The sorrows of the night.

   John Morrison, 1781.

606 Give me Christ.

1 GRACIOUS Lord, incline Thine ear,
   My requests vouchsafe to hear;
   Hear my never-ceasing cry;
   Give me Christ, or else I die.

2 Wealth and honour I disdain,
   Earthly comforts all are vain;
   These can never satisfy,
   Give me Christ, or else I die.

3 Lord, deny me what Thou wilt,
   Only ease me of my guilt;
   Suppliant at Thy feet I lie,
   Give me Christ, or else I die.

4 All unholy, all unclean,
   I am nothing else but sin;
   On Thy mercy I rely,
   Give me Christ, or else I die.

5 Thou dost freely save the lost!
   Only in Thy grace I trust:
   With my earnest suit comply;
   Give me Christ, or else I die.

6 Thou hast promised to forgive
   All who in Thy Son believe;
   Lord, I know Thou canst not lie;
   Give me Christ, or else I die.
CONTRITE CRIES.

7 Father, dost Thou seem to frown?
I take shelter in Thy Son!
Jesus, to Thy arms I fly,
Save me, Lord, or else I die.

William Hammond, 1745.

607 "Bless me, even me also,
O my Father!"

1 LORD, I hear of showers of blessing
Thou art scattering, full and free;
Showers, the thirsty land refreshing;
Let some droppings fall on me,
Even me.

2 Pass me not, O gracious Father!
Sinful though my heart may be;
Thou might'st curse me, but the rather
Let Thy mercy light on me,
Even me.

3 Pass me not, O tender Saviour!
Let me love and cling to Thee;
I am longing for Thy favour;
When thou comest, call for me,
Even me.

4 Pass me not, O mighty Spirit!
Thou canst make the blind to see;
Witnesser of Jesus' merit,
Speak the word of power to me,
Even me.

5 Have I long in sin been sleeping,
Long been slighting, grieving Thee?
Has the world my heart been keeping?
Oh forgive and rescue me,
Even me.

6 Love of God, so pure and changeless,
Blood of God, so rich and free,
Grace of God, so strong and boundless,
Magnify them all in me,
Even me.
CONTRITE CRIES.

7 Pass me not, this lost one bringing,
Satan's slave Thy child shall be,
All my heart to Thee is springing;
Blessing others, oh bless me,
Even me.
Elizabeth Codner, 1860.

608 Jesus, save me. C.M.

1 Jesus, Thy power I fain would feel,
   For Thy sweet love I faint:
Oh let Thine ears consider well
   The voice of my complaint.

2 Thou see'st me yet a slave to sin,
   And destitute of God;
Oh purify my soul within
   By Thine all-cleansing blood.

3 O Jesus, undertake for me,
   Thy peace to me be given;
For while I stand away from Thee,
   I stand away from heaven.

4 Reject not, Lord, my humble prayers,
   Nor yet my soul destroy:
Thine only Son hath sown in tears
   That I might reap in joy.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1759, a.

609 Substitution pleaded. C.M.

1 The spotless Saviour lived for me,
   And died upon the mount:
The obedience of His life and death
   Is placed to my account.

2 Canst Thou forget that awful hour,
   That sad, tremendous scene,
When Thy dear blood on Calvary
   Flow'd out at every vein?

3 No, Saviour, no; Thy wounds are fresh,
   E'en now they intercede;
Still, in effect, for guilty man
   Incessantly they bleed.
CONTITE CRIES.

4 Thine ears of mercy still attend
A contrite sinner’s cries,
A broken heart that groans for God,
Thou never wilt despise.

5 Oh love incomprehensible,
That made Thee bleed for me!
The Judge of all hath suffer’d death
To set His prisoner free!

Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.

610  Pleading the Blood.  8.8.6.

1 REMBER, Lord, that Jesus bled,
That Jesus bow’d His dying head,
And sweated bloody sweat:
He bore Thy wrath and curse for me
In His own body on the tree,
And more than paid my debt.

2 Surely He hath my pardon bought,
A perfect righteousness wrought out
His people to redeem:
Oh that His righteousness might be
By grace imputed now to me,
As were my sins to Him.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.

611  Sheltering at the Cross.  L. M., 6 lines.

1 EDEEMER, whither should I flee,
Or how escape the wrath to come?
The weary sinner flies to Thee
For shelter from impending doom;
Smile on me, dearest Lord, and show
Thyself the friend of sinners now.

2 Beneath the shadow of Thy cross
My heavy-laden soul finds rest;
Let me esteem the world as dross,
So I may be of Thee possess’d!
I borrow every joy from Thee,
For Thou art life and light to me.
CONTRITE CRIES.

3 Close to my Saviour's bloody tree
   My soul, untired, shall ever cleave;
Both scourged and crucified with Thee,
   With Christ resolved to die and live:
My prayer, my great ambition this,
   Living and dying to be His.

4 Oh nail me to the sacred wood,
   There tie me with Thy Spirit's chain;
There seal me with Thy fast'ning blood,
   Nor ever let me loose again;
There let me bow my suppliant knee,
   And own no other Lord but Thee!

Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.

Penitential Sighs.

1 FATHER, at Thy call I come;
In Thy bosom there is room
For a guilty soul to hide,
Press'd with grief on every side.

2 Here I'll make my piteous moan;
Thou canst understand a groan;
Here my sins and sorrows tell,
What I feel Thou knowest well.

3 Ah! how foolish I have been
To obey the voice of sin,
To forget Thy love to me!
And to break my vows to Thee.

4 Darkness fills my trembling soul;
Floods of sorrow o'er me roll;
Pity, Father, pity me;
All my hope's alone in Thee.

5 But may such a wretch as I,
Self-condemn'd and doom'd to die,
Ever hope to be forgiven,
And be smiled upon by Heaven?

6 May I round Thee cling and twine,
Call myself a child of Thine;
And presume to claim a part
In a tender Father's heart?
CONTRITE CRIES.

7 Yes, I may; for I espy
Pity trickling from Thine eye:
'Tis a Father's bowels move,
Move with pardon and with love.

8 Well I do remember too,
What His love hath deign'd to do;
How He sent a Saviour down,
All my follies to atone.

9 Has my elder Brother died?
And is justice satisfied?
Why—oh why—should I despair
Of my Father's tender care?

Samuel Stennett, 1787.

613 "My Spirit longeth for Thee." 7,6.

1 My spirit longeth for Thee
Within my troubled breast,
Although I be unworthy
Of so divine a guest.

2 Of so divine a guest
Unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest
Unless it come from Thee.

3 Unless it come from Thee,
In vain I look around;
In all that I can see
No rest is to be found.

4 No rest is to be found
But in Thy blessed love:
Oh let my wish be crown'd,
And send it from above!

John Byrom, 1773.

614 Rest in Jesus. S. M.

1 Oh may I never rest
Till I find rest in Thee,
Till of my pardon here possess'd,
I feel Thy love to me!

2 Turn not Thy face away,
Thy look can make me clean;
Me in Thy wedding robe array,
And cover all my sin.
CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

3 Tell me, my God, for whom
Thy precious blood was shed;
For sinners? Lord, as such I come,
For such the Saviour bled.

4 Then raise a fallen wretch,
Display Thy grace in me;
I am not out of mercy's reach,
Nor too far gone for Thee.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.

615 "We would see Jesus." 7s

1 JESUS, God of love, attend,
From Thy glorious throne descend;
Answer now some waiting heart,
Now some harden'd soul convert:
To our Advocate we fly,
Let us feel Immanuel nigh;
Manifest Thy love abroad,
Make us now the sons of God.

2 Prostrate at Thy mercy-seat
Let us our Beloved meet,
Give us in Thyself a part
Deep engraven on Thine heart:
Let us hear Thy pardoning voice,
Bid the broken bones rejoice;
Condemnation do away,
Oh make this the perfect day!

Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.

CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

616 Penitence and Hope. C.M.

1 DEAR Saviour, when my thoughts recall
The wonders of Thy grace,
Low at Thy feet ashamed I fall,
And hide this wretched face.
CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

2 Should love like Thine he thus repaid?
   Ah, vile, ungrateful heart!
By earth's low cares detain'd, betray'd,
   From Jesus to depart.

3 From Jesus, who alone can give
   True pleasure, peace, and rest:
When absent from my Lord, I live
   Unsatisfied, unblest.

4 But He, for His own mercy's sake,
   My wandering soul restores:
He bids the mourning heart partake
   The pardon it implores.

5 Oh while I breathe to Thee, my Lord,
   The penitential sigh,
Confirm the kind forgiving word
   With pity in Thine eye.

6 Then shall the mourner at Thy feet
   Rejoice to seek Thy face:
And grateful own how kind, how sweet,
   Thy condescending grace.

Anne Steele, 1760.

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OH that I knew the secret place,
   Where I might find my God!
I'd spread my wants before His face,
   And pour my woes abroad.

2 I'd tell Him how my sins arise,
   What sorrows I sustain;
How grace decays and comfort dies,
   And leaves my heart in pain.

3 He knows what arguments I'd take
   To wrestle with my God;
I'd plead for His own mercy's sake,
   And for my Saviour's blood.

4 My God will pity my complaints,
   And heal my broken bones;
He takes the meaning of His saints,
   The language of their groans.
CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

5 Arise, my soul, from deep distress,  
And banish every fear;  
He calls thee to His throne of grace  
To spread thy sorrows there.

Isaac Watts, 1720

618 Will God cast off? C.M.

1 WILL God for ever cast me off?  
  His promise ever fail?  
  Has He forgot His tender love?  
  Shall anger still prevail?

2 I call His mercies to my mind,  
  Which I enjoy'd before:  
  And will the Lord no more be kind?  
  His face appear no more?

3 But I forbid this hopeless thought,  
  This dark, despairing frame;  
  Rememb'ring what His hand hath wrought;  
  His hand is still the same.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

619 Backslidings and Returns. C.M.

1 WHY is my heart so far from Thee,  
  My God, my chief delight?  
  Why are my thoughts no more by day  
  With Thee, no more by night?

2 Why should my foolish passions rove?  
  Where can such sweetness be  
  As I have tasted in Thy love,  
  As I have found in Thee?

3 Trifles of nature, or of art,  
  With fair deceitful charms,  
  Intrude into my thoughtless heart,  
  And thrust me from Thy arms.

4 Then I repent, and vex my soul,  
  That I should leave Thee so;  
  Where will those wild affections roll,  
  That let a Saviour go?
CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

5 Sin's promised joys are turn'd to pain,
   And I am drown'd in grief;
   But my dear Lord returns again,
   He flies to my relief.

6 Seizing my soul with sweet surprise,
   He draws with loving bands;
   Divine compassion in His eyes,
   And pardon in His hands.

7 Wretch that I am, to wander thus
   In chase of false delight;
   Let me be fasten'd to Thy cross,
   Rather than lose Thy sight.

8 Make haste, my days, to reach the goal,
   And bring my heart to rest
   On the dear centre of my soul,
   My God, my Saviour's breast.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

620 Walking with God. C. M.

1 Oh for a closer walk with God,
   A calm and heavenly frame;
   A light to shine upon the road
   That leads me to the Lamb!

2 Where is the blessedness I knew
   When first I saw the Lord?
   Where is the soul-refreshing view
   Of Jesus and His word?

3 What peaceful hours I then enjoy'd!
   How sweet their memory still!
   But now I find an aching void
   The world can never fill.

4 Return, O holy Dove! return,
   Sweet messenger of rest!
   I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
   And drove Thee from my breast.

5 The dearest idol I have known,
   Whate'er that idol be,
   Help me to tear it from Thy throne,
   And worship only Thee.
CONFlict AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

6 So shall my walk be close with God,
   Calm and serene my frame;
   So purer light shall mark the road
   That leads me to the Lamb.

   William Cowper, 1779.

621 Sufficiency of Pardon. C. M.

1 Why does your face, ye humble souls,
   Those mournful colours wear?
   What doubts are these that waste your faith,
   And nourish your despair?

2 What though your numerous sins exceed
   The stars that fill the skies,
   And aiming at th' eternal throne,
   Like pointed mountains rise:

3 What though your mighty guilt beyond
   The wide creation swell,
   And has its cursed foundation laid
   Low as the deeps of hell:

4 See here an endless ocean flows
   Of never-failing grace;
   Behold a dying Saviour's veins
   The sacred flood increase.

5 It rises high, and drowns the hills,
   Has neither shore nor bound:
   Now if we search to find our sins,
   Our sins can ne'er be found.

6 Awake, our hearts, adore the grace
   That buries all our faults,
   And pardon ing blood, that swells above
   Our follies and our thoughts.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

622 Making God a Refuge. C. M.

1 Dear refuge of my weary soul,
   On Thee, when sorrows rise,
   On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
   My fainting hope relies.

2 To Thee I tell each rising grief,
   For Thou alone canst heal;
   Thy word can bring a sweet relief
   For every pain I feel.
CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

3 But oh! when gloomy doubts prevail,
    I fear to call Thee mine;
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
    And all my hopes decline.

4 Yet, gracious God, where shall I flee?
    Thou art my only trust;
And still my soul would cleave to Thee,
    Though prostrate in the dust.

5 Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face?
    And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace
    Be deaf when I complain?

6 No, still the ear of sovereign grace
    Attends the mourner's prayer;
Oh may I ever find access
    To breathe my sorrows there!

7 Thy mercy-seat is open still,
    Here let my soul retreat;
With humble hope attend Thy will,
    And wait beneath Thy feet.

Anne Steele, 1760.

623  Life of the Soul.  L. M.

1 WHEN sins and fears prevailing rise,
    And fainting hope almost expires;
Jesus, to Thee I lift mine eyes,
    To Thee I breathe my soul's desires.

2 Art Thou not mine, my living Lord;
    And can my hope, my comfort die,
Fix'd on Thy everlasting word,
    That word which built the earth and sky?

3 If my immortal Saviour lives,
    Then my immortal life is sure;
His word a firm foundation gives,
    Here let me build, and rest secure.

4 Here let my faith unshaken dwell;
    Immovable the promise stands;
Not all the powers of earth or hell
    Can e'er dissolve the sacred bands.
CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

5 Here, O my soul, thy trust repose;
If Jesus is for ever mine,
Not death itself, that last of foes,
Shall break a union so divine.

Anne Steele, 1760.

624 Faith struggling. 8s.

1 Encompass'd with clouds of distress,
Just ready all hope to resign;
I pant for the light of Thy face,
And fear it will never be mine:
Dishearten'd with waiting so long,
I sink at Thy feet with my load;
All plaintive I pour out my song,
And stretch forth my hands unto God.

2 Shine, Lord, and my terror shall cease,
The blood of atonement apply;
And lead me to Jesus for peace,
The rock that is higher than I:
Speak, Saviour, for sweet is Thy voice,
Thy presence is fair to behold;
I thirst for Thy Spirit with cries
And groanings that cannot be told.

3 If sometimes I strive, as I mourn,
My hold of Thy promise to keep,
The billows more fiercely return,
And plunge me again in the deep:
While harass'd and cast from Thy sight,
The tempter suggests with a roar,
"The Lord hath forsaken thee quite:
Thy God will be gracious no more."

4 Yet, Lord, if Thy love hath design'd
No covenant-blessing for me,
Ah tell me, how is it I find
Some sweetness in waiting for Thee?
Almighty to rescue Thou art,
Thy grace is my only resource;
If e'er Thou art Lord of my heart,
Thy Spirit must take it by force.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1772.

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CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

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"Remember me." C.M.

1
O THOU, from whom all goodness flows!
I lift my soul to Thee;
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,
Good Lord! remember me.

2
When, on my groaning, burden'd heart,
My sins lie heavily;
My pardon speak, new peace impart;
In love remember me.

3
When trials sore obstruct my way,
And ills I cannot flee,
Oh give me strength, Lord, as my day:
For good remember me.

4
Distress'd with pain, disease, and grief,
This feeble body see;
Grant patience, rest, and kind relief:
Hear and remember me.

5
If on my face for Thy dear name,
Shame and reproaches be,
All hail reproach, and welcome shame,
If Thou remember me.

6
The hour is near, consign'd to death,
I own the just decree,
Saviour, with my last parting breath
I'll cry, Remember me!

Thomas Haweis, 1792

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Seeking Guidance. 7s.

1 HEAVENLY Father! to whose eye
Future things unfolded lie;
Through the desert where I stray,
Let Thy counsels guide my way.

2 Lead me not, for flesh is frail,
Where fierce trials would assail;
Leave me not, in darken'd hour,
To withstand the tempter's power.

3 Lord! uphold me day by day;
Shed a light upon my way;
Guide me through perplexing snares;
Care for me in all my cares.
CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

4 Should Thy wisdom, Lord, decree
Trials long and sharp for me,
Pain or sorrow, care or shame;
Father! glorify Thy name.

5 Let me neither faint or fear,
Feeling still that Thou art near;
In the course my Saviour trod,
Tending still to Thee, my God!

Josiah Conder, 1856.

627 Pleading Divine Faithfulness. L. M.

1 GOD of my life, to Thee I call,
   Afflicted at Thy feet I fall;
   When the great water-floods prevail,
   Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

2 Friend of the friendless and the faint,
   Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
   Where, but with Thee, whose open door
   Invites the helpless and the poor?

3 Did ever mourner plead with Thee,
   And Thou refuse the mourner’s plea?
   Does not Thy word still fix’d remain,
   That none shall seek Thy face in vain?

4 That were a grief I could not bear,
   Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer;
   But a prayer-hearing, answering God
   Supports me under every load.

5 Fair is the lot that’s cast for me;
   I have an Advocate with Thee:
   They whom the world caresses most,
   Have no such privilege to boast.

6 Poor though I am, despised, forgot,
   Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
   And he is safe, and must succeed,
   For whom the Lord vouchsafes to plead.

William Cowper, 1779.

628 Contention within. L. M.

1 JESUS, our soul’s delightful choice,
   In Thee, believing we rejoice;
   Yet still our joy is mix’d with grief,
   While faith contends with unbelief.
CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

2 Thy promises our hearts revive,
   And keep our fainting hopes alive;
   But guilt, and fears, and sorrows rise,
   And hide the promise from our eyes.

3 Oh let not sin and Satan boast
   While saints lie mourning in the dust;
   Nor see that faith to ruin brought
   Which Thy own gracious hand hath wrought.

4 Do Thou the dying spark inflame,
   Reveal the glories of Thy name;
   And put all anxious doubts to flight,
   As shades dispersed by opening light.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

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Trust in God. C. M.

1 DEAR Lord! why should I doubt Thy love,
   Or disbelieve Thy grace?
   Sure Thy compassions ne'er remove,
   Although Thou hide Thy face.

2 Thy smiles have freed my heart from pain,
   My drooping spirits cheer'd:
   And wilt Thou not appear again
   Where Thou hast once appear'd?

3 Hast Thou not form'd my soul anew,
   And told me I am Thine?
   And wilt Thou now Thy work undo,
   Or break Thy word divine?

4 Dost Thou repent? wilt Thou deny
   The gifts Thou hast bestow'd?
   Or are those streams of mercy dry,
   Which once so freely flow'd?

5 Lord! let no groundless fears destroy
   The mercies now possess'd;
   I'll praise for blessings I enjoy,
   And trust for all the rest.

Rippon's Selection, 1800.

630 "Fear not, I am with thee." C. M.

1 AND art Thou with us, gracious Lord,
   To dissipate our fear?
   Dost Thou proclaim Thyself our God,
   Our God for ever near?
CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

2 Dost Thou a Father's bowels feel
   For all Thy humble saints?
   And in such tender accents speak
   To soothe their sad complaints?

3 Why droop our hearts, why flow our eyes,
   While such a voice we hear?
   Why rise our sorrows and our fears,
   While such a friend is near?

4 To all Thine other favours, add
   A heart to trust Thy word;
   And death itself shall hear us sing,
   While resting on the Lord.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

631 Hoping in God. 8.7.4.

1 O MY soul, what means this sadness?
   Wherefore art thou thus cast down?
   Let thy griefs be turn'd to gladness,
   Bid thy restless fears be gone:
   Look to Jesus,
   And rejoice in His dear name.

2 What though Satan's strong temptations
   Vex and tease thee day by day?
   And thy sinful inclinations
   Often fill thee with dismay?
   Thou shalt conquer,
   Through the Lamb's redeeming blood.

3 Though ten thousand ills beset thee,
   From without and from within;
   Jesus saith, He'll ne'er forget thee,
   But will save from hell and sin;
   He is faithful
   To perform His gracious word.

4 Though distresses now attend thee,
   And thou tread'st the thorny road;
   His right hand shall still defend thee,
   Soon He'll bring thee home to God:
   Therefore praise Him,
   Praise the great Redeemer's name.
CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

5 Oh that I could now adore Him,
  Like the heavenly host above,
Who for ever bow before Him,
  And unceasing sing His love!
Happy songsters!
When shall I your chorus join?

John Fawcett, 1782

632 Confidence in the Promises. S.M.

1 Why should I sorrow more?
  I trust a Saviour slain,
And safe beneath His sheltering cross,
  Unmoved I shall remain.

2 Let Satan and the world,
  Now rage, or now allure;
The promises in Christ are made
  Immutable and sure.

3 The oath infallible
  Is now my spirit's trust;
I know that He who spake the word
  Is faithful, true and just.

4 He'll bring me on my way
  Unto my journey's end;
He'll be my Father and my God,
  My Saviour and my Friend.

5 So all my doubts and fears
  Shall wholly flee away,
And every mournful night of tears
  Be turn'd to joyous day.

6 All that remains for me
  Is but to love and sin,
And wait until the angels come
  To bear me to the King.

William Williams, 1772;
Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

633 "Fear not." C.M.

1 Ye trembling souls, dismiss your fears,
  Be mercy all your theme;
Mercy, which like a river flows
  In one perpetual stream.
CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

2 Fear not the powers of earth and hell,  
God will these powers restrain;  
His arm shall all their rage repel,  
And make their efforts vain.

3 Fear not the want of outward good;  
For His He will provide,  
Grant them supplies of daily food,  
And give them heaven beside.

4 Fear not that He will e'er forsake,  
Or leave His work undone;  
He's faithful to His promises,  
And faithful to His Son.

5 Fear not the terrors of the grave,  
Or death's tremendous sting;  
He will from endless wrath preserve,  
To endless glory bring.

Benjamin Beddome, 1818.

634 Comfort in the Covenant made with Christ. C. M.

1 Our God, how firm His promise stands,  
E'en when He hides His face;  
He trusts in our Redeemer's hands  
His glory and His grace.

2 Then why, my soul, these sad complaints,  
Since Christ and we are one?  
Thy God is faithful to His saints,  
Is faithful to His Son.

3 Beneath His smiles my heart has lived,  
And part of heaven possess'd;  
I praise His name for grace received,  
And trust Him for the rest.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

635 Oh, why so heavy, O my soul? C. M.

1 Oh why so heavy, O my soul?  
Thus to myself I said;—  
Oh, why so heavy, O my soul,  
And so disquieted?
HOLY ANXIETY.

2 Hope thou in God; He still shall be
Thy glory and thy praise;
His saving grace shall comfort thee
Through everlasting days.

3 His goodness made thee what thou art,
And yet will thee redeem.
Oh, be thou of a steadfast heart,
And put thy trust in Him.

Edward Caswall, 1858.

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HOLY ANXIETY.

636 The almost Christian. L. M.

1 Broad is the road that leads to death,
And thousands walk together there;
But wisdom shows a narrower path,
With here and there a traveller.

2 "Deny thyself and take thy cross,"
Is the Redeemer's great command;
Nature must count her gold but dross,
If she would gain the heavenly land.

3 The fearful soul that tires and faints,
And walks the ways of God no more,
Is but esteem'd almost a saint,
And makes his own destruction sure.

4 Lord, let not all my hopes be vain;
Create my heart entirely new,
Which hypocrites could ne'er attain,
Which false apostates never knew.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

637 Self-examination. L. M.

1 What strange perplexities arise!
What anxious fears and jealousies!
What crowds in doubtful light appear!
How few, alas! approved and clear!
HOLY ANXIETY.

2 And what am I?—My soul, awake,
And an impartial prospect take;
Does no dark sign, no ground of fear,
In practice, or in heart appear?

3 What image does my spirit bear?
Is Jesus form'd, and living there?
Say, do His lineaments divine
In thought, and word, and action shine?

4 Searcher of hearts, oh search me still,
The secrets of my soul reveal;
My fears remove; let me appear
To God, and my own conscience, clear!

5 Scatter the clouds that o'er my head
Thick glooms of dubious terrors spread;
Lead me into celestial day,
And to myself myself display.

6 May I at that bless'd world arrive,
Where Christ through all my soul shall live,
And give full proof that He is there,
Without one gloomy doubt or fear.

President Davies, 1769.

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The contrite Heart. C.M.

1 The Lord will happiness divine
On contrite hearts bestow;
Then tell me, gracious God, is mine
A contrite heart or no?

2 I hear, but seem to hear in vain,
Insensible as steel;
If aught is felt, 'tis only pain
To find I cannot feel.

3 I sometimes think myself inclined
To love Thee, if I could;
But often feel another mind,
Averse to all that's good.

4 My best desires are faint and few,
I fain would strive for more!
But, when I cry, "My strength renew,
Seem weaker than before."
HOLY ANXIETY.

5 Thy saints are comforted, I know.
   And love Thy house of prayer!
I sometimes go where others go,
   But find no comfort there.

6 Oh make this heart rejoice or ache!
   Decide this doubt for me;
And, if it be not broken, break,
   And heal it, if it be.

William Cowper, 1779.

639 "Lovest thou Me?" C.M.

1 Do not I love Thee, O my Lord?
   Behold my heart and see;
And turn each odious idol out
   That dares to rival Thee.

2 Do not I love Thee from my soul?
   Then let me nothing love;
Dead be my heart to every joy,
   When Jesus cannot move.

3 Is not Thy name melodious still
   To mine attentive ear?
Doth not each pulse with pleasure bound
   My Saviour's voice to hear?

4 Hast Thou a lamb in all Thy flock
   I would disdain to feed?
Hast Thou a foe, before whose face
   I fear Thy cause to plead?

5 Would not my ardent spirit vie
   With angels round the throne,
To execute Thy sacred will,
   And make Thy glory known?

6 Would not my heart pour forth its blood
   In honour of Thy name,
And challenge the cold hand of death
   To damp the immortal flame?

7 Thou know'ys I love Thee, dearest Lord;
   But oh, I long to soar
Far from the sphere of mortal joys,
   And learn to love Thee more.

Philip Doddridge, 1755
HOLY ANXIETY.

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Love asserting herself. C.M.

1 AND have I, Christ, no love for Thee,
   No passion for Thy charms?
   No wish my Saviour's face to see,
   And dwell within His arms?

2 Is there no spark of gratitude
   In this cold heart of mine,
   To Him whose generous bosom glow'd
   With friendship all divine?

3 Can I pronounce His charming name,
   His acts of kindness tell;
   And while I dwell upon the theme,
   No sweet emotion feel?

4 Such base ingratitude as this
   What heart but must detest!
   Sure Christ deserves the noblest place
   In every human breast.

5 A very wretch, Lord! I should prove,
   Had I no love for Thee:
   Rather than not my Saviour love,
   Oh may I cease to be!

   Samuel Stennett, 1787.

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"Search me, O Lord!" C.M.

1 SEARCHER of hearts, before Thy face,
   I all my soul display:
   And, conscious of its innate arts,
   Entreat Thy strict survey.

2 If, lurking in its inmost folds,
   I any sin conceal,
   Oh let a ray of light divine
   That secret guile reveal.

3 If tinctured with that odious gall
   Unknowning I remain,
   Let grace, like a pure silver stream,
   Wash out the accursed stain.

4 If in these fatal fetters bound,
   A wretched slave I lie,
   Smite off my chains, and wake my soul
   To light and liberty.
HOLY ANXIETY.

5 To humble penitence and prayer
   Be gentle pity given;
   Speak ample pardon to my heart,
   And seal its claim to heaven.

   Philip Doddridge, 1755,

642   Was it for me?   L. M.

1 Was it for me, dear Lord, for me,
   Thou didst endure such pain and grief;
   For me the direful agony,
   That knew not limit or relief?
   Was it for me? Was it for me?

2 Was it for me, the mocking scorn,
   While love perfumed Thy passing breath;
   The rude contumely meekly borne,
   Thy soul desertion, unto death?
   Was it for me? Was it for me?

3 Was it for me, Thou Lord of light,
   Thy path through darkness to the grave;
   For me, the triumph infinite,
   When Thou didst rise, and live to save?
   Was it for me? Was it for me?

4 Was it for me, Lord Christ! for me,
   Ascending high, Thy mission done,
   Saviour to all eternity,
   In heaven Thou didst resume Thy throne?
   Was it for me? Was it for me?

   Henry Bateman, 1862.

643   The strait Gate.   8.7.4.

1 STRAIT the gate, the way is narrow,
   To the realms of endless bliss;
   Sinful men and vain professors,
   Self-deceived, the passage miss;
   Rushing headlong,
   Down they sink the dread abyss.

2 Sins and follies unforsaken,
   All will end in deep despair;
   Formal prayers are unavailing,
   Fruitless is the worldling's tear;
   Small the number
   Who to wisdom's path repair.
HOLINESS DESIRED.

3 Thou who art Thy people's guardian,
Condescend my guide to be;
By Thy Spirit's light unerring,
Let me Thy salvation see:
May I never
Miss the way that leads to Thee.

Benjamin Beddome, 1818.

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The evil Heart. S. M.

1 ASTONISH'D and distress'd,
I turn mine eyes within:
My heart with loads of guilt oppress'd,
The seat of every sin.

2 What crowds of evil thoughts,
What vile affections there!
Envy and pride, deceit and guile,
Distrust and slavish fear.

3 Almighty King of saints,
These tyrant lusts subdue:
Drive the old serpent from his seat,
And all my powers renew.

4 This done, my cheerful voice
Shall loud hosannas raise;
My soul shall glow with gratitude,
My lips proclaim Thy praise.

Benjamin Beddome, 1818.

DESIREs AFTER HOLINESS.

645 Longing for a pure Heart. C. M.

1 Oh for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free!
A heart that always feels Thy blood,
So freely spilt for me!

2 A heart resign'd, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone:
HOLINESS DESIRED.

3 A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
    Believing, true, and clean;
Which neither life nor death can part
    From Him that dwells within:

4 A heart in every thought renew'd,
    And full of love divine;
Perfect, and right, and pure, and good,
    A copy, Lord, of Thine!

5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
    Come quickly from above;
Write Thy new name upon my heart,
    Thy new, best name of love.

Charles Wesley, 1742.

646 Longing to love Christ. L.M.

1 I THIRST, Thou wounded Lamb of God,
    To wash me in Thy cleansing blood;
To dwell within Thy wounds: then pain
    Is sweet, and life or death is gain.

2 Take my poor heart, and let it be
    For ever closed to all but Thee!
Seal Thou my breast, and let me wear
    That pledge of love for ever there.

3 How blest are they who still abide
    Close shelter'd in Thy bleeding side!
Who life and strength from thence derive,
    And by Thee move, and in Thee live.

4 What are our works but sin and death,
    Till Thou Thy quickening Spirit breathe?
Thou givest the power Thy grace to move:
    Oh wondrous grace! Oh boundless love!

5 How can it be, Thou heavenly King,
    That Thou shouldest us to glory bring?
Make slaves the partners of Thy throne,
    Deck'd with a never-fading crown.

6 Hence our hearts melt; our eyes o'erflow;
    Our words are lost; nor will we know,
Nor will we think of aught beside,
    “My Lord, my Love, is crucified.”
HOLINESS DESIRED.

7 Ah, Lord! enlarge our scanty thought,
To know the wonders Thou hast wrought;
Unloose our stammering tongues, to tell
Thy love immense, unsearchable.

8 First-born of many brethren Thou!
To Thee, lo! all our souls we bow;
To Thee, our hearts and hands we give;
Thine may we die; Thine may we live.

Count Zinzendorf, Anna and
John Nitschmann, 1737;
tr. by John Wesley, 1740.

647 Love constraining to Obedience. C. M.

1 No strength of nature can suffice
To serve the Lord aright;
And what she has she misapplies,
For want of clearer light.

2 How long beneath the law I lay
In bondage and distress!
I toil'd the precept to obey,
But toil'd without success.

3 Then, to abstain from outward sin,
Was more than I could do:
Now, if I feel its power within,
I feel I hate it too.

4 Then all my servile works were done
A righteousness to raise;
Now, freely chosen in the Son,
I freely choose His ways.

5 What shall I do, was then the word,
That I may worthier grow?
What shall I render to the Lord?
Is my inquiry now.

6 To see the law by Christ fulfill'd
And hear His pardoning voice,
Changes a slave into a child,
And duty into choice.

William Cowper, 1779.
HOLINESS DESIRED.

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Holiness and Grace. L. M.

1 So let our lips and lives express
   The holy gospel we profess;
   So let our works and virtues shine,
   To prove the doctrine all divine.

2 Thus shall we best proclaim abroad
   The honours of our Saviour God,
   When His salvation reigns within,
   And grace subdues the power of sin.

3 Our flesh and sense must be denied,
   Passion and envy, lust and pride;
   While justice, temperance, truth, and love,
   Our inward piety approve.

4 The gospel bears our spirits up,
   While we expect that blessed hope,
   The bright appearance of the Lord;
   And faith stands leaning on His word.

   Isaac Watts, 1709, a.

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Holy Principles desired. C. M.

1 I want a principle within
   Of jealous, godly fear;
   A sensibility of sin,
   A pain to feel it near.

2 I want the first approach to feel
   Of pride, or fond desire;
   To catch the wandering of my will,
   And quench the kindling fire.

3 That I from Thee no more may part,
   No more Thy goodness grieve,
   The filial awe, the fleshy heart,
   The tender conscience, give.

4 Quick as the apple of an eye,
   O God, my conscience make!
   Awake, my soul, when sin is nigh,
   And keep it still awake.

5 If to the right or left I stray,
   That moment, Lord, reprove;
   And let me weep my life away,
   For having grieved Thy love.
HOLINESS DESIRED.

6 Oh may the least omission pain
My well-instructed soul;
And drive me to the blood again,
Which makes the wounded whole!

Charles Wesley, 1749

650 Conformity to Christ. 8.7.

1 LOVE divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, Thou art all compassion;
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never.
Never more, Thy temples leave;
Thee we would be always blessing;
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing;
Glory in Thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley, 1747.

651 "Sanctified by the Spirit of our God." C.M.

1 NOT the malicious or profane,
The wanton or the proud,
Nor thieves, nor slanderers shall obtain
The kingdom of our God.

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HOLINESS DESIRED.

2 Surprising grace! and such were we
   By nature and by sin;
   Heirs of immortal misery,
   Unholy and unclean.

3 But we are wash'd in Jesu's blood,
   We're pardon'd through His name;
   And the good Spirit of our God
   Has sanctified our frame.

4 Oh for a persevering power
   To keep Thy just commands;
   We would defile our hearts no more,
   No more pollute our hands.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

652 Prayer for Holiness. C. M.

1 Oh may my heart by grace renew'd,
   Be my Redeemer's throne;
   And be my stubborn will subdued,
   His government to own!

2 Let deep repentance, faith, and love,
   Be join'd with godly fear;
   And all my conversation prove
   My heart to be sincere.

3 Preserve me from the snares of sin
   Through my remaining days;
   And in me let each virtue shine
   To my Redeemer's praise.

4 Let lively hope my soul inspire;
   Let warm affections rise;
   And may I wait with strong desire,
   To mount above the skies.

John Fawcett, 1782.

653 Holiness desired. C. M.

1 LORD, I desire to live as one
   Who bears a blood-bought name,
   As one who fears but grieving Thee,
   And knows no other shame.
WORLD RENOUNCED.

2 As one by whom Thy walk below
   Should never be forgot;
As one who fain would keep apart
   From all Thou lovest not.

3 I want to live as one who knows
   Thy fellowship of love;
As one whose eyes can pierce beyond
   The pearl-built gates above.

4 As one who daily speaks to Thee,
   And hears Thy voice divine
With depths of tenderness declare,
   "Beloved! Thou art mine."

Cherrie Smith, 1861.

RENUNCIATION OF THE WORLD.

654 Old Things are passed away. C.M.

1 LET worldly minds the world pursue,
   It has no charms for me;
Once I admired its trifles too,
   But grace has set me free.

2 Its pleasures now no longer please,
   No more content afford;
Far from my heart be joys like these,
   Now I have seen the Lord.

3 As by the light of opening day
   The stars are all conceal’d;
So earthly pleasures fade away,
   When Jesus is reveal’d.

4 Creatures no more divide my choice,
   I bid them all depart;
His name, and love, and gracious voice,
   Have fix’d my roving heart.

5 Now, Lord, I would be Thine alone,
   And wholly live to Thee;
But may I hope that Thou wilt own
   A worthless worm like me.
WORLD RENOUNCED.

6 Yes! though of sinners I'm the worst,
    I cannot doubt Thy will;
For if Thou hadst not loved me first,
    I had refused Thee still.

John Newton, 1779.

655 Renouncing the World.  148th.

1 COME, my fond fluttering heart,
    Come, struggle to be free;
Thou and the world must part,
    However hard it be:
My trembling spirit owns it just,
    But still lies cleaving to the dust.

2 Ye tempting sweets, forbear;
    Ye dearest idols, fall;
My love ye must not share,
    Jesus shall have it all:
Though painful and acute the smart,
    His love can heal the bleeding heart!

3 Ye fair, enchanting throng!
    Ye golden dreams, adieu!
Earth has prevail'd too long,
    Too long I've cherished you:
Aid me, dear Saviour, set me free,
    My all I will resign to Thee.

4 Oh may I feel Thy worth,
    And let no idol dare,
No vanity of earth,
    With Thee, my Lord, compare:
Now bid all earthly joys depart,
    And reign unrival'd in my heart.

Jane Taylor, 1812, a.

656 Escaping from the Current of Sin.  L.M.

1 I SEND the joys of earth away,
    Away, ye tempters of the mind;
False as the smooth deceitful sea,
    And empty as the whistling wind.

2 Your streams were floating me along
    Down to the gulf of black despair;
And whilst I listen'd to your song,
    Your streams had e'en convey'd me there.
WORLD RENOUNCED.

3 Lord, I adore Thy matchless grace,
That warn'd me of that dark abyss,
That drew me from those treacherous seas,
And bade me seek superior bliss.

4 Now to the shining realms above
I stretch my hands, and glance my eyes;
Oh for the pinions of a dove,
To bear me to the upper skies!

5 There from the bosom of my God,
Oceans of endless pleasure roll;
There would I fix my last abode,
And drown the sorrows of my soul.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

657 Choosing the Pearl. C.M.

1 YE glittering toys of earth, adieu,
A nobler choice be mine;
A real prize attracts my view,
A treasure all divine.

2 Begone, unworthy of my cares,
Ye specious baits of sense:
Inestimable worth appears,
The pearl of price immense.

3 Jesus to multitudes unknown,
Oh name divinely sweet!
Jesus, in Thee, in Thee alone,
Wealth, honour, pleasure, meet.

4 Should both the Indies at my call,
Their boasted stores resign,
With joy I would renounce them all,
For leave to call Thee mine.

5 Should earth's vain treasures all depart
Of this dear gift possess'd,
I'd clasp it to my joyful heart,
And be for ever bless'd.

6 Dear Sovereign of my soul's desires,
Thy love is bliss divine;
Accept the wish that love inspires,
And bid me call Thee mine.

Anne Steele, 1760.
DEDICATION TO GOD.

658  The Heart given to God.  L.M.

1  Oh happy day, that fix'd my choice
   On Thee, my Saviour, and my God;
   Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
   And tell its raptures all abroad.

2  'Tis done! the great transaction's done;
   I am my Lord's, and He is mine:
   He drew me, and I follow'd on,
   Charm'd to confess the voice divine.

3  Now rest, my long-divided heart;
   Fix'd on this blissful centre, rest:
   With ashes who would grudge to part,
   When call'd on angels' bread to feast?

4  High heaven, that heard the solemn vow,
   That vow renew'd shall daily hear:
   Till in life's latest hour I bow,
   And bless in death a bond so dear.

   Philip Doddridge, 1755.

659  "We have left all, and have followed Thee."

1  Jesus, I my cross have taken,
   All to leave, and follow Thee;
   Destitute, despised, forsaken;
   Thou, from hence, my all shalt be:
   Let the world despise and leave me;
   They have left my Saviour too:
   Human hearts and looks deceive me;
   Thou art not, like them, untrue.

2  Man may trouble and distress me,
   'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
   Life with trials hard may press me,
   Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
   Oh! 'tis not in grief to harm me,
   While Thy love is left to me!
   Oh! 'twere not in joy to charm me,
   Were that joy unmix'd with Thee!
DEDICATION TO GOD.

8 Take, my soul, thy full salvation;  
Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1833.

660 "My Beloved is mine, and I am His.

1 WHEN I had wander'd from His fold,  
His love the wanderer sought;  
When slave-like into bondage sold,  
His blood my freedom bought.

2 Therefore that life, by Him redeem'd,  
Is His through all its days;  
And as with blessings it hath teem'd,  
So let it teem with praise.

3 For I am His, and He is mine,  
The God whom I adore!  
My Father, Saviour, Comforter,  
Now and for evermore!

4 When sunk in sorrow, I despair'd,  
And changed my hopes for fears,  
He bore my griefs, my burden shared,  
And wiped away my tears.

5 Therefore the joy by Him restored,  
To Him by right belongs;  
And to my gracious loving Lord,  
I'll sing through life my songs:

6 For I am His, and He is mine,  
The God whom I adore!  
My Father, Saviour, Comforter,  
Now and for evermore!

John S. B. Monsell, 1863.

661 "The Lord is my Portion." C.M.

1 FROM pole to pole let others roam,  
And search in vain for bliss;  
My soul is satisfied at home,  
The Lord my portion is.
DEDICATION TO GOD.

2 Jesus, who on His glorious throne
   Rules heaven, and earth, and sea,
Is pleased to claim me for His own,
   And give Himself to me.

3 His person fixes all my love,
   His blood removes my fear;
And while He pleads for me above,
   His arm preserves me here.

4 His word of promise is my food,
   His Spirit is my guide;
Thus daily is my strength renew'd,
   And all my wants supplied.

5 For Him I count as gain each loss,
   Disgrace for Him, renown;
Well may I glory in His cross,
   While He prepares my crown!

John Newton, 1779.

662 Choosing the better Part. L.M.

1 Beset with snares on every hand,
   In life's uncertain path I stand;
Saviour divine, diffuse Thy light,
   To guide my doubtful footsteps right.

2 Engage this roving, treacherous heart
   To fix on Mary's better part,
To scorn the trifles of a day
   For joys that none can take away.

3 Then let the wildest storms arise;
   Let tempests mingle earth and skies;
No fatal shipwreck shall I fear,
   But all my treasures with me bear.

4 If Thou, my Jesus, still be nigh,
   Cheerful I live, and joyful die;
Secure, when mortal comforts flee,
   To find ten thousand worlds in Thee.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

663 Jesus, I am Thine! 7s.

1 Jesus, spotless Lamb of God,
   Thou hast bought me with Thy blood,
I would value nought beside
   Jesus—Jesus crucified.
DEDICATION TO GOD.

2 I am Thine, and Thine alone,  
This I gladly, fully own;  
And, in all my works and ways,  
Only now would seek Thy praise.

3 Help me to confess Thy name,  
Bear with joy Thy cross and shame,  
Only seek to follow Thee,  
Though reproach my portion be.

4 When Thou shalt in glory come,  
And I reach my heavenly home,  
Louder still my lips shall own  
I am Thine, and Thine alone.

James George Deck, 1845.

664 Safety and Consecration. C. M.

1 HOW can I sink with such a prop  
As my eternal God,  
Who bears the earth's huge pillars up,  
And spreads the heavens abroad?

2 How can I die while Jesus lives,  
Who rose and left the dead?  
Pardon and grace my soul receives  
From mine exalted Head.

3 All that I am, and all I have,  
Shall be for ever Thine;  
Whate'er my duty bids me give,  
My cheerful hands resign.

4 Yet if I might make some reserve,  
And duty did not call.  
I love my God with zeal so great,  
That I should give Him all.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
SEEKING TO PERSEVERE.

LONGINGS FOR PERSEVERANCE IN GRACE.

665  Keep us, Lord.  8.7.4.

1 KEEP us, Lord, oh keep us ever,
   Vain our hope if left by Thee;
   We are Thine, oh leave us never,
   Till Thy face in heaven we see;
   There to praise Thee
   Through a bright eternity.

2 All our strength at once would fail us,
   If deserted, Lord, by Thee;
   Nothing then could aught avail us,
   Certain our defeat would be:
   Those who hate us
   Thenceforth their desire would see.

3 But we look to Thee as able,
   Grace to give in time of need:
   Heaven we know is not more stable,
   Than the promise which we plead:
   'Tis Thy promise
   Gives Thy people hope indeed.

   Thomas Kelly, 1815.

666 "Will ye also go?"  C.M.

1 WHEN any turn from Zion's way,
   (Alas, what numbers do!)
   Methinks I hear my Saviour say,
   "Wilt thou forsake Me too?"

2 Ah, Lord! with such a heart as mine,
   Unless Thou hold me fast,
   I feel I must, I shall decline,
   And prove like them at last.

3 Yet Thou alone hast power I know,
   To save a wretch like me;
   To whom or whither could I go,
   If I should turn from Thee?
SEEKING TO PERSEVERE.

4 Beyond a doubt, I rest assured
   Thou art the Christ of God;
   Who has eternal life secured
   By promise and by blood.

5 The help of men and angels join'd
   Could never reach my case;
   Nor can I hope relief to find
   But in Thy boundless grace.

6 No voice but Thine can give me rest,
   And bid my fears depart;
   No love but Thine can make me blest,
   And satisfy my heart.

7 What anguish has that question stirr'd,
   If I will also go;
   Yet, Lord, relying on Thy word,
   I humbly answer, No.

John Newton, 1779.

667 Leave Thee—never. 8.7.4.

1 LEAVE Thee! no, my dearest Saviour,
   Thee whose blood my pardon bought;
   Slight Thy mercy, scorn Thy favour!
   Perish such an impious thought:
   Leave Thee—never!
   Where for peace could I resort?

2 Be offended at Thee—never!
   Thee to whom my all I owe;
   Rather shall my heart endeavour
   With unceasing love to glow:
   Leave Thee—never!
   Where for safety could I go?

3 Thou alone art my salvation;
   There is none can save but Thee:
   Thou, through Thy divine oblation,
   From my guilt hast set me free:
   Leave Thee—never!
   Thou who deign'dst to die for me.
SEEKING TO PERSEVERE.

But, O Lord, Thou know'st my weakness,
Know'st how prone I am to stray;
God of love, of truth, of meekness,
Guide and keep me in Thy way;
Blest Redeemer!
Let me never from Thee stray.

J. Stamp's Spiritual Song Book, 1845.

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Let us not fall. L. M.

1 LORD, through the desert drear and wide,
Our erring footsteps need a guide;
Keep us, oh keep us near Thy side.
Let us not fall. Let us not fall.

2 We have no fear that Thou shouldst lose
One whom eternal love could choose;
But we would ne'er this grace abuse.
Let us not fall. Let us not fall.

3 Lord, we are blind, and halt, and lame.
We have no strong-hold but Thy name.
Great is our fear to bring it shame.
Let us not fall. Let us not fall.

4 Lord, evermore Thy face we seek:
Tempted we are, and poor, and weak;
Keep us with lowly hearts, and meek.
Let us not fall. Let us not fall.

5 All Thy good work in us complete,
And seat us daily at Thy feet;
Thy love, Thy words, Thy name, how sweet!
Let us not fall. Let us not fall.

Hymns for the Children of God, 1851.

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None but Christ. L. M.

1 THOU only Sovereign of my heart,
My refuge, my almighty Friend,
And can my soul from Thee depart,
On whom alone my hopes depend?

2 Whither, ah, whither shall I go,
A wretched wanderer from my Lord?
Could this dark world of sin and woe,
One glimpse of happiness afford?
COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE.

3 Eternal life Thy words impart;  
On these my fainting spirit lives;  
Here sweeter comforts cheer my heart,  
Than all the round of nature gives.

4 Let earth's alluring joys combine,  
While Thou art near, in vain they call;  
One smile, one blissful smile of Thine,  
My gracious Lord, outweighs them all.

5 Low at Thy feet my soul would lie,  
Here safety dwells, and peace divine;  
Still let me live beneath Thine eye,  
For life, eternal life is Thine.

Anne Steele, 1760.

COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE.

670 Not ashamed of the Gospel. C.M.

1 I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,  
Or to defend His cause;  
Maintain the honour of His word,  
The glory of His cross.

2 Jesus, my God! I know His name,  
His name is all my trust;  
Nor will He put my soul to shame,  
Nor let my hope be lost.

3 Firm as His throne His promise stands,  
And He can well secure  
What I've committed to His hands,  
Till the decisive hour.

4 Then will He own my worthless name  
Before His Father's face;  
And in the New Jerusalem  
Appoint my soul a place.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE.

671 Holy Fortitude. C.M.

1 Am I a soldier of the cross,
   A follower of the Lamb?
   And shall I fear to own His cause,
   Or blush to speak His name?

2 Must I be carried to the skies
   On flowery beds of ease;
   While others fought to win the prize,
   And sail'd through bloody seas?

3 Are there no foes for me to face?
   Must I not stem the flood?
   Is this vile world a friend to grace,
   To help me on to God?

4 Sure I must fight if I would reign;
   Increase my courage, Lord!
   I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
   Supported by Thy word.

   Isaac Watts, 1721.

672 The Christian Warrior exhorted S.M.

1 Soldiers of Christ, arise,
   And put your armour on,
   Strong in the strength which God supplies
   Through His eternal Son:

2 Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
   And in His mighty power;
   Who in the strength of Jesus trusts,
   Is more than conqueror.

3 Stand, then, in His great might,
   With all His strength endued;
   But take, to arm you for the fight,
   The panoply of God.

4 To keep your armour bright,
   Attend with constant care,
   Still walking in your Captain's sight,
   And watching unto prayer.

5 In fellowship alone,
   To God with faith draw near;
   Approach His courts, besiege His throne
   With all the power of prayer:
673 "A good Soldier of Jesus Christ." 7s.

1 Of late in sorrow, oft in woe,
Onward, Christians, onward go;
Fight the fight, maintain the strife,
Strengthen'd with the bread of life.

2 Let your drooping hearts be glad;
March in heavenly armour clad:
Fight, nor think the battle long,
Soon shall victory tune your song.

3 Let not sorrow dim your eye,
Soon shall every tear be dry;
Let not fears your course impede,
Great your strength if great your need.

4 Onward, then, to glory move,
More than conquerors ye shall prove;
Though opposed by many a foe,
Christian soldiers, onward go.

Henry Kirke White, 1806.
Fanny Fuller Maitland, 1827.

674 Stand up for Jesus. 7.6.

1 STAND up! Stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the cross!
Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss:
From victory unto victory
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquish'd,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet-call obey:
Forth to the mighty conflict,
In this His glorious day;
COURLAGE AND CONFIDENCE.

Ye that are men, now serve Him,
Against unnumber'd foes;
Your courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
Stand in His strength alone:
The arm of flesh will fail you;
Ye dare not trust your own:
Put on the gospel armour,
And watching unto prayer,
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.

4 Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To Him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

George Duffield, 1858.

"Be strong; fear not." L. M.

1 Now let the feeble all be strong,
And make Jehovah's arm their song;
His shield is spread o'er every saint,
And thus supported, who shall faint?

2 What though the hosts of hell engage
With mingled cruelty and rage!
A faithful God restrains their hands,
And chains them down in iron bands.

3 Bound by His word, He will display
A strength proportion'd to our day;
And, when united trials meet,
Will show a path of safe retreat.

4 Thus far we prove that promise good,
Which Jesus ratified with blood:
Still He is gracious, wise, and just,
And still in Him let Israel trust.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.
COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE.

676 God is all-sufficient. L.M.

1 A WAKE our souls, away our fears, Let every trembling thought begone, Awake, and run the heavenly race, And put a cheerful courage on.

2 True, 'tis a straight and thorny road, And mortal spirits tire and faint; But they forget the mighty God That feeds the strength of every saint.

3 Thee, mighty God, whose matchless power Is ever new and ever young, And firm endures, while endless years Their everlasting circles run.

4 From Thee, the overflowing spring, Our souls shall drink a fresh supply, While such as trust their native strength, Shall melt away, and droop, and die.

5 Swift as an eagle cuts the air, We'll mount aloft to Thine abode; On wings of love our souls shall fly, Nor tire amidst the heavenly road.

Isaac Watts, 1709

677 Be of good Courage. C.M.

1 WHENCE do our mournful thoughts arise, And where's our courage fled? Have restless sin and raging hell Struck all our comforts dead?

2 Have we forgot the Almighty Name That form'd the earth and sea; And can an all-creating arm Grow weary or decay?

3 Treasures of everlasting might In our Jehovah dwell; He gives the conquest to the weak, And treads their foes to hell.

4 Mere mortal power shall fade and die, And youthful vigour cease; But we that wait upon the Lord Shall feel our strength increase.
COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE.

5 The saints shall mount on eagles' wings,
   And taste the promised bliss,
   Till their unwearied feet arrive
   Where perfect pleasure is.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

678 The Christian Warfare.   L. M.

1 STAND up, my soul, shake off thy fears,
   And gird the gospel-armour on;
   March to the gates of endless joy,
   Where thy great Captain-Saviour's gone.

2 Hell and thy sins resist thy course;
   But hell and sin are vanquish'd foes;
   Thy Jesus nail'd them to the cross,
   And sung the triumph when He rose.

3 What though thine inward lusts rebel?
   'Tis but a struggling gasp for life;
   The weapons of victorious grace
   Shall slay thy sins, and end the strife.

4 Then let my soul march boldly on,
   Press forward to the heavenly gate;
   There peace and joy eternal reign,
   And glittering robes for conquerors wait.

5 There shall I wear a starry crown,
   And triumph in almighty grace;
   While all the armies of the skies
   Join in my glorious Leader's praise.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

679 Our victorious Lord.   S. M.

1 JESU'S tremendous name
   Puts all our foes to flight:
   Jesus, the meek, the angry Lamb,
   A Lion is in fight.

2 By all hell's host withstood;
   We all hell's host o'erthrow;
   And conquering them, through Jesu's blood
   We still to conquer go.
COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE.

3 Our Captain leads us on;
   He beckons from the skies,
And reaches out a starry crown,
   And bids us take the prize:
4 "Be faithful unto death;
   Partake my victory;
   And thou shalt wear this glorious wreath,
   And thou shalt reign with me."

Charles Wesley, 1749.

680 More than Conqueror. S. M.

1 His be the "victor's name,"
   Who fought our fight alone;
Triumphant saints no honour claim;
   His conquest was His own.
2 He hell in hell laid low;
   Made sin, He sin o'erthrew:
Bow'd to the grave, destroy'd it so,
   And death, by dying, slew.
3 What though the accuser roar
   Of ills that we have done;
We know them well, and thousands more;
   Jehovah findeth none.
4 Sin, Satan, Death appear
   To harass and appal;
Yet since the gracious Lord is near,
   Backward they go, and fall.
5 We meet them face to face,
   Through Jesus' conquest blest;
March in the triumph of His grace,
   Right onward to our rest.
6 Bless, bless the Conqueror slain;
   Slain in His victory!
Who lived, who died, who lives again,
   For thee, His church, for thee!

Samuel W. Gandy, 1842

681 Christ our Strength. L. M.

1 Let me but hear my Saviour say,
   Strength shall be equal to thy day!
Then I rejoice in deep distress,
   Leaning on all-sufficient grace.
COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE.

2 I glory in infirmity,  
That Christ's own power may rest on me:  
When I am weak, then am I strong,  
Grace is my shield, and Christ my song.

3 I can do all things, or can bear  
All sufferings, if my Lord be there:  
Sweet pleasures mingle with the pains,  
While His left hand my head sustains.

4 But if the Lord be once withdrawn,  
And we attempt the work alone,  
When new temptations spring and rise,  
We find how great our weakness is.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

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Sufficient Grace. C.M.

1 KIND are the words that Jesus speaks  
To cheer the drooping saint;  
"My grace sufficient is for you,  
Though nature's powers may faint.

2 "My grace its glories shall display,  
And make your griefs remove:  
Your weakness shall the triumphs tell  
Of boundless power and love."

3 What though my griefs are not removed,  
Yet why should I despair?  
While my kind Saviour's arms support,  
I can the burden bear.

4 Jesus, my Saviour and my Lord,  
'Tis good to trust Thy name;  
Thy power, Thy faithfulness, and love,  
Will ever be the same.

5 Weak as I am, yet through Thy grace  
I all things can perform;  
And, smiling, triumph in Thy name,  
Amid the raging storm.

John Needham, 1768.
COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE.

683  
Jesus still the same.  
L.M.

1 HOW frail and fallible am I!  
What weakness marks my changing frame!  
Yet there is strength and comfort nigh,  
For, Jesus, Thou art still the same.

2 Thy love immortal and divine,  
No coldness damp, no time destroys;  
Through countless ages it will shine,  
Bright source of everlasting joys.

3 On Thy sure mercy I depend  
In all my trials, wants, and woes;  
For Thou art an unchanging Friend,  
Sweet is the peace Thy hand bestows.

4 Hast Thou protected me thus far,  
To leave me in the dangerous hour?  
Shall Satan be allow'd to mar  
Thy work, or to resist Thy power?

5 Oh never wilt Thou leave the soul  
That flies for refuge to Thy breast!  
Thy love, which once hath made me whole,  
Shall guide me to eternal rest.

6 Though stars be from their courses hurl'd,  
Though mighty ruin should descend  
Wide o'er a desolated world;  
The love of Jesus knows no end.

William Hiley Bathurst, 1831.

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My Heart is fixed.  
L.M., or 8s., 6 lines.

1 NOW I have found the ground, wherein  
Sure my soul's anchor may remain:  
The wounds of Jesus, for my sin  
Before the world's foundation slain:  
Whose mercy shall unshaken stay,  
When heaven and earth are fled away.

2 O love! thou bottomless abyss!  
My sins are swallow'd up in thee;  
Cover'd is my unrighteousness,  
Nor spot of guilt remains on me.  
While Jesus' blood, through earth and skies,  
Mercy, free, boundless mercy cries!
COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE.

3 With faith I plunge me in this sea;
Here is my hope, my joy, my rest!
Hither, when hell assails, I flee,
I look into my Saviour's breast;
Away, sad doubt, and anxious fear!
Mercy is all that's written there.

4 Though waves and storms go o'er my head,
Though strength, and health, and friends be gone,
Though joys be wither'd all, and dead,
Though every comfort be withdrawn;
On this my steadfast soul relies,
Father, Thy mercy never dies.

5 Fix'd on this ground will I remain,
Though my heart fail, and flesh decay;
This anchor shall my soul sustain,
When earth's foundations melt away;
Mercy's full power I then shall prove,
Loved with an everlasting love.

John Andrew Rothe, 1731;
tr. by John Wesley, 1740.

685 Be of good Courage. S.M.

1 Your harps, ye trembling saints,
Down from the willows take:
Loud to the praise of love divine,
Bid every string awake.

2 Though in a foreign land,
We are not far from home;
And nearer to our house above
We every moment come.

3 His grace will to the end
Stronger and brighter shine;
Nor present things, nor things to come,
Shall quench the spark divine.

4 The people of His choice,
He will not cast away;
Yet do not always here expect
On Tabor's mount to stay.
COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE.

5 When we in darkness walk, 
Nor feel the heavenly flame; 
Then is the time to trust our God, 
And rest upon His name.

6 Soon shall our doubts and fears 
Subside at His control; 
His loving-kindness shall break through 
The midnight of the soul.

7 Wait till the shadows flee; 
Wait thy appointed hour, 
Wait till the Bridegroom of thy soul 
Reveal His sovereign power.

8 Tarry His leisure then, 
Although He seem to stay, 
A moment's intercourse with Him, 
Thy grief will overpay.

9 Blest is the man, 0 God, 
That stays himself on Thee! 
Who wait for Thy salvation, Lord, 
Shall Thy salvation see.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1772.

686 The Christian encouraged. S.M.

1 GIVE to the winds thy fears; 
Hope, and be undismay'd; 
God hears thy sighs, and counts thy tears: 
God shall lift up thy head.

2 Through waves, and clouds, and storms, 
He gently clears thy way; 
Wait thou His time; so shall the night 
Soon end in joyous day.

3 He everywhere hath sway, 
And all things serve His might; 
His every act pure blessing is, 
His path unsullied light.

4 When He makes bare His arm, 
What shall His work withstand? 
When He His people's cause defends, 
Who, who shall stay His hand?
COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE.

5 Leave to His sovereign sway
To choose and to command;
With wonder fill’d, thou then shalt own
How wise, how strong His hand.

6 Thou comprehend’st Him not;
Yet earth and heaven tell,
God sits as Sovereign on His throne,
He ruleth all things well.

7 Thou seest our weakness, Lord,
Our hearts are known to Thee:
Oh lift Thou up the sinking hand,
Confirm the feeble knee!

8 Let us, in life and death,
Thy steadfast truth declare;
And publish, with our latest breath,
Thy love, and guardian care.

Paul Gerhardt, 1659;
tr. by John Wesley, 1739, a.

687 Weakness confessed, but security enjoyed.

1 I THOUGHT that I was strong, Lord,
And did not need Thine arm:
 Though troubles throng’d around me,
My heart felt no alarm.

2 I thought I nothing needed,
Riches, nor dress, nor sight;
And on I walk’d in darkness,
And still I thought it light.

3 But Thou hast broke the spell, Lord,
And waked me from my dream;
The light has burst upon me
With bright unerring beam.

4 I know Thy blood has cleansed me,
I know that I’m forgiven;
And all the roughest pathways
Will surely end in heaven.

5 I know that I am Thine, Lord,
And that none can pluck away
The feeblest sheep that ever yet
Did make Thine arm its stay.

Joseph Denham Smith’s Coll., 1860.
PEACEFUL TRUST.

688 Delight in God. C.M.

1 O LORD, I would delight in Thee,
   And on Thy care depend;
   To Thee in every trouble flee,
   My best, my only friend.

2 When all created streams are dried,
   Thy fulness is the same;
   May I with this be satisfied,
   And glory in Thy name!

3 Why should the soul a drop bemoan,
   Who has a fountain near;
   A fountain which will ever run
   With waters sweet and clear?

4 No good in creatures can be found
   But may be found in Thee;
   I must have all things, and abound,
   While God is God to me.

5 Oh that I had a stronger faith,
   To look within the veil;
   To credit what my Saviour saith,
   Whose word can never fail!

6 He that has made my heaven secure,
   Will here all good provide;
   While Christ is rich, can I be poor?
   What can I want beside?

7 O Lord! I cast my care on Thee,
   I triumph and adore:
   Henceforth my great concern shall be
   To love and please Thee more.

   John Ryland, 1777.

689 "Trust ye in the Lord for ever." 78.

1 WHEN we cannot see our way,
   Let us trust, and still obey;
   He who bids us forward go,
   Cannot fail the way to show.
PEACEFUL TRUST.

2 Though enwrapt in gloomy night,
   We perceive no ray of light;
   Since the Lord Himself is here,
   'Tis not meet that we should fear.

3 Night with Him is never night,
   Where He is, there all is light;
   When He calls us, why delay?
   They are happy who obey.

4 Be it ours then, while we're here,
   Him to follow without fear;
   Where He calls us, there to go;
   What He bids us, that to do.

   "Thomas Kelly, 1815, a.

690 Confidence in God. L.M.

1 My spirit looks to God alone;
   My rock and refuge is His throne;
   In all my fears, in all my straits,
   My soul on His salvation waits.

2 Trust Him, ye saints, in all your ways;
   Pour out your hearts before His face;
   When helpers fail, and foes invade,
   God is our all-sufficient aid.

   "Isaac Watts, 1719.

691 Freedom from Care. C.M.

1 I bow me to Thy will, O God,
   And all Thy ways adore;
   And every day I live I'll seek
   To please Thee more and more.

2 I love to kiss each print where Christ
   Did set His pilgrim feet;
   Nor can I fear that blessèd path,
   Whose traces are so sweet.

3 When obstacles and trials seem
   Like prison walls to be,
   I do the little I can do,
   And leave the rest to Thee.
PEACEFUL TRUST.

4 I have no cares, O blessed Lord,
    For all my cares are Thine;
    I live in triumph, too, for Thou
    Hast made Thy triumphs mine.

5 And when it seems no chance nor change
    From grief can set me free,
    Hope finds its strength in helplessness,
    And, patient, waits on Thee.

6 Lead on, lead on, triumphantly,
    O blessed Lord, lead on!
    Faith's pilgrim-sons behind Thee seek
    The road that Thou hast gone.

From the Latin,
W. Reid's Hymns of Praise, 1865.

692 Trust for the Future. C.M.

1 ALMIGHTY Father of mankind,
    On Thee my hopes remain;
    And when the day of trouble comes,
    I shall not trust in vain.

2 In early days Thou wast my guide,
    And of my youth the friend;
    And as my days began with Thee,
    With Thee my days shall end.

3 I know the power in whom I trust,
    The arm on which I lean;
    He will my Saviour ever be,
    Who has my Saviour been.

4 My God, who caused'st me to hope,
    When life began to beat,
    And when a stranger in the world,
    Didst guide my wandering feet.

5 Thou wilt not cast me off when age
    And evil days descend;
    Thou wilt not leave me in despair,
    To mourn my latter end.

6 Therefore in life I'll trust to Thee,
    In death I will adore;
    And after death I'll sing Thy praise,
    When time shall be no more.

    Michael Bruce, 1781.
Zeal.

693 Dependence on God. C. M.

1 ETERNAL God! we look to Thee,
To Thee for help we fly;
Thine eye alone our wants can see,
Thy hand alone supply.

2 Lord! let Thy fear within us dwell,
Thy love our footsteps guide:
That love will all vain love expel;
That fear all fear beside.

3 Not what we wish, but what we want,
Oh, let Thy grace supply:
The good unask'd, in mercy grant;
The ill, though ask'd, deny.

James Merrick, 1765.

Christian Zeal.

694 Running the Christian race. C. M.

1 AWAKE, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigour on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

2 'Tis God's all-animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'Tis His own hand presents the prize
To thine aspiring eye.

3 A cloud of witnesses around
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

4 Bless'd Saviour, introduced by Thee,
Have we our race begun;
And crown'd with victory, at Thy feet
We'll lay our honours down.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.
PATIENCE AND RESIGNATION.

695  Zeal in Duty.  L. M.

1 Awake my zeal, awake my love,
   To serve my Saviour here below,
   In works which perfect saints above,
   And holy angels cannot do.

2 Awake my charity, to feed
   The hungry soul, and clothe the poor:
   In heaven are found no sons of need,
   There all these duties are no more.

3 Subdue thy passions, O my soul!
   Maintain the fight, thy work pursue;
   Daily thy rising sins control,
   And be thy victories ever new.

4 The land of triumph lies on high,
   There are no fields of battle there;
   Lord, I would conquer till I die,
   And finish all the glorious war.

5 Let every flying hour confess
   I gain Thy gospel fresh renown;
   And when my life and labours cease,
   May I possess the promised crown!

Isaac Watts, 1720.

PATIENCE AND RESIGNATION.

696  The Request.  C.M.

1 Father, whate'er of earthly bliss
   Thy sovereign will denies,
   Accepted at Thy throne of grace
   Let this petition rise:

2 "Give me a calm, a thankful heart,
   From every murmur free;
   The blessings of Thy grace impart,
   And make me live to Thee.
PATIENCE AND RESIGNATION.

3 "Let the sweet hope that Thou art mine
   My life and death attend:
   Thy presence through my journey shine,
   And crown my journey's end."
   
   Anne Steele, 1760.

697 "Give us Day by Day our daily Bread."

1 DAY by day the manna fell;
   Oh! to learn this lesson well:
   Still by constant mercy fed,
   Give me, Lord, my daily bread.

2 "Day by day," the promise reads;
   Daily strength for daily needs:
   Cast foreboding fears away;
   Take the manna of to-day.

3 Lord, my times are in Thy hand;
   All my sanguine hopes have plann'd
   To Thy wisdom I resign,
   And would make Thy purpose mine.

4 Thou my daily task shalt give;
   Day by day to Thee I live:
   So shall added years fulfil,
   Not mine own—my Father's will.

5 Fond ambition, whisper not;
   Happy is my humble lot:
   Anxious, busy cares away!
   I'm provided for to-day.

6 Oh to live exempt from care,
   By the energy of prayer;
   Strong in faith, with mind subdued;
   Yet elate with gratitude!
   
   Josiah Conder, 1837.

698 Submission.

1 LORD! my best desires fulfil,
   And help me to resign
   Life, health, and comfort to Thy will,
   And make Thy pleasure mine.
PATIENCE AND RESIGNATION.

2 Why should I shrink at Thy command,
    Whose love forbids my fears?
Or tremble at the gracious hand
    That wipes away my tears?

3 No, let me rather freely yield
    What most I prize to Thee,
Who never hast a good withheld,
    Nor wilt withhold, from me.

4 Thy favour all my journey through
    Thou art engaged to grant;
What else I want, or think I do,
    'Tis better still to want.

5 But ah! my inmost spirit cries,
    Still bind me to Thy sway?
Else the next cloud, that veils my skies,
    Drives all these thoughts away.

William Cowper, 1779.

699 "Not as I will, but
    as Thou wilt." 8.8.8.4., or L. M.

1 My God and Father! while I stray
    Far from my home, in life's rough way,
Oh! teach me from my heart to say,
    "Thy will be done!"

2 If Thou shouldst call me to resign
    What most I prize—it ne'er was mine;
I only yield Thee what was Thine:
    "Thy will be done!"

3 If but my fainting heart be blest
    With Thy sweet Spirit for its guest,
My God to Thee I leave the rest;
    "Thy will be done!"

4 Renew my will from day to day:
    Blend it with Thine, and take away
All that now makes it hard to say,
    "Thy will be done!"

5 Then when on earth I breathe no more
    The prayer oft mix'd with tears before,
I'll sing upon a happier shore,
    "Thy will be done!"

Charlotte Elliott, 1834.
PATIENCE AND RESIGNATION.

1 LORD, it belongs not to my care,  
   Whether I die or live;  
   To love and serve Thee is my share,  
   And this Thy grace must give.

2 If life be long I will be glad,  
   That I may long obey:  
   If short—yet why should I be sad  
   To soar to endless day?

3 Christ leads me through no darker rooms  
   Than He went through before;  
   He that into God’s kingdom comes,  
   Must enter by this door.

4 Come Lord, when grace hath made me meet,  
   Thy blessed face to see;  
   For if Thy work on earth be sweet,  
   What will Thy glory be?

5 Then I shall end my sad complaints,  
   And weary, sinful days;  
   And join with the triumphant saints,  
   That sing Jehovah’s praise.

6 My knowledge of that life is small,  
   The eye of faith is dim;  
   But ’tis enough that Christ knows all,  
   And I shall be with Him.

Richard Baxter, 1681.

701 “My times are in Thy hand.” S. M.

1 Our times are in Thy hand,  
   Father, we wish them there,  
   Our life, our soul, our all, we leave  
   Entirely to Thy care.

2 Our times are in Thy hand,  
   Whatever they may be,  
   Pleasing or painful, dark or bright,  
   As best may seem to Thee.

3 Our times are in Thy hand,  
   Why should we doubt or fear?  
   A Father’s hand will never cause  
   His child a needless tear.
PATIENCE AND RESIGNATION.

4 Our times are in Thy hand,
   Jesus, the Crucified!
The hand our many sins had pierced
   Is now our guard and guide.

5 Our times are in Thy hand,
   We'll always trust in Thee;
Till we have left this weary land,
   And all Thy glory see.

_Hymns for the Poor of the Flock, 1842._

702 Resignation. C. M.

1 My times of sorrow and of joy,
   Great God, are in Thy hand;
   My choicest comforts come from Thee,
   And go at Thy command.

2 If Thou shouldst take them all away,
   Yet would I not repine;
   Before they were possess'd by me,
   They were entirely Thine.

3 Nor would I drop a murmuring word,
   Though the whole world were gone,
   But seek enduring happiness
   In Thee, and Thee alone.

4 What is the world with all its store?
   'Tis but a bitter sweet;
   When I attempt to pluck the rose,
   A pricking thorn I meet.

5 Here perfect bliss can ne'er be found,
   The honey's mix'd with gall;
   Midst changing scenes and dying friends,
   Be Thou my All in All.

_Benjamin Beddome, 1818._

703 "He shall choose our inheritance for us." S. M.

1 Thy way, not mine, O Lord,
   However dark it be;
   Oh lead me by Thine own right hand,
   Choose out the path for me.
HUMILITY.

2 Smooth let it be or rough,
   It will be still the best;
Winding or straight, it matters not,
   It leads me to Thy rest.

3 I dare not choose my lot,
   I would not if I might;
But choose Thou for me, O my God,
   So shall I walk aright.

4 Take Thou my cup, and it
   With joy or sorrow fill;
As ever best to Thee may seem,
   Choose Thou my good and ill.

5 Choose Thou for me my friend,
   My sickness or my health;
Choose Thou my joys and cares for me,
   My poverty or wealth.

6 Not mine, not mine the choice,
   In things or great or small;
Be Thou my Guide, my Guard, my Strength,
   My Wisdom, and my All.

Horatius Bonar, 1856, a.

HUMILITY.

704 A Prayer for Humility.  78.

1 LORD, if Thou Thy grace impart,
   Poor in spirit, meek in heart,
I shall as my Master be,
   Rooted in humility.

2 Simple, teachable, and mild,
   Awed into a little child;
Pleased with all the Lord provides,
   Wean'd from all the world besides.

3 Father, fix my soul on Thee;
   Every evil let me flee;
Nothing want, beneath, above,
   Happy only in Thy love!
HUMILITY.

4 Oh that all might seek and find
    Every good in Jesus join'd!
Him let Israel still adore,
Trust Him, praise Him evermore!
    Charles Wesley, 1741, a.

705 "Blessed are the pure in Heart,
    for they shall see God."
    S. M.

1 BLESS'D are the pure in heart,
    For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
    Their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
    Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
    Their Pattern and their King;

3 He to the lowly soul
    Doth still Himself impart,
And for His dwelling and His throne
    Chooseth the pure in heart.

4 Lord, we Thy presence seek;
    May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
    A temple meet for Thee.

5 All glory, Lord, to Thee,
    Whom heaven and earth adore,
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
    One God for evermore.
    John Keble, 1827, a.

706 The Mind of Jesus.    C. M.

1 JESUS! exalted far on high,
    To whom a name is given;
A name surpassing every name,
    That's known in earth or heaven:

2 Before whose throne shall every knee
    Bow down with one accord;
Before whose throne shall every tongue
    Confess that Thou art Lord.
GRATITUDE.

3 Jesus! who in the form of God
    Didst equal honour claim,
Yet, to redeem our guilty souls,
    Didst stoop to death and shame.

4 Oh may that mind in us be form'd,
    Which shone so bright in Thee;
May we be humble, lowly, meek,
    From pride and envy free.

5 May we to others stoop, and learn
    To emulate Thy love;
So shall we bear Thine image here,
    And share Thy throne above.

Thomas Cotterill, 1812.

SACRED GRATITUDE.

707  Sweet Songs from saved Souls.

1 Who can praise the blessed God,
    Like a sinner saved by grace?
Angels cannot sing so loud,
    Though they see Him face to face—
Sinless angels ne'er can know
    What a debt saved sinners owe.

2 Where iniquity's forgiven,
    There the grateful strains arise:
He who knows the love of heaven,
    Sings the songs which grace supplies:
Precious songs of sins forgiven,
    Sweetest melody of heaven.

Albert Midlane, 1864.

708  "Return unto thy Rest."  C.M.

1 My heart is resting, O my God;
    I will give thanks and sing;
My heart is at the secret source
    Of every precious thing.
GRATITUDE.

2 Now the frail vessel Thou hast made
   No hand but Thine shall fill;
The waters of the earth have fail'd,
   And I am thirsting still.

3 I thirst for springs of heavenly life,
   And here all day they rise;
I seek the treasure of Thy love,
   And close at hand it lies.

4 And a "new song" is in my mouth,
   To long-loved music set;
Glory to Thee for all the grace
   I have not tasted yet.

5 I have a heritage of joy
   That yet I must not see:
The hand that bled to make it mine,
   Is keeping it for me.

6 My heart is resting on His truth,
   Who hath made all things mine;
Who draws my captive will to Him,
   And makes it one with Thine.

Anna Letitia Waring, 1850, a.

709 "What shall I render ?" C. M.

1 For mercies countless as the sands
   Which daily I receive
From Jesus' my Redeemer's hands,
   My soul, what canst thou give?

2 Alas! from such a heart as mine
   What can I bring Him forth?
My best is stain'd and dyed with sin;
   My all is nothing worth.

3 Yet this acknowledgment I'll make
   For all He has bestow'd;
Salvation's sacred cup I'll take,
   And call upon my God.

4 The best return for one like me,
   So wretched and so poor,
Is from His gifts to draw a plea,
   And ask Him still for more.
JOY AND PEACE.

5 I cannot serve Him as I ought;  
   No works have I to boast;  
   Yet would I glory in the thought,  
   That I should owe Him most.

   John Newton, 1779.

Gratitude for daily Mercy.  C. M.

1 LORD, in the day Thou art about  
   The paths wherein I tread;  
   And in the night, when I lie down,  
   Thou art about my bed.

2 While others in God's prisons lie,  
   Bound with affliction's chain,  
   I walk at large, secure and free  
   From sickness and from pain.

3 'Tis Thou dost crown my hopes and plans  
   With good success each day;  
   This crown, together with myself,  
   At Thy blest feet I lay.

4 Oh let my house a temple be,  
   That I and mine may sing  
   Hosanna to Thy Majesty,  
   And praise our heavenly King!

Cento by John Hampden Gurney, 1838—1851,  
   From John Mason, 1688.

JOY AND PEACE.

God's Presence is Light in Darkness.  C. M.

1 M Y God, the spring of all my joys,  
   The life of my delights,  
   The glory of my brightest days,  
   And comfort of my nights.

2 In darkest shades if He appear,  
   My dawning is begun;  
   Hc is my soul's sweet morning star,  
   And He my rising sun.
JOY AND PEACE.

3 The opening heavens around me shine
    With beams of sacred bliss,
    While Jesus shows His heart is mine,
    And whispers, I am His.

4 My soul would leave this heavy clay
    At that transporting word,
    Run up with joy the shining way
    To embrace my dearest Lord.

5 Fearless of hell and ghastly death,
    I'd break through every foe;
    The wings of love, and arms of faith,
    Should bear me conqueror through.

     Isaac Watts, 1709.

712 Christ unseen but beloved. S.M.

1 NOT with our mortal eyes
    Have we beheld the Lord;
    Yet we rejoice to hear His name,
    And love Him in His word.

2 On earth we want the sight
    Of our Redeemer's face;
    Yet, Lord, our inmost thoughts delight
    To dwell upon Thy grace.

3 And when we taste Thy love,
    Our joys divinely grow,
    Unspeakable, like those above,
    And heaven begins below.

     Isaac Watts, 1709.

713 Sing, ye Saints. 8.7.

1 SING, ye saints, admire and wonder,
    Jesu's matchless love adore:
    Sing, for Sinai's awful thunder
    Shall upon you burst no more.

2 Sing, in spite of Satan's lying;
    Sing, though sins are black and large:
    Sing, for Jesus, by His dying,
    Set you free from every charge.

3 Sing, though sense and carnal reason
    Fain would stop the joyful song:
    Sing, and count it highest treason
    For a saint to hold his tongue.
JOY AND PEACE.

4 Sing ye loud, whose holy calling
   Your election plainly shows;
   Sing, nor fear a final falling,
   Jesu's love no changes knows.

5 Sing, for you shall heaven inherit,
   Sing, and ne'er the song have done:
   Sing to Father, Son, and Spirit,
   One in Three, and Three in One.

   John Ryland, 1775.

714 The Ransomed of the Lord. CM.

1 Sing, ye redeemed of the Lord,
   Your great Deliverer sing;
   Pilgrims for Zion's city bound,
   Be joyful in your King.

2 A hand divine shall lead you on,
   Through all the blissful road,
   Till to the sacred mount you rise,
   And see your smiling God.

3 There garlands of immortal joy
   Shall bloom on every head,
   While sorrow, sighing, and distress,
   Like shadows, all are fled.

4 March on in your Redeemer's strength,
   Pursue His footsteps still;
   And let the prospect cheer your eye,
   While labouring up the hill.

   Philip Doddridge, 1755.

715 A gracious God. C.M.

1 My soul, arise in joyful lays,
   Renounce this earthly clod,
   Tune all thy powers to sweetest praise,
   And sing, thy gracious God.

2 When in my heart His heavenly love
   He sweetly sheds abroad,
   How joyfully He makes me prove
   He is my gracious God!

3 When Jesus to my sinful soul
   Applies His precious blood,
   To pardon, cleanse, and make me whole,
   I sing, my gracious God.
JOY AND PEACE.

4 In all my trials here below,
    I'll humbly kiss His rod,
For this through grace, I surely know,
    He's still my gracious God.

    Samuel Medley, 1789.

716    Joy and Peace in Believing.  7.6.

1 Sometimes a light surprises
    The Christian while he sings:
It is the Lord who rises
    With healing in His wings.
When comforts are declining,
    He grants the soul again,
A season of clear shining,
    To cheer it, after rain.

2 In holy contemplation,
    We sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation,
    And find it ever new.
Set free from present sorrow
    We cheerfully can say,
E'en let the unknown to-morrow
    Bring with it what it may;

3 It can bring with it nothing
    But He will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing,
    Will clothe His people too:
Beneath the spreading heavens,
    No creature but is fed;
And He who feeds the ravens,
    Will give His children bread.

4 Though vine nor fig-tree neither
    Their wonted fruit should bear,
Though all the field should wither,
    Nor flocks, nor herds be there;
Yet God the same abiding,
    His praise shall tune my voice;
For, while in Him confiding,
    I cannot but rejoice.

    William Cowper, 1779.
JOY AND PEACE.

717  
Rejoicing in Hope.

1 CHILDREN of the heavenly King,  
As ye journey, sweetly sing;  
Sing your Saviour's worthy praise,  
Glorious in His works and ways.

2 We are travelling home to God,  
In the way the fathers trod;  
They are happy now, and ye  
Soon their happiness shall see.

3 Oh ye banish'd seed, be glad!  
Christ our Advocate is made;  
Us to save our flesh assumes,  
Brother to our souls becomes.

4 Shout, ye little flock, and blest!  
You on Jesus' throne shall rest;  
There your seat is now prepared,  
There your kingdom and reward.

5 Fear not, brethren, joyful stand  
On the borders of your land,  
Jesus Christ, your Father's Son,  
Bids you undismay'd go on.

6 Lord, obediently we go,  
Gladly leaving all below;  
Only thou our leader be,  
And we still will follow thee!

John Cennick, 1742.

718  
The Meek beautified with Salvation.

1 YE humble souls rejoice,  
And cheerful triumphs sing;  
Wake all your harmony of voice,  
For Jesus is your King.

2 That meek and lowly Lord,  
Whom here your souls have known,  
Pledges the honour of His word  
To avow you for His own.

3 He brings salvation near,  
For which His blood was paid!  
How beauteous shall your souls appear,  
Thus sumptuously array'd!
JOY AND PEACE.

4 Sing, for the day is nigh,
When near your Leader's seat,
The tallest sons of pride shall lie,
The footstool of your feet.

5 Salvation, Lord, is Thine,
And all Thy saints confess
The royal robes, in which they shine,
Were wrought by sovereign grace.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

719 Gratitude and Hope. C. M.

1 My soul, triumphant in the Lord,
Shall tell its joys abroad;
And march with holy vigour on,
Supported by its God.

2 Through all the winding maze of life,
His hand hath been my guide;
And in that long-experienced care,
My heart shall still confide.

3 His grace through all the desert flows,
An unexhausted stream;
That grace on Zion's sacred mount
Shall be my endless theme.

4 Beyond the choicest joys of earth
These distant courts I love;
But oh, I burn with strong desire
To view Thy house above.

5 Mingled with all the shining band,
My soul would there adore;
A pillar in Thy temple fix'd,
To be removed no more.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

720 Heavenly Joys on Earth. S. M.

1 Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne.

2 The sorrows of the mind
Be banish'd from the place;
Religion never was design'd
To make our pleasures less.
JOY AND PEACE.

3 Let those refuse to sing
   That never knew our God;
But favourites of the heavenly King
   May speak their joys abroad.

4 The God that rules on high,
   And thunders when He please,
That rides upon the stormy sky,
   And manages the seas:

5 This awful God is ours,
   Our Father and our love;
He shall send down His heavenly powers
   To carry us above.

6 There shall we see His face,
   And never, never sin;
There from the rivers of His grace,
   Drink endless pleasures in.

7 Yes! and before we rise
   To that immortal state,
The thoughts of such amazing bliss
   Should constant joys create.

8 The men of grace have found
   Glory begun below;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
   From faith and hope may grow.

9 The hill of Sion yields
   A thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
   Or walk the golden streets.

10 Then let our songs abound,
   And every tear be dry:
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground
   To fairer worlds on high.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

721  Spiritual Apparel.  C. M.

1 AWAKE my heart, arise my tongue,
   Prepare a tuneful voice,
In God, the life of all my joys,
   Aloud will I rejoice.
JOY AND PEACE.

2 'Twas he adorn'd my naked soul,
And made salvation mine!
Upon a poor polluted worm
He makes His graces shine.

3 And lest the shadow of a spot
Should on my soul be found,
He took the robe the Saviour wrought,
And cast it all around.

4 How far the heavenly robe exceeds
What earthly princes wear!
These ornaments, how bright they shine!
How white the garments are!

5 The Spirit wrought my faith and love,
And hope, and every grace;
But Jesus spent His life to work
The robe of righteousness.

6 Strangely, my soul, art thou array'd
By the great Sacred Three!
In sweetest harmony of praise
Let all thy powers agree.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

722 Doubts scattered; or Spiritual Joy restored. C. M.

1 HENCE from my soul, sad thoughts, begone,
And leave me to my joys;
My tongue shall triumph in my God,
And make a joyful noise.

2 Darkness and doubts had veil'd my mind,
And drown'd my head in tears,
Till sov'reign grace with shining rays
Dispell'd my gloomy fears.

3 Oh what immortal joys I felt,
And raptures all divine,
When Jesus told me, I was His,
And my Beloved mine!

4 In vain the tempter frights my soul,
And breaks my peace in vain;
One glimpse, dear Saviour, of Thy face
Revives my joys again.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
JOY AND PEACE.

723  
*God speaking Peace to His People.*  
C. M.

1 Unite, my roving thoughts, unite
   In silence soft and sweet:
   And thou, my soul, sit gently down
   At thy great Sovereign's feet.

2 Jehovah's awful voice is heard,
   Yet gladly I attend:
   For lo! the everlasting God
   Proclaims Himself my friend.

3 Harmonious accents to my soul
   The sounds of peace convey:
   The tempest at His word subsides,
   And winds and seas obey.

4 By all its joys, I charge my heart
   To grieve His love no more;
   But, charm'd by melody divine,
   To give its follies o'er.

   *Philip Doddridge, 1755.*

724  
*The Power of Faith.*  
C. M.

1 Faith adds new charms to earthly bliss,
   And saves me from its snares;
   Its aid in every duty brings,
   And softens all my cares:

2 The wounded conscience knows its power
   The healing balm to give;
   That balm the saddest heart can cheer,
   And make the dying live.

3 Wide it unveils celestial worlds,
   Where deathless pleasures reign;
   And bids me seek my portion there,
   Nor bids me seek in vain:

4 Shows me the precious promise, seal'd
   With the Redeemer's blood;
   And helps my feeble hope to rest
   Upon a faithful God.

5 There, there unshakon would I rest
   Till this vile body dies;
   And then, on faith's triumphant wings,
   At once to glory rise!

   *Daniel Turner, 1787.*
JOY AND PEACE.

725

Spiritual Emotions. C.M.

1 Our country is Immanuel's land,
   We seek that promised soil;
   The songs of Zion cheer our hearts,
   While strangers here we toil.

2 Oft do our eyes with joy overflow,
   And oft are bathed in tears;
   Yet nought but heaven our hopes can raise,
   And nought but sin our fears.

3 We tread the path our Master trod,
   We bear the cross He bore;
   And every thorn that wounds our feet,
   His temples pierced before.

4 Our powers are oft dissolved away
   In ecstasies of love:
   And while our bodies wander here,
   Our souls are fix'd above.

5 We purge our mortal dross away,
   Refining as we run,
   But while we die to earth and sense,
   Our heaven is here begun.

Anna Letitia Barbauld. 1773.

726

Calm me, my God. C.M.

1 Calm me, my God, and keep me calm,
   Let Thine outstretched wing,
   Be like the shade of Elim's palm
   Beside her desert-spring.

2 Yes; keep me calm, though loud and rude
   The sounds my ear that greet;
   Calm in the closet's solitude,
   Calm in the bustling street;

3 Calm in the hour of buoyant health,
   Calm in my hour of pain;
   Calm in my poverty or wealth,
   Calm in my loss or gain;

4 Calm in the sufferance of wrong,
   Like Him who bore my shame;
   Calm 'mid the threatening, taunting throng,
   Who hate Thy holy name;
ADOPTION.

5 Calm me, my God, and keep me calm,
    Soft resting on Thy breast;
Soothe me with holy hymn and psalm,
And bid my spirit rest.

Horatius Bonar, 1856.

727 Pleasures of Religion. 7s.

1 'TIS religion that can give
    Sweetest pleasures while we live;
'TIS religion must supply
Solid comfort when we die.

2 After death its joys will be
    Lasting as eternity.
Be the living God my friend,
Then my bliss shall never end.

Mary Masters, 1755, a.

CHRISTIAN PRIVILEGES.

ADOPTION.

728 Adoption. S.M.

1 BEHOLD what wondrous grace
    The Father hath bestow'd
On sinners of a mortal race,
    To call them sons of God!

2 'Tis no surprising thing,
    That we should be unknown:
The Jewish world knew not their King,
    God's everlasting Son.

3 Nor doth it yet appear
    How great we must be made;
But when we see our Saviour here,
    We shall be like our head.

4 A hope so much divine
    May trials well endure,
May purge our souls from sense and sin,
    As Christ the Lord is pure.
ADOPTION.

5 If in my Father's love
   I share a filial part,
Send down Thy Spirit, like a dove,
   To rest upon my heart.

6 We would no longer lie
   Like slaves beneath the throne;
My faith shall Abba Father cry,
   And Thou the kindred own.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

729 Sons of God blessed. 78.

1 BLESSED are the sons of God;
   They are bought with Jesus' blood,
   They are ransom'd from the grave,
   Life eternal they shall have.
   With them number'd may we be,
   Now, and through eternity!

2 God did love them, in His Son,
   Long before the world begun;
   They the seal of this receive,
   When on Jesus they believe:
   With, &c.

3 They are justified by grace,
   They enjoy a solid peace;
   All their sins are wash'd away,
   They shall stand in God's great day.
   With, &c.

4 They produce the fruits of grace
   In the works of righteousness!
   Born of God, they hate all sin,
   God's pure word remains within:
   With, &c.

5 They have fellowship with God,
   Through the Mediator's blood;
   One with God, through Jesus one,
   Glory is in them begun:
   With, &c.

6 Though they suffer much on earth,
   Strangers to the worldling's mirth,
   Yet they have an inward joy,
   Pleasures which can never cloy:
   With them number'd may we be,
   Now, and through eternity!

Joseph Humphrey's, 1748.
UNCHANGING LOVE.

UNCHANGING LOVE.

730 Praise to the God of Love. 8.7.4.

1 FATHER, 'twas Thy love that knew us
Earth's foundation long before:
That same love to Jesus drew us
By its sweet constraining power,
And will keep us
Safely now, and evermore.

2 God of love, our souls adore Thee!
We would still Thy grace proclaim,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
And in glory praise Thy name:
Hallelujah!
Be to God and to the Lamb!

Hymns for the Poor of the Flock, 1842.

731 The Refiner sitting by the Fire. C.M.

1 GOD'S furnace doth in Zion stand;
But Zion's God sits by,
As the refiner views his gold
With an observant eye.

2 His thoughts are high, His love is wise,
His wounds a cure intend;
And, though He does not always smile,
He loves unto the end.

3 Thy love is constant to its line,
Though clouds oft come between:
Oh could my faith but pierce these clouds,
It might be always seen.

4 But I am weak, and forced to cry,
Take up my soul to Thee:
Then, as Thou ever art the same,
So shall I ever be.

5 Then shall I ever, ever sing,
Whilst Thou dost ever shine:
I have Thine own dear pledge for this;
Lord, Thou art ever mine.

John Mason, 1688.
UNCHANGING LOVE.

732 The firm Foundation. 11s.

1 HOW firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

2 In every condition,—in sickness, in health,
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
"As thy days may demand shall thy strength ever be.

3 "Fear not, I am with thee, oh be not dismay'd!
I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand.

4 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow:
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

5 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

6 "E'en down to old age, all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

7 "The soul that on Jesus hath lean'd for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Kirkham or Kennedy, 1787.
UNCHANGING LOVE.

733 "I will never leave thee." 11s.

1 0 ZION, afflicted with wave upon wave,
Whom no man can comfort, whom no man can save;
With darkness surrounded, by terrors dismay'd,
In toiling and rowing thy strength is decay'd.

2 Loud roaring the billows now nigh overwhelm,
But skilful's the Pilot who sits at the helm,
His wisdom conducts thee, His power thee defends,
In safety and quiet thy warfare He ends.

3 "O fearful! O faithless!" in mercy He cries,
"My promise, My truth, are they light in thine eyes?
Still, still I am with thee, My promise shall stand,
Through tempest and tossing I'll bring thee to

4 "Forget thee I will not, I cannot, thy name
Engraved on My heart doth for ever remain:
The palms of My hands whilst I look on I see
The wounds I received when suffering for thee.

5 "I feel at My heart all thy sighs and thy groans,
For thou art most near Me, My flesh and My
In all thy distresses thy head feels the pain,
Yet all are most needful, not one is in vain.

6 "Then trust Me, and fear not; thy life is secure;
My wisdom is perfect, supreme is My power;
In love I correct thee, thy soul to refine,
To make thee at length in My likeness to shine.

7 "The foolish, the fearful, the weak are My care,
The helpless, the hopeless, I hear their sad
From all their afflictions My glory shall spring,
And the deeper their sorrows, the louder they'll sing."

James Grant, 1784, a.
UNCHANGING LOVE.

BE GONE, unbelief, my Saviour is near,
And for my relief will surely appear;
By prayer let me wrestle, and He will perform.
With Christ in the vessel, I smile at the storm;

Though dark be my way, since He is my guide,
'Tis mine to obey, 'tis His to provide;
Though cisterns be broken, and creatures all
The word He has spoken shall surely prevail.

His love in time past forbids me to think
He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink;
Each sweet Ebenezer I have in review,
Confirms His good pleasure to help me quite through.

Determined to save, He watched o'er my path
When, Satan's blind slave, I sported with death:
And can He have taught me to trust in His name,
And thus far have brought me to put me to shame?

Why should I complain of want or distress,
Temptation or pain? He told me no less;
The heirs of salvation, I know from His word,
Through much tribulation must follow their Lord.

How bitter that cup no heart can conceive,
Which He drank quite up, that sinners might live!
His way was much rougher and darker than mine;
Did Christ, my Lord, suffer, and shall I repine?

Since all that I meet shall work for my good,
The bitter is sweet, the medicine is food;
Though painful at present 'twill cease before long,
And then, oh how pleasant the conqueror's song!

John Newton, 1779.
UNCHANGING LOVE.

735  "Lovest thou Me?"  7s.

1 HARK, my soul! it is the Lord;
'Tis thy Saviour, hear His word;
Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee:
"Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou Me?"

2 "I deliver'd thee when bound,
And, when bleeding, heal'd thy wound;
Sought thee wand'ring, set thee right,
Turn'd thy darkness into light.

3 "Can a woman's tender care
Cease toward the child she bare?
Yes, she may forgetful be,
Yet will I remember thee.

4 "Mine is an unchanging love,
Higher than the heights above;
Deeper than the depths beneath,
Free and faithful, strong as death.

5 "Thou shalt see My glory soon,
When the work of grace is done:
Partner of My throne shalt be,
Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou Me?"

6 Lord, it is my chief complaint,
That my love is weak and faint;
Yet I love Thee and adore—
Oh for grace to love Thee more!

William Cowper, 1779.

736  "Who shall separate?"  7s., 6 lines.

1 HALLELUJAH! who shall part
Christ's own church from Christ's own
Sover from the Saviour's side
Sorls for whom the Saviour died?
Dash one precious jewel down
From Immanuel's blood-bought crown?

2 Hallelujah! shall the sword
Part us from our glorious Lord?
Trouble dark or dire disgrace
E'er the Spirit's seal efface?
Famine, nakedness, or hate,
Bride and Bridegroom separate?
SECURITY IN CHRIST.

3 Hallelujah! life nor death,
Powers above nor powers beneath,
Monarch's might, nor tyrant's doom,
Things that are, nor things to come,
Men nor angels, e'er shall part
Christ's own church from Christ's own heart.

William Dickinson, 1813.

SECURITY IN CHRIST.

737 Saints' Trial and Safety. S.M.

1 Firm and unmoved are they
That rest their souls on God;
Firm as the mount where David dwelt,
Or where the ark abode.

2 As mountains stood to guard
The city's sacred ground,
So God and His almighty love
Embrace His saints around.

3 What though the Father's rod
Drop a chastising stroke;
Yet, lest it wound their souls too deep,
Its fury shall be broke.

4 Nor shall the tyrant's rage
Too long oppress the saint;
The God of Israel will support
His children, lest they faint.

5 But if our slavish fear
Will choose the road to hell,
We must expect our portion there,
Where bolder sinners dwell.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

738 Accepted and safe. 8s.

1 A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring:
The terrors of law, and of God,
With me can have nothing to do;
My Saviour's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view.

2 The work which His goodness began,
The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and Amen,
And never was forfeited yet:
Things future, nor things that are now,
Not all things below nor above,
Can make Him his purpose forego,
Or sever my soul from His love.

3 My name from the palms of His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impress'd on His heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace:
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given;
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1771.

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Rejoice, believer, in the Lord,
Who makes your cause His own;
The hope that's built upon His word
Can ne'er be overthrown.

2 Though many foes beset your road,
And feeble is your arm,
Your life is hid with Christ in God,
Beyond the reach of harm.

3 Weak as you are, you shall not faint;
Or, fainting, shall not die;
Jesus, the strength of every saint,
Will aid you from on high.
FINAL PRESERVATION.

4 Though sometimes unperceived by sense,
    Faith sees Him always near,
    A guide, a glory, a defence;
    Then what have you to fear?

5 As surely as He overcame,
    And triumph'd once for you:
    So surely you that love His name
    Shall triumph in Him too.

     John Newton, 1779.

740 "My Words shall not pass away."

1 The moon and stars shall lose their light,
The sun shall sink in endless night;
Both heaven and earth shall pass away;
The works of nature all decay.

2 But they that in the Lord confide,
    And shelter in His wounded side,
    Shall see the danger overpast,
    Stand every storm, and live at last.

3 What Christ has said must be fulfill'd,
    On this firm rock believers build:
    His word shall stand. His truth prevail,
    And not one jot or tittle fail.

     Joseph Hart, 1759.

741 He will keep us.

1 Saviour! through the desert lead us;
    Without Thee we cannot go:
    Thou from cruel chains hast freed us,
    Thou hast laid the tyrant low:
    Let Thy presence
    Cheer us all our journey through.

2 With a price Thy love has bought us;
    Saviour! what a love is Thine!
    Hitherto Thy power has brought us;
    Power and love in Thee combine!
    Lord of Glory!
    Ever on Thy household shine.
FINAL PRESERVATION.

3 Through a desert waste and cheerless
   Though our destined journey lie,
   Render'd by Thy presence fearless,
   We may every foe defy:
   Nought shall move us,
   While we see our Saviour nigh.

4 When we halt (no track discovering),
   Fearful lest we go astray,
   O'er our path Thy pillar hovering,
   Fire by night, and cloud by day,
   Shall direct us:
   Thus we shall not miss our way.

5 When we hunger Thou wilt feed us,
   Manna shall our camp surround;
   Faint and thirsty, Thou wilt heed us,
   Streams shall from the rock abound:
   Happy Israel!
   What a Saviour thou hast found!

   Thomas Kelly, 1809.

742 Saints in the Hands of Christ. C. M.

1 FIRM as the earth Thy gospel stands,
   My Lord, my hope, my trust;
   If I am found in Jesus' hands,
   My soul can ne'er be lost.

2 His honour is engaged to save
   The meanest of His sheep;
   All that His heavenly Father gave
   His hands securely keep.

3 Nor death, nor hell, shall e'er remove,
   His favourites from His breast;
   In the dear bosom of His love
   They must for ever rest.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

743 Final Perseverance. C. M.

1 WHERE God begins His gracious work,
   That work He will complete,
   For round the objects of His love,
   All power and mercy meet.
SUPPORT IN AFFLIGATION.

2 Man may repent him of his work,
   And fail in his intent;
God is above the power of change,
   He never can repent.

3 Each object of His love is sure
   To reach the heavenly goal;
For neither sin nor Satan can
   Destroy the blood-wash'd soul.

4 Satan may vex, and unbelief
   The saved one may annoy,
But he must conquer; yes, as sure
   As Jesus reigns in joy.

5 The precious blood of God's dear Son
   Shall ne'er be spilt in vain;
The soul on Christ believing, must
   With Christ for ever reign.

Albert Midlane, 1862.

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744  "As thy Day, thy Strength shall be."

1 WAIT, my soul, upon the Lord,
   To His gracious promise flee,
Laying hold upon His word,
   "As thy day, thy strength shall be."

2 If the sorrows of thy case
   Seem peculiar still to thee,
God has promised needful grace,
   "As thy day, thy strength shall be."

3 Days of trial, days of grief,
   In succession thou may'st see;
This is still thy sweet relief,
   "As thy day, thy strength shall be."

4 Rock of Ages, I'm secure
   With Thy promise full and free,
Faithful, positive and sure:
   "As thy day, thy strength shall be."

Hasting's Spiritual Songs, 1833.
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745 "As thy Day, thy Strength shall be." L. M.

1 AFFLICTED soul, to Jesus dear,
Thy Saviour's gracious promise hear;
His faithful word declares to thee
That, "as thy day, thy strength shall be."

2 Let not thy heart despond, and say,
How shall I stand the trying day?
He has engaged, by firm decree,
That, "as thy day, thy strength shall be."

3 Should persecution rage and flame,
Still trust in thy Redeemer's name;
In fiery trials thou shalt see
That, "as thy day, thy strength shall be."

4 When call'd to bear the weighty cross,
Or sore affliction, pain, or loss,
Or deep distress, or poverty,
Still, "as thy day, thy strength shall be."

5 When ghastly death appears in view;
Christ's presence shall thy fears subdue;
He comes to set thy spirit free;
And "as thy day, thy strength shall be."

John Fawcett, 1782.

746 Sweetness of Gracious Meditations. C. M.

1 WHEN languor and disease invade
This trembling house of clay,
'Tis sweet to look beyond the cage,
And long to fly away.

2 Sweet to look inward and attend
The whispers of His love;
Sweet to look upward to the place
Where Jesus pleads above.

3 Sweet to look back and see my name
In life's fair book set down;
Sweet to look forward and behold
Eternal joys my own.

4 Sweet to reflect how grace divine
My sins on Jesus laid;
Sweet to remember that His blood
My debt of sufferings paid.
SUPPORT IN AFFLICTION.

5 Sweet in His righteousness to stand,
Which saves from second death;
Sweet to experience, day by day,
His Spirit's quickening breath.

6 Sweet on His faithfulness to rest,
Whose love can never end;
Sweet on His covenant of grace,
For all things to depend.

7 Sweet in the confidence of faith,
To trust His firm decrees;
Sweet to lie passive in His hand,
And know no will but His.

8 Sweet to rejoice in lively hope,
That, when my change shall come,
Angels will hover round my bed,
And waft my spirit home.

9 There shall my disimprison'd soul
Behold Him and adore;
Be with His likeness satisfied,
And grieve and sin no more.

10 Shall see Him wear that very flesh
On which my guilt was lain;
His love intense, His merit fresh,
As though but newly slain.

11 Soon, too, my slumbering dust shall hear,
The trumpet's quickening sound;
And, by my Saviour's power rebuilt
At His right hand be found.

12 These eyes shall see Him in that day,
The God that died for me;
And all my rising bones shall say,
Lord, who is like to Thee?

13 If such the sweetness of the stream,
What must the fountain be,
Where saints and angels draw their bliss
Immediately from Thee!

Augustus M. Toplady, 1780.

747 Joy under Losses. C. M.

1 What though no flowers the fig-tree clothe,
Though vines their fruit deny,
The labour of the olive fail,
And fields no meat supply:
SUPPORT IN AFFLICTION.

2 Though from the fold, with sad surprise,
   My flock cut off I see;
   Though famine pine in empty stalls,
   Where herds were wont to be:

3 Yet in the Lord will I be glad,
   And glory in His love;
   In Him I'll joy, who will the God
   Of my salvation prove.

4 God is the treasure of my soul;
   The source of lasting joy;
   A joy which want shall not impair,
   Nor death itself destroy.

William Cameron, 1781.

748 Chosen in the Furnace of Affliction. 8.7.4.

1 Sons of God, in tribulation,
   Let your eyes the Saviour view,
   He's the rock of our salvation,
   He was tried and tempted too;
   All to succour
   Every tempted, burden'd son.

2 'Tis, if need be, He reproves us,
   Lest we settle on our lees;
   Yet, He in the furnace loves us,
   'Tis express'd in words like these:
   "I am with thee,
   Israel, passing through the fire."

3 To His church, His joy, and treasure,
   Every trial works for good:
   They are dealt in weight and measure,
   Yet how little understood;
   Not in anger,
   But from His dear covenant love.

4 With afflictions He may scourge us,
   Send a cross for every day;
   Blast our gourds, but not to purge us
   From our sins, as some would say;
   They were number'd
   On the Scape Goat's head of old.
SUPPORT IN AFFLICTION.

5 If to-day He deigns to bless us
   With a sense of pardon'd sin,
He to-morrow may distress us,
   Make us feel the plague within,
   All to make us
Sick of self, and fond of Him.  Kent, 1803.

749  Sweet Affliction.  8.7.4.

1 In the floods of tribulation,
   While the billows o'er me roll,
Jesus whispers consolation,
   And supports my fainting soul;
   Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! praise the Lord.

2 Thus the lion yields me honey,
   From the eater food is given,
Strengthen'd thus I still press forward,
   Singing as I wade to heaven,
   Sweet affliction,
   And my sins are all forgiven.

3 'Mid the gloom, the vivid lightnings
   With increasing brightness play;
'Mid the thorn-brake beauteous flowrets
   Look more beautiful and gay;
   Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! praise the Lord.

4 So, in darkest dispensations,
   Doth my faithful Lord appear,
With His richest consolations
   To re-animate and cheer:
   Sweet affliction,
   Thus to bring my Saviour near.

5 Floods of tribulations heighten,
   Billows still around me roar,
Those that know not Christ ye frighten,
   But my soul defies your power:
   Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! praise the Lord.

6 In the sacred page recorded
   Thus the word securely stands,
"Fear not, I'm in trouble near Thee,
   Nought shall pluck you from my hands:"
   Sweet affliction,
   Every word my love demands.
SUPPORT IN AFFLICTION.

7 All I meet I find assists me
In my path to heavenly joy:
Where, though trials now attend me,
Trials never more annoy:
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! praise the Lord.

8 Blest there with a weight of glory,
Still the path I'll ne'er forget,
But, exulting, cry, it led me
To my blessed Saviour's seat;
Sweet affliction,
Which has brought to Jesus' feet.

Samuel Pearce, 1800.

Welcoming the Cross.

1 'TIS my happiness below
Not to live without the cross,
But the Saviour's power to know,
Sanctifying every loss:
Trials must and will befall;
But, with humble faith to see
Love inscribed upon them all—
This is happiness to me.

2 God in Israel sows the seeds
Of affliction, pain, and toil;
These spring up and choke the weeds
Which would else o'erspread the soil:
Trials make the promise sweet;
Trials give new life to prayer;
Trials bring me to his feet,
Lay me low and keep me there.

3 Did I meet no trials here,
No chastisement by the way,
Might I not, with reason, fear
I should prove a cast-away?
Bastards may escape the rod,
Sunk in earthly vain delight;
But the true-born child of God
Must not, would not, if he might.

William Cowper, 1779.
SUPPORT IN AFFLICTION.

751 The suffering People. L. M.

1 "Poor and afflicted," Lord, are Thine,
   Among the great unfit to shine;
   But though the world may think it strange,
   They would not with the world exchange.

2 "Poor and afflicted," 'tis their lot,
   They know it, and they murmur not;
   'Twould ill become them to refuse
   The state their Master deign'd to choose.

3 "Poor and afflicted," yet they sing,
   For Jesus is their glorious King;
   Through sufferings perfect now He reigns,
   And shares in all their griefs and pains.

4 "Poor and afflicted," but ere long
   They join the bright, celestial throng;
   Their sufferings then will reach a close,
   And heaven afford them sweet repose.

5 And while they walk the thorny way,
   They oft are heard to sigh and say,
   Dear Saviour, come, oh quickly come,
   And take thy mourning pilgrims home.

   Thomas Kelly, 1809.

752 Affliction leading to Glory. C. M.

OFTEN the clouds of deepest woe
   So sweet a message bear,
   Dark though they seem, 'twere hard to find
   A frown of anger there.

2 It needs our hearts be wean'd from earth,
   It needs that we be driven,
   By loss of every earthly stay,
   To seek our joys in heaven.

3 For we must follow in the path
   Our Lord and Saviour run;
   We must not find a resting-place
   Where He we love had none.

   Caroline Fry, 1826.
SUPPORT IN AFFLICTION.

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The grateful Review. L. M.

1 Thus far my God hath led me on,
   And made His truth and mercy known;
   My hopes and fears alternate rise,
   And comforts mingle with my sighs.

2 Through this wide wilderness I roam,
   Far distant from my blissful home;
   Lord, let Thy presence be my stay,
   And guard me in this dangerous way.

3 Temptations everywhere annoy,
   And sins and snares my peace destroy;
   My earthly joys are from me torn,
   And oft an absent God I mourn.

4 My soul, with various tempests toss'd,
   Her hopes o'erturn'd, her projects cross'd,
   Sees every day new straits attend,
   And wonders where the scene will end.

5 Is this, dear Lord, that thorny road
   Which leads us to the mount of God?
   Are these the toils Thy people know,
   While in the wilderness below?

6 'Tis even so, Thy faithful love
   Doth thus Thy children's graces prove;
   'Tis thus our pride and self must fall,
   That Jesus may be all in all.

   John Fawcett, 1782.

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None shall pluck me from
Thy Hand.

8.7.7.7.

1 Clouds and darkness round about Thee
   For a season veil Thy face,
   Still I trust, and cannot doubt Thee,
   Jesus full of truth and grace;
   Resting on Thy words I stand,
   None shall pluck me from Thy hand.

2 Oh, rebuke me not in anger!
   Suffer not my faith to fail!
   Let not pain, temptation, languor,
   O'cr my struggling heart prevail!
   Holding fast Thy word I stand,
   None shall pluck me from Thy hand.
SUPPORT IN AFFLICTION.

3 In my heart Thy words I cherish,
Though unseen Thou still art near;
Since Thy sheep shall never perish,
What have I to do with fear?
Trusting in Thy word I stand,
None shall pluck me from Thy hand.

Charlotte Elliott, 1834.

755 "Fear not, for I am with Thee." C.M.

1 INCARNATE God! the soul that knows
Thy name's mysterious power,
Shall dwell in undisturb'd repose,
Nor fear the trying hour.

2 Angels, unseen, attend the saints,
And bear them in their arms,
To cheer their spirit when it faints,
And guard their life from harms.

3 The angels' Lord Himself is nigh,
To them that love His name;
Ready to save them when they cry,
And put their foes to shame.

4 Crosses and changes are their lot,
Long as they sojourn here;
But since their Saviour changes not,
What have His saints to fear?

John Newton, 1779.

756 "It is I, be not afraid." C.M.

1 WHEN waves of trouble round me swell,
My soul is not dismay'd:
I hear a voice I know full well,—
"'Tis I—be not afraid."

2 When black the threatening skies appear,
And storms my path invade,
Those accents tranquillize each fear,
"'Tis I—be not afraid."

3 There is a gulf that must be cross'd;
Saviour, be near to aid!
Whisper when my frail bark is toss'd,
"'Tis I—be not afraid."
4 There is a dark and fearful vale,
Death hides within its shade;
Oh say, when flesh and heart shall fail,
"'Tis I—be not afraid."

Charlotte Elliott, 1834.

A HAPPY PORTION.

757 The Christian's Treasure. L. M.

1 HOW vast the treasure we possess!
How rich Thy bounty, King of grace!
This world is ours, and worlds to come:
Earth is our lodge, and heaven our home.

2 All things are ours; the gift of God,
The purchase of a Saviour's blood;
While the good Spirit shows us how
To use and to improve them too.

3 If peace and plenty crown my days,
They help me, Lord, to speak Thy praise;
If bread of sorrows be my food,
Those sorrows work my real good.

4 I would not change my blest estate
For all that earth calls good or great;
And while my faith can keep her hold,
I envy not the sinner's gold.

5 Father, I wait Thy daily will:
Thou shalt divide my portion still:
Grant me on earth what seems Thee best,
'Till death and heaven reveal the rest.

Isaac Watts, 1721.

758 "Say ye to the Righteous, it shall be well with him." S. M.

1 WHAT cheering words are these!
Their sweetness who can tell?
In time, and to eternal days,
'Tis with the righteous well.
HAPPY PORTION.

2 Well when they see His face,
   Or sink amidst the flood;
Well in affliction's thorny maze,
   Or on the mount with God.

3 'Tis well when joys arise,
   'Tis well when sorrows flow,
'Tis well when darkness veils the skies,
   And strong temptations blow.

4 'Tis well when at His throne
   They wrestle, weep, and pray,
'Tis well when at His feet they groan,
   Yet bring their wants away.

5 'Tis well when they can sing
   As sinners bought with blood,
And when they touch the mournful string,
   And mourn an absent God.

6 'Tis well when on the mount
   They feast on dying love,
And 'tis as well, in God's account,
   When they the furnace prove.

John Kent, 1803.

759 The favoured Saint. 8.7.4.

1 GRACIOUS Lord, my heart is fixed,
   Sing I will, and sing of Thee,
Since the cup that justice mixed,
   Thou hast drank, and drank for me:
Great Deliverer!
   Thou hast set the prisoner free.

2 Many were the chains that bound me,
   But the Lord has loosed them all;
Arms of mercy now surround me,
   Favours these, nor few nor small;
Saviour, keep me!
   Keep Thy servant lest he fall.

3 Fair the scene that lies before me;
   Life eternal Jesus gives;
While He waves His banner o'er me,
   Peace and joy my soul receives:
Sure His promise!
   I shall live because He lives.
UNION TO CHRIST.

4 When the world would bid me leave Thee,
Telling me of shame and loss,
Saviour, guard me, lest I grieve Thee,
Lest I cease to love Thy cross:
This is treasure!
All the rest I count but dross.

Thomas Kelly, 1803.

UNION TO CHRIST.

760 The Reign of Grace. 8.7.4.

1 SOVEREIGN grace o'er sin abounding,
Ransom'd souls the tidings swell;
'Tis a deep that knows no sounding,
Who its breadth or length can tell?
On its glories
Let my soul for ever dwell.

2 What from Christ my soul shall sever
Bound by everlasting bands?
Once in Him, in Him for ever;
Thus th' eternal covenant stands;
None shall pluck me
From the Strength of Israel's hands.

3 Heirs of God, joint heirs with Jesus,
Long ere time its race begun;
To His name eternal praises!
Oh what wonders love hath done!
One with Jesus,
By eternal union one.

4 On such love, my soul, still ponder,
Love so great, so rich, so free;
Say, whilst lost in holy wonder,
Why, O Lord, such love to me?
Hallelujah,
Grace shall reign eternally.

John Kent, 1903, a.
UNION TO CHRIST.

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Union with Jesus.

L.M.

1 'TWIXT Jesus and the chosen race,
Subsists a bond of sovereign grace,
That hell, with its infernal train,
Shall ne'er dissolve, nor rend in twain.

2 Hail! sacred union, firm and strong,
How great the grace, how sweet the song,
That worms of earth should ever be
One with Incarnate Deity!

3 One in the tomb, one when He rose,
One when He triumph'd o'er His foes,
One when in heaven He took His seat,
While seraphs sang all hell's defeat.

4 This sacred tie forbids their fears,
For all He is or has is theirs;
With Him, their head, they stand or fall,
Their life, their surety, and their all.

John Kent, 1803, a.

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One with Jesus.

C.M.

1 LORD Jesus, are we one with Thee?
Oh height! Oh depth of love!
With Thee we died upon the tree,
In Thee we live above.

2 Such was Thy grace, that for our sake
Thou didst from heaven come down,
Thou didst of flesh and blood partake,
In all our sorrows one.

3 Our sins, our guilt, in love divine,
Confess'd and borne by Thee;
The gall, the curse, the wrath were Thine,
To set Thy members free.

4 Ascended now, in glory bright,
Still one with us Thou art;
Nor life, nor death, nor depth, nor height,
Thy saints and Thee can part.

5 Oh teach us, Lord, to know and own
This wondrous mystery,
That Thou with us art truly one,
And we are one with Thee!
6 Soon, soon shall come that glorious day,  
When, seated on Thy throne,  
Thou shalt to wondering worlds display,  
That Thou with us art ONE!  

James George Deck, 1855.

763 Union to Christ. S. M.
1 DEAR Saviour, I am Thine  
By everlasting bands;  
My name, my heart, I would resign;  
My soul is in Thy hands.  

2 To Thee I still would cleave  
With ever-growing zeal:  
If millions tempt me Christ to leave,  
They never shall prevail.  

3 His Spirit shall unite  
My soul to Him my Head;  
Shall form me to His image bright,  
And teach His path to tread.  

4 Death may my soul divide  
From this abode of clay;  
But love shall keep me near Thy side,  
Through all the gloomy way.  

5 Since Christ and we are one,  
Why should we doubt or fear?  
If He in heaven hath fix'd His throne,  
He'll fix His members there.  

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

THE GOLDEN BOOK OF  
COMMUNION WITH JESUS.

764 Sweet Communion. C. M.
1 I WOULD commune with Thee, my God;  
E'en to Thy seat I come;  
I leave my joys, I leave my sins,  
And seek in Thee my home.
COMMUNION WITH JESUS.

2 I stand upon the mount of God,
   With sunlight in my soul;
I hear the storms in vales beneath;
   I hear the thunders roll:

3 But I am calm with Thee, my God,
   Beneath these glorious skies;
And to the heights on which I stand,
   Nor storms nor clouds can rise.

4 Oh, this is life! Oh, this is joy,
   My God, to find Thee so;
Thy face to see, Thy voice to hear,
   And all Thy love to know.

George Burden Bubier, 1856.

765 Retirement and Meditation. L.M.

1 My God, permit me not to be
   A stranger to myself and Thee;
Amidst a thousand thoughts I rove,
   Forgetful of my highest love.

2 Why should my passions mix with earth,
   And thus debase my heavenly birth?
Why should I cleave to things below,
   And let my God, my Saviour, go?

3 Call me away from flesh and sense;
One sovereign word can draw me thence;
   I would obey the voice divine,
And all inferior joys resign.

4 Be earth with all her scenes withdrawn;
   Let noise and vanity be gone:
   In secret silence of the mind
My heaven, and there my God, I find.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

766 When wilt thou come? C.M.

1 When wilt thou come unto me, Lord?
   Oh come, my Lord most dear!
Come near, come nearer, nearer still,
   I'm blest when Thou art near.

2 When wilt Thou come unto me, Lord?
I languish for the sight;
   Ten thousand suns when Thou art hid,
   Are shades instead of light.
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3 When wilt Thou come unto me, Lord?
Until Thou dost appear,
I count each moment for a day,
Each minute for a year.

4 There's no such thing as pleasure here;
My Jesus is my all,
As Thou dost shine or disappear,
My pleasures rise or fall.

5 Come spread Thy savour on my frame,
No sweetness is so sweet;
Till I get up to sing Thy name,
Where all Thy singers meet.

Thomas Shepherd, 1692.

767 Jesus only.

1 Ever to the Saviour cling,
Trust in Him and none beside;
Never let an earthly thing
Hide from thee the Crucified.

2 Ever cast on Him thy care,
He invites thee so to do;
Never let Thy soul despair,
He will surely help thee through.

3 Ever live as in the view
Of the day of glory, near;
Never be to Christ untrue,
Thou shalt soon His glory share.

Albert Midlane, 1864.

768 None but Jesus.

1 Oh might this worthless heart of mine,
The Saviour's temple be!
Emptied of every love but Thine,
And shut to all but Thee!

2 I long to find Thy presence there,
I long to see Thy face;
Almighty Lord, my heart prepare
The Saviour to embrace.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.
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769    Emptied of Earth.      L.M.

1 Emptied of earth I fain would be,
Of sin, myself, and all but Thee;
Only reserved for Christ that died,
Surrender'd to the Crucified:

2 Sequester'd from the noise and strife,
The lust, the pomp, and pride of life;
For heaven alone my heart prepare,
And have my conversation there.

3 Nothing, save Jesus, would I know;
My friend and my companion Thou art,
Lord, seize my heart, assert Thy right,
And put all other loves to flight.

4 The idols tread beneath Thy feet,
And to Thyself the conquest get:
Let sin no more oppose my Lord,
Slain by the Spirit's two-edged sword.

Augistus M. Toplady, 1759.

770    Go up, my Heart.      6s.

1 Go up, go up, my heart,
Dwell with thy God above;
For here thou canst not rest,
Nor here give out thy love.

2 Go up, go up, my heart,
Be not a triller here:
Ascend above these clouds,
Dwell in a higher sphere.

3 Let not thy love flow out
To things so soil'd and dim;
Go up to heaven and God,
Take up thy love to Him.

4 Waste not thy precious stores
On creature-love below;
To God that wealth belongs,
On Him that wealth bestow.

Horatius Bonar, 1856.
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771 Jesus' Presence desired. C. M.

1 LORD, let me see Thy beauteous face!
   It yields a heaven below;
   And angels round the throne will say,
   'Tis all the heaven they know.

2 A glimpse—a single glimpse of Thee,
   Would more delight my soul
   Than this vain world, with all its joys,
   Could I possess the whole.

*Rippon's Selection, 1800.

772 "They saw no Man, save Jesus." S. M.

1 O PATIENT, spotless One!
   Our hearts in meekness train,
   To bear Thy yoke, and learn of Thee,
   That we may rest obtain.

2 Jesus! Thou art enough
   The mind and heart to fill;
   Thy life to calm the anxious soul,
   Thy love its fear dispel.

3 Oh fix our earnest gaze,
   So wholly, Lord, on Thee,
   That with Thy beauty occupied,
   We elsewhere none may see.

Hymns for the Children of God, 1851.

773 Take my Heart. 8.7.4.

1 LOOK upon me, Lord, I pray Thee,
   Let Thy Spirit dwell in mine;
   Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me,
   Only Thee to know I pine.
   Let me find Thee!
   Take my heart, and own me Thine!

2 Nought I ask for, nought I strive for,
   But Thy grace so rich and free;
   That Thou givest whom Thou lovest,
   And who truly cleave to Thee.
   Let me find Thee,
   He hath all things who hath Thee.

Joachim Neander, 1673;
tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858, a
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774  God all, and in all.  S. M.

1 My God, my life, my love,
   To Thee, to Thee, I call:
   I cannot live, if Thou remove,
   For Thou art all in all.

2 Thy shining grace can cheer
   This dungeon where I dwell;
   'Tis Paradise when Thou art here,
   If Thou depart, 'tis hell.

3 The smiling of Thy face,
   How amiable they are!
   'Tis heaven to rest in Thine embrace,
   And nowhere else but there.

4 To Thee, and Thee alone,
   The angels owe their bliss;
   They sit around Thy gracious throne,
   And dwell where Jesus is.

5 Not all the harps above
   Can make a heavenly place,
   If God His residence remove,
   Or but conceal His face.

6 Nor earth, nor all the sky,
   Can one delight afford;
   No not a drop of real joy,
   Without Thy presence, Lord.

7 Thou art the sea of love,
   Where all my pleasures roll;
   The circle where my passions move
   And centre of my soul.

8 To Thee my spirits fly
   With infinite desire;
   And yet, how far from Thee I lie!
   Dear Jesus, raise me higher.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

775  God my exceeding Joy.  C. M.

1 Where God doth dwell, sure heaven is
   And singing there must be: [there,
   Since, Lord, Thy presence makes my heaven,
   Whom should I sing but Thee?

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2 My God, my reconciled God,
Creator of my peace;
Thee will I love, and praise, and sing,
Till life and breath shall cease.

3 My soul doth magnify the Lord,
My spirit doth rejoice;
To Thee my Saviour and my God
I lift my joyful voice.

4 I need not go abroad for joys,
I have a feast at home;
My sighs are turned into songs,
My heart has ceased to roam.

5 Down from above the blessed Dove
Is come into my breast,
To witness Thine eternal love,
And give my spirit rest.

6 My God, I'll praise Thee while I live,
And praise Thee when I die,
And praise Thee when I rise again,
And to eternity.

John Mason, 1688.

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My sole Delight. C.M.

1 My God, my God! who art my All,
Where art Thou to be found?
Thy presence is my sole abode,
My comforts there abound.

2 My wishes terminate above;
Thou art my whole delight;
Why dost Thou hide Thy holy face,
And roll Thyself in night?

3 Nor friends, nor comforts shall I wish,
Nor pleasures want to know;
Thou art the source of perfect bliss,
Thou art a heaven below.

4 More welcome would be Thy return,
Of greater far delight,
Than to the pilgrim beauteous morn,
Who wander'd all the night.

William Williams, 1759.
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777 Perfect Happiness in the Cross.

1 Long plunged in sorrow, I resign
   My soul to that dear hand of Thine,
   Without reserve or fear;
   That hand shall wipe my streaming eyes,
   Or into smiles of glad surprise
   Transform the falling tear.

2 My sole possession is Thy love;
   In earth beneath, or heaven above,
   I have no other store;
   And, though with fervent suit I pray,
   And importune Thee night and day,
   I ask Thee nothing more.

3 Adieu! ye vain delights of earth,
   Insipid sports, and childish mirth,
   I taste no sweets in you;
   Unknown delights are in the cross,
   All joy beside to me is dross,
   And Jesus thought so too.

4 The cross! Oh, ravishment and bliss,
   How grateful e'en its anguish is,
   Its bitterness how sweet!
   There every sense, and all the mind,
   In all her faculties refined,
   Taste happiness complete.

Jeanne Marie Guyon, 1790;
tr. by William Cowper, 1801.

778 At Home everywhere with Jesus.

1 Thou, by long experience tried,
   Near whom no grief can long abide;
   My Love! how full of sweet content
   I pass my years of banishment!

2 All scenes alike engaging prove
   To souls impress'd with sacred love!
   Where'er they dwell, they dwell in Thee!
   In heaven, in earth, or on the sea.

3 To me remains no place nor time;
   My country is in every clime;
   I can be calm and free from care
   On any shore, since God is there.
While place we seek or place we shun,
The soul finds happiness in none;
But with a God to guide our way,
'Tis equal joy to go or stay.

Could I be cast where Thou art not,
That were indeed a dreadful lot;
But regions none remote I call,
Secure of finding God in all.

Jeanne Marie Guyon, 1790; tr. by William Cowper, 1801.

Perfect Safety in Jesus. L. M.

1 My country, Lord, art Thou alone;
Nor other can I claim or own:
The point where all my wishes meet;
My law, my love, life's only sweet!

2 I hold by nothing here below;
Appoint my journey, and I go;
Though pierced by scorn, oppress'd by pride,
I feel Thee good—feel nought beside.

3 No frowns of men can hurtful prove
To souls on fire with heavenly love;
Though men and devils both condemn,
No gloomy days arise from them.

4 Ah, then! to His embrace repair;
My soul, thou art no stranger there;
There love divine shall be thy guard,
And peace and safety thy reward.

Jeanne Marie Guyon, 1790; tr. by William Cowper, 1801.

Jesus our Heart's Theme. C. M.

1 I THINK of Thee, my God, by night,
And talk of Thee by day,
Thy love my treasure and delight,
Thy truth my strength and stay.

2 The day is dark, the night is long,
Unblest with thoughts of Thee,
And dull to me the sweetest song,
Unless its theme Thou be.
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3 So all day long, and all the night,
    Lord, let Thy presence be,
    Mine air, my breath, my shade, my light,
    Myself absorb'd in Thee.

       John S. B. Monsell, 1863.

781 Grief that others love not Jesus.

1 AH! reign wherever man is found,
    My Spouse beloved and divine!
    Then I am rich, and I abound,
    When every human heart is Thine.

2 A thousand sorrows pierce my soul,
    To think that all are not Thine own:
    Ah! be adored from pole to pole;
    Where is thy zeal? arise; be known!

3 All hearts are cold, in every place,
    Yet earthly good with warmth pursue;
    Dissolve them with a flash of grace,
    Thaw these of ice, and give us new!

       Jeanne Marie Guyon, 1700;
       tr. by William Cowper, 1801.

782 The unsearchable Love of God.

1 LOVE of God, how strong and true!
    Eternal, and yet ever new,
    Uncomprehended and unhought,
    Beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 We read Thee best in Him who came
    To bear for us the cross of shame;
    Sent by the Father from on high,
    Our life to live, our death to die.

3 We read Thy power to bless and save,
    Even in the darkness of the grave;
    Still more in resurrection light,
    We read the fulness of Thy might.

4 O love of God, our shield and stay,
    Through all the perils of our way,
    Eternal love, in Thee we rest,
    For ever safe, for ever blest!

       Horatius Bonar, 1861.
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783  "My Spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."

1 To Thee, O dear, dear Saviour!
   My spirit turns for rest,
   My peace is in Thy favour,
   My pillow on Thy breast.

2 Though all the world deceive me,
   I know that I am Thine,
   And Thou wilt never leave me,
   O blessed Saviour, mine.

3 O Thou whose mercy found me,
   From bondage set me free,
   And then for ever bound me,
   With threefold cords to Thee.

4 Oh for a heart to love Thee
   More truly as I ought,
   And nothing place above Thee,
   In deed, or word, or thought.

5 Oh for that choicest blessing
   Of living in Thy love,
   And thus on earth possessing
   The peace of heaven above.

John S. B. Monsell, 1863.

784 Condescending Love. C.M.

1 Oh see how Jesus trusts Himself
   Unto our childish love,
   As though by His free ways with us
   Our earnestness to prove!

2 His sacred name a common word
   On earth He loves to hear;
   There is no majesty in Him
   Which love may not come near.

3 The light of love is round His feet,
   His paths are never dim;
   And He comes nigh to us when we
   Dare not come nigh to Him.

4 Let us be simple with Him, then,
   Not backward, stiff, or cold,
   As though our Bethlehem could be
   What Sina was of old.

Frederick W. Faber, 1852.
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785  "Whom having not seen we love."  C. M.

1 JESUS, these eyes have never seen
    That radiant form of Thine!
The veil of sense hangs dark between
    Thy blessed face and mine!
2 I see Thee not, I hear Thee not,
    Yet art Thou oft with me;
And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot,
    As where I meet with Thee.
3 Like some bright dream that comes unsought,
    When slumbers o'er me roll,
Thine image ever fills my thought,
    And charms my ravish'd soul.
4 Yet though I have not seen, and still
    Must rest in faith alone;
I love Thee, dearest Lord! and will,
    Unseen, but not unknown.
5 When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
    And still this throbbing heart,
The rending veil shall Thee reveal,
    All glorious as Thou art!

Ray Palmer, 1858.

786  "Thy Name is as Ointment poured forth."  C. M.

1 JESUS, the very thought of Thee
    With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
    And in Thy presence rest.
2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
    Nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
    O Saviour of mankind!
3 Oh, hope of every contrite heart!
    Oh, joy of all the meek!
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
    How good to those who seek!
4 But what to those who find? Ah! this
    Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus—what it is,
    None but His loved ones know.
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5 Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our crown wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1153;
tr. by Edward Caswall, 1849.

JESUS, King most wonderful,
Thou Conqueror renown'd,
Thou sweetness most ineffable,
In whom all joys are found!

2 When once Thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanities depart,
Then kindles love divine.

3 O Jesu, Light of all below,
Thou Fount of living fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
And all we can desire;

4 Jesu, may all confess Thy name,
Thy wondrous love adore;
And, seeking Thee, themselves inflame
To seek Thee more and more.

5 Thee, Jesu, may our voices bless;
Thee may we love alone;
And ever in our lives express
The image of Thine own.

Edward Caswall, 1849.

"We love Him because He first loved us."

1 My God, I love Thee; not because
I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not
Must burn eternally.

2 Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
Upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, and spear,
And manifold disgrace.
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3 And griefs and torments numberless,
   And sweat of agony;
   Yea, death itself; and all for me
   Who was Thine enemy.

4 Then, why, O blessed Jesu Christ,
   Should I not love Thee well?
   Not for the hope of winning heaven,
   Nor of escaping hell;

5 Not with the hope of gaining aught,
   Not seeking a reward:
   But as Thyself hast loved me,
   O ever-loving Lord.

6 So would I love Thee, dearest Lord,
   And in Thy praise will sing:
   Solely because Thou art my God,
   And my Eternal King.

Francis Xavier, 1552;
tr. by Edward Caswall, 1849.

789 We love Him for Himself. S.M.

1 BЛЕST be Thy love, dear Lord,
   That taught us this sweet way,
   Only to love Thee for Thyself,
   And for that love obey.

2 O Thou, our souls' chief hope!
   We to Thy mercy fly;
   Wher'er we are, Thou canst protect,
   Whate'er we need, supply.

3 Whether we sleep or wake,
   To Thee we both resign;
   By night we see, as well as day,
   If Thy light on us shine.

4 Whether we live or die,
   Both we submit to Thee;
   In death we live, as well as life,
   If Thine in death we be.

John Austin, 1668.

790 Christ or nothing. 7.6.

1 If my Lord Himself reveal,
   No other good I want;
   Only Christ my wounds can heal,
   Or silence my complaint.
2 He that suffer'd in my stead,
    Shall my Physician be;
I will not be comforted
    Till Jesus comforts me.

    *Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.*

Jesus and His Righteousness prized.

1 *THE more my conduct I survey,*
    Or Thee my Master see,
My own sufficiency dies away,
    I find my need of Thee.

2 *Were I a martyr at the stake*
    I'd plead my Saviour's name;
Intreat a pardon for His sake,
    And urge no other claim.

3 *If blest with that exalted love*
    Which tunes a seraph's tongue;
Yet from the cross I would not move,
    For there my hopes are hung.

4 *Could I get nearer to the throne*
    Than is the common length,
My soul with gratitude should own,
    'Tis done by borrow'd strength.

5 *O Thou, the antidote of fear,*
    The charmer of my heart;
My comforts bloom when Thou art near,
    And fade if Thou depart.

6 *Let others boast whate'er they please,*
    Their hopes I'll not contest:
Smile Thou and I can live at ease,
    Or die divinely blest.

    *Thomas Greene, 1780.*

Christ is all.

1 *COMPARED with Christ, in all beside*
    No comeliness I see;
The one thing needful, dearest Lord,
    Is to be one with Thee.
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2 The sense of Thy expiring love
   Into my soul convey:
   Thyself bestow; for Thee alone
   I absolutely pray.

3 Less than Thyself will not suffice,
   My comfort to restore:
   More than Thyself I cannot crave,
   And Thou canst give no more.

4 Loved of my God, for Him again
   With love intense I burn:
   Chosen of Thee e'er time began,
   I choose Thee in return.

5 Whate'er consists not with Thy love,
   Oh teach me to resign:
   I'm rich to all the intents of bliss,
   If Thou, O God, art mine.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1772.

793 Idols destroyed and Jesus loved.

1 SOON as faith the Lord can see
   Bleeding on a cross for me,
   Quick my idols all depart,
   Jesus gets and fills my heart.

2 None among the sons of men,
   None among the heavenly train,
   Can with Jesus then compare,
   None so sweet, and none so fair!

3 Then my tongue would fain express
   All His love and loveliness;
   But I lisps, and falter forth
   Broken words, not half His worth.

4 Vex'd I try and try again,
   Still my efforts all are vain:
   Living tongues are dumb at best,
   We must die to speak of Christ.

John Berridge, 1785.

794 Jesus our only Care. C. M.

1 CAN my heaven-born soul submit
   To care for things below?
   Nay, but never from the feet
   Of Jesus may I go:
2 Anxious, Lord, for nothing here,  
   In every strait I look to Thee:  
   Humbly cast my every care  
   On Him that cares for me.  
   Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.

795 Jesus our chief Delight.  L. M.

1 JESUS, my Lord, my chief delight,  
   For Thee I long, for Thee I pray,  
   Amid the shadows of the night,  
   Amid the business of the day.<br>

2 When shall I see Thy smiling face,  
   That face which often I have seen?  
   Arise, Thou Sun of Righteousness,  
   Scatter the clouds that intervene.<br>

3 Thou art the glorious gift of God  
   To sinners weary and distress'd;  
   The first of all His gifts bestow'd,  
   And certain pledge of all the rest.<br>

4 Could I but say this gift is mine,  
   The world should lie beneath my feet;  
   Though poor, no more would I repine,  
   Or look with envy on the great.<br>

5 The precious jewel I would keep,  
   And lodge it deep within my heart;  
   At home, abroad, awake, asleep,  
   It never should from thence depart!  
   Benjamin Beddome, 1618.

796 Desiring to abide with Jesus.  C. M.

1 Oh, let my Jesus teach me how  
   I may in Him abide;  
   From wandering save my foolish heart,  
   And keep it near Thy side.<br>

2 Thy side is all the tower I have  
   To screen me from my foes,  
   And in that side a fountain is,  
   Which healeth human woes.<br>

3 Put round my heart Thy cord of love,  
   It hath a kindly sway,  
   But bind me fast, and draw me still,  
   Still nearer every day.  
   John Berridge, 1735.
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797 "Who loved me, and gave Himself for me." 8.8.6.

1 LOVE divine, how sweet Thou art!
   When shall I find my willing heart
      All taken up by Thee?
I thirst, I faint, I die to prove
The greatness of redeeming love,
The love of Christ to me!

2 Stronger His love than death or hell;
   Its riches are unsearchable:
      The first-born sons of light
Desire in vain its depths to see;
They cannot reach the mystery,
The length, and breadth, and height.

3 God only knows the love of God:
   Oh that it now were shed abroad
      In this poor stony heart:
For love I sigh, for love I pine:
This only portion, Lord, be mine,
   Be mine this better part.

4 Oh that I could for ever sit
   With Mary at the Master's feet;
      Be this my happy choice:
My only care, delight, and bliss,
My joy, my heaven on earth, be this,
   To hear the Bridegroom's voice.

Charles Wesley, 1746.

798 Rest in Divine Love desired. 8s., 6 lines.

1 THOU hidden love of God, whose height,
   Whose depth unfathom'd, no man knows;
I see from far Thy beauteous light,
      Inly I sigh for Thy repose:
My heart is pain'd, nor can it be
At rest, till it finds rest in Thee.

2 Is there a thing beneath the sun
   That strives with Thee my heart to share?
Ah, tear it thence, and reign alone,
      The Lord of every motion there!
Then shall my heart from earth be free,
When it hath found repose in Thee.
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3 Each moment draw from earth away
   My heart, that lowly waits Thy call;
Speak to my inmost soul, and say,
   "I am thy Love, thy God, thy All!"
To feel Thy power, to hear Thy voice,
To taste Thy love, be all my choice.
   G. Tersteegen, and P. Gerhardt,
tr. by John Wesley, 1739.

799 Abide in me. 7s.

1 THOU, who art the incarnate God,
   In mine heart make Thine abode:
Come, dear Lord, and come to stay,
Not just smile and go away!

2 Let not clouds Thy face eclipse,
   Let not anger seal Thy lips;
Thy fair countenance let me see;
   With Thy sweet voice speak to me.

3 Rise then, Sun of righteousness,
   Me with Thy sweet beamings bless;
Winter then may stay or flee,
   Lord, 'tis all alike to me.

4 If in life I have Thy grace,
   And at death behold Thy face;
Life may stay, or life may flee,
   Lord, 'tis all alike to me.

John Ryland, 1775.

800 Saviour, look on Thy Beloved. 8.7.

1 SAVIOUR, look on Thy beloved;
   Triumph over all my foes;
Turn to happy joy my mourning;
   Turn to gladness all my woes.

2 Live or die, or work or suffer,
   Let my weary soul abide,
In all changes whatsoever,
   Sure and stedfast by Thy side.

3 Nothing will preserve my goings,
   But salvation full and free;
Nothing will my feet dishearten,
   But my absence, Lord, from Thee.
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4 Nothing can delay my progress,
    Nothing can disturb my rest,
If I shall, where'er I wander,
    Lean my spirit on Thy breast.

William Williams, 1772.

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Jesus is enough. C. M.

1 JESUS, my Saviour, is enough
    When all is gone and spent;
He fills and over-fills my soul,
    Thus I am pure content.

2 My covenant with flesh and blood,
    And every sinful thing,
Is broken, and is stedfast made,
    With Jesus Christ my King.

3 Vanish from me, ye objects vain,
    All scenes of lower kind;
A pleasure equal to my wish
    In God alone I find.

William Williams, 1759.

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Beauties of Jesus. 8.7.4.

1 WHITE and ruddy is my Belovèd,
    All His heavenly beauties shine;
Nature can't produce an object,
    Nor so glorious, so divine;
He hath wholly
    Won my soul to realms above.

2 Farewell all ye meaner creatures,
    For in Him is every store;
Wealth, or friends, or darling beauty,
    Shall not draw me any more;
In my Saviour,
    I have found a glorious whole.

3 Such as find Thee find such sweetness
    Deep, mysterious, and unknown;
Far above all worldly pleasures,
    If they were to meet in one;
My Belovèd,
    O'er the mountains haste away.

William Williams, 1772.
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803. Jesus, reign in us. 8.7.

1 Jesus, whose almighty sceptre
Rules creation all around,
In whose bowels love and mercy,
Grace, and pity, full are found.

2 In my spirit rule and conquer,
There set up Thy eternal throne;
Win my heart from every creature,
Thee to love, and Thee alone.

3 In Thy bleeding wounds most happy,
Nought will do for wretched me,
But a Saviour full of mercy,
Dying, innocent, and free.

4 Climb, my soul, unto the mountain,
   Ever-blesséd Calvary,
See the wounded Victim bleeding,
   Nailed to a cursed tree.

5 Love to miserable sinners,
   Love unfathom’d, love to death,
Was the only end and motive,
   To resign His gracious breath.

William Williams, 1772.

804. My Jesus, I love Thee. 11s.

1 My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine,
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2 I love Thee because Thou hast first lovéd me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3 I will love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
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4 In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

London Hymn Book, 1864.

805 Weaned from the World. L. M.

1 I THIRST, but not as once I did,
The vain delights of earth to share
Thy wounds, Immanuel, all forbid
That I should seek my pleasures there.

2 It was the sight of Thy dear cross
First wean'd my soul from earthly things:
And taught me to esteem as dross
The mirth of fools and pomp of kings.

3 Dear fountain of delight unknown!
No longer sink below the brim;
But overflow, and pour me down
A living and life-giving stream!

William Cowper, 1779.

806 Longing to be with Jesus. C. M.

1 MY soul amid this stormy world,
Is like some flutter'd dove;
And fain would be as swift of wing,
To flee to Him I love.

2 The cords that bound my heart to earth
Are broken by His hand;
Before His cross I found myself
A stranger in the land.

3 That visage marred, those sorrows deep,
The vinegar and gall,
These were His golden chains of love,
His captive to enthrall.

4 My heart is with Him on His throne,
And I'll can brook delay;
Each moment listening for the voice,
"Rise up, and come away."
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5 With hope deferr'd, oft sick and faint,
   "Why tarries He?" I cry:
Let not the Saviour chide my haste,
   For then would I reply:

6 "May not an exile, Lord, desire
   His own sweet land to see?
May not a captive seek release,
   A prisoner to be free?

7 "A child, when far away, may long
   For home and kindred dear;
And she that waits her absent Lord
   May sigh till He appear.

8 "I would, my Lord and Saviour, know,
   That which no measure knows;
Would search the mystery of Thy love,
   The depths of all Thy woes.

9 "I fain would strike my harp divine
   Before the Father's throne,
There cast my crown of righteousness,
   And sing what grace has done.

10 "Ah, leave me not in this base world,
   A stranger still to roam;
Come, Lord, and take me to Thyself,
   Come, Jesus, quickly come!"

   Robert C. Chapman, 1837.

807 Jesus our Choice. L.M.

1 THOUGH all the world my choice deride,
   Yet Jesus shall my portion be;
   For I am pleased with none beside;
   The fairest of the fair is He.

2 Sweet is the vision of Thy face,
   And kindness o'er Thy lips is shed;
   Lovely art Thou, and full of grace,
   And glory beams around Thy head.

3 Thy sufferings I embrace with Thee,
   Thy poverty and shameful cross;
   The pleasures of the world I flee,
   And deem its treasures only dross.
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4 Be daily dearer to my heart,
And ever let me feel Thee near:
Then willingly with all I'd part,
Nor count it worthy of a tear.

Gerard Terstegen, 1751.

808 His Name is lovely.

1 Other name than my dear Lord's,
Never to my heart affords
Equal influence to move
Its deep springs of joy and love.

2 He from youth has been my guide,
He to hoar hairs will provide,
Every light and every shade,
On my path His presence made.

3 He hath been my joy in woe,
Cheer'd my heart when it was low,
And, with warnings softly sad,
Calm’d my heart when it was glad.

4 Change or chance could ne'er befall,
But He proved mine all in all;
All He asks in answer is,
That I should be wholly His.

5 Oh that I may ever prove,
By a life of earnest love,
How, by right of grace divine,
I am His, and He is mine.

John S. B. Monsell, 1863.

809 "I did know Thee in the Wilderness."

1 I KNEW Thee in the land of drought,
Thy comfort and control,
Thy truth encompass'd me about,
Thy love refresh'd my soul.

2 I knew Thee when the world was waste,
And Thou alone wast fair,
On Thee my heart its fondness placed,
My soul reposed its care.
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3 And if Thine alter'd hand doth now
   My sky with sunshine fill,
Who amid all so fair as Thou?
   Oh let me know Thee still:

4 Still turn to Thee in days of light,
   As well as nights of care,
Thou brightest amid all that's bright!
   Thou fairest of the fair!

5 My sun is, Lord, where'er Thou art,
   My cloud, where self I see,
My drought in an ungrateful heart,
   My freshest springs in Thee.

   John S. B. Monsell, 1863.

810 Hark, the Voice of my Beloved.

1 HARK! the voice of my Beloved,
   Lo, He comes in greatest need,
Leaping on the lofty mountains,
   Skipping over hills with speed,
   To deliver,
   Me unworthy from all woe.

2 In a dungeon deep He found me,
   Without water, without light,
Bound in chains of horrid darkness,
   Gloomy, thick, Egyptian night;
   He recover'd
   Thence my soul with price immense.

3 And for this let men and angels,
   All the heavenly hosts above,
Choirs of seraphims elected,
   With their golden harps of love,
   Praise and worship,
   My Redeemer without end.

4 Let believers raise their anthems;
   All the saints in one accord,
Mix'd with angels and archangels,
   Sing their dear redeeming Lord;
   Love eternal,
   Inconceivable, unknown.

   William Williams, 1772, a.
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811  The Strength of Christ's Love.  L. M.

1 Oh let my name engraven stand,
   My Jesus, on Thy heart and hand;
   Seal me upon Thine arm, and wear
   That pledge of love for ever there.

2 Stronger than death Thy love is known,
   Which floods of wrath could never drown;
   And hell and earth in vain combine
   To quench a fire so much divine.

3 But I am jealous of my heart,
   Lest it should once from Thee depart;
   Then let Thy name be well impress'd
   As a fair signet on my breast.

4 Till Thou hast brought me to Thy home,
   Where fears and doubts can never come,
   Thy countenance let me often see,
   And often Thou shalt hear from me.

5 Come, my beloved, haste away,
   Cut short the hours of Thy delay:
   Fly like a youthful hart or roe
   Over the hills where spices grow.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

812  On Jesus's Heart and Arm.  C. M.

1 I ask my dying Saviour dear
   To set me on His heart;
   And if my Jesus fix me there,
   Nor life, nor death shall part.

2 As Aaron bore upon his breast
   The names of Jacob's sons,
   So bear my name among the rest
   Of Thy dear chosen ones.

3 But seal me also on Thine arm,
   Or yet I am not right;
   I need Thy love to ward off harm,
   And need Thy shoulder's might.

4 This double seal makes all things sure,
   And keeps me safe and well;
   Thy heart and shoulder will secure
   From all the host of hell.

John Berridge, 1785.
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“To live is Christ, and to die is Gain.”

1 CHRIST, of all my hopes the ground,
   Christ, the spring of all my joy,
   Still in Thee may I be found,
   Still for Thee my powers employ.

2 Fountain of overflowing grace,
   Freely from Thy fulness give;
   Till I close my earthly race,
   May I prove it, “Christ to live.”

3 Firmly trusting in Thy blood,
   Nothing shall my heart confound;
   Safely I shall pass the flood,
   Safely reach Immanuel’s ground.

4 When I touch the blessed shore,
   Back the closing waves shall roll;
   Death’s dark stream shall never more
   Part from Thee my ravish’d soul.

5 Thus, oh thus, an entrance give
   To the land of cloudless sky!
   Having known it, “Christ to live,”
   Let me know it, “Gain to die.”

Ralph Wardlaw, 1817.

814 Christ dwells in Heaven, but visits His Saints on Earth.

1 MY best-belov’d keeps His throne
   On hills of light, in worlds unknown;
   But He descends and shows His face
   In the young gardens of His grace.

2 He has engross’d my warmest love;
   No earthly charms my soul can move:
   I have a mansion in His heart,
   Nor death nor hell shall make us part.

3 He takes my soul ere I’m aware,
   And shows me where His glories are;
   No chariot of Amminadib
   The heavenly rapture can describe.

4 Oh, may my spirit daily rise
   On wings of faith above the skies,
   Till death shall make my last remove,
   To dwell for ever with my love.

Isaac Watts, 1702.
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815 "With Thee is the Fountain of Life."

1 OBJECT of my first desire,
   Jesus crucified for me!
   All to happiness aspire,
   Only to be found in Thee!

2 Thee to please and Thee to know,
   Constitute our bliss below;
   Thee to see and Thee to love,
   Constitute our bliss above.

3 Lord, it is not life to live,
   If Thy presence Thou deny;
   Lord, if Thou Thy presence give,
   'Tis no longer death to die!

4 Source and giver of repose!
   Singly from Thy smile it flows,
   Peace and happiness are Thine,
   Mine they are, if Thou art mine!

Augustus M. Toplady, 1774.

816 Love the Source of Love. L. M.

1 WHAT wondrous cause could move Thy heart
   To take on Thee my curse and smart?
   When Thou foreknewest, I should be
   So cold and negligent to Thee?

2 The cause was love, I sink with shame
   Before my sacred Jesu's name,
   That Thou shouldst bleed and slaughter'd be,
   Because, because Thou lovedst me.

3 Thou lovedst me, oh boundless grace!
   Who can such wondrous mercy trace?
   I, who unfaithful, foolish am,
   Yet find Thee still a patient lamb.

Clare Taylor, 1742.

817 He is precious. 8.7.

1 PRECIOUS is the name of Jesus,
   Who can half its worth unfold?
   Far beyond angelic praises,
   Sweetly sung to harps of gold.
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2 Precious when to Calvary groaning,
    He sustain'd the cursed tree;
Precious when His death atoning
    Made an end of sin for me.

3 Precious when the bloody scourges
    Caused the sacred drops to roll;
Precious when of wrath the surges
    Overwhelm'd His holy soul.

4 Precious in His death victorious,
    He the host of hell o'erthrows;
In His resurrection glorious,
    Victor crown'd o'er all His foes.

5 Precious, Lord! beyond expressing,
    Are Thy beauties all divine;
Glory, honour, power, and blessing
    Be henceforth for ever Thine.

John Kent, 1841.

818 Beneath His Cross. L.M.

1 Beneath Thy cross I lay me down,
    And mourn to see Thy bloody crown:
Love drops in blood from every vein,
    Love is the spring of all His pain.

2 Here, Jesus, I shall ever stay,
    And spend my longing hours away,
Think on Thy bleeding wounds and pain,
    And contemplate Thy woes again.

3 The rage of Satan, and of sin,
    Of foes without, and fears within,
Shall ne'er my conquering soul remove,
    Or from Thy cross or from Thy love.

4 Secured from harms beneath Thy shade,
    Here death and hell shall ne'er invade,
Nor Sinai, with its thundering noise,
    Shall e'er disturb my happier joys.

5 Oh, unmolested happy rest!
    Where inward fears are all suppress'd,
Here I shall love and live secure,
    And patiently my cross endure.

William Williams, 1772.
COMMUNION WITH JESUS.

819 Holy Admiration of Jesus. L.M.

1 JESUS, when faith with fixed eyes,
   Beholds Thy wondrous sacrifice,
   Love rises to an ardent flame,
   And we all other hope disclaim.

2 With cold affections who can see
   The thorns, the scourge, the nails, the tree,
   Thy flowing tears, and purple sweat,
   Thy bleeding hands, and head, and feet?

3 Look, saints, into His opening side,
   The breach how large, how deep, how wide!
   Thence issues forth a double flood
   Of cleansing water, pardoning blood.

4 Hence, O my soul, a balsam flows
   To heal thy wounds, and cure thy woes;
   Immortal joys come streaming down,
   Joys, like His griefs, immense, unknown.

5 Thus I could ever, ever sing
   The sufferings of my heavenly King;
   With glowing pleasure spread abroad
   The mysteries of a dying God.

Benjamin Beddome, 1818.

820 Christ the Eternal Life. L.M.

1 JESUS, our Kinsman and our God,
   Array’d in majesty and blood,
   Thou art our life; our souls in Thee
   Possess a full felicity.

2 All our immortal hopes are laid
   In Thee, our surety and our head;
   Thy cross, Thy cradle, and Thy throne,
   Are big with glories yet unknown.

3 Oh, let my soul for ever lie
   Beneath the blessings of Thine eye;
   ’Tis heaven on earth, ’tis heaven above,
   To see Thy face, and taste Thy love.

Isaac Watts, 1731.
DEATH.

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah.

1 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
   Pilgrim thro' this barren land;
   I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
   Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
   Bread of heaven!
   Feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
   Whence the healing streams do flow;
   Let the fiery cloudy pillar,
   Lead me all my journey through:
   Strong Deliv'rer!
   Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
   Bid my anxious fears subside;
   Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,
   Land me safe on Canaan's side:
   Songs of praises
   I will ever give to Thee.

William Williams, 1773.

Victory over Death.

1 Oh for an overcoming faith
   To cheer my dying hours;
   To triumph o'er the monster Death,
   And all his frightful powers!

2 Joyful, with all the strength I have,
   My quivering lips should sing,
   Where is thy boasted victory, Grave?
   And where's the monster's sting?

3 If sin be pardon'd, I'm secure;
   Death hath no sting beside:
   The law gives sin its damning power;
   But Christ, my ransom, died.

4 Now to the God of victory
   Immortal thanks be paid,
   Who makes us conquerors while we die,
   Through Christ our living head.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
DEATH.

823  "The Time is short." L. M.

1 THE time is short ere all that live
Shall hence depart, their God to meet;
And each a strict account must give,
At Jesu's awful judgment-seat.

2 The time is short, oh, who can tell
How short his time below may be?
To-day on earth his soul may dwell,
To-morrow in eternity.

3 The time is short; sinner, beware!
Nor squander these brief hours away;
Oh flee to Christ, by faith and prayer,
Ere yet shall close this fleeting day.

4 The time is short; ye saints, rejoice!
Your Saviour-Judge will quickly come;
Soon shall you hear the Bridegroom's voice
Invite you to His heavenly home.

5 The time is short, ere time shall cease,
Eternity be usher'd in,
And death shall die, and joy and peace
O'er the new earth benignant reign.

Joseph Hoskins, 1789, a.

824 The solemn Hour. C. M.

1 THERE is an hour when I must part
With all I hold most dear;
And life, with its best hopes, will then
As nothingness appear.

2 There is an hour when I must sink
Beneath the stroke of death;
And yield to Him, who gave it first,
My struggling vital breath.

3 There is an hour, when I must stand
Before the judgment seat;
And all my sins, and all my foes,
In awful vision meet.

4 There is an hour, when I must look
On one eternity;
And nameless woe, or blissful life,
My endless portion be.
DEATH.

5 O Saviour, then, in all my need
   Be near, be near to me;
   And let my soul, by stedfast faith,
   Find life and heaven in Thee.

Andrew Reed, 1842.

825 Death and Eternity. C.M.

1 STOOP down, my thoughts, that used to rise,
   Converse awhile with death:
   Think how a gasping mortal lies,
   And pants away his breath.

2 His quivering lip hangs feebly down,
   His pulses faint and few:
   Then speechless, with a doleful groan
   He bids the world adieu.

3 But, oh, the soul that never dies!
   At once it leaves the clay;
   Ye thoughts, pursue it where it flies,
   And track its wondrous way.

4 Up to the courts where angels dwell,
   It mounts triumphant there;
   Or devils plunge it down to hell,
   In infinite despair.

5 And must my body faint and die?
   And must this soul remove?
   Oh, for some guardian-angel nigh,
   To bear it safe above!

6 Jesus, to Thy dear faithful hand
   My naked soul I trust;
   And my flesh waits for Thy command,
   To drop into the dust.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

826 Peace in the Prospect of Death. L.M.

1 SHRINKING from the cold hand of death,
   I soon may gather up my feet;
   May swift resign this fleeting breath,
   And die, my fathers' God to meet.
DEATH.

2 Number'd among Thy people, I
Expect with joy Thy face to see:
Because Thou didst for sinners die,
Jesus, in death, remember me!

3 Oh that without a lingering groan
I may the welcome word receive;
My body with my charge lay down,
And cease at once to work and live!

Charles Wesley, 1762, a.

827 The tolling Bell. L. M.

1 Oft as the bell, with solemn toll,
Speaks the departure of a soul,
Let each one ask himself, “Am I
Prepared, should I be call’d to die?”

2 Only this frail and fleeting breath
Preserves me from the jaws of death;
Soon as it fails, at once I’m gone,
And plunged into a world unknown.

3 Then, leaving all I loved below,
To God’s tribunal I must go;
Must hear the Judge pronounce my fate,
And fix my everlasting state.

4 Lord Jesus, help me now to flee,
And seek my hope alone in Thee;
Apply Thy blood, Thy Spirit give,
Subdue my sin, and let me live.

5 Then when the solemn bell I hear,
If saved from guilt, I need not fear;
Nor would the thought distressing be,
“Perhaps it next may tell for me!”

6 Rather, my spirit would rejoice,
And long, and wish, to hear Thy voice;
Glad when it bids me earth resign,
Secure of heaven, if Thou art mine.

John Newton, 1779.

828 It is not Death to die. S. M.

1 It is not death to die,
To leave this weary road,
And, midst the brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God.
DEATH.

2 It is not death to close
   The eye long dimm'd by tears,
And wake in glorious repose
   To spend eternal years.

3 It is not death to bear
   The wrench that sets us free
From dungeon chain, to breathe the air
   Of boundless liberty.

4 It is not death to fling
   Aside this sinful dust,
And rise, on strong exulting wing,
   To live among the just.

5 Jesus, Thou Prince of life!
   Thy chosen cannot die;
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife,
   To reign with Thee on high.

From the French;
George W. Bethune, 1847.

829 Christ's Presence makes Death easy. L.M.

1 Why should we start, or fear to die?
   What timorous worms we mortals are!
Death is the gate of endless joy,
   And yet we dread to enter there.

2 The pains, the groans, the dying strife,
   Fright our approaching souls away;
Still we shrink back again to life,
   Fond of our prison and our clay.

3 Oh, if my Lord would come and meet,
   My soul should stretch her wings in haste,
Fly fearless through death's iron gate,
   Nor feel the terrors as she pass'd.

4 Jesus can make a dying bed
   Feel soft as downy pillows are,
While on His breast I lean my head,
   And breathe my life out sweetly there.
   Isaac Watts, 1709.

830 On a Believer's Death. C.M.

1 In vain my fancy strives to paint
   The moment after death,
The glories that surround the saint,
   When yielding up his breath.
DEATH.

2 One gentle sigh the fetter breaks:
   We scarce can say, "They're gone!"
Before the willing spirit takes
   Her mansion near the throne.

3 Faith strives, but all its efforts fail,
   To trace her in her flight;
No eye can pierce within the veil
   Which hides that world of light.

4 Thus much (and this is all) we know,
   They are completely blest;
Have done with sin, and care, and woe,
   And with their Saviour rest.

5 On harps of gold they praise His name,
   His face they always view;
Then let us followers be of them,
   That we may praise Him too.

John Newton, 1779

831 Victory over Death. P.M.

1 VITAL spark of heavenly flame,
   Quit, oh quit this mortal frame!
Trembling, hoping, lingering, flying.
   Oh the pain, the bliss of dying!
Cease, fond nature, cease thy strife,
   And let me languish into life.

2 Hark! they whisper: angels say,
   Sister spirit, come away.
What is this absorbs me quite—
   Steals my senses—shuts my sight—
Drowns my spirit—draws my breath?
Tell me, my soul, can this be death?

3 The world recedes; it disappears!
Heaven opens on my eyes! my ears
   With sounds seraphic ring:
Lend, lend your wings! I mount! I fly!
O grave, where is thy victory?
   O death, where is thy sting?

Alexander Pope, 1720.
BURIAL.

BURIAL HYMNS.

832  Burial of a Saint. C. M.

1 Why do we mourn departing friends,
   Or shake at death's alarms!
   'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
   To call them to His arms.

2 Why should we tremble to convey
   Their bodies to the tomb?
   There the dear flesh of Jesus lay,
   And left a long perfume.

3 The graves of all His saints He bless'd,
   And soften'd every bed:
   Where should the dying members rest,
   But with the dying Head?

4 Thence He arose, ascending high,
   And show'd our feet the way;
   Up to the Lord our flesh shall fly,
   At the great rising day.

5 Then let the last loud trumpet sound,
   And bid our kindred rise;
   Awake, ye nations, under ground;
   Ye saints, ascend the skies.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

833  "Blessed are the Dead that die in the Lord." C. M.

1 Hear what the voice from heaven proclaims
   For all the pious dead,
   Sweet is the savour of their names,
   And soft their sleeping bed.

2 They die in Jesus, and are bless'd;
   How kind their slumbers are!
   From sufferings and from sins released,
   And freed from every snare.

3 Far from this world of toil and strife,
   They're present with the Lord:
   The labours of their mortal life
   End in a large reward.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
BURIAL.

834 The Grave a Bedchamber. L.M.

1 UNVEIL thy bosom, faithful tomb; Take this new treasure to thy trust, And give these sacred relics room To seek a slumber in the dust.

2 Nor pain, nor grief, nor anxious fear, Invades thy bounds; no mortal woes Can reach the lovely sleepers here; And angels watch their soft repose.

3 So Jesus slept: God's dying Son Pass'd through the grave, and blest the bed; Rest here, dear saint, till from His throne The morning break, and pierce the shade.

4 Break from His throne, illustrious morn! Attend, O earth, His sovereign word; Restore thy trust, a glorious form: He must ascend to meet his Lord.

Isaac Watts, 1734.

835 Housed and happy. C.M.

1 O happy they, who safely housed, To Jesus' bosom fly, Before the storm of wrath is roused; Yes, happy they who die!

2 Care, pain, and grief, the wild array Of sorrows felt below, The dread of trial's fiery day, Of persecution's glow;

3 All, all is o'er, with those at rest, For Jesus' sake forgiven! No heavings of the anxious breast, No sickening fear, in heaven.

4 Why linger then, with strange desire, Where reeks the deadly strife, And shrink, unwilling to retire, To everlasting life?

5 Oh were it not for those he leaves Lone in a desert land, 'Tis wondrous when a Christian grieves To find his home at hand.

Ann Gilbert, 1842.
BURIAL.

836 Submission. C. M.

1 PEACE!—’tis the Lord Jehovah’s hand
That blasts our joys in death,
Changes the visage once so dear,
And gathers back the breath.

2 ’Tis He—The Potentate supreme
Of all the worlds above,
Whose steady counsels wisely rule,
Nor from their purpose move.

3 Our covenant God and Father He,
In Christ our bleeding Lord;
Whose grace can heal the bursting heart
With one reviving word.

4 Fair garlands of immortal bliss
He weaves for every brow;
And shall tumultuous passions rise,
If He corrects us now?

5 Silent I own Jehovah’s name,
I kiss the scourging hand;
And yield my comforts, and my life
To Thy supreme command.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

837 Funeral of a Young Person. C. M.

1 WHEN blooming youth is snatch’d away
By death’s resistless hand,
Our hearts the mournful tribute pay,
Which pity must demand.

2 While pity prompts the rising sigh,
Oh may this truth, impress’d
With awful power,—“ I too must die!”
Sink deep in every breast.

3 Let this vain world engage no more:
Behold the gaping tomb!
It bids us seize the present hour:
To morrow death may come.
BURIAL.

4 The voice of this alarming scene,
   May every heart obey;
   Nor be the heavenly warning vain,
   Which calls to watch and pray.

5 Oh, let us fly—to Jesus fly,
   Whose powerful arm can save;
   Then shall our hopes ascend on high,
   And triumph o'er the grave.

6 Great God, Thy sovereign grace impart,
   With cleansing, healing power;
   This only can prepare the heart
   For death's surprising hour.

           Anne Steele, 1760.

838 Consolation concerning a Minister's Death. C.M.

1 Now let our mourning hearts revive,
   And all our tears be dry;
   Why should those eyes be drown'd in grief,
   Which view a Saviour nigh?

2 What though the arm of conquering death,
   Does God's own house invade;
   What though the prophet and the priest
   Be number'd with the dead?

3 Though earthly shepherds dwell in dust,
   The aged and the young,
   The watchful eye in darkness closed,
   And mute the instructive tongue;

4 The eternal Shepherd still survives,
   New comfort to impart;
   His eye still guides us, and His voice
   Still animates our heart.

5 "Lo, I am with you," saith the Lord,
   "My church shall safe abide;
   For I will ne'er forsake my own,
   Whose souls in me confide."

6 Through every scene of life and death,
   This promise is our trust;
   And this shall be our children's song,
   When we are cold in dust.

           Philip Doddridge, 1735.
RESURRECTION.

839 "I know that my Redeemer liveth." L. M.

1 I KNOW that my Redeemer lives:
   This thought transporting pleasure gives,
   And standing, at the latter day,
   On earth, His glories will display.

2 And though this goodly mortal frame
   Sink to the dust, from whence it came;
   Though buried in the silent tomb,
   Worms shall my skin and flesh consume;

3 Yet on that happy rising morn,
   New life this body shall adorn;
   These active powers refined shall be,
   And God, my Saviour, I shall see.

4 Though perish'd all my cold remains,
   Though all consumed my heart and reins;
   Yet, for myself, my wondering eyes
   God shall behold, with glad surprise.

   John Williams, 1810.

840 "Behold, He cometh." L. M.

1 THE time draws nigh when from the clouds
   Christ shall with shouts descend,
   And the last trumpet's awful voice
   The heavens and earth shall rend.

2 Then they who live shall changed be,
   And they who sleep shall wake;
   The graves shall yield their ancient charge,
   And earth's foundations shake.

3 The saints of God, from death set free;
   With joy shall mount on high;
   The heavenly hosts with praises loud
   Shall meet them in the sky.

4 Together to their Father's house
   With joyful hearts they go,
   And dwell for ever with the Lord,
   Beyond the reach of woe.

   Michael Bruce, 1768.
RESURRECTION.

841 Hope of Heaven by the Resurrection of Christ. C.M.

1 BLESS'D be the everlasting God,
    The Father of our Lord;
    Be His abounding mercy praised,
    His majesty adored.

2 When from the dead He raised His Son,
    And call'd Him to the sky,
    He gave our souls a lively hope
    That they should never die.

3 What though our inbred sins require
    Our flesh to see the dust;
    Yet as the Lord our Saviour rose,
    So all His followers must.

4 There's an inheritance divine
    Reserved against that day;
    'Tis uncorrupted, undefiled,
    And cannot fade away.

5 Saints by the power of God are kept
    Till the salvation come;
    We walk by faith, as strangers here,
    Till Christ shall call us home.

     Isaac Watts, 1709.

842 The Hope of Resurrection. S.M.

1 AND must this body die?
    This mortal frame decay?
    And must these active limbs of mine
    Lie mouldering in the clay?

2 Corruption, earth, and worms
    Shall but refine this flesh,
    Till my triumphant spirit comes
    To put it on afresh.

3 God my Redeemer lives,
    And often from the skies
    Looks down, and watches all my dust,
    Till He shall bid it rise.

4 Array'd in glorious grace
    Shall these vile bodies shine:
    And every shade, and every face,
    Look heavenly and divine.
RESURRECTION.

5 These lively hopes we owe
   To Jesus' dying love:
   We would adore His grace below,
   And sing His power above.

6 Dear Lord, accept the praise
   Of these our humble songs,
   Till tunes of nobler sound we raise
   With our immortal tongues.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

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I shall arise.

1 My life's a shade, my days
   Apace to death decline;
   My Lord is Life, He'll raise
   My dust again, even mine.
   Sweet truth to me!
   I shall arise,
   And with these eyes
   My Saviour see.

2 My peaceful grave shall keep
   My bones till that sweet day;
   I wake from my long sleep
   And leave my bed of clay.
   Sweet truth to me!
   I shall arise,
   And with these eyes
   My Saviour see.

3 My Saviour's angels shall
   Their golden trumpets sound,
   At whose most welcome call
   My grave shall be unbound.
   Sweet truth to me!
   I shall arise,
   And with these eyes
   My Saviour see.

   Samuel Crossman, 1664.

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Death swallowed up in Victory.

1 We sing His love, who once was slain,
   Who soon o'er death revived again,
   That all His saints through Him might have
   Eternal conquests o'er the grave.
   Soon shall the trumpet sound, and we
   Shall rise to immortality.
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2 The saints who now in Jesus sleep
His own almighty power shall keep,
Till dawns the bright illustrious day,
When death itself shall die away.
  Soon shall, &c.

3 How loud shall our glad voices sing,
When Christ His risen saints shall bring
From beds of dust, and silent clay,
To realms of everlasting day!
  Soon shall, &c.

4 When Jesus we in glory meet,
Our utmost joys shall be complete:
When landed on that heavenly shore,
Death and the curse will be no more!
  Soon shall, &c.

5 Hasten, dear Lord, the glorious day,
And this delightful scene display:
When all Thy saints from death shall rise,
Raptured in bliss beyond the skies.
  Soon shall, &c.

Rowland Hill, 1796.

ASPIRATIONS FOR HEAVEN.

845 "To be with Christ is far better." C.M.

1 Oh, how I long to reach my home,
My glorious home in heaven!
And wish the joyful hour were come,
The welcome mandate given!

2 Oh, how I long to lay aside
These worn-out weeds of clay;
And, led by my celestial Guide,
T' explore yon azure way!

3 Oh, how I long to be with Christ,
Where all His glory beams!
To be from this dark world dismiss'd,
Which His dear name blasphemes!
ASPIRATIONS FOR HEAVEN.

4 Oh, how I long that world to hail,
Where sin can ne'er defile!
Where not a cloud shall ever veil
From me my Saviour's smile!

5 Oh, how I long to join the choir
Who worship at His feet!
Lord, grant me soon my heart's desire!
Soon, soon Thy work complete!

Charlotte Elliott, 1834.

846 "For ever with the Lord." S. M.

1 "For ever with the Lord!"
Amen! so let it be!
Life from the dead is in that word,
'Tis immortality!

2 Here in the body pent,
Absent from Him I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent
A day's march nearer home.

3 My Father's house on high,
Home of my soul! how near,
At times, to faith's foreseeing eye,
Thy golden gates appear!

4 Ah! then my spirit faints
To reach the land I love,
The bright inheritance of saints,
Jerusalem above!

5 "For ever with the Lord!"
Father, if 'tis Thy will,
The promise of that faithful word,
Even here to me fulfil.

6 Be Thou at my right hand,
Then can I never fail,
Uphold Thou me, and I shall stand,
Fight, and I must prevail.

7 So when my latest breath
Shall rend the veil in twain,
By death I shall escape from death,
And life eternal gain.
8 Knowing as I am known,
How shall I love that word,
And oft repeat before the throne,
"For ever with the Lord!"

9 Then, though the soul enjoy
Communion high and sweet,
While worms this body must destroy,
Both shall in glory meet.

10 That resurrection word,
That shout of victory,
Once more, "For ever with the Lord!"
Amen—so let it be!

James Montgomery, 1835.

847     Let me be with Thee.       L. M.

1 LET me be with Thee, where Thou art,
   My Saviour, my eternal rest!
Then only will this longing heart
Be fully and for ever blest.

2 Let me be with Thee, where Thou art,
Thy unveil'd glory to behold;
Then only will this wandering heart
Cease to be faithless, treacherous, cold.

3 Let me be with Thee, where Thou art,
Where spotless saints Thy name adore;
Then only will this sinful heart
Be evil and defiled no more.

4 Let me be with Thee, where Thou art,
Where none can die, where none remove;
Where life nor death my soul can part,
From Thy blest presence and Thy love.

Charlotte Elliott, 1836.

848     The Pilgrim's Song.  11s.

1 MY rest is in heaven, my rest is not here,
Then why should I tremble when trials
are near?
[come
Be hush'd my dark spirit, the worst that can
But shortens thy journey, and hastens thee
home.
ASPIRATIONS FOR HEAVEN.

2 It is not for me to be seeking my bliss,
    Or building my hopes in a region like this;
I look for a city that hands have not piled,
I pant for a country by sin undefiled.

3 Afflictions may press me, they cannot destroy,
    One glimpse of His love turns them all into joy;
And the bitterest tears, if He smile but on
Like dew in the sunshine, grow diamond and gem.

4 Let doubt, then, and danger my progress oppose,
    They only make heaven more sweet at the close:
Come joy or come sorrow, whate'er may befall,
An hour with my God will make up for them all.

5 A scrip on my back, and a staff in my hand,
    I march on in haste through an enemy's land;
The road may be rough, but it cannot be long,
And I'll smooth it with hope, and cheer it with song.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834.

849 "This is not your Rest." 8.7.

1 This is not my place of resting,
    Mine's a city yet to come;
Onward to it I am hastening—
    On to my eternal home.

2 In it all is light and glory;
    O'er it shines a nightless day:
Every trace of sin's sad story,
    All the curse, hath pass'd away.

3 There the Lamb, our Shepherd leads us,
    By the streams of life along,
On the freshest pastures feeds us,
    Turns our sighing into song.

4 Soon we pass this desert dreary,
    Soon we bid farewell to pain:
Never more are sad or weary,
    Never, never sin again!

Horatius Bonar, 1856.
ASPIRATIONS FOR HEAVEN.

850 Rising to God. L.M.

1 NOW let our souls on wings sublime
Rise from the vanities of time,
Draw back the parting veil, and see
The glories of eternity.

2 Twice born by a celestial birth,
Why should we grovel here on earth?
Why grasp at transitory toys,
So near to heaven's eternal joys?

3 Shall aught beguile us on the road,
When we are travelling back to God?
For strangers into life we come,
And dying is but going home.

4 Welcome, sweet hour of full discharge,
That sets my longing soul at large,
Unbinds my chains, breaks up my cell,
And gives me with my God to dwell.

5 To dwell with God, to feel His love,
Is the full heaven enjoy'd above;
And the sweet expectation now
Is the young dawn of heaven below.

Thomas Gibbons, 1762.

851 "Present with the Lord." C.M.

1 THERE is a house not made with hands,
Eternal, and on high,
And here my spirit waiting stands,
Till God shall bid it fly.

2 Shortly this prison of my clay
Must be dissolved and fall;
Then, O my soul! with joy obey
Thy heavenly Father's call.

3 'Tis He, by His almighty grace,
That forms thee fit for heaven;
And, as an earnest of the place,
Has His own Spirit given.
ASPIRATIONS FOR HEAVEN.

4 We walk by faith of joys to come,
   Faith lives upon His word:
   But while the body is our home,
   We're absent from the Lord.

5 'Tis pleasant to believe Thy grace,
   But we had rather see:
   We would be absent from the flesh,
   And present, Lord, with Thee.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

852 The Church Triumphant. C.M.

1 GIVE me the wings of faith to rise
   Within the veil, and see
   The saints above, how great their joys,
   How bright their glories be.

2 Once they were mourning here below,
   And wet their couch with tears;
   They wrestled hard, as we do now,
   With sins, and doubts, and fears.

3 I ask them whence their victory came?
   They, with united breath,
   Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
   Their triumph to His death.

4 They mark'd the footsteps that He trod,
   His zeal inspired their breast,
   And, following their incarnate God,
   Possess the promised rest.

5 Our glorious Leader claims our praise
   For His own pattern given,
   While the long cloud of witnesses
   Show the same path to heaven.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

853 Longing to worship in Heaven. C.M.

1 FATHER, I long, I faint to see
   The place of Thine abode;
   I'd leave Thy earthly courts, and flee
   Up to Thy seat, my God!
ASPIRATIONS FOR HEAVEN.

2 Here I behold Thy distant face,
   And 'tis a pleasing sight;
   But to abide in Thine embrace
   Is infinite delight.

3 I'd part with all the joys of sense
   To gaze upon Thy throne:
   Pleasure springs fresh for ever thence,
   Unspeakable, unknown.

4 There all the heavenly hosts are seen,
   In shining ranks they move:
   And drink immortal vigour in,
   With wonder and with love.

5 Then at Thy feet with awful fear
   The adoring armies fall;
   With joy they shrink to nothing there,
   Before th' Eternal ALL.

6 There I would vie with all the host
   In duty and in bliss;
   While less than nothing, I could boast,
   And vanity confess.

7 The more Thy glories strike mine eyes,
   The humbler I shall lie;
   Thus, while I sink, my joys shall rise
   Immeasurably high.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

854 "For here have we no continuing City." L.M.

1 We've no abiding city here;
   This may distress the worldling's mind,
   But should not cost the saint a tear,
   Who hopes a better rest to find.

2 We've no abiding city here;
   Sad truth, were this to be our home;
   But let this thought our spirits cheer,
   We seek a city yet to come.

3 We've no abiding city here;
   Then let us live as pilgrims do:
   Let not the world our rest appear,
   But let us haste from all below.
ASPIRATIONS FOR HEAVEN.

4 We've no abiding city here;
   We seek a city out of sight:
   Zion its name—the Lord is there;
   It shines with everlasting light.

5 O sweet abode of peace and love,
   Where pilgrims freed from toil are blest!
   Had I the pinions of the dove,
   I'd fly to thee, and be at rest.

6 But hush, my soul, nor dare repine!
   The time my God appoints is best:
   While here, to do His will be mine:
   And His to fix my time of rest.

   Thomas Kelly, 1809.

855 The sight of God and Christ in Heaven. L. M.

1 DESCEND from heaven, Immortal Dove,
   Stoop down and take us on Thy wings,
   And mount and bear us far above
   The reach of these inferior things!

2 Beyond, beyond this lower sky,
   Up where eternal ages roll,
   Where solid pleasures never die,
   And fruits immortal feast the soul!

3 Oh for a sight, a pleasing sight,
   Of our Almighty Father's throne!
   There sits our Saviour crown'd with light,
   Clothed in a body like our own.

4 Adoring saints around Him stand,
   And thrones and powers before Him fall;
   The God shines gracious through the Man,
   And sheds sweet glories on them all.

5 Oh what amazing joys they feel
   While to their golden harps they sing,
   And sit on every heavenly hill,
   And spread the triumphs of their King!

6 When shall the day, dear Lord, appear,
   That I shall mount to dwell above,
   And stand and bow amongst them there,
   And view Thy face, and sing, and love?

   Isaac Watts, 1709.
ASPIRATIONS FOR HEAVEN.

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The Soul's Flight. 8.7.7.7.

1 WHAT is life? 'tis but a vapour,
Soon it vanishes away;
Life is like a dying taper:
O my soul, why wish to stay?
Why not spread thy wings and fly
Straight to yonder world of joy?

2 See that glory, how resplendent!
Brighter far than fancy paints;
There in majesty transcendent,
Jesus reigns, the King of saints.
Spread thy wings, my soul, and fly
Straight to yonder world of joy.

3 Joyful crowds, His throne surrounding,
Sing with rapture of His love;
Through the heavens His praises sounding,
Filling all the courts above.
Spread thy wings, my soul, and fly
Straight to yonder world of joy.

4 Go and share his people's glory;
'Midst the ransom'd crowd appear;
Thine a joyful, wondrous story,
One that angels love to hear.
Spread thy wings, my soul, and fly
Straight to yonder world of joy.

Thomas Kelly, 1809.

857 "I have fought a good Fight."  C.M.

1 WITH heavenly weapons I have fought
The battles of the Lord;
Finish'd my course, and kept the faith,
And wait the sure reward.

2 God hath laid up in heaven for me
A crown which cannot fade;
The righteous Judge at that great day
Shall place it on my head.

3 Nor hath the King of grace decreed
This prize for me alone:
But all that love, and long to see
The appearance of His Son.
ASPIRATIONS FOR HEAVEN.

4 Jesus, the Lord, shall guard me safe From every ill design: And to His heavenly kingdom keep This feeble soul of mine.

5 God is my everlasting aid, And hell shall rage in vain: To Him be highest glory paid, And endless praise—Amen.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

858 Hopes of Heaven our Support. C. M.

1 WHEN I can read my title clear To mansions in the skies, I bid farewell to every fear, And wipe my weeping eyes.

2 Should earth against my soul engage, And hellish darts be hurl'd, Then I can smile at Satan's rage, And face a frowning world.

3 Let cares like a wild deluge come, And storms of sorrow fall, May I but safely reach my home, My God, my heaven, my all!

4 There shall I bathe my weary soul In seas of heavenly rest, And not a wave of trouble roll Across my peaceful breast.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

859 "The whole Family in Heaven and Earth." C. M.

1 COME, let us join our friends above Who have obtain'd the prize, And on the eagle wings of love To joy celestial rise:

2 Let all the saints terrestrial sing, With those to glory gone; For all the servants of our King, In earth and heaven, are one.

3 One family we dwell in Him, One church above, beneath, Though now divided by the stream, The narrow stream of death.
ASPIRATIONS FOR HEAVEN.

4 One army of the living God,
   To His command we bow;
Part of His host have cross'd the flood,
   And part are crossing now.

5 What numbers to their endless home
   This solemn moment fly;
And we are to the margin come,
   And we expect to die:

6 E'en now by faith we join our hands
   With those that went before;
And greet the blood-besprinkled bands
   On the eternal shore.

7 Oh that we now might grasp our Guide!
   Oh that the word were given!
Come, Lord of hosts, the waves divide,
   And land us all in heaven!

Charles Wesley, 1759.

860 The Christian's Journey. 6.6.8.6.4.7.

1 FROM Egypt lately come,
   Where death and darkness reign,
We seek our new, our better home,
   Where we our rest shall gain.
Hallelujah!
   We are on our way to God.

2 To Canaan's sacred bound,
   We haste with songs of joy;
Where peace and liberty are found,
   And sweets that never cloy.
Hallelujah, &c.

3 Our toils and conflicts cease
   On Canaan's happy shore;
We there shall dwell in endless peace,
   And never hunger more.
Hallelujah, &c.

4 But hark! those distant sounds
   That strike our listening ears;
They come from Canaan's happy bounds,
   Where God our King appears.
Hallelujah, &c.
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5 There, in celestial strains,
   Enraptured myriads sing:
There love in every bosom reigns,
   For God Himself is King.
   Hallelujah, &c.

6 We soon shall join the throng,
   Their pleasures we shall share;
And sing the everlasting song,
   With all the ransom'd there.
   Hallelujah, &c.

7 How sweet the prospect is!
   It cheers the pilgrim's breast;
We're journeying through the wilderness,
   But soon shall gain our rest.
   Hallelujah, &c.
   Thomas Kelly, 1812.

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861 The Ascent to Heaven. 8.7.

1 SEE! the Captain of salvation,
   Lead His armies up the sky;
Rise above the conflagration,
   Leave the world to burn and die.

2 Lo! I see the fair immortals,
   Enter to the blissful seats;
Glory opes her waiting portals,
   And the Saviour's train admits.

3 All the chosen of the Father,
   All for whom the Lamb was slain,
All the church appear together,
   Wash'd from every sinful stain.

4 His dear smiles the place enlightens
   More than thousand suns could do;
All around, His presence brightens,
   Changeless, yet for ever new.
HEAVEN.

5 Blessed state! beyond conception!
Who its vast delights can tell?
May it be my blissful portion,
With my Saviour there to dwell.

Richard Lee, 1794.

862 The blissful Regions. C. M.

1 Far from these narrow scenes of night
Unbounded glories rise;
And realms of infinite delight,
Unknown to mortal eyes.

2 Fair distant land! could mortal eyes
But half its charms explore,
How would our spirits long to rise,
And dwell on earth no more.

3 No cloud those blissful regions know,
For ever bright and fair;
For sin, the source of mortal woe,
Can never enter there.

4 Prepare us, Lord, by grace divine,
For Thy bright courts on high:
Then bid our spirits rise, and join
The chorus of the sky.

Anne Steele, 1760.

863 Jerusalem, the Golden. 7.6.

1 Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath Thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppress’d;
I know not, oh I know not
What joys await us there:
What radiance of glory,
What bliss beyond compare!

2 They stand, those halls of Sion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng:
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed
Are deck’d in glorious sheen.
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3 There is the throne of David,
   And there, from care released,
   The song of them that triumph,
   The shout of them that feast;
   And they, who with their Leader
   Have conquer'd in the fight
   For ever and for ever
   Are clad in robes of white!

   John Mason Neale, 1851.

864  O Heavenly Jerusalem.  7.6.

1 0 HEAVENLY Jerusalem,
   Of everlasting halls,
   Thrice blessed are the people
   Thou storest in thy walls.

2 Thou art the golden mansion,
   Where saints for ever sing;
   The seat of God's own chosen,
   The palace of the King.

3 There God for ever sitteth,
   Himself of all the crown;
   The Lamb the light that shineth,
   And never goeth down.

4 Nought to this seat approacheth
   Their sweet peace to molest;
   They sing their God for ever,
   Nor day nor night they rest.

5 Calm hope from thence is leaning,
   To her our longings bend!
   No short-lived toil shall daunt us
   For joys that cannot end.

6 To Christ the Sun that lightens
   His church above, below;
   To Father and to Spirit
   All things created bow.

   Isaac Williams, 1839.

865  Jerusalem on high.  148th.

1 JERUSALEM on high
   My song and city is,
   My home whene'er I die,
   The centre of my bliss.
HEAVEN.

Oh happy place!
When shall I be,
My God, with Thee,
And see Thy face?

2 There dwells my Lord, my King,
Judged here unfit to live;
There angels to Him sing,
And lowly homage give.
Oh happy place! &c.

3 The patriarchs of old,
There from their travels cease;
The prophets there behold
Their longed-for Prince of Peace.
Oh happy place! &c.

4 The Lamb's apostles there
I might with joy behold,
The harpers I might hear
Harping on harps of gold.
Oh happy place! &c.

5 The bleeding martyrs, they
Within those courts are found,
Clothed in pure array,
Their scars with glory crown'd.
Oh happy place! &c.

6 Ah me! oh me that I
In Kedar's tents here stay!
No place like this on high!
Thither, Lord! guide my way.
Oh happy place! &c.

Samuel Crossman, 1664.

866 The heavenly Jerusalem. C. M.

1 JERUSALEM! my happy home!
Name ever dear to me;
When shall my labours have an end,
In joy, and peace, and thee?

2 When shall these eyes thy heaven-built walls
And pearly gates behold?
Thy bulwarks, with salvation strong,
And streets of shining gold?

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3 Oh when, 'thou city of my God,
   Shall I thy courts ascend,
Where congregations ne'er break up,
   And sabbaths have no end?

4 There happier bowers than Eden's bloom,
   Nor sin nor sorrow know:
Blest seats, through rude and stormy scenes,
   I onward press to you.

5 Why should I shrink at pain and woe?
   Or feel at death dismay?
I've Canaan's goodly land in view,
   And realms of endless day.

6 Apostles, martyrs, prophets there
   Around my Saviour stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
   Will join the glorious band.

7 Jerusalem, my happy home!
   My soul still pants for thee;
Then shall my labours have an end,
   When I thy joys shall see.

Eckington Collection, 1790.

Jerusalem. C. M.

1 JERUSALEM, my happy home,
   When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end,
   Thy joys when shall I see?

2 O happy harbour of the saints!
   O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrows may be found,
   No grief, no care, no toil.

3 Thy walls are made of precious stones,
   Thy bulwarks diamond square;
Thy gates are of right orient pearl,
   Exceeding rich and rare.

4 Thy turrets and thy pinnacles
   With carbuncles do shine;
Thy very streets are paved with gold,
   Surpassing clear and fine.
HEAVEN.

5 O my sweet home, Jerusalem,  
Would God I were in thee!  
Would God my woes were at an end.  
Thy joys that I might see.  

Francis Baker, 1616.

868 The Paradise Eternal. 7.6.

1 0 Paradise eternal!  
What bliss to enter thee,  
And once within thy portals,  
Secure for ever be!

2 In thee no sin nor sorrow,  
No pain nor death is known;  
But pure glad life, enduring  
As heaven's benignant throne.

3 There all around shall love us,  
And we return their love;  
One band of happy spirits,  
One family above.

4 There God shall be our portion,  
And we His jewels be;  
And gracing His bright mansions,  
His smile reflect and see.

5 So songs shall rise for ever,  
While all creation fair,  
Still more and more revealed,  
Shall wake fresh praises there.

6 O Paradise eternal,  
What joys in thee are known!  
O God of mercy, guide us,  
Till all be felt our own!

Thomas Davis, 1864.

869 Oh for the Robes of Brightness! 7.6.

1 Oh for the robes of whiteness!  
Oh, for the tearless eyes!  
Oh, for the glorious brightness  
Of the unclouded skies!

2 Oh, for the no more weeping,  
Within that land of love,  
The endless joy of keeping  
The bridal feast above!

Thomas Davis, 1864.
HEAVEN.

3 Oh, for the bliss of flying,
   My risen Lord to meet!
Oh, for the rest of lying
   For ever at His feet!

4 Oh, for the hour of seeing
   My Saviour face to face!
The hope of ever being
   In that sweet meeting-place!

5 Jesus! Thou King of Glory,
   I soon shall dwell with Thee;
I soon shall sing the story
   Of Thy great love to me.

6 Meanwhile, my thoughts shall enter
   E'en now before Thy throne,
That all my love may centre
   In Thee, and Thee alone.

Cherrie Smith, 1861.

870 Spiritual and eternal Joys.  C.M.

1 FROM Thee, my God, my joys shall rise
   And run eternal rounds,
Beyond the limits of the skies,
   And all created bounds.

2 The holy triumphs of my soul
   Shall death itself outbrave;
Leave dull mortality behind,
   And fly beyond the grave.

3 There, where my blessed Jesus reigns,
   In heaven's unmeasured space,
I'll spend a long eternity
   In pleasure and in praise.

4 Millions of years my wondering eyes,
   Shall o'er Thy beauties rove;
And endless ages I'll adore
   The glories of Thy love.

5 Sweet Jesus, every smile of Thine
   Shall fresh endearments bring;
And thousand tastes of new delight
   From all Thy graces spring.
HEAVEN.

6 Haste, my Beloved, fetch my soul
   Up to Thy bless'd abode:
Fly, for my spirit longs to see
   My Saviour and my God.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

871 The Contrast. S. M.

1 THE people of the Lord
    Are on their way to heaven;
They there obtain their great reward,
    The prize will there be given.

2 'Tis conflict here below;
   'Tis triumph there, and peace:
On earth we wrestle with the foe,
   In heaven our conflicts cease.

3 'Tis gloom and darkness here;
   'Tis light and joy above:
There all is pure and all is clear;
   There all is peace and love.

4 There rest shall follow toil,
   And ease succeed to care;
The victors there divide the spoil;
   They sing and triumph there.

5 Then let us joyful sing;
   The conflict is not long:
We hope in heaven to praise our King
   In one eternal song.

Thomas Kelly, 1820.

872 The everlasting Song. C. M.

1 EARTH has engross'd my love too long,
   'Tis time I lift mine eyes
Upward, dear Father, to Thy throne,
   And to my native skies.

2 There the blest man, my Saviour, sits:
   The God! how bright He shines!
And scatters infinite delights
   On all the happy minds.

3 Seraphs with elevated strains
   Circle the throne around;
And move and charm the starry plains
   With an immortal sound.
HEAVEN.

4 Jesus, the Lord, their harps employ:—
   Jesus, my Love, they sing!
   Jesus, the life of both our joys,
       Sounds sweet from every string.

5 Hark, how beyond the narrow bound
   Of time and space they run;
   And echo in majestic sounds
       The Godhead of the Son.

6 And now they sink the lofty tune,
   And gentler notes they play;
   And bring the Father's Equal down,
       To dwell in humble clay.

7 But when to Calvary they turn,
   Silent their harps abide;
   Suspended songs a moment mourn
       'Tis God that loved and died.

8 Then, all at once, to living strains,
   They summon every chord,
   Tell how He triumph'd o'er his pains,
       And chant the rising Lord.

9 Now let me mount and join their song,
   And be an angel too;
   My heart, my ear, my hand, my tongue,—
       Here's joyful work for you.

10 I would begin the music here,
   And so my soul should rise:
   Oh for some heavenly notes to bear
       My passions to the skies!

11 There ye that love my Saviour sit,
   There I would fain have place,
   Among your thrones or at your feet,
       So I might see His face.

   Isaac Watts, 1706.

873 The white-robed Band. L. M.

10 HAPPY saints, who dwell in light,
   And walk with Jesus, clothed in white;
   Safe landed on that peaceful shore,
       Where pilgrims meet to part no more.
HEAVEN.

2 RELEASED FROM SIN, AND TOIL, AND GRIEF,
Death was their gate to endless life;
An open'd cage to let them fly,
And build their happy nest on high.

3 AND NOW THEY RANGE THE HEAVENLY PLAINS,
And sing their hymns in melting strains;
And now their souls begin to prove
The heights and depths of Jesus' love.

4 HE CHEERS THEM WITH ETERNAL SMILE,
They sing hosannas all the while;
Or, overwhelm'd with rapture sweet,
Sink down adoring at His feet.

5 A H! Lord, with tardy steps I creep,
And sometimes sing, and sometimes weep;
Yet strip me of this house of clay.
And I will sing as loud as they.

John Berridge, 1785.

ON JORDAN'S BRINK. C.M.

1 ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

2 OH, THE TRANSPORTING, RAPTURIOUS SCENE
That rises to my sight!
Sweet fields array'd in living green,
And rivers of delight!

3 THERE GENEROUS FRUITS THAT NEVER FAIL,
On trees immortal grow;
There rocks and hills, and brooks and vales,
With milk and honey flow.

4 ALL O'ER THOSE WIDE EXTENDED PLAINS,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Sun for ever reigns,
And scatters night away.

5 NO CHILLING WINDS, OR POISONOUS BREATH,
Can reach that healthful shore:
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and fear'd no more.
HEAVEN.

6 When shall I reach that happy place,
   And be for ever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face,
   And in His bosom rest?

7 Fill'd with delight, my raptured soul
   Can here no longer stay:
Though Jordan's waves around me roll,
   Fearless I'd launch away.

Samuel Stennett, 1787.

875 Sweet Fields. C.M.

1 There is a land of pure delight,
   Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
   And pleasures banish pain.

2 There everlasting spring abides,
   And never-withering flowers:
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
   This heavenly land from ours.

3 Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood
   Stand dress'd in living green;
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,
   While Jordan roll'd between.

4 But timorous mortals start and shrink
   To cross this narrow sea,
And linger, shivering on the brink,
   And fear to launch away.

5 Oh! could we make our doubts remove,
   Those gloomy doubts that rise,
And see the Canaan that we love
   With unclouded eyes!

6 Could we but climb where Moses stood,
   And view the landscape o'er,
Not Jordan's streams, nor death's cold flood,
   Should fright us from the shore!

Isaac Watts, 1709.

876 The Goodly Land. C.M.

1 Our journey is a thorny maze,
   But we march upward still;
Forget the troubles of the way,
   And reach at Zion's hill.
HEAVEN.

2 See the kind angels at the gates,
Inviting us to come!
There Jesus the Forerunner waits,
To welcome travellers home!

3 There, on a green and flowery mount,
Our weary souls shall sit,
And with transporting joys recount
The labours of our feet.

4 No vain discourse shall fill our tongue,
Nor trifles vex our ear:
Infinite grace shall fill our song,
And God rejoice to hear.

5 Eternal glories to the King
That brought us safely through,
Our tongues shall never cease to sing,
And endless praise renew.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

877 The Redeemed in Heaven.

1 WHO are these array'd in white,
Brighter than the noon-day sun,
Foremost of the sons of light,
Nearest the eternal throne?

2 These are they who bore the cross,
Faithful to their Master died,
Suffer'd in His righteous cause,
Followers of the Crucified.

3 Out of great distress they came,
And their robes by faith below,
In the blood of Christ the Lamb,
They have wash'd as white as snow.

4 More than conquerors at last,
Here they find their trials o'er:
They have all their sufferings pass'd,
Hunger now and thirst no more.

5 He that on the throne doth reign
Them for evermore shall feed,
With the tree of life sustain,
To the living fountain lead.
HEAVEN.

6 He shall all their griefs remove,
    He shall all their wants supply;
God Himself, the God of love,
    Tears shall wipe from every eye.

    Charles Wesley, 1745.

878  Jesus adored in Heaven.  7s.

1 PALMS of glory, raiment bright,
    Crowns that never fade away,
Gird and deck the saints in light,
    Priests, and kings, and conquerors they.

2 Yet the conquerors bring their palms
    To the Lamb amidst the throne,
And proclaim in joyful psalms
    Victory through His cross alone.

3 Kings for harps their crowns resign,
    Crying, as they strike the chords,
"Take the kingdom, it is Thine,
    King of kings, and Lord of lords!"

4 Round the altar priests confess,
    If their robes are white as snow,
"Twas the Saviour's righteousness,
    And His blood that made them so.

5 Who were these? on earth they dwelt;
    Sinners once of Adam's race;
Guilt, and fear, and suffering felt;
    But were saved by sovereign grace.

6 They were mortal, too, like us:
    Ah! when we, like them, must die,
May our souls, translated thus,
    Triumph, reign, and shine on high!

    James Montgomery, 1858.

879  The Realms of the Blest.  8s.

1 WE speak of the realms of the blest,
    That country so bright and so fair,
And oft are its glories confess'd;
    But what must it be to be there!
HEAVEN.

2 We speak of its pathways of gold,
   Its walls deck'd with jewels so rare,
   Its wonders and pleasures untold;
   But what must it be to be there!

3 We speak of its freedom from sin,
   From sorrow, temptation, and care,
   From trials without and within;
   But what must it be to be there!

4 We speak of its service of love,
   The robes which the glorified wear,
   The church of the first-born above;
   But what must it be to be there!

5 Do thou, Lord, midst gladness or woe,
   For heaven our spirits prepare,
   And shortly we also shall know,
   And feel what it is to be there!

Mrs. Wilson, 1837 a.

880 Heaven anticipated.  C.M.

1 Too long, alas, I vainly sought
   For happiness below,
   But earthly comforts, dearly bought,
   No solid good bestow.

2 At length, through Jesu's grace, I found,
   The good and promised land
   Where milk and honey much abound
   And grapes in clusters stand.

3 My soul has tasted of the grapes,
   And now it longs to go
   Where my dear Lord His vineyard keeps,
   And all the clusters grow.

4 Upon the true and living vine
   My famish'd soul would feast,
   A'ld banquet on the fruit divine,
   An everlasting guest.

John Berridge, 1785, o.
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881  Gratitude for Escape.  L.M.

1 LOOK down, my soul, on hell's domains,
    That world of agony and pains!
What crowds are now associate there,
Of widely different character.

2 Oh were it not for grace divine,
    This case so dreadful had been mine!
Hell gaped for me! but, Lord, Thy hand
Snatch'd from the fire the kindling brand.

3 And now, though wrath was my desert,
    I hope to share a better part;
But heaven must wonder sure to see
A sinner enter, vile as me.

4 Oh grace, rich grace, delightful theme!
    All heaven shall echo with the same;
While angels greet a sinner thus—
“Art thou become like one of us?”

     John Ryland, 1777.

882  The everlasting Absence of God intolerable.  C.M.

1 THAT awful day will surely come,
    (Th' appointed hour makes haste,)
When I must stand before my Judge,
And pass the solemn test.

2 Thou lovely chief of all my joys,
    Thou sovereign of my heart!
How could I bear to hear Thy voice
Pronounce the sound, “Depart?”

3 Oh wretched state of deep despair;
    To see my God remove,
And fix my doleful station where
I must not taste His love!

4 Jesus, I throw my arms around,
    And hang upon Thy breast;
Without a gracious smile from Thee
My spirit cannot rest.
THE CHURCH.

5 Oh! tell me that my worthless name
   Is graven on Thy hands;
Show me some promise in Thy book,
   Where my salvation stands!

6 Give me one kind assuring word
   To sink my fears again;
And cheerfully my soul shall wait
   Her threescore years and ten.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

883 The second Death. S. M.

1 Oh where shall rest be found,
   Rest for the weary soul?
'Twere vain the ocean's depths to sound,
   Or pierce to either pole.

2 Beyond this vale of tears
   There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of years,
   And all that life is love.

3 There is a death whose pang
   Outlasts the fleeting breath;
Oh, what eternal horrors hang
   Around “the second death”!

4 Lord God of truth and grace,
   Teach us that death to shun;
Lest we be banish’d from Thy face,
   And evermore undone.

5 Here would we end our quest;
   Alone are found in Thee,
The life of perfect love—the rest
   Of immortality.

   James Montgomery, 1825.

THE CHURCH.

884 Glorious Things spoken of Zion. S.7.

1 GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,
   Zion, city of our God!
He whose word cannot be broken,
   Form’d thee for His own abode:
THE CHURCH.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst t' assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear!
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which He gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion,
Wash'd in the Redeemer's blood,
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
Makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis His love His people raises
Over self to reign as kings;
And as priests, His solemn praises
Each for a thank-offering brings.

5 Saviour, if of Zion's city,
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show!
Solid joys and lasting treasure,
None but Zion's children know.

John Newton, 1779.

885 Sinai and Sion. C. M.

1 Not to the terrors of the Lord,
The tempest, fire, and smoke;
Not to the thunder of that word
Which God on Sinai spoke:
THE CHURCH.

2 But we are come to Sion's hill,
    The city of our God,
    Where milder words declare His will,
    And spread His love abroad.

3 Behold th' innumerable host
    Of angels clothed in light!
    Behold the spirits of the just
    Whose faith is turn'd to sight!

4 Behold the bless'd assembly there,
    Whose names are writ in heaven:
    And God, the Judge of all, declares
    Their vilest sins forgiven.

5 The saints on earth, and all the dead,
    But one communion make;
    All join in Christ, their living head,
    And of His grace partake.

6 In such society as this
    My weary soul would rest:
    The man that dwells where Jesus is,
    Must be for ever bless'd.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

886  God's Faithfulness to His Church.  8.7.4.

1 Zion stands by hills surrounded,
    Zion kept by power divine;
    All her foes shall be confounded,
    Though the world in arms combine:
    Happy Zion,
    What a favour'd lot is Thine!

2 Every human tie may perish;
    Friend to friend unfaithful prove;
    Mothers cease their own to cherish;
    Heaven and earth at last remove;
    But no changes
    Can attend Jehovah's love.

3 Zion's Friend in nothing alters,
    Though all others may and do;
    His is love that never falters,
    Always to its object true.
    Happy Zion!
    Crown'd with mercies ever new.
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

4 If thy God should show displeasure,
’Tis to save, and not destroy;
If He punish, ’tis in measure;
’Tis to rid thee of alloy.
Be thou patient;
Soon thy grief shall turn to joy.

5 In the furnace God may prove thee,
Thence to bring thee forth more bright;
But can never cease to love thee:
Thou art precious in His sight:
God is with thee,
God thine everlasting light.

Thomas Kelly, 1809.

887 7.6.

1 O JESUS Christ, most holy!
Head of the church, Thy bride!
Each day in us more fully
Thy name be magnified.

2 Oh may in each believer
Thy love its power display,
And none among us ever
From Thee, our Shepherd, stray.

Count Zinzendorf;
John Swertner’s Collection, 1789.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

888 The Communion of Saints. 7s.

1 PARTNERS of a glorious hope,
Lift your hearts and voices up;
Jointly let us rise, and sing
Christ our Prophet, Priest, and King.
Monuments of Jesu’s grace,
Speak we by our lives His praise,
Walk in Him we have received;
Show we not in vain believed.
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

2 While we walk with God in light,
   God our hearts doth still unite;
   Dearest fellowship we prove,
   Fellowship in Jesu's love:
   Sweetly each, with each combined,
   In the bonds of duty join'd,
   Feels the cleansing blood applied,
   Daily feels that Christ hath died.

3 Still, O Lord, our faith increase;
   Cleanse from all unrighteousness;
   Thee the unholy cannot see;
   Make, oh make us meet for Thee!
   Every vile affection kill;
   Root out every seed of ill;
   Utterly abolish sin;
   Write Thy law of love within.

4 Hence may all our actions flow;
   Love the proof that Christ we know;
   Mutual love the token be,
   Lord, that we belong to Thee:
   Love, Thine image, love impart!
   Stamp it on our face and heart!
   Only love to us be given;
   Lord, we ask no other heaven.

Charles Wesley, 1740.

889 Fellow Citizens with the Saints. C.M.

1 HAPPY the souls to Jesus join'd,
   And saved by grace alone:
   Walking in all His ways, they find
  Their heaven on earth begun.

2 The church triumphant in Thy love,
   Their mighty joys we know:
   They sing the Lamb in hymns above,
   And we in hymns below.

3 Thee, in Thy glorious realm, they praise,
   And bow before Thy throne;
   We in the kingdom of Thy grace;
   The kingdoms are but one.

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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

4 The holy to the holiest leads;
   From thence our spirits rise;
And he that in Thy statutes treads,
   Shall meet Thee in the skies.

   Charles Wesley, 1745.

890 Saints on Earth and in Heaven.

1 In one fraternal bond of love,
   One fellowship of mind,
The saints below and saints above
   Their bliss and glory find.

2 Here, in their house of pilgrimage,
   Thy statutes are their song;
There, through one bright, eternal age,
   Thy praises they prolong.

3 Lord, may our union form a part
   Of that thrice happy whole,
Derive its pulse from Thee, the heart,
   Its life from Thee, the soul.

   James Montgomery, 1825.

891 Christians one Family.

1 LORD, we all look up to Thee,
   As one flock, one family:
May all strife between us cease,
   As we love Thee, Prince of Peace.

2 Make us of one heart and mind,
   Gentle, meek, forgiving, kind,
Lowly both in thought and word,
   Like Thyself, beloved Lord.

3 Let us for each other care;
   Each the other’s burden bear;
Each to each by love endear;
   One in faith, and hope, and fear.

4 Free from all that hearts divide,
   Let us thus in Thee abide;
All the depths of love express,
   All the heights of holiness.

   Charles Wesley, 1749;
   Thomas Davis, 1864.
RECEIVING MEMBERS.

892  Love to the Brethren.  S. M.

1  BLEST be the tie that binds
   Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
   Is like to that above.

2  Before our Father's throne
   We pour our ardent prayers:
   Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
   Our comforts and our cares.

3  We share our mutual woes,
   Our mutual burdens bear;
   And often for each other flows
   The sympathizing tear.

4  When we asunder part,
   It gives us inward pain;
   But we shall still be join'd in heart,
   And hope to meet again.

5  This glorious hope revives
   Our courage by the way;
   While each in expectation lives,
   And longs to see the day,

6  From sorrow, toil, and pain,
   And sin we shall be free;
   And perfect love and friendship reign
   Through all eternity.

   John Fawcett, 1782.

893  Receiving Members.  L. M.

1 OME in, thou blessed of the Lord,
   Stranger nor foe art thou;
   We welcome thee with warm accord,
   Our friend, our brother now.

2  The hand of fellowship, the heart
   Of love, we offer thee:
   Leaving the world, thou dost but part
   From lies and vanity.

3  The cup of blessing which we bless,
   The heavenly bread we break,
   (Our Saviour's blood and righteousness)
   Freely with us partake.
WELCOMING FRIENDS.

4 Come with us, we will do thee good,  
As God to us hath done;  
Stand but in Him, as those have stood,  
Whose faith the victory won.

5 And when, by turns, we pass away,  
As star by star grows dim,  
May each, translated into day,  
Be lost, and found in Him!

James Montgomery, 1825.

894 Receiving Members. 8.7.4.

1 Now we'll render to the Saviour,  
Praise for all that He has wrought;  
For the precious, full salvation,  
Which has now to souls been brought.  
Hallelujah!  
Jesus shall have all the praise!

2 Heaven has rung with joy and transport,  
While we here have been convened,  
Over the returning sinner,  
Number'd now with the redeem'd;  
Hallelujah!  
Jesus shall have all the praise!

Albert Midlane, 1865.

895 A Welcome to Christian Friends. L.M.

1 Kindred in Christ, for His dear sake,  
A hearty welcome here receive:  
May we together now partake,  
The joys which only He can give.

2 To you and us by grace 'tis given  
To know the Saviour's precious name;  
And shortly we shall meet in heaven,  
Our hope, our way, our end the same.

3 May He by whose kind care we meet,  
Send His good Spirit from above,  
Make our communications sweet  
And cause our hearts to burn with love.
WELCOMING FRIENDS.

4 Forgotten be each worldly theme
   When Christians see each other thus:
   We only wish to speak of Him,
   Who lived, and died, and reigns for us.

5 We'll talk of all He did, and said,
   And suffer'd for us here below;
   The path He mark'd for us to tread,
   And what He's doing for us now.

6 Thus, as the moments pass away,
   We'll love, and wonder, and adore;
   And hasten on the glorious day,
   When we shall meet to part no more.

   John Newton, 1779.

896 Meeting and Parting. 7s.

1 As the sun's enlivening eye
   Shines on every place the same;
   So the Lord is always nigh
   To the souls that love His name.

2 When they move at duty's call,
   He is with them by the way:
   He is ever with them all,
   Those who go, and those who stay.

3 From His holy mercy-seat
   Nothing can their souls confine,
   Still in spirit they may meet,
   Still in sweet communion join.

4 For a season call'd to part,
   Let us then ourselves commend
   To the gracious eye and heart
   Of our ever-present Friend.

5 Jesus, hear our humble prayer!
   Tender Shepherd of Thy sheep!
   Let Thy mercy and Thy care
   All our souls in safety keep.

6 In Thy strength may we be strong!
   Sweeten every cross and pain:
   Give us, if we live, ere long
   Here to meet in peace again.

   John Newton, 1779.
MINISTERS.

PASTORS.

897 Choosing a Minister. 8.7.

1 LORD, Thy church, without a pastor,
   Cries to Thee in her distress;
Hear us, gracious Lord and Master.
   And with heavenly guidance bless.

2 Walking midst Thy lamps all golden,
   Thou preservest still the light;
Stars in Thy right hand are holden,
   Stars to cheer Thy church's night.

3 Find us, Lord, the man appointed
   Pastor of this flock to be,
One with holy oil anointed,
   Meet for us, and dear to Thee.

4 Send a man, O King in Zion,
   Made according to Thine heart,
Meek as lamb, and bold as lion,
   Wise to act a shepherd's part.

5 Grant us now Thy heavenly leading,
   Over every heart preside,
Now in answer to our pleading,
   All our consultations guide.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

898 Watching for Souls. C.M.

1 LET Zion's watchmen all awake,
   And take the alarm they give!
Now let them, from the mouth of God,
   Their awful charge receive.

2 'Tis not a cause of small import
   The pastor's care demands;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
   And fill'd a Saviour's hands.

3 They watch for souls for which the Lord
   Did heavenly bliss forego;
For souls which must for ever live
   In raptures, or in woe.
MINISTERS.

4 All to the great tribunal haste,
The account to render there:
And shouldst Thou strictly mark our faults,
Lord, how should we appear?

5 May they that Jesus, whom they preach,
Their own Redeemer see;
And watch Thou daily o'er their souls,
That they may watch for Thee.

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Welcoming a new Minister. L. M.

1 We bid thee welcome in the name
Of Jesus, our exalted Head;
Come as a servant, so He came,
And we receive thee in His stead.

2 Come as a shepherd; guard and keep
This fold from hell, and earth, and sin:
Nourish the lambs, and feed the sheep,
The wounded heal, the lost bring in.

3 Come as a teacher sent from God,
Charged His whole counsel to declare:
Lift o'er our ranks the prophet's rod,
While we uphold thy hands with prayer.

4 Come as a messenger of peace,
Fill'd with the Spirit, fired with love;
Live to behold our large increase,
And die to meet us all above.

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Minister bold for his Lord.

1 Shall I, for fear of feeble man,
Thy Spirit's course in me restrain?
Or undismay'd, in deed and word,
Be a true witness for my Lord?

2 Awed by a mortal's frown, shall I
Conceal the Word of God Most High?
How then before Thee shall I dare
To stand, or how Thy anger bear?

3 Shall I, to soothe th' unholy throng,
Soften Thy truths, and smooth my tongue?
To gain earth's gilded toys, or flee
The cross endured, my God, by Thee?
MINISTERS.

4 The love of Christ doth me constrain
To seek the wandering souls of men;
With cries, entreaties, tears, to save,
To snatch them from the fiery wave.

5 My life, my blood I here present,
If for Thy truth they may be spent:
Fulfil Thy sovereign counsel, Lord!
Thy will be done, Thy name adored!

6 Give me Thy strength, O God of power!
Then let winds blow, or thunders roar,
Thy faithful witness will I be:
'Tis fix'd! I can do all through Thee.

John Joseph Winkler, 1714;
tr. by John Wesley, 1739.

901 Prayer for a Minister. L. M.

1 WITH heavenly power, O Lord, defend
   Him whom we now to Thee commend:
   His person bless, his soul secure,
   And make him to the end endure.

2 Gird him with all-sufficient grace;
   Direct his feet in paths of peace;
   Thy truth and faithfulness fulfil,
   And help him to obey Thy will.

3 Before him Thy protection send;
   Oh love him, save him to the end;
   Nor let him, as Thy pilgrim rove,
   Without the convoy of Thy love.

4 Enlarge, inflame, and fill his heart;
   In him Thy mighty power exert;
   That thousands yet unborn may praise
   The wonders of redeeming grace.

Rowland Hill's Coll., 1774, a.

902 Prayer for Ministers. L. M.

1 FATHER of mercies, bow Thine ear,
   Attentive to our earnest prayer;
   We plead for those who plead for Thee;
   Successful pleaders may they be!
MINISTERS.

2 Clothe Thou with energy divine
   Their words, and let those words be Thine;
   To them Thy sacred truth reveal,
   Suppress their fear, inflame their zeal.

3 Teach them aright to sow the seed:
   Teach them Thy chosen flock to feed;
   Teach them immortal souls to gain,
   Nor let them labour, Lord, in vain.

4 Let thronging multitudes around
   Hear from their lips the joyful sound,
   In humble strains Thy grace adore,
   And feel Thy new-creating power.

5 Let sinners break their massy chains,
   Distressed souls forget their pains;
   Let light through distant realms be spread,
   Till Zion rears her drooping head.

   Benjamin Beddome, 1818.

903 Dangerous Illness of a Minister. L.M.

1 0 THOU, before whose gracious throne
   We bow our suppliant spirits down,
   Avert Thy swift descending stroke,
   Nor smite the shepherd of the flock.

2 Restore him, sinking to the grave;
   Stretch out Thine arm, make haste to save:
   Back to our hopes and wishes give,
   And bid our friend and father live.

3 Bound to each soul by tenderest ties,
   In every breast his image lies;
   Thy pitying aid, O God, impart,
   Nor rend him from each bleeding heart.

4 Yet if our supplications fail,
   And prayers and tears can nought prevail,
   Be Thou his strength, be Thou his stay,
   Support him through the gloomy way.

6 Around him may Thy angels wait,
   Deck'd with their robes of heavenly state,
   To teach his happy soul to rise,
   And waft him to his native skies.

   K——, Rippon’s Selection, 1787.
THE LORD'S DAY.

904 Deacons or Elders. 8.7.

1 Risen Lord, Thou hast received
Gifts to bless the sons of men,
That with souls who have believed,
God might dwell on earth again.

2 Now these gifts be pleased to send us,
Elders, deacons still supply,
Men whom Thou art pleased to lend us,
All the saints to edify.

3 Guide us while we here select them,
Let the Holy Ghost be nigh,
Do Thou, Lord, Thyself elect them,
And ordain them from on high.

[Pause while the election is made.]

4 Lord, Thy church invokes Thy blessing
On her chosen elders head,
Here we stand our need confessing,
Waiting till Thy grace be shed.

5 Pour on them Thy rich anointing,
Fill Thy servants with Thy power,
Prove them of Thine own appointing,
 Bless them from this very hour.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

THE LORD'S DAY.

905 Seeking a Blessing on the coming Sabbath. 7s., 6 lines.

1 Safely through another week
God has brought us on our way;
Let us now a blessing seek,
On the approaching Sabbath-day;
Day of all the week the best,
Emblem of eternal rest.
THE LORD'S DAY.

2 Mercies multiplied each hour
Through the week our praise demand;
Guarded by almighty power,
Fed and guided by His hand:
Though ungrateful we have been,
Only made returns of sin.

3 While we pray for pardoning grace,
Through the dear Redeemer's name,
Show Thy reconciled face,
Shine away our sin and shame;
From our worldly care set free,
May we rest this night with Thee!

4 When the morn shall bid us rise,
May we feel Thy presence near;
May Thy glory meet our eyes
When we in Thy house appear!
There afford us, Lord, a taste
Of our everlasting feast.

5 May the Gospel's joyful sound
Conquer sinners, comfort saints,
Make the fruits of grace abound,
Bring relief for all complaints:
Thus may all our sabbaths prove,
Till we join the church above.

John Newton, 1779.

906 Another Sabbath is begun. L. M.

1 Another six days' work is done,
Return, my soul, enjoy thy rest;
Improve the day thy God has blest.

2 Come, bless the Lord, whose love assigns
So sweet a rest to wearied minds;
Provides an antecpast of heaven,
And gives this day the food of seven.

3 Oh that our thoughts and thanks may rise
As grateful incense to the skies;
And draw from heaven that sweet repose
Which none but he that feels it knows.
THE LORD'S DAY.

4 This heavenly calm within the breast,
Is the dear pledge of glorious rest,
Which for the church of God remains;
The end of cares, the end of pains.

5 In holy duties let the day,
In holy pleasures pass away;
How sweet a sabbath thus to spend,
In hope of one that ne'er shall end!

Joseph Stennett, 1732, a.

907 Welcome, sweet Day of Rest. S.M.

1 WELCOME, sweet day of rest,
That saw the Lord arise;
Welcome to this reviving breast,
And these rejoicing eyes!

2 The King himself comes near,
And feasts His saints to-day;
Here we may sit and see Him here,
And love, and praise, and pray.

3 One day amidst the place
Where my dear God hath been,
Is sweeter than ten thousand days
Of pleasurable sin.

4 My willing soul would stay
In such a frame as this,
And sit, and sing herself away
To everlasting bliss.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

908 The Joyful Morn. 8.8.6.

1 THE festal morn, my God, has come,
That calls me to Thy honour'd domo,
Thy presence to adore;
My feet the summons shall attend,
With willing steps Thy courts ascend,
And tread the hallow'd floor.

2 Hither from Judah's utmost end,
The heaven-protected tribes ascend,
Their offerings hither bring:
Here, eager to attest their joy,
In hymns of praise their tongues employ,
And hail th' immortal King.
THE LORD’S DAY.

3 Be peace by each implored on thee,
O Sion, while with bended knee,
   To Jacob's God we pray;
How blest, who calls himself Thy friend!
Success his labour shall attend,
   And safety guard his way.

4 Seat of my friends and brethren, hail!
How can my tongue, O Sion, fail,
   To bless thy loved abode?
How cease the zeal that in me glows,
Thy good to seek, whose walls enclose
   The mansions of my God!

James Merrick, 1765,

909 Hosannah. C.M.

1 THIS is the day the Lord hath made,
He calls the hours His own;
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
   And praise surround the throne.

2 To-day He rose and left the dead;
   And Satan's empire fell;
To-day the saints His triumphs spread,
   And all His wonders tell.

3 Hosannah to th' anointed King,
   To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord! descend and bring
Salvation from Thy throne.

4 Blest be the Lord, who comes to men,
   With messages of grace;
Who comes in God His Father's name,
   To save our sinful race.

5 Hosannah in the highest strains
The church on earth can raise;
The highest heavens, in which He reigns,
   Shall give Him nobler praise.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

910 Sweet Day, so calm,
   so bright.

1 SWEET is the task, O Lord,
   Thy glorious acts to sing,
To praise Thy name, and hear Thy word,
   And grateful offerings bring.
THE LORD'S DAY.

2 Sweet at the dawning hour,
Thy boundless love to tell,
And when the night-wind shuts the flowers,
Still on the theme to dwell.

3 Sweet, on this day of rest,
To join in heart and voice
With those who love and serve Thee best,
And in Thy name rejoice.

4 To songs of praise and joy
Be every Sabbath given,
That such may be our best employ
Eternally in heaven.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1841.

911 Jesus rose on the first Day of the Week. C. M.

1 Bless'd morning, whose young dawning
Beheld our rising God;
That saw Him triumph o'er the dust,
And leave His dark abode!

2 In the cold prison of a tomb
The dead Redeemer lay,
Till the revolving skies had brought
The third, th' appointed day.

3 Hell and the grave unite their force
To hold our God in vain;
The sleeping Conqueror arose,
And burst their feeble chain.

4 To Thy great name, almighty Lord,
These sacred hours we pay;
And loud hosannas shall proclaim
The triumph of the day.

5 Salvation and immortal praise
To our victorious King;
Let heaven and earth, and rocks, and seas,
With glad hosannas ring.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

912 The Eternal Sabbath anticipated. L. M.

1 Lord of the Sabbath, hear our vows,
On this Thy day, in this Thy house;
And own, as grateful sacrifice,
The songs which from the desert rise.
THE LORD'S DAY.

2 Thine earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love,
But there's a nobler rest above;
To that our labouring souls aspire,
With ardent pangs of strong desire.

3 No more fatigue, no more distress,
Nor sin nor hell shall reach the place;
No groans to mingle with the songs
Which warble from immortal tongues.

4 No rude alarms of raging foes;
No cares to break the long repose;
No midnight shade, no clouded sun;
But sacred, high, eternal noon.

5 O long-expected day, begin;
Dawn on these realms of woe and sin:
Fain would we leave this weary road,
And sleep in death, to rest with God.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

913

Wake up, my Heart. 148th.

1 WAKE, our drowsy souls,
Shake off each slothful band;
The wonders of this day
Our noblest songs demand:
Auspicious morn! thy blissful rays
Bright sheafs shall in songs of praise.

2 At thy approaching dawn,
Reluctant death resign'd
The glorious Prince of life,
In dark domains confined:
The angelic host around Him bends,
And 'midst their shouts the God ascends.

3 All hail, triumphant Lord!
Heaven with hosannas rings;
While earth, in humbler strains,
Thy praise responsive sings;
"Worthy art Thou, who once wast slain,
Through endless years to live and reign."

4 Gird on, great God, Thy sword,
Ascend Thy conquering car,
While justice, truth, and love,
Maintain the glorious war:
Victorious, Thou Thy foes shalt tread,
And sin and hell in triumph lead.
THE LORD'S DAY.

5 Make bare Thy potent arm,
And wing the unerring dart,
With salutary pangs,
To each rebellious heart:
Then dying souls for life shall sue,
Numerous as drops of morning dew.

Elizabeth Scott, 1753

914 Public Worship. 8.7.4.

1 HAIL, ye days of solemn meeting!
Hail, ye days of praise and prayer!
Far from earthly scenes retreating,
In your blessings we would share:
Sacred seasons,
In your blessings we would share.

2 Be Thou near us, blessed Saviour,
Still at morn and eve the same;
Give us faith that cannot waver,
Kindle in us heaven's own flame:
Blessed Saviour,
Kindle in us heaven's own flame.

3 When the fervent prayer is glowing,
Sacred Spirit, hear that prayer;
When the joyous song is flowing,
Let that song Thine impress bear:
Sacred Spirit,
Let that song Thine impress bear.

4 Angel-bands! these scenes frequenting,
Often may your praises wake;
Oft may joy o'er souls repenting,
From your harps melodious break:
Oft may anthems
From your harps melodious break.

American Hymn, 1840.

915 Divine Worship. 8.7.4.

1 IN Thy name, O Lord, assembling,
We Thy people, now draw near;
Teach us to rejoice with trembling,
Speak and let Thy servants hear;
Hear with meekness;
Hear Thy word with godly fear.
THE LORD'S DAY.

2 While our days on earth are lengthen'd,
   May we give them, Lord, to Thee;
   Cheer'd by hope, and daily strengthen'd,
   May we run, nor weary be;
   Till Thy glory,
   Without clouds in heaven we see.

3 There in worship, purer, sweeter,
   All Thy people shall adore;
   Tasting of enjoyment greater,
   Than they could conceive before;
   Full enjoyment;
   Full, unmix'd, and evermore.

   Thomas Kelly, 1815.

916 Going to Worship. 7s.

1 TO Thy temple I repair;
   Lord, I love to worship there;
   When, within the veil, I meet
   Christ upon the mercy-seat.

2 Thou, through Him, art reconciled;
   I, through Him, become Thy child;
   Abba, Father! give me grace
   In Thy courts to seek Thy face!

3 While Thy glorious praise is sung,
   Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,
   That my joyful soul may bless
   Christ the Lord, my Righteousness.

4 While the prayers of saints ascend,
   God of love! to mine attend;
   Hear me, for Thy Spirit pleads;
   Hear, for Jesus intercedes!

5 While I hearken to Thy law,
   Fill my soul with humble awe;
   'Till Thy gospel bring to me,
   Life and immortality:

6 While Thy ministers proclaim
   Peace and pardon in Thy name,
   Through their voice, by faith, may I
   Hear Thee speaking from on high.
THE LORD'S DAY.

7 From Thy house when I return,
May my heart within me burn;
And at evening let me say,
"I have walk'd with God to-day."

James Montgomery, 1812.

917 Sweet Rest. C. M.

1 My Lord, my love, was crucified,
He all the pains did bear;
But in the sweetness of His rest
He makes His servants share.

2 How sweetly rest Thy saints above
Which in Thy bosom lie!
The church below doth rest in hope
Of that felicity.

3 Welcome and dear unto my soul
Are these sweet feasts of love;
But what a Sabbath shall I keep
When I shall rest above!

4 I bless Thy wise and wondrous love,
Which binds us to be free;
Which makes us leave our earthly snares,
That we may come to Thee!

5 I come, I wait, I hear, I pray!
Thy footsteps, Lord, I trace!
I sing to think this is the way
Unto my Saviour's face!

John Mason, 1683.

918 Sabbath Evening Recollections. S. M.

1 The light of Sabbath eve
Is fading fast away;
What pleasing record will it leave
To crown the closing day?

2 Is it a Sabbath spent
Fruitless, and vain, and void?
Or have these precious moments lent
Been sacredly employed?

3 How dreadful and how drear,
In yon dark world of pain,
Will Sabbath seasons lost appear,
That cannot come again!
THE LORD'S DAY.

4 God of these Sabbath hours,
Oh may we never dare
To waste, in worldly thoughts of ours,
These sacred days of prayer!

James Edmeston, 1821.

919 Abide with us, for it is toward Evening.

1 HOLY Father! whom we praise
With imperfect accents here;
Ancient of eternal days!
Lord of heaven and earth and air;
Stooping from amid the blaze
Of the flaming seraphim,
Hear and help us while we raise
This our Sabbath evening hymn.

2 We have trod Thy temple, Lord;
We have join'd the public praise;
We have heard Thy holy Word;
We have sought Thy heavenly grace:
All Thy goodness we record.
All our powers to Thee we bring;
Let Thy faithfulness afford
Now the shadow of Thy wing.

3 We have seen Thy dying love,
Jesus! once for sinners slain;
We would follow Thee above!
We like Thee would rise and reign.
Let revolving Sabbaths prove
Seasons of delight in Thee;
Let Thy presence, Holy Dove,
Fit us for eternity.

Thomas Binney, 1857

920 The End of the Sabbath.

1 ERE another Sabbath close,
Ere again we seek repose,
Lord, our song ascends to Thee,
At Thy feet we bow the knee.

2 For the mercies of the day,
For this rest upon our way,
Thanks to Thee alone be given,
Lord of earth, and King of heaven.
BAPTISM.

3 Cold our services have been,
    Mingled every prayer with sin:
But Thou canst and wilt forgive:
    By Thy grace alone we live.

4 Whilst this thorny path we tread,
    May Thy love our footsteps lead;
When our journey here is past,
    May we rest with Thee at last.

5 Let these earthly Sabbaths prove
    Foretastes of our joys above;
While their steps Thy pilgrims bend
    To the rest which knows no end.

Edward Bickersteth's Coll., 1833.

BAPTISM.

Buried with Him in Baptism.

1 ROUND Thy grave, Lord Jesus,
    Thine empty grave, we stand,
With hearts all full of praises,
    To keep Thy bless'd command:
By faith our souls rejoicing,
    To trace Thy path of love
Through death's dark angry billows,
    Up to the throne above.

2 Lord Jesus, we remember
    The travail of Thy soul,
When in Thy love's deep pity
    The waves did o'er Thee roll:
Baptized in death's cold waters,
    For us Thy blood was shed;
For us the Lord of Glory
    Was number'd with the dead.

3 O Lord, Thou now art risen,
    Thy travail all is o'er,
For sin Thou once hast suffer'd,
    Thou livest to die no more;
BAPTISM.

Sin, death, and hell are vanquish’d
By Thee, Thy church’s Head:
And lo! we share Thy triumphs,
Thou First-born from the dead.

Into Thy death baptized,
We own with Thee we died;
With Thee, our life, are risen,
And in Thee glorified;

From sin, the world, and Satan,
We’re ransomed by Thy blood,
And now would walk as strangers
Alive with Thee to God.

James George Deck, 1815.

922 The Place where Jesus lay. L. M.

1 COME, happy souls, adore the Lamb,
Who loved our race ere time began,
Who veil’d His Godhead in our clay,
And in the humble manger lay.

2 To Jordan’s stream the Spirit led,
To mark the path His saints should tread,
With joy they trace the sacred way,
To see the place where Jesus lay.

3 Baptized by John in Jordan’s wave,
The Saviour left His watery grave;
Heaven own’d the deed, approved the way,
And bless’d the place where Jesus lay.

4 Come, all who love His precious name;
Come, tread His steps and learn of Him;
Happy beyond expression they
Who find the place where Jesus lay.

Thomas Baldwin, 1813.

923 Praise to Jesus buried and risen. C. M.

1 COME, ye who bow to sovereign grace,
Record Immanuel’s love;
Join in a song of noble praise,
To Him who reigns above.

2 Once in the gloomy grave He lay,
But, by His rising power,
He bore the gates of death away;
Hail! mighty Conqueror,
BAPTISM.

3 Here we declare in emblem plain,
   Our burial in His grave;
   And since in Him we rose again,
   We rise from out the wave.

4 No trust in water do we place,
   'Tis but an outward sign;
   The great reality is grace,
   The fountain, blood divine.

   James Upton, 1814;
   Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

924 Dead with Jesus. C. M.

1 LORD, whilst we confess the worth
   Of this, the outward seal,
   Teach us the truths herein set forth,
   Our very own to feel.

2 Death to the world we here avow,
   Death to each fleshly lust;
   Newness of life our portion now,
   A risen Lord our trust.

3 And we, O Lord, who now partake
   Of this eternal life,
   With every sin, for Thy dear sake,
   Would be at constant strife.

4 Baptized into the Father's name,
   We'd walk as sons of God;
   Baptized in Thine, with joy we claim,
   The merits of Thy blood.

5 Baptized into the Holy Ghost,
   We'd prove His mighty power;
   And making Thee our only boast,
   Obey Thee hour by hour.

   Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, 1845

925 The Example of Jesus. C. M.

1 BURIED beneath the yielding wave,
   The dear Redeemer lies;
   Faith views Him in the watery grave,
   And thence beholds Him rise.
BAPTISM.

2 Thus it becomes His saints to-day,
   Their ardent zeal to express;
And, in the Lord's appointed way,
   Fulfil all righteousness.

3 With joy we in His footsteps tread,
   And would His cause maintain,
Like Him be numbered with the dead,
   And with Him rise and reign.

4 His presence oft revives our hearts,
   And drives our fears away;
When He commands, and strength imparts,
   We cheerfully obey.

5 Now we, dear Jesus, would to Thee
   Our grateful voices raise;
Wash'd in the fountain of Thy blood,
   Our lives shall all be praise.

   Benjamin Beddome, 1848.

926 Practical Improvement of Baptism. C.M.

1 HARKEN, ye children of your God;
   Ye heirs of glory, hear;
For accents so divine as these
   Might charm the dullest ear.

2 Baptized into your Saviour's death,
   Your souls to sin must die;
With Christ your Lord ye live anew,
   With Christ ascend on high.

3 There by His Father's hand He sits,
   Enthroned divinely fair;
Yet owns Himself your Brother still,
   And your forerunner there.

4 Rise, from these earthly trifles, rise
   On wings of faith and love;
With Christ your choicest treasure lies,
   And be your hearts above.

5 But earth and sin will drag us down,
   When we attempt to fly;
Lord, send Thy strong attractive force
   To raise and fix us high.

   Philip Doddridge, 1735.
BAPTISM.

927 The Believer constrained by the Love of Christ to follow Him. C. M.

1 DEAR Lord, and will Thy pardoning love
   Embrace a wretch so vile?
   Wilt Thou my load of guilt remove,
   And bless me with Thy smile?

2 Hast Thou for me the cross endured,
   And all the shame despised?
   And shall I be ashamed, O Lord,
   With Thee to be baptized?

3 Didst Thou the great example lead,
   In Jordan's swelling flood?
   And shall my pride disdain the deed
   That's worthy of my God?

4 Dear Lord, the ardour of Thy love
   Reproves my cold delays;
   And now my willing footsteps move
   In Thy delightful ways.

   John Fellows, 1778, a.

928 "Hinder me not." C. M.

1 In all my Lord's appointed ways,
   My journey I'll pursue;
   "Hinder me not," ye much-loved saints,
   For I must go with you.

2 Through floods and flames, if Jesus lead,
   I'll follow where He goes;
   "Hinder me not," shall be my cry,
   Though earth and hell oppose.

3 Through duty, and through trials too
   I'll go at His command;
   "Hinder me not," for I am bound
   To my Immanuel's land.

4 And when my Saviour calls me home
   Still this my cry shall be,
   "Hinder me not," come, welcome death,
   I'll gladly go with Thee.

   John Ryland, 1778, a.
BAPTISM.

929  "If ye love me, keep My Commandments."

1 LORD, in humble, sweet submission,
   Here we meet to follow Thee;
   Trusting in Thy great salvation,
   Which alone can make us free.

2 Nought have we to claim as merit;
   All the duties we can do,
   Can no crown of life inherit:
   All the praise to Thee is due.

3 Yet we come in Christian duty,
   Down beneath the wave to go;
   Oh, the bliss! the heavenly beauty!
   Christ, the Lord, was buried so.

4 Come, ye children of the kingdom,
   Follow Him beneath the wave:
   Rise, and show His resurrection,
   And proclaim His power to save.

5 Is there here a weeping Mary,
   Waiting near the Saviour's tomb;
   Heavy-laden, sick, and weary,
   Crying, "Oh that I could come!"

6 Welcome, all ye friends of Jesus,
   Welcome to His church below;
   Venture wholly on the Saviour,
   Come, and with His people go.

Robert T. Daniel. 1850.

930 Buried with Christ in Baptism. 8.7.

1 JESUS, mighty King in Sion!
   Thou alone our guide shall be;
   Thy commission we rely on,
   We would follow none but Thee.

2 As an emblem of Thy passion
   And Thy victory o'er the grave,
   We who know Thy great salvation,
   Are baptized beneath the wave.

3 Fearless of the world's despising,
   We the ancient path pursue;
   Buried with our Lord, arising
   To a life divinely new.

John Fellows, 1773, a.
BAPTISM.

931  Taking up the Cross.  8.7.4.

1 Hast Thou said, exalted Jesus, 
   Take Thy cross and follow Me?
   Shall the word with terror seize us,
   Shall we from the burden flee?
   Lord, I'll take it,
   And rejoicing, follow Thee.

2 While this liquid tomb surveying,
   Emblem of my Saviour's grave;
   Shall I shun its brink, betraying
   Feelings worthy of a slave;
   No! I'll enter,
   Jesus enter'd Jordan's wave.

3 Sweet the sign that thus reminds me,
   Saviour, of Thy love to me;
   Sweeter still the love that binds me
   In its deathless bond to Thee.
   Oh, what pleasure
   Buried with my Lord to be!

4 Should it rend some fond connexion,
   Should I suffer shame or loss,
   Yet the fragrant, blest reflection,
   I have been where Jesus was,
   Will revive me
   When I faint beneath the cross.

5 Fellowship with Him possessing,
   Let me die to all around,
   So I rise t' enjoy the blessing
   Kept for those in Jesus found,
   When th' archangel
   Wakes the sleeper under ground.

6 Then baptized in love and glory,
   Lamb of God, Thy praise I'll sing,
   Loudly with the immortal story
   All the harps of heaven shall ring.
   Saints and seraphs,
   Sound it loud from every string.

J. E. Giles, 184
BAPTISM.

932

Following Jesus. S.M.

1 SAVIOUR, Thy law we love,
   Thy pure example bless,
   And with a firm, unwavering zeal,
   Would in Thy footsteps press.

2 Not to the fiery pains
   By which the martyrs bled;
   Not to the scourge, the thorn, the cross,
   Our favour'd feet are led.

3 But, at this peaceful tide,
   Assembled in Thy fear,
   The homage of obedient hearts,
   We humbly offer here.

   Lydia Huntley Sigourney, 1811.

933

A Doxology for Baptism. S.M.

1 FATHER of all, to Thee
   Let endless praises rise,
   Who for such rebel worms as we
   Salvation didst devise.

2 Incarnate Deity,
   Let all the ransom'd race
   Render in thanks their lives to Thee,
   For Thy redeeming grace.

3 Spirit of holiness,
   Oh let us all adore
   Thy sacred energy, and bless
   Thine heart-renewing power.

4 Baptized into Thy name,
   Almighty One in Three,
   Thy grace and goodness we'll proclaim,
   Through all eternity.

   Rippon's Selection, 1829.

934

Death, Burial, and Resurrection. S.M.

1 HERE, O ye faithful, see,
   Your Lord baptized in woe,
   Immersed in seas of agony,
   Which all His soul o'erflow.
THE LORD'S SUPPER.

2 Here we behold the grave
Which held our buried Head;
We claim a burial in the wave
Because with Jesus dead.

3 Here, too, we see Him rise,
And live no more to die;
And one with Him by sacred ties
We rise to live on high.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

935 Burial with Christ. C.M.

1 Saviour, we seek the watery tomb,
Illumed by love divine;
Far from the deep tremendous gloom
Of that which was once Thine.

2 Down to the hallow'd grave we go,
Obedient to Thy word;
'Tis thus the world around shall know
We're buried with the Lord.

3 'Tis thus we bid its pomp's adieu,
And boldly venture in:
Oh may we rise to live anew,
And only die to sin!

Baptist Selection, 1838.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

936 "This do in Remembrance of Me." C.M.

1 According to Thy gracious word,
In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember Thee.

2 Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember Thee.

3 Gethsemane, can I forget?
Or there Thy conflict see,
Thine agony and bloody sweat,
And not remember Thee!
THE LORD'S SUPPER.

4 When to the cross I turn mine eyes,
   And rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God! my sacrifice!
   I must remember Thee.

5 Remember Thee, and all Thy pains,
   And all Thy love to me;
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
   Will I remember Thee!

6 And when these failing lips grow dumb,
   And mind and memory flee,
When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come,
   Jesus, remember me!

   James Montgomery, 1825.

937 The Sorrows of our Lord. S. M.

1 We'll praise our risen Lord,
   While at His feast we sit,
His griefs a hallow'd theme afford
   For sweetest music fit.

2 Such torments He endured
   As none e'er felt before,
That joy and bliss might be secured
   To us for evermore.

3 Hurried from bar to bar,
   With blows and scoffs abused;
Reviled by Herod's men of war,
   With Pilate's scourges bruised.

4 His sweet and reverend face
   With spittle all profaned;
That visage, full of heavenly grace,
   With His own blood distain'd.

5 Stretch'd on the cruel tree,
   He bled, and groan'd, and cried;
And in a mortal agony,
   Languish'd awhile and died.

6 Then up to heaven He rose,
   That we might thither go,
Where love and praises have no end,
   Where joys no changes know.

   Joseph Stennett, 1709, a.
THE LORD'S SUPPER.

938  

Jesu’s Love.  C.M.

1 GRACIOUS Redeemer, how divine,
How wondrous is Thy love,
The subject of th’ eternal songs,
Of blood-wash’d hosts above.

2 Join all your sacred harmony,
Ye saints on earth below,
To praise Immanuel, from whose name
All fragrant odours flow.

3 He left His crown, He left His throne,
By His great Father’s side,
He wore the thorn, He bore the cross,
Was scourged and crucified.

4 Behold how every wound of His
A precious balm distils,
Which heals the scars that sin had made,
And cures all mortal ills.

5 Those wounds are mouths that preach His
The ensigns of His love;
The seals of our expected bliss
In paradise above.

6 We see Thee at Thy table, Lord,
By faith with great delight:
Oh how refined those joys will be
When faith is turn’d to sight!

Joseph Steennett, 1709.

939  

Jesu’s Presence delightful.  L.M.

1 MIDST us our Beloved stands,
And bids us view His pierced hands;
Points to His wounded feet and side,
Blest emblems of the Crucified.

2 What food luxurious loads the board,
When at His table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

3 If now with eyes defiled and dim,
We see the signs but see not Him,
Oh may his love the scales displace,
And bid us see Him face to face!
THE LORD'S SUPPER.

4 Our former transports we recount,
When with Him in the holy mont,
These cause our souls to thirst anew,
His mar'red but lovely face to view.

5 Thou glorious Bridgroom of our hearts,
Thy present smile a heaven imparts:
Oh lift the veil, if veil there be,
Let every saint Thy beauties see.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

940 Heavenly Bread and Wine. 7s.

1 BREAD of heaven! on Thee I feed,
   For Thy flesh is meat indeed;
   Ever may my soul be fed
   With this true and living bread;
   Day by day with strength supplied,
   Through the life of Him who died.

2 Vine of heaven! Thy blood supplies
   This blest cup of sacrifice;
   'Tis Thy wounds my healing give;
   To Thy cross I look and live.
   Thou my life! Oh, let me be
   Rooted, grafted, built on Thee.

Josiah Conder, 1924.

941 Enjoyment of Christ. L. M.

1 FAR from my thoughts, vain world, begone,
   Let my religious hours alone;
   Fain would my eyes my Saviour see:
   I wait a visit, Lord, from Thee.

2 My heart grows warm with holy fire,
   And kindles with a pure desire;
   Come, my dear Jesus, from above,
   And feed my soul with heavenly love.

3 Bless'd Jesus, what delicious fare!
   How sweet Thy entertainments are!
   Never did angels taste above
   Redeeming grace, and dying love.

4 Hail, great Immanuel, all divine!
   In Thee Thy Father's glories shine;
   Thou brightest, sweetest, fairest One,
   That eyes have seen, or angels known.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
THE LORD'S SUPPER.

942 Christ's dying Love. C. M.

1 HOW condescending, and how kind,
    Was God's eternal Son!
    Our misery reach'd His heavenly mind,
    And pity brought Him down.

2 When justice, by our sins provoked,
    Drew forth its dreadful sword,
    He gave His soul up to the stroke
    Without a murmuring word.

3 He sunk beneath our heavy woes,
    To raise us to His throne;
    There's ne'er a gift His hand bestows,
    But cost His heart a groan.

4 This was compassion like a God,
    That when the Saviour knew
    The price of pardon was His blood,
    His pity ne'er withdrew.

5 Now though He reigns exalted high,
    His love is still as great;
    Well He remembers Calvary,
    Nor let His saints forget.

6 Here let our hearts begin to melt,
    While we His death record,
    And, with our joy for pardon'd guilt
    Mourn that we pierced the Lord.

   Isaac Watts, 1709.

943 We are one Bread, one Body. C. M.

1 HOW happy are Thy servants, Lord,
    Who thus remember Thee!
    What tongue can tell our sweet accord,
    Our perfect harmony!

2 Who Thy mysterious supper share,
    Here at Thy table fed,
    Many, and yet but one we are,
    One undivided bread.

3 One with the living Bread divine
    Which now by faith we eat,
    Our hearts, and minds, and spirits join,
    And all in Jesus meet.
THE LORD'S SUPPER.

4 So dear the tie where souls agree
   In Jesu's dying love,
Then only can it closer be
   When all are join'd above.
   
   Charles Wesley, 1745.

944    The Feast and the Guests.    C.M.

1 HOW sweet and awful is the place,
   With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
   The choicest of her stores.

2 While all our hearts and all our songs
   Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues,
   "Lord, why was I a guest?"

3 "Why was I made to hear Thy voice,
   And enter while there's room;
When thousands make a wretched choice,
   And rather starve than come?"

4 'Twas the same love that spread the feast,
   That sweetly forced us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
   And perish'd in our sin.

5 Pity the nations, O our God!
   Constrain the earth to come;
Send Thy victorious Word abroad,
   And bring the strangers home.

6 We long to see Thy churches full,
   That all the chosen race
May with one voice, and heart, and soul,
   Sing Thy redeeming grace.
   
   Isaac Watts, 1709.

945    Divine Love remembered.    C.M.

1 If human kindness meets return,
   And owns the grateful tie;
If tender thoughts "within us burn,"
   When earthly friends are nigh.

2 Oh! shall not warmer accents tell
   The gratitude we owe
To Him who died our fears to quell,
   Our more than orphan woe!

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3 While yet His anguish'd soul survey'd
   Those pangs He would not flee,
   What love His latest words display'd—
   "Meet and remember Me!"

4 Remember Thee! Thy death, Thy shame
   Our hearts' sad load to bear!
   Oh! memory, leave no other name
   But His, recorded there!

Gerard Thomas Noel, 1813.

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The Feast. C. M.

1 IN memory of the Saviour's love,
   We keep the sacred feast,
   Where every humble contrite heart
   Is made a welcome guest.

2 By faith we take the bread of life,
   With which our souls are fed;
   And cup, in token of His blood
   That was for sinners shed.

3 Under His banner thus we sing
   The wonders of His love,
   And thus anticipate by faith
   The heavenly feast above.

Thomas Cotterill, 1812;
Richard Whittingham, 1835.

947 Feeding in green Pastures. L. M.

1 THOU whom my soul admires above
   All earthly joy and earthly love,
   Tell me, dear Shepherd, let me know,
   Where doth Thy choicest pasture grow?

2 Where is the shadow of that rock
   That from the sun defends Thy flock?
   Fain would I feed among Thy sheep,
   Among them rest, among them sleep.

3 The footsteps of Thy flock I see;
   Thy sweetest pastures here they be:
   A wondrous feast of love appears,
   Bought with Thy wounds and groans and tears.
THE LORD'S SUPPER.

4 His dearest flesh He makes my bread,
   For wine His richest blood is shed:
Here to these hills my soul will come,
Till my Beloved lead me home.
   Isaac Watts, 1709, a.

948 Christ the King at His Table. L. M.

1 LET Him embrace my soul, and prove
   Mine interest in His heavenly love;
The voice that tells me, "Thou art mine,"
Exceeds the blessings of the vine.

2 Jesus, allure me by Thy charms,
   My soul shall fly into Thine arms!
Our wandering feet Thy favours bring
To the fair chambers of the King.

3 Though in ourselves deform'd we are,
   And black as Kedar's tents appear,
Yet, when we put Thy beauties on,
Fair as the courts of Solomon.

4 While at His table sits the King,
   He loves to see us smile and sing;
Our graces are our best perfume,
And breathe like spikenard round the room.

5 As myrrh new bleeding from the tree,
   Such is a dying Christ to me;
And while He makes my soul His guest,
My bosom, Lord, shall be Thy rest.

6 No beams of cedar or of fir
   Can with Thy courts on earth compare;
And here we wait, until Thy love
Raise us to nobler seats above.
   Isaac Watts, 1709.

949 Grace admired. C. M.

1 LORD, at Thy table I behold
   The wonders of Thy grace;
But most of all admire that I
Should find a welcome place:

2 I that am all defiled with sin,
   A rebel to my God:
I that have crucified His Son,
And trampled on His blood.
THE LORD'S SUPPER.

What strange surprising grace is this,
That such a soul has room!
My Saviour takes me by the hand,
My Jesus bids me come.

Had I ten thousand hearts, dear Lord,
I'd give them all to Thee;
Had I ten thousand tongues, they all
Should join the harmony.

_Samuel Stennett, 1787._

Delight in Communion with Jesus.

LORD, what a heaven of saving grace
Shines through the beauties of Thy face,
And lights our passions to a flame!
Lord, how we love Thy charming name!

When I can say, "My God is mine;"
When I can feel Thy glories shine;
I tread the world beneath my feet,
And all that earth calls good or great.

While such a scene of sacred joys
Our raptured eyes and souls employs,
Here we could sit, and gaze away
A long, an everlasting day.

Well, we shall quickly pass the night,
To the fair coasts of perfect light;
Then shall our joyful senses rove
O'er the dear object of our love.

There shall we drink full draughts of bliss,
And pluck new life from heavenly trees:
Yet now and then, dear Lord, bestow
A drop of heaven on worms below.

Send comforts down from Thy right hand,
While we pass through this barren land;
And in Thy temple let us see
A glimpse of love, a glimpse of Thee.

_Isaac Watts, 1709._
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

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951  The Presence of God desired.  L. M.

1 O THOU the hope of Israel’s host,
    Their strength, their helper, and their boast;
    How oft their Saviour hast Thou been,
    In times of trouble and of sin!

2 And have not we beheld Thy face?
    Thy visits crown’d the means of grace;
    Oh come again, indulgent Lord,
    With all the joy Thy smiles afford.

3 Enter our hearts, Redeemer blest,
    Enter, thou ever-honour’d Guest;
    Enter, and make our hearts Thine own,
    Thy house, Thy temple, and Thy throne.

4 And stay, not only for a night,
    To bless us with a transient sight;
    But with us dwell, through time,—and then
    In heaven for evermore.—Amen.

Rippon’s Selection, 1829.

952  Zion visited in Grace.  L. M.

1 TRIUMPHANT Zion, lift thy head
    From dust, and darkness, and the dead;
    Though humbled long, awake at length,
    And gird thee with thy Saviour’s strength.

2 Put all thy beauteous garments on,
    And let thy various charms be known;
    The world thy glories shall confess,
    Beck’d in the robes of righteousness.

3 No more shall foes unclean invade,
    And fill thy hallow’d walls with dread;
    No more shall hell’s insulting host
    Their victory and thy sorrows boast.
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

4 God from on high thy groans will hear; 
   His hand thy ruins shall repair; 
   Rear'd and adorn'd by love divine, 
   Thy towers and battlements shall shine.

   Philip Doddridge, 1755.

953 The Church awakened. C. M.

1 NOW let the slumbering church awake, 
   And shine in bright array: 
   Thy chains, O captive daughter, break, 
   And cast thy bonds away.

2 Long hast thou lain in dust supine, 
   Insulted by thy foes: 
   "Where is," they cried, "that God of thine?" 
   And who regards thy woes?"

3 Thy God incarnate on His hands 
   Beholds thy name engraved; 
   Still unrevoked His promise stands, 
   And Zion shall be saved.

4 He did but wait the fittest time 
   His mercy to display; 
   And now He rides on clouds sublime, 
   And brings the promised day.

5 Thy God shall soon for thee appear, 
   And end thy mourning days; 
   Salvation's walls around thee rear, 
   And fill thy gates with praise.

   John Ryland, 1798.

954 Great Events from small Beginnings.

1 SEE how great a flame aspires, 
   Kindled by a spark of grace! 
   Jesu's love the nations fires, 
   Sets the kingdoms on a blaze: 
   To bring fire on earth He came, 
   Kindled in some hearts it is: 
   Oh that all might catch the flame, 
   All partake the glorious bliss!
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

2 When He first the work begun,
Small and feeble was His day:
Now the word doth swiftly run,
Now it wins its widening way:
More and more it spreads and grows,
Ever mighty to prevail;
Sin's strong-holds it now o'erthrows,
Shakes the trembling gates of hell.

3 Sons of God, your Saviour praise!
He the door hath open'd wide;
He hath given the word of grace,
Jesu's word is glorified:
Jesus, mighty to redeem,
He alone the work hath wrought;
Worthy is the work of Him,
Him who spake a world from nought.

4 Saw ye not the cloud arise,
Little as a human hand?
Now it spreads along the skies,
Hangs o'er all the thirsty land:
Lo, the promise of a shower
Drops already from above;
But the Lord will shortly pour
All the Spirit of His love.

Charles Wesley, 1749.

955  "There shall be Showers of Blessing."  8.7.4.

1 "Showers of blessing," gracious promise,
From the God who rules on high;
From the everlasting Father,
He who will not, cannot lie.
Showers of blessing,
He has promised from the sky.

2 "Showers of blessing," joyful showers,
Making every heart rejoice;
Come, ye saints, and plead the promise,
Raise in faith the suppliant voice;
Showers of blessing,
Oh, let nothing less suffice!

Albert Midlane, 1865.
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

Awake, O Arm of the Lord!

L. M.

1 ARM of the Lord, awake, awake!
Thy power unconquerable take;
Thy strength put on, assert Thy might,
And triumph in the dreadful fight.

2 Why dost Thou tarry, mighty Lord?
Why slumbers in its sheath Thy sword?
Oh, rouse Thee, for Thine honour's sake;
Arm of the Lord, awake, awake!

3 Behold, what numbers still withstand
Thy sovereign rule and just command,
Reject Thy grace, Thy threats despise,
And hurl defiance at the skies.

4 Haste then, but come not to destroy:
Mercy is Thine, Thy crown, Thy joy;
Their hatred quell, their pride remove,
But melt with grace, subdue with love.

5 Why dost Thou from the conquest stay?
Why do Thy chariot wheels delay?
Lift up thyself; hell's kingdom shake;
Arm of the Lord, awake, awake!

Henry March, 1839.

Revivals sought.

S. M.

1 REVIVE Thy work, O Lord,
Thy mighty arm make bare;
Speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
And make Thy people hear.

2 Revive Thy work, O Lord,
Disturb this sleep of death,
Quicken the smouldering embers now,
By Thine almighty breath.

3 Revive Thy work, O Lord,
Create soul-thirst for Thee,
And hungering for the bread of life,
Oh may our spirits be!

4 Revive Thy work, O Lord,
Exalt Thy precious name;
And, by the Holy Ghost, our love
For Thee and Thine inflame.
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

5 Revive Thy work, O Lord,
And give refreshing showers,
The glory shall be all Thine own,
The blessing, Lord, be ours.

Albert Midlane, 1865,

958 Give reviving. 8.7.

1 FATHER, for Thy promised blessing,
Still we plead before Thy throne;
For the times of sweet refreshing,
Which can come from Thee alone.

2 Blessed earnest Thou hast given,
But in these we would not rest,
Blessings still with Thee are hidden,
Pour them forth, and make us blest.

3 Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever,
Answer! Father, answer prayer;
Bless, oh bless each weak endeavour,
Blood-bought pardon to declare!

4 Wake Thy slumbering children, wake them
Bid them to Thy harvest go;
Blessings, O our Father, make them;
Round their steps let blessings flow.

5 Give reviving—give refreshing—
Give the looked-for Jubilee;
To Thyself may crowds be pressing,
Bringing glory unto Thee;

6 Let no hamlet be forgotten,
Let Thy showers on all descend;
That in one loud, blessed anthem,
Myriads may in triumph blend.

Albert Midlane, 1865,

959 Prayer for a Revival. 8.7.4.

1 SAVIOUR, visit Thy plantation;
Grant us, Lord, a gracious rain!
All will come to desolation,
Unless Thou return again:
Lord, revive us,
All our help must come from Thee!
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

2 Keep no longer at a distance,
Shine upon us from on high,
Lest, for want of Thine assistance,
Every plant should droop and die.  
Lord, &c.

3 Surely, once Thy garden flourish'd,
Every part look'd gay and green;
Then Thy word our spirit nourish'd,
Happy seasons we have seen!  
Lord, &c.

4 But a drought has since succeeded,
And a sad decline we see;
Lord, Thy help is greatly needed,
Help can only come from Thee.  
Lord, &c.

5 Dearest Saviour, hasten hither,
Thou canst make them bloom again;
Oh permit them not to wither,
Let not all our hopes be vain.  
Lord, &c.

6 Let our mutual love be fervent,
Make us prevalent in prayers;
Let each one esteem'd Thy servant
Shun the world's bewitching snares.  
Lord, &c.

7 Break the tempter's fatal power,
Turn the stony heart to flesh;
And begin, from this good hour
To revive Thy work afresh.
Lord, revive us,
All our help must come from Thee.

John Newton, 1779;  
John Ryland, jun., 1787.

960 Prayer for quickening Power.  C.M.

1 O THOU, our Head, enthroned on high,
By whom Thy members live!
Wilt Thou not hear our fervent cry,
The holy unction give?
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

2 Arise, O Lord! send forth Thy word,
Thy faithful heralds call;
And while the gospel trump is heard,
Let Satan's bulwarks fall.

3 Breathe forth, O wind, and to new birth
Quicken the bones of death;
Regenerate this wither'd earth,
Give to the dying breath.

Josiah Conder, 1856.

961 Jesus, manifest Thy Power. L.M.

1 O JESUS, manifest Thy grace,
Scatter Thy mighty darts abroad;
Constrain the unbelieving race
To fall before a wounded God.

2 Thy hands, Thy side, Thy feet were pierced,
The most unholy to restore:
Thy blood was shed to heal the worst,
And save the poorest of the poor.

3 Then let them taste Thy saving grace,
Be cleansed and glorified by Thee;
And in the sacrifice of praise,
Employ a blest eternity.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1759.

962 Awake, all-Conquering Arm. L.M.

1 A WAKE, all-conquering Arm, awake,
And Satan's mighty empire shake;
Assert the honours of Thy throne,
And make this ruin'd world Thine own.

2 Thine all-successful power display;
Convert a nation in a day;
Until the universe shall be
But one great temple, Lord, for Thee.

Baptist Psalmody, 1843.

963 God invoked for His Church. C.M.

1 A WAKE, awake, Thou Mighty Arm,
Which has such wonders wrought!
Which captive Israel freed from harm,
And out of Egypt brought
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

2 Art Thou not it which Rahab slew?
   And crush'd the dragon's head?
Constrain'd by Thee the waves withdrew
   From their accustom'd bed.

3 Again Thy wonted prowess show,
   Be Thou made bare again:
And let Thine adversaries know
   That they resist in vain.

Benjamin Beddome, 1818.

964 Awake, O arm of the Lord.  L. M.

1 ARM of the Lord! awake! awake!
   Put on Thy strength, the nations shake:
And let the world, adoring, see
   Triumphs of mercy wrought by Thee.

2 Say to the heathen, from Thy throne,
   "I am Jehovah, God alone!"
 Thy voice their idols shall confound,
   And cast their altars to the ground.

3 No more let human blood be spilt,
   Vain sacrifice for human guilt;
But to each conscience be applied
   The blood that flow'd from Jesus' side.

4 Arm of the Lord, Thy power extend;
   Let Mahomet's imposture end;
Break papal superstition's chain,
   And the proud scorifer's age restrain.

5 Let Zion's time of favour come:
   Oh bring the tribes of Israel home:
And let our wondering eyes behold
   Gentiles and Jews in Jesus' fold.

6 Almighty God! Thy grace proclaim
   In every clime of every name;
Let adverse powers before Thee fall,
   And crown the Saviour, Lord of all.

William Shrubsole, 1794.

965 The Church awakened.  C. M.

1 DAUGHTER of Zion, from the dust
   Exalt thy fallen head;
Again in thy Redeemer trust,
   He calls thee from the dead.
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

2 Awake, awake, put on thy strength,
Thy beautiful array;
The day of freedom dawns at length,
The Lord's appointed day.

3 Rebuild thy walls, thy bounds enlarge,
And send thy heralds forth;
Say to the south—"Give up thy charge,
And keep not back, O north."

4 They come, they come: thine exiled bands
Where'er they rest or roam,
Have heard thy voice in distant lands,
And hasten to their home.

5 Thus, though the universe shall burn,
And God His works destroy,
With songs Thy ransom'd shall return,
And everlasting joy.

James Montgomery, 1825

966 "Preach the Gospel to every Creature."

1 SOUND, sound the truth abroad,
Bear ye the word of God
Through the wide world;
Tell what our Lord has done;
Tell how the day is won,
And from his lofty throne
Satan is hurl'd.

2 Speed on the wings of love,
Jesus, who reigns above,
Bids us to fly:
They who His message bear,
Should neither doubt nor fear,
He will their Friend appear;
He will be nigh.

3 When on the mighty deep,
He will their spirits keep
Stay'd on His word;
When in a foreign land,
No other friend at hand,
Jesus will by them stand—
Jesus, their Lord.
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

4 Ye who, forsaking all,
   At your loved Master's call,
   Comforts resign;
   Soon will your work be done,
   Soon will the prize be won,
   Brighter than yonder sun,
   Then shall ye shine.

    Thomas Kelly, 1820.

7 “Cry aloud, spare not.” 8.7.4.

1 Men of God, go take your stations;
   Darkness reigns throughout the earth;
   Go proclaim among the nations,
   Joyful news of heavenly birth;
   Bear the tidings
   Of the Saviour's matchless worth.

2 Of His gospel not ashamed,
   As "the power of God to save,"
   Go, where Christ was never named,
   Publish freedom to the slave;
   Blessed freedom!
   Such as Zion's children have.

3 What though earth and hell united
   Should oppose the Saviour's plan?
   Plead His cause, nor be affrighted,
   Fear ye not the face of man;
   Vain their tumult,
   Hurt His work they never can.

4 When exposed to fearful dangers,
   Jesus will His own defend;
   Borne afar, midst foes and strangers,
   Jesus will appear your Friend;
   And His presence
   Shall be with you to the end.

    Thomas Kelly, 1809.

8 Prayer to the Captain of the Host.

1 Captain of Thine enlisted host,
   Display Thy glorious banner high;
   The summons send from coast to coast,
   And call a numerous army nigh.
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

2 A solemn jubilee proclaim,
Proclaim the great sabbatic day;
Assert the glories of Thy name:
Spoil Satan of his wish’d-for prey.

3 Bid, bid Thy heralds publish loud
The peaceful blessings of Thy reign;
And when they speak of sprinkled blood,
The mystery to the heart explain.

4 Chase the usurper from his throne,
Oh! chase him to his destined hell;
Stout-hearted sinners overcome;
And glorious in Thy temple dwell.

5 Fight for Thyself, O Jesus, fight,
The travail of Thy soul regain;
To each blind soul make darkness light,
To all let crooked paths be plain.

Christopher Batty, 1757, a.

969 The Call of the Heathen for Help.

1 FROM Greenland’s icy mountains,
   From India’s coral strand,
   Where Afric’s sunny fountains
   Roll down their golden sand;
   From many an ancient river,
   From many a palmy plain,
   They call us to deliver
   Their land from error’s chain.

2 What though the spicy breezes
   Blow soft o’er Ceylon’s isle;
   Though every prospect pleases,
   And only man is vile:
   In vain with lavish kindness
   The gifts of God are strewn;
   The heathen in his blindness,
   Bows down to wood and stone.

3 Can we, whose souls are lighted
   With wisdom from on high,
   Can we, to men benighted,
   The lamp of life deny?
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

Salvation, oh salvation,
The joyful sound proclaim;
Till each remotest nation
Has learnt Messiah's name.

Waft, waft, ye winds, His story!
And you, ye waters roll,
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till o'er our ransom'd nature,
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign.

Reginald Heber, 1823.

Arise, O God! S.M.

1 O LORD our God, arise;
The cause of Truth maintain,
And wide o'er all the peopled world
Extend her blessed reign.

2 Thou Prince of Life, arise,
Nor let Thy glory cease;
Far spread the conquests of Thy grace,
And bless the earth with peace!

3 Thou, Holy Ghost, arise,
Expand Thy quickening wing,
And o'er a dark and ruin'd world
Let light and order spring.

4 All on the earth arise,
To God the Saviour sing!
From shore to shore, from earth to heaven,
Let echoing anthems ring!

Ralph Wardlaw, 1817.

Influences of the Spirit. 8.7.4.

1 WHO but Thou, Almighty Spirit,
Can the heathen world reclaim?
Men may preach, but till Thou favour,
Heathens will be still the same:
Mighty Spirit,
Witness to the Saviour's name.
REVIVALS AND MISSIONS.

2 Thou hast promised by the prophets,
    Glorious light in latter days:
    Come and bless bewilder'd nations,
    Change our prayers and tears to praise:
        Promised Spirit,
    Round the world diffuse Thy rays.

3 All our hopes, and prayers, and labours,
    Must be vain without Thine aid:
    But Thou wilt not disappoint us;
        All is true that Thou hast said:
        Gracious Spirit,
    O'er the world Thine influence shed.

Nettleton's Village Hymns, 1825.

972 The Holy Spirit invoked. L. M.

1 O SPIRIT of the living God,
    In all Thy plenitude of grace,
    Where'er the foot of man hath trod,
    Descend on our apostate race.

2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love
    To preach the reconciling word;
    Give power and unction from above,
        Whene'er the joyful sound is heard.

3 Be darkness, at Thy coming, light;
    Confusion, order in Thy path;
    Souls without strength inspire with might;
        Bid mercy triumph over wrath.

4 O Spirit of the Lord, prepare
    All the round earth her God to meet;
    Breathe Thou abroad like morning air,
        Till hearts of stone begin to beat.

5 Baptize the nations far and nigh;
    The triumphs of the cross record:
    The name of Jesus glorify,
        Till every kindred call him Lord.

James Montgomery, 1825.

973 Longing for the Spread of the Gospel. 8.7.4.

1 O'er the gloomy hills of darkness,
    Look, my soul, be still and gaze;
    All the promises do travail
        With a glorious day of grace:
        Blessed jubilee,
    Let thy glorious morning dawn!
PRAYER MEETINGS.

2 Let the Indian, let the Negro,
Let the rude Barbarian see
That divine and glorious conquest
Once obtain’d on Calvary;
Let the Gospel
Loud resound from pole to pole.

3 Kingdoms wide that sit in darkness,
Grant them, Lord, the saving light;
And from eastern coast to western
May the morning chase the night,
And redemption,
Freely purchased, win the day.

4 May the glorious day approaching,
On their grossest darkness dawn,
And the everlasting Gospel
Spread abroad Thy holy name,
All the borders
Of the great Immanuel’s land.

5 Fly abroad, thou mighty Gospel,
Win and conquer, never cease;
May thy lasting, wide dominions,
Multiply, and still increase,
Sway Thy sceptre,
Saviour, all the world around.

6 Every creature, living, breathing,
In divinely grateful lays,
Father, Son, and Spirit, praising,
Magnify the God of grace;
Hallelujah!
Fill the universe with praise.

William Williams, 1772, a.
Verse 6, John Rippon, 1829.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

974 Early Morning Prayer Meeting. S.M.

1 SWEETLY the holy hymn
Breaks on the morning air;
Before the world with smoke is dim
We meet to offer prayer.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

2 While flowers are wet with dews,
   Dew of our souls descend;
Ere yet the sun the day renews;
O Lord, Thy Spirit send.

3 Upon the battle field
   Before the fight begins,
We seek, O Lord, Thy sheltering shield,
To guard us from our sins.

4 Ere yet our vessel sails
   Upon the stream of day,
We plead, O Lord, for heavenly gales
To speed us on our way.

5 On the lone mountain side,
   Before the morning's light,
The Man of Sorrows wept and cried,
And rose refresh'd with might.

6 Oh hear us then, for we
   Are very weak and frail,
We make the Saviour's name our plea,
And surely must prevail.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

975 Evening Prayer Meeting. S. M.

1 NOW from the world withdrawn,
   For intercourse with Thee,
May each, O Lord, before Thy throne,
   From earthly cares be free.

2 Possess our every thought,
   And teach our minds to pray;
Help us to worship as we ought,
   And thus conclude the day.

3 Our strength may we renew,
   And lift our hearts above,
That, while life's journey we pursue,
   We still may walk in love.

4 Then, in our latter end,
   When death shall close our eyes,
Thy mercy will our souls attend,
   And bear them to the skies.

John Bulmer, 1835.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

976 Evening Prayer and Praise. 8.7.

1 GRACIOUS Saviour, thus before Thee,
   With our varied want and care;
   For a blessing we implore Thee,
   Listen to our evening prayer!

2 By Thy favour safely living,
   With a grateful heart we raise
   Songs of jubilant thanksgiving;
   Listen to our evening praise!

3 Through the day, Lord, Thou hast given
   Strength sufficient for our need;
   Cheer'd us with sweet hopes of heaven,
   Help'd and comforted indeed.

4 Lord, we thank Thee, and adore Thee,
   For the solace of Thy love;
   And rejoicing thus before Thee,
   Wait Thy blessing from above!

   Henry Bateman, 1862.

977 Prayer described. C. M.

1 PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire,
   Utter'd or unexpress'd;
   The motion of a hidden fire,
   That trembles in the breast.

2 Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
   The falling of a tear;
   The upward glancing of an eye,
   When none but God is near.

3 Prayer is the simplest form of speech
   That infant lips can try;
   Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
   The Majesty on high.

4 Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
   The Christian's native air;
   His watchword at the gates of death:
   He enters heaven with prayer.

5 Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
   Returning from his ways;
   While angels in their songs rejoice,
   And cry, "Behold he prays!"
PRAYER MEETINGS.

6 The saints in prayer appear as one,
   In word, and deed, and mind;
   While with the Father and the Son
   Sweet fellowship they find.

7 Nor prayer is made on earth alone;
   The Holy Spirit pleads;
   And Jesus, on the eternal throne,
   For mourners intercedes.

8 O Thou, by whom we come to God,
   The life, the truth, the way!
   The path of prayer Thyself hast trod:
   Lord! teach us how to pray.

James Montgomery, 1819.

The Throne of Grace.  S. M.

1 BEHOLD the throne of grace!
   The promise calls me near,
   There Jesus shows a smiling face,
   And waits to answer prayer.

2 That rich atoning blood,
   Which sprinkled round I see,
   Provides for those who come to God
   An all-prevailing plea.

3 My soul, ask what thou wilt,
   Thou canst not be too bold;
   Since His own blood for thee He spilt,
   What else can He withhold?

4 Beyond Thy utmost wants
   His love and power can bless;
   To praying souls He always grants
   More than they can express.

5 Thine image, Lord, bestow,
   Thy presence and Thy love;
   I ask to serve Thee here below,
   And reign with Thee above.

6 Teach me to live by faith,
   Conform my will to Thine;
   Let me victorious be in death,
   And then in glory shine.

John Newton, 1779.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

979 "God be merciful unto us, and bless us."

1 LORD of the vast creation,
Support of worlds unknown,
Desire of every nation,
Behold us at Thy throne.

2 We come for mercy crying,
Through Thine atoning blood;
And, on Thy grace relying,
We seek each promised good.

3 Oh when shall Thy salvation
Be known through every land,
And men in every station
Obey Thy great command?

4 In God's own Son believing,
From sin may they be free:
And gospel-grace receiving,
Find life and peace in Thee!

John Bulmer, 1835.

980 "Ask what I shall give thee."

1 COME, my soul, thy suit prepare,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not say thee nay.

2 Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much.

3 With my burden I begin,
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.

4 Lord! I come to Thee for rest,
Take possession of my breast:
There Thy blood-bought right maintain,
And without a rival reign.

5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my Guide, my Guard, my Friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

John Newton, 1779.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

981 Holy Importunity. 7s.

1 LORD, I cannot let Thee go,
   Till a blessing Thou bestow;
Do not turn away Thy face,
Mine's an urgent pressing case.

2 Dost Thou ask me who I am?
   Ah, my Lord, Thou know'st my name;
Yet the question gives a plea
To support my suit with Thee.

3 Thou didst once a wretch behold,
   In rebellion blindly bold,
Scorn Thy grace, Thy power defy;
That poor rebel, Lord, was I.

4 Once a sinner near despair
   Sought Thy mercy-seat by prayer;
Mercy heard and set him free;
Lord, that mercy came to me.

5 Many days have pass'd since then,
   Many changes I have seen;
Yet have been upheld till now:
Who could hold me up but Thou?

6 Thou hast help'd in every need,
   This emboldens me to plead;
After so much mercy past,
Canst Thou let me sink at last?

7 No—I must maintain my hold,
   'Tis Thy goodness makes me bold;
I can no denial take,
When I plead for Jesus' sake.

John Newton, 1779.

982 A Blessing requested. 7s.

1 LORD, we come before Thee now,
   At Thy feet we humbly bow;
Oh, do not our suit disdain;
Shall we seek Thee, Lord, in vain?

2 In Thy own appointed way,
   Now we seek Thee, here we stay;
Lord, from hence we would not go,
Till a blessing Thou bestow.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

3 Send some message from Thy Word, 
    That may joy and peace afford; 
    Let Thy Spirit now impart 
    Full salvation to each heart.

4 Grant that those who seek may find 
    Thee a God supremely kind; 
    Heal the sick, the captive free, 
    Let us all rejoice in Thee.

    William Hammond, 1745, a.

983 "There am I in the midst of them."

1 MET again in Jesus' name, 
    At His feet we humbly bow: 
    He is evermore the same, 
    Lo, He waits to meet us now!

2 In His name, if two or three 
    Meet, and for His mercy call, 
    There, the Saviour says, I'll be 
    In the midst to bless you all.

3 You shall never ask in vain, 
    Though your number be but few; 
    Firm the promise doth remain, 
    Lo, I always am with you.

4 Saviour, we believe Thy word, 
    Calmly wait the promised grace: 
    Spirit of our risen Lord, 
    Holy Spirit, fill the place.

    John Pyer, 1857,

984 I will pray.

1 I WILL approach Thee—I will force 
    My way through obstacles to Thee; 
    To Thee for strength will have recourse, 
    To Thee for consolation flee!

2 Oh cast me, cast me not away, 
    From Thy dear presence, gracious Lord! 
    My burden at Thy feet I lay: 
    My soul reposes on Thy word.

    Charlotte Elliott, 1834.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

985  "Our Advocate above."  C. M.

1 THOU Lamb of God, for sinners slain!
   We glorify Thy love;
   High priest in heaven's eternal fame,
   Our Advocate above.

2 Now, through Thy rent veil of flesh,
   We dare the throne draw nigh,
   And sprinkled with Thy blood afresh,
   With boldness Abba cry.

Josiah Conder, 1856.

986  "Answer by Fire."  L. M.

1 LORD! with Thy grace our hearts inspire,
   Answer our sacrifice by fire,
   And by Thy mighty acts declare,
   Thou art the God who heareth prayer.

2 Faith asks no signal from the skies,
   To show that prayers accepted rise;
   Our Priest is in the holy place,
   And answers from the throne of grace.

Josiah Conder, 1856.

987  "Thy Name's Sake."  C. M.

1 LORD, for Thy name's sake! such the plea,
   With force triumphant fraught,
   By which Thy saints prevail with Thee,
   By Thine own Spirit taught.

2 Now, for Thy name's sake, O our God,
   Do not abhor our prayer;
   But, while we bow beneath Thy rod,
   Thy chasten'd people spare.

3 Oh, for Thy name's sake, richly grant
   The unction from above;
   Fulfil Thy holy covenant,
   And glorify Thy love.

Josiah Conder, 1836.

988  "Jesus present with Two or Three."  L. M.

1 WHERE two or three, with sweet accord,
   Obedient to their sovereign Lord,
   Meet to recount His acts of grace,
   And offer solemn prayer and praise:
PRAYER MEETINGS.

2 "There," says the Saviour, "will I be, Amid this little company: To them unveil my smiling face, And shed my glories round the place."

3 We meet at Thy command, dear Lord, Relying on Thy faithful word: Now send Thy Spirit from above, Now fill our hearts with heavenly love. Samuel Stennett, 1787.

989 Pleading for Power. 7s.

1 LORD, our waiting spirits bow, In Thy blessed presence now: May the Holy Spirit be Now our power to wait on Thee.

2 Power, O Lord, for power we cry! Grant us each a rich supply, That our longing souls may be Fully satisfied by Thee.

3 Sweet the solemn hour of prayer, Sweet to feed on heavenly fare, Now let such our portion be, Saviour, waiting upon Thee. Albert Midlane, 1866.

990 "Remember us, O Lord." L.M.

1 Apart from every worldly care, We bow before Thee, Lord, in prayer; And as our one, our only claim, We lips our blessed Jesu's name.

2 May the blest Spirit, Father, now Each heart in holy reverence bow; And may our feeble breathings rise To Thee, like holy sacrifice.

3 Our need Thou knowest, Thou art nigh, And Thou canst every need supply; Boundless, dear Father, is Thy store, Remember us, we ask no more. Albert Midlane, 1866.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

991  Confession of Sin.  S. M.

1 ONCE more we meet to pray,
   Once more our guilt confess;
   Turn not, O Lord, Thine ear away
   From creatures in distress.

2 Our sins to heaven ascend,
   And there for vengeance cry;
   O God, behold the sinner's Friend,
   Who intercedes on high.

3 Though we are vile indeed,
   And well deserve Thy curse,
   The merits of Thy Son we plead,
   Who lived and died for us.

4 Now let Thy bosom yearn,
   As it hath done before;
   Return to us, O God, return,
   And ne'er forsake us more.

   Baptist Psalmody, 1843.

992  Prayer for Unbelievers.  C. M.

1 THOU Son of God, whose flaming eyes
   Our inmost thoughts perceive,
   Accept the humble sacrifice,
   Which now to Thee we give.

2 We bow before Thy gracious throne,
   And think ourselves sincere;
   But show us, Lord, is every one
   Thy real worshipper?

3 Is here a soul that knows Thee not,
   Nor feels his want of Thee,
   A stranger to the blood which bought
   His pardon on the tree?

4 Convince him now of unbelief;
   His desperate state explain;
   And fill his heart with sacred grief,
   And penitential pain.

5 Speak with that voice which wakes the dead,
   And bid the sleeper rise!
   And bid his guilty conscience dread
   The death that never dies.

   Charles Wesley, 1767.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

993

Divine Sympathy. C.M.

1 THERE is no sorrow, Lord, too light
   To bring in prayer to Thee;
   There is no anxious care too slight
   To wake Thy sympathy.
2 Thou who hast trod the thorny road
   Wilt share each small distress;
   The love which bore the greater load
   Will not refuse the less.
3 There is no secret sigh we breathe
   But meets Thine ear divine;
   And every cross grows light beneath
   The shadow, Lord, of Thine.
4 Life's ills without, sin's strife within,
   The heart would overflow,
   But for that love which died for sin,
   That love which wept with woe.

Hymnologia Christiana. 1863.
Hymns Old and New, 1:64.

994

Hindrances to Prayer. L.M.

1 WHAT various hindrances we meet
    In coming to a mercy-seat!
    Yet who that knows the worth of prayer,
    But wishes to be often there?
2 Prayer makes the darken'd cloud withdraw,
    Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw,
    Gives exercise to faith and love,
    Brings every blessing from above.
3 Restraining prayer, we cease to fight;
    Prayer makes the Christian's armour bright
    And Satan trembles when he sees
    The weakest saint upon his knees.
4 While Moses stood with arms spread wide,
    Success was found on Israel's side;
    But when through weariness they fail'd,
    That moment Amalek prevail'd.
5 Have you no words? Ah, think again,
    Words flow apace when you complain,
    And fill your fellow-creature's ear
    With the sad tale of all your care.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

6 Were half the breath thus vainly spent,
   To heaven in supplication sent,
   Your cheerful song would oftener be,
   “Hear what the Lord has done for me!”

William Cowper, 1779.

995 The Garden of Christ. L. M.

1 We are a garden wall’d around,
   Chosen and made peculiar ground;
   A little spot, inclosed by grace
   Out of the world’s wide wilderness.

2 Like trees of myrrh and spice we stand,
   Planted by God the Father’s hand;
   And all His springs in Sion flow,
   To make the young plantation grow.

3 Awake, O heavenly wind! and come,
   Blow on this garden of perfume:
   Spirit divine! descend, and breathe
   A gracious gale on plants beneath.

4 Make our best spices flow abroad,
   To entertain our Saviour God:
   And faith, and love, and joy appear,
   And every grace be active here.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

996 “Teach us to Pray.” C. M.

1 LORD, teach us how to pray aright,
   With reverence and with fear;
   Though dust and ashes in Thy sight,
   We may, we must draw near.

2 We perish if we cease from prayer;
   Oh grant us power to pray;
   And when to meet Thee we prepare,
   Lord, meet us by the way.

James Montgomery, 1819.

997 “I said not, Seek ye Me in vain.” C. M.

1 We come, blest Jesus, to Thy throne,
   To open all our grief;
   Now send Thy promised mercy down,
   And grant us quick relief,
PRAYER MEETINGS.

2 Ne'er didst Thou say to Jacob's seed,
"Seek ye My face in vain;"
And canst Thou now deny Thine aid,
When burden'd souls complain?

3 The same Thy power, Thy love the same,
Unmoved the promise shines;
Eternal truth surrounds Thy name,
And guards the precious lines.

4 Though Satan rage, and flesh rebel,
And unbelief arise,
We'll wait around His footstool still,
For Jesus hears our cries.

James Boden, 1777.

998 Prayer heard in Heaven. C. M.

1 When God inclines the heart to pray,
He hath an ear to hear;
To Him there's music in a groan,
And beauty in a tear.

2 The humble suppliants cannot fail
To have his wants supplied,
Since He for sinners intercedes,
Who once for sinners died.

Benjamin Beddome, 1818.

999 Let us Pray. 8.7.

1 Let us pray! the Lord is willing,
Ever waiting, prayer to hear;
Ready, His kind words fulfilling,
Loving hearts to help and cheer.

2 Let us pray! our God with blessing
Satisfies the praying soul;
Bends to hear the heart's confessing,
Moulding it to His control.

3 Let us pray! though foes surrounding,
Vex, and trouble, and dismay;
Precious grace, through Christ abounding,
Still shall cheer us on our way.

4 Let us pray! our life is praying;
Prayer with time alone may cease:
Then in heaven, God's will obeying,
Life is praise and perfect peace.

Henry Bateman, 1862.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

1000  *Peace at the Mercy-seat.*  I. M.

1 FROM every stormy wind that blows,
    From every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a safe retreat;
'Tis found beneath the mercy-seat.

2 There is a place where Jesus sheds
    The oil of gladness o'er our heads!
A place, than all beside more sweet,
It is the blood-stain'd mercy-seat.

3 There is a spot where spirits blend,
    Where friend holds fellowship with friend;
Though sunder'd far, by faith we meet
Around our common mercy-seat.

4 Ah, whither could we flee for aid,
    When tempted, desolate, dismay'd:
Or how the hosts of hell defeat,
Had suffering saints no mercy-seat?

5 There, there on eagle-wings we soar,
    And time and sense seem all no more,
And heaven comes down our souls to greet,
And glory crowns the mercy-seat.

6 Oh let my hands forget their skill,
    My tongue be silent, cold, and still,
This bounding heart forget to beat,
If I forget the mercy-seat!

*Hugh Stowell, 1832.*

1001  "*Our Father which art in Heaven.*"  S. M.

1 OUR heavenly Father hear
    The prayer we offer now:
Thy name be hallow'd far and near,
To Thee all nations bow;

2 Thy kingdom come: Thy will
    On earth be done in love,
As saints and seraphim fulfil
Thy perfect law above.

3 Our daily bread supply,
    While by Thy word we live:
The guilt of our iniquity
Forgive, as we forgive.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

4 From dark temptation's power,
   From Satan's wiles defend;
Deliver in the evil hour,
   And guide us to the end.

5 Thine, then, for ever be
   Glory and power divine;
The sceptre, throne, and majesty
   Of heaven and earth are Thine.

   James Montgomery, 1825.

1 SWEET the time, exceeding sweet,
   When the saints together meet;
When the Saviour is the theme:
   When they join to sing of Him.

2 Sing we then eternal love,
   Such as did the Father move;
When He saw the world undone,
   Loved the world, and gave His Son.

3 Sing the Son's amazing love,
   How He left the realms above,
Took our nature and our place,
   Lived and died to save our race.

4 Sing we too the Spirit's love;
   With our wretched hearts He strove;
Turn'd our feet from ways of shame,
   Made us trust in Jesu's name.

5 Sweet the place, exceeding sweet,
   Where the saints in glory meet;
Where the Saviour's still the theme,
   Where they see, and sing of Him.

   George Burder, 1784.

1 IF 'tis sweet to mingle where
   Christians meet for social prayer—
If 'tis sweet with them to raise
   Songs of holy joy and praise—
Passing sweet that state must be
   Where they meet eternally.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

2 Saviour, may these meetings prove
Preparations for above;
While we worship in this place,
May we go from grace to grace,
Till we, each in his degree,
Meet for endless glory be.

Ingram Cobbin, 1828

Joy in Heaven over a repenting Sinner.

1 WHO can describe the joys that rise
   Through all the courts of Paradise,
   To see a prodigal return,
   To see an heir of glory born?

2 With joy the Father doth approve
   The fruit of His eternal love;
   The Son with joy looks down, and sees
   The purchase of His agonies.

3 The Spirit takes delight to view
   The holy soul He form’d anew:
   And saints and angels join to sing
   The growing empire of their King.

Isaac Watts, 1709

For a Blessing.

1 AS the dew, from heaven distilling,
   Gently on the grass descends,
   Richly unto all fulfilling
   What Thy providence intends;
   So may truth, divine and gracious,
   To our waiting spirits prove;
   Bless and make it efficacious
   In the children of Thy love!

2 Lord, behold this congregation;
   All Thy promises fulfil;
   From Thy holy habitation,
   Let the dew of life distil:
   Let our cry come up before Thee,
   Sweetest influence shed around;
   So Thy people shall adore Thee,
   And confess the joyful sound.

W. S. Du Sauloy’s Selection, 1818;
John Bulmer, 1835.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

1006  National Fast.  L. M.

1 O H may the power which melts the rock
   Be felt by all assembled here!
   Or else our service will but mock
   The God whom we profess to fear!

2 Lord, while Thy judgments shake the land,
   Thy people's eyes are fix'd on Thee!
   We own Thy just uplifted hand,
   Which thousands cannot, will not see.

3 The Lord displeased has raised His rod!
   Ah! where are now the faithful few
   Who tremble for the ark of God,
   And know what Israel ought to do?

4 Lord, hear Thy people everywhere,
   Who meet to mourn, confess, and pray:
   The nation and Thy churches spare,
   And let Thy wrath be turn'd away!

   John Newton, 1779.

1007  National Fast.  C. M.

1 ETERNAL God! Before Thy throne
   Three nations prostrate full;
   Their great, their numerous sins they own,
   O Lord, forgive them all.

2 Burst, Lord, upon these mourning isles
   With bright and gladdening rays;
   Turn grief to joy, and tears to smiles,
   And prayer to grateful praise.

3 Oh sanctify the painful blow,
   Which justly Thou didst give;
   May we the Lord who smote us know,
   And turn to Thee and live.

   James Edmeston, 1847.

1008  National Thanksgiving.  7s.

1 MAY we, Lord, rejoicing say,
   Now Thine anger's turn'd away,
   Sheathed the sword that waved before,
   Mission'd to destroy no more.
PRAYER MEETINGS.

2 Lord, accept our grateful praise,
   Just, yet kind, are all Thy ways,
   Ever ready to forgive,
   Bidding the repentant live.

3 In Thy courts would we appear,
   Mingling joy and praise with fear;
   Judgments past in memory bear,
   Yet thanksgiving offer there.

4 Grateful hearts we sain would bring,
   Pardoning mercy would we sing;
   We may now rejoicing say,
   Lord, Thine anger's turn'd away.

   James Edmeston, 1849.

1009 Prayer for our Country. C.M.

1 SHINE, mighty God, on Britain shine,
   With beams of heavenly grace;
   Reveal Thy power through all our coasts,
   And show Thy smiling face.

2 Amidst our isle, exalted high,
   Do Thou our glory stand,
   And, like a wall of guardian fire,
   Surround this favour'd land.

3 When shall Thy name, from shore to shore,
   Sound all the earth abroad;
   And distant nations know and love
   Their Saviour and their God?

4 Sing to the Lord, ye distant lands,
   Sing loud, with solemn voice;
   While British tongues exalt His praise,
   And British hearts rejoice.

5 Earth shall obey her Maker's will,
   And yield a full increase;
   Our God will crown His chosen isle
   With fruitfulness and peace.

6 God, the Redeemer, scatters round
   His choicest favours here;
   While the creation's utmost bound
   Shall see, adore, and fear.

   Isaac Watts, 1719.
MOTHERS’ MEETINGS.

1010 "Lord, have Mercy on my Son.” C.M.

1 Within these peaceful walls, O Lord,
   A fond parental band
   Have met. Thy goodness to record,
   And seek Thy guiding hand.

2 If e’er a parent’s prayerful strain
   Hath gain’d Thy listening ear,
   O Saviour, now in mercy deign
   Our ardent cry to hear.

3 'Tis for our children, Lord, we plead.
   Dear objects of our care:
   Dangers on every side are spread:
   Save them from every snare.

   Thomas Hastings, 1834.

1011 Pleading for our Children. C.M.

1 0 LORD, behold us at Thy feet,
   A needy, sinful band:
   As suppliants round Thy mercy-seat,
   We come at Thy command.

2 'Tis for our children we would plead,
   The offspring Thou hast given;
   Where shall we go, in time of need,
   But to the God of heaven?

3 We ask not for them wealth or fame,
   Amid the worldly strife:
   But, in the all-prevailing name,
   We ask eternal life.

4 We crave the Spirit’s quickening grace,
   To make them pure in heart,
   That they may stand before Thy face,
   And see Thee as Thou art.

   Thomas Hastings, 1834.
MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

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Prayer to Jesus for our little Ones.

1 JESUS, Thou wast once a child,
   Meek, obedient, pure, and mild;
   Such may our dear children be!
   Teach them, Lord, to follow Thee.

2 Thou didst grow in grace and truth,
   Up from infancy to youth;
   May we, Lord, our children see,
   Striving thus to copy Thee.

3 Subject to Thy parents' word,
   When their least command was heard,
   May we, Lord, our children see
   Thus obedient unto Thee!

4 At Thy heavenly Father's voice,
   Thou in duty didst rejoice;
   Changed by grace, O Lord, would we,
   See our children follow Thee!

James Gubb, 1851, a.

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Not one left to perish.

1 GRACIOUS Lord, our children see,
   By Thy mercy we are free:
   But shall these, alas! remain
   Subjects still of Satan's reign:
   Israel's young ones when of old
   Pharaoh threaten'd to withhold;
   Then Thy messenger said, "No;
   Let the children also go.'

2 When the angel of the Lord,
   Drawing forth his dreadful sword,
   Slew with an avenging hand
   All the first-born of the land;
   Then Thy people's door he pass'd
   Where the bloody sign was placed;
   Hear us, now upon our knees,
   Plead the blood of Christ for these.

3 Lord, we tremble, for we know
   How the fierce malicious foe,
   Wheeling round his watchful flight,
   Keeps them ever in his sight:
MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

Spread Thy pinions! King of kings!
Hide them safe beneath Thy wings;
Lest the ravenous bird of prey
Stoop, and bear the brood away.

William Cowper, 1779.

1014 Our Father, hear us. C.M.

1 Thou, who a tender Parent art,
   Regard a parent's plea:
   Our offspring, with an anxious heart,
   We now commend to Thee.

2 Our children are our greatest care,
   A charge which Thou hast given:
   In all Thy graces let them share,
   And all the joys of heaven.

3 If a centurion could succeed,
   Who for his servant cried;
   Wilt Thou refuse to hear us plead,
   For those so near allied!

4 On us Thou hast bestow'd Thy grace,
   Be to our children kind;
   Among Thy saints give them a place,
   And leave not one behind.

5 Happy we then shall live below,
   The remnant of our days;
   And when to brighter worlds we go,
   Shall long resound Thy praise.

Comprehensive Hymn Book, 1839.

1015 Save our Children. C.M.

1 God of mercy, hear our prayer
   For the children Thou hast given;
   Let them all Thy blessings share,
   Grace on earth, and bliss in heaven!

2 In the morning of their days
   May their hearts be drawn to Thee;
   Let them learn to lisp Thy praise
   In their earliest infancy.
OPENING PLACES FOR WORSHIP.

3 Cleanse their souls from every stain,
   Through the Saviour's precious blood;
Let them all be born again,
   And be reconciled to God.

4 For this mercy, Lord, we cry;
   Bend Thine ever-gracious ear;
While on Thee our souls rely,
   Hear our prayer, in mercy hear!

Thomas Hastings, 1834.

1016 Parents pleading. L. M.

1 FATHER of all, before Thy throne,
   Grateful but anxious parents bow;
Look in paternal mercy down,
   And yield the boon we ask Thee now.

2 'Tis not for wealth, or joys of earth,
   Or life prolong'd we seek Thy face;
'Tis for a new and heavenly birth,
   'Tis for the treasures of Thy grace.

3 'Tis for their souls' eternal joy,
   For rescue from the coming woe;
Do not our earnest suit deny,
   We cannot, cannot let Thee go.

Rippon's Selection, 1844.

OPENING PLACES FOR WORSHIP.

1017 Opening or Enlargement. L. M.

1 JESUS, where'er Thy people meet,
   There they behold Thy mercy-seat:
Where'er they seek Thee, Thou art found,
   And every place is hallow'd ground.

2 For Thou within no walls confined,
   Inhabitst the humble mind;
Such ever bring Thee where they come,
   And going, take Thee to their home.
OPENING PLACES FOR WORSHIP.

3 Dear Shepherd of Thy chosen few,  
Thy former mercies here renew;  
Here, to our waiting hearts, proclaim  
The sweetness of Thy saving name.

4 Here may we prove the power of prayer  
To strengthen faith, and sweeten care;  
To teach our faint desires to rise,  
And bring all heaven before our eyes.

5 Behold at Thy commanding word,  
We stretch the curtain and the cord;  
Come Thou, and fill this wider space,  
And bless us with a large increase.

6 Lord, we are few, but Thou art near;  
Nor short Thine arm, nor deaf Thine ear;  
Oh rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
And make a thousand hearts Thine own!

William Cowper, 1779.

1018 Dedication of the House. C.M.

1 SPIRIT of glory and of grace,  
Thy favour we entreat;  
Thou true Shekinah of the place,  
Where true disciples meet.

2 Oh! let the labour of our hands  
Be precious in Thy sight;  
And long as this our temple stands,  
Thy presence be its light.

3 Here float the gospel's banner wide  
O'er faithful hearts and brave;  
And here, O Jesus crucified,  
Come forth in power to save!

Joseph Tritton, 1861.

1019 "The Glory of the Lord filled the House." C.M.

1 LIGHT up this house with glory, Lord,  
Enter and claim Thine own;  
Receive the homage of our souls,  
Erect Thy temple-throne.
OPENING PLACES FOR WORSHIP.

2 We rear no altar,—Thou hast died;  
We deck no priestly shrine;  
What need have we of creature-aid?  
The power to save is Thine.

3 We ask no bright shekinah-cloud  
To glorify the place;  
Give, Lord, the substance of that sign—  
A plenitude of grace.

4 No rushing, mighty wind, we ask;  
No tongues of flame desire;  
Grant us the Spirit's quickening light,  
His purifying fire.

5 Light up this house with glory, Lord;  
The glory of that love  
Which forms and saves a church below,  
And makes a heaven above.  

John Harris, 1859.

Great King of Zion now,  
Display Thy matchless grace;  
In love the heavens bow,  
With glory fill this place:  
Beneath this roof, oh deign to show  
How God can dwell with men below!

2 Here may Thine ears attend  
Our interceding cries,  
And grateful praise ascend  
All fragrant to the skies;  
Here may Thy word melodious sound,  
And spread celestial joys around.

8 Here may th' attentive throug  
Imbibe Thy truth and love,  
And converts join the song  
Of seraphim above;  
And willing crowds surround Thy board,  
With sacred joy and sweet accord.
OPENING PLACES FOR WORSHIP.

4 Here may our unborn sons
And daughters sound Thy praise,
And shine, like polish'd stones,
Through long succeeding days;
Here, Lord, display Thy saving power,
Until the last triumphant hour.

Benjamin Francis, 1787;
Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

1021 Thankfulness for the House. L. M.

1 Sing to the Lord with heart and voice,
Ye children of His sovereign choice;
The work achieved, the temple raised,
Now be our God devoutly praised.

2 For all the treasure freely brought,
For all the toil in gladness wrought,
For warmth of zeal, and purpose strong,
Wake we to-day the thankful song.

3 Lord of the temple! once disown'd,
But now in worlds of light enthron'd,
Thy glory let Thy servants see,
Who dedicate this house to Thee.

4 Be Thy dear name, like ointment, shed
O'er every soul, on every head;
Make glorious, O our Saviour King,
The place where thus Thy chosen sing.

5 More grand the temple, and the strain
More sweet, when we Thy heaven shall gain;
And bid, for realms where angels dwell,
Thy courts on earth, a glad farewell!

Joseph Tritton, 1861.

1022 Re-opening. C. M.

1 O God, before whose radiant throne
The heavenly armies bend,
Now graciously incline Thine ear,
And to our suit attend.

2 Where our forefathers join'd in praise,
We meet to praise Thy name,
Where they Thy faithful promise proved,
We find Thee still the same.
MORNING.

3 This house, these walls re-edified,
   Are raised, Lord, for Thee;
   In all the plenitude of grace,
   In this assembly be.

4 Here may the dead be made alive,
   Backsliding souls return;
   More grace by gracious souls be felt,
   And saints like seraphs burn.

5 Here build Thy church, maintain Thy cause,
   Nor let it e'er decline;
   But flourish till the Lord descends
   In majesty divine.

   John Rippon, 1810;
   Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.

MORNING.

1 AWAKE, my soul, and with the sun,
   Thy daily stage of duty run,
   Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise,
   To pay thy morning sacrifice.

2 Thy precious time mis-spent, redeem,
   Each present day thy last esteem,
   Improve thy talent with due care,
   For the great day thyself prepare.

3 In conversation be sincere,
   Keep conscience, as the noon-tide, clear;
   Think how all-seeing God thy ways,
   And all thy secret thoughts, surveys.

4 Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,
   And with the angels bear thy part,
   Who all night long, unwearied, sing
   High praise to the Eternal King.

5 I wake, I wake, ye heavenly choir,
   May your devotion me inspire,
   That I, like you, my age may spend,
   Like you, may on my God attend.
MORNING.

6 May I, like you, in God delight,
Have all day long my God in sight,
Perform, like you, my Maker's will;
Oh may I never more do ill!

7 Lord, I my vows to Thee renew,
Disperse my sins as morning dew,
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with Thyself my spirit fill.

8 Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken, 1709.

1024 A Hymn for Morning or Evening.

1 HOSANNA, with a cheerful sound,
To God's upholding hand;
Ten thousand snares attend us round,
And yet secure we stand.

2 That was a most amazing power
That raised us with a word,
And every day, and every hour,
We lean upon the Lord.

3 The evening rests our wearied head,
And angels guard the room;
We wake, and we admire the bed
That was not made our tomb.

4 The rising morning can't assure
That we shall end the day;
For death stands ready at the door
To take our lives away.

5 Our breath is forfeited by sin
To God's avenging law;
We own Thy grace, immortal King,
In every gasp we draw.

6 God is our sun, whose daily light
Our joy and safety brings;
Our feeble flesh lies safe at night
Beneath His shady wings.

Isaac Watts, 1709.
1025  **Keep us, O Lord, this Day.**  C.M.

1 **NOW** that the sun is beaming bright,  
   Once more to God we pray,  
   That He, the uncreated Light,  
   May guide our souls this day.  
2 No sinful word, nor deed of wrong,  
   Nor thoughts that idly rove;  
   But simple truth be on our tongue,  
   And in our hearts be love.  
3 And while the hours in order flow,  
   O Christ, securely fence  
   Our gates beleaguer'd by the foe,  
   The gate of every sense.  
4 And grant that to Thine honour, Lord,  
   Our daily toil may tend;  
   That we begin it at Thy word,  
   And in Thy favour end.  
   *St. Ambrose, Third Century;  
   Hymns for Public and Private Use, 1847.*

1026  **Thanks.**  C.M.

1 **LORD, for the mercies of the night,**  
   My humble thanks, I pay;  
   And unto Thee I dedicate  
   The first-fruits of the day.  
2 Let this day praise Thee, O my God,  
   And so let all my days:  
   And oh let mine eternal day  
   Be Thine eternal praise!  
   *John Mason, 1683.*

1027  **Seeking an Evening Blessing.**  8.7.

1 **SAVIOUR, breathe an evening blessing,**  
   Ere repose our spirits seal;  
   Sin and want we come confessing;  
   Thou canst save, and thou canst heal.
EVENING.

2 Though destruction walk around us,
    Though the arrow past us fly,
    Angel-guards from Thee surround us,
    We are safe, if Thou art nigh.

3 Though the night be dark and dreary,
    Darkness cannot hide from Thee;
    Thou art He, who, never weary,
    Watchest where Thy people be;

4 Should swift death this night o'ertake us,
    And our couch become our tomb;
    May the morn, in heaven awake us,
    Clad in light and deathless bloom.

James Edmeston, 1820.

1028 "Abide with us." L. M.

1 SUN of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,
    It is not night if Thou be near:
    Oh! may no earth-born cloud arise
    To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes.

2 When the soft dews of kindly sleep
    My wearied eyelids gently steep,
    Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
    For ever on my Saviour's breast!

3 Abide with me from morn till eve,
    For without Thee I cannot live;
    Abide with me when night is nigh,
    For without Thee I dare not die.

4 If some poor wandering child of Thine
    Have spurn'd to-day the voice divine,
    Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;
    Let him no more lie down in sin.

5 Watch by the sick; enrich the poor
    With blessings from Thy boundless store;
    Be every mourner's sleep to-night,
    Like infant's slumbers, pure and light.

6 Come near and bless us when we wake,
    Ere through the world our way we take;
    Till in the ocean of Thy love
    We lose ourselves in heaven above.

John Keble, 1827.
EVENING.

1029  Prayer at Eventide.

1 SOFTLY now the light of day
Fades upon my sight away;
Free from care, from labour free,
Lord, I would commune with Thee!

2 Thou whose all-pervading eye
Nought escapes, without, within,
Pardon each infirmity,
Open fault and secret sin.

3 Soon for me the light of day
Shall for ever pass away;
Then, from sin and sorrow free,
Take me, Lord, to dwell with Thee!

4 Thou who, sinless, yet hast known
All of man's infirmity;
Then, from Thine eternal throne,
Jesus, look with pitying eye.

George W. Doane, 1828.

1030  An Evening Song.  C. M.

1 DREAD Sovereign, let my evening song
Like holy incense rise;
Assist the offerings of my tongue
To reach the lofty skies.

2 Through all the dangers of the day
Thy hand was still my guard;
And still to drive my wants away,
Thy mercy stood prepared.

3 Perpetual blessings from above
Encompass me around,
But oh how few returns of love
Hath my Creator found!

4 What have I done for Him that died
To save my wretched soul?
How are my follies multiplied,
Fast as my minutes roll!

5 Lord, with this guilty heart of mine
To Thy dear cross I flee;
And to Thy grace my soul resign,
To be renewed by Thee.
EVENING.

6 Sprinkled afresh with pardoning blood,
    I lay me down to rest,
As in the embraces of my God,
    Or on my Saviour's breast.

Isaac Watts, 1709.

1031 Beneath the Almighty Wings. L. M.

1 GLORY to Thee, my God, this night,
    For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, oh keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done;
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

3 Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the judgment day.

4 Oh may my soul on Thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eye-lids close;
Sleep, that may me more vigorous make
To serve my God when I awake.

5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply,
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.

6 Oh when shall I in endless day,
For ever chase dark sleep away;
And endless praise with th' heavenly choir,
Incessant sing, and never tire?

Thomas Ken, 1697, a.

1032 An Evening Hymn. C. M.

1 NOW from the altar of my heart,
    Let incense-flames arise;
Assist me, Lord, to offer up
Mine evening sacrifice.

2 Minutes and mercies multiplied,
    Have made up all this day;
Minutes came quick, but mercies were
More fleet and free than they.
HARVEST.

3 New time, new favour, and new joys,
Do a new song require;
Till I should praise Thee as I would,
Accept my heart's desire.

4 Lord of my time, whose hand hath set
New time upon my score;
Thee may I praise for all my time,
When time shall be no more.

John Mason, 1583.

HARVEST.

1033 Harvest. L.M.

1 GREAT God, as seasons disappear,
And changes mark the rolling year,
Thy favour still has crowned our days,
And we would celebrate Thy praise.

2 The harvest-song we would repeat;
Thou givest us the finest wheat;
The joys of harvest we have known;
The praise, O Lord, is all Thine own.

3 Our tables spread, our garners stored,
Oh give us hearts to bless Thee, Lord,
Forbid it, Source of light and love,
That hearts and lives should be barren prove.

4 Another harvest comes apace;
Ripen our spirits by Thy grace,
That we may calmly meet the blow
The sickle gives to lay us low.

5 That so, when angel-reapers come
To gather sheaves to Thy blest home,
Our spirits may be borne on high
To Thy safe garner in the sky.

Edmund Butcher, 1798.

1034 A Harvest Hymn. C.M.

1 To praise the ever-bounteous Lord,
My soul, wake all thy powers;
He calls, and at His voice come forth
The smiling harvest hours.

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NEW YEAR.

2 His covenant with the earth He keeps;
   My tongue His goodness sing;
   Summer and winter know their time,
   His harvest crowns the spring.

3 Well-pleased the toiling swains behold
   The waving yellow crop;
   With joy they bear the sheaves away,
   And sow again in hope.

4 Thus teach me, gracious God, to sow
   The seeds of righteousness;
   Smile on my soul, and with Thy beams,
   The ripening harvest bless.

5 Then in the last great harvest, I
   Shall reap a glorious crop;
   The harvest shall by far exceed
   What I have sown in hope.

6 Oh may the promised, blissful hour,
   The welcome season come,
   When all Thy servants shall unite
   To shout the harvest home.

7 A joyful harvest they shall have
   Who now in sadness sow;
   And those shall live to sing above,
   Who wept for sin below.

John Needham, 1768.

NEW YEAR.

1035 Grateful Recollection. 8.7.

1 COME, thou fount of every blessing,
   Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
   Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
   Call for songs of loudest praise.
   Teach me some melodious sonnet,
   Sung by flaming tongues above:
   Praise the mount—oh fix me on it,
   Mount of God's unchanging love.
NEW YEAR.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
    Hither by Thine help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
    Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
    Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
    Interposed His precious blood.

Oh to grace how great a debtor
    Daily I'm constrain'd to be!
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,
    Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
    Prone to leave the God I love—
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it,
    Seal it from Thy courts above.

Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, 1760.

1036 Ebenezer. C.M.

1 LET hearts and tongues unite,
    And loud thanksgivings raise;
'Tis duty, mingled with delight,
    To sing the Saviour's praise.

2 When in our blood we lay,
    He would not let us die,
Because His love had fix'd a day
    To bring salvation nigh.

3 In childhood and in youth
    His eye was on us still;
Though strangers to His love and truth,
    And prone to cross His will.

4 And since His name we knew,
    How gracious has He been!
What dangers has He led us through,
    What mercies have we seen!

5 Now through another year,
    Supported by His care,
We raise our Ebenezer here,
    "The Lord has help'd thus far."
NEW YEAR.

6 Our lot in future years,
   Unable to foresee,
He kindly to prevent our fears,
   Says, "Leave it all to me."

7 Yea, Lord, we wish to cast,
   Our cares upon Thy breast,
Help us to praise Thee for the past,
   And trust Thee for the rest.

   John Newton, 1773.

1037 Another Year. L.M.

1 FATHER of mercies! God of love!
   Whose kind compassion still we prove,
Our praise accept, and bless us here,
   As brought to this—another year.

2 We sing Thy goodness all divine,
   Whose radiant beams around us shine;
'Tis through Thy goodness we appear
   Preserved to this—another year.

3 Our souls, our all we here resign;
   Make us, and keep us ever Thine;
And grant that in Thy love and fear
   We may begin—another year.

4 Be this our sweet experience still,
   To know and do Thine holy will;
Then, shall our souls with joy sincere
   Bless thee for this—another year.

5 Still, Lord, through life Thy love display,
   And then in death's approaching day,
We'll joyful part with all that's here,
   Nor wish on earth—another year.

   Samuel Medley, 1789.

1038 Goodness sought. L.M.

1 G REAT God, we sing that mighty hand,
   By which supported still we stand:
The opening year Thy mercy shows;
   Let mercy crown it, till it close.

2 By day, by night, at home, abroad,
   Still are we guarded by our God:
By His incessant bounty fed,
   By His unerring counsel led.
NEW YEAR.

3 With grateful hearts the past we own;
The future, all to us unknown,
We to Thy guardian care commit,
And peaceful leave before Thy feet.

4 In scenes exalted or depress'd,
Thou art our joy, and Thou our rest;
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,
Adored through all our changing days.

5 When death shall interrupt these songs,
And seal in silence mortal tongues,
Our helper, God, in whom we trust,
In better worlds our souls shall boast.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

1039 God's Help reviewed. L.M.

1 My helper God! I bless His name:
The same His power, His grace the same;
The tokens of His friendly care
Open, and crown, and close the year.

2 I, 'midst ten thousand dangers, stand,
Supported by His guardian hand;
And see, when I survey my ways,
Ten thousand monuments of praise.

3 Thus far His arm hath led me on;
Thus far I make His mercy known;
And, while I tread this desert land,
New mercies shall new songs demand.

4 My grateful soul, on Jordan's shore,
Shall raise one sacred pillar more:
Then bear, in His bright courts above,
Inscriptions of immortal love.

Philip Doddridge, 1755.

1040 A Birth-day Hymn. 7s.

1 I My Ebenezer raise
To my kind Redeemer's praise;
With a grateful heart I own
Hitherto Thy help I've known.

2 What may be my future lot
Well I know concerns me not;
This should set my heart at rest,
What Thy will ordains is best.
NEW YEAR.

3 I my all to Thee resign;  
Father, let Thy will be mine:  
May but all Thy dealings prove  
Fruits of Thy paternal love.

4 Guard me, Saviour, by Thy power,  
Guard me in the trying hour:  
Let Thy unremitted care  
Save me from the lurking snare.

5 Let my few remaining days  
Be directed to Thy praise;  
So the last, the closing scene,  
Shall be tranquil and serene.

6 To Thy will I leave the rest,  
Grant me but this one request,  
Both in life and death to prove  
Tokens of Thy special love.

John Fawcett, 1782.

1041 Shortness and Uncertainty of Life.

1 WHILE with ceaseless course the sun  
Rolls along the passing year,  
Many souls their race have run,  
Never more to meet us here.

2 Fix'd in an eternal state,  
They have done with all below;  
We a little longer wait,  
But how little—none can know.

3 Swiftly thus our fleeting days  
Bear us down life's rapid stream!  
Upwards, Lord, our spirits raise;  
All below is but a dream.

4 Bless Thy word to young and old;  
Fill us with a Saviour's love;  
And when life's short tale is told,  
May we dwell with Thee above.

John Newton, 1779.

1042 Prospect of another Year.

1 FOR Thy mercy and Thy grace,  
Faithful through another year,  
Hear our song of thankfulness;  
Father and Redeemer, hear.
NEW YEAR.

2 In our weakness and distress,
Rock of Strength, be Thou our stay;
In the pathless wilderness
Be our true and living way.

3 Who of us death's awful road
In the coming year shall tread,
With Thy rod and staff, O God,
Comfort Thou his dying bed.

4 Make us faithful, keep us pure,
Keep us evermore Thine own,
Help, oh help us to endure,
Fit us for the promised crown.

5 So within Thy palace gate
We shall praise on golden strings,
Thee the only Potentate,
Lord of lords, and King of kings.

Henry Doutton, 1851.

1043 Watchnight. 148th.

1 YE virgin souls, arise,
With all the dead awake!
Unto salvation wise,
Oil in your vessels take:
Upstarting at the midnight cry,
"Behold your heavenly Bridegroom night!"

2 He comes, He comes, to call
The nations to His bar,
And raise to glory all
Who fit for glory are:
Make ready for your full reward;
Go forth with joy to meet your Lord.

3 Go, meet Him in the sky;
Your everlasting Friend:
Your Head to glorify,
With all His saints ascend:
Ye pure in heart, obtain the grace
To see, without a veil, His face.

4 The everlasting doors
Shall soon the saints receive,
Above yon angel-powers
In glorious joy to live!
Far from a world of grief and sin,
With God eternally shut in.
MARRIAGE.

5 Then let us wait to hear
The trumpet's welcome sound
To see our Lord appear,
Let us be watching found,
When Jesus doth the heavens bow,
Be found—as, Lord, Thou find'st us now!

Charles Wesley, 1749.

MARRIAGE.

1044 Marriage.

DEIGN this union to approve,
And confirm it, God of love,
Bless Thy servants; on their head
Now the oil of gladness shed;
In this nuptial bond to Thee
Let them consecrated be.

2 In prosperity, be near,
To preserve them in Thy fear;
In affliction, let Thy smile
All the woes of life beguile:
And when every change is past,
Take them to Thyself at last.

William Bengo Collyer, 1837.

1045 A Wedding Hymn.

1 SINCE Jesus freely did appear,
To grace a marriage feast,
O Lord, we ask Thy presence here,
To make a wedding-guest.

2 Upon the bridal pair look down,
Who now have plighted hands;
Their union with Thy favour crown,
And bless their nuptial bands.

3 With gifts of grace their hearts endow,
Of all rich dowries best;
Their substance bless, and peace bestow
To sweeten all the rest.
DISMISSION.

4 In purest love their souls unite,  
    That they with Christian care,  
    May make domestic burdens light,  
    By taking mutual share.  

John Berridge, 1785, a.

1046

Truly One. 7s.

1 FATHER of the human race,  
    Sanction with Thy heavenly grace  
    What on earth hath now been done,  
    That these twain be truly one.

2 One in sickness and in health,  
    One in poverty and wealth,  
    And, as year rolls after year,  
    Each to other still more dear.

3 One in purpose, one in heart,  
    Till the mortal stroke shall part;  
    One in cheerful piety,  
    One for ever, Lord, with Thee.

William Bengo Collyer, 1837.

DISMISSION.

1047

"Show me a Token for Good." 8.7.4.

1 GRANT us, Lord, some gracious token  
    Of Thy love before we part:  
    Crown Thy Word which has been spoken,  
    Life and peace to each impart!  
    And all blessings  
    Which shall sanctify the heart.

Thomas Kelly, 1809;  
John Rippon, 1829.

1048

"I will not let Thee go except Thou bless me." 8.7.4.

1 GOD of our salvation, hear us;  
    Bless, oh bless us, ere we go;  
    When we join the world, be near us,  
    Lest Thy people careless grow:  
    Saviour, keep us,  
    Keep us safe from every foe.
As our steps are drawing nearer
To our best and lasting home,
May our view of heaven grow clearer,
Hope more bright of joys to come;
And when dying,
May Thy presence cheer the gloom.

Thomas Kelly, 1815.

COME, brethren, ere we part,
Bless the Redeemer's name;
Join every tongue and heart,
To adore and praise the Lamb.
Jesus, the sinner's Friend,
Him whom our souls adore,
His praises have no end;
Praise Him for evermore.

Lord, in Thy grace we came,
That blessing still impart;
We met in Jesus' name,
In Jesus' name we part.

If here we meet no more,
May we, in realms above,
With all the saints adore
Redeeming grace and love.

Joseph Hart, 1762;
Robert Hawker, 1801.

COME, Christian brethren, ere we part
Join every voice and every heart,
One solemn hymn to God we raise,
The closing song of grateful praise.

Christians we here may meet no more,
But there is yet a happier shore;
And there, released from toil and pain,
Dear brethren, we shall meet again.
Dismission.

3 And now to God, the Three in One,
Be everlasting glory done;
Raise, raise, ye saints, the sound again,
Ye nations join the loud Amen.

Henry Kirke White, 1806,a.

1051

Parting. S. M.

1 ONCE more, before we part,
We'll bless the Saviour's name,
Record His mercies, every heart;
Sing, every tongue, the same.

2 Hoard up His sacred word,
And feed thereon and grow;
Go on to seek to know the Lord,
And practise what you know.

Joseph Hart, 1762.

1052

At Dismission. 8.7.4.

1 LORD, dismiss us with Thy blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us!
Travelling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give, and adoration,
For Thy gospel's joyful sound:
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound:
May Thy presence
With us, evermore, be found!

3 So whene'er the signal's given,
Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels' wings to heaven,
Glad the summons to obey,
We shall surely
Reign with Christ in endless day!

Walter Shirley, 1774.

1053

The Benediction. 8.7.

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour,
Rest upon us from above!
BLESSING AND THANKS.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord;
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

John Newton, 1779.

1054  Benediction.  C.M.

1 NOW may the God of peace and love,
   Who from th' imprisoning grave
   Restored the Shepherd of the sheep,
   Omnipotent to save;

2 Through the rich merits of that blood
   Which He on Calvary spilt,
   To make the eternal covenant sure
   On which our hopes are built;

3 Perfect our souls in every grace,
   To accomplish all His will,
   And all that's pleasing in His sight
   Inspire us to fulfil

4 For the great Mediator's sake,
   We for these blessings pray;
   With glory let His name be crown'd
   Through heaven's eternal day!

Thomas Gibbons, 1739.

BLESSING AND THANKS.

1055  Before Meat.  L. M.

OUR Father, bless the bounteous store
   Wherewith Thou hast our table spread,
   With grateful songs we all adore,
   And bless the hand by which we're fed.

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.
BLESSING AND THANKS.

1056  
**Before Meat.**  8.7.4.

HEAVENLY Father, grant Thy blessing
On the food before us spread,
All our tongues are now confessing,
By Thy hand alone we're fed,
And Thou givest,
Best of all, the living bread.

*Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.*

1057  
**Before Meat.**  L.M.

BE present at our table, Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored,
These mercies bless, and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

*John Cennick, 1741, a.*

1058  
**After Meat.**  8.7.

JOIN to bless the bounteous Giver,
For the food He here bestows;
From His goodness like a river
Every earthly blessing flows.

*Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.*

1059  
**After Meat.**  C. M.

WE thank Thee, Father, for the love
Which feeds us here below,
And hope in fairer realms above,
Celestial feasts to know.

*Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866.*

As the various versions of the Psalms amount to 70 more than the numbering indicates, there is a total of 1129 Psalms and Hymns in this volume.
"OMITTED."

1060 Not ashamed of Jesus. L.M.

1 Jesus! and shall it ever be?
   A mortal man ashamed of Thee!
   Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,
   Whose glories shine thro' endless days.

2 Ashamed of Jesus! sooner far
   Let evening blush to own a star;
   He sheds the beams of light divine
   O'er this benighted soul of mine.

3 Ashamed of Jesus! just as soon
   Let midnight be ashamed of noon:
   'Tis midnight with my soul, till He,
   Bright Morning Star, bid darkness flee.

4 Ashamed of Jesus! that dear Friend
   On whom my hopes of heaven depend!
   No; when I blush, be this my shame,
   That I no more revere His name.

5 Ashamed of Jesus! yes, I may,
   When I've no guilt to wash away;
   No tear to wipe, no good to crave,
   No fears to quell, no soul to save.

6 Till then—nor is my boasting vain—
   Till then I boast a Saviour slain!
   And oh, may this my glory be,
   That Christ is not ashamed of me!

   Joseph Grigg, 1765;
   Benjamin Francis, 1787.
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